

Coco'Nut' Funnies

How to be a Gracious Bitch...

Jennifer's wedding day was fast approaching. Nothing could dampen her excitement - not even her parent's nasty divorce.

Her mother had found the PERFECT dress to wear, and would be the best-dressed mother-of-the-bride ever! A week later, Jennifer was horrified to learn that her father's new, young wife had bought the exact same dress as her mother!

Jennifer asked her father's new young wife to exchange it, but she refused.

"Absolutely not! I look like a million bucks in this dress, and I'm wearing it," she replied.

Jennifer told her mother who graciously said, "Never mind sweetheart. I'll get another dress. After all, it's your special day."

A few days later, they went shopping, and did find another gorgeous dress for her mother.

When they stopped for lunch, Jennifer asked her mother, "Aren't you going to return the other dress? You really don't have another occasion where you could wear it."

Her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course I do, dear... I'm wearing it to the rehearsal dinner the night BEFORE the wedding.

(Now I ask you - is there a woman out there, anywhere, who wouldn't enjoy this story?)



In Honor of Father's Day...

A man is waiting for his wife to give birth. The doctor comes in and informs the dad that his son was born without torso, arms or legs. The son is just a head! But the dad loves his son and raises him as well as he can, with love and compassion. After 21 years, the son is old enough for his first drink. So, deal old Dad takes him to the bar and tearfully tells the son he is proud of him.

Dad orders up the biggest, strongest drink for his boy. With all the bar patrons looking on curiously and the bartender shaking his head in disbelief, the boy takes his first sip of alcohol. Swoooooop! A torso pops out!

The bar is dead silent; then bursts into a whoop of joy. The father, shocked, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant "Take another drink!" The bartender still shakes his head in dismay.

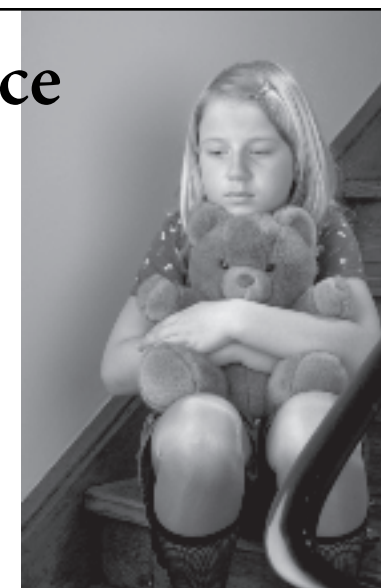
Swoooooop! Two arms pops out. The bar goes wild. The father, crying and wailing, begs his son to drink again. The patrons chant, "Take another drink!" The bartender ignores the whole affair. By now the boy is getting tipsy, and with his new hands he reaches down, grabs his drink and guzzles the last of it. Swoooooop! Two legs pop out.

The bar is in chaos. The father falls to his knees and tearfully thanks God. The boy stands up on his new legs and stumbles to the left... then to the right... right through the front door, into the street, where a truck runs over him and kills him instantly.

The bar falls silent. The father moans in grief. The bartender sighs and says, "That boy should have quit while he was a head."



Domestic violence doesn't stop for the holidays.



The holidays should be a time for family and friends to share the joy and hope of the season. For those experiencing abuse, however, December can also be a particularly stressful time. Domestic violence doesn't stop for the holidays and the added pressures of holiday expectations can worsen an already unhealthy situation.

This year, help those living with abuse to know that they're never alone, especially during the holidays.

The Domestic Abuse Shelter (DAS) is a non-profit organization, providing comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse in the Florida Keys. *Our mission is to reduce the incidence and minimize the impact of domestic and sexual abuse in Monroe County by directing victims and abusers to appropriate, effective programs and services.*

The Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc. is the only certified emergency shelter in Monroe County that provides refuge for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Residents may stay at the shelter for up to six weeks. The shelter is a safe and secure environment that empowers residents through its services to form the beginning of independent lifestyles. Residents obtain crisis intervention, supportive counseling, children's services, food, clothing, support group counseling and advocacy. All agency services are available to shelter residents. For more information, call (305) 743-4440. The National Domestic Abuse Hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

Below is a list of items needed by the Domestic Abuse Shelter.

You can drop off your gifts at 100670 Overseas Highway #5, Key Largo, FL. Monetary donations are also accepted. You can mail a check to Domestic Abuse Shelter, Inc., PO Box 522696, Marathon Shores, FL 33052

For more information call 305-451-5666, or go to www.domesticabuseshelter.org.



DOMESTIC ABUSE SHELTER, INC. Wish List

General Needs

- Copy paper
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies & laundry detergent
- Gift certificates to drug (Kmart, CVS, Walgreens) & grocery stores (Albertson, Winn-Dixie and Publix) in small denominations
- Hand sanitizers
- Twin size linens (sheets, pillows, plastic mattress & pillow covers)
- Bath towels & wash cloths
- Non perishable foods
- First aid supplies
- Bus passes (Keys transit)
- Gas cards

Personal Needs

- Tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Hair brushes & combs
- Shampoo, conditioner, bath soaps
- Nail files & clippers, razors
- Deodorant
- Cotton balls, Q-tips
- Feminine hygiene products
- Women's panties & bras in assorted sizes, pajamas, night shirts & socks
- Blow dryers

Children's Needs

- Books
- Art & school supplies
- Diapers & wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby foods & juices
- DVDs (age appropriate)
- Kid oriented gift certificates (movies, food, fun stuff)
- Children's underwear in assorted sizes & socks

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"I believe strongly in the effectiveness of interactive learning," Padgett said. "The EIL program offers one of the best frameworks for responsible development of young minds and hearts. Students see from new perspectives, respond to unfamiliar challenges and solve problems with initiative and good judgment. It's life-learning that tests their assumptions and broadens the mind."

Since Padgett and MCEF initiated the EIL partnership in 2006, 67 TSIC students and an additional 18 other high school students totaling 85 Monroe students in the last five years have become Ambassadors in international culture and study. This year's EIL/MCEF grantees in cross-cultural education are:

1. Key West High School: Marco Gonzalez, Thailand; Vanessa Lundi, France; Cameron Malcolm, Mongolia; Yanaiz Morales, Argentina; Taylor Park, Australia; Pria Soni, China; Shelbi Swanson, South Africa.
2. From Marathon High School: Trevell Beckford travels to Chile and Cassidy Burgos will study in Turkey.
3. From Coral Shores High School: Nilya Cortez, Morocco; Catherine Guinovart, Costa Rica; Bertha Mayo, Tanzania; Nancy Quezada, Spain; Elizabeth Roa, France.

"We are proud of the initiative and drive which these 14 students have shown in seeking international study," said

Hall. Padgett added that study abroad creates distinct opportunities for leadership development as students participate in the culture, economy, language, traditions and arts of communities around the world. "We want our students in the Keys to understand that their vision and mission in life is not bound by the length of a bridge or the edge of an island. Our kids can connect countries with their actions and their ideas.

About The Experiment in International Living Founded in 1932, EIL has become the leader in cross-cultural education for high school students. Each summer, 800 to 1,000 students from across the United States participate in 3, 4, and 5-week EIL programs that include cross-cultural orientations, home stays, language training, arts, ecology and/or community service components. There are programs in 29 different countries, plus the Navajo Nation here in the U.S.

High school students from around the United States come together to form travel groups and meet at three gateway airports: New York, Los Angeles, and Miami. These 10 to 15-member groups travel and live together during the entire program, guided by a trained adult group leader. EIL has sponsored more than 70,000 participants over its 75 years. Its purpose is to challenge young people to open their hearts and minds to the world.

For more information about The Experiment in International Living visit: www.experimentinternational.org or call (800) 345-2929.