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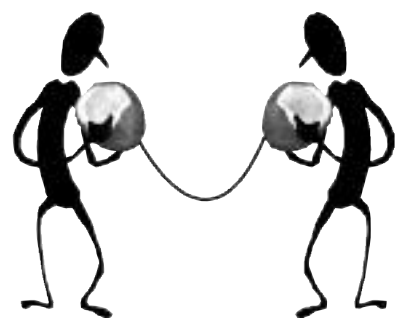
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Souvenir Shopping?

Planning a trip off the rock to visit family or friends? Or looking for some great souvenirs to take home? Here are a few gift ideas that reflect the Keys and make for enjoyable and easy presents:

Enchanted Sea Crystals. Made in Key Largo, they scent your house, car or boat as well as clean the air. You can find them at Shear Paradise Salon, The UPS Store, The Art Box and soon at the Florida Keys Visitor Center at MM 106.

Key Largo Chocolates. Who doesn't like chocolates, especially when they are made with love? Stop by their shop at MM 100.5, Bayside.

Visit Shell World. At either of the store's two locations in Key Largo you can find everything from tee-shirts and shells, to decorations and dried gator heads. Doesn't everyone need one of those?

Key Lime Pie. Publix in the Tradewinds Plaza has the best prices and friendly service.

Fresh seafood. Your friends living outside of the Keys won't know what hit them when they try fresh fish. Visit Key Largo Fisheries and fill up your cooler. On your way stop by the Pilot House for a cold drink or bite to eat.

Local art by local artist. Everyone loves a nice piece of art to hang in their home. Stop by Key Largo Art Gallery at MM 103, bayside and choose the perfect piece from a wide variety of artist's work.

Handcraft ReMARCable Jewelry. Visit the Remarcable Thrift Store, MM 90 next to Coral Shores High School, and purchase jewelry craft by members of the Monroe County Association of Remarcable Citizens. Proceeds from the jewelry help fund the much needed program. Give a gift that gives back.

Editorial: An Investigation Put to Rest

Nearly five years ago, I was sitting at a table under a tiki hut at Gilbert's watching a disheveled, toothless woman shuffled across the parking lot. She came and sat at my table to say her goodbyes. She had carefully packed everything she owned in her car and was leaving her husband, for good this time, to go and join her family far away. I reached over and lightly touched her arm, uttering the most comforting words that I could think of at the time. "This will be a better life for you and the kids. You're doing the right thing by leaving the Keys," I said. She gave me a quizzical look and nodded her head.

That was the last time I saw her, and at that time I had no idea she had

just murdered her husband. Rigamortis had probably not even set in to his wizened, emaciated body yet.

Her husband, "Dead Ed" as the locals call him, was quietly decomposing in the engine room on his boat as she headed out of town. His wife had violently and methodically bashed in his brains, not once but seven times. Last month, after almost five years, she was finally arrested for his brutal murder thanks to the family, police officers and friends that refused to give up on Ed.

Had she plotted the murder for weeks in advance and schemed with a friend?

My question is if your friend told you on a daily basis for weeks that she

was going to kill their husband, and described the different ways she were going to do it, wouldn't you be morally bound to inform the police? A sin of omission is the failure to do what one can and must do. A sin of commission is to know that something is wrong, and do it anyway. That's killing two birds with one stone! Pardon the pun.

Had the wife confided to others? Why did they not come forward? Perhaps it may not have saved a life but it sure would have saved the police a lot of hard work and time.

Are you unhappy with your spouse? Don't murder them. Call a lawyer. We recommend Richard Behr 305-853-5900 (see ad on page 10).

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