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Grace & Bobby Greene of Freeport, L.I., New York are visiting the **John Byrnes Family** in Tavernier this week. Hope you enjoy the Keys!

Don't miss the **Upper Keys Garden Club** "Among The Flowers" this Sat., Nov. 24th at the Francis Tracy Gardens from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

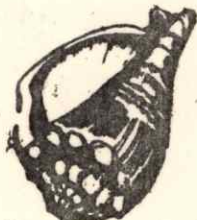
Another few places to pick up some Christmas gifts or odds & ends for decorating.



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