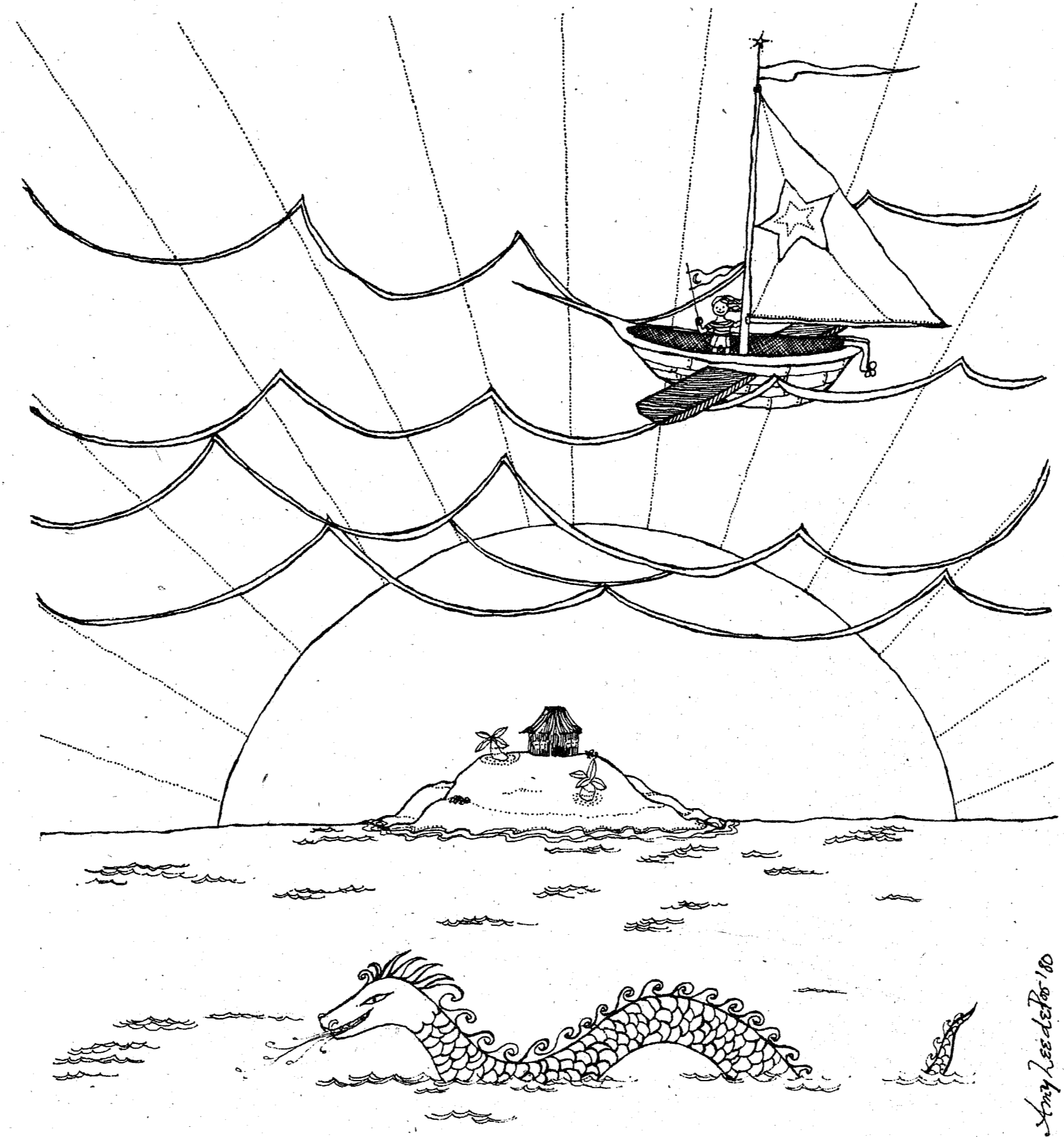


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Love-22

ONE DAY IN 1975 my editor walked into the newsroom with a story he'd just pulled off the wire, about a guy in Rhode Island who'd had his name legally changed to Love 22. The editorial staff got a big charge out of it, and Love's UPI photo went up on the newsroom bulletin board along with the pictures of ten-pound carrots and two-headed pigs.

Somebody said this character would be in a fix when the drugs wore off and he woke up with a number for a name. Nobody figured that four years later one of us would be interviewing a presidential candidate named Love 22.

LOVE HAS MADE annual pilgrimages to Key West in his big (22 feet long, natch) red, white and blue bus for six years, so he's well known locally. Over a hundred newspaper and magazine articles have been written about him, and he's appeared on network television, so lots of people have heard of Love and his peculiar passion.

For those of you who haven't, Love 22 was a \$40,000-a-year public relations executive named Larry Wagner when he got fed up with the 9 to 5, turned on to the mystic powers of the number 22, and started traveling coast-to-coast spreading his gospel based on a chart that assigns numbers to the letters of the alphabet. The letters A through I are numbered one to nine, as are the letters J through R, and S through Z are numbered one through eight.

Using the chart, Love contends that practically every word worth uttering adds up to 22. FOOD, CLOTH and RENTS -- Love's list of the necessities of life -- all add up to the magic number, as do WORK, SALARY, CHECKS, CASH, MONEY, FDIC and FLIC. His presidential campaign slogan is AX TAXES, and -- as Love loves to say -- we all know what that adds up to.

AS FOR HIS presidential aspirations, Love claims he's serious. I think it's a gimmick, but he expected me to write something about his views so here goes: Love is for the E.R.A., the legalization of marijuana and the opening of the Canadian and Mexican borders. He is strongly pro-environment, and his campaign promise is that if he's elected, all the 22-dollar bills he's distributed will be worth \$22 in goods and services. He also says he'll eat his Uncle Sam hat if he loses.

Back to 22: In the Divine Being category, for example, 22-words include LORD, MASTER, GURU, BUDDHA, JAYCEE (of Nazareth, you know), ST. NICK, MAHANTA, and BIBLES.

Love can and does point out most of the 22-words you might utter during a conversation, which can drive you nuts if you don't enjoy the cheerful spirit in which it is offered. Most people just

SMILE, which adds up to...well, you get the idea.

WAIT, THERE'S MORE. Not only do key words add up to 22, but the number itself is apparently a Chosen One among its infinite relatives considering how often it turns up (hold onto your hats, folks). For instance, Joseph Heller made "Catch 22" a part of the language, and Ray Bradbury could have picked another number but decided to write *Twice 22*. Add up the long-distance information number -- 1-555-1212 -- and what do you get? Ah ha! A kilo is how many pounds? 2.2! How many letters in



the Hebrew alphabet? Oy vey! Worst shut-out in major league baseball history? 22-0! And in college football? 222-0 (Cumberland vs. Georgia Tech). How many teams in the National Basketball Association? Right! The new NBA rule says a basket is worth three points outside how many feet? You're catching on! (Basketball, it should be noted, is the longest 22-word known. Love offers a \$22.22 reward to anyone finding a longer one).

But how was this Truth of Truths revealed to Love? Well, for starters he was born 1/1/1937, which of course adds up to 22. His mother was born on October 22, his high school football number was 22 (how many players on a football field?), and his frat house in college was at 22 Campus Avenue. "God made it very clear what he wanted me to do," said Love. "Once you start on the path, you don't turn back."

SO WHAT'S THE point of 22, you might ask. I did ask, and I must admit the point of most of it escaped me. He said something about the "master vibration of the secrets of the universe," and "helping people perceive the truth," but

I felt I was missing something. Then I saw first-hand the meaning of Love 22. We were sitting in the bus over by Bayview Park doing the interview, and there were a few kids playing nearby. Suddenly we heard a scratching sound on the side of the bus. Love motioned to me and we crept to a window to watch an eight-year-old girl peeling one of Love's 22-dollar bills off the side of the bus. She ran off with it, and Love just smiled. "They can't resist 'em," he said.

Ten minutes later, seven grimey-faced urchins stuck their heads in the door of the bus, looking for more twenty-twos. I hadn't asked him before, but as soon as I heard Love talk to those kids I knew he had children of his own (two boys, 18 and 19, a drummer and an artist).

HE PUT ON his Uncle Sam high hat and their eyes sparkled. He must be magic. Are the bills real? they asked. "Sure they're real," said Love. "See the Great Seal -- BARK! -- of the United States?" They squealed when his seal bark shook the bus.

Love grabbed his chart. "You must be, what, students?" They nodded enthusiastically, and he showed them how 'student' was a 22-word. "You do lessons?" They nodded, he added again, and they exploded with the answer: "TWENTY TWO!" They were fascinated by the show. At every question mark in his zap they yelled the magic number.

He picked up a handful of twenty-two dollar bills. "What do you say?" they shouted "TWENTY TWOOOO!" Wrong. Oh. "THANK YOU!" Nope. "PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!" Seven grubby palms stretched toward him, and he made sure the littlest wasn't left out or taken advantage of. They started out, and one turned back. "Can you spend it?" he asked.

"I spend them," said Love. "All you have to do is get somebody to say yes."

OUR NEXT VISITOR was a teenaged girl whom I judged to be the child of a flower child. She greeted Love like they were old friends, but Love had to ask her name. She obviously wanted to stay and maybe play after I left, but Love discouraged her in a fatherly way and she left. "All the little girls want to make it with Love," he said. "I try not to hurt their feelings, but I've still got the old values I grew up with. I changed my name but not my values."

Love doesn't want groupies or converts. One guy heard his message, quit his job, changed his name to Alaska Jack 22, and started spreading the word. "I told him to stop," Love said. "I just want people to open their ears and eyes. You have to be your own guru."

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello -

Many people have become alarmed and rightly so about the upsurge of robberies on Duval Street. A few days ago, a young woman was working in her store in the 500 block when two young men overpowered her, punched her up, left her bleeding and almost unconscious in the back room, and robbed the store. Thankfully, a fellow store owner had seen the young men earlier and he was able to help in the investigation. Good police work by Det. Captain Tito Casamayor resulted in the apprehension of suspects who were later identified by the store owners. One man, an adult, was arrested as being the suspected look-out for the crime. The two young men who are suspected of being involved in the physical attack were juveniles and both of them had been in trouble before. It was the recommendation of the Youth Service's Agency that these young men be placed in secure detention, which in this case means being kept in the Youth Hall in Dade County until their trial. After 21 days, if the trial has not been held, the young men will be sent back to Key West to await trial while living at home. If the State Attorney's office feels that these two should be tried as adults (they are close to adulthood), then they would be held longer in secure detention while awaiting trial. In any event, the combination of prompt police work, willing witnesses and an aroused citizenry resulted in these arrests.

In another case, I understand that good detective work by Detective Sgt. Ed Brost resulted in the apprehension of two suspects in the Cayo Hueso Graphics robbery.

Hopefully, with a few more arrests, the majority of the strong-arm thugs will be picked up. So often, it is only a few who commit many, many crimes and with their arrests and convictions, a town's crime wave is ended. Let's hope this is the case here.

Remember that referendum that we all voted on to increase our taxes so that we could receive improved police and fireman protection? Wow - what's happened? Where are these extra police and firemen? Is it true the police haven't been responding to a lot of calls from our block

neighborhood? In our October issue, we will try to find out what has gone wrong and why.

Hey, Art Espinola and Berena Caraballo, both prominent members of our Cuban community, deserve a lot of credit for the work they have done to help the refugees who have become stuck here without jobs, homes, etc. I'm sure that many others have been helping these unfortunate people as well - I wish that the U.S. government would shoulder its responsibility and help these people get started in the right direction. As it is, they become a burden to themselves and to others. We do not have ample resources, nor does Dade County, to continue going it alone; we need radically increased government help.

People interested in saving the Fisherman's Cafe should be at the City Commission meeting on September 2. Ed Swift and Singleton Enterprises will foot the bill to have the building moved up to the area next to the Conch Train depot in Mallory Square. The proposal will be presented at this meeting.

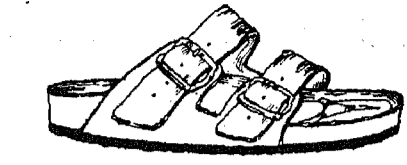
I am a bicyclist and I'm guilty of broaking traffic laws from time to time. But I'm nothing compared to many of my fellow cyclists who are becoming very dangerous nuisances on the street. We need to carry lights at night, obey traffic signs, and stop going the wrong way down one-way streets. The police have got to begin enforcing the bike laws. I know that if I got a fine for a violation I would think twice before broaking the rules again. We've (cyclists, I mean) all become too lax in our biking habits.

Those lovely photos of the children in the Good News column were taken by the very skilled photographer Jo Ann Savio. I forgot to give her credit for the photos last month.

See you next month.

WJ

Our cover artist this time is Amy Lee de Poo. She is a frequent contributor to Solares Hill both as a writer and an illustrator and she has never been known to play Jackson Browne records.



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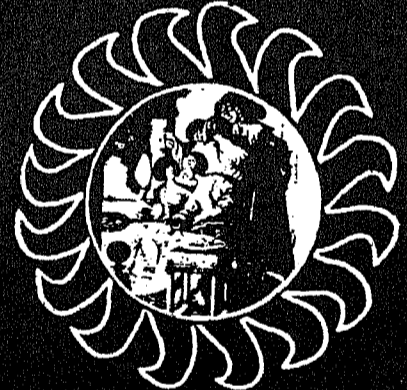
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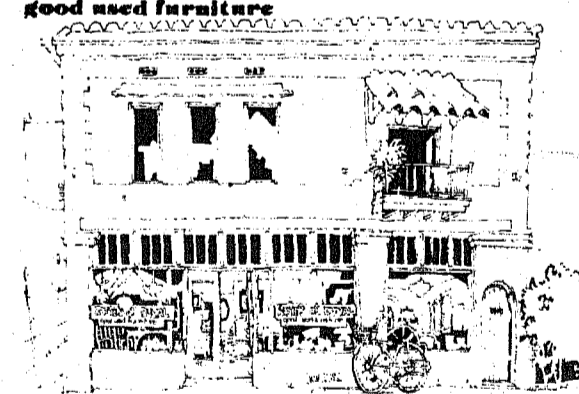
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SPEAKING OF OPENING eyes, Love believes marijuana helps. "If it can help people with glaucoma, think what it can do for people with good eyes!" Besides, look at the 22-words surrounding it: DOPE, CLIP, OUNCE, and a kilo is how many pounds?

But Love, I said, couldn't somebody take any other number, like 17 or 33, and do the same thing with it? "People say that to me and I say, 'Great! That's a good number! Why don't you do that one?' They never do. They're all talk."

Interview over, Love grabbed a sackful of frisbies and we went out into the sunshine to horse around. I knew I was tossing with a master, but I didn't realize he was also a record-holder. He's perfected the art of throwing frisbies out over the water and catching them when they boomerang back to the beach. "I caught 95 straight," he says proudly, "in the nude, on Moonstone Beach last summer. That's a record."

Jimmy Carter be warned: The man is obviously a contender, and he is a heck of a nice guy!



BULLETIN

WE ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO KEY WEST BECOMING "TENT CITY". EVEN THOUGH REFUGEES WOULD BE ON THE NAVY BASE THE RESULTANT BAD PUBLICITY WOULD KILL OUR TOURIST SEASON. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE REFUGEES ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, OF COURSE, BUT WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE DEVASTATING PUBLICITY FOR THIS CITY!

Wet Ralph

BY R. MILLER

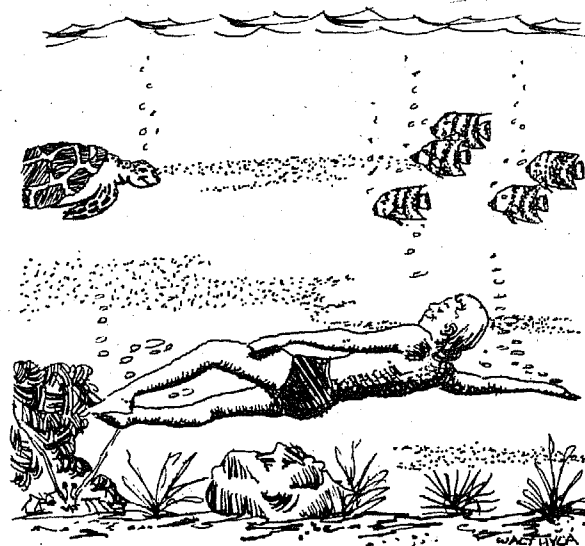
THE EDDYSTONE LIGHT is a small sphere, about the size of a large marble and as perfectly round. Its outer covering is white and luminous, like a pearl's. Its insides are a mystery, and when it is rubbed between the hands it glows in the dark. If you are still thinking of the Eddystone Light as a big lighthouse on a rock somewhere, you are wrong, but I have done what I can to set you right.

RALPH LIVED IN Key Haven, and right in his back yard was a wide shining saltwater canal. He was seven, with eyes as blue as the Gulf Stream and hair just the color of pale marl sand. His face was full of dimples and his eyes gleamed with happy secrets. His mother called him Ralphie and his father called him Ralph but his private name for himself was best of all. He knew where his action was and he called himself, proudly, Wet Ralph.

"RALPHIE'S A WONDERFUL swimmer," said his mother to all the neighbors, "he just lives in the canal." And so he did, indeed. By the time he was five he discovered he could stay underwater for half an hour at a time. He kept it quite to himself, for Wet Ralph knew that some things, however delightful, were best not shared. By the time he was six he could keep himself easily submerged for an hour, and at seven he had yet to discover if he had a limit.

IT WAS THE most wonderful childhood imaginable. He would slip beneath the water surface with never a splash, do three barrel rolls and a figure eight and then torpedo along the bottom with the speed of a porpoise. He would lie on his back on the canal floor, rocked

sweetly in the currents, and watch the boats fly over him like birds. He could outswim a barracuda and outstare a snapper and he loved to lie behind a fat al-



gae clump and scare the parrotfish. He could soar like a hawk through the depths, or lie quietly at peace on the bottom, free in a world of green and glistening light, and stay there all afternoon.

NEXT BEST TO swimming were the stories his father would tell. Wet Ralph would say, "Tell me the Eddystone Light," and his father would oblige for the 40th time. His Dad would pull the little white sphere from his pocket and say, "This, Ralph, is the Eddystone Light. My father had it and his father before him and so many fathers before that I couldn't count them up, and some-

day you will have it too. It's the whole family's lucky piece. Why, I'd no more be without the Eddystone Light than fly." "And were you ever without it?" prompted Ralph. "Only when you were born," said his father, for the 40th time. "I gave it to your mother to hold, as my father and all the other fathers gave it to their wives to hold when they had their first baby."

"And did it work?" "You popped out as easily as a little fish swimming," said his Dad. Oh, Wet Ralph loved that part; it was such a good secret.

BEING WET RALPH was the best thing in the world. He built rock castles on the sea floor, and out of an abandoned baitwell made himself a cave, right on the bottom of the canal. He'd stay there for hours pretending to be a jewfish. If he lay still enough, he could look up at people standing on their seawalls, all ripply through the water, and they'd never know. He could lie among the algae and watch the neighbor kids swimming, with the soles of their feet waving above his head. He could pinwheel himself in the water, spinning so fast that he lived in a shower of bubbles if he wanted. When he shot fast through the water, the bubbles trapped in his pale hair shone like diamonds. Once he camped out overnight in his cave. The blunt shapes moving around him and the dark water full of moonlit glints were wonderful to see. Being Wet Ralph was the best thing ever, except there was nobody to play with down there.

"TELL ME THE Eddystone Light some more," he asked. "Did your mother have it when you were born?"

"No," said his Dad, "because I wasn't the first. Your Uncle Jim was the oldest, but he got drowned." Wet Ralph loved that part too--he knew his Uncle Jim didn't drown, but just went under to stay for keeps, and somewhere was having

just as good a time as Wet Ralph. "Sing me the Eddystone Light." Sang his father for the 40th time, "My father was the keeper of the Eddystone Light; he married a mermaid one fine night." Wet Ralph didn't know what a mermaid was, but he thought he'd like it if he saw it. "And of this union there came three: a porpoise and a porgy and the other was me." "And," said Wet Ralph contentedly, "it never went away from our family." "Once it did," said his Dad.

WET RALPH WAS jolted. The Eddystone Light was his favorite thing and he thought it was all theirs.

"When?" "About six years back," said his Dad. "When Mrs. Harris over on Allamanda Drive had her first baby, I loaned it to her. She was scared and it made her feel better."

"It did?" "She said so." "Cindy Harris' mother?" "That's the one." "Old Cindy?" "Yes, that was when Cindy was born."

Wet Ralph was filled with a rising sense of exultation, a sparkling excitement in his whole body.

"Dad," he said, "I'm going swimming right now."

IT TOOK HIM less than two minutes to cover the half mile of canals to Cindy's dock. He tore along just under the surface like an excited porpoise. He almost missed her. She was lying on the bottom in the algae, as still as an old jewfish, smiling up at him.



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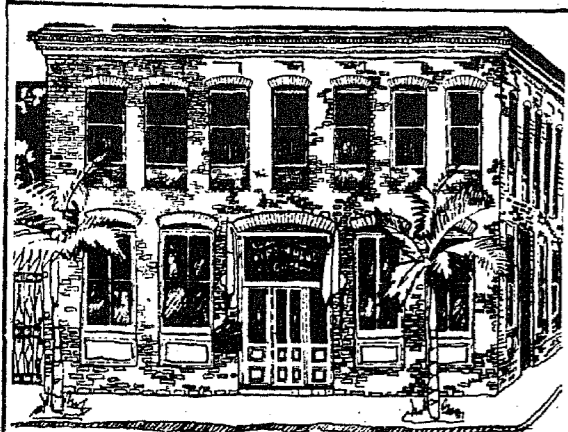
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HURRICANE DAVE

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"WHAT THEY WANT is to get off," she said, "so when I dance that's what I do for 'em, somebody's gotta do it," she said seriously, bragging about her topless show and her floor exercise that was gaining a wide reputation among Key West locals. Ignoring her chunky sexiness, the guy sitting next to her turned and said, "Last night somebody died in that barstool you're sitting on, sucker, d'you know that? Hey, freak out, I'll drink to it, yeah! I mean you're sitting right where some stupid guy croaks to the tune of the Dobbie Brothers, well what I want to know is who's responsible? Huh? Who? I might be a drunk muther right now, but you know there's gonna be some relatives or something looking down here for some facts or something, man. I mean who did it? Was it suicide or murder? It wasn't an accident!"

IT WAS HIS twenty-sixth birthday, everybody buying him drinks, Hurricane Dave they called him, he could drink some lotta whisky, somebody said. He didn't hang out at the Duval Street bar much, over at the hippy bar usually, but tonight was his birthday, he was 26. At two dollars a shot some macho somebody said, "I'll buy twenty hurricanes if you can drink 'em all in an hour." But the bartender was reasonable, "Nah, come on, twenty hurricanes, whata you trying ... come on." The guy says, "O.K., ten, I'll buy ten hurricanes, line 'em up right here," ten hurricanes and you gotta drink 'em all in an hour. Hey everybody, Hurricane Dave's gonna get drunk! Happy birthday Dave, hey lissen, you think you can drink ten hurricanes in an hour, Hurricane Dave, huh? Here's twenty-five Bucks bartender, keep the change."

DAVE TURNED SLOWLY on his barstool and smiled as a warm glow was growing in his chest, a pleasant, relaxed warmth,

rising up his neck, flushing his face and making little shivers on his scalp near the top of his head. "What a rush," he thought. He picked up the first glass and downed it neat and fast. Then the second and the third. The small group of regulars and tourists cheered and clapped as he finished each one. The owner of the bar stood in the doorway watching the sidewalk passers-by. After the fifth hurricane Dave remembered with dread in his heart that he had taken some ludes earlier, let's see, how many did he take, how many was it, he tried to think. He was celebrating tonight, he took one more, maybe two more than usual. But he was really too high to think right now, and besides everybody was cheering, and he reached for his sixth glass.

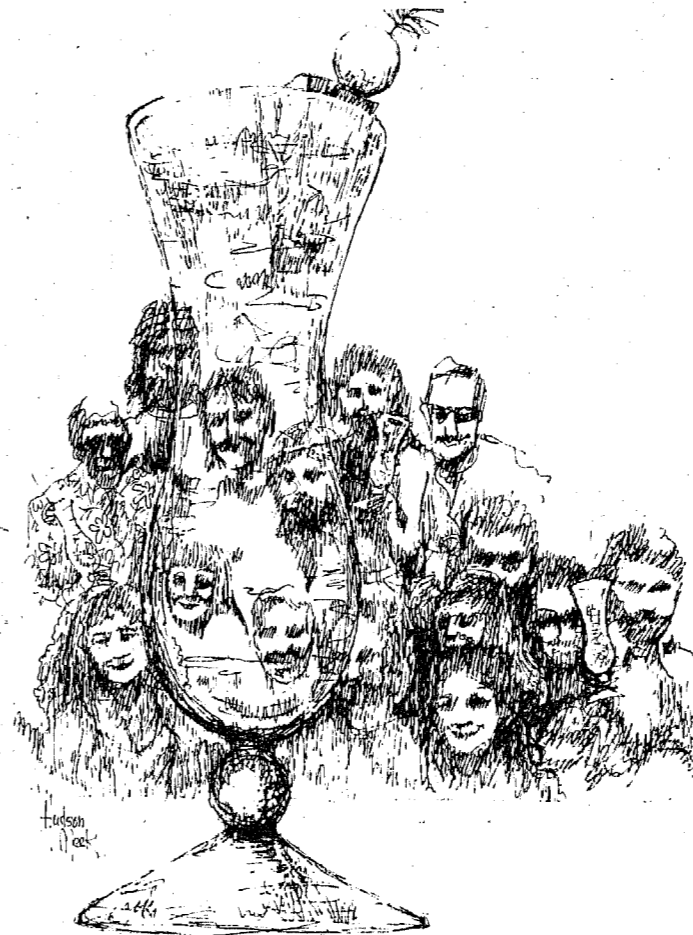
"HAPPY BIRTHDAY," said the barmaid as she brushed past him. The pretty tourist girl down the bar looked directly into Dave's eyes as he started on his eighth hurricane. "She's more attracted to me than the turkey she's with," he thought. "This hurricane's harder to get down, I'm full of this whiskey, sick of drinking these damn things," he mumbled, "two more to go after this." He felt himself getting tanked. "I'll down the last two real fast, never say die, never barf, hey everybody, here's number nine," and slow-motion set in for Hurricane Dave. He was passing into unconsciousness and his whole body was numb at the end of the ten hurricanes.

Dave laid his head down on his arms and got himself slowly to a comfortable position on the barstool. "You did it, Dave," he heard, "Yeah, happy birthday, man." He felt their slaps on his back and the bar music faded in and out of focus for him.

THE BAR CROWD shifted from one

place to the next, new tourists came in and looked around, sat down and ordered a few beers, the music on the tape deck changed to rock and roll for the eve-

the corner, in case he needed to throw up, but Dave had only grunted or moaned and the bartender wasn't sure he heard him. When the new waitress came on she



ning, more regulars showed up and found their usual spots along the bar. The waitress shift was changing and the night team was taking over. Earlier, the bartender had noticed that Hurricane Dave had been in that one position for a long time and went over to him and told him where the trash can was over in

noticed how white the man's face was and what a drunk, blank expression he had. It was after happy hour when everybody agreed that Hurricane Dave was dead.



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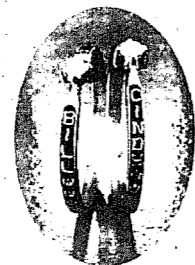
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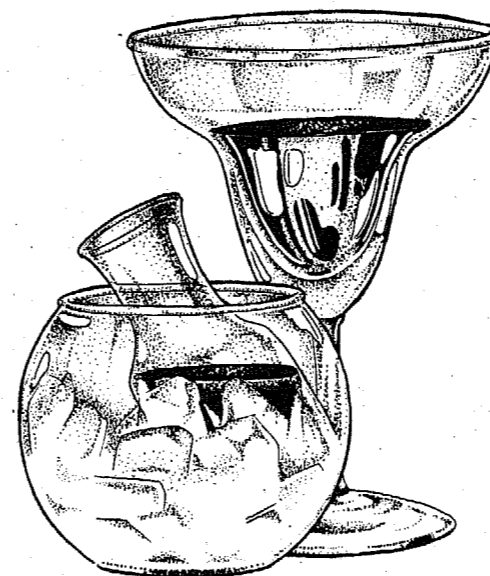


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BY DOROTHY RAYMER

THE WORD "ESTABLISHMENT" had a very different meaning in the early days of Key West than it has now. Instead of the usual connotation, meaning a group of conservative persons in government, civic or business groups, around the turn of the century "establishment" was a word commonly associated with a house of ill-repute, i.e.: an establishment of prostitution.

The city was peppered with dozens of these establishments, most of them in conjunction with a bar and dance floor; several were connected with gambling places.

ONE OF THE most popular of the bawdy houses was known as Alice Reid's, located at 1016 Howe Street. It was a two-story structure with a modest yard planted in crotons, hibiscus and other native plants and vines. A traditional red light by the front door designated the type of business on the premises.

Upon entering the main room downstairs, visitors faced a large bar at the rear of the room. There was a juke box on the right, a piano, and a compact dance floor surrounded by little tables, chairs and a lounge or two. Nothing truly grandiose or elegant, as at the Silver Dome on 54th Street in Miami, or old-world, as at the bordellos in Havana, Cuba. But Alice Reid's house was fairly presentable and cleanly kept.

Alice Reid's was noted for a brand of Southern Hospitality as soothing as Southern Comfort, which was one of the most-called-for drinks at that time. During prohibition, there was no lack of rum, either, for Key West was, in itself, the port of rumrunners operating out of Cuba and the Bahamas.

ACCORDING TO A well-informed Key Wester, the trains of the Flagler railroad extension, coming from the mainland loaded with tourists and not-so-tired businessmen, were greeted at the Florida East Coast terminal here by a fleet of taxis, all Model T and Model A Fords; the passengers were openly solicited by cab drivers to sample the wares of the different whore-houses.

Alice Reid's on Howe Street drew a large share of the fleshpot trade, but there were other places in the pre-World War II era which were well patronized by locals. Among them was The Square Roof, in the neighborhood of Reid's, but at Petronia and Emma streets in what was called Jungle Town. The customers catered to were white; the girls varied in skin tones from light to dark.

A smaller house was Florine's, located where Douglass School now is.

BIG ANNIE'S WAS another site of relaxation and amusement. There is conflicting opinion of its location. Some say it was

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Noteworthy information is that Big Annie reportedly took the proceeds of her love-for-sale enterprise and put her daughter through college. Whereby the daughter turned away from academic pursuits and followed in her mother's boudoir-slipper steps--establishing a profitable house of her own near the original Big Annie's, and adding a gambling concern to the prostitution efforts.

The smallest place of dalliance known to the public was The Yellow House or just "The 100," a home at the end of Truman Avenue, handy to the Naval Station. There were only two or three women on duty there.

MOST HOUSES WERE occupied by six to 10 prostitutes. Early on, the going rate for services was only two dollars. This increased to a three dollar average and, as demand increased, so did the fees, until five dollars was considered the adequate sum per session.

The girls themselves were required to pay a percentage to the madam or proprietor of the house. For that reason, there were quite a few prostitutes operating from their own homes, and they were scattered all over the town. Most of the "independents" had their own "pimps" who drove their own cars as taxis and took a rakeoff from the business they drummed up for the individual girls.

THE WELL-KNOWN MOM'S, which moved to Stock Island, was originally in an Old Town location, at Amelia and Thomas streets. The day that Mom's stable moved out to Stock Island and became known as Mom's Tea Room, was described in an article by Jose Yglesia of Miami, whose grandfather was born in Key West.

Yglesia wrote his article for *Venture* magazine, and it appeared in February, 1969, entitled, "Key West: of Sailors, Shrimps and The Way It Was." Written with dash and set in a bold frame, the story stated that the waterfront stretch on Front Street, along three blocks to Mallory Square, was once "all gambling or bawdy houses."

AS YGLESLIA TELLS it, the move of the houses of ill-repute to the hinterlands was begun shortly after the end of World War II. It was perhaps several years earlier for Mom's trek to Stock Island where she installed her girls in a large two-story bungalow on MacDonald Avenue. Palm trees clustered around the entire property, thus sheltering the house somewhat, and there was a degree of seclusion to a small extent.

However, the downstairs had a spacious verandah which faced MacDonald Avenue and the inmates of the "tea room" often waved to passing cars and bicyclists while they sat sunning themselves on the porch.

Artist Karl Agricola used to laugh about the cheery greetings exchanged daily with Mom's girls as he wheeled by on his bike en route to his home and studio out on what is called "The Point."

MOM'S MOVE TO Stock Island was a gala event with fanfare. Mom rode in a lead car and used a loudspeaker over which she announced her new address and invited everybody to visit the new premises.

The motorcade traveled down Duval Street with the girls riding grandly, two in each vehicle, twirling parasols and bowing and waving left and right to watchers along the way. One report had it that a ukelele band strummed jazz tunes as the cars rolled by.

THE VANISHING OF "controlled" prostitution was lamented by many outspoken citizens. They waxed indignant over the loss of available females in a Navy town. "When you have a lot of young bucks all together in one small place, whores are a necessity. As it is, the sailors will run after our good girls and women residents won't be safe on the streets," railed one complaining Conch. con't on p. 30

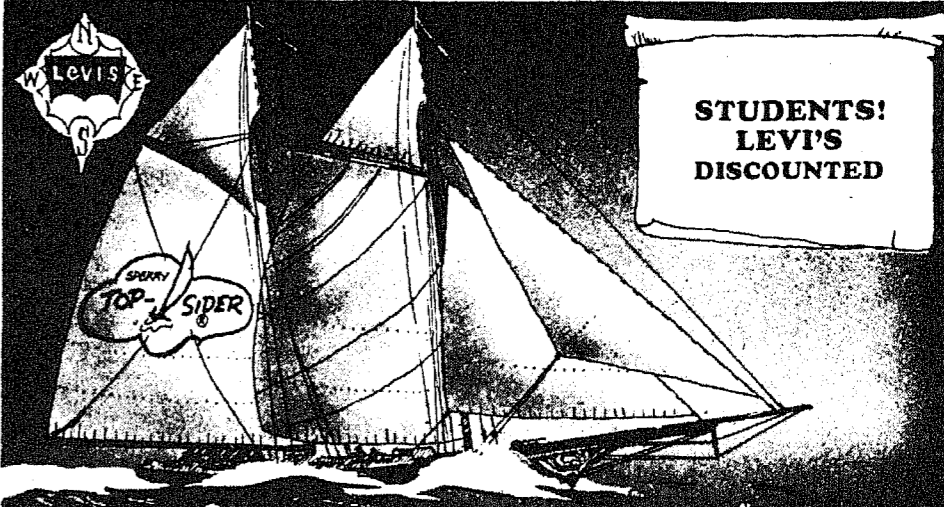
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By HELEN CHAPMAN

I HAVE LOST a dear friend. No last rites were held, nor was there even a decent burial. My friend's name was Free Box.

Free Box used to live at Margaret and Southard streets under the kind protection of the Herb Garden, and contained fashions for the entire family--just like Woolco, only cheaper. Some very nice clothing indeed waited there for adoption, not to mention the islander's mainstay: jeans and cut-offs.

FREE BOX WAS a boon for folks with children who as we know outgrow their clothes almost before you can get the price tag off. Free Box was a treasure chest to the uninhibited Key Westers who entertain us by "camping" it up. Free Box helped many a waiter or waitress find the necessary black pants or white dress. Free Box convinced one young man, who arrived here broke and clothes-less, that Key West was truly the land of milk

and honey. He found a good pair of jeans with three dollars in a pocket and went skipping merrily down the street.

FREE BOX BROUGHT people together for amusing conversations and philosophical discussions. And of course there was the lady who frequently provided diversion by completely stripping in order to don a whole new outfit.

Then one day Free Box was moved to Caroline Street. Now everyone knows what happens to outcasts on Caroline Street. We tried to save it from the ravages of nature (both atmospheric and human), not to mention falling beams from the old Fisherman's Cafe, to no avail. Free Box got the proverbial shaft. Please fly your old T-shirts at half-mast in respect of the deceased.

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I have a strong suspicion they are mine --
I thought no one'd wear shoes that were off-cast.

You see the band around that fellow's hat?
I lost a belt one raucous summer eve
That matched a dress of fabric just like that.
The dress is also gone -- I cannot grieve.

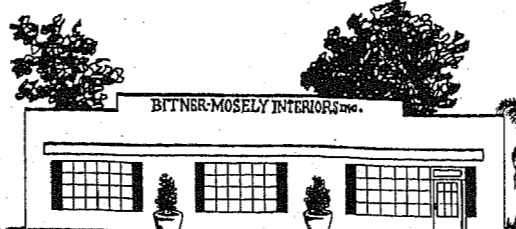
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GUEST EDITORIAL BY GIL RYDER


THE CITY IS broke--the City is not broke. We need State aid--we do not need State aid. Can't you just picture City officials flying around and finding money as they search through desk drawers, filing cabinets and old shoe boxes stashed in odd corners? And, in just a few days, coming up with enough forgotten or mislaid wealth to take care of the emergency? Maybe if they look behind the pictures on the walls they'll come up with enough forgotten mad money to give the taxpayers a rebate.

Can we really blame Ron Stack alone for this frenzied financial fiasco? The answer is no. Culpable, inept or unqualified as he may have been, he did not force his way into City management. He was re-hired by the City Commission, even though they were warned by then City Commissioner Bill Gamble against that action. The late Bill Gamble even advised the Commission that they should hire a City Manager from out of town--one who had no connections in this area.

CAN WE BLAME the present City Commission for our plight? Not completely. Heyman hasn't yet finished his first year in office, and Weekley has obviously been trying desperately for months to focus the attention of the Commission on our financial problems. This leaves the finger pointing at Esquinaldo, Graham and McCoy.

If Stack was as poor a manager as news reports indicate, why weren't the veterans on the Board aware of that fact? Why wasn't something done about it? Obviously, if Stack was unqualified last month, he was also unqualified last year and the years before that. That being the case, why was he hired in the first place? Why was he re-hired after he left? Why wasn't he terminated six months or a year ago?

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THE ANSWER, of course, is the B.S. (Bubba System), which requires that politicians must find gainful employment for old friends, and friends of old friends, preferably at the taxpayers' expense. The B.S. is not peculiar to Key West; it is just more obvious and more wholeheartedly accepted here than in most other areas. The Germans refer to B.S. as "Lantsman," the English call it the "Old Pals Act." In other areas of America, it's known as the "Pork Chop Gang," "Tammany Hall," the "Pendergast Gang," etc.

In any case, the City Commission has suddenly hired a new City Manager who is from out of town but it will be a good even money bet that, within a short period of time when the shouting dies down, that he won't be here and they'll hire another bubba. We'll be right back to the good old B.S. and all its ills. Gradually, we'll make jobs for just as many employees as were recently let go--probably even more as our taxes rise.


THE BUBBA SYSTEM is the weak spot in Key West and, to some degree, in every democratic society, because people in general believe that government jobs and contracts are paid for by some magic money tree, and they refuse to accept the fact that taxes pay government employees, and the money comes out of the public pockets. Even though people scream about taxes going up, they still want City Hall to hire their needy friends.

We can eliminate all this expensive nonsense only by having taxpayers wake up and smell the coffee. As taxpayers and voters, we can do something about the B.S.--just make sure that we never vote for a candidate who believes in the Bubba System, and let all candidates know where we stand.

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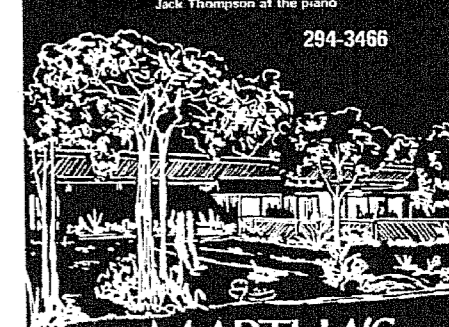


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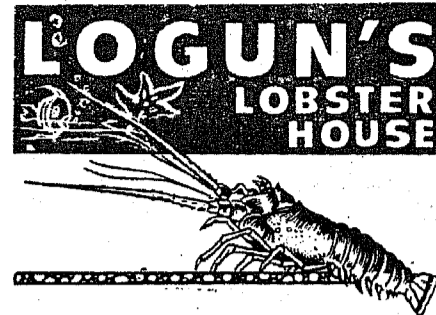
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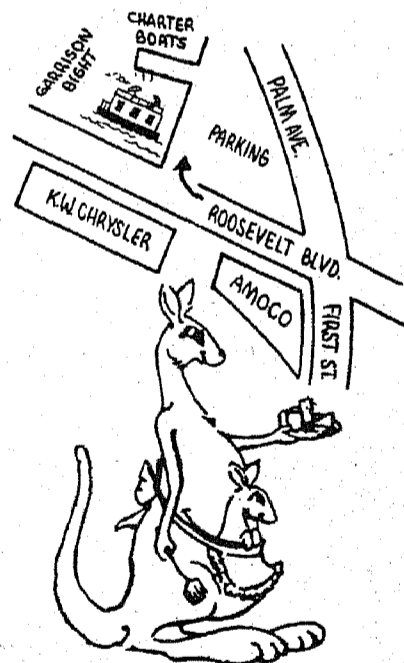
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Joy Caldarella

BY ANITA PEET

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The charge was not a serious one and none of the men had a previous arrest record. Reasonable bail could have been easily arranged, yet these men spent three days and two nights in a Key West jail without contacting their parents, a lawyer or a bondsman. They did not know what legal procedures would occur or what options were available to them. They did not effectively communicate with police.

These well-educated young men were not radicals trying to prove a point, and they certainly were not dumb. They were simply deaf.

JOY CALDARELLA, SPEECH therapist for Key West's Exceptional Child Center, and interpreter for the deaf, heard of the arrests on the radio and immediately went to the police to offer her services. The officer at the desk told her she was not needed; everything was under control. Joy, however, was not satisfied.

She wrote a note to the deaf men stating her name, occupation, and willingness to assist them. The officer agreed to deliver the note and left the room. Joy waited, and a few minutes later the officer returned saying the men had read her note but declined her services. Frustrated and unsure what to do next, Joy went home.

"IT JUST DIDN'T make sense," she says. "It was similar to a hearing person being arrested in a foreign country and refusing contact with someone who speaks his language. I just couldn't believe that." Joy later learned the men

had never received the note.

She contacted her friend Kevin Malinson, also an interpreter for the deaf. Kevin agreed with Joy that something was wrong. That evening Joy and Kevin returned to the police station. The shift had changed, different officers were on duty. This time the interpreters convinced the officers to let them see the men.

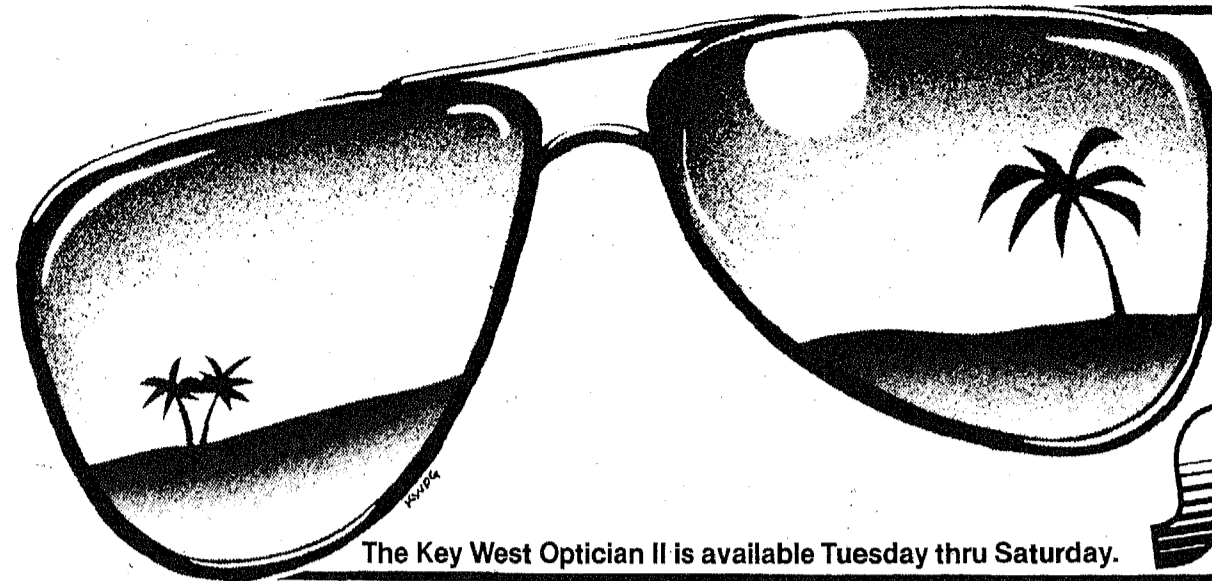
WITH THE HELP of Kevin and Joy, the deaf men's parents were informed of the situation and a bail bondsman and lawyer were contacted. As a result, bail was posted for all five and later charges were dropped on two of the men. "If there had been an interpreter there," Joy says, "or if these men were hearing people, the two innocent men would not have had to spend two nights in jail. Everyone agreed these two had no knowledge of the crime."

The men, on bond, were free to go back to college, but they had no means of transportation. Their car had been impounded. They were stuck on the island until the arresting officer returned from a hunting trip and signed the papers necessary to release the car. They had no money and no place to stay. Joy offered them her home.

SHE SAYS, "I felt that they were good guys who made a mistake; besides, I'm always starving for someone to sign with, so they fulfilled my needs too." Once the car was released, the men went back to college. Later the three on bond returned to Key West and had to pay a fine.

As Joy speaks, I realize the constant motion of her hands is not simply a sign of her Italian-Spanish heritage. She almost unconsciously uses sign language during conversations with hearing people.

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The last time Joy used her interpreting skills was not a pleasant occasion. A Key West man died. His roommate of many years is deaf. Joy interpreted at the funeral.

Exposure to the deaf community is not a new experience for Joy. When she was four years old, her sister Jeannie was



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JOY'S FEAR BECAME reality one afternoon while she was conducting a speech therapy session at Sigsbee Elementary School. She was interrupted by a phone call from the Exceptional Child Center informing her that the mother of a deaf man was seeking an interpreter. The woman's son had been admitted to Florida Keys Memorial Hospital for back injuries. Joy was given permission to cancel therapy and rushed to the hospital.

She learned from the injured man that his wife, also deaf, was nine months pregnant. She had never had the use of an interpreter during sessions with her doctor. She hadn't had the opportunity to discuss with him those things hearing people naturally do: prenatal care, nutrition, birth control methods, nursing.

DAYS LATER JOY was called on to interpret at the birth of the woman's son.

born. Through much of Jeannie's infancy, the family suspected a hearing problem, but it wasn't until she was two and a half years old that her deafness was confirmed. Joy painfully remembers the night that happened. "My parents followed orders to test Jeannie's hearing by banging pots and pans over her crib while she slept. When the baby wouldn't stir my parents just started crying. I was only six at the time, but I remember how sullen that house became. From that day on I observed what a handicapped child does to a family -- the burden, the guilt, the frustration...."

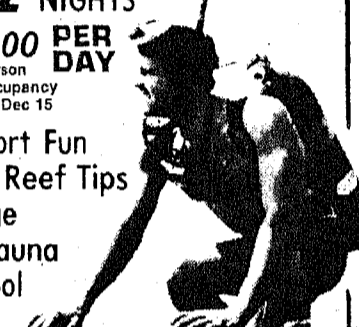
JEANNIE IS NOW an intelligent adult but she still does not communicate well with her parents. The reason, Joy feels, is that her parents, on medical advice, never learned to sign. Medical specialists told them never to send Jeannie to a school that used sign language or she

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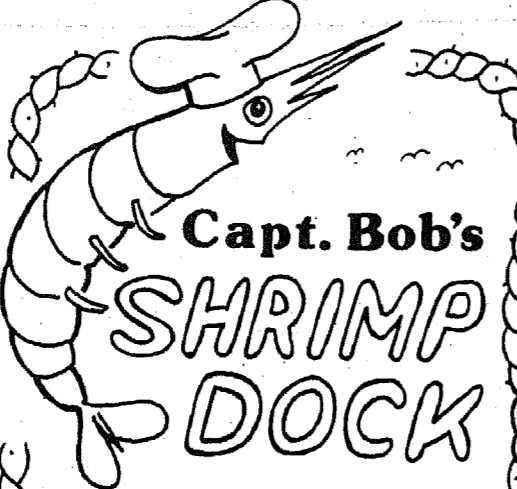
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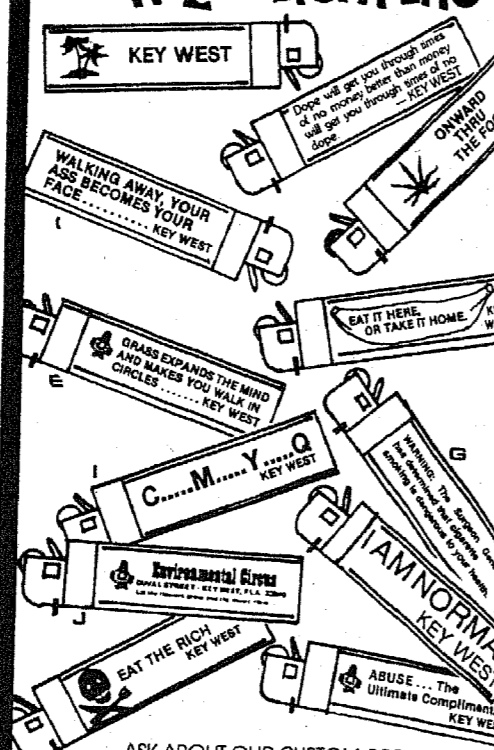


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would never learn to speak. Joy believes this is an attempt to keep the non-hearing individual appearing normal so he may more easily fit into a hearing society. She explains, "Many parents accept this because it is difficult to admit their child is different. When sign is used, the handicap of deafness is no longer invisible."

Joy offers advice to parents of deaf children: "Please learn to sign. If you ever want to know your child as a person, if you ever want to know what that person is about, learn to sign. Parent/child relationships are difficult enough without a language barrier. Please, love that child as you would any other and learn to sign."

JOY'S LOVE AND enthusiasm for her job shows when she speaks of the only deaf child she is working with now, a 11 year old girl of hearing parents, trying to learn in a hearing school system. "I think I've been able to reach her as no one else has. She never understood the celebration of Halloween. We worked on some vocabulary like pumpkin, witch, black cat, and every day I would ask her what she would be for Halloween. She never told me. I assumed she didn't understand my question. Then, one day, she brought in a picture of Wonder Woman and said, 'me that Halloween.' It made me feel like a million dollars. She understood my question all along. She just didn't know how to sign Wonder Woman."

TO THE AVERAGE person this may not seem like much of an accomplishment, but with time, patience and understanding, Joy Caldarella has established with this child what even her own parents haven't been able to -- communication.

Joy is loved and respected by her friends and co-workers. "Joy is honest," says one friend. "That's what I love most about her. When she says something, you know she means it."

Much of Joy's personal philosophy and way of communication has been influenced by deaf persons. "Deaf people have taught me a lot, an awful lot," she says. "Because language is their stumbling block, you communicate with them as directly as possible -- I mean no beating around the bush, no \$50 or sugar coated words, you just put it straight out. So I've learned to communicate my ideas as directly as possible, and to greatly appreciate that quality in others."

"I'VE LEARNED HOW important facial expression and body language are. If, while sitting around talking with a deaf person, you turn or cross your legs, they'll stop you right in your tracks, while a hearing person lets many things go right over his head, completely unnoticed."

She pauses a minute and smiles before continuing. "Touch is very accepted in the deaf community. When you want someone's attention you don't say, 'hey you,' you gently touch them. I've carried that over into my hearing world. It made me realize how seldom people do touch each other and how difficult it is for our culture to deal with touch." Joy speaks of an incident that occurred while the deaf men who were arrested were staying with her: "I was sitting at my table, tense about all that had happened and I didn't feel like communicating. A hearing person would have asked me what was wrong, but this deaf man walked over and started rubbing my shoulders. That's where the tension was and that's just what I needed. A hearing stranger might have thought that inappropriate, afraid it might have been interpreted as a sexual thing. A deaf person doesn't think like that. He needs to touch so he does so, freely."

WORKING WITH THE deaf has enhanced in Joy those qualities of childhood that often get sidetracked as we mature -- honesty, directness and open affection.



EVEN GONE, KEY West reaches out and grabs you. I am riding a Greyhound bus down the Keys. Whether I am up on Grandfather Mountain in North Carolina watching these Scots descendants clog or whether I am musingly touring Thomas Wolfe's house in Asheville--the chair he sat in to write *Look Homeward, Angel*-- Key West's ambience pushes into the mind. Bus ride is wearing; I'd sooner walk up Solares Hill pushing a barrelful of broken Perrier bottles. But I have contrived the idea of arriving incognito in my hometown of Key West where 20 years ago my second husband and I bought the city bus.

Considerable water has flowed rather rapidly under the bridge in the ensuing years. My big, oval mirror, which shows all of you, gives back a somewhat rump-sprung figure. And, how about that new, wiggly line cutting down from the upper lip? Thank goodness, there seems to be a merry glint in the eye, rather more compassionate than de-based. One last jerk of the bus, turning off Simonton Street. We arrive.

A FIVE SIXES cab screeches up doing wheelies, Boots conveying. I board, legs just a little jiggly from one small red ink wine drink bought cater-corner across the highway from the bus stop in Tavernier where most everybody had sausage biscuits. Taxi driver, Boots, is a walking ERA. For years, cayenne in her vocabulary, she victoriously has thrust or talked or beat back funny, drunk or amazing riders and collected ample tips. It's that "these-boots-are-gonna-walk-all-over-you" approach.

We pass Moe's barber shop. Turning at Appelrouth's. Glimpses of the clapboard houses, familiar shapes in my dreams while traveling. The houses, some leaning together in a matey way. A side-walk wayfarer, shirtless, his face painted in shades of purple, with a large pendant dangling, something like the shape of Idaho, his little Schnauzer, heeling, attached to him on a marama leash. My dear Key West holds onto its eccentricities with pride.

There, fleetingly, was Jack Spottswood, going in there. From the back, he looks like the poet Shelley. A true, indigenous son of the island. His grandfather, Dr. Maloney, an early settler, removed his own appendix.

IT'S A MOONEY night, and Boots takes a turn around South Roosevelt Blvd. to allow us to enjoy the white-washed splendor of this familiar drive, the sheer, visual delight of this bay lying there, a wounded boat shored, the faint message of Coast Guard blue lights out at Sand Key, ushering in Cuban cargo.

A dip into Dennis Pharmacy, which is thinking about closing up. John Thomson, nursing his coffee cup at the counter. Claming man, anthracite eyes. So benign you expect a dove to fly out of his sleeve.

Down the street, the Full Moon Saloon, swinging. That pal of mine, steady as a burst barometer, goes in there selling President Coolidge pins.

GETTING TOWARDS THE old faded pink domicile, heart lifting. Everything quiet as an isolation ward in the hospital. Insert key. Enter my own digs. Fair, lovely daughter with the harp-in-the-wind personality, sits pensively not reading her psychology book. She emits a squeal like a gull who has laid a double egg. Embraces. Out the south window, a girl is in the moonswept ocean, swimming around like a garter snake in skim milk.

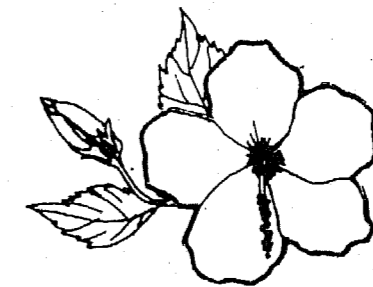
I alight before the darkened TV set, which is as big as a chicken house. Thoughts come: Travel moves us and it changes us in a small way so as to help us to return.

And, why does this island of Key West so pull, so haunt, and so divert? I can but leave this analysis to Higher Authority.

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I probably wouldn't have realized this fact about living in Key West had it not been for my father John, because I enjoyed my sequestered life in our yard so thoroughly I never thought much about going out in the boat. But John was an avid thrill-seeker and he nourished this obsession with regular weekend outings in his boat. Most of the time he went alone, most likely for two main reasons: one, it is easier to pick up and move to another spot if there is just one person, and two, he couldn't just take one kid along because that would cause the other ones to pitch fits -- usually great wailing and screaming affairs so characteristic of my two sisters.

I WAS ALWAYS the calm and correct one and tried to maintain some semblance of dignity amidst the pushing and shoving and grabbing that occurred whenever a plate of cookies was placed before us or on occasions such as Christmas and Easter. There was great emphasis placed on equal rights amongst us girls, so if anything was to be given to us, it had to be given in threes or my long-suffering mother would never hear the end of it.

I noticed that this rule worked in direct reverse when it came to matters of work, however. If an unpleasant task was at hand, then NOBODY wanted the biggest share. My sister Kathryn was a master at ferreting out the exact por-

tion of her share of work, and if she was not responsible for the crumbs on the counter, no act of God could force her to pick up a damp rag and do away with them.

Similarly, if the kitten left something on the stairs and my mother happened to ask her to clean it up, she would take a firm stance and shout, "I DID NOT LET THAT KITTEN IN THE HOUSE. AMY BROUGHT THE KITTEN INTO THIS HOUSE. AMY! AMY! MAMA WANTS YOU! COME HERE!" Whereupon I would have to put down my book and politely explain that I did indeed bring the kitten in the house but it was actually Martha who held it last and my responsibility ended there.

Kathryn, undeterred by my logical presentation of the facts, would then inform me in tones that could shatter crystal, "I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHO HELD THAT MANGY CAT LAST, YOU BROUGHT IT IN, YOU DIDN'T PUT IT OUT AND YOU ARE GOING TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS." Of course, Martha, the real culprit, was generally nowhere to be found and I would have to gracefully accept the circumstances as best I could.

It was from repeated instances such as these that I developed a strong character and found great similarities between myself and one of my favorite fairy-tale heroines, Cinderella, even though Kathryn saw fit to liken me to my other favorite, Wilbur the pig, in *Charlotte's Web*.

MY FATHER DETESTED unpleasantness of any sort, and especially bickering between my sisters and myself. Due to this, we tried to be careful to do our arguing behind his back or well out of earshot because it was his standard policy to reward people who argued with extra work. But what really irked him was complaining about cleaning the boat

after he had taken the trouble to give us all a good time in the water. John perceived the privilege of going out in the boat quite a luxury



(which it was) and anyone who balked at washing down the boat would surely get the job of carrying the fish guts down to the shrimp docks to be dumped in the water. It may not sound all that difficult, but being out in the sun all day is quite exhausting, and being around John all day is even more of a strain

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because there is no room for foolishness on a boat.

WE HAD TO be on our best behavior merely because of the inherent danger of just being way out there on the water where even small mistakes are greatly magnified. John instilled in us a powerful respect for boat safety and proper maritime etiquette because he abhorred idiots in boats who took chances. We got the full treatment of pictures of propeller victims and fish-hook-in-the-eye stories to make us soberly aware of the underlying complexities of boating.

Which is not to say that John did not have room for any fun. He had a great sense of humor anyway, but that sense of humor seemed to blossom on the boat. He taught us how to snorkel and make sea-cucumbers squirt water, how to get the ink out of sea pigeons and how to attract tropical fish by breaking open a sea urchin.

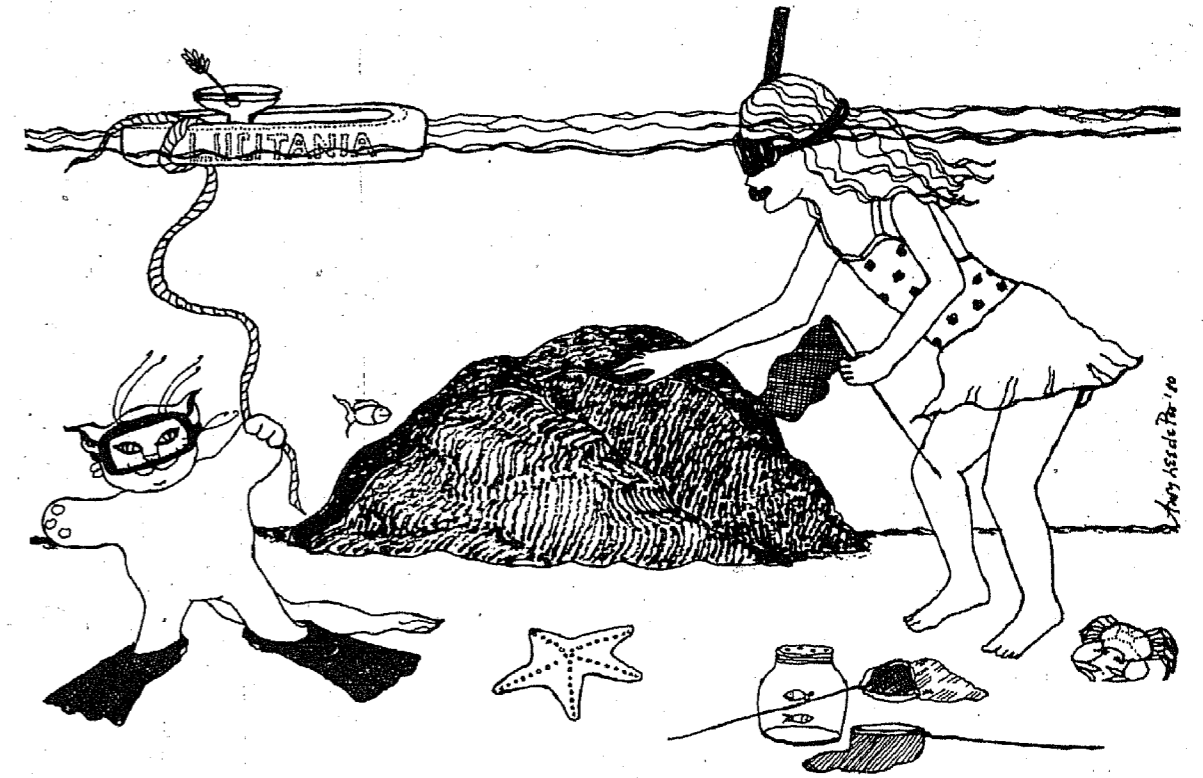
A WHOLE NEW world opened up to us. There is nothing quite so beautiful as slipping over the side of a boat into warm, clear water and having your feet land in smooth sand. It is magical to feel the water close over your head and peer through a mask as if it were a small glass window that is yours and yours alone.

Initially, the only sound is your own breathing through the snorkel, but as your ear becomes accustomed to the underwater silence, you find that it is not silent at all underwater--there is the sound of crackling and chipping and muffled crunching. This fascinated me and I imagined the vast and lush carpet of seaweed to be underwater prairies. The rocks I swam over looked to be castles in miniature for the fish and some growths around the rocks even had the shape of little trees. It was all very enchanting and I was sure that at one time these vistas had very likely been dry land, changed upon the whim of a god into an undersea world.

I COULD APPRECIATE all this with a

sharper meaning and focus than my older sister, Kathryn, who unfortunately had very poor vision and could not see a foot in front of her face without her glasses. Consequently, she tired easily of snorkeling and was always the first one back to the boat.

SHE ALWAYS HOGGED the little fish nets and set off by herself with a mayonnaise jar to spend hours hovering over a cluster of rocks to harass and bedevil the fish. She considered me too inept to even swim near her while she demonstrated her stealth and patience in



Martha, however, was totally enthralled with the underwater world and not only considered herself an expert on identifying fish (with her endless bragging about how she spotted "a clown fish, a rock shrimp, a neon goby, a top hat--top that--a queen angel, a wrass, a butterfly fish, and, oh yes, a JEWEL FISH, so there!") but she also considered herself John's equal at being able to snare these elusive little devils.

capturing these otherwise perfectly happy creatures. I considered it a pretty obnoxious assault on the salty mother-nature's domain, but to Martha's mind, both food and tropical fish were well worth pursuing. I can still see her hunched over some rocks in the shallows, just the round of her back sticking out of the water, burning a hole with her eyes through a prize specimen nibbling at her crushed sea-urchin bait. Martha

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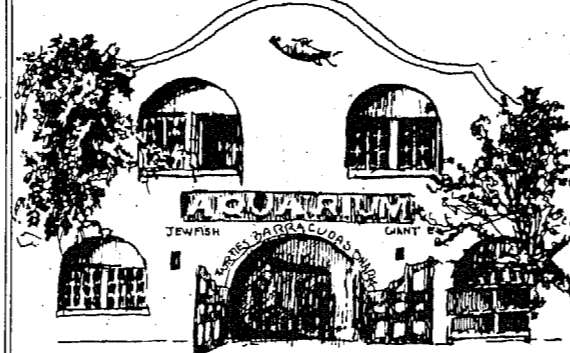
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was always the last one in the boat. I suspect John of favoritism towards Martha because she took to the ocean and all it had to offer with great enthusiasm and pronounced tenacity which made her most like him in this respect. As she held her mayonnaise jar up, full of fish, for all the world to see, John would say, "Hey Marther,"--that was his cute way of addressing her; I was always just plain Amy--"how's your wrass?" I can never remember him asking me how my wrass was or if I had even seen one. Of course I was never able to catch one and that diminished me even further. I was too civilized and respectful of nature to be like Martha with her fierce desire to hunt, corner and catch small creatures. She was truly a pure savage at heart. Naturally she picked this trait up from John and not my mother, who doesn't have a shred of the hunting instinct in her body.

JOHN SIMPLY LOVED to catch things from the ocean. He was very good at it, in fact. A few times when we were on the boat with him, John showed us how he captured green sea turtles. He had a flat-bottomed boat that allowed him to run over the flats and very shallow places in pursuit of his prey. First you have to spot one, naturally, and he did not go out looking for turtles specifically, but if one rose to the surface for air and John happened to take notice, then the chase was on. He instructed us to all stand on the bow of the boat and keep our eyes peeled for the turtle's head to break the surface for air. The instant that happened, and you had to be quick about it, we all had to start screaming and yelling and raise a frightening racket.

This so startles the poor turtle that he ducks down immediately without filling his lungs up with air and he must take off swimming as fast as he can without sufficient breath. After a few times the turtle is exhausted and swims slower and slower and John runs him down with the boat, cuts the engine, jumps in and catches him.

IT IS ALL pretty disgusting. I didn't like to do it and I know Kathryn didn't like to do it because we both knew his head was going to be chopped off. Martha may have minded at first, but I'm sure after she considered that she was going to be eating fresh turtle meat that night, her misgivings turned to drooling expectations. (It must be noted here that John never allowed us to watch him actually kill the turtle and that we only ate once from it because he was very generous and gave the rest away to his friends who were less fortunate. I give him credit for sharing, though. The stuffing of one's freezer with gifts from the sea is both hoggish and greedy, and those are horrible sins against nature.)

I HAVE TO say that we all enjoyed eating turtle fried in butter and garlic but those occasions could be counted on the fingers of one hand. The turtle population was dwindling even then and John took the opportunity to tell us as we were about to take our first bite to savor and enjoy it as best we could because there wouldn't be any left when we grew up. He also added that we would probably never be lucky enough to get husbands like him who could even catch a turtle. (I still thank God every day that I was not lucky enough to get a husband like him.) Martha was enough like him to suit my taste for a long time.

They both had their special way of doing things that no one could safely criticize. Martha had the best way to eat spaghetti. John had to have his plantains extra crisp. Martha knew the best way to catch a fish. John had the special knack for cleaning a conch. It was enough to make a normal person seek refuge in an asylum. It was hard for me to cope with their indefatigable sense of particularity. I had the more expansive and flexible attitude of a deep thinker and took solace from the inner knowledge that God and nature would balance everything out. And they did.

ONE LATE AFTERNOON out in the boat, we were all just sitting there waiting to pack up and go. My mother had gotten all the driftwood she wanted, after combing Woman Key, and Kathryn had long since gotten her fill of underwater delights and was yearning to glue her face to the television back at our warm and dry home. Martha was hanging over the side, slapping the water to amuse herself in her own clever way and I was watching her, intensely pondering the fact that she was so resourceful.

We were waiting for John. We wanted to go home. But no, John HAD to have one more look around to see if he could find any fish to spear, due to the fact that he hadn't caught a single thing the entire day. Some days were like that--empty hole after empty hole, no fish anywhere.

BY CHANCE HE had found a ledge that looked pretty promising in the way of yielding a few crawfish or stone crabs or snappers and John swam back to the boat to get his spear gun just in case he found something larger. Since he really was just looking for conch or crawfish in the first place, he didn't have it with him. He swam up to the boat and spoke to Martha.

"Hey Marther, would you hand me the spear gun, see it right there, behind the ice chest."

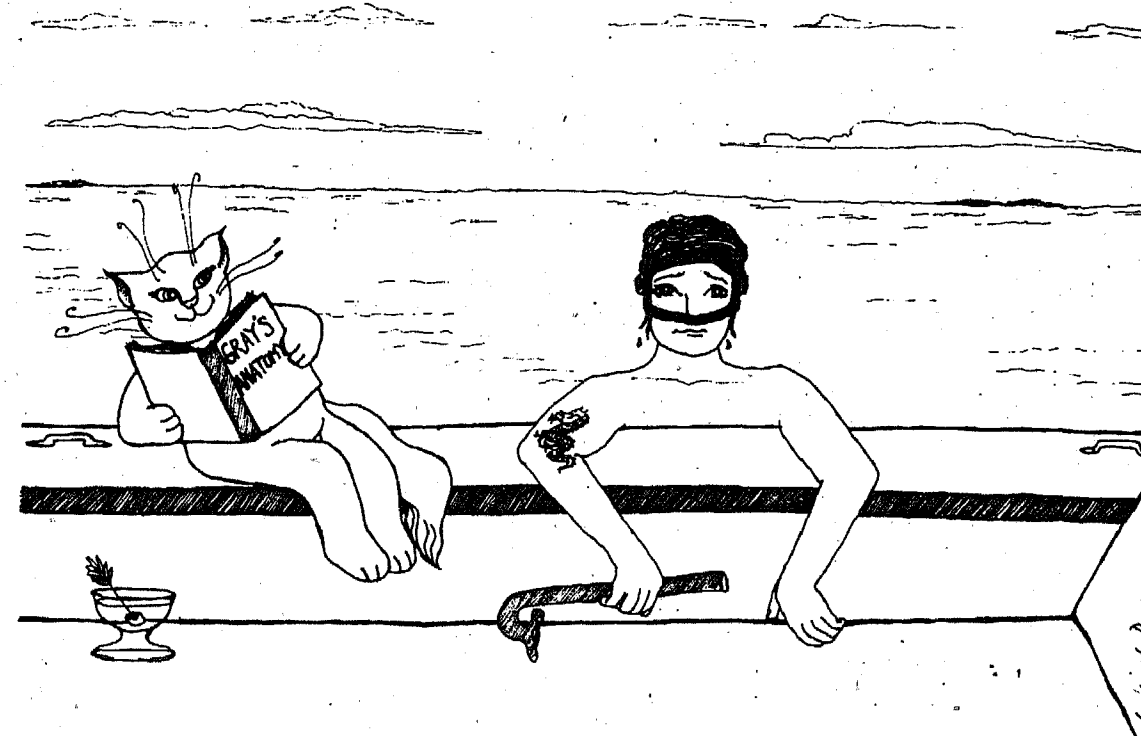
"But I thought you were after some crawfish, don't you want a bag or something?"

"I am, but I might see something verrrry big and want to get him. And besides, Kiddo, your old man doesn't carry a bag for crawfish or crabs, that's sissy stuff." (Martha looked smug and nodded approval, she being a charter member of the non-sissy club also.) "I have something better, a special trick that takes the work out of play. I just stick the tails or claws right in here," and stuck his thumb in the drawstring waistband of his black nylon trunks. He put his mask back on and swam off in the direction of the ledge.

WE SAT AND watched his snorkel move slowly along the line of the ledge, going down every once in awhile. We knew he must be getting some tails or claws because it was taking so long. Then he swam off a little further and seemed to stay in one spot for the longest time, going down time after time, obviously

John was making his way as fast as he could back to the boat and was, as far as we could tell, very delighted with having scored a big one on what promised to be a very unfruitful day.

HE WAS WITHIN five yards of the boat when he ducked under. I know this is contrary to the laws of physics but I



now in pursuit of a prize fish. Sure enough, a few moments later, we saw him rise to the surface with a large fish slid down to the end of his spear. He had to come back now because it is not advisable to linger in the water with a wriggling and bleeding fish close to your person, what with sharks having the unlucky combination of poor eyesight and a great sense of smell.

swear that I heard the uncanny sound of a muffled scream, much like the sound of a car screeching to a halt, emanate from those depths.

John burst to the surface and kicked a trail of white foam to that boat within ten seconds. He clutched the edge of the boat with one hand and flung his spear, fish intact, on the deck. He had a look of uncomf pain on his face

and was gasping for breath. I thought he must have stepped on a sea-urchin. My mother was incredulous.

"JOHN! WHAT HAPPENED? Are you all right?" "Of course I'm not all right! Would I be jumping around like this if I was all right?" My sisters and I were all clustered together at the edge of the boat not knowing what was the matter and hoping he could still drive the boat back home.

"Stand back you kids." John was brief. "Here--take a look at that." He reached down into the water in front of him into his suit and came up with the hugest stone crab claw I have ever seen. My mother's eyes grew wide.

"Does that answer your question? No, I'm NOT all right! That damn thing got me!"

"YOU MEAN THAT claw" My mother was unable to finish her question because she immediately saw the humor in the turn of events and was laughing so hard she couldn't speak. John did not see the humor in it at all, and I took that cue to restrain my own snickering lest I get a good clout on the head for thinking it was funny.

The bare fact was that John had relieved a large stone crab of one of his claws and the crab had had enough foresight to leave enough of its nerve impulses in its claw to even up the score by clamping down on that part of John that killed the rose bush in the front yard. (After all, those claws are how the crab picks up and eats his dinner, and with only half the equipment he would only get half the food, which is not fair at all.)

I could see the balance of nature more clearly than ever before and was more than glad to be a non-member in the bags-are-for-sissies club.

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We asked all the candidates running for County Commission seats to answer the following questions:

1. What do you think of a 1% sales tax to be levied by the county and pro-rated for use for the county and for financially distressed municipalities in the county to help cover their operating expenses?
2. What would you suggest as ways to help bring about better cooperation between Monroe County and Key West, or do you feel that these historic antagonisms are going to continue no matter what?
3. How great do you think the differences are between the city plan and the county plan for the redevelopment of the Truman Annex? How do you think these differences could be reconciled? What role do you visualize the county would play in the administering of the ultimate development of the base? What are your feelings about housing development on the Truman Annex?
4. What are your feelings concerning strengthening the enforcement of the county comprehensive and land use plan elements and the zoning ordinance, shoreline protection ordinance, tree protection ordinance, and other developmental ordinances? If you feel the enforcement should be strengthened, how would you do so?
5. Do you favor the translator T.V. system?
6. Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT ONE

Name: WILHELMINA HARVEY ENDORSED

I am opposed on principle to ANY 1. SALES TAX because it is counter-productive and places the GREATEST PROPORTION of the TAX BURDEN upon those LEAST ABLE TO PAY.

Elect people to office whose interest is in the ENTIRE COUNTY and whose intellects are not so narrow that they cannot see the forest for the trees. ELECT PEOPLE who have the ability to reason and who can bring that ability into the broad aspects and varying requirements of the WHOLE OF MONROE COUNTY.

We should establish a COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE of all governmental bodies in Monroe County, together with various commercial, environmental, etc., representatives to solve problems TOGETHER!

As George Wallace used to say, "There's not a dime's worth of difference between the two plans." As long as there is an adequate provision for housing in the area, my basic feeling is satisfied. In view of the recent development in the area of the management of the City of Key West affairs, it would seem to be folly to place the management of this area in the hands of people who have failed so miserably in the management of our city's affairs.

I am fearful that we are drifting into "willy nilly" enforcement of our basic comprehensive land use and zoning ordinances and that we are fostering a GOVERNMENT BY CRISIS in this respect. Variances are awarded without justification. It is my feeling that no variance to the existing ordinance should be granted unless the petitioner can provide acceptable data to prove that the request is beneficial to the neighborhood and to the COUNTY OVERALL.

I am in favor of the TRANSLATOR SYSTEM.

LET EACH CITIZEN do his/her share of work to help our city get back on its feet again!

Name: RICHARD KERR (Incumbent)

I would support the concept of a 1% sales tax to be levied by the County and pro-rated for use by the County and municipalities so long as such action to levy this new tax be voted on at a referendum of the people. Further, that if the sales tax is favorably voted on by the people, I believe that the funding should be used for specific projects throughout Key West and the Florida Keys.

I would like to first state that I do not believe there are these historic antagonisms existing between the County of Monroe and the City of Key West. The County of Monroe and the City of Key West have in the past had differences of opinions and I believe you will concur that we should each respect the other's opinion even though we might not concur with same. Whenever there have been differences of opinion between the City and the County, every reasonable effort has been made to resolve any difference and a clear example of such is the pending redevelopment plan for the Navy base. Under consideration now would be to specifically delegate one City Commissioner and one County Commissioner to act as liaison between the two public bodies.

My response to this question is there is now before the Board of County Commissioners a compromise agreement which I believe will be passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is a mutual resolution of the redevelopment of the Truman Annex. I believe that the differences which have existed have now been reconciled and that the proposed agreement sets forth very clearly the position of housing development, the County's role and other matters. I attach hereto a copy of the proposed agreement.

I am wholeheartedly in concurrence with strengthening the County's Comprehensive and Land Use elements and Zoning Ordinance as well as the other areas outlined above. The County has initiated, during my past four (4) years, positive enforcement action in this area, including the hiring of a special prosecutor to handle violations and the employment of violations inspectors in each of the basic areas of the keys.

The issue presently is not whether I favor a translator TV system. I believe you will, from my past actions on the Board of County Commissioners, clearly see my position in regards to this matter. The real question now before the Board of County Commissioners is that the development of such a system has now gone from a \$200,000 expenditure to an expenditure which has been estimated to exceed \$1,000,000. In order to finance this type of expenditure it would require a major increase in the ad valorem taxation which, when I ran in 1976, my platform was that I would not support any increase in ad valorem taxation. I am disturbed now as to what burden the development of the translator system will place on the taxpayers of Monroe County, and further, that to provide for a translator system at this time would require the allocation of funding from other areas which would reduce the services and benefits for the citizens of Monroe County.

Name: MILTON M. MRAVIC

I favor the concept of a 1% sales tax. If we are to continue to provide services for the citizens of Monroe County extra revenue is needed. I cannot under any present circumstances support an increase in property taxes. We must explore any and all avenues of revenue that will take the burden off the shoulders of the people of Monroe County.

Election Editorial

SOLARES HILL is again recommending candidates in the up-coming election. A group of us who are involved with the paper put our heads together and came up with those candidates we feel are best able to serve the needs of Key West and Monroe County. As our readers know, we have a strong environmental bias, and those candidates who have shown most concern for our natural surroundings have an edge over those who have been less committed to preserving our environmental heritage. In the case of an unknown, much scrutiny is given his or her answers to our questionnaire. In the case of an incumbent, we have the person's record to refer to to help us make a judgement.

When we endorse, it means that we all generally agree that this person is the best one for the job. When we indicate a preference, it means that we all do not agree on this person, or that we feel some restraint on an all-out endorsement, but that he or she is the more favored by our group.

STATE SENATOR, 39th DISTRICT
Vernon Holloway, preferred

Quite honestly, we have not been overly impressed with either man's performance--especially on environmental issues. The answers to our questionnaire from both men do little to reassure us. Sen. Holloway did, however begrudgingly, vote for the abolishment of the FKAA which was an action that we wholeheartedly supported. Holloway seems to have the edge on Renick in governmental awareness and execution and will be our preferred candidate.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 120th DISTRICT
Joe Allen, preferred



We've found fault with Joe Allen in the past because of his pro-development philosophy and his apparent unwillingness to rock the boat where local officials were involved. We were very pleased, therefore, when he spearheaded the move to abolish the FKAA, which we feel took great courage and determination on his part. He has reaped a whirlwind of abuse because of this but he stated that he did not feel that the FKAA could handle the continual crises facing them and that they should be replaced by the South Florida Water Management District Board. We agreed and wholeheartedly endorsed this action.

Joe Allen has maintained an open door policy for our writers and, even when in disagreement, has found the time to hear us out. He has been responsive in efforts to set up audiences with the governor and other members of the executive branch on matters of local interest. We feel that in spite of differences with some of our views, he has been a good representative of all the people in his district. Therefore we prefer to see him returned.

STATE ATTORNEY
Kirk Zuelch, endorsed



We feel that the State Attorney's office has about a zero rating in effectiveness. This is the time to bring in a new man with fresh ideas who has had no tie-in to this sorry office. Kirk Zuelch has put forth positive programs to overcome some of the many deficiencies we've been concerned about in this office over the past decade. Kirk Zuelch is our endorsed candidate for this office.

SHERIFF OF MONROE COUNTY
William "Billy" Freeman, endorsed



William "Billy" Freeman said he was going to put the Sheriff's Department in order and give us a force we could be proud of. Despite powerful political pressure and cries of outrage from some people, he has given us what he promised. He also has corrected many of the abuses in the County Jail and he was instrumental in getting the exercise yard for the prisoners open. We disagree with his permitting men charged with serious crimes to be trustys and ask that this practice be stopped. But "Billy" has been an outstanding sheriff and we endorse him strongly for re-election.

COUNTY JUDGE
Kay Finley, preferred



We had to do a lot of consulting with knowledgeable friends, politicians, members of the legal community, etc., to gain our perspective on this race. Both candidates have attractive qualities and both are obviously capable of holding the job. Both had excellent answers to their questionnaires. However, there was a recent profile on these two candidates in *The Miami Herald* that suggested that Richard Payne was in danger of losing his job as Assistant County Attorney before he left that office to become County Judge. We checked out some of the criticisms against him and found that they were verifiable. Under these circumstances we felt that we could go for a change and Kay Finley is a most attractive candidate. She has come very far very fast in our local legal community (she is the president of the Monroe County Bar Association) and has gained widespread respect as an exceptionally able attorney. She is our preferred candidate for County Judge.

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I believe this has in part been fostered by the County Commissioners. And only by showing a real concern for all the county can we begin to work together for the good of all our citizens. The citizens of all parts of the county. I have found, just want an open ear to county government and a voice in the planning and decisions made. Is that too big a request? I think not.

As of now, compromises are being worked out that each side should be able to live with. There will be two representatives from the county on the Redevelopment Board. Of course everyone knows the Housing shortage in Monroe County is a critical issue and four acres are supposedly being set aside for Subsidized Housing but we must continue to work for more Housing in other areas of the city and county. You did not ask about jobs. I want the ultimate development of the annex to recognize the need for long term employment opportunities for our young people with decent paying jobs.

We have the rules and regulations in our ordinances and the mechanisms to implement enforcement. More often than not the county turns its head when it comes to enforcement. We have to follow the law and enforce our regulations or change them. There is no alternative.

5. Yes.

Yes, Housing. There is now a mass exodus of young local families leaving the Keys. I feel this is one group of citizens that has been totally ignored and are being forced out of the county that they love. How can a family spend four to six hundred dollars on rent or house payments and expect to also provide for his family? There is no easy answer but this is one important problem I will try to address during my term in office.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

Name: JERRY HERNANDEZ (Incumbent)

1% County Sales Tax: First things first. If I am not mistaken, under our form of County Government, State Law does not allow the County to levy any sales tax. If this had been the case, the Florida Legislature would not have had to struggle for ten years to pass the Resort tax issue. Individual counties could have just voted for whatever sales taxes that they deemed necessary for whatever uses they deemed necessary. Dade County comes under a different charter form of government and was able to pass a "Sales Tax" as such, although they limited the tax to resort facilities. Under Dade County's Charter they had the ability to levy the tax and mandate its uses. It would be up to our Legislature to give us the power to do likewise. If it was in our power to levy a sales tax throughout Monroe County to use on a Pro-rated basis, I would only be in favor of such IF other counties in the State followed suit. I would not want Monroe County to become known as "Taxacounty" the way that Massachusetts has become known as Taxachusetts, what with meal taxes, bed taxes, luxury taxes and so forth. It would put this county at an unfair advantage to have a higher sales tax than the rest of the state. I have another IF to add to this: IF it was in the power of this county to levy a blanket 1% Sales Tax and IF other counties in the state followed suit, I would only be in favor of such a Tax IF the Municipal Taxing Districts were abolished. It is a shame that because of fiscal ineptitude that this county can not provide basic services such as fire police, ambulance, and recreational ser-

vices to its already overburdened Tax payers without having to ask them to vote for more taxes for themselves through a taxing district system. I believe that this first issue you have asked me to address has been misdirected and should have been directed to some of our Legislative candidates. However, I do believe that a broadened-use and wider-levied Resort Tax bill is in the works in the State Legislature now. Since the first one took so many years to pass both Houses I do not know if or when a new one would be passed or whether or not it would be acceptable to the people of Monroe County. As we all know, the present Resort tax was soundly defeated. I am sure that some of the businesses that are having such a poor season this summer are now having second thoughts on this issue, as we certainly could have used more tourists here right now. The re-structured Resort tax bill if passed by the legislature would be levied on most all types of tourist attractions, and not just hotels and its uses would be broadened to include police and road maintenance services as well as the uses in the present Tax. Perhaps a Resort Tax such as that would set better with the people of Monroe County, but of course as with the present tax, it would have to be put on a Referendum. If a broader based tax could generate enough revenues, we might then be able to provide basic services without taxing districts and might even be able to reduce or hold down property taxes. These are a lot of ifs. I do not at this time favor a 1% across the board sales tax for Monroe County on clothing, shoes, school books, cars, washing machines, and every other necessity of living decently in this county; we are all taxed enough, it would put our county at an unfair advantage with others in the state; a broader resort tax would be better and might even help us cut out the taxing districts and hold down property taxes. The County does not have the power to levy such a sales tax, and this as I stated before is a question for a Legislative Candidate.

Better relations and Historic Antagonisms: Certainly relations between people can always be better. It would be just wonderful if everyone voted the same way on every issue. However, I think that if the people of this County wanted one mind, we certainly would not be living in a Democracy. I could not disagree with you more, in your calling the present antagonisms "historic." These antagonisms are quite recent, within the last two or three years. As both the city and the county's financial situations have worsened (as have most in these troubled times) these entities have sometimes squabbled like siblings fighting over the same part of the sand box. But like most brothers and sisters I do not think that these squabbles are permanent or really serious. Reasonable commissioners on both Boards will come to realize (as they must) that it is in the best interest of all to try to settle these recent differences. As to suggestions to bring about better cooperation between Monroe County and Key West, if you are referring to the Citizens of both, I can not find any non-cooperation in my many travels up and down the Keys. Although, as a Commissioner from District Three, I must live and reside within Precincts 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16, I must be elected by voters from all Precincts in this County, Precincts in Key West as well as Precincts in Key Largo. Most of the phone calls that I receive from constituents are from those living outside of Key West. They do not complain about Key West to me nor do they ask for special treatment. I have not seen any animosity between the people of Key West and the people of the rest of Monroe County. If you are referring to the differences between the Boards of Government of the City of Key West and the County of Monroe, I would have to state that I personally get along very well with most

members on both Boards and any antagonism that might be present is certainly with a minority of Board members and is probably due to personalities rather than with philosophies. I am sure that all antagonisms as such would subside once both entities' financial situations improved.

Truman Annex: I do not believe that either plan is much better than the other. Housing is a major problem that a lot of people would like to ignore. I voted for Middle and Low cost housing in the upper Keys and caught quite a bit of static for it at the time. Now people all over are realizing that there is a critical housing shortage all over the keys, Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Big Pine and Key West. This is not a problem that will get better with time. Islamorada wants more light industry and a better choice of markets to shop in, rather than having to spend their money in Dade County. We have tried to get such industries down to the keys, but most studies tell us that until we have adequate housing for the personnel to work at such industries, housing that is affordable and commensurate with employees' salaries, it isn't going to happen. Key West is no different. The problems that the rest of the Keys are having in this area are the same as in Key West. Until we can get sufficient housing in Key West, we will continue to see our young people leave the keys and look for work elsewhere, where the cost of living is not so high. For these reasons, I am in favor of a mixture of upper, middle, and low cost housing on the Base. The emphasis needs to be on low and middle income. The entire Base is all prime property, but of course there are areas better suited for higher priced houses. For instance, it would not make sense to plan a ritzy area with the main view being the back of the Aqueduct tanks, they just wouldn't sell very well, would they? Certain areas of the Base are better suited for certain things. The beach would make a nice beach, the water front would be nice for water-related things, etc. I do not think that the city and the County have very different plans. What is different is the controlling interest. I don't think that Monroe County should have submitted any plan to the GSA at all, especially at such a late date in the game. I was against vying for this piece of property and I am still against it. I was outvoted however. The GSA did not think that much of the County's plan and it looks like now we will have to take GSA's plan. I don't have the figures on what the Redevelopment Agency has cost in tax dollars, but because certain members of the Board and Administration wanted control over this real estate, control that because the parcel is in the city of Key West should have been the City of Key West's we will all have to take what the GSA gives us.

Land Use Plan: The County's Land Use Plan has been a good thing and a long time in coming. As it is, it is a plan and should not be used with an iron fist or indiscriminately. We are now no longer in danger of becoming 120 miles of wall to wall high rises, concrete jungles, and we have reasonable assurance that our shorelines will be protected by law. As with all ordinances, enforcement is the key, and enforcement should not be used to discriminate against different citizens. There have been several instances of zoning changes in the past that I have been unhappy with. There have been several instances of zoning changes that have been rushed through without proper hearings. I am but one vote and as such, do not make a majority on the Board. The key to enforcement is for all members of the Board to select their appointees to the zoning commission carefully, stay in touch with them, as I try to do, and let their displeasure be known when something is rushed through that should not have been.

TV translators: Let's back up quite a few years on this one. In 1972, County Commissioner Wm. Freeman made a pledge to the people of this county to try to get us better TV reception. A petition had been passed around and approximately 5000 signatures were gathered. Private funds were raised and the citizens of this county donated around \$5,000. Of their money to get things started. When Comm. Freeman ran for State Representative in 1974, he vowed to see things through and between his last years as a Commissioner, when the idea of a Translator originally came up, and the time that he ran for Representative, every Candidate supported the idea of a translator since it had become like Motherhood and Apple Pie. The cable company that was in existence at that time offered approximately three Miami channels with moderate service in Key West and almost non-existent service in the rest of the keys. Since the Key Largo area can and could pick up relatively good reception with home antennas, that area did not enter into the picture. A lot of people think that the translator issue was actually voted on, but this was not the case. Mr. Freeman and those running for election that supported the issue were overwhelmingly elected. It was, and I believe that it was, a vote of approval for the Translator System. The County Board had earmarked and set aside \$250,000 in budget funds to pay for the construction of this system. Every year these monies have been carried over and have continued to grow while in "escrow" to where the fund is now approximately \$575,000. It is now 1980, and I have known and I believe that the other members of the Board have known that this is approximately half of what will be needed to build and maintain the system. Still, the Board chose to ignore the reality of inflation and did not see fit to set aside additional funds for the system. What has happened in the meantime is that the old Cable-Vision was sold and a bang-up good job (I suspect under the threat of competition). Tele-Media's service has widened and increased and they are very responsive to complaints. There are still areas of the keys that aren't yet serviced by this company, but Tele-Media says that service is in the offing (no competition, no service?). The areas that are serviced get three main Miami stations as well as WPBT, a PBS station out of Miami intermixed with Channel Six, satellite service from Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and local broadcasting, weather and Cuba. For an extra monthly charge, Home Box Office and a Spanish Channel out of New York can be had. All this is at a price, of course. What that price would be if there were no threat of competition I do not know. I can only point out recent history. When there is threat of competition, or real competition, service and prices are much, much better. Look what happened the minute that the County gave an exclusive to Air Sunshine. They sold out to Air Florida, prices zoomed to the ceiling, and service and courtesy all but disappeared. Would history repeat itself? I do not know. This I do know: Tele-Media wants the County out of the TV business in the worst way, all the way to the FCC. We have spent almost \$80,000.00 in tax payers money fighting for the RIGTR to build a Translator system to bring "free" service to the keys. The service will not be free, it will not be as good, nor will it be as varied as the service that the present company is now providing. Tele-Media would surely put up a good and expensive fight if this issue should be put up for a Referendum. Certain members of the Board want to take the Translator money to balance the budget. I feel that we can balance the budget as we have managed to do in the last three years that I have been in office without touching the translator funds. But it seems that the Translator funds are too tempting a carrot for some members of the Board. It would not be

fiscally responsible to take these funds at this time to balance the budget. It would not be good or sound business. If this is done to balance the budget, we are only fooling ourselves. What would we accomplish? A referendum vote of the people to tax themselves for possibly \$1 to \$2 million dollars to fund the Translator. If the board can not balance the Budget without the Translator Funds, let the Board admit it and raise the necessary millage to cover the deficit. We shouldn't try to fool the people into voting for their own tax increase, which will surely just go up and up as Tele-Media, I am sure, will keep up the fight. I am positive that we have the means to balance our budget now. If we were able to "buy" concrete insurance that the present Cable would not raise their rates unjustly, that their services wouldn't deteriorate, and that they would continue on their present schedule of upgrading their system, I don't know of any better insurance than having our Translator funds remaining "Status Quo."

Within the last six months or so Key West has seen several unnecessary and tragic deaths of Bike riders. My wife witnessed one on Duval St. in which a young woman was run over and killed by a semi-truck right in front of our store. As more and more people are taking to riding their bikes in town, I believe that the City certainly should address itself to some more stringent rules of the road. I am a County Commissioner, not a city Official. However, if the City could address itself to these issues I would certainly look into the possibility of a County-wide ordinance that could possibly affect the City as well. I know that a lot of these accidents are the fault of the motor vehicle driver, but I and many others have witnessed many near misses when the bicyclist was clearly at fault. We do need to slow down the speed of all traffic in the City, especially in the Old town area. Just how big of a hurry does one have to be in to drive 2 or three miles across town? Slowing down the speed of one's auto in this town will only delay a person by five minutes. What is five minutes when compared to a life? I think that our Bicyclists need to be educated in the rules of the road also. The registration of bicycles by the City was a step in the right direction. Perhaps a simple test to go along the registration would be a good idea. Questions such as "Are you aware that it is illegal for a bike rider to ride against traffic, to go the wrong way on a one-way street, to ignore stop signs and street lights? Most riders know that they should walk facing traffic, but are unaware that because of the combined speed of a vehicle and a bicycle that they would be much worse off being hit "head on," and therefore it is illegal to ride a bike facing traffic, but that they must go with the traffic. Certainly, sections of Key West should be restricted in types of traffic allowed, speed of vehicles, and direction of traffic. On another note, I think that these large trucks who are seen running over our curbs and cracking the sidewalks, and crushing the sewer drains located at the curbs under the sidewalks, should be made to pay for the damage. This just points out that if there is not room to turn a corner or park the vehicle, perhaps the vehicle should make other arrangements. Wherever we can encourage bicycle traffic, we should. This city has not adequate parking for all the autos here now and things will surely get worse. I believe that our children and adults alike should be protected and encouraged in using their Bikes whenever possible. Along these ideas, we need to see better rules of the road, more bike racks, lower speeds and better education of both motorists and cyclists.

Name: JAMES W. MURPHY

If the sales tax was just to give more money to the Cities the answer is, no. But if it is used for some special requirement such as generating tourists, making the city more attractive, attracting more conventions that would bring new money to the city, yes.

The historic antagonisms will remain to a lesser degree if both parties involved would extend the olive branch of peace.

There is not enough difference between the two to allow the loss of development to happen.

All the items that you have mentioned are within the laws now on the books if these laws are enforced we would have an environmental sheltered County.

We have little choice in the matter of the translator, if the decision is reached to spend the one million dollars to begin the construction we have gone beyond the point of no return and more money will have to be spent every year in the future. If this is not done then the translator goes down the tube with the loss of license to operate.

There are many things that I would "like" to address but not having reliable information and background will not do so at this time.

Name: DEXTER SPRINGSTEAD ENDORSED

No, I cannot support this proposal. If the municipalities need additional revenues they should have the responsibility of collecting the taxes. The County should not become involved in the support of financially distressed municipalities, using monies collected outside of that municipality.

I propose the voters of Monroe County elect people to public office who are able to accept compromise and reconcile their differences in private. It is healthy to have differences of opinion but emotional tirades are not acceptable. County Commissioners are representatives of the County as the name implies, therefore, with mature representatives in County government the antagonisms should be non-existent.

There are specific differences in control and type of redevelopment. I prefer the County's plan, however, historically the land belongs to the City and I believe that a compromise will be worked out before the election, and my opinion will have little effect on its disposition. I support housing for all income groups, and favor a plan to preserve the historic section of the Navy base. This heritage is a great economic resource to the City of Key West and therefore the County.

Zoning is one of the most important issues facing the County. The County's comprehensive land use plan's greatest defect is its generality. The County Commission should proceed to zone all land in Monroe County with a comprehensive zoning map. This would show the zoning for undeveloped land and would prevent misunderstanding by a purchaser as to its use. If a variance is requested the owner would have to justify through the Zoning Board and the County Commission any zoning change. This would stop the parcel by parcel rezoning of Monroe County, which requires the citizens of Monroe County to spend hundreds of dollars attending zoning meetings and filing legal actions and appeals when someone wants to change the

zoning on a parcel of land from GUL to RU7 when surrounding properties are zoned RUL. A conflict usually occurs that costs the County money. This would provide continuity and responsibility. Generalities leave too much to be questioned.

I supported the translator in the beginning and still support it now. I am concerned about the continued escalating cost of the proposed system. I believe the translator and cable system can co-exist as they do in most major cities. They will complement each other.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Name: DON SCHLOSSER (Incumbent) ENDORSED

In the past, I have opposed any additional sales tax because of total funds available to spend, it puts a greater burden, percentage-wise, on the poor. However, when the Legislative Delegation from Dade County supported such a measure for that area after the riots, I cast a vote in favor of including Monroe County. I felt additional funds were needed to counteract the many unexpected problems we experienced in the past several months.

Traditionally, sales taxes have been almost exclusively utilized by State government as a revenue source. I do not believe the Legislature will, in the foreseeable future, enable counties to usurp this source of their funds.

As a viable alternative, I suggest the Tourist Tax law be amended to allow for a greater variety of expenditures than is permitted now. The influx of tourists does cost the county in many ways. Our Public Service Department has additional expenses as does our Waste District, Social Services, Sheriff and other Departments. Funding derived from a successful Tourist Tax referendum could easily be pro-rated among the various governmental entities. This would reduce the present burden of property taxes now levied on our residents.

Since reassuming the Chairman's seat on the Commission, I have completely eliminated the "classical" 3-2 vote. There are occasional 3-2 votes, but there is no longer any set pattern. During the last two years there has been, for the most part, a good working relationship among most of the Commissioners. Differences of opinion on issues are good because all facets of each issue are brought up before any vote is taken. In most votes I have found a spirit of cooperation on Upper Keys problems from my colleagues living in Key West. I have made every endeavor to reciprocate on votes dealing with problems concerning the City.

By the time this goes to print, a cooperative plan will have been worked out with the City concerning the development of Truman Annex. Compromise is necessary at all levels of government. Neither side feels the plan completely meets its criteria, but that is what compromise is all about. I personally feel there should have been more low-income housing in the plan. The county will not have as much input as the City, but safeguards have been built into the agreement to protect the interests of all the people in the county, especially in the area of taxes for the services that will have to be provided.

I have been in the forefront of reasonable growth in intelligently planned developments for many years. I led the negotiations resulting in acceptance by all parties, with the developers of the North Largo Yacht Club. This project initially included eleven 7-story condominiums at the Lake Surprise bend. This meeting of the minds

occurred less than a month ago and resulted in the withdrawal of a pending lawsuit against the developer.

I initiated the resolution that resulted in the employment of an attorney for the sole purpose of enforcing our zoning laws. At recent budget hearings, I voted funds for more vigorous enforcement of zoning violations.

I was dismayed to find the Zoning Board had scheduled a meeting on July 22 of this year for the purpose of changing (raising) density in rental condominium construction. I am opposed to raising density for the following reason. Past performance proves that the selling price of equivalent condominiums that were allowed a density of 37 units per acre amount to only \$1.25 per square foot less than condominiums built at a density of 8 units per acre. In our free-enterprise system, the market always determines the price of services. In a "landlord's market" higher density will not substantially bring down the price a renter pays.

I have always supported the T-V translator system, having been one of the original contributors to the citizens' fund back in the early 1970's. Court cases have delayed construction to the point where we are in need of an additional \$500,000 because of inflation. The Legislature put an 8% cap on increased spending, leaving us only two alternatives for funds. Not by a simple majority, but by a 4/5 vote of the Commission we can raise taxes, or we will be forced to go to a referendum. The FCC mandates we have, at all times, sufficient funds available to complete the project. If we fail to do this, we lose the permit by default.

At the August 12th meeting of the commission, I committed my vote to be the fourth vote if three other members who voted ahead of me favored raising taxes. If the three other votes were not forthcoming, I committed to vote for the referendum. My colleagues did not commit their support but suggested we wait.

A translator would be of most benefit to the poorest people in our county, and in my opinion, are the people who government should be most concerned about. A translator would also ensure that the commercial cable provider would maintain good service and reasonable rates to those who chose to pay.

Thank you for allowing me to express my position on the issues.

Name: KEN SORENSON

On the surface it appears reasonable, however, it is treating the symptom, not the cause. Both the County and the City must put their resources to work before putting another tax on the taxpayers. Monroe County government must stop giving away the people's resources. We must stop giving away lands such as Bahia Honda Park and Long Key State Park for a few hundred dollars.

These projects now produce millions of dollars for others. This revenue could be going to the County for reduction of taxes or to provide badly needed services, but it isn't! The historic Pigeon Key Island is now on lease for literally pennies. This County property could produce up to \$500,000 a year for taxpayers. I will put our resources to work for you. Modern Government must find revenue sources other than your taxes.

Additionally, a revision of current budgeting policies must be instituted. Currently the County is using "Line Item" budgeting procedures. As a business practice, it went out with the turn of the century. For planning purposes we must institute "Program Budgeting." Program Budgeting can put us on a services to cost ratio. This type of budgeting takes a little background to understand. If you care to get together,

I'd be glad to meet with you.

Only after reviewing resource management and budgeting procedures would I consider a 1% sales tax, and then only if the revenue from that tax was directed (earmarked) specifically for either reduction of ad valorem taxes, or increase in services to our citizens. Giving revenue to some politicians, without specific uses, can be potentially dangerous to economic welfare of both the City and County governments.

- Remove partisan politics from all County elections. B. Televising all County Commission meetings. C. Citizens educating themselves on the issues. D. If the antagonisms are not resolved, we will all continue to suffer. I will work to eliminate these antagonisms.

The differences are minor on the final plans with the exception of housing. The differences can be resolved by the County removing itself from what I feel is an issue that reeks with the smell of a County power play. It is my opinion that Truman Annex is a resource of the City and belongs to the City. They should be allowed to develop it as their citizens desire. The Annex, in fact, may provide the income necessary to resolve the financial woes of the City.

It also seems unreasonable that the County spent \$120,000 of OUR taxpayers money to fight the City causing unreasonable delays to the City in acquiring a resource that is rightfully theirs.

It is extremely difficult to give the explanations to difficult problems in a few pages. I would be happy to meet with anyone for further explanation of my positions.

As you know I am the Chairman of the Monroe County Zoning Board (1 1/2 years as a member and 6 months as chairman.)

I totally support the L.U.P. and have enforced it as a matter of responsibility on the Zoning Board.

Additionally, in conformity with the L.U.P. I drafted, proposed, and forwarded the height limitations of: "Shall not exceed 4 stories and shall not exceed 44 ft. above existing building site elevations."

This is now law in Monroe County, and we will never be a concrete jungle because of that action. (Low Profile.) As a member of the Zoning Board, I forwarded the first recommendation to prosecute for indiscriminate destruction of protected hardwoods. That action has clearly sent the message to those who previously ignored our ordinances.

When the County Commission refused to address or acknowledge our pending water crisis, I visited the FKAA about 20 months ago. Receiving no satisfaction from the FKAA, I returned to the Zoning Board and recommended that we refuse to accept any more permits from the FKAA to allow major developments to hook to our pipeline. Since that time the Monroe County Zoning Board has made every major development provide their own water, (R.O. or desal), thereby taking the only positive action of any County Agency to protect our diminishing fresh water supply.

I support all 8 elements passed and the pending 9th, Recreation. The L.U.P. still needs some work because of ambiguities, and the lack of an enforceable map.

Monroe County now has one of the best Zoning Laws and Environmental Plans in the State. Those problems are solved, but enforcement is non-existent. Building and Zoning has always been the stepchild of the Commission. A "Program Budgeting" approach to enforcement through "building permit fees" is the answer. At the present time existing taxpayers are subsidizing every new building in the Keys. Enforcement of our Building and Zoning Regulations should be borne by...

the people bringing in that building. I would live to point out that the State, i.e. Critical Concern, has never overruled the Zoning Board since I have been a member; also the County Commission and the Courts have concurred in every decision. Monroe County has matured and come of age in Planning and Zoning.

Yes, however we have no accurate estimate of maintenance. It appears that the County Commission will put it to referendum--no objection to that action.

- Yes. A. Tax district. B. Tax equalization. C. Combination of duplicated services between County and City to affect mutual savings. D. Housing for the forgotten middle American (working man and woman.) It's time to provide a program which will allow all of our citizens to fulfill the American Dream of home ownership and decent rentals. The County could accomplish this through a tax-free "Bond Issue" offering reduced down payments with lower interest and rent rates to all citizens. This program was authorized by the State Legislature and has never been implemented in Monroe County, although several other counties in Florida have done so. It requires only a simple act of the County Commission to initiate the program. The people of our county deserve a chance to own their homes or to rent a decent place to live at reasonable prices. The County can help them accomplish that goal without costing its taxpayers one penny. We can no longer allow our sons, daughters and friends to be needlessly driven out of the Keys. E. Police protection.

We asked all the candidates running for State Attorney the following questions:

- What is your opinion of plea bargaining? If you approve of it, do you think it has been abused, and if so, what steps would you take to prevent such abuse?
- The Miami Herald wrote about seeming abuses in the State Attorney's office in its recent series called "Smuggler's Island." Do you agree with their conclusions and if so, what steps would you take to correct these abuses? If you disagree with their conclusions, why?
- Since all citizens have the right of approaching the State Attorney's office with minor complaints of legal offenses, what measures might you adopt to insure adequate response to these complaints without aggravating the case loads?
- Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

CANDIDATES FOR STATE ATTORNEY

Name: J. EDWARD WORTON

(Candidate Worton felt that the following, taken from his campaign brochure, answers the questions.)

The Platform (in part):
No plea bargaining in major criminal cases in the Circuit.

A strike force within the office of the State Attorney, devoted to the development and prosecution of major drug cases.

Hard but fair prosecution of criminal cases.

Open door policy to all persons with complaints (tell us what your problem is).

Major effort to enforce, uphold and demand respect for existing law.

Name: KIRK C. ZUELCH ENDORSED

- I do not like the concept of the negotiated plea. To my knowledge...

at this time, only two Circuits in Florida have totally abolished them. I intend to investigate the success and/or problems those Circuits have had to determine if this can be done in Monroe County over a period of time.

Negotiated pleas have been abused in Monroe County. There can be no justification for a plea in smuggling cases where only fines are levied as has happened in the last few years.

The steps I will take to prevent abuse are to set guidelines and policies for my assistants. No negotiated plea will be taken on felonies, including drug cases, without first being approved by me personally. On all other cases, guidelines will be set based on the severity of the offense and the past criminal record of the offender. An assistant will have some latitude, but to go outside of the guidelines will require my approval. In no case will my office offer a negotiated plea which substantially differs from what the court has sentenced other offenders to in similar circumstances.

I agree with the Miami Herald's

- main conclusion regarding the prosecutor's office, which is that there has been ineffective prosecution. We have not had a strong and aggressive prosecutor's office in the time I have lived in Monroe County. I have noted your request to be as concise as possible, and so will only list six ideas to correct these problems, although this list should not be considered exhaustive.

(1) Look for ways to strengthen cases, not reasons to dismiss them. When a case is first made the prosecutor must immediately sit down with witnesses and get the facts. If there is a weakness, the prosecutor should determine if they can be corrected.

(2) Establish good communication and cooperation with local, state and federal authorities, including setting up regular meetings to coordinate enforcement efforts.

(3) Establish seminars for law enforcement officers and the public in order that they may be up to date on the current law and may learn how to make a case that will stand up to the court's legal scrutiny.

(4) Establish a "24 hour" duty prosecutor system with a "beeper system" so that police may get immediate legal advice at the crime scene and not two to three days later when an error made earlier cannot be corrected.

(5) Establish a strong Grand Jury System. I intend to personally handle the grand jury and to assign investigators to make cases for presentation.

(6) I believe most importantly of all that we need to have a State Attorney whose reputation for honesty and integrity is beyond reproach. He must insist that all his staff maintain this same reputation. The office cannot be effective unless it has the trust of the community and the agencies it must work with.

I do disagree with the Herald's suggestion, if not conclusion, that we as a community are all benefitting by drug smuggling. We have many concerned citizens who are outraged and upset by our problem and who will, with strong leadership in the State Attorney's Office, fight against the drug smuggling elements in our community.

I fully agree that the citizens of this community must always have access to their State Attorney. At the same time, I am a strong advocate of the Citizens Dispute Settlement Program already functioning in Marathon. The two concepts need not differ, since the State Attorney's Office should and will be one of the prime sources of referrals to such a program. Cases such as neighborhood disputes and other minor offenses may thus be taken out of the already overcrowded criminal process for an attempt at mediation and settlement,

always maintaining the criminal option should mediation fail. We must also investigate programs used successfully elsewhere to determine if they can be beneficial to our community.

Another area of concern I have is making the entire criminal justice system more effective and efficient. I intend to work closely with all officials of the criminal justice system and to set up monthly or quarterly meetings to insure cooperation and communication.

We must also seek to set up pre-trial conferences in criminal cases in order that our juries and court personnel do not waste time and money by having cases called for trial and then having no cases ready for trial. We must do this well in advance of trial to handle any problems and then allow no further delay after that pre-trial conference.

I believe there is no place in the State Attorney's Office for making prosecutorial decisions based on who you are, or who you know. The chief consideration must be whether or not there has been a violation of law. The proper place for considering extenuating circumstances is in the sentencing process before the judge.

Another important issue is the steadily rising juvenile crime rate. We must take whatever steps are necessary to stop young offenders from becoming the adult felons of tomorrow. My office will be committed to working with the school and giving full cooperation to juvenile agencies, not only by prosecuting cases but by providing assistance and educational programs to better equip them in dealing with this serious problem.

We asked all the candidates running for Sheriff to answer the following questions:

- What is your opinion on requiring lie-detector tests, psychological suitability tests, annual physicals and financial disclosure statements from all members of the Sheriff's Department?
- What role do you believe the Sheriff's Department should play in containing drug smuggling in relation to other law enforcement duties? Do you feel federal and state narcotic agencies should be called upon to play a larger role in drug smuggling problems?
- What do you consider to be the most reasonable operating law enforcement manpower strength in Monroe County and what steps in addition to asking the County for more money would you recommend to achieve this?
- What steps would you take to prevent jail escape?
- Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF

Name: GEORGE H. ALDRET

- The polygraph is a functional method as an individual step in the pre-employment process, as a necessary and useful aid to investigation, but it should never be used as a final and only solution to any problem. The polygraph was invented for and should be used as an investigative aid. B. Psychological examinations are useful in pre-employment process, and as an aid in determining the stress level of an individual. It can be used to determine if an employee, or prospective employee may need some professional guidance. These tests are becoming more widely used by law enforcement agencies due to the amount of responsibility and liability that the police officer has to the public that they serve. C. Financial disclosure should be

used in complying with the state statute.

The role of the Sheriff's Department in containing importation of drugs is an important one, just by the nature of the office itself, and being charged by state statute to enforce the laws of this state and county. The County should work this as well as other crime problems in the community, but not to the exclusion of the other problems. The federal government should speed up and broaden its attack on this problem, and should make additional funds available to the local agencies to assist in curbing this mountainous problem.

The reasonable operating law enforcement manpower strength for Monroe County is based on many variable indicators, such as, population increase, visitors, crime by category increases, projected evaluation. Based on this information for one year, two year, and three year period. It would be this information brought to the County Commissioners in order to plan a budget, and with this information the Commissioners will have time to evaluate the request for additional funds.

The steps that I would take to prevent jail escapes are: A. Better and in depth training of jail personnel; B. Better evaluation of inmate status and work assignments; C. Closer supervision of inmates; D. Continuous inspection for areas and methods of escape; and E. Stronger monitoring of juvenile agencies, not only by prosecuting cases but by providing assistance and educational programs to better equip them in dealing with this serious problem.

There is an issue which has not been asked, that is, the issue of morale of the employees of the department. These employees are your friends, relatives and neighbors; they are entitled to live and work and should be happy, and secured in their positions. Low morale is like a cancer that eats away at the effectiveness and productivity of the department, to say nothing of the cost to the community in finances, as well as the loss of experienced personnel. Just like any other member of this community, they are entitled to protection of the law. They should not be punished on the mere speculation or innuendoes. There is no substitute for good law enforcement technique for criminal investigation, an administrative problem.

Name: BOBBY BROWN

Comprehensive evaluation of all law enforcement officers is crucial as our crime rate zooms and the complexity of successfully coping with that crime increases. Lie detector tests administered by qualified professionals should certainly be a part of that overall evaluation, as should psychological suitability tests, physical examinations and financial disclosures. Final decisions must be made on the sum total of this overall evaluation, and the final decisions must be made by qualified persons acting under public scrutiny.

The sheriff's department should concentrate its full efforts on eliminating the distribution of drugs within Monroe County, particularly among our children and young people. The federal government should assume primary responsibility for blocking the massive smuggling operations which actually constitute an armed invasion of our shores. We had vivid proof of this recently when Coast Guard and naval vessels were deployed to supervise the influx of Cuban refugees. Drug importation dropped dramatically at that time, proving that it CAN be done.

The most reasonable operating law enforcement manpower strength should be the highest sensible and useful number the county can afford without any further increase in taxes. Certainly, maintenance of an adequate law enforcement should have high priority in any county budget. Equally important, however, is the assurance that those personnel we hire are of the highest caliber, are superbly trained, and undergo regular refresher courses to keep Monroe County law enforcement up to date. Quality is as important as quantity.

I would bring an immediate halt to the current practice of using suspected murderers and bank robbers as trustees--particularly since most of the 12 prisoners who have escaped in the past six months were trustees who simply walked away. This practice isn't law enforcement--it's law abasement.

Yes--the most important issue of all. I refer to the frightening, 41.5% increase in serious crimes in Monroe County in the last year alone. Coupled with that is the incredibly low clearance rate for those crimes--2.3%. Serious crime is out of control in Monroe County, and more-of-the-same law enforcement isn't what our citizens deserve.

Name: WILLIAM FREEMAN (Incumbent) ENDORSED

In favor. I am proud as Sheriff to have initiated these requirements of all personnel back in 1978. The results have been heart-warming. We now have top quality professional deputies of proven honesty, emotional stability and physical fitness who are unhampered by pressing financial obligations. It is imperative that any law enforcement agency be prepared to furnish the Community they serve with the best qualified personnel they can recruit. These policies are valid methods of insuring quality personnel and maintaining the standards prescribed by the department and demands by the Community.

The Sheriff's department has regained the confidence of the public and of other law enforcement agencies including the F.B.I. as a result of these standards.

The annual requirements are financial disclosure (same form as elected officials), personality profile (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Test) and polygraph (lie-detector test on job related honesty.) Physicals are required of new personnel and will be required annually.

I took a blood bath putting these requirements into practice, as a few individuals vehemently objected. They brought a law suit to prohibit the tests. However, the tests were approved in the Circuit Court, the Court of Appeals, and the Florida Supreme Court. I, myself, have taken the tests. My financial disclosure and polygraph test results--all positive--were published in the local newspapers.

The Sheriff's Department should cooperate with state and federal agencies and let the other agencies take the larger role. Drug smuggling, because it eventually crosses all areas of law enforcement jurisdiction, is a concurrent responsibility of the Sheriff's Department. Primary enforcement responsibility, however, lies with the federal agencies, since it involves narcotics being brought across the U.S. borders. Federal and state agencies should make a greater effort in the South Florida area or these respective levels of government should provide additional supplemental funding to local sheriffs so that they can more adequately address this specialized area of enforcement. It is not really fair that local tax dollars, which are severely limited, be committed to this area of

enforcement. Nevertheless, since I have been Sheriff, our Department has slowed drug traffic by confiscating over \$300 million in marijuana and hashish and making hundreds of arrests. However, I was glad when U.S. Customs and the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) became aware of the vast traffic through the Keys and stationed more personnel here to deal with it.

I am happy for the other agencies to have the biggest part of the business and we cooperate with them in every way.

I have requested budget funding for twenty-four (24) additional officers. A compromise increase of ten or twelve officers is proposed by the Commission because of current budget limitations. We are actually well below the national average of acceptable manpower levels based upon the recommended levels of 2.1 officers per one thousand population by the I.A.C.P. Population figures for 1977 (55,124) dictated an enforcement staff of 115 officers, we have less one half that many at this time, four years later.

I have attempted to supplement this manpower deficiency by seeking and obtaining state and federal grants to fund certain areas of the department operations. As Sheriff, I have brought in over one-half million dollars in grant money to ease the burden. Unfortunately, grant money per se cannot be used to fund routine patrol operations. This is the area which is in dire need of increasing personnel.

In addition, as the national economy tightens, grant money is drying up. The only way to really bolster local law enforcement is with local funding.

Adequate funding must be addressed by separate distinct taxing measures, acceptable to the public, that provides for specific allotment of funds for law enforcement. The general public adamantly rejects increased taxation unless they themselves can determine where the tax dollar will be spent.

Current Census figures are still not available but will most certainly reflect a definite increase in population.

The only way to fully prevent jail escapes is to keep prisoners

locked in their cells twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week and to eliminate outside exercise, the minimum security unit on Stock Island, and stop prisoners from doing janitor work and working on county property. As Sheriff, my goal is to have as few escapes as possible while allowing reasonable movement for work and exercise.

I have engaged the services of an outside consultant to study the jail and make recommendations on escape prevention and all other areas. His preliminary finding is astonishment that the jail is run as well as it is. The jail, even with its horribly inadequate and antiquated facility and overcrowdedness, is one of the better run jails in the state. It now meets state standards for health care, nutrition, exercise facilities, operating rules, and male and female supervision.

Escape from custody can be generally attributed to personnel error or facility design. The present staff of the jail is well trained. Staffing levels are still not adequate for the number of prisoners maintained. An increase in jail staff to adequate levels and a better designed facility are unfortunately the only method which would be effective. I say unfortunately because both avenues require increased funding in some manner.

I favor citizen participation in law enforcement. An indirect manner of participation is voting in the up-coming elections, which will decide whether you, the people, approve the policies and progress for which I have been responsible.

As Sheriff, I have established

Citizens Crime Watch Programs in which citizens participate and help stop criminals and prevent crime. We have a Crime Prevention Unit which makes free security checks of property and makes suggestions to citizens on how to prevent break-ins. This unit also gives talks and demonstrations to clubs and community meetings to inform the public on crime prevention. It encourages citizens to mark all property with number of their Florida drivers license (Operation I.D.).

One of the participation programs I am most proud of is the Sheriff's Cadets. This program encourages the younger generation, in their formative years, to participate in law enforcement. We have fine, upstanding young people proudly wearing the department uniform as Sheriff's Cadets. Incidentally, five former Cadets are now students in our Police Academy training to become deputy sheriffs.

Our Citizens Complaint Procedure is a vital part of my philosophy of citizen participation. We encourage citizens to bring to the attention of the department any incident or information that reflects upon the quality of service provided or indicates in any way misconduct on the part of any officer. All such complaints are investigated thoroughly and fairly. This procedure protects the citizens from non-professional police work and protects the officers from unwarranted accusations.

Name: FRANKLIN HERNANDEZ

A. I am in favor of using polygraph as an investigative tool for internal security in the Department. But, let me emphasize that the polygraph must be used only as a tool and the rest must be properly administered. In so doing, we can insure a better Department for the people of this County.

B. I am for psychological suitability tests administered in the proper manner by persons so qualified to administer the test.

C. I am for annual physicals as all deputies should be physically qualified to be a law enforcement officer.

D. I have no objections to submitting a financial disclosure and I do not feel that anyone should object if it is required as a part of his employment or if they are under investigation.

A. I feel that the Sheriff's Department or any law enforcement agency should uphold every law that they are required to enforce and I do not feel that drug smuggling is any exception. Each law enforcement agency has a specific department to handle each phase of law enforcement.

B. No one person in any law enforcement position can claim he handled each and every law enforcement problem in the County. In order to have good effective law enforcement, you must have a combined effort of all law enforcement agencies to be attained by continuous cooperation with each agency.

At the present time the Sheriff's Department is divided into three areas of responsibility. Key West to Big Pine Key; Big Pine Key to Long Key; and Long Key to remainder of the County. Each area has a 24 hour operating period to be divided into three shifts, with each requiring additional officers for relief work. I feel that this is sufficient and is necessary, but unless the Department is organized and operating properly, there will be demands for additional manpower thereby requiring more money to operate. Effective law enforcement can be provided through proper education and organization of the Sheriff Dept.

Jail escapes cannot in every instance be prevented, as the law provides that prisoners must be

transported to and from hospitals and given recreational areas, etc. I feel that jail escapes can be controlled by effective training of correctional officers and scheduled inspections of security facilities.

In order to have effective law enforcement, which is the basic solution to most problems confronting the Sheriff Department, I feel you must have the best personnel possible and be able to retain them through normal retirement period. In order to accomplish this, the Department must afford all Department personnel job security in some form or fashion. It is my belief that a Civil Service Board, similar to the previous board the Department had, is needed.

We asked all the candidates running for County Judge the following questions:

1. What in your opinion are the principal qualifications to be County Judge other than, of course, statutory requirements?
2. Many citizens win small judgements in County Courts but are unable to collect on them. What assistance should the court render to aid the aggrieved party?
3. Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Name: KAY FINLEY PREFERRED

Other than being a member in good standing of the Florida Bar, as is required by Florida law, the principal qualifications for county judge are intelligence, common sense, and legal scholarship. A judge must have the intellectual ability to identify the legal issues before the court, the common sense to judge each case on its own facts, and the legal scholarship to relate the applicable law to those facts. A judge also needs impartiality, a commitment to truth, and idealism tempered by an understanding of the real world. A judge must have the maturity and the temperament to use wisely the substantial discretion given to judges. A judge must be a true believer in the rule of law. Law is the foundation of civilized society.

I meet these qualifications. Otherwise, I would not have acceded to the urging of other lawyers whom I respect that I seek the office of county judge. I have built a successful private law practice in the four years since I was admitted to the bar. I have a growing, varied and loyal clientele, whose amazing patience and cooperation during this campaign have been a great help.

I ranked in the top 10% of my law school class. I was the executive editor of the University of Florida Law Review. After graduating with honors, I qualified and was selected for membership in the Order of the Coif, the closest law school equivalent to Phi Beta Kappa. I am the president of the Monroe County Bar Association, the first woman elected to that office. My peers trust my intelligence, my impartiality, and my common sense.

There is a fine line between a judge's concern for individual people and violation of the constitutional and ethical prohibitions against practicing law and playing favorites between parties to a lawsuit. A judge can ethically explain the procedural aspects of the judgment itself, and he or she can suggest that the person contact the knowledgeable and helpful personnel in the County Clerk's office and in the civil division of the Sheriff's office about the procedures for collecting the judgment. A judge may suggest that the person consult an attorney about those procedures, but ethi-

cally he or she cannot dispense legal advice. That is the province of a lawyer, an advocate.

A very important issue not mentioned in the questionnaire is that of alternatives to jail sentences for persons guilty of nonviolent, victimless minor offenses. Up and down the Keys there is a need for many kinds of unpaid work that can be performed by such persons. Such alternatives would not cost the taxpayers \$50.00 a day, as does each day in the county jail. We have many senior citizens, disabled persons, and community agencies that could benefit from the services these misdemeanants could perform. Additionally, doing something for someone less fortunate is more rehabilitative than sitting for 10 or 20 days in jail where inmates become embittered and have an excellent opportunity to improve their criminal education. In short, the bad guys should be behind bars, and the others should pay their debt to society in a more concrete manner.

Name: RICHARD G. PAYNE

Aside from personality factors such as honesty, competence and fairness, for a person to be a good judge of a County Court requires that person to be able to react quickly and unhesitatingly; to be able to take the most outrageously unexpected development in stride; and be able to make rulings decisively and understandingly as a trial judge. In order to be in a position to do this the County Court Judge must have a good working knowledge of the mechanics of a jury trial, the statutory and substantive law relating specifically to criminal trials and the rules of evidence. Simply stated, the trial judge should have had a fair amount of jury trial experience as a practicing lawyer. The Court Judge should have five (5) years experience as a lawyer in order to be eligible for assignment of Circuit Court cases. In this manner, the County Judge may assist the Circuit Court in the disposition of their case load.

Studies elsewhere in Florida show that only 21% of small claims court judgments result in satisfaction to the creditor. The difficulty in collecting for a vast majority of these cases lies in the simple fact that the debtor either has no assets upon which to pay the debt or has left the area after service of the court papers--leaving no forwarding address.

Even the best lawyer would be unable to collect for his client and would advise the client to write off the debt as uncollectible.

When a small claim is filed and the defendant appears (which is only in a minority of cases) for trial, an attempt should be made by the judge to have the defendant volunteer to make payment, and a payment schedule stipulated in open court. Usually this results in satisfaction of the claim, as the defendant debtor is much more likely to pay if he agrees to do so, for otherwise the debt may not be collected due to the practical problems associated with the creditor attempting to locate assets of the defendant to seize in satisfaction of the debt, and the attending legal problems of attempting to garnish wages (maximum of 25% of the pay check), bank accounts (a bank may not by law disclose, prior to being served a writ of garnishment, information as to whether or not the debtor has an account with them) or attachment of assets such as automobiles. Obviously, in cases where the defendant has not appeared in court, the amicable agreed upon settlement is not possible and the creditor must resort to these remedies. I usually advise the creditor to call upon the debtor by telephone or written letter, and advise

of the fact of the judgment, and inquire when he can expect payment, with a statement that the creditor does not wish for the judgment to be a cloud upon the debtor's good credit and that the creditor does not wish to seize the debtor's assets to satisfy the debt. This often results in payment. I also advise the creditor to check with the local automobile Tag office to ascertain whether or not the debtor has a vehicle registered in his name, and advise that the vehicle can be seized by the Sheriff upon request, and deposited for storage with the Sheriff. The Sheriff's office will provide the creditor with the forms to be used to accomplish a levy. I also recommend that the creditor call City Electric Customer Service Department to locate the whereabouts of the debtor, if unknown to him. I explain the methods and procedures of obtaining Writs of Attachment, Garnishment and Replevin so that they can elect the method of proceeding to collect their judgment. Legislation in this area is definitely needed. In 1978 a bill was introduced in the legislature to require the debtor to pay the judgment or disclose assets upon which the judgment could be satisfied. Failure of the party to pay or provide such a list of assets would constitute contempt of court and would be punishable as such. The bill failed to pass.

The make-up of Citizens of Monroe County is quite diverse as far as walks of life, beliefs, ethnic and cultural backgrounds are concerned. It is the County Judge's role to act as an impartial umpire, and to provide a courtroom where these divergent beliefs can be expressed without fear of reprisal, and fair and impartial decisions rendered based solely on the facts without regard to the walks of life, status or occupation of the competing litigants. In criminal misdemeanor matters, sentences should be uniform as far as possible but at the same time, the different factors applying to each case must be considered if justice is to be accomplished in each case. Alternatives to jail and fines must be explored and given a chance to work. At the same time, the great volume of cases make this task exceedingly difficult to accomplish, unless the trial judge is thoroughly familiar with the body of law applicable to the cases before the court and the alternatives available for sentencing.

We asked all candidates for the State House of Representatives, 120th District seat, the following questions:

1. What is your position on Critical State Concern as it affects Monroe County and the City of Key West?
2. If you were the incumbent, why did you vote for the abolishment of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority? If you were not the incumbent, how would you have voted and why?
3. There is a growing problem of traffic congestion and hazard on many of the Keys, especially with cars entering and crossing U.S. 1 from new residential and commercial developments on these Keys. What solution do you suggest?
4. Municipalities and other local governments are having great trouble meeting their budgets. What steps could be taken on the state level to aid them? For example, would you support a 1% county sales tax that would be partially earmarked for financially distressed city governments?
5. Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

CANDIDATES FOR STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 120TH DISTRICT

Name: JOE ALLEN (Incumbent) PREFERRED

The legislature has set down certain stipulations under which the

City of Key West and the County of Monroe may be un-designated as "Areas of Critical State Concern." Likewise, there are provisions in the law whereby they may be re-designated if there is laxity in the enforcement of ordinance or laws enacted for the protection of the environment. Whenever the city and county meet these requirements, they should be released. It is the feeling of members of the Natural Resources Committee that there are other areas in the State which should be designated and that state officials are reluctant to do so until the City of Key West and/or Monroe County is released.

As State Representative I voted to authorize members of the South Florida Water Management Board to serve as Commissioners of Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority with an additional member from Monroe County. The new pipeline is a must in light of the deteriorated condition of the present pipeline, desalinization plant, R.O. plants and pumping stations. Most important, the necessity of eliminating large quantities of fuel oil in light of projected shortages and increase in price in the not too distant future. The Governor, his staff, three Monroe Senators and your Representative were convinced that under certain conditions the Florida Keys could be out of water for an indefinite period of time. Also, without this legislation, Farmers Home Administration's loan to finance the new pipeline would have been lost.

I have just requested the Governor to order a study of the Overseas Highway to determine what can be done to curtail the loss of life which has increased in recent months. By the same token, a study should be made of the problems which residents and motorists experience in entering and crossing U.S. #1. In a heavy 1979 Winter season on most weekends, it is virtually impossible to cross the highway. Pursuant to the study, the county commission and Department of Transportation should take such steps as is necessary to alleviate the situation.

For many years, even prior to serving in the Legislature, I have advocated that the state assume full responsibility for financing public education. This would make it possible for the ad valorem tax to be used strictly for local purposes and relax restrictions on cities and counties ability to properly finance necessary services. On the other hand, I would look favorably on broadening the so called resort tax to finance those services which are necessary for the health and welfare of its citizens and at the same time make the city and county more attractive and inviting to tourists.

During the 1980 session I urged the governor to take necessary action within his power through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to curtail and if possible, eliminate drug smuggling along the coast of Florida, in particular, the Florida Keys. I was instrumental in including in the supplemental budget funds for the establishment of the FDLE office in Key West. The Governor vetoed this item because he felt that this was within his authority as governor and should not be done through a budget item. He assured me that there would be an office here, properly staffed, with increased pressure by state and federal authorities. I believe that the Florida Keys and Key West have been portrayed as "lawless" and that it has had a demoralizing effect on our citizens and has contributed to the decline in the number of tourists.

Name: JOE BALBONTIN

I am against all state control because I do not feel the people of

Monroe County and the city of Key West should lose local control to the state.

This should have been on a referendum, and let the people decide in accordance with amendment 15 of the U.S. Constitution. I would have voted "NO" to abolishment and put it to a referendum.

In my opinion overpasses should be constructed for the congested areas.

I would not be in favor of a 1% sales tax unless an annual state audit would find it necessary.

Protection for part of the county workers whose appeal rights were abolished. The trash on the city streets and vacant areas should be cleaned up. Four lanes for U.S. One. Environmental patrol. Hurricane shelters.

Name: RICK EVERDAM

Critical Concern was never designed to encompass an entire political subdivision. Since we are stuck with it anyway, it should be used as a lever to extract state help in the stabilization of the Keys economy in tourism, commercial fishing and sport fishing.

I would not have voted to abolish the FCAA. That act took the heat off the local FCAA officials who allowed the system to degenerate to such a state that the only thing which will save it is a massive increase in water rates. The governor knew that the local FCAA officials did not have the (guts) to raise rates sufficiently to pay for the mess they have made. So the governor sent in a bunch of out of towners who can and will raise rates without fear of retribution, leaving poor Joe Pinder to be the sacrificial lamb. The elected board should have been forced to remain in place long enough to face their ineptitude head on. Either way you and I will pay for their mistakes.

Under the provisions of developments of regional impact, traffic congestion and access should have been considered as a component of their building application. Someone is not doing his job. Find out who.

I think that the state should reconsider the entire funding formula based not on population or politics but on the actual cost of delivery of government services. It simply costs more to do government business in a small population county spread across 120 miles.

As a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives my primary goal is to bring a level of stability heretofore missing in Monroe County. We have suffered long enough with a government by crisis. Someone must be willing and able to anticipate the problems which can devastate our economy and way of life and head them off.

For example, there will one day be competition between Dade and Monroe County over the diminishing water supply of the Biscayne Aquifer. Monroe County residents have been asked to pay for a \$70 million pipe line which connects to the mainland well fields but we have no real assurances of water from those well fields. We must act now to protect the Biscayne Aquifer, our "water well." And now, before we must compete with Dade, NOW, before the crisis comes, we must secure a state law guaranteeing water from mainland well fields.

We must secure similar guarantee from the state that any fuel rationing plan adopted by the state--during some future contrived oil shortage--includes

a guarantee of fuel to Monroe County for commercial and sport fishing. Every rationing plan proposed at the state and federal level has started with a ban on recreational boating. This is intolerable. Gas rationing or water rationing would devastate the Keys economy beyond hope of repair. The assurance of adequate water and adequate fuel is a first step toward stability and it is the Monroe County equivalent of the Bill of Rights.

And we should not be embarrassed to demand such stability. We are not talking about vast amounts of fuel nor vast amounts of water. The legislature has made us an area of critical state concern. It is now time for the legislature to convert that critical concern into action. It is better to have it and not need it, than to need it and not have it.

Name: HENRY L. ROSENTHAL, JR.

The designation of Monroe County and the City of Key West as an area of critical concern was, I'm sure, very necessary at the time of its conception. Having found all judgements of both the Zoning Board and the County Commission to always have been upheld by the State, it appears that this has become a layer of government that is not necessary and definitely results in an unnecessary expense of the taxpayer money.

Many times decisions are made of which I personally do not approve. However, under the circumstances, I would have voted to abolish the FCAA because I feel it to be in the best interest of the people. I would strongly endorse the return of the Aqueduct Authority back to the people of Monroe County as soon as possible. At this time it would also be mandatory that we have a governing board with the full expertise and knowledge to set policy and hire management.

A stricter enforcement of speed laws would certainly be a priority in combating this problem. Access lanes from residential areas to the main highway which would enable you to join the flow of traffic, certainly deserves some investigating.

The state should only be called upon after all other avenues for financial stability have been exhausted. At that time, the Financial Emergency Act would be enacted. I would not support a one percent (1%) Sales Tax as it is an inelastic tax which directly affects the middle and lower income groups, as they must bear a greater percentage of the tax.

Aside from the issues of water, Area of Critical Concern and drug trafficking, I find an inefficient plan for evacuation and survival in the event of a hurricane. This would be my number one concern at this time. The major problem with evacuation is the fear of looting and the destruction of personal property after the hurricane. I would assure the citizens of the Lower Keys, especially, that I would make every attempt, even if I had to camp on the doorstep of the Governor himself, to have the National Guard in the Keys area prior to the hurricane, not after the disaster, as is the usual practice. This show of strength and concern would relax the minds of our citizens and promote their evacuation.

We asked all the candidates running for the Florida Senate, 39th District seat, to answer the following questions:

1. What is your position on Critical State Concern as it affects Monroe County and the City of Key West?

2. If you were the incumbent, why did you vote for the abolishment of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority? If you were not the incumbent, how would you have voted and why?

3. There is a growing problem of traffic congestion and hazard on many of the Keys, especially with cars entering and crossing U.S. 1 from new residential and commercial developments on these Keys. What solution do you suggest?

4. Municipalities and other local governments are having great trouble meeting their budgets. What steps could be taken on the state level to aid them? For example, would you support a 1% county sales tax that would be partially earmarked for financially distressed city governments?

5. Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

CANDIDATES FOR FLORIDA SENATE 39TH DISTRICT

Name: VERNON C. HOLLOWAY (Incumbent) PREFERRED

1979 legislation appears to provide reasonable measures to aid social, economic and environmental needs.

2. Realizing that the foremost concern of all of Monroe County is providing water as needed and after much consideration, many meetings and consultations with the government and others, it is my recommendation that all persons should join together in a concerted effort to accept the assistance as offered by our government and the South Florida Water Management District. Additionally, I have been successful in prevailing to provide an automatic sunset provision whereby the entire function of the FCAA would revert to Monroe County in 1983 and 1985 respectively.

I will confer with the County Engineer and the State D.O.T. District #6 engineer in an effort to alleviate the situation.

I am considering expanding the use of the existing 10' tax provision to allow other uses such as you suggest.

The 1980's offer great challenges and opportunities to all of us. As a member of the Florida Legislature, I will continue to find the ways and means to:

(1) Provide adequate funding to meet the Transportation needs of the ever growing Metropolitan areas of the State like Dade County. It is my hope that we can accomplish this without burdening the taxpayers of Florida with an additional State Gas Tax. I pledge to work towards that goal.

(2) I shall continue to strongly support all measures to improve our State School system from Kindergarten through the College level. Our children deserve the best we can provide.

(3) Older citizens deserve our full attention and their needs must be met. I will continue to strongly support legislation aimed at meeting those needs.

(4) The burden of refugees upon the people of Dade and Monroe Counties must be resolved. As your State Senator I will do everything possible to obtain Federal assistance to lighten the load upon Dade and Monroe citizens. We are a land of immigrants but there are limits to what we can or should be expected to do locally.

(5) I have been a consistent leader in the 14 years I have served you in the State legislature to eliminate waste from government. The cost of living is too high for all of us. And waste in government cannot be tolerated at a time when inflation is robbing everyone of hard earned dollars.

(6) I have consistently voted for laws to fight crime. As your State Senator I will continue to do so.

Name: DICK RENICK

If elected I will continue to work with state and local governments to assure a proper orderly growth of the county and city.

There should have been public hearing and a voter referendum to let the voters decide. In 1974 it was approved by 87% by the voters to elect the FCAA.

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This should be voted on by the people after public hearings.

Senator Dick Renick co-introduced, worked and passed all the original legislation relating to the Keys bridges and water pipeline as did Senators Poston and Holloway.

All candidates for Superintendent of Elections were asked the following questions:

1. What do you consider the primary responsibilities of this office?

2. In past elections there has been evidence of vote buying. Do you feel that your office could do something to help stop this abuse? If so, what?

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTIONS

Name: WILLIAM "BILLY" FREEMAN ENDORSED (Incumbent)

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Name: ROY ANDERSON (Did not respond to questionnaire.)

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1
Wilhelmina Harvey, endorsed



Wilhelmina Harvey has gone down the line with us on environmental issues for years. A stabilized county growth based on rigid enforcement of our county Land Use Plan is a must for continued harmony in the Keys. Her endorsement of this philosophy, her honesty, and her willingness to serve the people of Monroe County make her our endorsed candidate.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3
Dexter Springstead, endorsed



Dexter Springstead and others wanted to get Jacques Cousteau to set up his headquarters on the Navy Base years ago and they got Cousteau's interest. There was no backup from local officials and Cousteau located elsewhere. Dexter has been involved in the field of solar energy and was sales manager for a European company that sold desalination plants. At one point, Dexter approached the FCAA with an offer of free assistance at the desal plant but was turned down. Dexter has been environmentally involved on our side for years and was one of the founders and first vice president of the Greater Key West Citizens Association which successfully stopped Hi-Rise construction in Key West. We feel he is modern, progressive and intelligent and is our endorsed candidate in this race.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 5
Don Schloesser, endorsed



A few elections back, we couldn't believe our good luck when we heard that Jerry Shibley, then president of the Audubon Society and a staunch environmentalist, was elected a County Commissioner. At the next election he was joined by Don Schloesser, an ardent environmentalist who had headed the "No Hi-Rise in the Keys" fight. We felt our county government was fortunate to have two such good men, who shared our philosophies, serving at the same time. Jerry Shibley got defeated in his re-election bid and Don continued fighting for environmental issues. We're endorsing Don again. He has remained an articulate advocate of county planning, has manifested stature and maturity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and has demonstrated an excellent grasp of all aspects of county government.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
William "Billie" Freeman, endorsed

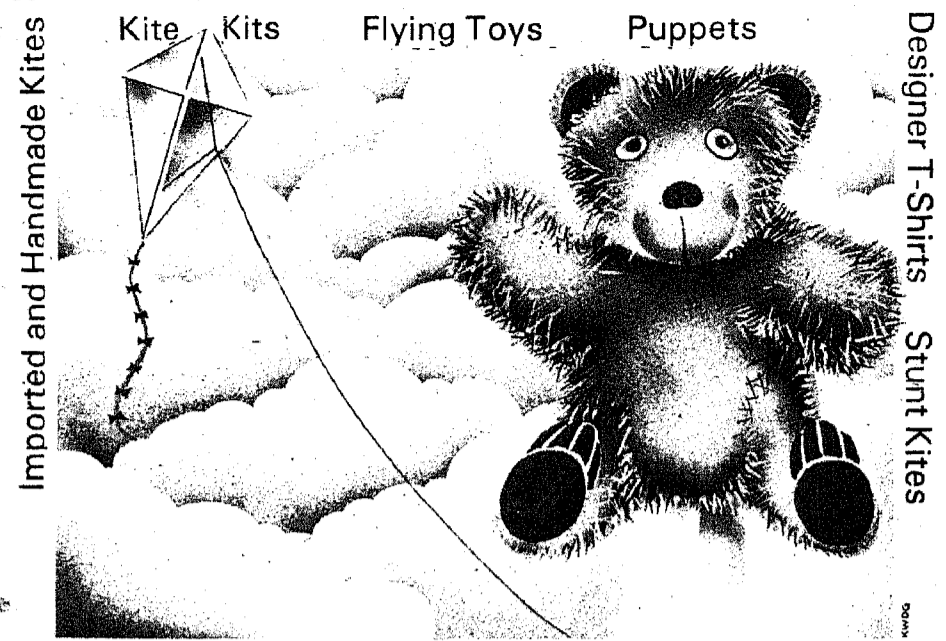


In our estimation, William "Billie" Freeman has been doing a first-rate job for many years and we find no reason not to strongly endorse him.

Good News DEPARTMENT

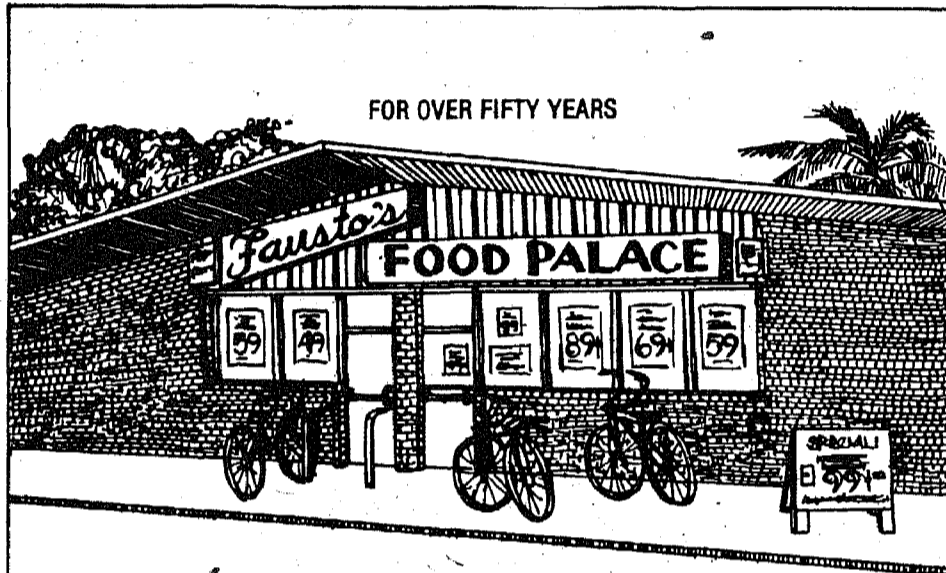
OLD TOWN SQUARE

This is an artist's rendition of a proposal by Ed Swift and associates to make a square at Mallory Square. Central to the design is the placement of the Fisherman's Cafe (shown as it would look after restoration) in the square along with a community gazebo that would announce coming events, a craftsmen's open air stall where craftsmen would make and sell goods, and a bricked patio. There would be seating under the overhang of the Couch Train Depot. This open space concept looks very attractive and perhaps it's time that we had a square at Mallory Square. The cars that had been parking there could be parked at the Navy Base. We look forward to the proposal being given serious attention by our city fathers.



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ALICE REID'S PLACE was perhaps the best known of houses in the city limits, not only because of the verbal advertising spread by the cab drivers, but for its actual enticements. The girls were nearly all from Georgia, had "honeychile" accents and were nearly all wholesome, country-style, nice-looking "fillies." Exerting Southern charm, they were appealing, for the most part, not overly exotic, and they made customers feel truly welcomed. All the Reid girls were dressed in virginal white! Such quality of allure and innocence provided a winsome combination.

The popularity of the Reid house was partly due to the discipline with which the operation was governed. The proprietors were Alice Reid and Marvin Griffith, reportedly a married couple. Rules were strictly kept and the house closed bar and bed business promptly at 2 a.m. The owners supervised the shuttering and kept order. All was well and the routine adhered to, except for one person.

THIS WAS A taxi driver who had the ironically Rabelaisian name of Plowman. Graydon Plowman was a secret visitor to Cecelia Thompson Tunks, one of the Georgia "honeybuns" who worked for Alice and Marvin. She was a large woman, about six feet tall. Some reports picture her as a redhead, others as having raven locks. But as one informant declared, "Those girls dyed their hair and made frequent changes in coloring, so who is to name the true color?"

It was a nightly custom for Plowman to keep a 3 a.m. rendezvous with Cecelia, meeting her in her own room a full hour after the Reid house was officially shuttered. Whether this was for romantic reasons, or business arrangements, is unknown. It could be that Plowman was simply checking up on receipts of trade he steered toward Cecelia, or he may have been enamoured of her.

As all old-timers on the island relate it, a successful and well-known member of the community married a woman who had worked in one of the "establishments," and she turned out to be a loyal and respectable helpmate. "She made a very good Conch wife," said the man-in-the-know.

AT ANY RATE, Plowman kept his usual waltz-time appointment, so called from an old popular song, *Three O'Clock in the Morning*. He climbed the outside back stairs that led to a second floor door, to reach the room occupied by Cecelia Tunks. There was no answer to his knock, so he went around the second story porch where a window looked in to her bedroom. He could see her in bed, so he climbed in the window, and found her nude body sprawled on the top of the bedding.

The news report, with peculiar delicacy, stated she had been strangled "with a silken undergarment, twisted around her throat with a toothbrush."

Immediate identification of the "undergarment" was never revealed in the news account, but it was later generally asserted that a pair of silk panties was used to accomplish the strangling.

Plowman's SUBSEQUENT BEHAVIOR following his discovery of the crime seems odd. At the inquest, held February 11, he told questioner J. Lancelot Lester, Jr., that after seeing that Cecelia was dead, he rushed out via the window and the back stairs, in shock, without rousing anyone in the house. He then walked, still in shock, seven blocks to a downtown bar where he finally took a taxi to inform the police of the death.

The inquest was a confusing procedure with conflicting testimony by nearly all persons involved in any manner. Justice of the Peace Enrique Esquinaldo, who later became Municipal Judge, was hard put to get and coordinate accurate statements from witnesses.

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BARTENDER CHESTER ROBERTS, employed by the Griffiths, testified that he had last seen the victim at around 11:30 p.m. in the downstairs area, but not after that time.

A close girl friend of Cecelia's reported that she had noticed her in the bar at 12:40 a.m.; the other six "on the staff" couldn't recall just when the big redhead had appeared in the bar section. They all explained that they were required to be in the contact space at the bar unless they were in their respective rooms dealing with clients.

One girl did remark that she had heard a noise around 2 a.m., as if a heavy person had dropped from the low roof outside the window of her room.

DR. H.C. GALEY examined the corpse and told of bruises found on the deceased woman's face, one on her chin and another under one eye. The physician placed the time of the murder at approximately 10 hours before he had examined the strangled woman—which pointed to about 2 a.m. February 9 as the hour the crime was committed.

A special investigator from the state attorney's office in Miami arrived to grill all the persons involved with the event. He was assisted in fingerprinting by Roy Hamlin.

Auburn Ellis, a steward on a yacht docked here, was one of the men interrogated. He admitted that he had gone with Cecelia to her room, but then returned to the bar and was seen there before he returned to his ship.

IT WAS LEARNED that the murdered woman was only 22 years of age, and that she came originally from Roseville, Georgia. She had lived in Key West for about three years. In October, 1940, she had been married to a Navy man serving aboard the USS *Pandora* which was presently out of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Griffith (she was better known as Alice Reid) were held as material witnesses, as was bartender Chester Roberts, but after a number of weeks, the case was still unsolved and the witnesses were released. There were rumors that the strangling was an "inside job" and that one of the house prostitutes, or Alice Reid herself, had been the strangler. The motive, according to scuttlebutt, was that Marvin Griffith had been getting overly "chummy" with Cecelia Tunks. Opinions were varied, especially since Cecelia had been a large woman capable of defending herself, especially from another woman as her attacker. There was also a hint that a Lesbian element may have been the cause behind the homicide.

DURING THE SIX weeks of investigation, the Reid house was temporarily out of action and missed participation in a convention of one of the largest men's organizations in the country—due to several raids. This loss of revenue, plus persistent interference of the FBI who stepped into the community and arrested seven women for vagrancy, was the coup de grace. After a couple of repeats in this line, the Alice Reid house ceased operations, and so did other bawdy houses.

IN ADDITION TO the FBI charges of white slavery brought against operators of brothels on the island, the U.S. Navy demanded a general cleanup of houses of prostitution. With the approach of the nation's participation in World War II, the campaign against whorehouses continued, and concentrated action against prostitution resulted in abandonment of Key West's organized redlight habitats. Of course there continued to be scattered "services" available, including business as usual by the independent streetwalkers and "B" girls about town. But the days of fame of the houses of ill-fame were over.

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THIS IS THE wording of the infamous "RED TAG," a document conspicuously placed on hundreds of boats seized either by U.S. Customs or by Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.) officials as a result of participation in the four-month-old "Freedom Flotilla." At first thought by many to be "merely a formality," the red tag's continuing existence on vessels docked in harbors all around the U.S.A. has been the cause of extreme confusion, consternation and most importantly, significant financial loss.

The island of Key West, where the boatlift began, progressed and is still continuing, has seen its fishing forces literally manacled by the red sticker. To this day, a great part of the Truman Annex dock is strewn with boats displaying the prominent seal, with chalk marks bearing the word "Customs" or "INS" to indicate the type of impoundment. In protest, private boat owners, fishermen, their wives and

children, lawyers and concerned third parties have been struggling for months to understand the meanings and procedures behind it.

BUT REVELATIONS ARE forthcoming with hesitance, and clarifications are difficult and at some times impossible to get at all. Although individual cases may vary, and names must be omitted due to impending litigation, a large number of those who went to Cuba before May 15th will comment on their willingness to take part in the boatlift according to governmental rules:

"I made my decision to go there (Cuba) to get my son's girlfriend's parents after President Carter made his "open arms, open heart" policy speech on May 5th. I wouldn't have gone otherwise. I was a captain in the U.S. Navy for 22

border patrols, and U.S. Coast Guard vessels securing safe passage. I can't say anything against those guys; they worked like hell out there, with a lot of cooperation and good will. But when we got home, it was another story."

IT WASN'T UNTIL May 14th, a little less than a month after the flotilla had begun, that the White House position changed dramatically. All boats involved in the boatlift were ordered to return home immediately, and no more Cubans were to be escorted to Key West. On May 15th, the news reached Americans docked in Mariel Harbor.

"We tried to obey our President and come home. Cuban gunboats blocked our way. Cuban-Americans who went with us mutinied right before our eyes. They were desperate for the sake of their

OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES VARY, BUT THE CONSENSUS IS THAT THE SUFFERING ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE BOATLIFT IS DISPROPORTIONATE TO ANY CRIME FOR WHICH THEY MAY BE FOUND GUILTY

years, and believe strongly in *esprit de corps*."

"I was out fishing. My wife radioed me, saying, 'Come in and go to Cuba. The President has given the go-ahead. We have friends who need our help.'"

THERE ARE COUNTLESS tales like these, detailing the specifics of the journey:

"I said to myself, well, if we're going, let's make sure we do it legally. So I went to the Coast Guard to inquire as to all the procedures. They sent me to the Documentation Office, told me to have my papers changed to say that I had my country's permission to enter foreign ports and foreign waters. With this I complied, and had my proper credentials in a number of hours."

"We went with the blessings of the Coast Guard, who pointed out the way for us and gave marine advisories. All the way, there were U.S. naval ships, U.S.

kin."

"President Carter made it dangerous for his people to be in a Communist country. He doesn't run Cuba. Didn't he have the brains to realize his people couldn't leave when they wanted?"

"All those who tried to leave were prevented."

"I was there 38 days in all, waiting to get out. Finally, they let me go, with 215 people aboard, none of whom were the relatives I wanted."

"...and I had to wait 58 days."

THE EXULTATION AND buoyancy felt by many returning U.S. citizens at seeing their native turf once more was somewhat quelled by the sobering reality of the governmental seizure of their seacraft. The full impact of its importance was not felt until later, because at the time, Customs and INS officials made light of it:

"We were so glad to get home, we

didn't stop to question them, and besides, they told us not to worry about it (the red tag). They said it didn't mean anything, that it was just a technicality."

THE CONCERNS AND regrets came later, when a good majority realized that the red tag meant seizure of the vessels for an inordinate amount of time, the probability of impending fines, possible forfeiture of the boats completely, court hearings, appeals, etc. Commercial vehicles were "constructively seized," meaning they could be released to their home ports, but could not then move anywhere else. Others were "physically seized," meaning they could not move at all.

"Whenever a boat is red-tagged, there is supposed to be a hearing on the issue within 72 hours," indicates Thomas J. Sireci, Jr., a Key West lawyer working on behalf of the boat owners. "There is also an appeal which can be filed against the red-tagging order. None of this was done because the fishermen and others were not told of their rights in the matter. These actions were a direct violation of the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment," he asserts.

NOR HAVE THEY been properly treated to this time. Not one case of a red-tagged vessel seizure has been resolved in a court of law. To free the various craft for use, however, a variety of litigation has come down, making it very difficult if not impossible for many to resume normal boating and/or fishing activities.

The first of these, a late-June "Memorandum Opinion and Preliminary Injunction," was issued by Judge Aronowitz in Miami, against 19 owners and 31 vessels. These were its stipulations:

For a boat to be released:

1. a personal surety bond must be posted with the federal court in the amount of \$30,000 for any vessel 65 feet and under; \$50,000 for any vessel over

this footage;

2. bonds must be secured by a written maritime lien in favor of the U.S. Government;

3. the vessels must be insured, naming the U.S. Government as payee;

4. vessels must not travel to foreign ports without posting additional bond;

5. there must be no sale or conveyance, no equipment removed, no registration numbers changed. The vessel must not change the home port which it listed at the time of release; and

6. the owners must report the presence of the vessel to U.S. Customs at its home based port once every third week and allow inspection by Customs or INS.

IN JULY, JUDGE Eaton in Miami made a similar judgement in a class action suit which affected more people, more time, and gave permission for an appeal to charter and/or obtain a loan on the vessels. However, the confusion and difficulty in fulfilling these requirements remained.

"I haven't been found guilty of anything, but I'm being treated like a criminal," objected one irate fisherman. "It'll take me seven to 10 years to re-coup my losses because of all this," protested another.

Forced by economic circumstances to comply with the court orders or go under totally, a good many of the larger boat owners went along with these conditions. Many had insurance on their boats already, and so were able to name the U.S. Government on their insurance policies, free their boats, go home, get back fishing, etc.

THE STATE OF Florida, however, does not require insurance on maritime property, and 75% of the people in Key West and the neighboring Keys, not having boat insurance at the time of the Cuban sealift, were unable to fulfill the courts' mandates.

"My vessel is too old. No insurance company will even talk to me."

"In order to get insurance, the boats must be hauled out of the water, surveyed, inspected, and equipped with specifically required safety features. All this costs money. While my boat is tied up, I just don't have the capital."

"I can't do anything. My hands are tied. I've gone to work on another boat. I'll just have to wait to see what the law courts decide."

"I thought the government was supposed to guard any property it seized, but all my electronic equipment has been stolen."

"... and so has mine!"

THE COMPLAINTS AND aggravations caused by the red-tagging order continue. In addition to the difficulties described, many fishermen have found fault with Customs and Immigration officials, many of whom have been reluctant to discuss any facet of the seizures. Key West Customs and INS personnel have referred all questions to Miami. Callers to Miami have been "put on hold," referred elsewhere, or simply ignored.

The Monroe County Citizens Against Red Tags, Inc., an organization formed at the end of June as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of information and the cutting of bureaucratic red-tape, has been instrumental in getting the boats freed. Its most important undertaking to date, however, is the filing on August 8th of a class action suit against the government, under the auspices of James Burke, an expert in immigration statutes who is a partner in the Miami law firm of Burke and Lieberman. Naming President Carter and Customs and INS officials as defendants, the suit is for "declaratory, injunctive, equitable and monetary relief"--in short, it is suing for damages incurred by the boats' impoundment.

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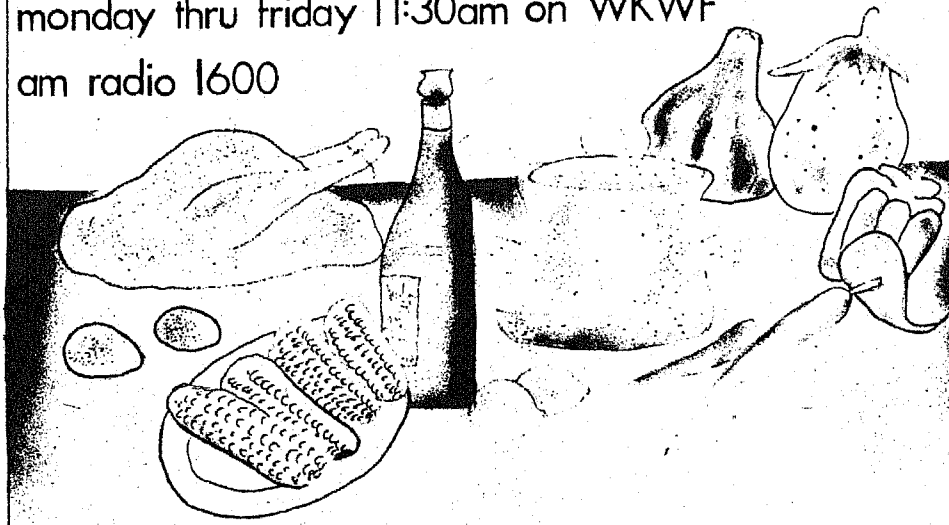


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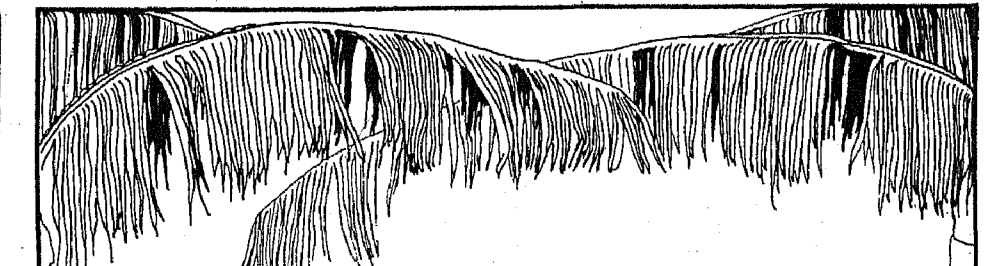
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Citizens Against Red Tags, has questioned the government's actions by posing the following questions:

"Why, if all these boat owners were about to break the law, did the Documentation Office change the papers so speedily? Why did the Coast Guard help us leave, and aid our vessels in the process? Why were only some of the boats red-tagged? Why were we not told of fines or of having 30 days to appeal the fines? And why is there no comment from the government now?"

John Barker, vice-chairman of the group, and a retail fish operator in Key West, says this:

"Carter made the mistake and shifted it to the commercial fishermen. He should now get out and tell the people this. That only some of the boats were seized shows discrimination against the rest of us."

IN A MEETING at the Holiday Inn's convention room, Sunday, August 17th, Ernie Estel, secretary/treasurer of the Citizens Against Red Tags, Inc., called for financial and physical help in the battle:

"It's cost us \$8,000 for lawyers' fees so far. Forty-eight people chipped in \$100 each, and many others donated their time and money. But we're still desperately in need of funds. When you fight the government, it gets costly."

Katheryn Warren agrees, adding: "And we have no idea when our case will be heard."

ATTORNEY TOM SIRECI does not rule out November as the earliest date for the court to hear the case regarding his clients.

"I filed a brief for a remission of the fines imposed on the boats," he reveals. "I received a letter from INS, saying that before they could deal with my request, I had to submit sworn affidavits by the captain, the crew members, and each alien aboard each vessel. These are obvious impossibilities. This is the kind of thing we're up against."

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MEANWHILE, THE DETERIORATION of the non-working vessels continues. Winches are subject to freezing up; cables and parts which need to be worked in order to remain fit are rusting and being put out of commission; vandalism and theft on the boats is repeatedly cited; some boats have sunk because of faulty government protection and care.

WHAT HAS THE U.S. Government to say?

Repeated calls and visits to officials here and in Miami resulted in little concrete information. Jim Dingfelder, a Customs official in the Miami office, simply responded, "Nothing's changed. Each person will be facing fines. All federal agencies in court will be offering testimony. We have not been instructed not to enforce the law. We know that some people have gone to court to challenge the fines to see if they are legal. But nothing can be done until those decisions are made."

WHEN ASKED ABOUT the differences in Customs and INS seizure, Dingfelder stated, "Who seizes what is predicated on the strength of the case. INS is pressing criminal smuggling charges against the boat owners. 'Customs seizure' is a provision of the law to serve as a security against the fine of \$1,000 per person, which is imposed by the INS. 'INS seizure' is a different law, which allows the pursuit of forfeiture of the vessel if the fine is not paid."

The original date for the U.S. Government to file a response to the declaratory action filed by attorneys Tom Sireci and Dave Tolbert was August 11th. "Then the courts asked for an extension to September 11th," declares attorney

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Sireci, "saying that the 'press of business' in the Department of Justice was too complex for it to deal with our case. I'd like to say September 11th will be the day the Government responds, but I don't exclude the possibility of another postponement."

AS LONG AS the boats in Truman Annex are inoperable, the economy here is suffering.

"Key West has two main sources of income," comments Katheryn Warren. "Fishing is one; tourism is the other. Both have been devastated by the red-tagging order. We're all hurting, those who went to Cuba as well as those who didn't, all because we followed the well-wishes of our President."

"I'd like to sell one of my boats before she gets too much older," agonizes one Key West fisherman. "Every day that passes, she's worth less. If I'm convicted and the Government takes my boat, she'll be worth nothing."

"Does the Government want to go into the fishing business, or what?" queries another. "Because that's what will happen if all of our boats are forfeited. There won't be any fishing industry anywhere in South Florida. Just what is the government up to, anyway?"

Again Katheryn Warren comments: "It seems that the official position is to hold on to our boats just to keep another flotilla from starting, but I think they have effectively prevented that by this time. I know fishermen who won't go back for as much as \$100,000!"

Sireci concurs. "The Government is looking for a scapegoat, somewhere to put the blame. The fishing boats, of course, are the easiest target."

WHAT IS THE expected outcome? Some feel that whenever the cases do come to trial, the boat-owners will be found guilty, but fines will be suspended.

"I don't know," admits Sireci. "A few of the U.S. attorneys are really pushing this thing." Under Customs and

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INS laws, it seems that anyone transporting illegal aliens is guilty, regardless of the President's speech, which may be disregarded in court.

Some feel that the punishment for a guilty charge is being paid now, and when the cases reach the judge, they'll be dropped.

"Maybe they'll put us on probation for six months, and if we don't go back to Cuba, they'll clear our records and drop the charges," says one hopeful charter-boat operator.

OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES vary, but the consensus is that the suffering on the part of those who took part in the boatlift is disproportionate to any crime for which they may be found guilty. In light of the circumstances, it would seem that a great deal of unfairness abounds in the treatment of these individuals, many of whom went to Cuba, not for monetary gain, but for humanitarian concerns. It would also seem that a better method of stopping the 'lotilla could have been found, rather than one that significantly maimed the 'keys' fishing industry, and the tourist ine as well.

THE MONROE COUNTY Citizens Against Red Tags, Inc., is continuing its efforts on behalf of those facing court fines and losses, and will be planning fund-raising events in the up-coming weeks for the benefit of all those involved, including members as far away as Georgia, Texas and the Carolinas who keep in touch with the organization "through the grapevine." Any interested persons in need of information may contact the organization by writing to P.O. Box 984, Key West, FL 33040, or by calling 296-9553, 294-1429, or 294-6125.



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HURRICANES IN THE KEYS: PART II

BY COLIN JAMESON

(This is the second, and last, installment of a series concerning hurricanes and their effect on Key West in the past and their probable effect upon this island in the future. It was first published in the Key West Citizen several years ago; our thanks to the Citizen and to author Colin Jameson for permission to reprint. In the August issue of Solares Hill Colin discussed the history of hurricanes in this area; this month, the author reveals how the new geography and the new architecture of Key West may affect, and survive, a Big Blow.)

Yesterday we were eavesdropping as an old-timer told an adopted Conch about the major hurricanes that Key West has experienced since 1835. We learned that big storms come, on the average, every 17 years. And since in Key West proper we have had no class A blows since 1919, we're far overdue. In fact the odds are heavy and getting heavier that this summer, next summer, any time now, we can expect a real professional going-over.

In today's installment, the old-timer answers questions about the physical changes on The Rock since 1919. Are we creating a disaster area without knowing it?

NEWCOMER: I THINK any changes in Key West's geography have been made innocently and in good faith.

Old-timer: Well, with the full faith and credit of some bank. They've been popular, too, because local people are hired to make them. Anything important, though, they bring in artisans from outside, strangers who don't give a damn whether they create a disaster area or not. They come down, and they get paid, and they go back to Howard or Broward or wherever it is. People around here, they get new hurricane hazards and their bumper stickers.

Q. You're not telling it like it is.

A. I'm exaggerating a little. But I'm also getting your attention, which was wobbling. So let's stay with specifics.

Q. ALL RIGHT, TRY this one. I know that Sigsbee Park is man-made and low and exposed. I guess it ought to be evacuated if a hurricane comes along. But has other Key West geography been dangerously changed? Sure, they filled in salt ponds to make room for the airport and the shopping centers and such. They constructed a couple of beaches. But I don't see how the shape of the island can have been significantly altered.

A. Well, it has, bubba. Some places have been changed so much that a couple of school kids from 1920 would get lost trying to play hide and seek.

Q. I don't believe it. Like I said, there's a lot of landfill. But take the fill west of Howard Johnson's. You wouldn't want to camp there in a storm. Yet it's a protection to the other side of the Boulevard. Look at the Navy tank farm. And the docks they put in. And the breakwater for the shrimp boats. They're all some help.

A. Quite true, as far as it goes.

Q. I DON'T SEE any floodwaters being dammed up in the city. With the bridge on Roosevelt and the culvert on Flagler, seems like they're trying to leave room for the water to pass.

A. But not enough. Water used to wash at will through a large part of this island. Now there are man-made barriers.

Q. I don't see them.
A. You don't know where to look. Any hurricane that's worth a lady's pretty name will find them for you.
Q. I'd rather you did, thanks.

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A. WE'RE ONLY TALKING about Stock Island and Key West, remember? Not the rest of the Keys. So start with the Boca Chica bridges. Bubba, in 1919 Stock Island was what it sounds like, pasture for cows. There weren't any trailer parks, there wasn't any hospital or college, there wasn't even any Key Haven. Doesn't Key Haven remind you of something else? In a very minor way, I mean.

Q. I like Key Haven. You can sleep in your boat if the air conditioner's busted.

A. It reminds me a little of New Orleans.

Q. New Orleans? There goes another marble.

A. In all of New Orleans you're living below the river's high water mark. You're depending on the protection of the levees.

Q. Oh, come off it. Key Haven isn't below water level.

A. No, but a levee--in this case, U.S. 1--can put it there in a hurry.

Q. DRAW ME A picture.

A. Okay. Suppose that in the next

big storm, Key West lies in the north-west quadrant. It did in the small hurricane of 1948, when the eye passed over Boca Chica. In that event the wind will be blowing counterclockwise from a northerly direction. That creates a



critical situation in the pocket formed by Stock Island and the peninsula of highway embankment this side of the Boca

Chica bridges.

Q. I'm with you so far.

A. The pocket will fill with water to the crown of the highway. Perhaps higher. In 1935 at Matecumbe the hurricane tide was many feet deep when it poured over the railroad embankment.

Q. So what happens to all the folks in Key Haven?

A. We'll hope they've opened the window a crack and gone to visit friends.

Q. BUT SUPPOSE THE wind came from the south? Key Haven'd be all right then, wouldn't it?

A. Sure, because that'd produce a true New Orleans effect. Key Haven would be at least partly protected by U.S. 1. But how about all those trailers on the Stock Island side of Boca Chica Bay?

Q. Yeah, I suppose the highway embankment would back the water up on them, instead. Tell me this. On the north side why wouldn't the water flow around Stock Island and through Cow Key Channel, the one that runs under the bridges near Dead Man's Triangle?

A. (laughing sardonically) It might try to. But you can hardly navigate a coconut through that once flourishing watercourse. Where it goes under the bridges, anyway.

Q. HOW DID IT get like that?

A. Well, the geography around there was different in 1919. For one thing, no Naval Hospital had been built. The hospital complex acts to canalize flood waters coming from the southeast and heave them onto the Stock Island flats. Then on the northwest side we now have the Holiday Inn, which wasn't there before. The Holiday Inn is built on muck pumped out of the channel, but it partially blocks access to it from the northwest. In 1919 the railroad track ran parallel to the Stock Island bridge. It was 14 feet above mean high water. You know what happened to the track in that storm?

Q. It blew away?

A. No, no. It ended up festooned with seaweed. Since then we have narrowed that vital channel until today the sand might be up there with the weeds--14 feet above high tide.

Q. NOT VERY CLEVER of us, was it?

A. Not much cleverer than the Triangle itself. We've got to get over building things because they seem to satisfy an immediate need. Or corral an immediate buck. Being declared a disaster area is scarcely the best way to make any kind of money.

Q. How about the terrain of the island itself?

A. Well, as you seem to realize, landfill has displaced a lot of water. That water will try to come back. Take the large expanses that have been paved over for shopping centers. These have the built-in disadvantage of permitting no absorption and little runoff in the immediate vicinity except into their own buildings. Searstown and Key Plaza used to be mostly tidewater ponds; they rose and they fell. But now the water would have a hard time falling. Especially if the few drains get clogged, which they probably would. Get clogged or backfire, which is what storm sewers in general tend to do.

ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD, of course, was constructed since 1919--by the Federal Government when the city went broke dur-

ing the Depression. It creates a partly artificial perimeter that nature had no say about. This is evidenced by the fact that in 1944, and to a less extent at other times, the seawall has been badly damaged by waves. In the old days the water came in without hindrance and got out the same way, as it does with the parts of the seawall that have been rebuilt.

But on balance Roosevelt Boulevard helps more than it hurts. I'm sure the folks out at Key-West-by-the-Sea would agree with me.

Q. ARE THERE OTHER man-made obstructions that would come into play in a big storm?

A. Quite a few, I'm afraid. Under certain circumstances the worst of all could be the White Street Pier.

Q. I've wondered what the White Street Pier was about.

A. It was about a lot of money. And, some day we may have to pay many times that price. I might quote an eye witness to the 1919 hurricane. He told me the water was several feet deep in front of what is now Memorial Elementary School. You see, that neighborhood is lower than

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you might think. After a heavy rain they often have to sweep water out of the Gulfstream. Can you understand the connection between the 1919 water level and the White Street Elephant--I mean Pier?

Q. No, should I?

A. LET'S GO BACK to the Key Haven problem. In 1919, with the storm's eye over Tortugas, Key West took a lot of counterclockwise wind from southerly directions.

This, plus high tides and an enormous amount of rain, accounted for the water in front of the school. But imagine what would have happened if the White Street Pier had been there to create a pocket effect? The flood waters from the sea would have been canalized and directed principally at the White Street area and on over to the location of the Casa Marina.

With a storm of that strength concentrating its effect in narrow focus, the results might have been catastrophic to life and property in what is now the Gold Coast.

Q. FROM WHAT YOU told me yesterday, the Big Blows caused plenty of water damage even when man hadn't fouled up the flow.

A. You're right, bubba. I just mentioned one part of White Street that's prone to high water. The northern end of it is even proner. You may have observed that K-T Motors is raised above the street. That's what I mean about using your head and not becoming a disaster area unless you have to.

I COULD WISH it had been feasible to elevate Key West fabrics in the same fashion. Because fabrics is also in a damp neighborhood. Even without a hurricane wind out of the west, that part of town can get plenty wet up to and including the Key West Citizen building.

After the small hurricane of 1948 a patriotic employe of the newspaper said he had friends who rode up Ann Street in

a boat at the height of the storm. He was trying to prove that there wasn't any hurricane, but he also showed what the best means of transport was.

ANOTHER WET SPOT is back of Rest Beach; you'll notice that the streets there hold the water after a rain. If a pocket formed on the east side of the White Street Pier, there could be massive flooding.

Then there's what they used to call Middle Springs--where the City Hall is. The City Hall building is raised because it's located near what some say is the lowest point on the island. Seems as if a giant storm of ancient times must have hollowed out Middle Springs for material to make Solares Hill, which adjoins.

ANYWAY, THINGS CAN be exceedingly moist around there. After the cloud burst that dropped 19.88 inches of rain on Key West Nov. 13, 1954, there was a regular regatta of small craft whooping it up at the corner of Angela and Simonton and other low spots. Next day the ocean was fresh for miles around. But that's another story.

NEWCOMER: WHAT DO you mean, "Our future's embedded in concrete?"

Oldtimer: Bubba, that wasn't just words. The fact is that most of the construction since 1919 has involved concrete blocks.

Q. So what? In this climate concrete blocks can be used for almost any type of building. They're not as expensive, and skilled labor costs are minimized.

A. You sound like an ad for CBS. Let's talk about earthquakes.

Q. EARTHQUAKES? I THOUGHT --

A. I'm getting to it. But before I say more I want to make it clear that I'm no authority on anything. I'm no master builder, and I don't know where any construction secrets are buried. But I don't go around with my eyes shut,

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A. The point about earthquakes is that if you have a building that is resilient--for example, a sturdy frame house with clapboard siding, like a standard Conch house--it tends to ride out an earthquake pretty well. But suppose the structure has no give to it. In that case the on-again, off-again shocks of the quake may crack it and eventually worry it into collapse. In 1925 there was a sharp localized earthquake at Santa Barbara, California, an event that's been almost as successfully forgotten as Key West's 1948 hurricane. I happened to be present at that earthquake.

IT WAS INTERESTING to observe that brick buildings were left with only their steel girders standing, while concrete structures lacking reinforcement ended up as piles of rubble in the street. Yet I remember seeing only one damaged frame house. It was kind of lozenge-shaped, but nobody got hurt.

Q. I was under the impression we were talking about hurricanes.

A. We are, bubba, we are. Hurricanes can act a good deal like an earthquake. Even if a big wind doesn't have the steady power to push a wall down, the on-again, off-again action of the gusts can cause bricks or concrete blocks to work. There's no resilience. Of course in a Big Blow you have water damage. But right now we'll stick to wind.


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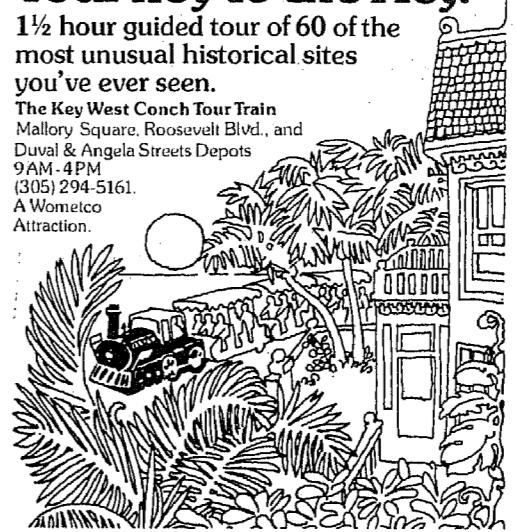
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A. No, no. It was a small hurricane, remember. But at the apex of the storm, when it felt as if some giant was kicking the house, there was a splitting sound like the snap of an oversized bullwhip. The entire kitchen wall, from left ceiling to right floor, cracked along the lines of the blocks. You see, they couldn't give even a fraction of an inch.

Q. Yes, but they held.

A. YES, THEY HELD. And I'm glad. I was renting that house, and my whole family was in the kitchen. But up the Keys in 1960 it was a different story. At Islamorada after Donna you found that concrete block houses on stilts often crumbled. The blocks cracked away from each other because they were fighting back at the wind instead of momentarily surrendering to it.

Q. And in 1948 the blocks were stronger and the wind weaker.

A. That's right. I might mention, though, that in 1948 the wind was strong enough to snap off WKWF's new radio tower, which was stressed for 165 miles an hour. Probably the lack of resilience was the villain there, too, because no recorded gust had a velocity near 165. Bubba, you know what?

Q. No, what?

A. BACK WHEN THEY were building the last A&P but one--the store on Kennedy and Flagler--a moderate wind sprang up. Next thing you know one of the main walls fell down. It couldn't bend to the wind, and there was no roof yet to hold it in place. Of course the builder later tied down the roof--according to the building code, it's a must to anchor a roof to the foundations. But that A&P wall makes you wonder a little.

Q. Sure does. It makes me wonder why a modern concrete block school is recommended as a hurricane shelter.

A. WELL, THEY HAVEN'T been checked out in a Big Blow--at least not in Key

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West. I prefer the old-time schools, like Memorial Elementary. Or a reasonably strong frame house, even if it's mainly a question of water instead of wind. A frame house can float around a little without collapsing. Concrete blocks can't float and they can't give and they can be undermined.

Q. Can't you reinforce your concrete blocks?
A. To an extent, I guess. But that would cost you. With ordinary construction, our main storm troubles could stem from the shortcut methods and low-grade materials used by some unscrupulous developers who don't happen to get caught.

Q. Which materials?

A. I'LL TELL YOU a story, but you don't have to believe it. Years ago, in a distant land, an inventor came up with the first hollow concrete block, a lineal descendant of the brick, the cinder block and the hollow tile.

Since the inventor's place of business was at the seaside, saltwater was more readily available than fresh. And therefore much cheaper. So the new factory began offering three grades of blocks at three different prices. No. 1 block was made with sweet water, No. 2 with brackish water from wells, No. 3 with water from the sea, complete with salt.

NOW IF A developer wanted to save money, he could buy saltwater blocks, or even brackish blocks, and cover them up quickly with stucco or such. No one would know the difference. For awhile.

Q. "For awhile"?

A. Yes. Till storm tides or rains got to those blocks, as might happen in a hurricane. Then they would tend to melt.

Q. That hasn't been happening in Key West?

A. Not that I know of. But you can test your own house.

Q. How?

A. During construction, taste a few blocks.

Q. What if the house is already finished?

A. You can usually find bare blocks. Or scrape off some plaster. If the salt is there, you'll know. You might look into the tie-down situation, too, because anchoring roofs wasn't always mandatory. And if you have a second floor porch, you might check how it's put together.

Q. Why the porch?

A. A remember a couple of porches that fell off during construction. A theatre marquee, too.

Q. Gives one a great sense of security.

A. DO YOU KNOW why the County Jail never gets a chance to blow down?

Q. Why?

A. Because we keep building new ones so they won't collapse of their own accord.

Q. Not necessarily.

Q. WHAT ABOUT THE dual effect of high water and high wind working together?

A. Well, I spoke about wooden houses floating off their foundations, sometimes without any serious structural damage. And about the undermining of concrete. But a third factor, besides wind and water, is exposure. The desal plant, for instance, is out in the middle of nothing. Wherever the wind and water come from, you know that plant is going to catch hell.

Q. I'M MORE INTERESTED in places where people live.

A. Aren't we all. Take Old Town Key West. It's been built up a lot lately. If you're on the water like that, it's axiomatic that a 125-mile wind off that water will wet you plenty, whether it blows you down or not. The Pier House,

for example, is a prime target.

A. HOW ABOUT THE Garrison Bight causeway? That's a sort of storm baffle, isn't it?

A. Sure is, in some circumstances. But if the wind was from the north I wouldn't leave any boat at the city docks. Causeway or no causeway, the Bight is a safer berth than most others, but it depends on wind direction. In November of 1947 a sneaky little blow slipped past the weather station in the Dry Tortugas and in 20 minutes sank almost every boat in the Bight. Blew the roof off the local weather bureau, too, while they were broadcasting the fair-and-warmer message they'd got from Tortugas.

Q. WHEN IT COMES to mobile homes in a Big Blow, my imagination stumbles.

A. It should. As anyone can tell you who's ever seen a capsized mobile home, those things aren't manufactured to withstand unequal strains of any description. Especially where torque-twist--is developed.

Q. Don't the tie-downs help?

A. They're essential. So suppose the tie-downs hold and you don't do a flipflop. In any case, that wallpaper-thin, lightly reinforced metal box is going to fall an easy victim to the on-again, off-again pounding of hurricane winds.

The gusts tend to set up a periodic flutter among any components that can be partly detached from the corpus. It's something like the flapping of a flag. The loosened members tear away from the control of the tie-downs and drag larger fragments with them till the wind makes a breach. Then you have serious damage and often collapse.

Q. I'VE READ THAT even a small waterspout can raise hell with trailers.

A. Did, at Big Coppitt not so long

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BY EMMA CALES

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Venus in Cancer, after 7 in Leo
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Saturn in Virgo, after 20 in Libra
Jupiter in Virgo

Mars in Scorpio
Uranus in Scorpio
Neptune in Sagittarius
Pluto in Libra
No.Node in 18° Leo

Saturn, the ruler of the Key West chart, will move into the sign of Libra this month after a 24 year transit in the sign of Virgo. A new scene is in store for the city.

the status quo.

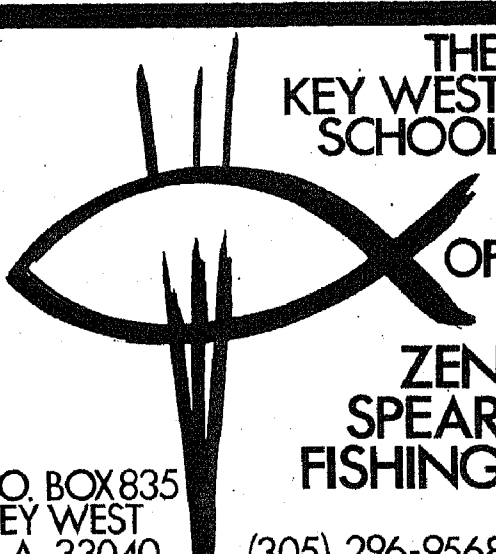
This is a time when the planets in the heavens moving into the constellation of Libra will bring changes that will be for the future good of our town.

Saturn will be in the 3rd house sector - the house of creativity. Speculative ventures will be the order during this 24 year period for the City of Key West.

The New Moon on September 9 in Virgo aspects the progressed moon of the chart of Key West. This also coincides with election day. I see women running for office being favored in this election.

The full moon on September 24 in Aries denotes a time when realities will be faced, and consequently positive actions will be taken to improve

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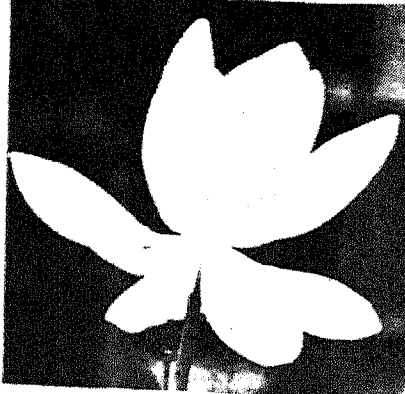
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SPECIAL EVENTS

September Previewing of PANACHE, a European style coffee house, 524 Duval Street at Smith Lane. 294-6433. Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 1+ a.m. on weekends. Panache, meaning verve, elegance and self-confidence (as in a plume of feathers!), offers old world coffee house charm in a tropical art-deco setting. Artists' exhibitions welcome.

THEATRE

WATERFRONT PLAYHOUSE, Mallory Square, 294-5015.
Sept. 5 To celebrate the opening of its subscription drive for the coming season, the theatre will present an OPEN HOUSE musical review, including dance, at 8:30 p.m. Broadway show tunes and ballet. Donations accepted.

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS FINE ARTS CENTER, Junior College Rd., Stock Island, 296-9081. Long Ago and Far, Far Way on An Island In the Sea and The Invisible Guy, two original plays by M&M Productions, will be presented this month. Exact dates and times to be announced. For further information, call 296-8952. The Tennessee Williams season commences this October. If you wish to be on our mailing list, please call 294-6363.

GALLERIES

ARTISTS UNLIMITED, 221 Duval St., 296-5625. Summer hours: 12-5 p.m. daily, or by appointment at any time. The oldest private art gallery in Key West, housed in the first restoration structure on Duval's 200 block. Quality local artists and good Haitian art, including works by the self-taught Haitian surrealist, Jacques-Enquerrand-Gorgue, whose works are part of the permanent collection of the Modern Museum in New York and Paris.

EAST MARTELLO GALLERY & MUSEUM, South Roosevelt Blvd., 296-3913. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas.
Sept. 23 New members art show for prospective and current members, 8 to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Continuing through...
Oct. 4 Also featuring a model of James W. Hingley's Peacock, the frigate flagship of Cmdr. David Porter, used in 1823 to ferret out pirates

GINGERBREAD SQUARE GALLERY, 902 Duval St., 296-8900. Special summer hours: Thursday 11-6, Friday 11-3 and 7-10, Sunday and Monday 11-6. Top-selling local artists featured. The Gallery will close from Sept. 16 to October 16.

GUILD HALL GALLERY, 614 Duval St., 296-9359. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily including Sunday. An outstanding array of original art and prints by Key West professionals. Featured artists: Walter Ashe, Barbara Bauer, Robert Birbeck, John Cryer, Ann Hall, Barbara Hodgens, Joan Howe, Walt Hyla, Ann Irvine, Fran Kobschul, Maxine McMullen, Irma Quigley and Stan Sharp.

KEY WEST ART CENTER, 301 Front St., 294-1241. No regular membership meeting until the fall. Weekly wall shows will continue to feature local artists during the summertime weeks. Artists for the month of September are:
Sept. 1-8 Frances Kobschul
Sept. 8-15 Charles Gruppe
Sept. 15-22 Roland Barker
(Regular schedule to follow)

MOIRA, the Art Gallery in Key Lime Square, and **FRAMES BY MOIRA** (custom framing), 294-1254. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday and Monday. Jim Lehmkuhl, Artist in Residence. Ready-made standard size frames in stock. Professional discount.

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GUILD HALL POETRY SOCIETY, 614 Duval St. 296-9359. New time: 8 p.m. first Sunday of every month. An open reading. Refreshments.
Sept. 7 Songwriter Jake Riley featured.

THE MONDAY NIGHT SALON SESSION, a variety of creative evenings with Robin Kaplan, by invitation only. Persons interested may contact Robin or Susan at THE BOOKSHOP, 534 Fleming St., 296-9089.

FILMS

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Fleming St., 294-7100. 10 a.m. Saturday: children's films continuing.

SELF-HELP

Adult Education: English as a Second Language. Courses free of charge. Newcomers to Key West welcome to begin in the next program session. Call Sylvia Gonzalez, 296-8827, for additional information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. Meetings at various times and places. For more information, call 294-9026.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH ANONYMOUS. Meetings every Thursday 7:30 p.m. at The First Congregational Church, 527 William St., and Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 729 Fleming St.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 729 Fleming St.

WORKSHOPS IN LIFE DRAWING AND PAINTING, Tuesday 8 to 10 p.m. and Fridays 2 to 4 p.m. (\$2-\$3 model fee). For further information, call Malcolm Ross at 294-8301.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, 600 White St., new phone 294-4641, Ext. 363. New hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 12 noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
Sept. 8 Regular membership meeting, 8 p.m.: "Meet the Candidates Night," an opportunity to hear those seeking office speak for five minutes each on their plans and platforms.

REGULAR EVENTS

AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY MEETING, 1100 Kennedy Dr., Key West. 296-2454. Next meeting: West Palm Beach; date and time to be announced.

CITY COMMISSION MEETING, first and third Mondays at 8 p.m., City Hall, corner of Simonton and Angela streets.

CITY ELECTRIC UTILITY BOARD MEETINGS, second and fourth Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Board Room, 930 Caroline St.

MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS, 294-4641.
Sept. 11 Plantation Key, 10 a.m.
Sept. 23 Marathon, 10 a.m.

Please send notice of events of public service and interest to Solares Hill, 513 Fleming St., Room 3, by the 20th of the month preceding the event.

SOME REMARKS



SISTERS SUCCEED TOGETHER--Linda Murphy, above left, and her sister, both Key West natives, together joined and have completed the first "Private Sector World of Work" orientation program offered by the Private Industry Council of Monroe County, Inc. Bill Cassidy, right, PIC Training Instructor, presents her with her certificate of completion as a member of the first graduating class.

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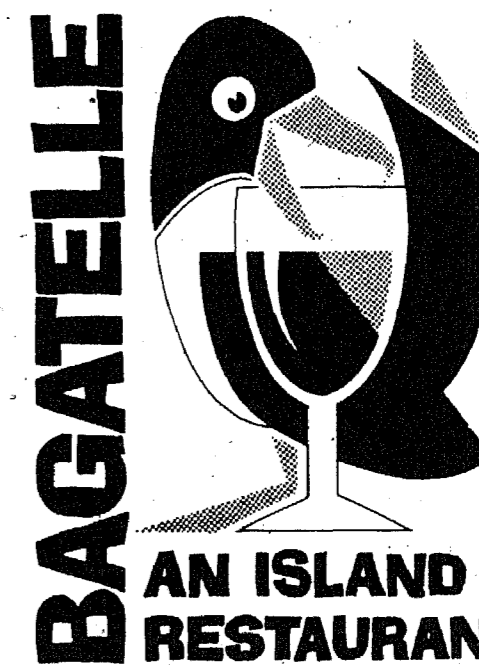
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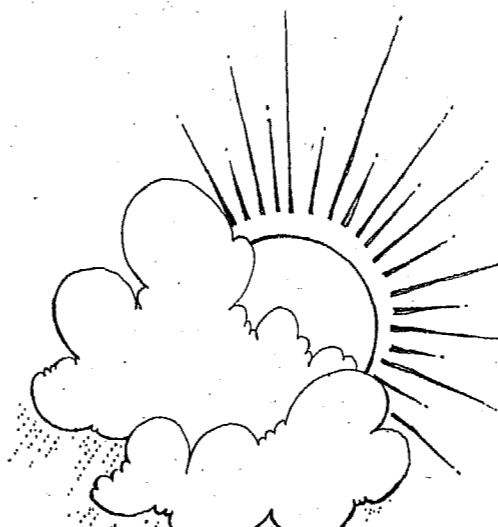


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ago. But the tornadoes that sometimes lead or accompany a hurricane are the worst. Often they're just miniature twisters that'll drop a tree on your house and go on about their business. That happened to my own house during Donna, without hurricane winds. But the feeblest twister is all it takes to beat up a mobile home. Your best defense is not to be there.

Q. YOU'RE CERTAINLY A Gloomy Gus when it comes to Big Blows or any kind of blows. Looks like you want everybody to go around half scared to death.

A. Not that, but we ought to be gloomy about hurricanes. Even a small one is anything but funny.

Be calm about it, but don't get so relaxed that you forget to board up your house. And before that--right now, this week, this month--we should guard against storms by requiring strict enforcement of the building code.

Add a liberal dose of common sense about where and what you build. We shouldn't need another 1919 Big Blow to convince us that hurricanes are a dangerous form of weather.

Q. SURE, BUT YOU said yourself that in any 17-year stretch the odds were only one out of two that we'd have a major storm.

A. One out of two in any given 17 years, correct. But remember that the odds were eight to one that we would have a Big Blow between 1919 and 1970. And we didn't have one. It's now even more likely that we'll have a major hurricane between 1919 and the end of the hurricane season of 1975. The odds will build to 16 to one by 1987. With prospects like that, bubba, you won't catch me spending the summer in a pup tent on Smathers Beach.

Q. Haha. I might not catch you but the cops would, bubba.



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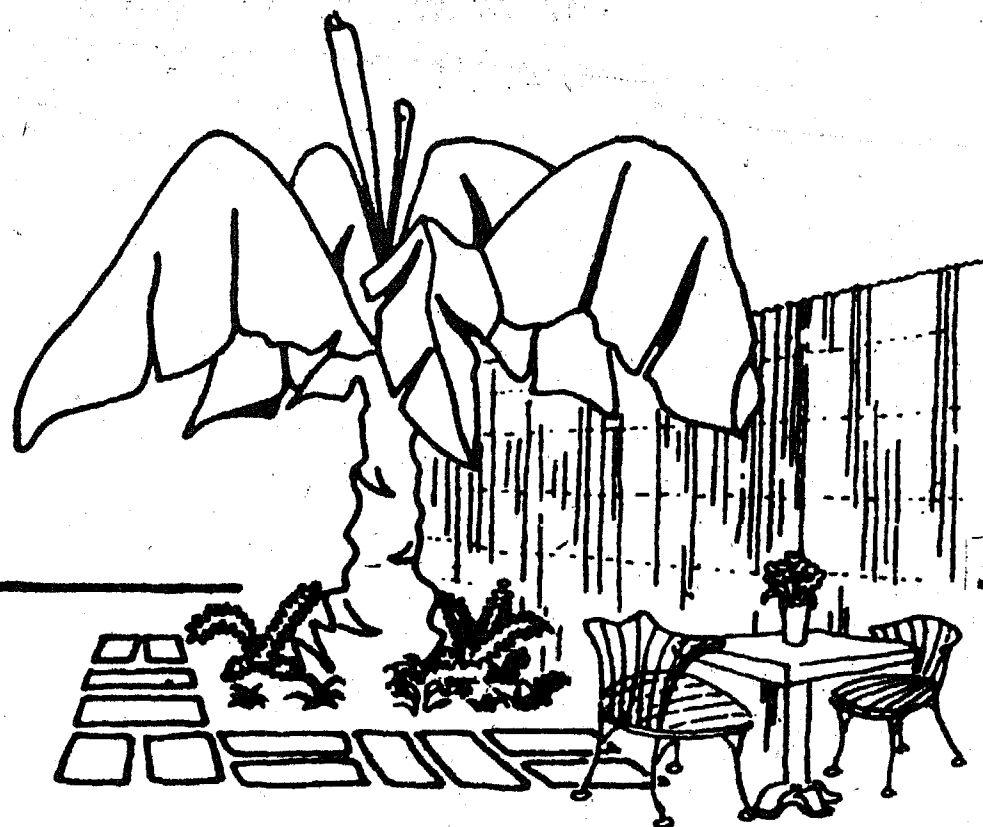
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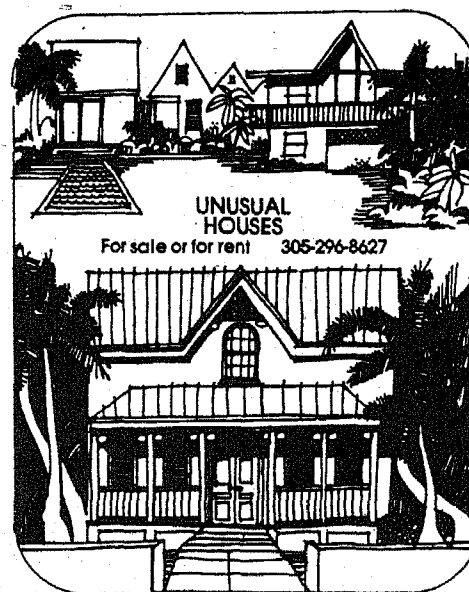
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