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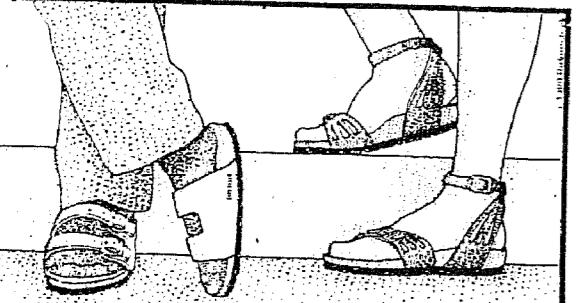
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The Cycle of Retail Overseas Market and Friends

by Anne Carlisle

Searstown: a thriving shopping center, or a ghost town, perhaps reborn as a condominium complex? Families up the Keys taking a Sunday evening's drive into Key West for some leisurely shopping? A teenaged shopping-mall society?

These are possibilities arising from New Town's rapidly evolving commercial scene, say local movers and shakers—and even, in some cases, non-movers and non-shakers. The new Overseas Market cropping up on North Roosevelt Boulevard is expected to fine-tune competition among merchants along the boulevard's shopping strip, causing a ripple effect all the way into Old Town.

The walls of the Overseas Market encompass about 175,000 square feet of retail space across from the Hampton Inn. According to co-owner Jack Spottswood three major tenants, Winn-Dixie, Eckerd's, and J.C. Penney, have signed with the developer, Tom Lewis of Lewis Properties in Tampa. Among other national tenants, Spottswood indicated, TGI Friday and Shoney's restaurants have signed up, too.

According to industry sources, it is not uncommon for mall developers to claim to prospective tenants that they have a store signed or virtually signed when in fact they do not. The game is to go to one retailer and say, "You have to sign, because I've already signed on so-and-so," and then go to the competitor and make the same claim.

Lewis has orchestrated about a dozen shopping centers in Florida. The Spottswoods and Ed Knight worked on this project for about six years, having parted company with two previous developers.

"Tom is a good developer," says Spotts-

wood. "When he tells you something, you don't need to get it in writing with three gold seals on it. He does what he says he'll do, which is a rare thing, and a trait I appreciate."

Behind the big-time hype of Overseas Market, insiders say, is a long list of interested locals. Spottswood said they have signed "or progressed very far along" with a handful, including Key West Aloe, Shades of Key West, Dr. Oppenheimer, Beachcomber Jewelers and Prime Time, Cobb Theater's video store. A yoghurt store is expected, but no lease has yet been signed.

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John White, owner of two B.O.K. stores downtown, says he has "not spoken with nor been approached" by the developer's agents. "However," he says, "if you talk to anybody, tell them to call and make me an offer."

Family-owned Quality Discount Bedding

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and Bath at Seastown was approached repeatedly by Overseas Market developers, according to owners Chris and Nadine Toriello, when they were looking for tenancy. "They kept dropping the price," says Chris, "but we couldn't wait that long."

The deal-making part of the shopping-center process—that is, negotiating with the smaller businesses once the major tenants are in place—may go on for months, sometimes years.

"The wait is the killer," says Nadine Toriello. "They told us it would be [open] this past March, and now we hear it may be June of next year. If it works for them, I think it is fabulous."

The Toriello family moved to the Keys from New Jersey two years ago. "We are small but aggressive," says Nadine Toriello. "We feel service is absolutely first, no matter what you do, no matter what you sell. If you provide good service people will come to you no matter where you are."

"If you look around at the available centers," says Overseas owner Spottswood, "you see two very old centers, which—the general opinion is—have been neglected. The stores in those centers are the biggest complainers. It was because of that situation that the opportunity arose."

Nadine Toriello concedes that "people think [Seastown] will be a ghost town. I don't see it happening." She says a grocery-store tenant is not necessary, nor even particularly desirable, for a center's success. "When people are shopping for perishables they are in a hurry. If I had to rely on Winn-Dixie for my customers, I'd close." She

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Competitors with the Overseas Market Center are eyeing the newcomer askance and plotting their courses. Various strategies are being pursued. Some retailers, such as Nadine Toriello, expect the existing malls to be spruced up. Some are making major new investments in their own stores. Others are preparing to move or considering a move. And some mall tenants, acting on the assumption the market isn't large enough for a third mall, are standing pat, betting that either the Overseas Market or the existing mall other than the one they're in will fail.

"There isn't room in the market for two giant stores," insists Andy Catarino, manager of the Pantry Pride in the Key Plaza Shopping Center. "Will the old folks want to deal with 'Where's the milk?' Plus, the

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"Seastown will become a ghost town," Catarino predicts, adding that Pantry Pride thoroughly investigated the option of expanding its store and competing head to head with Winn-Dixie's projected 55,000-square-foot store, which will be the largest in the state.

"We would have had to do another five million [dollars] in order to take over the space that was available to us, plus pay \$300,000 more in rent," he says. Instead, Pantry Pride decided "to improve the existing store and cater to the customer." Though he says that architectural plans for remodeling "with brand-new departments" are in the works, dollars to be spent have not yet been announced.

Catarino expressed doubts about his competitor's chances. "They are going to have to do a volume business, and there's only so many dollars of grocery business in Key West." He estimated the new store would have to do \$400,000 per week in sales to break even.

Winn-Dixie corporate spokesmen would not comment on these figures, saying only that the marketing had been done and there was sufficient support for one larger new store to replace two older ones, which total a combined square footage of 40,000 feet.

Others are also optimistic about the new mall and about Winn-Dixie, termed in developer jargon the "destination tenant," in particular.

"Winn-Dixie is the third largest chain in the country," says Tim Green, owner of Beachcomber Jewelers in Key Plaza. Green says his new store will be located next to the new super food store. "The market here, which is around 30,070, has supported two [Winn-Dixies] pretty well—stores which are, in my estimation, substandard compared to those in other areas."

Earlier on, according to Green, Winn-Dixie had the option of going into a smaller space, but showed "no hesitancy" about taking on the bigger challenge. "If Pantry Pride would be honest with you," he added, "what they do [financially] in a week is staggering. Too many retailers here take the attitude that the customer is stranded and they can charge whatever they want to, or get away with dirty floors and poorly stocked shelves. Key West is long overdue for a nice place to shop."

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new landlord as he presently is to the owners of Key Plaza. He is the last of the original tenants, having bought a family-owned company which opened 20 years ago at the plaza location. Like many, he has grave reservations about the future of the older plazas. "Seastown as condos?" he speculates. "It's a possibility."

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Like most merchants along North Roosevelt Boulevard's three-mall strip, Green says a modern shopping complex is long overdue.

"The key to viability is what the plaza looks like, and both [the existing centers] are falling down," says Green. "As a tenant I felt that our owners' biggest concern is how much money they can extract out of it."

Green says he and other merchants spoke numerous times with plaza owners about remodeling, which they felt was necessary "for our customers' sake, for their safety's sake." Reports Green, "We found out very quickly they weren't going to do anything for us. It came down to the fact that there was a viable alternative."

What is the worst that could happen to the older plazas? "Generally what happens," says retailer Ren Carlisle, CEO of Carlisle Retailers, a chain of department/specialty stores in the Midwest, "is that the present owners have one of two choices. Either they will sell at a favorable price, because they already have made their money, and a new

developer, if he gets a good price, can make a go of it. Or the owner will upgrade, renovate and re-lease it. Typically, however, it's sold and upgraded by somebody other than the present owner."

Key Plaza, which does not have a merchants' association, is owned by a limited partnership out of New York. Seastown is also absentee-owned by a German, Ferdinand Mohler. Bob Harland, owner of Lettermen sporting-goods store, presides over Seastown's owners' association, which he says suffers from shaky participation.

Personnel at Conn's Camera and Cards and Ron's Gourmet and Deli at Seastown report that there is talk of improvements such as lighting and hiring a Miami property management group. The Seastown employees, however, say they have seen little action. "It took us a year to get any action on a termite problem we had," said one disgruntled Seastown tenant, who said he was planning "to find cheaper rent."

"Some are leaving, some are staying," reports Bob Harland, addressing the reaction of the Seastown merchants to the new market down the street. Owner Ferdinand Mohler, he says, "is slowly making improvements."

"Some [businesses] have two or three years left on their leases," he pointed out, which raises the question: How many more will leave when they can?

"Merchants who are staying feel that people will still come to their stores for the reasons they always have," says Harland. At Conn's Camera and Card Shop, the salespeople seem to feel that their brand name, Hallmark, and their good service would continue to bring in people. "Our customers are loyal," one salesperson said.

The manager of Seastown's Sears store, Joseph Troutman, says he's unfazed by the approaching competition. "We are very pleased with our results here and have had great support," he said, reporting no plans to relocate or to offer special promotions in response to the changes. Does he believe there is room in the market for more retailers? His answer: a terse "Yes."

"We are not going to change anything we do," says Oscar Rodriguez, store manager of J. Byron's, his sentiments echoing those of many of the businesses neighboring the big new kid on the block.

J. Byron's has already remodeled and re-

formulated their merchandizing mix. Located at Key Plaza for 18 years, they expect to survive the initial blows new competition—primarily, in this case, J.C. Penney, which will be offering soft-line goods as well as a catalog department.

"History has told us to stick with the basics," says Rodriguez. "How many dresses will a typical local customer need?"

J. Byron's business has picked up the last four years, he says. The department store draws from locals and the military: the same family market—2.3 children, living here six to 12 months of the year—the Overseas Market will be going after.

"Selection is a big problem down here," says Nadine Toriello. "That's why I think Winn-Dixie is doing a smart thing. I live in Cudjoe, and I would love a grocery store here clean enough to shop in."

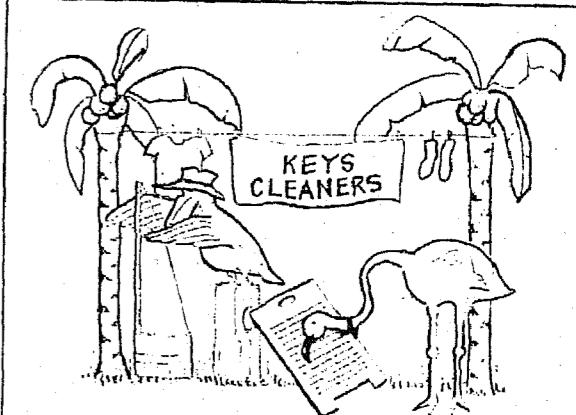
Many share Toriello's view, which could mean a lot more cars on the boulevard. "Lots of people are saying they have traffic concerns," she says. "I got no problem with that. The more traffic the better!"

A study conducted this summer for the city by Transport Analysis, Inc. of Miami analyzed the level of traffic on North

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Roosevelt Boulevard. When the city approved the Overseas Market, says city planner Ted Strader, it accepted the impacts that would accompany it at that time, including, presumably, the fallout at the other malls. But how could the city have done that if it didn't know what the impacts would be? "What we'll do is monitor each thing as it comes along," replies Strader.

Although overall retail spending is expected to increase because of the presence of the third mall, there are other factors dampening the amount of money likely to be spent on North Roosevelt Boulevard. As the backdrop of Overseas Market, looms the spectre of a slumping retail economy. "Retail is at its lowest ebb from an investor's standpoint," says Carlisle. But, says the retailer, who is familiar with the Key West market, "eyeballing it, the demand there is still outstripping the supply." By typical market standards the Overseas Market "isn't that big," he says.

A retailer's decision to move into an area is not a crapshoot.

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"It is possible to find out how many women of ages 35 to 40 have purchased an \$80 dress in the last six months," says Carlisle.

Locally, Jimmy Weekley of Fausto's food stores said Catarino's estimate of the overall size of the market "sounded about right." While he did not agree with the Pantry Pride manager's feeling that there wasn't room for a one-stop shopping concept in the local marketplace, Weekley expressed reservations about Winn-Dixie's ability to meet the challenge.

store. Pantry Pride is working on a carry-out system, and Jimmy Weekley is thinking of ways to respond. "We have been in business since 1926 and we intend to be in business in 2026," says Weekley. "Change is what makes things fun."

Neither grocer commented on the new Winn-Dixie price structure. Company-wide, the chain has gone to Everyday Low Prices on over 10,000 items, claiming that typical grocery bills are being lowered by as much as \$20 per week.

"The company as a whole is closing older and smaller stores and opening new stores of 45,000 feet or more," says Terry Walsh, advertising and public relations director for Winn-Dixie's Miami Division, which is headquartered in Pompano Beach.

"Our typical marketplace store [the nearest is Miami, with a mini-version in Key Largo] has a pharmacy, fisherman's wharf, butcher shop, cheese shop, floral shop, and expanded household goods," says Walsh.

According to Spottswood, the new Winn-Dixie will have banking facilities as well. Walsh says that while it isn't settled yet whether there will be a pharmacy, most of the chain's typical services, plus a neon decor, will be installed.

Walsh says marketing challenges weren't a problem, adding that a former division manager of Winn-Dixie who had grown up in Key West and was familiar with the market had been instrumental in getting the project through channels.

"I think that the major reason for the shopping center was the community need," says Jack Spottswood.

Will the Overseas Market be a place for teens to hang out?

No, he says, he doesn't think so. "But I'm working on that," he adds promptly. "Plan B," he says, "is hopefully to provide the other thing that people have been screaming for, a place for young people to do something other than race around and get in trouble, an entertainment type of area."

Most seem to wish the new Overseas Market merchants well.

"I hope they are successful," says Jimmy Weekley.

Where will his wife shop for groceries?

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Birds: Nature's Environmental Barometers

by Barbara Bowers

Oops. There goes the environmental neighborhood. The starlings are moving in. Black-whiskered vireos and ground doves are closing up shop and moving on.

Urban flight in its most literal stage is creeping through the Florida Keys, and some believe the state of the islands' environment is directly linked to this phenomenon. Enough fish in the sea? Check out the number of osprey. Too much land clearing and housing development? Listen for the mockingbird. Too little rainfall this year? Pay attention to what the white-crowned pigeons eat.

The delicate balance of nature within an ever-changing habitat has been a problem for man from his beginnings. Noah did his best to save two of every species, but somehow the dinosaurs didn't make it. Too many

cavemen moving onto the scene? Limited airspace for the giant pterodactyl?

Fortunately, present-day man hasn't witnessed the extinction of a single avian species in the changing Florida Keys habitat, though a few are definitely in remission, listed along with the other endangered species. Because some birds cannot adapt to human-caused conditions and either die out or move onto other environments, leaving the altered habitat for species that cohabit with man, birds are an early barometer of the changing environment.

"At the turn of the century, the Keys were heavily wooded when a great deal of clearing for pineapple and tomato farming took place," says Alexander Sprunt IV, director of the National Audubon Society's Research Center on Plantation Key. "Bird species that live in closed canopy forests, such as the black-whiskered vireo, give way

to the likes of mourning doves that thrive around people and in cleared areas.

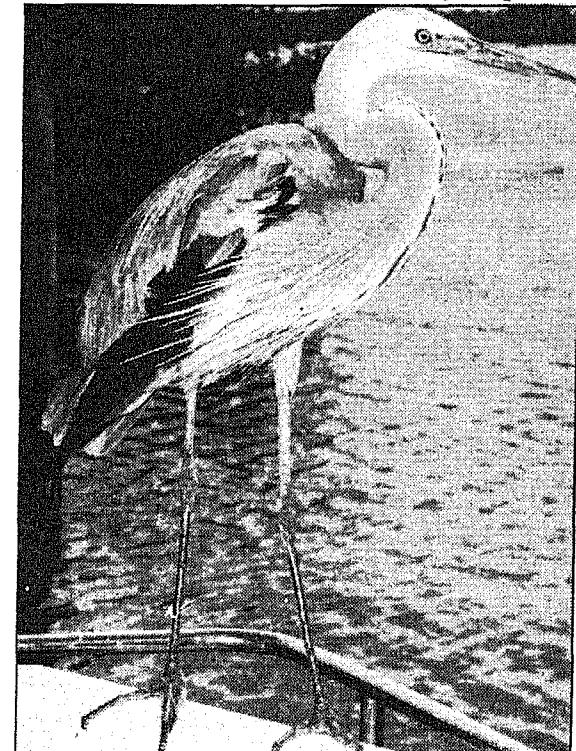
"In the mid-1920s, farming died out and the islands reforested," he says. "The dominant bird species shifted back to those that prefer heavy woods. Then, in the 1950s, land clearing started up one more time for commercial development, and birds like the ringed turtle dove, that prefers fruits and berries from ornamental trees transported here by man for decoration, began replacing the likes of the red-shouldered hawks."

With the influx of man into the Keys, the thick hammocks and pinelands of yesteryear are becoming increasingly more limited as the islands take on more concrete and asphalt. And, while most Conchs will tell you the non-flying species of snowbird has always been an indicator of the Keys' quality of life, birdwatching here goes way

beyond a sport for eccentrics.

In fact, the National Audubon Society's Research Center has been conducting and directing all its projects from the Keys since 1939, including eight that relate specifically to conservation of the Florida Keys.

"We're like a lot of organizations—the Isaak Walton League, the National Wildlife Federation—that started with a focal point (in our case it's birds), then developed into an organization concerned with the conservation of natural resources," says Sprunt.



LONG LEGS: The great white heron stalks its prey by walking through the shallows where studies show water quality is at its worst. "You can't have birds without their habitat. And you can't have habitat without understanding what affects it."

Florida ranks right up there with Texas and California as birdwatching meccas because of the large number of bird species living in or passing through the state. On his 1832 visit to Key West and the Dry Tortugas, John James Audubon added 18 new species to his monumental work, *Birds of America*. One, the white-crowned pigeon, is the research center's flagship species for studying the Keys environment.

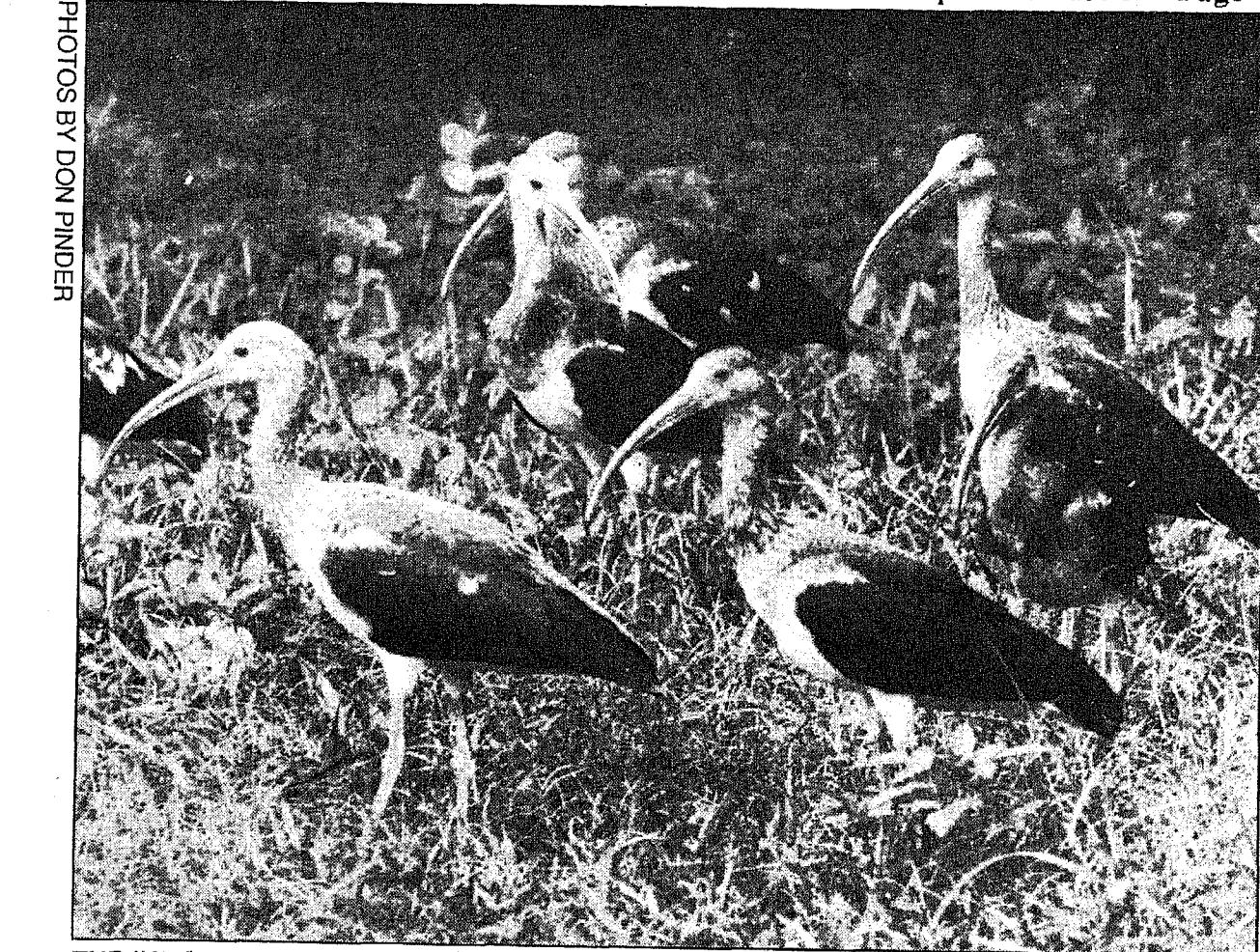
"It's a West Indian bird—an island bird, if you will—and one of the few that crosses the Gulf Stream and reaches the Keys," says Tom Bancroft, a research biologist at the research center who has studied the pigeon for five years.

"It's a big, strong bird that can fly 30 miles an hour with a tailwind," says Bancroft. "This means it can get from Andros Island in the Bahamas to the Keys in three hours. And we believe it's the primary transporter of plant material."

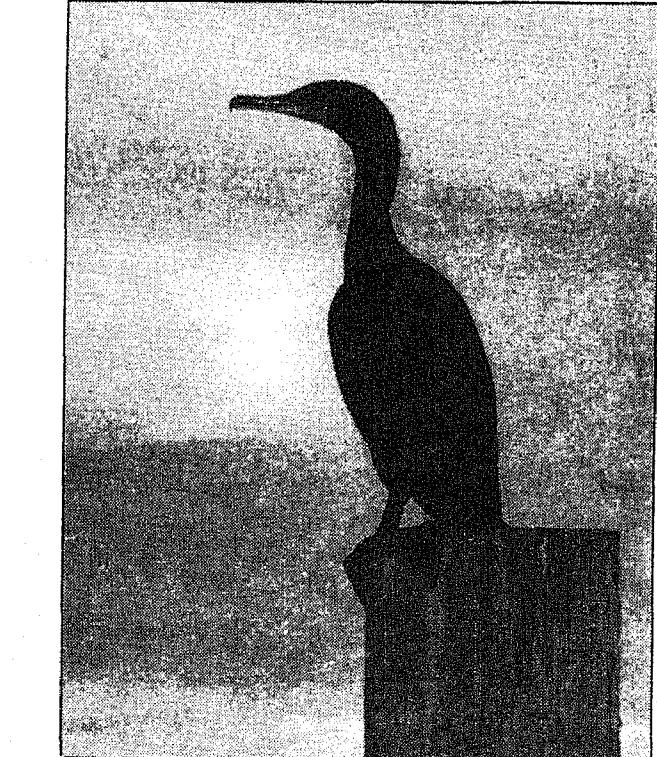
The wide-ranging flyways of the white-crowned pigeon are significant because, according to Sprunt, 70 percent of the 100 to 130 tree species existing in the Keys—more than the total number in the New England states—has arrived here through seed dispersal from birds.

A change in habitat would force the white-crowned pigeon out of the Keys. The destruction of the poisonwood tree, which is the birds' basic food source, for instance, would affect the diversity of plant life

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THE INNOCENT IBIS: These birds mill around in grassy areas, which are being consumed by development, looking for the unwary insect.



SOLITARY: The diving cormorant relies on a healthy fish population for its food source.

throughout the Keys. This, in turn, would affect the food supply for other birds and wildlife existing here.

The benchmark study of the white-crowned pigeon's breeding habits has been

in progress for five years, but the data is still too sketchy to draw accurate conclusions about increasing or decreasing bird population. A number of variables must be evaluated. For instance, in a rainfall-affected environment such as the Florida Keys—which is similar to the West Indian tropical dry forests—the pigeon's breeding success rate in the past five years has varied depending, in part, upon the quantity and timing of rain.

The most normal rainfall occurred in

1988, and the pigeons' reproductive efforts were quite successful that year. But in 1989, rain was scarce. And in 1987, heavy rains came early in March and April. That forced early tree-flowering, and by the time fruit was developing, the rains stopped. Poisonwood trees were unable to sustain their fruit and the pigeons survived mostly on two native species of fig trees—the stangler fig and the short leaf fig.

Research on nutritional variations between the foods of these trees is necessary because this may have as much effect on the birds' reproductive activity as the quantity of fruit consumed, which is dependent on rainfall. At any rate, our fine feathered friends didn't fool around too much that year.

Mother Nature clearly affects the tricky business of birdwatching. She's an uncontrollable variable at best. So bird researchers have to get their ducks in a row with the variables they can control, such as the type of research techniques used to take bird population surveys. White-crowned pigeons all look alike, obviously, and the same one can pop up anywhere along the Keys. To keep from counting the same bird twice, close attention to detail is needed for the Christmas Bird Count.

National Audubon volunteers help the research department each Christmas season by setting up over 2000 stations throughout the country for recording the number of different species seen within a 15-mile radius. For 88 consecutive years, during the same 24-hour period, volunteers have manned their circles, collected data on the number of birds and the variety of species, then sent it to the national headquarters. Just like a Gallup Poll, the annual bird census is projected from the findings in these select areas. This particular bird population survey

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"Trying to stop man from fast-forwarding a natural, slow change is what environmental control should be about," says Rod Macleod, president of Commonwealth Management and Development Corporation of Naples. "With or without him, environmental change is going to take place. Florida is a high-growth state attracting a lot of people wanting to live here. Making room for them—building homes for them—speeds up the natural process."

Yes, the habitat is changing. But whether that news is good or bad depends upon one's preferred species. And while *Homo sapien* may be increasing in the Keys faster than the avian species, land developer Macleod figures that "man is the only caretaker for all the other species."

But how responsible a caretaker is man? According to Chandler S. Robbins, wildlife biologist at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland, a decline in songbird populations in the Eastern United States, has been observed at a rate of 26 to 79 percent, depending on species, since 1978. Warblers, in particular—regular migrants through the Keys—have been hit the hardest. Robbins cites tropical deforestation in the Caribbean and Central America as a significant cause of the decrease.

Robbins claims that human development in both the northern breeding grounds and southern wintering grounds has also contributed to the decrease. Lawn and garden pesticides reduce and contaminate the food sources of these insect-eating birds; and dogs and cats are common songbird predators. Even the increase of window panes in an area kills the birds, with anywhere from 97 to 975 million birds dying in the United States each year from colliding into glass. The decline, says Robbins, appears to have accelerated.

Keys residents often show their concern for the feathered inhabitants on the islands. Two years ago, construction on Sunset Island, owned by developer Pritam Singh, was put on hold until after the hatching season of a group of roseate terns, which had nested on the island. It was an admirable gesture, although local conservationists said the eggs never hatched due to bacterial contamination, probably related to sewage.

For several years now, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has declared popular Pelican Shoals, located off the Keys on the Atlantic side, off-limits to parties and picnics during the roseate tern's summer nesting season.

More recently, construction workers at the Quality Inn on South Roosevelt Boulevard found, while pouring cement for a poolside gazebo, a nesting pair of red-bellied woodpeckers. Although this species is not endangered, the Quality Inn management revised its construction plans to allow the birds to stay.

And in Marathon this summer, protected burrowing owls took precedence over both softball and golf when the diminutive birds chose to nest on a playing field and golf course. Human athletes were required to wait their turn.

But, even with the wonderful efforts of individuals, development and pollution are the most vicious threats to the bird population. "Positive growth here [in the Keys] is dependent on education of everyone from landlord to land developer to legislator," says Sprunt. "We may never increase the bird population living here, but we can keep what we have."

In the best of all possible worlds, this could be true. But it also is clear that the understanding and cooperation—no matter

how conscientious we become locally—must extend far beyond the Keys: It must be a concern to everyone. Something, besides the birds, has got to give.

Interested in learning more about birds in the Keys? Contact Fran Ford, president of the local chapter of the Audubon Society, at the Sea Store at 294-3438. That number also regularly runs a tape of daily bird sightings, provided by Joe Ondrejko.

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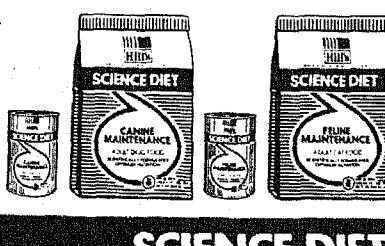
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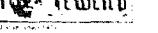
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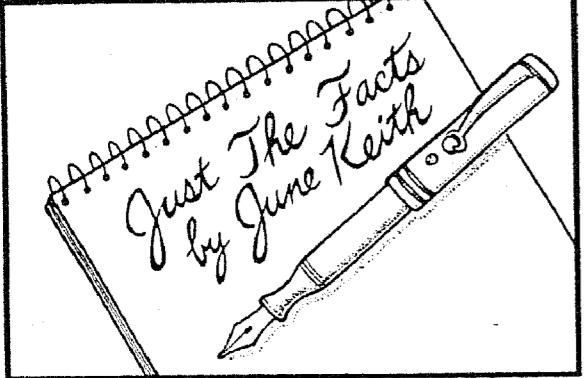
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Key West Police Chief Tom Webster's notorious employment contract is back in the news. Webster has refused to negotiate a new contract with city manager Felix Cooper, as was requested by the Key West City Commission back in June when city attorney Bob Gray ruled the chief's current contract to be interminable and thus, legally invalid.

"He says the proposed new contract sounds all well and good when I try to talk to him about it," says Felix Cooper. "But he insists that we have nothing to discuss because he already has a valid contract."

Webster has requested and received a legal opinion as to the validity and effect of the employment agreement, which was negotiated and agreed upon by the Key

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West City Manager Joel Koford in 1987. Thomas Garwood, Jr., a prominent labor attorney from Orlando, has stated in a letter to Webster: "Based upon my experience and legal research, I strongly disagree with the opinion rendered by the City Attorney for the City of Key West that your Employment Agreement is in any way 'terminable at will' by either the City [city manager] or by yourself."

Garwood's letter also states that in his opinion if the city should breach Webster's employment agreement Webster would have not only a cause of action against the City of Key West under 42 USC 1983, which would provide him for relief and remedy from deprivation or denial of the property right represented by the negotiated agreement. Further, Garwood states that "... in a Section 1983 action in federal court, you would be entitled to claim recovery for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs and attorney's fees."

"They're not going to tell their client that he doesn't have a case, are they?" says Felix Cooper.

Buddies at work ...

Chief Webster's contract was designed solely by Joel Koford, who worked with Webster back in Temple Terrace, Florida some years back. When the two buddies signed off on the deal, it was without the blessings of city commissioners. According to the city charter, it was not necessary for Koford to enlighten the commission as to what sort of commitment he was engineering with Webster on the city's behalf.

The contract came to light during the 1987 political campaign, to the shock and embarrassment of incumbent City Commissioners George Halloran and Emma Cates, both of whom lost their commission seats to newcomers. Mayor Tom Sawyer, who did not run for re-election, sponsored an ordinance before leaving office, that mandated city commission reviews of all new employee contracts.

Joel Koford gave up his job with the city and left Key West within months of closing the deal with Webster.

Cooper calls Chief Webster's contract "obscene" and "judicrous," and says that it

is not on a par with other cities of comparable size to Key West. Cooper says he believes that he would have a hundred applicants with backgrounds and experience equal to Webster's if he were to put the new proposed police chief contract out on the job market.

Time for a vacation ...

Webster, who is taking three weeks of personal leave from the city and is not expected back until around September 10, has been advised by Cooper that his current contract with the city is terminated on November 1. If he does not sign a new contract by then, he should not report for duty on November 2.

Webster's response to the city's position has been to give city manager Felix Cooper a copy of attorney Garwood's letter of legal opinion. Cooper has turned Garwood's letter over to city attorney Bob Gray, and in an August 15 letter advised Webster to study the proposed new contract during his three-week leave, in preparation for talks upon his return.

The proposed contract drops Webster's annual salary from around \$75,000 to \$64,635. Several valuable perks have been dropped from the new contract. Webster's housing allowance currently is \$840 a month, but the new contract offers an allowance of only \$500 monthly, and that will begin only after the chief has moved into the City of Key West—which he must do within 12 months of signing the new deal.

For the last three years the chief has lived up the Keys and commuted to work in a city-leased car, maintained and fueled by city dollars. No more. The new contract states: "Commuting to a personal residence is considered personal use and not business use." In the new contract, Webster is to use the car only within the city limits of the City of Key West for both business related and personal use.

If the chief will wear department uniforms, the city will pay for them at the rate of \$110 monthly. Otherwise, he will no longer receive his \$110 monthly clothing allowance.

TGIF ...

Currently Webster is in the habit of staying away from his office on Fridays. His current contract grants him compensatory time any time that he works more than 40 hours a week on the job. Webster regularly submits time vouchers for activities like "briefcase work" (doing paperwork at home), hosting local television show *Eye on the Keys*, and attending to telephone calls and media interviews after hours.

Webster usually claims 10 to 12 extra hours of work each week, and thus collects his "comp time" on Fridays by taking the day off. If Cooper has his way, the new contract will bring all that to an end.

It proposes: "It is recognized that Chief of Police must devote a great deal of time outside normal hours to the business of the Employer. Chief of Police will dedicate forty (40) hours per week plus such additional hours as needed to perform his duties of Chief of Police. The Chief of Police will not receive compensation for these additional hours worked."

Cooper is quick to point out that the contract is negotiable at this point. He is willing to hammer out details with Webster, as soon as Webster comes to the bargaining table.

But will he? And if he doesn't, how much will it cost the city to defend itself against a deal it never intended to make?

Harry Court

They're calling it "Harry Court" these days because, amazingly enough, it's beginning to look as if the City of Key West may have a chance of convincing the Navy to call off the housing project planned for Peary Court, thanks to the dogged persistence of City Commissioner Harry Powell.

Assistant city attorney Ron Herron says the city has received an extension from Captain Ench of Boca Chica Naval Base, to use the Peary Court Men's Softball Field until November 1. The extension has to be approved by Captain Ench's superiors in Atlanta, Georgia, but that approval is expected any day now.

The recycling center at Peary Court will also be allowed to stay until that time.

Navy grants extensions ...

The Navy has granted the extensions because there has been a hold up in readying the project for construction. First there must be a completed historical review, and that's currently in progress. The study will assess the impact the project will have on the community's historic district.

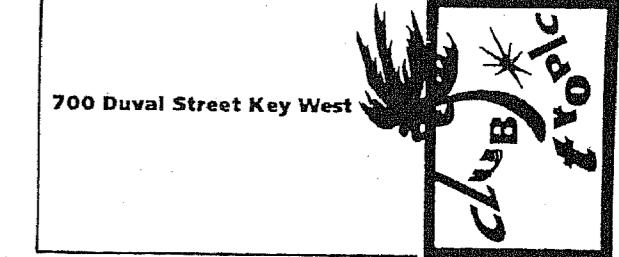
Secondly, the Department of Transportation (DOT), which is the government body that will pay for Coast Guard housing at Peary Court, must prepare an impact study following the historical review. Ron Herron says that the DOT has already suggested that the impact of new housing on already busy-to-the-max Palm Avenue may prove to be

too heavy, and the project will be abandoned.

Finally, in an all out, last ditch effort to hold on to Peary Court, the city commission directed Ron Herron to prepare a letter to the Real Estate Division of the Department of the Navy in Charleston, South Carolina, imploring the Navy to investigate and discuss "any and all alternatives, including land swaps, purchase, long term license, etc., that might be of interest to the Navy in order to meet our objective and your housing needs."

The city's objective is to "save this last bit of green space for joint military/civilian recreational use."

The letter was mailed on August 15.

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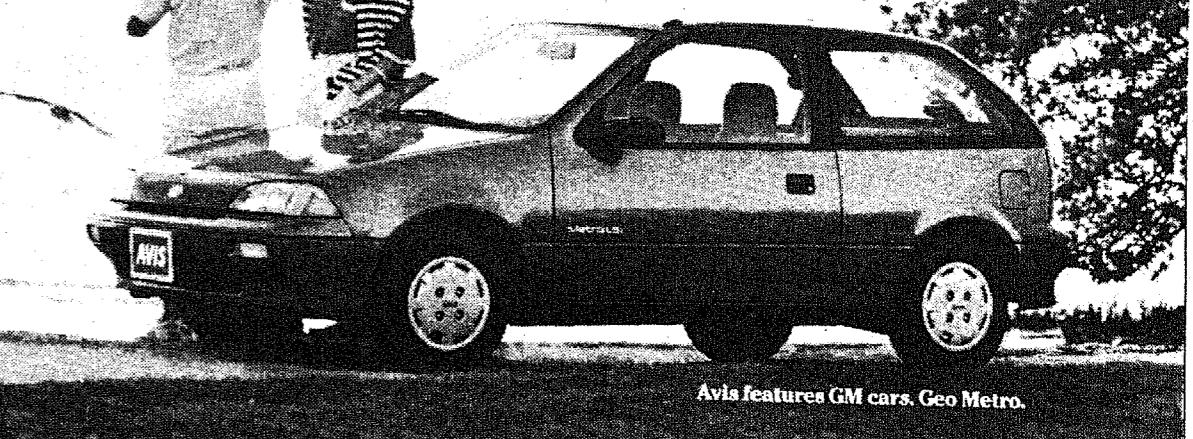
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Say Watt? City Electric System management employees will have a new salary administration policy based on merit rather than across-the-board salary hikes. Utility Board members say across-the-board increases promote mediocrity, while merit-based raises act as incentive for improved performance. In the future, raises will be based on performance evaluations.

Based on the employee's evaluation score, increases will range from nothing to 8 percent. Immediately following approval of the new pay system, the Utility Board will give an across-the-board 2 percent pay hike for all management employees this year. (Wait a second, didn't they say that would promote mediocrity?)

In other CES business, the Stock Island plant's turbine is back in town, and a preliminary 1990 to 1991 budget has been presented to the Utility Board. The board's workshop meeting will be held September 4, and the public hearing September 12.

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A Healthy Merger. Forget Florida Keys Memorial Hospital and dePoo Hospital. Instead, think of the Lower Florida Keys Health System, Inc., or, the shortened version of the new name: Health System. The Stock Island branch of the Health System, on Junior College Road, should be referred to as Health System East. The Kennedy Drive branch is to be called Health System West. One hospital employee suggests the following tip: remember that Health System West is in Key West, while Health System East is off the island, or... back east.

And a Healthy Expansion. Health Center East (formerly FKMH) is expanding its emergency-room treatment area. According to medical director Dr. Michael Keil, "Both the volume and the acuity of patients have been steadily rising for the total community. We're seeing more patients and sicker patients, which is consistent with national trends." The emergency room sees about 1800 patients a month. A physician is on duty 24 hours a day.

Go for the Gold. The Florida Keys Children's Shelter held its Summer Olympics Saturday, August 18 at the Coral Shores Field. Six teams participated in activities including softball, volleyball and relay games. Over \$4000 was raised from a raffle held after the events.

Recycling Makes Cents. On September 20 and 21, the Florida Keys Recycling Program is sponsoring a workshop on business recycling, with emphasis on the hospitality industry. The workshop will include seminars on implementing business recycling, and different programs for a variety of businesses. A Recycling Industry Trade Show will exhibit containers and equipment as well as environmentally sound products for business use. To register for the workshop, contact Connie Grabois, Monroe County Recycling Coordinator at 294-4641, ext. 223 or Kay Bahleda at the Pier House at 296-4600 by September 5. Space is limited, so call early.

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State Grants Guidance: Dr. Louis O'Connor, Key West psychologist, has been named the Crime Victim Counselor for the State Attorney's office. The office was awarded a Victim of Crime Act grant to provide no-cost counseling for victims of violent crimes and homicide survivors.

Car Phones Are Coming! Bell South Mobility has begun construction of the first cellular telephone system in the Keys. If FCC approval is given, the Upper Keys will have cellular capabilities by the end of 1990, and the Lower Keys will be on line by the first quarter of 1991. If you can't afford a mobile phone, don't worry—cheap fakes look just as cool from a distance.

Time to Hit the Books: Florida Keys Community College will host a variety of events this September, including a Literacy Day celebration, leadership seminars, banking courses, a faculty art show and basic self-defense for women. For information about these and other courses, call FKCC at 296-9081.

Candidates BBQ: Florida Keys Community College will host a Candidates Forum on Monday, September 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the FKCC Breezeway. Candidates for local political office have been invited to share their views with students, staff and faculty. The community is invited to attend this free barbecue.

Killer Algae Bloom: The bloom threatens the ocean floor from Boca Raton to Palm Beach. Florida Keys Land & Sea Trust has been working with scientists from Palm Beach to discover the cause of the algae bloom, which blocks sunlight to sea

fans and other vegetation, destroying the region's offshore reefs. The Land & Sea Trust has a national reputation in the field of marine water quality. Presently the group is attempting to isolate what is causing nutrient levels to rise and algae to form.

Saunders Land Trust. State Representative Ron Saunders was recently elected president of the Florida Keys Land & Sea Trust, a non-profit organization that acquires significant natural areas in the Keys for habitat protection and historic conservation, as well as conducting research and educational programs. Saunders was honored by the Sierra Club in 1989.

That's Teamwork. The Nature Conservancy, Florida Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service cooperated to protect 1215 acres of critical American crocodile habitat on North Key Largo. About 35 breeding females live in this area, a mixture of mangrove wetlands and uplands. North Key Largo is home to three other endangered species: the Key Largo cotton mouse, the Key Largo wood rat and the Schaus' swallowtail butterfly. This recent purchase puts Nature Conservancy holdings in the Keys at over 4500 acres.

Tennis, Anyone? Hawk's Cay Resort on Duck Key will be the site of the first Florida Keys/Hawk's Cay Classic Wheelchair Tennis Tournament on September 8 and 9. The tournament will pit some of the nation's top wheelchair tennis players against each other in men's and women's singles and doubles. Wheelchair tennis has been rapidly growing in the U.S. since its inception in 1976. For

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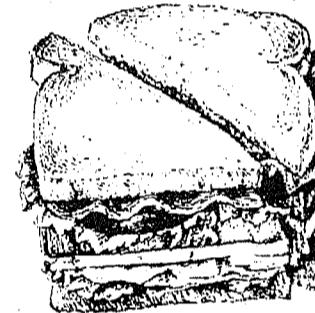
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Is Monroe County Mosquito Control seeking to balance or battle with nature?

by Pamula Mason

The Florida Keys mangroves are "home to six endangered species found nowhere else, while just off-shore lies the only living coral reef in the continental U.S." —Newsweek, August 13, 1990.

"Once water quality deteriorates, corals may not have the strength to recover from the stresses of people, boats, storms, silt, chemicals. Anything can put them over the edge. That fatal anything' can come from almost anywhere."

—National Geographic, July, 1990.

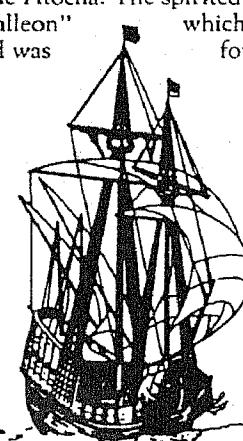
Recent articles published in national magazines have spurred controversy and concern over water quality and its effects on the fragile coral reefs in the Florida Keys. One of the many factors blamed for contributing to the problem, according to *National Geographic*, was mosquito spraying in the upper Keys.

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on the five-member Monroe County Mosquito Control Board, the pesky issue of managing the tiny but ferocious insects in an environmentally sound manner has reached a new level of local concern.

In the fall of 1989 and again this spring, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park off Key Largo was subjected to accidental spraying with mosquito pesticide. Lois Ryan, Director of the Monroe County Mosquito Control District, said this happened because her department had not been notified of land acquisitions expanding the area protected from spraying.

"There is a greater area of protected land mass in Monroe County than there are areas approved for spraying," said Ryan. "Spraying is forbidden on state lands and state parks. There is no aerial spraying allowed now over highly congested areas [such as Key West]."

One reason for congestion-based restrictions is last year's crash on Big Torch Key, where two pilots were killed. Ryan says this accident was not due to pilot error.

"Coming out of a turn the wingtip touched a tree and was sent into a spin. This is not a job without danger; it was a tragic accident."

"Our pilots undergo extensive training in pesticide handling and are made aware of the legal limits of the areas to be treated," she says. "Each plane is manned by a qualified pilot and a co-pilot."

Ryan was eager to correct errors in the *National Geographic* article. "We do not spray twice a day. Aerial spraying is based on mosquito counts reported from the 226 count stations located throughout the Keys and are determined by an average of 5 to 6 per minute, not 20 per minute, although some areas do report this many."

Ryan says mosquito control usually does not spray until it receives a number of

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National Geographic writers, believe causes the unhealthy algal blooms in Keys waters. *National Geographic* pointed to Monroe pesticides as culprits.

Although he didn't have exact percentages, Nesheim is certain "there is a much greater volume of nutrient loading derived from human-waste treatment facilities and the lack thereof than from mosquito spraying." Still, it is becoming accepted that deterioration of Keys water quality is the cumulative result of many sources rather than of a few.

Steve Breshears of Monroe County Health Department also believes spraying to be a minor contributor to the overall pollution problem affecting the Keys water and the reef. "Pollution from the area around Lake Okeechobee, runoff from sugar cane fields and other agriculture in southern Florida using much higher concentrations of pesticides and fertilizers pose a much greater threat to the environment here than the mosquito spraying," he says.

However, the county official says pesti-

cide spraying could pose other health hazards. "It is sprayed on roofs and gets into the water supply," he says. "It gets into the bay from storm-water runoff. Workers at the Key deer refuge have expressed concerns about the effects on birds and deer. We are trying to create a buffer area around protected areas."

Ryan pointed to a list on her bulletin board of names of residents with health problems, shrimp farmers, and other aqua- and mariculturists who are called prior to spraying. Announcements are made on radio hours before a scheduled spraying.

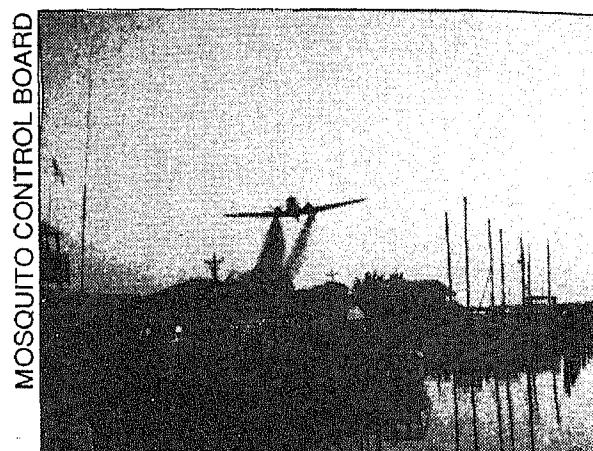
Additionally, she says, "We try to rely more on ground spraying by trucks at night. This method is more easily restricted to residential target areas. One of our main problems is the protected areas, which include all off-shore islands, yet mosquitoes breed on these islands and migrate to populated areas."

Compounding the problem are summer rains in South Dade County and the Everglades, which produce hordes of mos-

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quitoes. The pesky insects migrate to the Upper Keys when prevailing winds blow from the direction of those areas. Also, says Ryan, residents and visitors have different views with regard to mosquito control services.

"We are constantly walking a tight-rope in our efforts to provide an effective mosquito control program," she says.

Because of antagonistic views on mosquito control, Ryan says every effort is made to reduce the amount of pesticides applied to the environment. The county's first line of defense is to control mosquitoes while they are in the larval stage by applying biological control agents known as BTIs and insect growth regulators to mosquito



MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

TRAILING SPRAY: Mosquito Control plane at work, dusting the skeeter crops.

complaint calls from residents. "At most, we spray three times a week," she says. "The misunderstanding [in *National Geographic*] arose because I said we can only spray two hours before sunset or two hours after sunrise."

Spraying the allowed residential areas of the Keys takes at least three days. Conditions must be just right, with winds no greater than 10 miles per hour to reach the lower levels where mosquitoes breed.

Ryan has been with the county 36 years and has been acting director, then director, since 1972. As a long-term resident of Monroe County, she says she is concerned with protection of its delicate ecosystem. After 18 years on the job, Ryan makes \$52,000 a year. Always on call, she manages 39 to 40 fulltime and 35 to 40 seasonal employees.

"We use six-tenths of an ounce of pesticide per acre, the smallest proportion possible to be effective," she says. "The pesticide is called Naled, the safest known to date. The amount of phosphate we spray per acre is equivalent to the amount used in one load of dishes washed in a dishwasher."

Dr. Norman Nesheim from the University of Florida Pesticide Information Office says, "Naled is a commercial name for dibrom, one of the organo-phosphate family of pesticides." The pesticides could add to nutrient-loading, which many, including

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The district's biological control program also includes stocking many of the known breeding areas with *Gambusia affinis* (mosquito larvae-eating fish). Insecticides applied for both aerial- and ground-based control of adult mosquitoes are at the lowest possible application rate, according to Ryan. Adult mosquitoes have been known to spread encephalitis and yellow fever.

The district also carries out a domestic inspection program within the City of Key West to eliminate mosquitoes, which breed in water-holding containers on residential and business properties. Two inspectors canvas the city and treat old tires, abandoned cisterns, and street drains, which become prolific breeders of adult mosquitoes if left untreated.

The mosquito control district is overseen by a board of commissioners. "Special taxing districts were established by legislation," says Ryan, explaining why mosquito control commission is a political office. The projected millage rate for mosquito control for fiscal year 1990 is .0455. "This means a house worth \$100,000 is taxed \$45.50, [to create the] department's financial base." At that rate the budget will be \$2.6 million, up \$100,000 from this year.

As far as qualifications, "the elected officials usually have a business background," she says. Monroe County voters

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will select mosquito control commissioners from Districts 3 and 5. In District 3, Republican Daniel Garshman battles Democrat Steve Eid; and District 5, it's Republican Greg Goebel challenging incumbent Joseph Pinder, a Democrat.

"Anyone living in the Keys cares about the environment," says Eid. "On all national parks and outlands spraying is forbidden." Eid, a developer, says he thinks he has "the sensitivity and caring to make a decision in favor of the environment over human comfort."

As part of a construction project in 1988, Eid filled in wetlands behind Seastown and was ordered by a federal judge to correct the problem and donate a pond to the state, which he did. Later Eid said he felt filling the wetlands was wrong, contended he did not realize he was breaking the law, and believed he had gained a better appreciation for the Keys ecosystem.

Eid's opponent Daniel Garshman, a retired engineer with a research background, says he's running to incorporate natural forms of mosquito control into Monroe County's system. He says he's been studying alternative methods, has found that the county's BTI system may be undercut by the alkalinity of the Keys and has contacted mosquito control officials in other parts of the country about what alternatives are working for them.

"I think we could be doing a lot more," says Garshman. "And I think I can work effectively with the board."

Garshman says he has no other political aspirations. He was elected as a commissioner in a city about the size of Monroe County. "I served three years and it was like a death sentence." His main concern, he says, is the insects.

In District 5, the Upper Keys, businessman Greg Goebel is challenging incumbent Joseph Pinder for his seat on the board. A Keys resident since 1969, Goebel says his recreational vehicle business relies heavily on tourism, which is one reason he wants to keep mosquitoes under control. He

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- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.
- Repair leaky plumbing and outside faucets.

• Connect open waste-water drains to a sewage system or construct separate sump or leach lines.

- Clean clogged roof gutters and drain flat roofs.
- Fill holes in trees with sand or mortar.
- Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish.
- Report any old tires holding stagnant water to the Mosquito Control District.

finds current policy perplexing.

"The chemicals they are using are not allowed on state and federal lands," he says. "It brings to mind, if it's not good for them, why is it good for us? They're dumping this stuff on our heads."

Like Garshman, Goebel believes the mosquito control board needs to communicate with the same board in other counties. "They don't seem to look at other ways of dealing with it beside just dumping chemicals," he says.

Goebel says that he "would like to control the mosquitoes, whatever it takes," and that given the large budget, the department should be run like a business.

Goebel says he is not interested in pursuing a political career.

Incumbent Joseph Pinder, who has been a mosquito control commissioner for 13 years, could not be reached for comment.

Those candidates who are elected will join two mosquito control diehards: Leonard "Mike" Warren, who was voted to the board in 1958; and Manuel I. Rodriguez, elected in 1973.

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According to a recent water-quality study of the Florida Keys, Dr. Brian LaPointe said, "The most apparent spatial trend among [the study's] data is that of generally decreased water quality in nearshore sites compared to offshore sites."

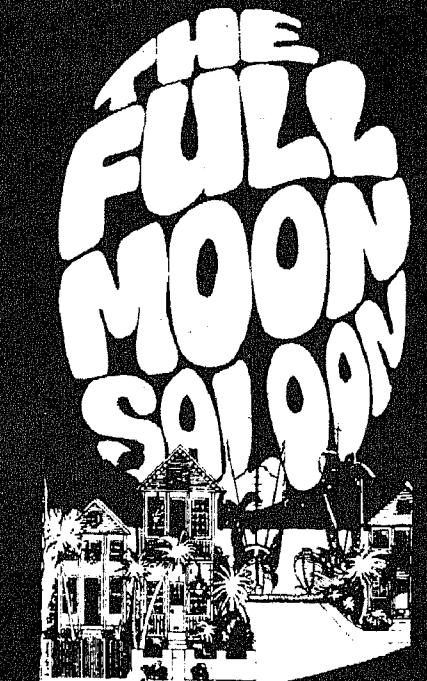
LaPointe concludes, "Our hard data and observations indicate that these waters are not pristine, as generally viewed by tourists or laymen, but in fact stressed by nutrient loading and associated eutrophication."

Ryan, who says numerous sources, in-

cluding population and development, cause pollution in the Keys says, "If you want to stop development and lower the number of humans in the Keys, just put an end to my participation."

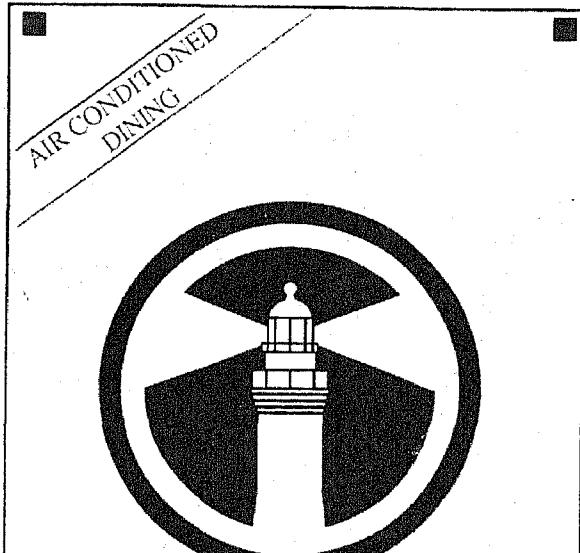
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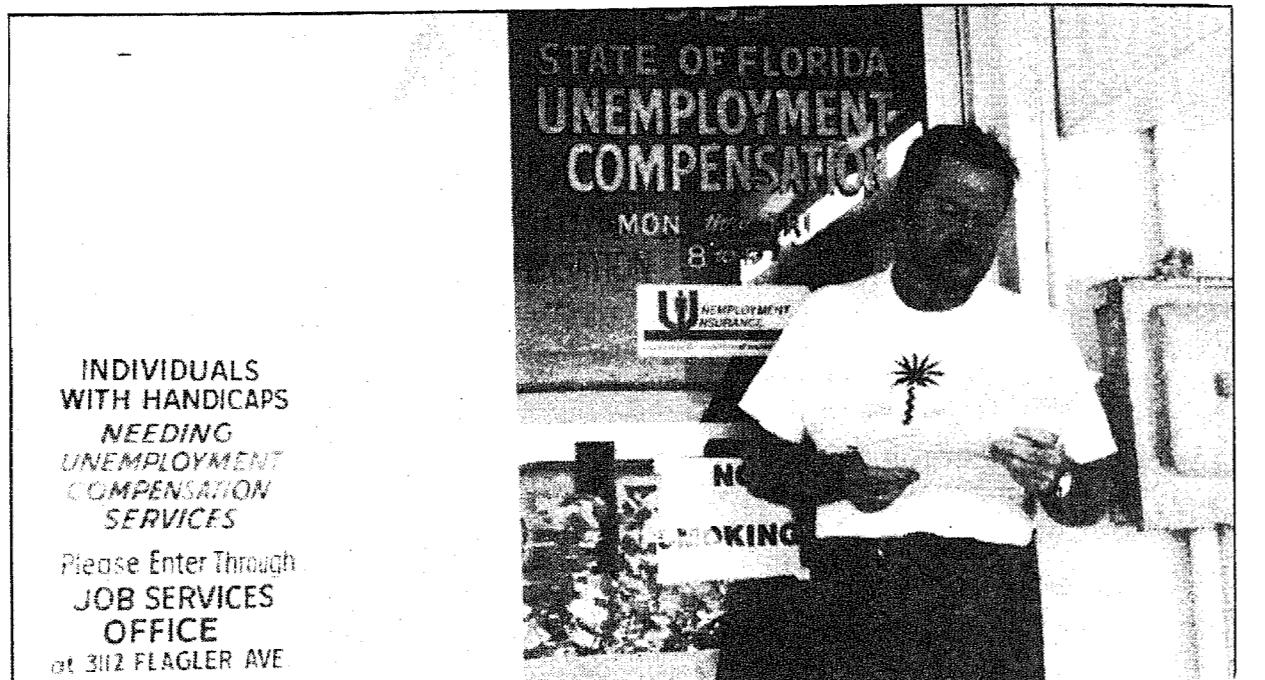
Good Morning George Murphy: You're Fired!

by June Keith

On Friday, August 17, radio-show host George Murphy announced to listeners of his program, *Good Morning Key West*, that there was a possibility that he would not be back for Monday's program. Murphy says he made the announcement because his boss had given him an ultimatum: either begin selling advertising for the station, or quit the show. The announcement made some heavy waves.

"I was called to a meeting at the station and told that although revenues for the station have doubled since May, revenues from my show have not kept up with that growth," Murphy explains. "I was told that I could become a sales representative for the station, and go out and sell advertising, and earn more money than I earn now. I would have to earn the right to do my show and earn my salary by selling commissioned advertising."

Murphy responded with a letter to Joe Russo, manager of Radio WKIZ AM and WEOW FM, dated August 16. It said, in part: "There's an obvious conflict in a city this small and this political to place a talk-show host in the position of being directly financially dependent on businesses that may have a vested interest in the issues that will be discussed. This is so obvious it should not even need to be said."



GOVERNMENT FORMS: Former *Good Morning Key West* radio talk-show host George Murphy reviews documents that may help carry him through to his next celebrity job in Key West.

Murphy added that Russo's timing was rotten, as Murphy had just returned from a trip to Massachusetts, where he had buried his father and placed his mother in a nursing home. Further, his children were visiting him in Key West.

Sure enough, when Murphy reported to work Monday, someone else was sitting in the host's chair. On Monday night, Murphy says that, not having heard from Russo over the weekend, he phoned the manager of WKIZ Radio at his home and asked for a definitive answer. Did he have his job or not? He did not.

Russo says he doesn't understand all the fuss being made about radio personality George Murphy being replaced. Russo says Murphy had options, and he made a choice.

"In all my years in radio in Key West I've let a number of people go," says Russo. "Why didn't the media do stories on those people? If I ran a restaurant and I fired a chef, would everyone want to know why I did it? I didn't want George Murphy to leave the station. It was a business decision, and George was given the opportunity to work with us but refused to do so."

Gayle Swofford, who founded WKIZ 30 years ago, recently sold the station to

Dexell Hill Associates of New Jersey. Swofford says early morning radio fans are largely creatures of habit and will yell loudest when any part of their morning station's listening pattern is altered.

"I'm not at all surprised by the number of phone calls being placed to WKIZ," says Swofford, who is a sales consultant to the station. "Broadcasting is a very personal thing, it affects people's lives. Key West people do not like change, but they will get used to it. What upsets them is a new voice or a new feature on the morning format they are accustomed to. People will get used to a new personality, and who's to say the show won't be done better?"

Psychological counselor Molly Ersay, a frequent guest on *Good Morning Key West*, handed out letters to 25 of her clients, urging them to contact WKIZ and protest the decision to replace Murphy. She says as far as she knows, every one of them did call.

"George had a good grasp of Twelve Step programs and was not afraid to touch upon controversial subjects like relationships between gay men, for example," Ersay says. "I know of three people who got into counseling as a result of listening to George Murphy's show."

Joe Russo says that of all calls to the station in support of George Murphy, only two were from business owners, and neither of those businesses bought ads on Murphy's show.

"I think that the media has given George too much credibility in this thing," Russo says. "To the best of my knowledge, that was the original arrangement with WKIZ: for him to be selling advertising from Day 1. He did have an account on the air. We weren't asking George to do something new that he wasn't supposed to have been doing already before we took over."

Gayle Swofford, who originally hired Murphy as the *Good Morning Key West* host, says that's true. But Swofford adds that soon after hiring Murphy it became obvious that he was not a salesman.

"We decided to try *Good Morning Key West* for six months, and when the show proved to be popular, we went on for another six months. We did it on a trial basis. We had no contract," Swofford says.

"We lost several accounts when Murphy went on the air on our station," Swofford recalls. "But that's the nature of telephone talk shows, and we weighed that into our decision to hire him. We felt that he was very, very talented and he did a good job."

Swofford says it takes time to generate enthusiasm and interest for a new format, and so Murphy was given a fixed, guaranteed salary "to get him going" until the show caught on.

"We asked George originally if he would help out by visiting businesses and helping to sell the show—go in and talk to people," Swofford says. "That was our original in-

tention to have George help us sell it. A talk-show host can do a real good job in selling for the advertiser, doing his commercial for him. But he didn't do it as well as we would have liked him to. George obviously didn't like to sell. Several times we gave him sales quotas, and he never once made his quota."

"Financially the show was a flop, and that's flop with a capital F-L-O-P," Swofford says, adding that revenues from the program never paid for Murphy's salary of \$1200 a month, for five, two-hour shows each week, or for the cost of having it on the air.

"If I hadn't sold the station, I'm certain I would have ultimately come to the same decision about *Good Morning Key West* as the new owners have," Swofford says. "The bottom line is always money, and the show never made it out of the red."

"I contend strongly that [selling ads] was not a condition of my employment, not a requirement," Murphy says, adding that he asked Swofford for a contract outlining his responsibilities on three different occasions. He says he never got one.

Murphy says Swofford never brought up the issue of sales to him. Swofford says he did bring it up a number of times. Murphy

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brought one account, The Full Moon Saloon, to the air.

"Last spring I was informed that the newest Arbitron ratings had placed WKIZ first [most listened to] in the Keys," Murphy says. "So although I am doing my job demonstrably well, I have been asked to take on a whole new job as sales rep in addition to my regular job."

"People are listening to WKIZ," Swofford says. "They're not just listening to George Murphy. We've always come in strong in the ratings as the most listened to morning radio show for adult listeners, in the 35-plus age group."

Murphy says he is currently entertaining serious offers for a new telephone/talk show from two radio stations. He is also involved in preparing litigation against WKIZ.

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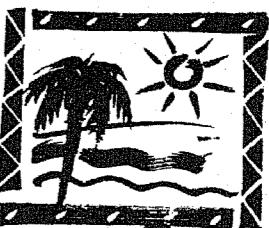
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by Bill Manville

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I am surprised to find myself writing a paean to hard work, and what it can do, even in Key West. But then, isn't that one of the central issues of our lives? How to live in Key West—now that we've got here at last—and make enough money to stay?

Ten years ago, Denny didn't have a dime. He took a job working for me, and when I came home unexpectedly one day, I found he had brought a ladder with him. He was washing and dusting the tops of the Hunter ceiling fan blades, unasked: in World History, I think, a first.

I expressed astonishment and pleased surprise. "Do you know what spring cleaning means?" Denny said.

"Once a year, you empty out the house and go over it with mop and broom, roof to street," I said.

"When I was a kid," Denny said, "in my house, we did it once a week. I can see now that I had a choice: either become the world's biggest slob, or learn to take pleasure in clean. You can see what I did."

I gave him a raise when he asked for one, and later, another. When people I knew said they were looking for someone reliable, I told them to phone Denny. Not that he needed me. The word on him was already out, and he had all the work he could handle, six and (sometimes) seven days a week.

In fact, so greatly was he in demand by then that another word was out too: Denny

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will work only for people he likes. In the time I've known him, Denny has fired—walked out on—three different jobs.

And was immediately offered six new ones.

My day with Denny was always Monday. Along he would come on his bike, whistling at 8 a.m., handsome, neat and cheery, bringing something for himself to eat, for me too if I would join in. I was anorexic at the time, and all I had in my fridge were cold water and vitamin pills.

"You know, Bill," he said one day, "a lot of my friends think there's something wrong with me, that I like doing this work so much. 'Don't you have more ambition?' they say."

"When you woke this morning," I said, "did you say, 'Oh, shit, here's Monday again'?"

"Oh, no," Denny said. "I get a feeling of satisfaction when I see a house shine when I get through. I like Monday morning."

"Is there anyone in Key West, doing your job, who gets a better hourly rate?"

Denny blushed. "No," he said. "No one I know."

"Enough to have bought your house and open a shop?"

"No, but I'm not going to quit doing outside work until I have a lot of consecutive months of the shop running in the black," Denny said.

"So you're at the top of your profession, a profession you enjoy. You're beginning a new business, which you own, in a house which you own, too. You look forward to each Monday morning because you work only for people who value you, and you have a reputation for being the best in town at your job, right?"

"Yes," Denny said.

To people in seemingly more glamorous professions, in law, banking or the hospitality business:

Denny once said to me the way he looks at it, working means how much of your life, how much of your time here on earth, do you sell, for how much money.

How happy are you?

Do you look forward to Monday morning?

Are you as big a success as Denny?

Nature Notebook

The Spectrum Bloom

by A. d'Rianne

Commonly called blue mohoe, sea hibiscus and tree hibiscus, the mahoe (*Hibiscus tiliaceus*) is native to the Tropics in both hemispheres and is considered by most authorities to be native to the Florida Keys. This is the tree that mystified me when I first moved from Cleveland twelve years ago. Fascinated, I had never seen a flower turn three colors—from lemon yellow to orange to maroon—in one day.

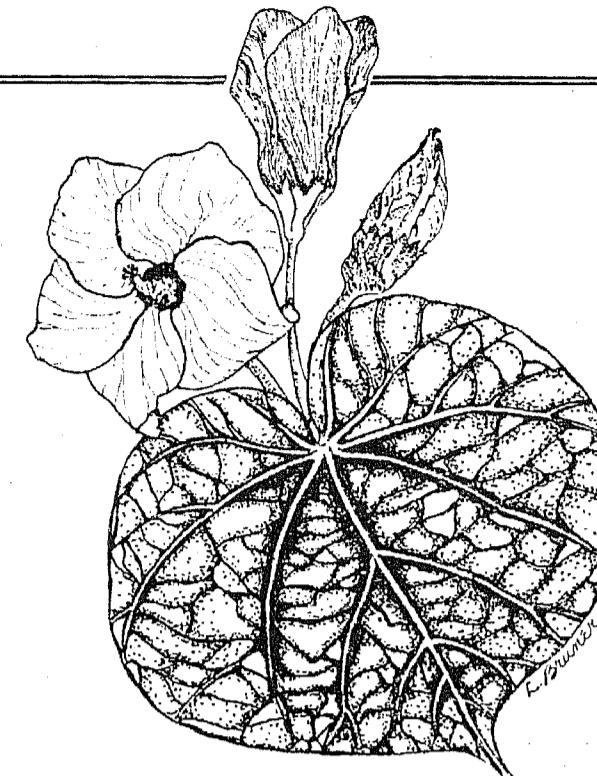
Aside from its most unusual trait, the mahoe may be identified by its large (often eight inches across), beautifully-veined, heart-shaped leaves, deep green in color. And, yes, it belongs to the same genus as our familiar tuck-behind-your-ear-and-look-exotic *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*.

The mahoe, however, grows into a large tree, often 40 or 50 feet high. It is salt tolerant and a quick grower. Apparently, mahoe is called blue mohoe in some places because the heart of the wood is a subtle blue-gray color; it is, perhaps, the only wood known to have such a color.

There are two other trees often called mahoe because their flowers look similar. One is the Cuban bast, *Hibiscus elatus*, which was once used to make baseball bats in Cuba. This tree has much smaller leaves than the mahoe and is commonly called the seaside hibiscus. The seaside mahoe or cork tree (*Thespesia populnea*) has larger leaves than the mahoe but seven main veins rather than the nine-to-eleven veins of the mahoe.

Like gumbo limbo, the mahoe is one of our "living fence post" trees. Branches which are cut and stuck into the ground will quickly grow into a secure fence. In coastal swamps near the mangroves, the mahoe's leaning trunks and branches form roots in the mud and help in accumulating organic debris (which eventually creates soil) as do the mangroves.

Before technology developed alternate materials, mahoe wood was used for most of the outriggers on canoes. The wood is light and tough, and even today it is used in Mexico as a substitute for cork. Hawaiians use it for the cross sticks on kites. And in Tahiti mahoe leaves have served as plates and oven covers (for roast pig, perhaps?). There the fibrous parts of the inner bark also



were once woven into tapa, the fabric used to make loincloths, fish nets and mats, while in Samoa, natives wove the bark into a mesh to strain their native beverage, kava.

The mahoe itself offers several culinary uses. You can start a fire by rubbing a hard-wood stick on a block of dried mahoe, which ignites easily. The flowers, which are considered a mild laxative, can be eaten raw or battered and fried. (Bees make honey from the mahoe.) And if you're really hard up for food, the mahoe's roots and bark are edible as well.

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There are even legends about this tree. In Hawaii, *hau* is considered to be the visible form of the Manoe wind; and in Tahiti, *fau* or *pura* is supposed to be the grandchild of heaven and earth.

If you'd like to check out some nice specimens in Key West, try:

- Louie's Backyard on the rear deck by the ocean, out of bloom.

- Key West Garden Club at West Martello Towers, northwest corner, in bloom at press time.

- 512 William Street, pink house, at the corner of front fence, in bloom at press time.

- 509 Margaret Street, in the sidewalk out front, in bloom at press time.

- Both Cuban bast and mahoe in the park by the tennis courts across from the Casa Marina.

To view a cut sample of mahoe, or 50 or so other samples of native woods, see Mr. and Mrs. Ford at the Sea Store, 614 Greene Street. Jimmy Wray's Key West Woodworks at Safe Harbour Marina on Stock Island has a dining room table on display made of mahoe. Wray is in the process of creating room divider screens, one of which will be mahoe. He can be reached at 296-1811.

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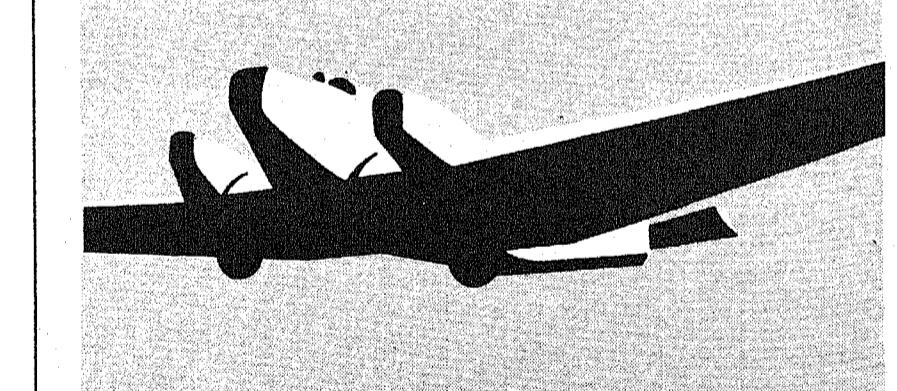
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All summer, theatrical stages at the Waterfront Playhouse and the Red Barn Theatre (an ankle-turning walk behind the Woman's Club) have been dim if not dark. So, I must lean upon stage memories.

Late last spring my friend from Jacksonville, her pet mouse and I settle ourselves in the matchless Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center. Lionel Hampton, celebrated vibraphonist, and his orchestra are setting up the vibes for an evening of American jazz. My friend and I are turned out in mango-colored washable silk trouser suits, our perfume drifting out over the foxy gathering. She possesses candour of spirit, and an outing with her is always a stitch.

Tonight satisfies two of her ruling passions—theatre and her pet mouse.

With engaging heartlessness we are stepped over in our seats by a woman all in black with lustrous pearls at her hair, wrists, bosom. She is like moonlight in a well. Her escort has two crimson ears sticking out from under a green beret. He wears a T-shirt with the print of a cat either burning or waving a flag. My friend wipes her eyes. She cries when the flag passes as though someone has pushed an onion beneath her nose.

Seven little old ladies coming in on a van from Marathon take the next row. I am a

close and tender listener, and in spun-silver voices they are sticking silver knives in Ida's back. Ida is the absent one. "... I said, Ida, your breasts need to be repositioned ... Well, it's small-breasted women who are dull ... Don't you think that Ida's house on Duck Key looks like a crematorium ... Say, I thought Lionel Hampton was dead ... If he had died, he'd be up there selling God clouds ..." And, and, and.

The great master of jazz-swinging music has begun the fete. My friend opens her handbag. She takes her pet mouse out and holds him up so that he can see the stage.

On the other side of my friend is an established old stone face, her husband, a retired Navy Captain. He smells of Life-bouy soap.

The military mind is a distinct entity—separate, cyclopean, different from other minds. A military mind does not hold with the whims of a civilian. Really, this type of top brass military mind seldom allows any awareness of a civilian. Owners of the military mind are scrupulously mannerly, formidable and celebrated.

Sitting closely beside persons through a concert, you are going to feel their presence and you conjecture about them. The Captain is only minimally worn out after passing through wars and his marriage. We know that in time relations change between persons. I recall long ago my friend arrived at the League of Women Voters absent-mindedly carrying her small twins upside-down.

The Captain now obviously regards her as a beloved and delectable, though precocious, child. My friend has not altered her style a whit. They are like two great waves hitting together, then naturally subsiding.

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man other than my husband." She managed to omit, "I will not bring a mouse to a concert."

My friend's pet mouse is nut-colored. He has been returned to her bag, which is open. He is such a friendly little guy swinging from a compact mirror by one toothpick-sized leg. His three remaining legs are tapping time to Lionel Hampton's rhythms. I am greatly entertained, my attention flitting from the stage and its lovely sounds to the pet mouse and his reception of jazz.

Now the mouse is seated on a lipstick tube, regarding with supreme pleasure himself in the mirror. Now and then, he gets caught up in Lionel Hampton's airs and he bangs a capricious foot against a Tums package, making thump-thump sound as if on a tiny tambourine.

A chap seated behind us keeps leaning over into the bag where the mouse gazes chummily up with pea-green eyes. I believe the fellow in back of us is stewed.

The Captain notices and gives me an ironical smile. I suppose your sense of fun and reaching out is inherited, the same as your religion and your nose. The Captain's nose thrusts out from his face like a crag, formidable and celebrated.

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Monroe County Election Section

In the Primaries

The political season is in full swing. The 1990 county- and state-level elections over the next three months will culminate in the general election on November 6.

On September 4, voters will narrow down candidates in the races for County Sheriff, County Commission Districts 4 and 2, County School Board District 5, and County Judge Group 4.

Six Democrats are vying to represent their party in the general

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	Paco Gonzalez	
	Don Morell	
	Philip Redo	
	Lofis Rollins	
	Mike Young	
MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION		
Middle Keys		
Republican	Democrat	
Mike Puto, incumbent	Thea Ramsay	
Bill Plank		
Earl Cheal		
Lower Keys		
Republican	Democrat	
James McElroy	Eugene Lytton, incumbent	
Jack London		
MONROE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD		
Key West • District 1		
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Robert Padron, incumbent	Clarence Phillips	
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Linda Cranendonk	Paula Wolgast	
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Republican	Democrat	
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Susan Vernon		
Upper Keys • Group 3		
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election for sheriff. On the Republican side incumbent Rick Roth, appointed to fill in for Allison DeFoor, who left his law enforcement post to join Governor Bob Martinez as his running mate, is battling Charles Howell. Sheriff is the only position with a write-in candidate, Bob Horan, a Libertarian, who is assured a space on the ballot in November.

Because of the large number of candidates, it's likely the sheriff's Democratic primary will result in a run-off on October 2.

For the Republican nominations for county commission slots, incumbent Mike Puto comes up against Bill Plank and Earl Cheal in the Middle Keys, while in the Lower Keys James McElroy and Jack London are competing.

For a spot on the District 5 Monroe County School Board, Roland Fisch faces off with William Martin. The Republican winner of this primary will challenge Democratic incumbent Ruth Alice Campbell. All registered voters, including Independents, can cast their ballots in the non-partisan race for Monroe County Judge, Group 4, in the Middle Keys. Running in this one are Ruth Becker, Steven Shea, Sheri Smallwood and Andrew Tobin. Unless one candidate receives a majority—or 50 percent plus one—of the votes, this primary will result in a run-off in the November 6 general election.

Solares Hill will post the results of the September primaries and feature the activities in the October run-off in the October issue, scheduled to be on the streets by September 26. In our November issue we will publish the responses to our candidates' questionnaire, and we'll take a look at the gas tax and solid waste referendums which will most likely be on the ballot.

Roger Braun's "Political Pulse 1990" will broadcast live election coverage from the supervisor of elections' office beginning at 7 p.m. on September 4 on TCI Channel 5.

Your Vote Counts

So Get Out and Do It!

There are 39,799 registered voters in Monroe County. During the 1986 elections a meager 33 percent of the eligible electorate voted in the primaries, while 53 percent turned out for the general election. Says county supervisor of elections Harry Sawyer, "I'm hoping we end up a lot better. I'd love to see it in the high 40s, but even 33 percent was still better than most of the counties in Florida."

Persons registered Independent cannot vote in either the Democratic or Republican primaries. They can, however, vote in the non-partisan judges' races in the primary, in the general election on November 6 and on referendum questions.

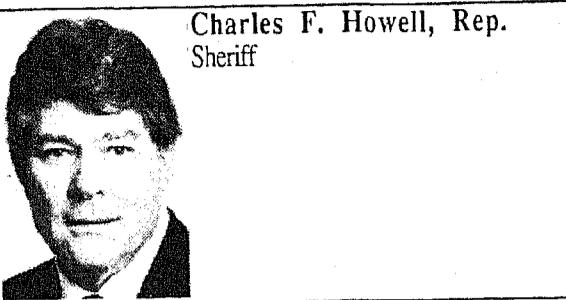
Those not registered to vote will miss out on the primaries this year. But if they register before October 8 they may vote in November. Although the registration books are officially open only from October 3 through 8 and then after the general election, people may fill out the paperwork in advance. Right now in Monroe County 21,001 voters are registered as Democrats, 15,499 as Republicans, and 3,299 as "other."

Florida statute provides that any person physically unable to reach his or her polling place may vote by absentee ballot. Sawyer says the elections office is now providing voting booths specially designed for handicapped voters. Call the supervisor of elections office at 294-6966 for information.

Candidates for county commission, school board, mosquito control board and judiciary are required to live in the district they represent once they are elected. All five districts are set by the county commission. Candidates are voted on "at large."

Of the 25 precinct polling places in Monroe County, the first 10 are in Key West. For information on polling locations call 294-6966 in Key West, 743-7213 in Marathon, or 852-8539 in the Upper Keys.

Precinct 1: Jaycee Clubhouse, 3825 Flagler Ave.; Precinct 2: Key West High School, 2100 Flagler Ave., in the auditorium; Precinct 3: Glynn Archer Elementary School, 1100 Block Seminary St.; Precinct 4: Coral City Elks Club Building, 1107 Whitehead St.; Precinct 6: Harris School, 812 Southard St.; Precinct 7: Moose Club, 700 Eisenhower Dr.; Precinct 8: No. 3 Fire Station, Grinnell and Virginia Sts.; Precinct 9: May Sands School, corner Seminary and Tropical Sts.; Precinct 10: Poinciana School, 14th St.; Precinct 11: Baptist Temple, 2nd Ave., Stock Island.

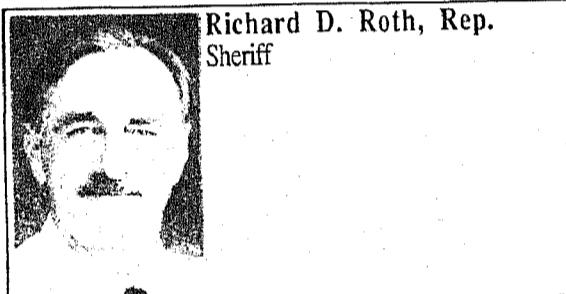
SheriffCharles F. Howell, Rep.
Sheriff

Charles Howell, who lives in Islamorada, was appointed a deputy sheriff in Monroe County under the late Sheriff William J. Freeman in 1985, and then was promoted to major while serving as the coordinator of the transition team for former Sheriff Allison DeFoos in 1989.

A former Green Beret, Howell was with the U.S. Secret Service and provided executive protection for seven presidents, beginning with Harry S. Truman through George Bush—a span of about 20 years.

Howell was recently endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, District 6, which includes 17 local FOP lodges in Dade and Monroe Counties.

"In seeking the office of Monroe County Sheriff, I have made a commitment to this community to use my administrative and law enforcement qualifications to establish cost-effective budgets that provide for the safety and welfare of the entire county," Howell said.

Richard D. Roth, Rep.
Sheriff

Incumbent Richard Roth has been a member of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office since 1965. He began his career as a

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radio dispatcher and worked his way up through the ranks of patrol deputy, detective, detective sergeant, detective lieutenant and district commander with the rank of captain.

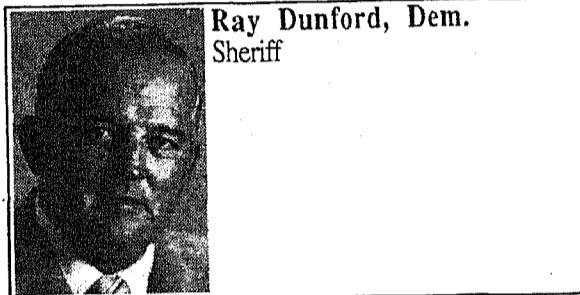
In 1985, he was promoted to major and served as the commander of field operations. He has served as the office's inspector general and currently holds the position of commander of support services.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy for Police Executives, Roth has attended many professional law enforcement schools and holds an associate arts degree in police administration from Florida Keys Community College.

Richard Roth—Recommended

Solares Hill believes Richard Roth's 25 years of experience in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department make him a knowledgeable and empathetic choice for the Republican candidate. We were not impressed with Howell's mudslinging campaign tactics. Howell was endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, but he won that endorsement by only five votes—47 to 42.

Ray Dunford, Dem. Sheriff



Originally from Detroit, Ray Dunford was hired as a Monroe County Deputy Sheriff by former sheriff William A. Freeman after he completed basic law enforcement training. He recently left the sheriff's department to become president of a company called Upper Keys, Inc.

Prior to that he was employed by GTE Data Services as a manager co-responsible for multimillion dollar expenditures on equipment, remote location personnel staffing, multi-year planning and corporate-wide telecommunications. Since leaving GTE, which is located in Tampa, he has

owned Marine Services Co. in the West Palm Beach area.

Dunford was also employed by Reynolds Metals Company, where he implemented several changes in corporate management systems.

Dunford attended St. Petersburg Junior College, where he received an associates in arts degree with honors; he then transferred to the University of Florida, where he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, also with honors. Early on he volunteered for service in the Coast Guard for four years, after which he received a honorable discharge.

Dunford has held several offices in the Florida West Coast chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, was a member of the American Management Association and Project manager for IBM Share Group. Locally, he is vice-president of the Key Largo Lions Club and a member Fraternal Order of Police Upper Keys Lodge #92.

Francisco J. "Paco" Gonzalez, Dem. Sheriff



Paco Gonzalez recently resigned from his position of director of the Florida Keys Institute of Criminal Justice, which he had held since 1986, at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He says the position has allowed him an inside look at local law enforcement, particularly personnel morale and organization of the current sheriff's department.

His past experience includes a position as an FDLE-certified instructor on the adjunct faculty of Southeast Florida Institute of Criminal Justice, Miami-Dade Community College, St. Leo's College, Criminal Justice Degree Program; Metro-Dade Police Training Center and the Miami Police Department Training Center.

After retiring as a special agent major for

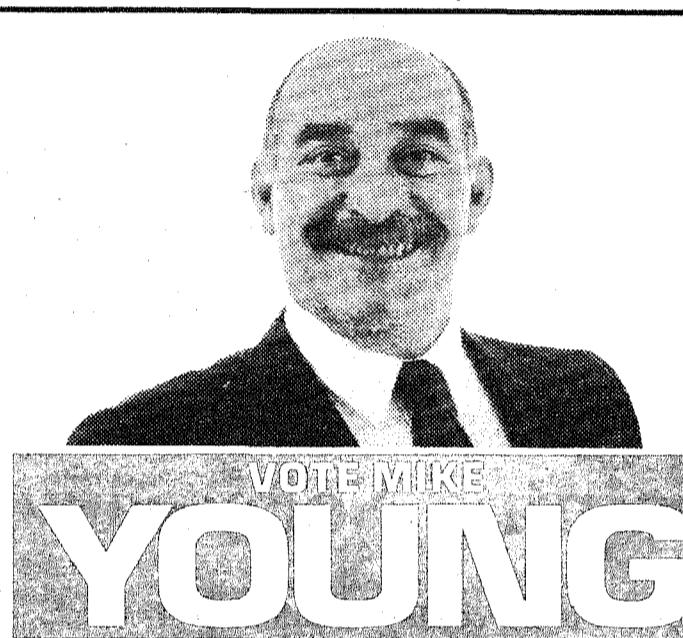
the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1974, Gonzalez became a resource consultant specialist for the department of human-community relations, on the board of education in Omaha, Nebraska. There he was responsible for implementation of the conflict free federal court-ordered desegregation plan for the Omaha Public School System and acted as a crisis/conflict interventionist and mediator for the U.S. Department of Justice. He also developed new strategies for resolving racial classroom problems.

As a special agent, he served as a law enforcement instructor and police advisor to agencies in Central America.

Donald Morrell, Dem. Sheriff

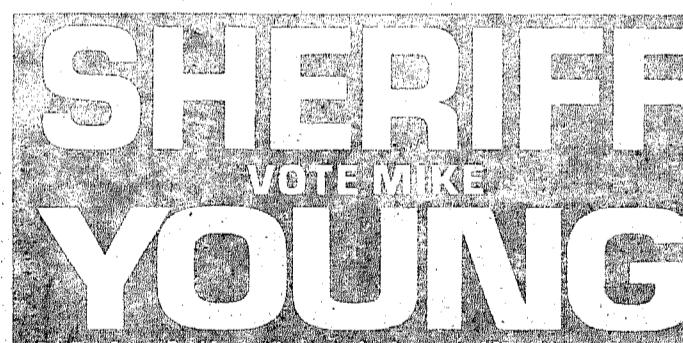


Donald Morrell graduated from the Jersey City Police Academy and special courses in Bergen County Police Academy,



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sociation and one term as the vice-president of Local 88.

He says that during the nine years he has lived in the Florida Keys, he has seen many things which should be changed and must be improved. He says he would start with the police academy, where he believes we are paying top dollar and getting poor results. His three top concerns, if elected

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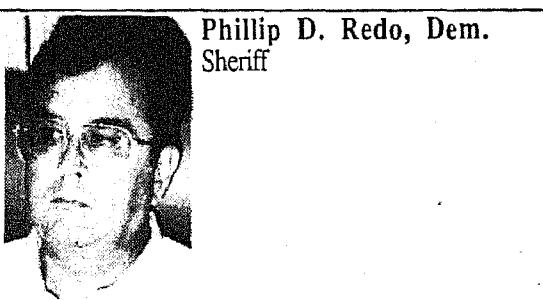
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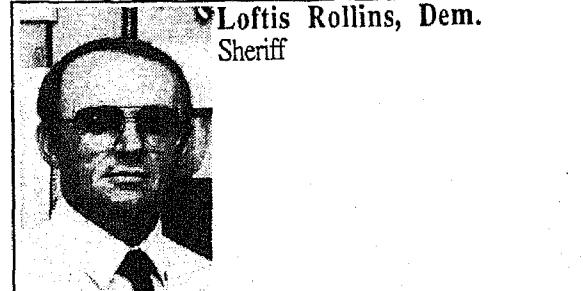
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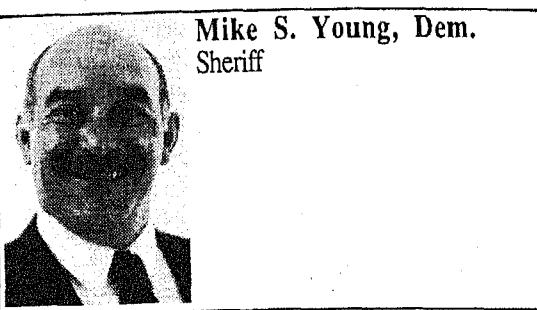
Phillip D. Redo, Dem.
Sheriff

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Sheriff

and the Fraternal Order of Police.



Mike S. Young, Dem.
Sheriff

Phillip D. Redo owns and operates PDR Security Services, Inc., a business which designs and installs burglar alarm systems as well as providing private investigation and security guard services.

From 1982 to 1985, he served as a detective in the criminal investigation unit of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Prior to that, he was a patrolman for seven years with the West Goshen Township Municipal Police Department in West Goshen, Pennsylvania. His responsibilities included investigating crimes of all types committed in the township, preparing cases for court and attending court procedures.

Serving as a patrolman with the same general duties as above, Redo was employed first with municipal police departments in South Coatesville and Cain Township, both in Pennsylvania.

Redo graduated from the Pennsylvania Police Academy for Municipal Police Officers, the Pennsylvania State Police School for Traffic Law and Florida Keys Community College for Municipal Police Officers.

From 1960 to 1967 he was in the United

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ENVIRONMENT - Our environment is our economy. We must stop the continued destruction of our fishing and water quality.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS - I support a tough position on drugs and law enforcement. I have not and will not support drug dealers. They belong in jail. Drug education and rehabilitation are important.

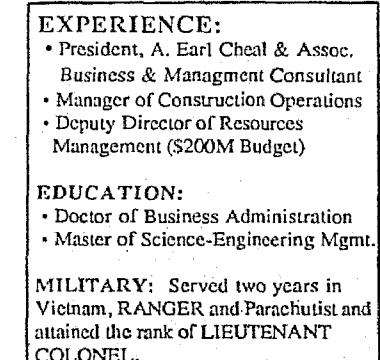
DEVELOPMENT - We must prevent high density over-development to protect water quality and the coral reef.

TRAFFIC - Traffic conditions should not be allowed to deteriorate further.

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EXPERIENCE:

- President, A. Earl Cheal & Assoc. Business & Management Consultant
- Manager of Construction Operations
- Deputy Director of Resources Management (\$200M Budget)

EDUCATION:

- Doctor of Business Administration
- Master of Science-Engineering Mgmt.

MILITARY: Served two years in Vietnam, RANGER and Parachutist and attained the rank of LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

BECKER For The Bench

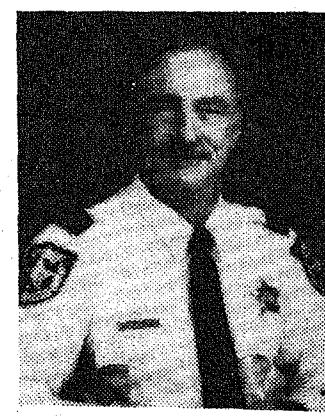
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Rick Roth is the candidate with 25 years of experience from Patrolman to Detective, Station Commander, Major, and now Sheriff.

He's the one candidate who knows how the department works. The payoff: trust, morale, increasingly efficient service to the county.

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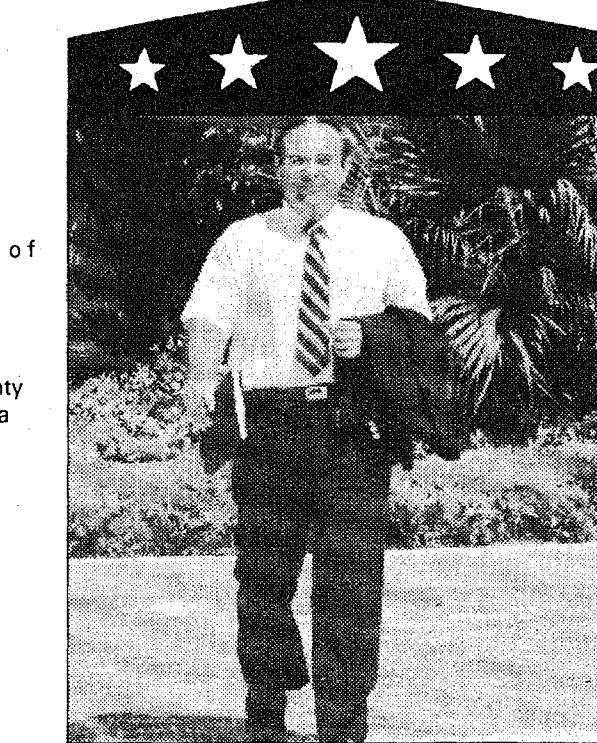
CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Marathon Jay Cees Chapter 0173
- Marathon Volunteer Fire and Rescue since 1966
- Marathon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Chief - 1978-1987
- Member of the Marathon Volunteer Ambulance Corps. 1960-1975
- Served as Captain, Treasurer and Pres.
- Founder and President of the Monroe County Chiefs Association - 1978-1988
- Mid Keys Coordinator for Civil Defense - 1980-1986
- Trustee of Fishermen's Hospital - 1975-1988
- Vice-Chairman of Hospital Board
- Chairman of the Safety Committee
- Board Member of Monroe County Housing Authority - 1986
- Appointed by Governor Bob Graham
- St. Leo College Alumni Board of Directors
- Thursday Mixed Bowling League
- Served as President and Vice President
- Monroe County Sheriff's Department Auxiliary
- Board of Directors of 100 Club of Monroe County
- Board of Directors of Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Marathon Jay Cees Chapter 0173
- Save a Turtle Foundation
- Reef Relief Foundation
- Marathon Elks Lodge Chapter 2139
- Served as Justice Sub-Forum
- Marathon Moose Lodge Chapter 1058
- Florida State Firemen's Association
- Florida State Fire Chief's Association
- Lifetime Member
- Marathon Chamber of Commerce
- Monroe County Emergency Services Council - Served as Chairman and Co-Chairman
- National Association of Fire Chiefs
- Key West Bowling Association
- Monroe County Sports Official's Association
- U.S. Tennis Association
- National Fire Protection Association
- Marathon Businessmen's Bowling League - Served as President and Vice President
- Florida High School Activities Association
- National Association of Sports Officials
- 1989 Florida Emergency Preparedness Association, Inc.
- League of Women Voters
- Association of Naval Aviation, Inc.
- Life Member - February, 1989
- Honorary Companion of the Naval Order of the United States
- Member of the Billfish Foundation
- Marathon Business and Professional Women

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1990 PROFILE

Michael H. Puto
District 4
County of Monroe

BORN:

Miami, Florida
Resident of Monroe County since 1948

EDUCATION:

Marathon High School
College - St. Leo College
B.A. Business Administration

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Over 500 hours in Public Service
Related Classes

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

Active in 13 Organizations

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:

Involved in 23 Associations

ELECTED POSITIONS:

Elected to 35 various offices, including
County Commissioner and County Mayor

COMMUNITY AWARDS:

Received over 43 Community Awards
for services and activities

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Monroe County Commissioner - Elected to Office in November, 1986
- Mayor Pro tem of Monroe County - Elected to Office in November, 1987
- Monroe County Mayor - 1988-1989
- Board of Directors of The United Way of Monroe County
- Chairman of Fishermen's Hospital Safety Committee
- Drafted the Annual Budget for Municipal Services Special Taxing District #2
- Chairman of Tax District #2 Board of Governors
- Chairman of Monroe County Tourist Development Council
- Member of Tourist Development Council Events and Advertising Committee
- Member of Pigeon Key Advisory Authority
- Chairman of Monroe County Trauma Committee
- Chairman of Monroe County Transportation Committee
- Florida Association of Counties Board of Directors - Member of County Administration Commission
- Monroe County Property Appraisal Adjustment Board
- Coordinator for Civil Defense Media
- Board of Directors of Health Council of South Florida
- National Association of Counties Health and Education Policy Steering Committee
- Participated in Drafting the Emergency Services Portion of the Monroe County Land Use Plan
- Monroe County Master Plan Committee
- Monroe County Master Plan for Civil Defense Commission
- Chairman, Lower and Middle Keys Fire and Ambulance Taxing District
- Member of Board of Dade/Monroe Alliance for Aging
- Member of Alliance for Aging Funding Committee
- Member of Monroe County Canvassing Board
- Member of Monroe County Environmental Education Task Force
- Member of Florida Council on Economic Education
- Member of Monroe County Port Authority
- Chairman of Principles for Guiding Development Task Force - Appointed by Representative Ron Saunders, April, 1989
- Delegate-at-Large of the Veterans Council of Monroe County
- National Association of Counties Transportation Committee - 1989 and 1990
- Florida Keys Affordable Housing Task Force - Prepared the recommendations contained in the Final Report.
- Vice President of Health Council of South Florida - South Florida AIDS Advisory Committee Member
- Legislative Sub-Committee Member
- Chairman of the Monroe County Land Authority 1989

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REPUBLICAN

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ENDORSED BY: Real Estate Action Council of Monroe

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Young graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Michigan State University, with a B.A. in police science.

Paco Gonzalez—Recommended

Solares Hill recommends Paco Gonzalez as the Democratic choice to run in the November election for Monroe County Sheriff. Gonzalez has trained many deputies in the department, and as sheriff he will be best able to put their skills to use. He is well-respected by his former students and has received the finest law-enforcement training the U.S. has to offer.

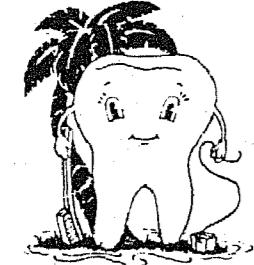
County Commission District 2

Jack London, Rep.
County Commissioner, Dist. 2



Summerland Key author Jack London previously resided in the Upper Keys where he restored over a dozen Conch houses including the Tavernier Station Master's home. A director and vice-president of the

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Old Tavernier Business Association, London is one of the founders of that organization. Currently he teaches creative writing at Florida Keys Community College.

A Keys resident for over 25 years, London says that "the cost of county government is completely out of hand. Taxes continue to soar, while the level of services we pay for steadily declines."

He contends that rational planning in Monroe County has given way to crisis management, and that issues such as solid waste, protecting the reef and water pollution have been neglected or put on hold. He believes mandatory recycling and curbside trash separation should be implemented immediately.

A Boston native, who has owned and operated at 200-seat restaurant, London attended law school at Suffolk University prior to becoming a writer. He holds a master's degree, and his book *Greater Nowhere* was published two years ago by Harper & Row. His work has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday* and *Audubon Magazine*, among others.

James W. McElroy, Rep.
County Commissioner, Dist. 2



James W. McElroy, president of Monroe County Condominium Owners Association since 1988 and a director of Venture Out since 1984, is currently serving as public relations director and legislative chairman on county, state and federal levels for both organizations.

McElroy says he became publicly involved because of what he sees as the inequity of solid waste rates, seeking equalization of rates for all citizens. He was appointed a seat on the Monroe County Solid Waste Task Force by the Monroe County Commission. He believes this experience has allowed him to gain insight into the problems concerning solid waste of Monroe County, which he says is "a complex, urgent issue of great importance to every citizen."

His concerns include stabilizing and reducing the county budget, seeking relief for ad valorem taxpayers, instituting an affordable housing program and protecting the reef, Florida Bay and water supplies. He has attended county commission meetings for six years.

McElroy was employed at the Ford Motor Company in Canton, Ohio for 31 years, operating a wholesale-retail commercial orchard during 12 of those years. At 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

James McElroy—Recommended

Although we have faith in writers, *Solares Hill* feels strongly that McElroy's serious involvement in Monroe County politics and his understanding of the county's solid waste and budget problems make him the only choice for Republican candidate for District 2.

County Commission District 4

A. Earl Cheal, Rep.
County Commissioner, Dist. 4



Earl Cheal is president of A. Earl Cheal & Associates, Inc., where he is a business and management consultant. He has had experience as a manager of construction operations and as deputy director of resources management, responsible for a \$200 million annual budget.

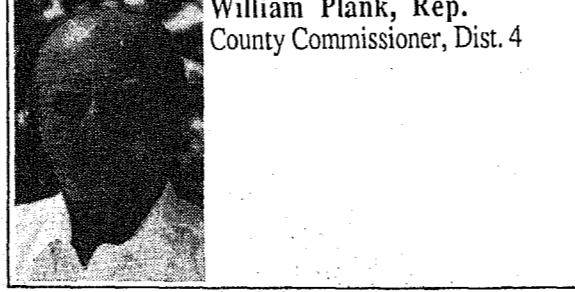
He has authored "Plan for Implementing Source Separation as a Means of Reducing Solid Waste in Monroe County" and "Procedural Guide for the Monroe County Code Enforcement Board." He has also written three articles for the *Monroe County Environmental Story*.

Cheal co-authored proposed improvements to the "Principles for Guiding Development in Monroe County" and compiled the book: *Monroe "A County of Islands" and Its Government*.

He is an active member in over 20 business, civic and environmental organizations, and he has served on numerous county and state committees and boards.

His campaign literature says he hopes to "stop massive tax increases year after year" by supporting sound business practices to control our taxes. He says he's against "high-density overdevelopment" and that he's a supporter of the environment. He says he also believes that "traffic conditions should not be allowed to deteriorate further."

William Plank, Rep.
County Commissioner, Dist. 4



Bill Plank, a Grassy Key businessman, moved to the Keys in 1976, when he purchased the Grassy Key Egg Farm. He now owns and operates Wild Bill's, a gasoline station and convenience store.

Plank says he entered the political race in order to promote a more moderate approach to the county's problems. He says, "I believe we have reached a crisis point because of the polarized views of extremists on both sides of environmental development and tax issues. The so-called Land Use Plan has created the very problems it was to control. Specifically it has created 'panic building' on the part of many homeowners racing to get their dream homes built."

Plank says he is committed to reasserting

the mandated control of the Tourist Development Council funding; prefers a fenced refuge for Key deer; supports recycling not retrucking; believes in "holding the line" on taxes; and wants the county to pay fairly for education, "not the double statewide average it now pays."

"It is long past time for the end of consultant's contracts that seek to tell us what is wrong with this county," says Plank. "The commission, as a body, should set the tone and direction of county government."

Michael H. Puto, Rep.
County Commissioner, Dist. 4



Incumbent Michael H. Puto, a resident of Monroe County since 1948, has been elected or appointed to 35 various positions pertaining to the county including Monroe County Commissioner and County Mayor. Other positions include chairman of the Monroe County Tourist Development Council, member of the TDC events and advertising committee, member of the county property appraisal adjustment board, coordinator for civil defense media, chairman of the county trauma committee and chairman of the county transportation committee.

In 1989 he was chairman of the Monroe County Land Authority and chairman of the Principles for Guiding Development Task

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Force, which was an appointment by Representative Ron Saunders. He has also been honored with numerous civic awards.

From 1985 to 1986, Puto was vice-president of Marathon Auto Supply Company, where he was responsible for the daily operations of the business, including inventory control, purchasing and customer relations.

Prior to that he was, for two years, director of the vocational clerical program at Marathon High School, where he developed the curriculum, taught the courses, and worked with local businesses to establish jobs for students.

In continuing his education, he has accumulated over 500 hours in public service related classes.

Earl Cheal—Recommended

Earl Cheal has been a highly visible and active member of the Monroe County community for many years. Although *Solares Hill* was impressed by the strong leadership qualities of his opponent, Bill Plank, Cheal's stable record of sensible views on development and the environment make him our choice for the Republican candidate for County Commissioner, District 4.

County Judge Group 4

Ruth Becker
County Judge, Group 4



Monroe County Chief Assistant Public Defender Ruth Becker has been a Keys resident since 1984, when she joined the staff of public defender Rand Winter. She is a graduate of Smith College and received her law degree from Temple University in Philadelphia. She has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1981, and locally is a member of the Monroe County Bar Association.

Becker's civil experience includes work for the Housing Unit of Philadelphia Legal Aid, the Domestic Unit of Baltimore Legal Aid, and the Elderly Law Project of Cape Cod Legal Services. She spent a year as a staff attorney for Florida Rural Legal Services, and two years as an assistant public defender in St. Lucie County.

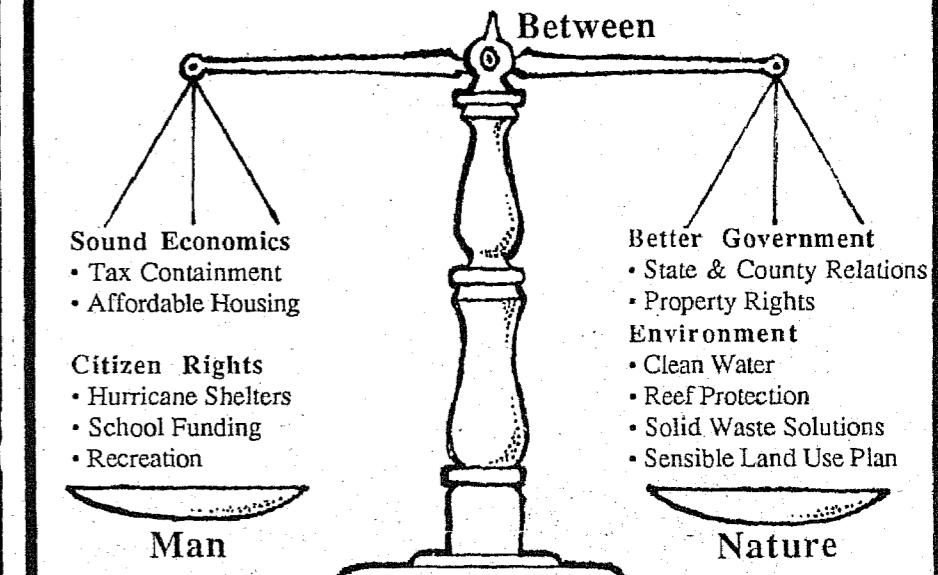
During her six years in the Keys, Becker has been a felony trial attorney and has handled cases ranging from major capital felonies to traffic violations.

Becker has served as a volunteer crisis intervention counselor for Helpline. She has been on the board of directors of Helpline and the board of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Monroe County, participating as a Big Sister for four years.

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Steven P. Shea
County Judge, Group 4

Steven P. Shea, an attorney whose law office is located on Duck Key, has had 14 years of continuous practice, encompassing over 2000 cases. These have dealt with commercial litigation, criminal defense, banking and bankruptcy, family law, personal injury and property damage, utility, family law, personal injury and property damage, corporate, real estate, zoning, municipal law, wills and probate.

Shea is a volunteer firefighter with the Conch Key Fire Department, secretary of the Florida Keys Bar Association, and an Eagle Scout involved with the Cub Scout program in Marathon. Shea donates much of his time to handling pro bono cases referred by Legal Services of the Florida Keys, and presently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Miami Legal Service, Inc.

Sheri Smallwood
County Judge, Group 4

Sheri Smallwood has practiced as an attorney in the State of Florida for the past 17 years. During the last six of those years, she has lived and worked in Monroe County. She served as assistant county attorney in Monroe County in 1984 and 1985.

She has experience as an attorney in both public service and private practice, and she has handled both civil and criminal matters, working at the local, state and federal levels. Smallwood has worked in the judicial, executive, and legislative branches of government.

In the last five years, she has focused her practice on family law, handling dissolutions of marriage, adoptions, wills, probate, real estate transactions and incorporations.

Her experience as both a prosecutor and as a defense attorney includes a position as assistant public defender for the State of Florida. She has served as a prosecutor for the Department of Environmental Regulation; she has also prosecuted cases for the auditor general with regard to Medicaid fraud and the misuse of public funds.

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Smallwood earned her juris doctorate degree from Boston University School of Law in 1973; and her bachelor of science degree in political science and psychology from the University of Rochester.

Andrew M. Tobin
County Judge, Group 4

A practicing attorney with the Key Largo-based law firm of Mattson, Tobin and Vetrak, Andrew M. Tobin has represented a large number of property owners, from single-family lot owners to business owners, in their efforts to comply with the state-mandated 1986 Comprehensive Plan for the Florida Keys.

Tobin says he has extensive experience with the Monroe County Land Use Plan, environmental law, administrative/governmental law, appellate practice, civil rights and property rights litigation.

From 1979 through 1981, Tobin was specially appointed as an assistant state attorney to prosecute Monroe County zoning violations. In this general civil practice, he was a member of the Attorneys Title Insurance Fund, was a real estate closing agent for the Islamorada and Barnett Banks, and had an active real estate practice, both residential and commercial.

Tobin has also handled a variety of general civil matters, including stockholders' litigation, quiet title actions, mechanics' liens, creditors and debtors matters, mortgage foreclosures, adoptions, divorces, child custody, wills, and probate matters. His courtroom litigation experience is extensive. He has been active in advising the Florida Keys Contractors Association as well as the Upper Keys Subcontractors Association.

Tobin received a bachelor of arts degree in history from the University of Arizona in 1971, and his juris doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law in 1974; he has been a member of the Florida Bar since 1974.

Ruth Becker—Recommended

Of all the candidates, *Solares Hill* finds Ruth Becker the most empathetic and sensitive to the problems Monroe County will face in the 1990s. We believe her sensible "quality of life" approach to law is sound.

School Board District 5

Roland E. Fisch, Rep.
School Board, Dist. 5

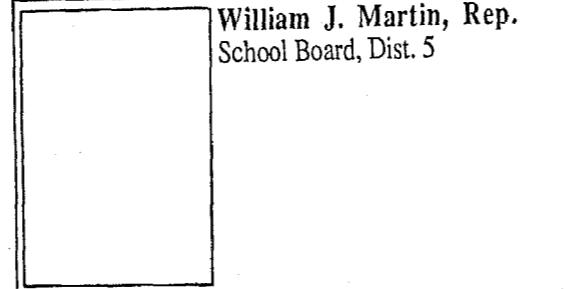
Roland Fisch has 23 years teaching experience with 14 of those spent here in the Keys. He was director of the Florida Keys Community College Marathon Campus for 10 years.

Fisch founded the summer recreation program at the Marathon Housing Project, and he has provided leadership in the educational program at Crane Hammock and the Florida Keys Natural History Museum.

Fisch says he will invest tax dollars directly in instruction for our children by pursuing multiple creative funding avenues, properly distributing funding to each school, cutting administrative costs and cutting non-instructional spending.

He says he will "save our schools" by reinstating the seven-period middle school day, making schooling relevant to good careers and to citizenship as well as family life, restoring cooperation and teamwork between the school board and teachers and obtaining previously unsought state funds for vocational dual enrollment, among other ideas.

Recently he completed graduate studies in elementary curriculum and teaching vocational and remedial students; Fisch also has both bachelor's and master's degrees from Ohio State University.

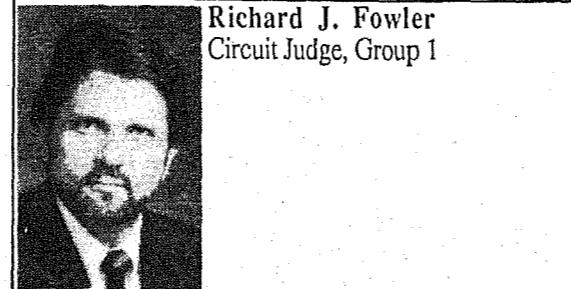
William J. Martin, Rep.
School Board, Dist. 5

William Martin did not respond.

Roland Fisch—Recommended

Solares Hill believes Roland Fisch has exciting and innovative ideas about how to improve Monroe County schools. We have faith that he will work hard to incorporate them into the system. He's our choice for Republican candidate for School Board, District 5.

Unopposed Judges

Richard J. Fowler
Circuit Judge, Group 1

Richard Fowler, who will remain as circuit judge, says the continuing challenges facing the judiciary in an evolving society is one of his main reasons for seeking office once again. As the demands upon the judiciary continue to increase, says Fowler, we are required to meet them with increasingly diminished resources.

"The only hope of maintaining both due process and an opportunity for justice is by increasing management skills and efficiency

in the judiciary as a whole," says Fowler. "To this end, we are nearing implementation of a Civil Case Management Tracking system, and the completion of the Criminal Case Management Tracking System."

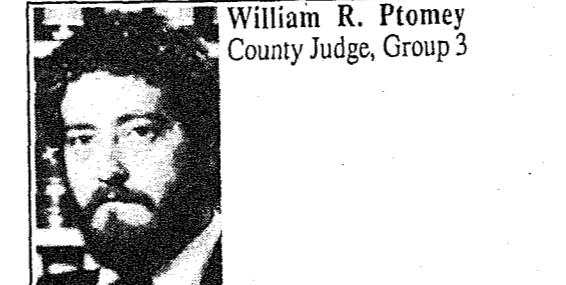
Fowler, who was elected to the circuit court bench, 16th Judicial Circuit, in 1985, and then elected as chief judge by the other judges of the circuit in December of 1988, says he considers the "necessity of dealing with expanding caseloads, while maintaining the rights of the individuals" one of the most pressing problems in the county.

Susan Vernon
County Judge, Group 1

Susan Vernon, who recently served as general counsel to the Monroe County Sheriff and as legal advisor to the over 160 deputies in the county, will fill the county court judge seat being vacated by Judge Sandra Taylor.

Vernon drafted the burglar/robbery false alarm ordinance, the convenience store protection ordinance and the unauthorized parking ordinance recently enacted by the county commission.

"I'm most proud of my asset forfeiture lawsuits, which transformed hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of criminals' property into crime-fighting equipment," she says.

William R. Ptomey
County Judge, Group 3

Judge William Reagan Ptomey, Jr., will remain as Monroe County Court Judge, a position he has held since 1986. Because of the large case load in the Upper Keys, this county-wide judgeship has primarily been operated from the Plantation Key Courthouse, but Ptomey also conducts court in Marathon and Key West.

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der Society, the Key West Art and Historical Society and the Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust, Taylor resides in Key West with her husband, David Kesar. ■



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Professional Educational Qualifications of September 4th Primary Candidates for County Wide Vote on District 5 Republican SCHOOL BOARD

Qualifications	Roland E. Fisch	William J. Martin
Professional Education	B.A. OSU, M.A. OSU, Additional Graduate Studies OSC	None
Recent Graduate Study of Vocational & Remedial Curricula	FIU - 1988-1990	None
Teaching Experience	23 years - 14 in the Keys	None
Education Administration	10 years Director of PKCC, Middle Keys Center	None
Rapport with Teachers	Endorsed candidate of United Teachers of Monroe-Tiger Cope	Promises to start having lunches in school cafeterias

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CONCHFLASH ★ PUPPY DAYS OF SUMMER

I GOT THEM TEENAGER SUMMERTIME BLUES! OH KIDS, IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL TO START SOON. OTHERWISE, I'LL RENT YOUR ROOM TO SOME QUIET OLD PEOPLE WITH LOTS OF MONEY— AND I'M NOT KIDDING. IT ISN'T FUNNY!

ORELSE ONE OF US WILL JOIN THE FOREIGN LEGION AND DEFEND OUR OIL INTERESTS IN THE FOREIGN GULF REGION! 'CAUSE THE WAY YOU KIDS FIGHT (EVERYTHING; ALL THE TIME), I'M CLEARLY ON THE VERGE OF LOSING MY MIND.

IF IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS AND BLOWING FORTY KNOTS LIGHTNING STRIKING EVERYWHERE, YOU WANT TO GO SWIMMING— (AND WHERE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T).

IF THE SUN IS OUT, BIRDS ARE SINGING, YOU WANT TO LAY ON THE COUCH AND EAT BANANAS, THEN WHINE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T WATCH "YOUNG EINSTEIN" FOR THE SIXTEENTH TIME.

AND THE PHONE RINGS CONSTANTLY WHEN YOU'RE OUT AND IT'S ALWAYS SOME AIRHEAD WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU— OR THEY KNOCK ON THE DOOR EVERY TEN MINUTES.

AND I PRACTICALLY BREAK BOTH ANKLES RUNNING DOWN THE STEPS TO FIND THE SAME DUSTY TROLLS LOOKING FOR YOU!

HEY, IT COULD HAVE BEEN FOR ME, I HAVE FRIENDS TOO YOU KNOW— BUT THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL IN A REHAB CENTER HAVING THEIR BRAINS REGUGIATED FROM TALKING TO KIDS ALL DAY (DUDE).

AND I'LL FORGET THAT I WAS DRIVEN TO SUCH A FRENZY OF SLOTHING INTRANTICIDAL GLOOM, AND FEEL YOUR ASSBUCE LIKE A CHILL THAT SETTLES IN THE ROOM.

I HAVE CONSIDERED THE VAGARIES OF MAN... AND FOUND THEM WANTING.

I WONT' TRIP OVER TENNIS SHOES AS BIG AS BOATS, OR FIND ANCIENT SOCKS UNDER SOFA PILLOWS THAT SMELL LIKE BILLY GOATS. OR THAT STUPID HAIRBRUSH ON THE TV.

I'VE PUT AWAY 1000 TIMES ALL THESE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE ME CRAZY WILL VANISH FROM MY MIND.

IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGH, I HOPE THAT SCHOOL STARTS SOON, SO THAT WE BOTH CAN LIVE TO SEE THE DAY.

YOU PUT YOUR KIDS IN YOUR CARTOON!

(I TRIED TO DRAW A PICTURE TO GO WITH ALL THESE WORDS THEN YOU SPILLED SPAGHETTI ON THE NEWSLETTER, YOU MINDLESS LITTLE... BLEEPERS.)

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Readers Write

CPR for Monroe County

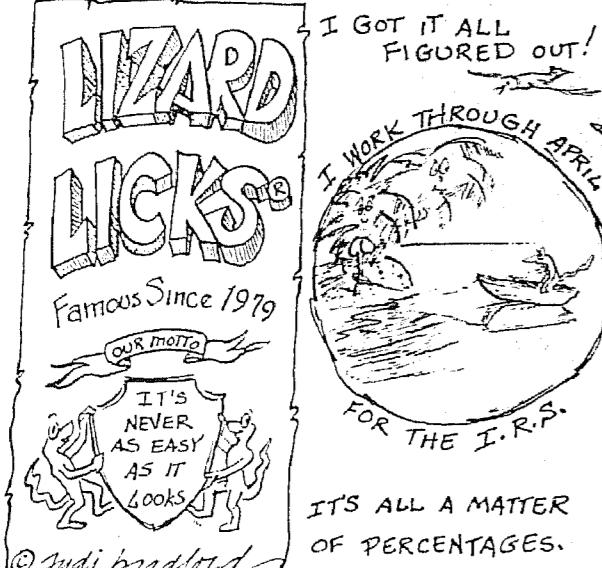
Dear Editor:

Citizens for Public Responsibility (CPR) for Monroe County is a newly formed political action committee (PAC) basing its actions on the belief that Monroe County has a recreational economy dependent on its natural resources. Public policy must manage the diverse effects of population pressure to conserve and preserve the integrity of those resources and guarantee our economic future.

A primary goal of CPR for Monroe County is to defeat incumbents Mike Puto and Gene Lytton in the upcoming elections for county commissioner.

A vote against Mike Puto and Gene Lytton is a vote for responsible government in Monroe County. A vote against Mike Puto and Gene Lytton is a vote for jobs and the recreational economy of Monroe County.

This election is of national significance, given the record of our current county commission and the certainty that, unless the composition of the commission changes, the erosion of our natural resources, economic potential and law will continue unabated.



CPR for Monroe County is Citizens for Public Responsibility. Support this effort today to change the course of tomorrow. Make your checks payable to: CPR for Monroe County, P.O. Box 4666, Key West, FL 33041.

Alan Farago
Citizens for Public Responsibility
Key West

Warning Words

Dear Editor:

I wrote this to my daughter and her friends who live on wondrous San Juan Island in Puget Sound, Washington and are deeply concerned about the increasing building and growth there.

Warning to San Juan Island

Listen!

It has happened to this southern island. It can happen to you. The crushing burden of cement Pressed dry the sweet juices Of this tender, fragile land.

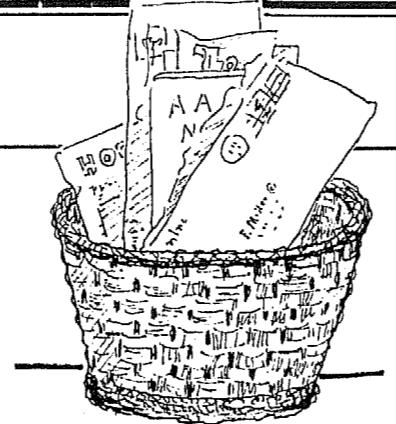
Heed the warning! Before the sprawling ugliness of malls

Spreads like a blight
Trailing in their wake
The mushroom motels sprouting row by row—

The garish signs—the neon lights—
The glitz gloss of many shops—
The insane screech of brakes—
That devil's breath—the fumes that reek—
The obscene cancer of remorseless growth.

Listen!
Lest some day in the profound silence
You will hear
The anguished moaning of the earth
Brutally raped by greed and selfishness.
And standing there
In that barren wasteland of cement
You will mourn and say—
This too was once a lovely land.

Grace Wilson
Key West



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I HAVE CONSIDERED THE VAGARIES OF MAN... AND FOUND THEM WANTING.

I WONT' TRIP OVER TENNIS SHOES AS BIG AS BOATS, OR FIND ANCIENT SOCKS UNDER SOFA PILLOWS THAT SMELL LIKE BILLY GOATS. OR THAT STUPID HAIRBRUSH ON THE TV.

I'VE PUT AWAY 1000 TIMES ALL THESE LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE ME CRAZY WILL VANISH FROM MY MIND.

IN THE MEANTIME, THOUGH, I HOPE THAT SCHOOL STARTS SOON, SO THAT WE BOTH CAN LIVE TO SEE THE DAY.

YOU PUT YOUR KIDS IN YOUR CARTOON!

(I TRIED TO DRAW A PICTURE TO GO WITH ALL THESE WORDS THEN YOU SPILLED SPAGHETTI ON THE NEWSLETTER, YOU MINDLESS LITTLE... BLEEPERS.)

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THINGS ARE GETTIN' WEIRD OR HAVE YOU EVEN NOTICED THAT THE HEAT IS GETTIN' HOTTER AND THE FISH IN THE WATER ARE GETTIN' FEWER AND FEWER AND CONDO BUSINESS IS BIGGER AND NEVER AND BILLS ARE GETTIN' HIGHER ACCORDIN' TO THE WHIMS OF RIGHT-WING FARTS LIKE JERRY FALWELL'S "MORAL MAJORITY."

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In Key West
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I SWEAR TO THE BIG DOG IT'S A CONSTANT FIGHT... A BLIND MAN CAN SEE IT JUST AINT RIGHT YOU KNOW, PARADISE AINT CHEAP... THE WAY IT COST WHAT WAS ONCE FOUND IS NOW... PARADISE LOST.

NOW WITH WORDS I'VE NEVER BEEN A MINCER— AND THERE'S NOTHIN' THAT MAKES ME ANY TENSER THAN THE GOVERNMENT PLAYIN' THE PART OF CENSOR, AND ATTACKIN' THE ARTS... CUTTIN' EM IN PARTS LIKE JERRY FALWELL'S "MORAL MAJORITY." BO PEEP SORORITY... I'M SORRY MY RAP HAS BEEN SOME KINDA BUMMER BUT I'VE BEEN WATCHIN' AND WALKIN' THE STREETS ALL THIS SUMMER— I'M WALKIN' MY BEAT TO REALITY'S DRUMMER... I'M WALKIN' MY BEAT, WALKIN' THE STREET.. PUTIN' SOME CALLUSES ONTO MY FEET. I'M LOOKIN' AND LISTENIN' — WITHOUT FAIL AND I'VE GOT THE BEAT... BY THE TAIL!



Power Play Over Pet Parade

Dear Editor:

In 1987, WAIL 99.5 FM radio station held the first Pet Masquerade and Parade in the corner of the parking lot of Key Plaza Shopping Center. There were about 35 entries and the response to hold the event on an annual basis was overwhelming. So, for three consecutive years WAIL 99.5 paid the \$1500 sponsorship fee to Fantasy Fest to take the event away from WAIL 99.5. This is an event that, I feel, is not his to take! Problems between companies should not be allowed to interfere with decisions of a board depending who is on the staff and how much money they can contribute to the event.

In 1988 and 1989 the Casa Marina Resort bought the major sponsorship package from WAIL so that WAIL 99.5 would bring the event to their hotel. The event could have been held anywhere. During this time, WAIL 99.5 continued to pay the sponsorship fee and also secured all of the major prizes, such as sending a family of four to Disney World and four round-trip tickets anywhere American Airlines flew in the continental U.S.A. The Casa Marina provided some small prizes such as Sunday brunches and dinner for two at Henry's.

As of last year, due to thousands of dollars in promotion in radio time, print

such as newspaper and posters, and hard work on the part of the entire WAIL 99.5 staff, the Pet Masquerade grew to over 90 entries and the parking lot at the Casa Marina was filled to capacity.

This year, due to an unfortunate misunderstanding between WAIL 99.5 and the Casa Marina, the general manager of the hotel, Michael Tierney, has used his position as a board member of Fantasy Fest to take the event away from WAIL 99.5. This is an event that, I feel, is not his to take! Problems between companies should not be allowed to interfere with decisions of a board depending who is on the staff and how much money they can contribute to the event.

WAIL 99.5 worked long and hard to establish this event and make it a success. I feel it is very unfair of the Casa Marina resort to take over the event now that the "gravy train" has arrived. This situation should be investigated and not covered up with a giant pooper scooper.

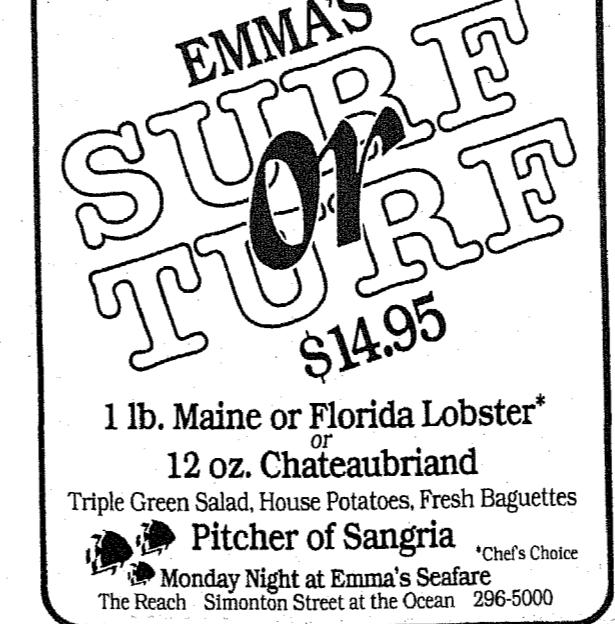
Connie Rice
General Sales Manager
WAIL 99.5 FM
Key West

Thanks, Gene

To the Editor:

We the people of Big Pine Key wish to thank Commissioner Eugene Lytton for manipulating the Board of County Commissioners into voting on Thursday, July 12th to make Big Pine Key the jewel of the Lower Keys.

We're going to get one civic center, library, school, hurricane shelter, swimming pools, tennis courts and all our recreation facilities. Thanks to Wilhelmina Harvey's District 1 taxpayers, Douglas Jones' District 3 taxpayers, Michael Puto's District 4 taxpayers, John Stormont's District 5 taxpayers and, of course, the taxpayers of Big Pine Key.



If you don't want to participate, remember the elections are November 6th. If you do—pay up!

Don Meng
Big Pine Key

Henize on Hurricanes

Dear Editor:

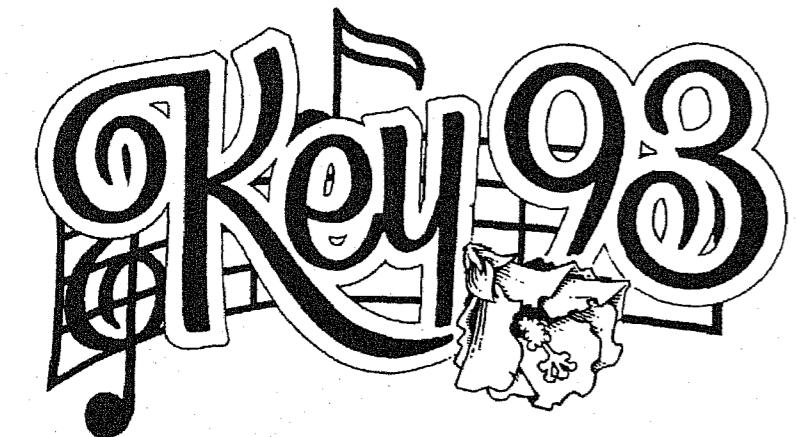
The serious questions about hurricane evacuation, which Judi Bradford expressed in her letter in the August 1990 *Solares Hill*, deserve some serious answers. She has expressed concerns which I've heard from others, and which I fear may be commonly held notions.

I'll address her questions in the order presented in her letter to the editor.

Where do we evacuate to? For out-of-county evacuations, Dade County is making available space at Florida International University's Dade campus and at the South Dade campus of Miami-Dade Community College. Both are located in the western suburbs of Miami, several miles inland, where storm surge is not expected to penetrate. There's no way of knowing how many will go there, but those two shelters can accommodate many evacuees. And in a

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pinch, in facilities such as those, more room can always be found.

Do all of us go to one shelter? Nobody is going to tell anybody which shelter to go to if the Keys are evacuated. In fact, a public shelter will be the least desirable place to go. You would have much more comfortable accommodations at the home of a friend or relative on the mainland, or a hotel, provided they are safe from hurricane winds and storm-surge flooding.

What happens when the storm hits Homestead? History shows ... that storms are diverted by the Gulf Stream ... into the Miami area ... This simply isn't true. The Gulf Stream is a system of ocean currents. Hurricanes are steered by currents of air, not water, and the Gulf Stream does not cause currents in the atmosphere. The Gulf Stream has some subtle effects on weather, and in some cases it may contribute to strengthening a tropical cyclone—but it does not divert hurricanes from the Keys and toward Miami.

Is the shelter provided for us a hurricane shelter ... or is it a refuge with no particular civil defense features? Dade County shelters for Monroe County evacuees are college and university campuses. They are not built for the express purpose of being hurricane shelters; I don't know of any hurricane shelters anywhere that are. I don't know what you mean by "particular civil defense features." Shelters are simply places that people from Monroe County can go during a major hurricane. Although there can be no guarantees, the buildings selected are considered substantial enough to use as hurricane shelters—or refuges, if



you prefer.

The distinction between *shelter* and *refuge* needs to be understood: *Shelters* are run by the Red Cross and are considered [but not guaranteed] safe in Category 1 and 2 hurricanes. Some shelters will be used as *refuges* of the last resort in major [Category 3, 4, and 5] hurricanes, for those who, for whatever reason, did not leave in time.

The scene inside refuges during a direct hit from a major hurricane will almost certainly be pandemonium, as they will be filled with panic-stricken people who underappreciated the threat from the very beginning. Some of those refuges may well fail at the height of the storm.

You raised the question of people's vehicles breaking down on the highway, and their effect on evacuation. Common sense says to keep your car tuned up and the gas tank full when a hurricane threatens. Besides, if there are a thousand or more cars behind you trying to get out of the Keys, and your car breaks down, do you really think there wouldn't be anyone to help move your car off the highway, and give

you a ride? I'm sure you'll find that wrecks would be cleared from traffic lanes quickly during an evacuation.

What happens when the Jewish Creek area floods? Low spots in the Upper Keys are well known, and consideration of them is key to evacuation procedure. This does not constitute rationale for *not* evacuating, but for evacuating early.

You mentioned the cutting off of evacuation "by our experts" at some point, and your concern about whether there'll be refuges or shelters available when this occurs. Deteriorating weather conditions will cut off the evacuation, not "our experts." In the case of storms approaching from easterly directions, the low spots in the Upper Keys will flood at about the time of the onset of tropical storm force (39 miles per hour, sustained) winds. Travel outside becomes very hazardous then, and the arrival of tropical storm force winds is when, for planning purposes, evacuation to be cut off.

People stranded on the highway at this time will obviously take refuge wherever it can be found. For anybody planning to wait to be among the last to leave, I strongly recommend you carry a sturdy life preserver or survival suit, a crash helmet (to help survive blows from debris), and survival rations in a floatable waterproof container, and that you be rugged enough to survive in the ocean for several days (assuming you are eventually found). I recommend the same for anyone determined not to evacuate for any hurricane.

Your letter went on to discuss timing the evacuation, in terms of speed of motion of a hurricane. You stated that a 36-hour eva-

cuation for a storm moving 15 mph would have to begin when the storm is 300 miles away.

Recheck your arithmetic: a storm moving 15 mph will cover 300 miles in 20 hours, not 36. And that's timing of arrival of the eye, not arrival of 39 mph winds—so it's much, much worse than your calculation shows. You are correct that evacuation would have to begin when the storm is near the Wind-



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ward Passage, but that is more like 600 than 300 miles from here.

The evacuation decision for a major hurricane heading toward us will be made in the landfall-minus-45- or 50-hour time frame. Yes, it would probably be a nice day for fishing in the Keys, but believe it or not, some people are smart enough to pay attention to whether or not hurricanes are head-



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*Hurricanes are not as unpredictable as
your letter implies.* Some storms are better
forecast than others, and that is a major factor
in whether or not to evacuate the Keys.
Several very intense hurricanes in the past
decade or so—Allen, 1980; Gilbert, 1988;

Hugo, 1989—have come closer to us than
Haiti, and there was *not* an evacuation ordered here, because of confidence in the National Hurricane Center's forecast tracks.

If any of those—and some other—
hurricanes had shown a history of large de-
partures from forecast tracks, protective
actions taken in the Keys would have been

very different. It is not a simple matter of
ordering an evacuation any time a hurricane
is within a certain distance. And there is
nothing new about the idea of evacuating for
major hurricanes—it's just that a lot of
people are at last hearing about it and paying
attention.

*Finally, you say that if anyone is serious
about safety, the Navy and Air Force should
whisk us all to safety at the last minute.* I

feel this incredibly naive viewpoint is
shared by many locals. Evacuating people
out of danger when they choose not to
believe the danger exists is simply not at all
related to the role of the military. Arranging
and accomplishing a massive sealift or airlift
would take longer than evacuating by high-
way. Additionally, aircraft and ship opera-
tions become very dangerous in deter-
iorating weather before an overland evacu-
ation would be cut off. The Navy's hydro-
foil attack vessels are not designed to carry
heavy payloads or passengers, nor can they
make optimum speed in the very heavy seas
that precede hurricanes. Furthermore, there
is no justification or historic precedence for
the military to risk its people or equipment
to evacuate a population that has chosen to
ignore the advice of its own officials.

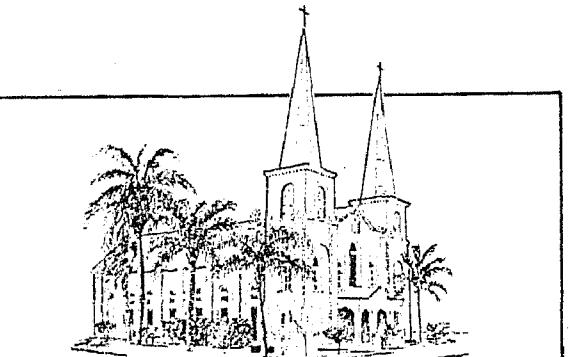
The hurricane issue is very difficult and
complex, and it is beyond the scope of
government at any level to guarantee your
safety. You have chosen to live at sea level
in a hurricane-prone area, with a 130-mile
escape route, which can be cut off by ap-
proaching storms well in advance of arrival
of deteriorating weather where you live.
You know this, and it is up to you to plan
on how you will survive.

The hurricane problem, as well as all
infrastructure problems in Monroe County,
is growing much faster than the ability to
handle it. With very few exceptions, no
local politicians have shown the courage or
conviction to say *no* to the forces of greed
which insist on doubling the population of
the Keys in the next 20 years.

If current population projections are
allowed to come true, I predict the scenario
so vividly described by Sergeant James
Doyle, of the Charleston, South Carolina
Police Department, the keynote speaker at
the 1990 Monroe County Hurricane Confer-
ence, will someday come to pass. He said
that among the first vehicles to reach Key
West following a direct hit from a severe
hurricane will be one carrying the most
needed commodity: body bags.

I thank you for giving voice to your
questions and concerns, especially since I
feel that some of them are rather widely
shared. If I can help answer any further
questions or concerns you have about
hurricanes and the Keys, please don't hesi-
tate to contact me.

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Peter Ilchuk:

Tourists pay 11 percent tax on room charges. Through those room charges, they also pay most of our sales and gasoline taxes, and sewer, solid waste and other city service fees. Then they leave lots of money in shops, restaurants and attractions, which pays the wages of locals who, in turn, spend money here.

To determine a tourist's fair and equitable share, let's establish a basis for comparison. Key West's Comprehensive Plan says tourists comprise 20 percent of our average daily population. That figure is used to compute tourist sewer, solid waste, electric and water system impacts—so it had better be good.

Property taxes comprise about 40 percent of the city's general budget or \$6.5 million. Lodging facilities alone pay 20 percent of those taxes and are the city's top taxpayers. Tourist-oriented businesses pay even more. Clearly, tourist dollars are contributing a fair share of property taxes.

The general fund also receives dollars directly from tourists. The Conch Train and Trolley and Mallory Square shops kick in nearly \$500,000, annually. Mallory Square and metered parking, largely paid by tourists, add nearly \$750,000 to the total. Sales, gasoline and cigarette taxes, amount to \$3.3 million or 20 percent of general revenue. Then there are leases for tourist-oriented beach operations and the cruise ship fees—a few hundred thousand dollars more.

The fourth-penny bed tax, or tourist impact tax, goes entirely to offset county taxes and to buy lands for preservation. Tourist dollars will buy the bridge path and Salt Ponds.

Half the third-penny bed tax every year goes to beach restoration and maintenance; that money was used to restore the Lighthouse Museum and East Martello Tower. The county will soon take a portion of its third penny funds to pay for Keys beaches, which will hold down county taxes. Part of the first two pennies goes to support local arts groups like the Waterfront Playhouse, the Red Barn Theatre and Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center.

Hotels pay tourist's sewer and solid waste bills, and hotels permitted since 1984 paid infrastructure impact fees. The recent infrastructure sales tax, mostly tourist money, will pump \$3 million each year into city coffers to pay for ballfields, new offices, landfill closure, police equipment and other expenditures formerly paid by property taxes.

What if we had fewer tourists? Would costs go down? Property taxes now cover only one-third of city hall paychecks. It's unlikely that fewer tourists would result in layoffs of city hall employees. The police say they need another \$4 million to do their job right, so no cut backs there. None of the landfill, sewer system or roadway improvements will change. They are mandated by law.

The bottom line is less tourism would mean less city revenues with no reduction in expenses. In fact, taxes and fees for residents would go up, and incomes of residents would go down.

Check the facts! Tourists pay their fair share. If we try to gouge them with more taxes, Key West will find itself in the same poverty boat as Puerto Rico, the Bahamas and other resorts that forgot where their money comes from—the tourist—and priced themselves out of the travel market.

Peter Ilchuk is president of Keys Economic Research, Inc., a public-relations and governmental affairs consulting firm.

A.C. Weinstein:

Leaders of the tourism industry, including politicians, ignore the economic benefits to residents of expanding the use of the tourist bed tax. At the same time they misinform and mislead the community as to the negative financial and social impacts their industry has leveled on working-class families and fixed-income retirees.

A few years ago tourism leaders stated that building new hotels, as well as expanding existing hotels, would increase our tax base, resulting in tax decreases for residents. Basic economics dictates just the opposite: the small tax base of Key West would suffer a financial hernia supporting the cost of servicing several million tourists.

When 28,000 residents are responsible for the outrageous cost of picking up trash, garbage and sewer tabs for several million, local taxpayers suffer an increase in the cost of city services and at the same time a decrease in the level of city services. Tourism leaders continue to smokescreen the issue with their popular pastime of blaming the state.

Also, the high cost of police, correction and judicial services required for several million tourists has been placed on the shoulders of local taxpayers. Since crime follows the pressures of tourism, we have simultaneously experienced an increase in crime and a decrease in police protection.

Tourism leaders are very well aware of their industry's double-barreled expense to Key Westers (increased taxes and crime), yet they continue to mislead the community with misinformation.

For example, tourism leaders over the past year have placed the blame on police for the increase in crime, which is actually due to the large influx of tourists. Blaming the police is just as ridiculous as blaming the highway patrol for the increase in accidents on U.S. 1, which is due to the increase in traffic. Tourism leaders went so far as to bring Police Chief Ruben Greenberg from Charleston, South Carolina in hopes of embarrassing the Key West Police Department, but their low-ball strategy backfired when Greenberg told them more than

50 percent of Charleston's tourist tax goes to his police department. Key Westers will continue to suffer tax increases and a growing crime rate until the political leaders of the tourism industry respond to the needs of the community and support the tourist bed tax as the fair and appropriate funding source to offset the high cost of their industry on local taxpayers.

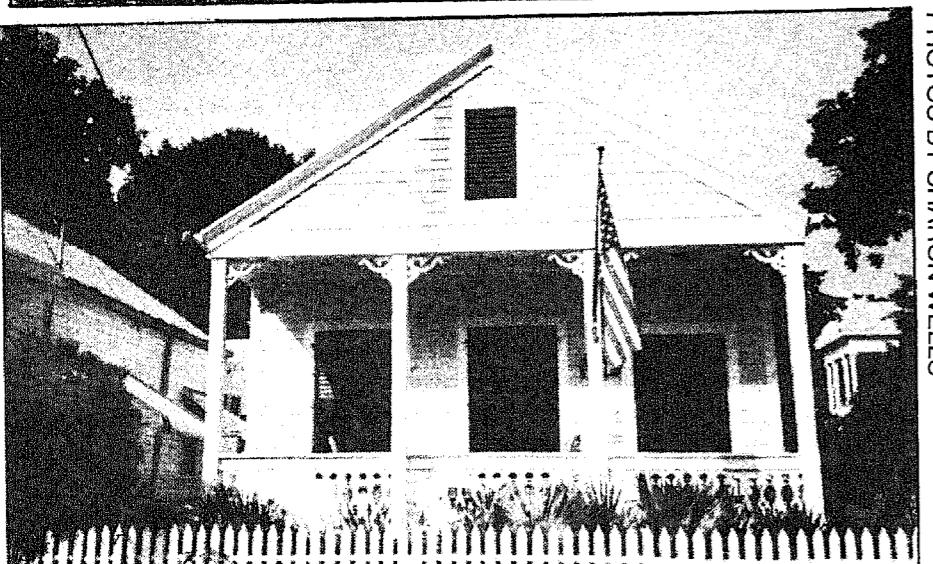
The only governing board with the authority to expand the use of the tourist tax is the Monroe County Commission. Until the county commission can show enough backbone to stand up to the tourism leaders, taxes and crime will continue to soar.

With a county election upon us and two commissioners facing voters, the incumbents may find themselves sipping Yoo Hoo rather than champagne on election night.

A.C. Weinstein is producer of Eye on the Keys, a local television show on TCI Channel 5, and the mayor's representative on the Key West Crime Task Force.

"Island Soapboxing," a new Solares Hill feature, is a space for opinionated souls to duke it out over a question of local concern. We welcome comments, ideas and questions.

ISLAND ECONOMICS



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612 ELIZABETH STREET: On this restored three-bay shotgun house, the decorative trim is likely a new addition, and the porch steps have been relocated from where they were originally positioned.



UNRESTORED GEM: A vintage, two-bay shotgun with original board-and-batten siding on the eastern elevation and sawtooth rear addition.

Old House Handbook

Shotgun Houses: Unpretentious with African Roots

by Sharon Wells

Key West's shotgun houses, those unpretentious, single-story dwellings that line many of Old Town's streets and lanes, began their odyssey in Africa, were transplanted to Haiti and Cuba in the 18th Century, and reached the shores of the Gulf Coast of the United States over two hundred years ago. Shotguns represent an intimate architectural style; they are small, rather commonplace houses, not unlike those found in southern mill towns and places as far north as Chicago.

Based on a frame, the long, narrow rectangular forms, were quickly erected as worker's housing by Key West's cigar factory owners, who purchased blocks of land on which to build small, employee dwellings. These company houses are found throughout Old Town, but are particularly concentrated along Olivia, Watson, Varela, and Packer Streets.

Eduardo H. Gato, perhaps Florida's most eminent cigar entrepreneur, purchased a ten-acre tract on Simonton Street between Truman (once called Division Street) and Simonton Beach to build housing for his cigar-workers at the island's largest factory erected in 1882. Pohalski Village was a small town within a town, with board and batten-clad dwellings, neighborhood stores, groceries and a large factory. Set on the corner of White and Truman, the village was situated in Tract 6 bounded by Olivia, Division, Ashe and White Street, and was mapped in 1889. Today, clusters of cottages remain where the now-vanished factories once stood.

One distinctive variation of shotguns, including duplexes, are those built of cast concrete blocks. The 16 that survive are located on Staple and Seidenburg Avenues, near the original location of the Havana-Martinez factory.

William Wall's first cigar factory in

1831, while not long lived, clearly marked the beginnings of Key West's cigar business. The industry took off in 1869, as the Cuban revolution sparked an exodus of Cuban workers to a new home 90 miles north of their homeland. By 1876, 166 cigar factories had sprung up, employing more than 6000 workers. Dense new populations prompted the new building efforts that characterized the era of the next 30 years.

In 1890, the island's cigar industry was so productive that more than 100 million hand-rolled cigars were boxed, labeled and shipped. Cigarmaking prospered until the early 1920s, then disappeared, reduced to a mere cottage industry. But the building tradition, which filled the interiors of many city blocks with one-story, wood-shingled shanties, set at odd angles and often reachable only by footpaths, became a characteristic to the island's building customs.

In appearance, shotgun architecture is predominantly vernacular; that is, relating



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to, or being, the common building style of a period or place. The rectangular shotgun form fit well on the deep lots typical of Key West. Such a basic dwelling was often thought of as a "shotgun shack." The balloon frame, one-story construction, more roughly built than the finer, more elegant homes of wealthier merchants, was cheap to build.

Most shotgun houses have three bay facades, while some exhibit only two-bays along the front. A dwelling was generally one room in width, usually not more than 12 feet wide, and three rooms deep. Most shotguns incorporated a side hall plan with kitchens and privies detached outside. Interiorly, the ceiling height measured about 12 feet and room partitions were consistent. The plain exterior exhibited few stylistic features or embellishments.

On the exterior, early shotguns exhibited board-and-batten siding—flat siding with vertical 1 1/2-inch battens on top. Later clapboard became the more typical sheathing. Each was distinctive and should be maintained in contemporary restoration efforts. Metal roofs have replaced the earlier wood shingles. Pillars were simple posts, measuring 4-by-4 feet or 6-by-6 feet, and plain drip molds were placed over door and window openings. Often the kitchen might be tacked-on at the rear, or a new room became part of the footprint. These rear additions were usually placed with their roof ridge perpendicular to that of the main

house, creating a saw-toothed profile from the street.

The term *shotgun* may derive from a number of sources. One explanation often quoted notes that, with the characteristic door arrangement in a shotgun dwelling, a shotgun's bullet could be shot through an open front door all the way to the rear without impediment. Another more likely derivation may have originated from variations of words in an African language.

"Several words commonly used in New Orleans came from western Africa. Voodoo, derived from the Fon word for the god Vodun, is a prominent one. In southern Dahomey, the Fon area, the term used to describe houses is *to-gun* or 'place of assembly,'" according to folk-culture scholar John Vlach. "To-gun" may have easily been reinterpreted in New Orleans as "shotgun."

The roots of the shotgun house may be traced from West Africa and the French Caribbean. In the 18th Century, slaves were brought from Africa to provide the work force for the strong plantation system. The earliest prototype of the shotgun house was erected by slaves who were moved from southwestern Nigeria to Haiti. The slave houses were shotgun-type structures built by the new emigres, who modeled their new quarters after those in their homeland. Later freeblacks build shotgun dwellings near Port-au-Prince.

In Africa, the Yoruba people built their

quarters as two-room modules, measuring 10-by-20 feet; gables faced either the front or the long side. The front room was used for cooking and storage, the rear room for sleeping. Housing was often constructed in compounds, called *agbo ile*, or "flock of houses" grouping the two-room units around open courtyards.

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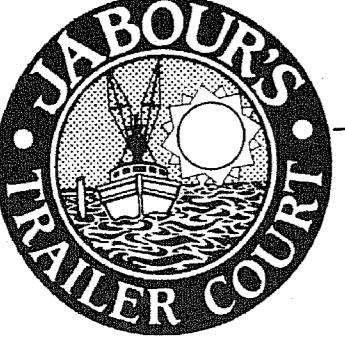
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Like stairclimbing, a new aerobic work-out class at the **Bodyshop at The Reach** Hotel combines cardiovascular training with muscle conditioning. Instructor Alice Fair says The Step class burns 30 percent more fat than any other aerobic activity. The Reach is located at 1435 Simonton Street. Call 296-5000, extension 686.

Kenneth Bryant, the new executive director at **Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center** announces that Anne Carlisle has joined the administrative staff as public relations/ media assistant; she will be in charge of all advertising and promotion. A freelance writer, Carlisle has contributed extensively to **Solares Hill**, where she has also provided regular editorial assistance. TWFC staff, including Sophie Painchaud Kara, is finalizing this year's season, which will include *Cabaret*, *Oklahoma* and a Dave Brubeck concert. For subscription information, call 294-6232.

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ordinator for **Monroe County Recycling Program**. For information about recycling, call Grabois at 292-4133 or Powell at 292-4433.

Paul Nottingham has been named director of radiology services for the **Lower Florida Keys Health System**. Formerly supervisor of special imaging at West Orange Hospital System in Orlando, Nottingham has been a radiology technologist for 20 years. He graduated from Orlando Regional Medical Center, and holds a business management degree from the University of Central Florida.

Terry Horton, general manager at the **Holiday Inn La Concha Hotel**, announces the appointment of Susan Scott as sales

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director. Scott, who has been employed by the La Concha since January, has three years hotel sales and marketing experience in Key West. Prior to moving to Key West in 1987, she worked extensively with the corporate and government markets in the Washington, D.C. metro area. Scott joined sales manager Deborah Schiebelin the sales office in June.

Executive director of the Key West Literary Seminar Monica Haskell has been elected to the **Advisory Council of the Florida Cultural Action Alliance**, which monitors art legislation and works to increase private support for the arts.

Carlos F. Rodriguez, president of the **Community Bankers of Florida**, announced

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Art Circle

Jack Baron: Lots of Dots

by Judi Bradford

It's a magical world of bright colors, antiques, dolls and toys, oddities and zillions upon zillions of dots. Carrie's Notion, a what-not shop on the corner of Truman and Windsor, is the storefront entrance to the Land of Jack Baron—a place where coincidence is common, surprises are stupendous and life is grand.

Beyond the dusty treasures lies artist Jack Baron's studio, where paintings lean against one another, hang on the walls and rest against the furniture. Publications that include articles about him are stacked behind cupboard doors and on tables. Framed invitations to Jack Baron art shows are scattered among the paintings.

Pieces from the huge body of work come in all sizes, different shapes and vary in subject. But what links nearly all Baron's paintings together is his use of dots to create shape and texture, a pointillistic approach. Particularly striking are his portraits, mostly

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black people who gaze from the canvass directly at the viewer. Skin the color of eggplant, blue dots in their hair and wearing oranges and yellows and reds, they may be outlined in chartreuse.

Dr. Samella Lewis noticed the distinctly African tone of these paintings on a trip last year to Key West. Lewis, who is editor-in-chief of *The International Review of African American Art*, a scholarly journal supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, was drawn to Baron's work and is featuring it in the journal's fall issue.

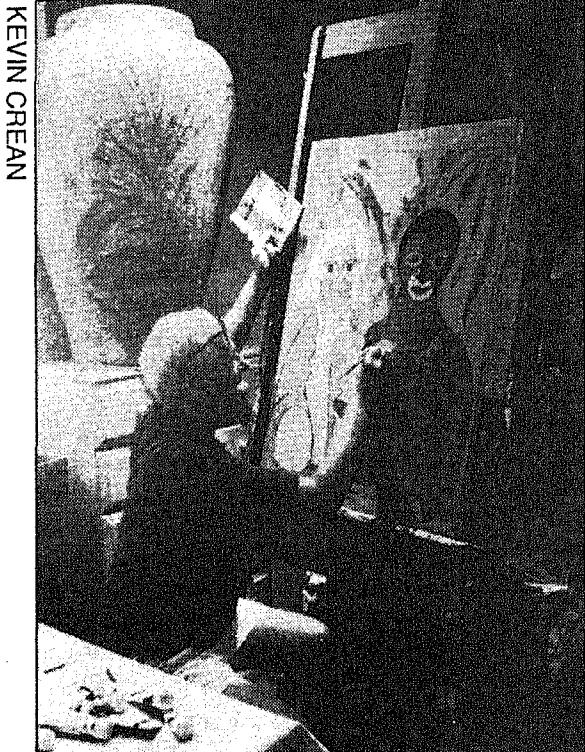
Working with Key Westers Grant Spradling and Clifford Ames, Lewis is also producing a limited edition of signed-and-numbered serigraphs of Baron's painting "Laura," which will be on the *Review's* cover. Plans for a second serigraph of his painting "Sisters" are in the works.

Baron's work is *naïve*—the product of an untrained artist. His artistic career began when he bought an easel at a yard sale, intending to use it to display the works of others in his shop. Baron found the easel too cumbersome for the cramped quarters at Carrie's Notions and relegated it to the back porch. When his partner, Bob Burton, gave him a beginner's acrylic paint set, *Voilà!*—the artist was born.

Luckily, Baron has many artist friends who help guide him through the art world. "What's gesso?" replied Baron when Bob Franke suggested he use gesso on his canvases. The story goes that Franke shuffed Baron directly to the art supply store to purchase one of the most basic tools in any artist's bag of tricks.

Guild Hall Gallery artist Ann Irvine suggested Baron keep record of where all his paintings went. Others, such as Poochie, encouraged him.

Some say the three most important



CAT PEOPLE: Jack Baron paints a commissioned piece in his studio in Carrie's Notions.

acrylics. Now it's a part of my household, fitting in like a commissioned piece.

Baron is probably best known in town for his theme shows. The first was "The Wedding" at East Martello. It was a series of paintings of members of a black wedding party. The reception for that exhibition turned into a "happening" that will live on in the history of Key West's art circle: wedding cakes were delivered; rice was thrown; Poochie wore a wedding dress; Lee Dodez, director of Martello at the time, showed up in a tuxedo. "We were sweeping up rice and confetti for weeks," says Dodez.

The next show was "The Birthday Party," also at Martello. As usual there was an enormous number of paintings—70 or more. Art and Historical Society director Susan Olsen remembers the night: "We had the party all set up: hot dogs, M&Ms, a birthday cake. And then it started pouring rain." Rain usually washes out a Key West party, but it didn't stop this crowd. "The place was packed. It was the most ambitious, biggest party we'd given. And it was a huge success and a wonderful evening."

"It took us two months to get all the M&Ms out of the exhibits," she adds.

Since then, "The Picnic," "The Circus" and "The Conch Republic" have been exhibited at the Women's Club, with no dearth of partying there, either. For "The Conch Republic" show, the ladies draped the Duval Street club in Conch Republic and American flags.

Katherine Proby, who wrote a book on Key West artist Mario Sanchez, is putting together a book about Jack Baron. "He is more than just a painter—he's a good story,

too" she says. She finds his sensitivity to black people remarkable. "His faces really tell you something."

She underlines his naive approach to the art. "He started something new a couple of months ago—mixing colors," she says. "He used them straight out of the tube before."

This year Baron is working on paintings for a show at the Women's Club called "The Anniversary." In addition to prolific list of canvases, this show will include painted objects, which have become a popular part of his work. With his painting style, he transforms toys or pieces of furniture—dolls on toddler-sized chairs, tables, ladderback chairs—into sculptural works.

Baron's work radiates a happiness that stems directly from his own personal happiness. He loves what he's doing. He loves Key West. He loves life, people, a good laugh. And he sends that feeling out with each painting. The only thing better than one of his paintings is an afternoon in his studio, talking to him.

Baron's work can be seen at his studio in Carrie's Notion, 802 Truman Avenue; at Lane Gallery and the Key West Art Center; and in Chicago at the International Primitive/Naïf Gallery.



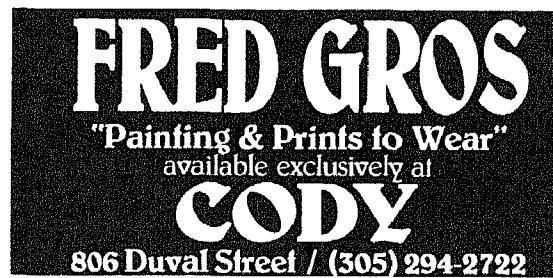
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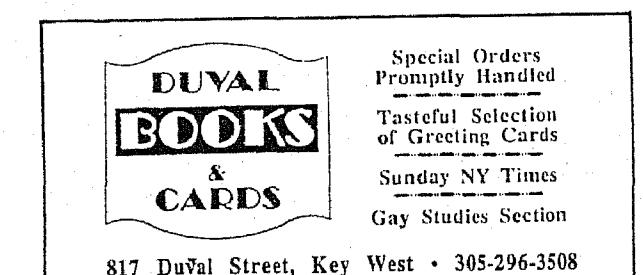


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Community Notes

Locals Night Out! Reef Relief is planning its Cayo Carnival at East Martello Towers on Saturday, November 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight. This annual event will feature food from 20 area restaurants, drinks and three bands. Proceeds from a blind auction and a raffle will benefit Reef Relief's programs. Reef Relief needs Carnival volunteers. If you're interested in helping out, or in donating goods and services for the raffle, call 294-3100, or stop by the Environmental Education Center at 201 William Street.

Read On, Run On. The local chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA) is celebrating Literacy Day on September 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Smathers Beach.

There will be presentations from the Army Special Forces, local sheriff and police departments and Florida Keys Community College. In addition, a 5K run will be held as well as a costume contest and awards presentation. For more information, contact LVA at 724 Truman Avenue.

Wanted: Manatee Videos. Bert Lee, a local musician, is looking for manatee videotape footage for *Living in the Stream*, a rock opera he is producing about the aquatic mammals. The Monroe County Public Library is looking for historic photos for their records. If you can help either of them, contact Bert Lee at 294-4182 or the Monroe County Public Library at 294-8488.

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Music Review

Suzy Michaels: Eclecticism at the Quay

by Christine Naughton

Her eight-page song list—two columns a page, double-sided—reads like a juke box from Heaven. Patsy Cline to Duke Ellington, Sting to Donna Summer: the diminutive, red-haired Suzy Michaels knows them all.

Michaels is one of those special entertainers whose forte is an eclectic style. Falling into this category are usually veteran performers whose ability to make a living on stage has survived many phases of popular preference. They learn each year's hits, culling only the best for their permanent repertoires. Along the way, they acquire taste for and proficiency in many musical styles: popular, folk, jazz, blues, country, rock and roll, show tunes. Ah, so much music, so little time.

On a recent steamy night in the Quay's cozy, next-door-neighbor's-rec-room ambience, Michaels cradled a crowd of listeners in the palm of her hand. This was, incidentally, true testimony to Michaels' talent: if the Quay has air conditioning, it was not in use and the room's temperature was uncomfortable. But Michaels' music worked a soothing, cooling spell.

Like berries in cream, her alto voice has an edge to its richness. Helen Reddy and Karen Carpenter come to mind. Her in-

tonation is accurate, and she accomplishes much within a limited range.

Michaels accompanies herself on a Korg synthesizer and uses a drum machine. This combination keeps her busy, but she masters it well. Aside from a tendency to settle for mundane drum-machine settings, Michaels' presentation is polished.

While her song list made the rounds among tables of eager listeners, Michaels met their requests. She displayed a pleasant, slightly smoky vocal quality on Bette Midler's 1989 hit "Wind Beneath My Wings," followed by a joyous hoedown version of the country standard "Rocky Top." Her right hand deftly handled the bright, swift steel drum line while her left kicked bass on Donna Summer's "Unconditional Love."

Michaels interpreted an honest "Since I Fell For You," by Lenny Welch, on which she also took a fine piano solo. On Antonio Carlos Jobim's "Girl From Ipanema," the singer followed an instrumental first chorus with a cool, laid-back delivery of those famous lyrics. She performed another Midler movie hit, "The Rose," with straightforward simplicity, and closed this potpourri of a set with a rousing romp through Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire."

Hailing from Ann Arbor, Michigan, Michaels has been an entertainer all her working life. After seven years touring with

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SUZY MICHAELS: With a voice like berries in cream, this performer sings a remarkable mix.

various bands, she accepted a gig as a single up the Keys, fell in love with Paradise and decided to take a break from the road. Although that was five years ago, it wasn't until last year's Fantasy Fest that Michaels played her first gig in Key West. She's been booked solidly here in town ever since.

Recently, Michaels produced her first album, *Suzy Michaels Live in the Conch Republic*—a selection of popular favorites as eclectic as her live performances. She appears at the Quay, on Front Street at Duval, Thursdays 7 to 11 p.m. and Friday through Sunday nights from 8 to 12. Michaels also covers sunset hours up Front Street in the Rooftop Cafe, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

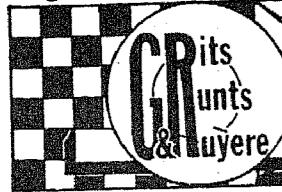
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Catering: As You Like It

by Jeanne McClow

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While I was investigating catering for my own purposes, I discovered there was enough of it going on in Key West to more than a warrant an article, and I set to work in earnest. In very short order, I came to realize that, despite its reputation for promising a fun and creative livelihood, catering is, like any other job, beholden to the bottom line in the end. In Key West, in fact, a small-timer probably could not survive on catering alone.

For the large hotels and many restaurants in the Keys, however, catering is big business. Food is sometimes but a small part of this service, which in terms of revenue—about \$2 million this year for one resort—is second only to room rentals. In fact, it often makes up more than half the income from a hotel's whole food-and-beverage arm, which can include upwards of a dozen restaurants and bars.

Although most hotel catering income is from out-of-town events, particularly conventions, local business is hard-sought. In Key West, however, the year-round catering demand from both contingents has become so great that managements are constantly trying to acquire more catering space—a difficult proposition on a jam-packed island.

Because of its kindly weather and exquisite environment, Key West is a natural destination for outsiders' events, for which catering is a must. For locals, however, catering is an increasingly popular option, as island living becomes faster and more pressured. Besides alleviating stress, catering enables the host to enjoy the function and frees up time for other details. If you are contemplating jumping on the catering bandwagon, the following infor-

mation and advice should save a lot of legwork.

First decide whether your party will be formal or casual, for this will determine location, menu, and decor. Then estimate how many will attend and decide on a budget. (No group is too large or small, by the way, to be catered nor is any budget too small.) Also consider location alternatives to your own weather-beaten deck or a neighbor's pool. Do not, however, sign a location contract before you have a caterer; it might well be that the management and the caterer are not on speaking terms.

Possible sites include, of course, the resort hotels, whose staffs will make arrangements either at your place or theirs, or anywhere from a local beach to the Dry Tortugas. Most restaurants, time and space permitting, will also cater on their own premises—just ask.

Then there are the sites that host parties as a business (you bring your own caterer). These usually have enough space to accommodate hors d'oeuvres receptions up to 500; some do sit-down dinners, several provide kitchen facilities. The list includes East Martello Towers, the Curry Mansion, the Aquarium, Mel Fisher's Maritime Museum, the Audubon gardens, the Wrecker's Museum, the Woman's Club, 1800 Atlantic, the Lighthouse Museum, and the new Youth Center. All charge a per-person fee of about \$5, or a flat space fee.

If your party is to be outdoors, be sure to see the backup space in case of rain—a windowless banquet room can be a dismal substitute for a starry terrace with an ocean view. For a more natural setting, you might also consider one of the beaches, a park such as Ft. Zachary Taylor, or a boat.

The next consideration is the food. Most caterers provide sample menus, with prices, as well as their own experience, to help you along. Besides hors d'oeuvres and drinks parties, raw bars, barbecues and grills, pig roasts, and Italian feasts are popular in the Keys because they are inexpensive and lend themselves to the outdoors. However, you can also have an elaborate seafood buffet or a sit-down dinner with veal medallions and three varieties of mushrooms in a Cabernet reduction sauce just as easily.

The cost of the food will depend on the number of guests you invite (you pay for no-shows), the number of choices you request, and the actual cost the caterer pays. In general, without services unrelated to food, the per-person charge will be about—or slightly higher than—a comparable meal in a comparable restaurant, with the resorts and expensive restaurants charging more than the moderate restaurants and independent caterers.

For a bar setup with a bartender and, perhaps, a cashier, you will pay extra and, if the event is to be off-premises, you will usually need to purchase the liquor. On other properties, you pay either per drink or per person per hour (the latter price

decreases each hour). Any other special arrangements you ask your caterer to make—boat charter, local transportation, flowers, musicians, and such—will cost extra.

Before you actually go caterer shopping, consider some money-saving options. For instance, have only a portion of the party catered, such as the hors d'oeuvres; ask one of the gourmet delis to do up the food; or find out whether your favorite restaurant would prepare take-out for you. Of course, many places routinely do take-outs such as Italian, Chinese, or Cuban food, sushi from either Kyushu or Yo Sake, barbecues, pizza and subs. You might also make all the arrangements yourself except for the food.

For those contemplating a party off-premises, here's some important advice: Be sure that the caterer has the equipment (such as a grill), and that it is in working order, to carry off your menu. If the caterer must rent it, you may wind up bearing the cost. Also, be sure that he has a dependable vehicle large enough to haul the food and equipment comfortably—again, avoid rentals. Last, make sure that the cleanup is included in your price and that it has been done satisfactorily before paying the balance of your bill.

Following is a list of the area's catering services. Remember to weigh the advantages of each against its disadvantages. For instance, hotel catering is expensive, but these establishments can sometimes offer more experience, as well as consistency and dependability, than others; they also are usually better-equipped. On the other hand, they may not be able to offer the same personal touch of the independent operations, and the food and decor of the event may be more conventional—at least in fact if not on paper.

These have been listed separately because they offer comparable services and prices, with the exception of the Holiday Inn Beachside, where prices are considerably lower. Other than at the latter, breakfast buffets and brunches will run \$20 to \$30; sit-down luncheons, \$15 to \$25; and sit-down dinners, from \$30 to \$40-plus.

Gourmet sit-downs are somewhat higher, and dinner buffets can run up to about \$55, although a meal isn't considered really expensive until it costs \$75 or so. Bar prices will be \$3.50 to \$4.50 per drink or about \$8.50 to \$11.50 per person for the first hour and that should include wine with dinner.

Do choose a caterer with whom you are comfortable and don't take no for an answer to a request. A caterer's job is to say, "Yes, of course, we can do that."

Casa Marina • 296-3535 • Henry Flagler's magnificent 1920s resort, renovated and reopened by Marriott in 1978, is still by far the largest on the island with, probably, the most attractions and services—and the highest prices. Its own adjectives—refined, nostalgic, elegant, secluded—describe it well; the one thing it is *not* is trendy. Its current goal is to become "the

best wedding place in South Florida," and the upcoming restoration of the cocktail lounge to the original grand ballroom that will seat 150 is a move toward that end. Its main ballroom can handle up to 700.

Holiday Inn Beachside • 294-2571 • This casual resort out on Roosevelt Boulevard just last year renovated its convention center, creating enough space for 650. Being the town's only moderately priced resort, it is popular for families and local functions, although its own-of-town business is expected to increase dramatically with the new facilities.

Hyatt Key West • 296-9900 • It must have taken considerable ingenuity to figure out how to squeeze this newcomer into the small remaining space on the Gulf, but it was managed quite nicely, along with all the amenities and the wherewithal to cater a reception of about 150 on its terraces or, by using the indoor space at Nick's, a sit-down dinner for 100. Sample menus feature American cuisine, with occasional *nouvelle* selections.

Pier House • 296-4600 • This architecturally acclaimed, European-style resort has become an integral part of Key West over the past 25 years. It is certainly in keeping with the spirit of an earlier Key West—uninhibited, eclectic, and laid-back, as it describes itself—and its events always have a recognizable flair. With the opening of its Caribbean Spa, space is now available for an indoor sit-down dinner for 125 or, indoors and out, a reception of 250 at the Havana Docks. Its typical cuisine is American touched with *nouvelle*.

The Reach • 296-5000 • With its sweeping vistas of the Atlantic and fine postmodern decor, this resort exudes a cool sophistication that its international clientele seems to appreciate. By opening up its banquet room or by using all the outdoor areas, it can handle a reception for 300; indoors, it can do 175 at a sit-down dinner or about 75 at the former Bubba's Beijing, 125 if the terrace is used. On its catering menus, there are such nice surprises as an English breakfast grill, a Danish brunch with gravlax, an Asian buffet, and even dinners of grilled quail or panfried pheasant.

A Private Affair • Susan Craig and Laurie Richards; 294-7125 • These inde-

pendents work with a natural, personal style and feature simple, wholesome foods sometimes prepared with a Southwestern touch, such as black beans in cornmeal cups—Craig previously catered in Colorado. Although they work out of the Galleon bar, where they do, among other events, weekly "open" barbecues (\$9.95), they are also all over the rest of the town, catering affairs both large and small. Prices are reasonable.

Aunt Rose's • 294-6214 • This Italian-American institution has long made catering a substantial part of its business, being equipped to handle 50 on-premises and 500 off; it also does take-out. Mainly to introduce potential customers to the restaurant, Aunt Rose's has, probably, the lowest prices in town for what it offers: antipasto-to-go for 25—\$75; lasagna-by-the-pan for 15—\$50; Italian-style hors d'oeuvres, \$6 to \$8 per person; and complete Italian, Cuban, barbecue, and local seafood menus, from \$8 to \$12. They also do turkey, prime rib, etc.

Baiamonte's • 296-2200 • This 25-year-old establishment specializes in Italian-style seafood, but it will prepare any other sort of food you request, too, either on- or off-premises.

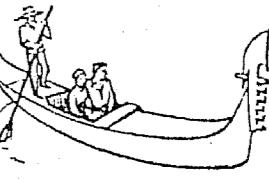
Dip 'n' Deli • Big Pine; 872-3030 • Although this family-run restaurant will do home-cooked sit-down dinners and barbecues for \$10.50 to \$14.50, it specializes in "beautiful, hand-made hors d'oeuvres" for as little as \$6.50 per person.

Great Events • 294-2252 • An operation begun just last Thanksgiving when founder Allan Merrill sold his Hukilau after 18 years, this highly personalized service will be in full gear by October when its new

kitchen is finished. In the meantime, Merrill (with his partners) has been working out of Lightning Pizza, a situation that has led naturally to collaboration with Lightning's creative chef/owner Dave Sciuta and one that is likely to continue unofficially, even though Sciuta will be doing some "limited" catering on his own, too. Both veteran restaurateurs feel that the real challenge of catering is to transform the ordinary into the new and beautiful, and, when working in their way, cookbooks are noticeably absent. "Real" food and the increasingly requested vegetarian dishes are receiving the most attention these days. Prices are from \$8 to \$12 for luncheons; \$12 to \$20 for dinners.

Half-Shell Raw Bar • 294-7496 • See "Turtle Kraals."

Hukilau • 294-2188 • Highly regarded for years for its moderately priced, flower-



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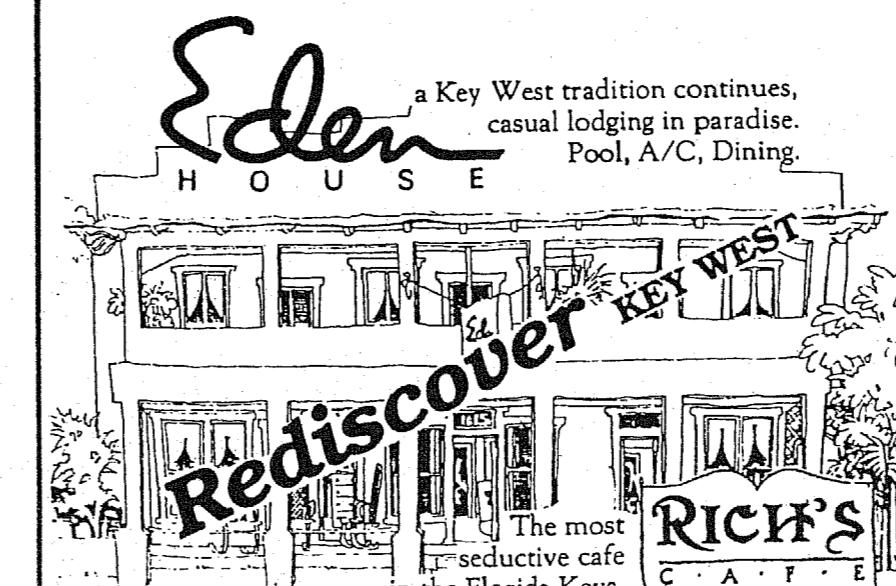
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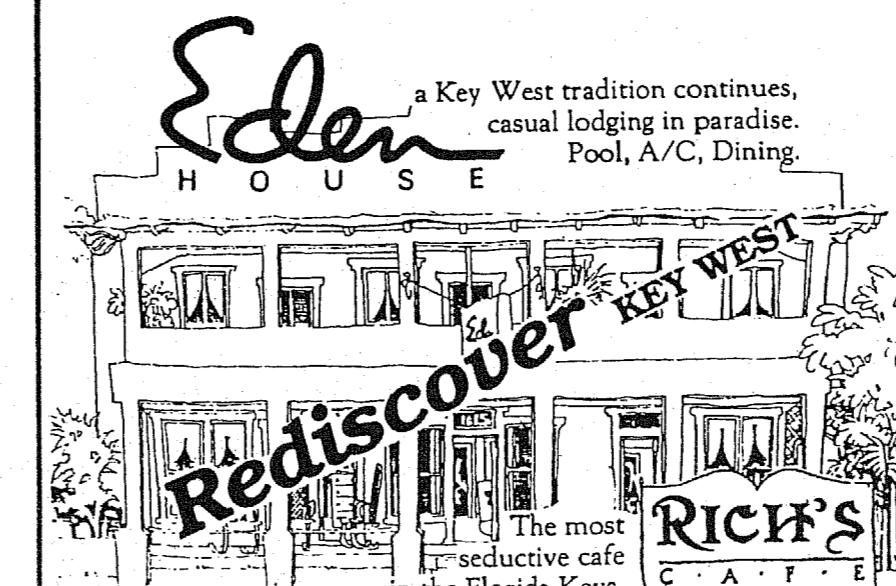
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Island Catering • Big Pine; 872-4725 • Although veteran chef Michael Reisig specializes in down-home outdoor

cookery, particularly his barbecues, which he now sells as three-minute take-outs from his new Island Barbecue, his general catering approach is "casual island elegant." He and his staff, however, are quite willing to trade in their Hawaiian prints for tuxes and prepare the tables with white cloths and silk flowers. Prices range from about \$8 to \$15.

Turtle Kraals/Half-Shell Raw Bar • 294-2640 • Because these busy seafood restaurants share the same ownership, their catering menus are more or less interchangeable, with that of the Kraals' being somewhat more elaborate and expensive. Because they have their own fishing fleet and market and all the equipment for any off-premises affair, they can offer "good food for moderate prices." A full-course dinner is about \$25 per person, an extensive seafood buffet, \$25 to \$35. On-premises space is no problem; the Kraals has even been known to close down when necessary.

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Earth energy is well upon us in September with the Sun moving through Virgo until the 23rd, a new Moon on the 18th in Virgo, and Mercury in Virgo, which is retrograde until the 18th. Virgo covers cleaning up messes and dealing with service. Fun may seem on the back burner as duty and responsibility take priority. Virgo's placements work harmoniously with the Capricorn emphasis. Most of us will feel quite grounded this month, aware of work that must get done.

Aries

Virgo emphasis falls in your solar sector of health and diet. Pay attention to your body's cues and needs. Channel your perfectionist drive toward activities and efforts—not toward those around you—or you may find yourself becoming an intolerant oaf. Find satisfaction in your work and the pure joy of doing a job well done. Focus on details now.

Taurus

For you, Virgo represents the house sector of love, recreation, romance. It's your turn to relax. Your artistic side flares, passions grow and rapport with kids increases. You may also develop a new love for theater—as participant or spectator. This is a good time for a vacation.

Gemini

Perceptions are acute now, but you'll be forced to view decisions and prospects from new angles. Focus on family life and household chores. Dedicate time to writing letters, reading, studying or working on new campaign/sales strategies for months to come. Mars now in your sign ought to increase your energy flow.

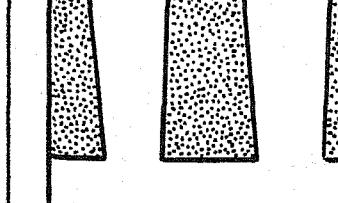
Cancer

Though Moon children function through gut reactions and intuition, you'll be very analytical this month. With a focus on the third house of ideas, communications, short trips, and teaching, you will be filled with ideas. Sift through choices your environment presents to you. Finances ought to improve; watch a tendency to spend freely.

Capricorn

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Aquarius

Endings and new beginnings surround you. Your philosophical nature will understand the ebb and flow of life. The 8th house emphasis is on transformation. Learn to let go and give space. Focus on faith and finance. Fulfill obligations to others or reach new agreements. You will be aggressive with your lover; if none is nearby, your amorous tendencies will draw you to the hunt. This is a time for inner growth.

Pisces

Complications arise six months after your birthday, when many planets cross your opposite sign. Life may not seem to be on your own terms, and there are compromises to be made. A parent demands much of your time, a mate is having a tough period and a friend encroaches on your need for solitude. Without being abrasive, elude the grasp of others. Mars in the 4th house can mean structural repairs at home or real battles for personal will among relatives. Unravel the knot of duty in new ways.

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9/1 • Marine Sanctuaries Underwater Phone Contest Award Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at Marina Del Mar's Coconuts Restaurant, Key Largo. Call 451-1644 or 872-4039.

9/7-9/9 • Southernmost Light-Tackle Anglers Masters Celebrity Fishing Tournament. This event pairs 40 anglers with celebrities and professional guides to vie for 18 prizes. Registration necessary. Call 664-8452 or 294-2571.

9/8, 9/9 • Florida Keys/Hawk's Cay Classic Wheelchair Tennis Tournament. This single elimination tournament features men's and women's singles and doubles. Call 1-800-432-2242.

9/10-9/15 • Women In Paradise Week. Key West Business Guild is sponsoring this celebration. Activities include reef trips, sunset sails, comic performance by Marga Gomez, a play by Holly Hughes, gallery walk, street fair, and the crowning of Ms. Gay Key West. Call 294-4603.

9/12 • Horticultural Talk by Key West Garden Club. Topic: Bamboo, by Glen Prag. Starts at 9:30 a.m. Members and guests. Call 294-3210.

9/16 • Marine Archaeology Expedition. Session focuses on wrecks and the coral reef environment. Membership fee goes toward seminar and monthly newsletter. Call 800-468-3255.

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Card & Game Night, Senior Citizens Center, Big Pine Key, 745-3698.

Florida Right to Life meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Key West Baptist Temple, 5727 Second Avenue, Stock Island. Call Patti Baldwin at 296-7337.

Guardianship of Monroe County helps disabled adults and elderly residents in decision-making. To volunteer or for more information call Elizabeth Covino at HRS; 292-6728, Betty Campbell at Florida Keys Memorial Hospital, 294-5531; or Liz Kern at Hospice, 294-8812.

Island Wellness, at 530 Simonton Street, offers a variety of regularly scheduled courses and activities. Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation, rebirthing, metaphysics, gay issues, personal growth and hypnosis are some of the subjects covered. A gay rap and a healing circle are also featured. Call 296-7353 for details.

Island Wellness Children's Playshop is held Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon for children 6 through 12. Includes playful fun and concepts of self-care. Eight registrants needed to hold classes. For more information, call Gary at 296-7353.

Island Wellness Teenage Wellness Party is held Thursday evenings at 7:30 for teens 13 through 19. There will be a one-hour discussion on elements of self-care, followed by a dance. For more information, call Gary at 296-6843.

Monroe County Public Library, Flem-

ing Street, offers preschool story hour on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday movies 10 a.m. 294-8488.

Native American study and participation group meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at 1700 Flagler Avenue, upstairs. There is no charge.

Old Island Harmony Barbershop Chorus, Old Stone Church, Key West, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Open Poetry Reading meets the first Sunday of the month. Bring original work only. Also prose, music, dance; listen or perform. Free, refreshments served. 296-0785 or 294-3848.

Pool & Dart Tournament, Big Pine Moose Lodge, Wednesdays, 872-9313.

Recycle Key West, sponsored by the Women's Resource center and located in Peary Court off White Street, is open every Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. to accept clean, separated glass, newspaper, aluminum and plastic. Volunteers are needed. 294-6241.

Sweet Adelines, Presbyterian Kirk of the Keys, Marathon, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Tai Chi Chu'an Exercise Class • Will Jones instructs this "soft" form of physical conditioning. Classes are at 11:00 a.m. Saturday mornings on the marina dock of Ocean Key West, Zero Duval Street. Free of charge.

Transportation Program, available to those over 60 years old, weekdays 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In Key West, call 294-8468; Middle Keys call 743-9089; Upper Keys call 852-3204.

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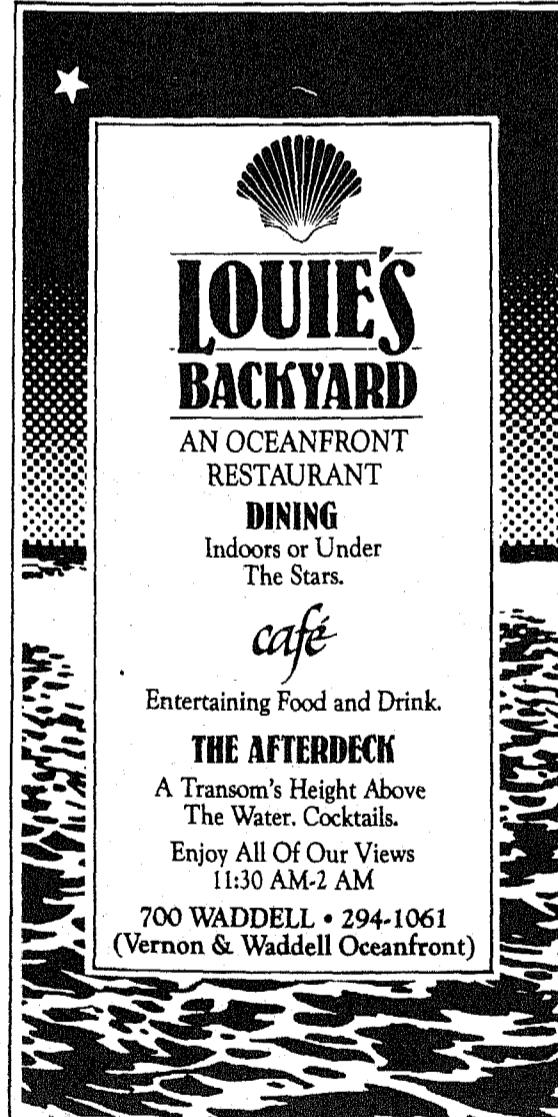
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Guardian Ad Litem: The Human Shield

by Linda Flynn

EVERY two minutes in the United States a child is being abused with 95 percent of these cases perpetrated by parents, step-parents or other relatives. One out of five of these are cases of sexual molestation. It is hard to imagine, but there are 600,000 child prostitutes in the United States. Yet the most sobering statistic of all is that 2888 children are killed by physical abuse each year.

—Guardian Ad Litem Training Manual

Although the numbers are frightening, some safeguards against child abuse are in place. A federal law was enacted in 1974 to provide financial assistance to states for programs in the prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse. States seeking assistance through the Federal Child Abuse and Treatment Act are required to appoint Guardians Ad Litem to represent abused or neglected children. Florida is one such state.

The law defines a Guardian Ad Litem or GAL as "a responsible adult who is appointed by the court to represent the best interests of a child in a proceeding as provided for by law who shall be party to any judicial proceeding as a representative of the child, and who shall serve until discharged by the court." GALs are volunteers, and are assumed by the courts to be unbiased citizens concerned with the well being of children.

Florida Statute defines all idioms associated with abuse (see "How the State Defines Child Abuse"), but generally it refers to "a child whose physical or mental health or welfare is harmed, or threatened with harm, by the acts or omissions of the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare."

Despite common perception, child abuse is difficult to detect. Volunteers must trust their intuition, picking up barely discernable psychological nuances and overcoming biases as well as observing physical signs, which are not necessarily caused by abuse. All symptoms, episodes and physical clues are parts of a puzzle that must be pieced together to represent a complete picture.

Claudia Beth Jackson, is the newly appointed circuit director of Guardian Ad Litem for the 16th Judicial Circuit, which falls within Monroe County. Prior to her assignment to the GAL office, Jackson worked in San Francisco as a lawyer litigating cases of physical and financial abuse of the elderly. One of her primary goals is to clear up misconceptions about abuse.

"There is a myth that people in impoverished backgrounds are more likely than other people to abuse their children," says Jackson. "The reality is that if you are in a public health facility or public hospital and your child is brought in and there is some question about how the child has become injured, the health care provider is, more likely than not, going to report it."

"However," she continues, "if you are someone with means and you're in a private facility or at a private family doctor, the chances are that it is *not* going to be reported."

Jackson agrees that economic stresses can create an environment where children are likely to be abused, but she points out that there are other kinds of stresses that also contribute to that kind of abuse.

"That [abuse is caused by low-income families] is something that is comfortable for people to believe," she says. "It puts a distance between people and the realities of child abuse and incest. If you can



identify a class of people for whom this is endemic, then it is explained in a way that is comfortable for you."

GALs volunteer through a local office where an application is filled out; an abuse registry form is completed so that a background check can be executed to make sure that no one who volunteers has had a record of child abuse. Along with the background check, an individual who volunteers must complete 24 hours of training, which includes lecture by experts, usage of audio-visual materials, extensive reading and study, and court observation.

Training sessions serve as a tool to instruct volunteers in writing reports, dealing with bureaucracy and the court system, how to handle particular situations, and how to obtain services for a child who is in need.

Jackson views training as an ongoing process. "What we have instituted now is a case plan system so that when a volunteer is assigned a case I will sit down with them and together will find out, 'Where do we start?' So that there's some coherency to where we are going. What information do we need? This is what we know. What else do we need? Who should we talk to? What should we talk to them about? Always, always keeping in mind confidentiality, which is critical."

Confidentiality is extremely important in Key West because of its small town character, and Jackson says it is unwise to discuss the particulars of a case to people outside of the GAL volunteer group. Volunteers are encouraged to work closely with the administrator to provide and emotional outlet and to help maintain perspective on stressful cases.

Although abuse sometimes includes violent acts inflicted on a child, volunteers are trained not to judge parents or individuals accused of abuse. Abusive parents are not monsters and many need counseling and advice to help gain control. It is not always necessary to permanently remove a child from his family.

Volunteer Alicia Newson, who has just had her first baby, can understand all the emotional ramifications for a mother who may lose her child. However, she says of her volunteer status, "I wanted to do my part to help a child. HRS has so many cases. I feel like I'm an extra set of eyes ...

"It is difficult because I listen to all sides, because you *have* to listen and see who is most sincere, she says. "It is hard to take a child from a parent and completely sever those ties. You try to do your best to keep

an open mind. It is difficult to remain objective with sad stories on all sides. You always want to believe the best of people."

With this in mind, the GAL office negotiates with state Health and Rehabilitative Services to bring a parent to admit to the problem as well as to comply to what is known as a performance agreement. This is an agreement signed by the parent which succinctly describes what must be done by the family on behalf of the child in order for the child to be returned to the family.

Sometimes a performance agreement prevents a case from becoming a full-blown court case. If a parent fails to comply, then proceedings may be initiated to terminate parental rights. This system is designed to help maintain cohesion to the family unit, if possible.

One GAL volunteer recently handled a case which resulted in the mending of a broken family. Here the family has successfully taken advantage of counseling in a substance-abuse program and has grown together with the assistance of community support. The family is reunited and appears to be doing well.

Another case, involving a young child who was sexually abused by a relative, turned out just the opposite. Although the assault was years ago and the physical abuse was sporadic, a broken home compounded the problems, making it necessary for the child to participate in psychological counseling. Although the child's parent was very adamant about keeping the child, the GAL volunteer involved in the case weighed all evidence and deemed the parent incapable of providing a safe and permanent environment. The volunteer recommended foster placement, HRS and the court agreed.

Not all cases go smoothly. Andrea Robinson, who has been a volunteer for three years, explains that one of the most difficult aspects of being a volunteer is making decisions and determinations that cause difficulty and resentment for a parent. Above all, says Robinson, a volunteer worries about making the right decision.

Robinson expresses her motivations for continuing as a volunteer despite the inherent emotional stress: "The most emotional part is that while children are growing they look up to their parents for guidance and trust them to provide a safe environment. When the parent is abusive or neglectful a child is traumatically impacted.

"When the parent can't provide a safe environment the results for the child are far-reaching: as the child grows they're going to have a hard time trusting—even after the damage has been done. When a case is labeled and investigated the child is already having to deal with what has happened in front of other people. It is important that they can trust the people they are dealing with, and this is the most important part of being a GAL—that the child can trust us."

When a lawyer for the state is trying to prove that parents have abused their child, the child's feelings and best interests are often overlooked during questioning and court proceedings. On the other hand the lawyer for the parents is looking to exonerate of his clients, thereby omitting consideration of the child. GAL seeks to protect the child from detrimental questioning and procedures.

But what goes on before lawyers come into the picture and court dates are fulfilled? HRS is notified, usually by the abuse registry, which has been contacted by a concerned party on the abuse hotline, and wheels are set in motion to investigate alleged abuse or neglect on the part of parents or suspect individuals. Since it is primarily the objective of HRS to keep families together, there may be times when the GAL's observations and report will conflict with the HRS caseworker's.

Karen Gibson has been working for HRS since 1980 and has acted as super-visor for Foster Care and Professional Services since 1985. "I think the people who volunteer *want* to help," she says. "[Guardian Ad Litem] a unique organization. In theory it is an excellent idea."

However, she says, "I feel that the Keys HRS personnel are capable of hiring people who are qualified.

"Other counties are so large this is not always possible and children are lost. It is a disservice in carrying out an adversarial role. It does not help a child. Monroe County HRS originally pushed for GAL. We were one of the last counties to get it. We try for a good relationship. We are basically going in the same direction."

GALs are court appointed to act as objective observers and to submit factual reports to the court. Therefore, the court grants them legal access to all pertinent records and interaction with teachers, doctors, and caseworkers as well as the family.

Because volunteers are required to report without outside influence—to believe and listen to no one but themselves—they often find themselves in conflict with HRS authorities.

Sometimes an HRS report differs from a GAL's observation, which creates the perception of an adversarial relationship. Situations in which a volunteer presses for HRS to obtain a particular social service for a child or parent furthers this view.

David McDonald who works on behalf of children in HRS' Foster Placement and Professional Services says, "I've heard the relationship between HRS and Guardian Ad Litem explained a number of times as adversarial. I don't look at it that way. I look at it personally as an organization that looks out for the welfare of children. Sometimes a guardian comes up with information that changes a whole case."

Geographically the 16th Judicial Circuit stretches over a 100-mile expanse, as opposed to the usual squared arrangement of most land-locked counties. This creates special problems for GAL workers: the bulk of child abuse cases are in Key West—and most volunteers live in the Upper Keys.

Guardian Ad Litem is always looking for responsible, caring adults who can give some time, whether it be investigating and reporting for a case or giving assistance in the office. For information concerning volunteer work call 296-7518.

How the State Defines Child Abuse

Abused and neglected child means a child whose physical or mental health or welfare is harmed, or threatened with harm, by the acts or omissions of the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare.

Child abuse or neglect means harm or threatened harm to a child's physical or mental health or welfare by the acts or omissions of the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare.

Harm to a child's health or welfare can occur when the parent or other person responsible for the child's welfare:

—Inflicts, or allows to be inflicted, upon the child, physical or mental injury. Such injury includes, but is not limited to, injury sustained as a result of excessive corporal punishment; or physical dependency of a newborn infant upon any controlled substance.

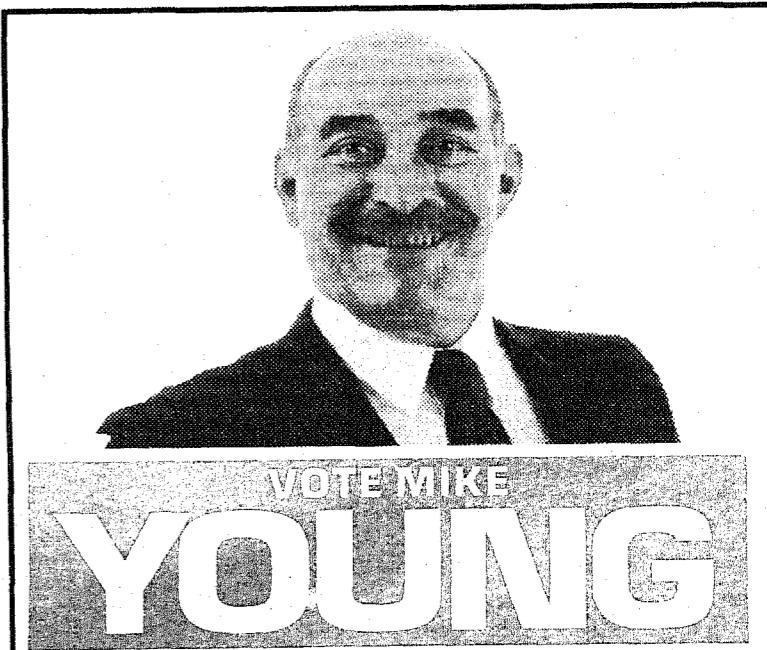
—Commits, or allows to be committed, sexual battery against the child or commits or allows to be committed sexual abuse of a child.

—Exploits a child, or allows a child to be exploited.

—Abandons the child.

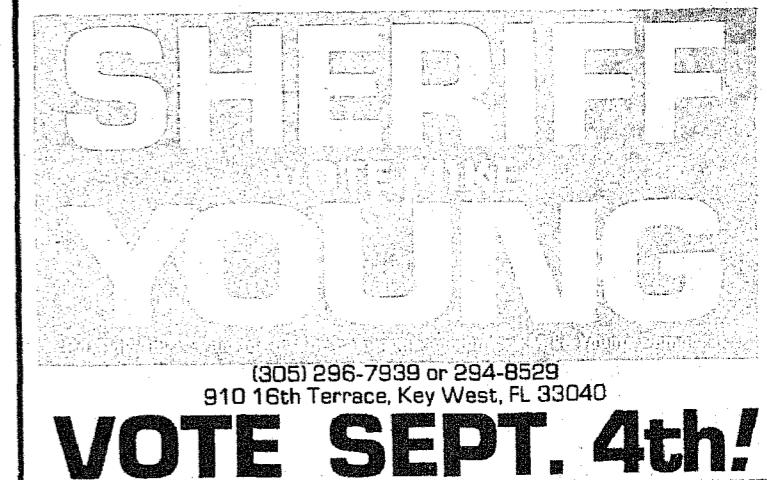
—Fails to provide the child with supervision or guardianship by specific acts or omissions of a serious nature.

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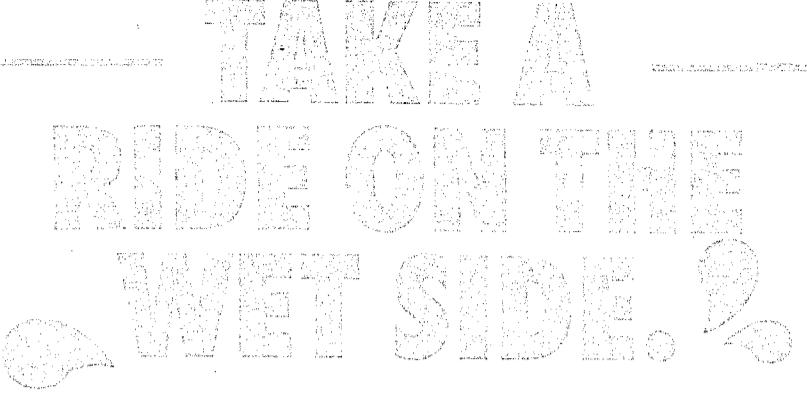
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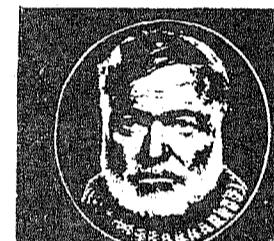
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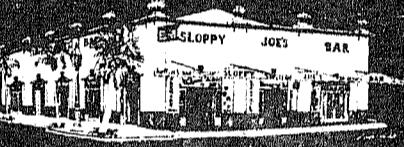


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