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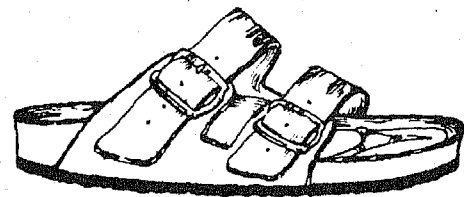
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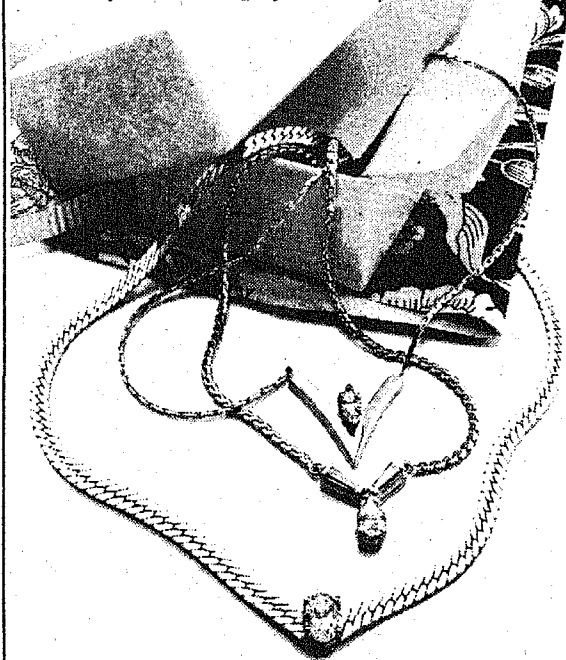
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FROM THE EDITOR

THE ELECTION MATERIAL has run over into our regular features. Helen Chapman fans were going to be particularly happy with us this issue. Not only was Helen back but her touch was never better. And, alas, she will not be seen this issue. No room. Look for her October.

FLORIDA KEYS COMMUNITY College is offering a wide variety of non-credit college courses. Also, Senior Citizens (sixty or over) who register during late registration for courses will have their tuition fees waived - of course this is dependent on space being available in the classes desired.

OTIE CRAMER THINKS that it would be a good idea to have an open air fish market where returning fishermen could sell their catches. She notes that it always is a big tourist attraction wherever it is done and that Mallory Square would be a perfect place for it.

A GROUP CONCERNED with restoring the deteriorating County Beach pier meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Monroe County Beach.

LAST MONTH WE ran a story about some of the crazy and wild times in Key West a few decades ago. The writer warned that some of the stories might be of doubtful validity and, according to a couple of irate local people, parts of them were. To the families of Frank (Pilot) Roberts and Gerald Adams we offer our apologies for writing that these men were involved in any way with bolita. We meant the article to be strictly in good fun and we had no intention of making anyone mad.

O.K. LOOK FOR us in October. We will have a four page Fantasy Fest pull-out and, of course, Helen Chapman. We will continue to monitor the election but without the questionnaires we will have plenty of room for our regular people.

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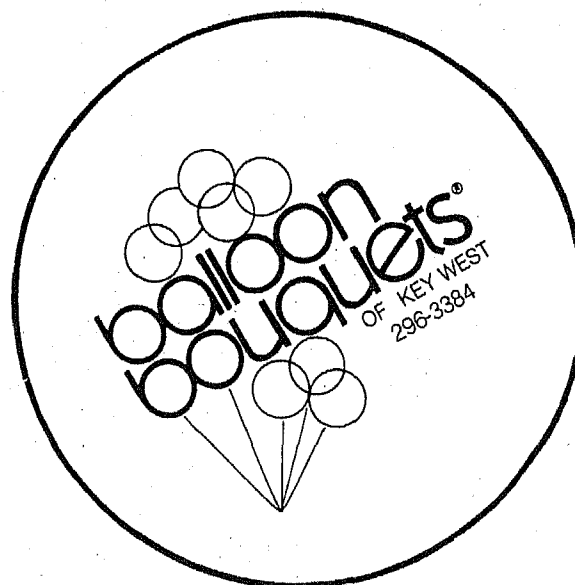
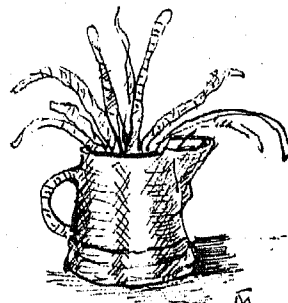
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KEITH BARKER

BY BILL GUINN

I

THE MANY TIMES we have sat around the table with a cool rum and Coke or a Miller Lite and talked "fish stories" I could never count. And as we swap tales, my favorite character, a long-time friend, is always, and I mean always, brought into the conversation. We then go on for hours with story after story revolving around this character, spilling beer and laughing until our jaws hurt.

This character is old Keith Barker ... automobile assembly line worker turned school teacher and presently here in Key West.

ABOUT TEN YEARS ago Keith and I started teaching at Glynn Archer Jr. High. Almost immediately I could tell this guy had a big heart, always willing to help a kid with a problem or lend a hand to us teachers. Known for pedaling around town on his bike with mask and dive fins in the front basket, he was very much getting into diving.

At the time, I was renovating our house on White St. and eventually Keith needed a place to stay. He had acquired some "very essential" holdings, as he would put it, namely an old outboard motor, one seabag packed with dive equipment and bent speargun shafts, another seabag with his clothes, a crusty old frying pan and a broken coffee pot. We gave him free use of a room in the house, and Keith was quite content to teach and then go diving after school, sleeping somehow spread out on his seabags with the lower housing on the outboard serving as a pillow.

THE YEARS WENT by; Keith had now lived in several different locations; we had built another house; and the sea adventures of this 6'4" pollywog of the ocean were adding up. Possibly you may have seen Keith pedaling his bike with the bow of his 14' boat hooked to the bike seat, little wheels mounted on the transom of the boat and his outboard strapped to his back. Many a turista took a second look at the sight!

KEITH LATER BOUGHT a station wagon of mine, packed everything of his into it, and moved to Big Coppitt. We always howl when the stories come around to Keith's station wagon. There is no way one could put more gear into that car. From broken C.B. antennas (his crawfish ticklers) to his now-famous coffee pot, he would sometimes just roll out a sleeping bag and sleep on the hood due to no room available in the car!

WE REMEMBER KEITH driving to school day after day complaining about the funny

odor in his car. "It must be the transmission." Two weeks passed. We asked about the transmission. "Still smells." The kids at school work up enough courage to ask why Mr. Barker kinda smells when he comes to school. Eventually Keith drops some money on the floorboard and, reaching under the front seat, pulls out the remains of a dead cat.

II

KEITH GOT HIS new name, still used to this day, some seven years ago. I had taken Bud Ralph Freer, local artist and teacher, and Keith out to my secret rocks to the east of Sand Key for some diving. The seas were terrible and my 21' T-Craft was giving me second thoughts. The only other boat out was Capt. Billy Wickers Jr., and he's out fishing if it's blowin' 45 knots.

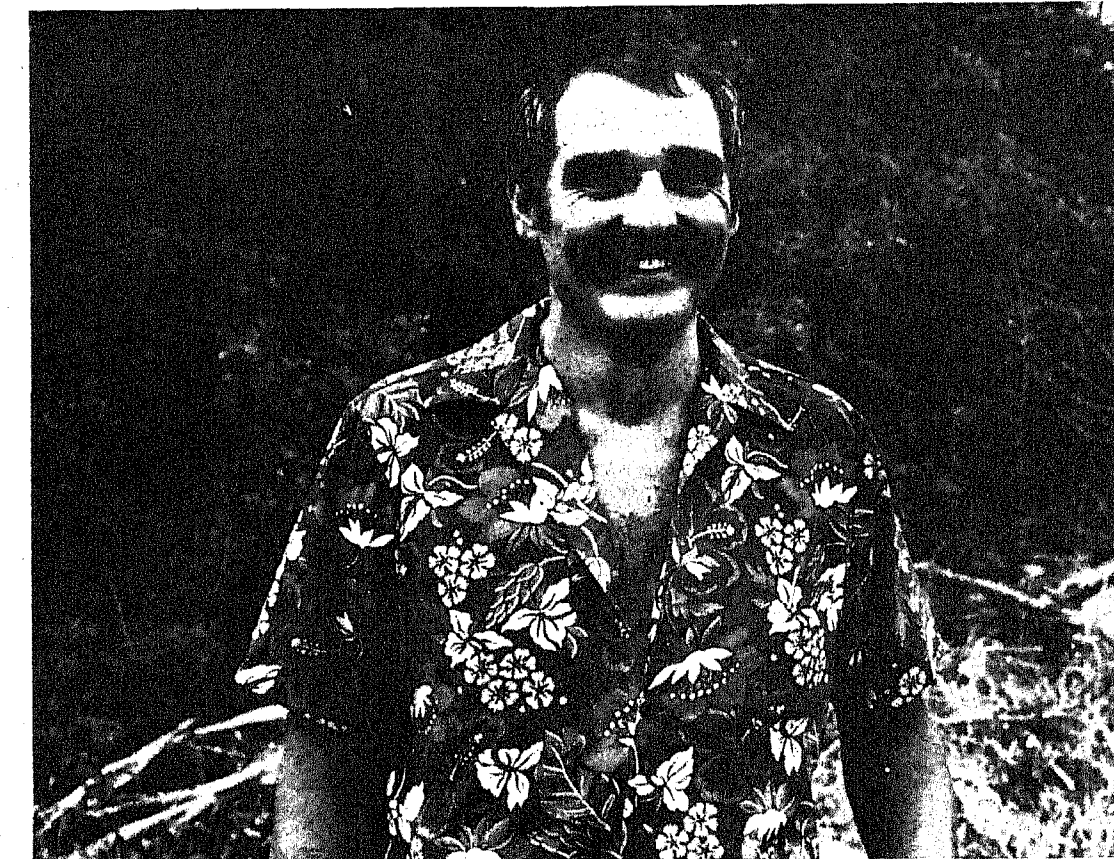


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WE HAD BEEN putting quite a few nice size hog fish in the box and a couple of big groupers. Well, old Capt. Billy knew I had some nice rocks there and would you believe he trolled his charterboat right up next to us. It was nothing but wall-to-wall barracuda after he skipped his ballyhoo through there (we still laugh about that) but the barjacks came in too and got a little curious. Keith asks me, "Hey, look at these big ones, are they any good in the frying pan?"

"KEITH, LEAVE THEM alone ... we have another grouper to get out...."

Well, you guessed it, Keith shoots a huge barjack and the fish, a very strong contender, starts pulling him around. The water is rough and Keith is yelling for help. He refuses to release his speargun and chalk it up to experience. Somehow he made it to the boat, a 30 lb. barjack and beat-up spear shaft in tow. For the next hour, with six-foot seas tossing the boat around, Keith lay on the deck exhausted, coughing up seaweed and sea water. On that Sunday, I gave him his official name, "BarJack Barker."

BarJack moved back into town, bought a 19' boat, and sent the car to Alex the junk dealer.

III

AND THEN WE planned a Saturday dive trip, with boats and crew meeting on the west side of the Marquesas Friday

night before the dive. Crawfish and steaks were on the menu, and a couple of bottles of vino. On Mullet Key bar I had by accident found a large solitary coral head in about 18 feet of water that produced several jewfish every time we visited it. This was going to be our big dive the following day, but "Jewfish Rock" was a tricky place to get a fish mainly because of the extreme tidal flow through Boca Grande channel.

BARJACK WOULD BE coming down later Friday night in his 19-footer, bringing Crazy Ed Walker. What a great meal we had over the open fire, and "Who's going

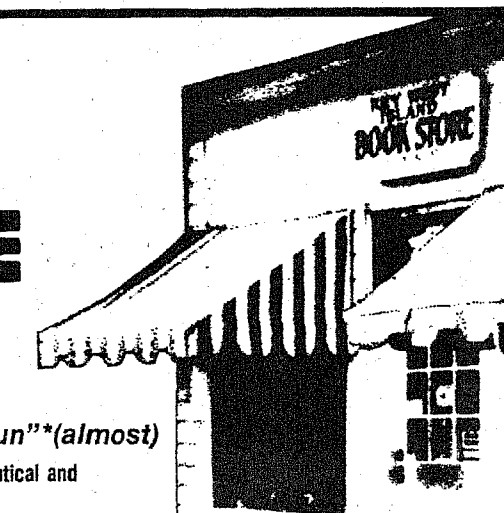
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to get the most fish the next day" and "Did you hear the one about" ... and the night wore on ... and on. But where's BarJack? We all decided he had suffered engine problems, and probably was still in port. We tried to get some shuteye.

THE NEXT DAY produced fantastic diving but during that time we kinda kept an eye out for BarJack and Crazy Ed. After returning to Key West that evening, word filtered in as to the whereabouts of BarJack. First of all he was not in port, but indeed had started out for our campsite. How this could have happened is beyond all of us, but they had missed the Marquesas during the darkness of the night. The first report was from the Coast Guard station ... in the Tortugas! BarJack, with the throttle wide open, had blasted past the Marquesas, and after seeing a very faint light in the distance, kept heading for it thinking it was our campfire. Unfortunately it was the light-house on Loggerhead Key. Can you imagine pulling into Fort Jefferson in an open 19-footer in the middle of the night?

HAVING SPENT THE next day touring the fort, while we were on Jewish Rock, Crazy Ed and BarJack headed east for the Marquesas, only this time Rebecca Channel was kicked up to 7- and 8-foot seas. Rough water soon tore off the bimini top, broke the engine controls and almost sank the craft. Ed had to literally attach himself to the engine, hold the cables together and keep her running while BarJack was at the helm. Running at this reduced speed, they found the evening fast approaching, as the fuel tanks were running dry.

AS THE SUN went down a light was sighted, and they headed in the direction of the light. This time, it was an anchored Treasure Salvors boat that had been working one of the wreck sites southwest of the Marquesas. The crew gave BarJack a few gallons of gas to

get them to the Marquesas, and radio-telephoned Key West regarding the situation. The marine operator then called my wife, she in turn called my father to haul gas to the Marquesas that evening. So while we're coming in from diving, gasoline is being delivered to BarJack. After we all got together again and sifted through the details of how in the heck you could miss the Marquesas and wind up in the Tortugas, Crazy Ed said he would rather go through open-heart surgery than go on a diving adventure with BarJack again!

IV

KEITH HAS NOW traded his "Tortugas Cruiser" less bimini top, motor controls and other various odds and ends for a smaller boat and kicker. On one occasion he was taking his visiting father out fishing, leaving from our canal out back. Naturally, something had to be wrong and sure enough, it was. The shifting linkage was loose and not engaging the gears for forward or reverse. After working on it for a while, we got it to shift, and with a big beaming smile, they set out for a day of fishing. I really don't remember how late it was that afternoon when they returned, but when we spotted them coming down the canal, I came close to splittin' something laughing. Apparently the linkage had jammed in reverse, so from miles away where they had been fishing, BarJack had the boat going in reverse with his dad gleefully trolling a ballyhoo off the bow!

A NEW CAR was purchased by now, the first "new" piece of mechanical wizardry that he had ever owned. The station wagon had finally died and was taken out to Alex. This new car was a VW Rabbit, and how he ever got all his frame into that car I will never know. I do know that again in the back seat you could locate more bent spear shafts, a propane stove, dirty underwear, an old college textbook, a few empty cans

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WE HAD A beach party on Smathers Beach. What a nice time cooking, sailing a small Sunfish up and down the beach, watching all the bikini-clad ladies playing volleyball, and doing a little snorkeling. BarJack decides to show us and the bikini-clad ladies some sailing, and we say "fine" and go back to the volleyball group. Well, Keith is quite a bit of ballast in this type of craft, and is not a full-fledged sailor in any sense of the word at this time. Plus the wind wasn't doing him any favors either. The result of this adventure: some people living in one of the higher-level condos at Key West by the Sea had called the Coast Guard saying there was someone in a small boat headed out to sea and at times seemed to be waving. BarJack isn't embarrassed after getting in, and exclaims he was going to sail to the "J" marker on the reef and wait until the wind would shift! Picture if you will a Coast Guard boat pulling a Sunfish sailboat into Smathers ... and this was just the beginning of BarJack's encounters with the Coast Guard. You know, with all those bikinis running around, it's a good thing somebody spotted our nautical wonder!

V

TO SUPPLEMENT HIS income during the summer months, BarJack turns to crawfishing. A license is purchased, and the season begins. There are a number of school teachers that take to the water to help out with the family ex-

penses by diving during the summer months, but none that stay "in" the water quite as much as Keith. Usually his meal while diving consists of soggy crackers, cold fish cooked a few weeks before and warm water from an old gallon Crystal water container. No ice is taken, too much hassle. The craws are hung on the side of the boat and kept alive in an old potato sack.

ON ONE OCCASION, Keith's motor wouldn't start. He was out by the Bay Keys, and naturally his tool box consisted of one rusty and bent screwdriver and a small roll of electrical tape! He tied the anchor line around his chest and "walked" his boat in-to Sigsbee Park, having to swim and tow the boat the last half mile or so. The water getting a little deep here, Keith got in the boat, tried the motor one more time with a little prayer, and it caught on the first pull. Another adventure, yet to this guy, a daily routine.

YOU KNOW, I just remembered another little story with Crazy Ed and BarJack. Seems they were camping out at Boyd's on Stock Island and were a little short on funds. Ed and Keith are always a little short on funds.... Well, Ed had some spaghetti and Keith had some fish, and they put them in a pot, added saltwater and boiled. Ed couldn't handle supper that night but BarJack still maintains that there is no finer eating than "saltwater fish-oggetti."

VI

HIS NEW VW has now been traded on

a 26' plywood sailboat that seems to be quite seakindly even though it is a plywood craft. Keith is in hog heaven with the boat and lives on it quite a while before renting a place in town. He hated to part with his VW, but what the heck, he has his bike. I'll never forget Ed telling me about the last time they were out driving around in the VW ... they were on Old Boca Chica Road and had a pair of binoculars. What fun it must have been driving this little road looking through the wrong end of those binoculars; they claimed it gave you a different perspective.

BARJACK WANTED TO sail his boat to the Tortugas. I guess Crazy Ed didn't learn too much from the first fiasco and elected to go along. Bad Ralph Freer figured the odds and decided to go. We don't know how much rum was stored, but rumor has it that by the time they had reached the Marquesas, they were out.

THE COMPASS WAS from a convenience store, something that you mount on the dash of your car with probably an error of 15 degrees any way you decided to turn. A candle was brought along and during the night was propped up next to the compass. Well, by sight they got to the Marquesas and set out for the Tortugas that evening. To be perfectly honest with you, I just get nervous thinking about this expedition. By now, these guys are three sheets to the wind, out of rum and heading somewhat due west. The compass is kicked over a dozen times, the candle has a hard time burning, the tide is always running but oh yes, tide is compensated for by running different courses depending on the tide speed, etc. Nothing like an accurate

compass for this kind of navigation. As the story goes, everybody takes turns sleeping, the candle just simply goes out and BarJack runs on dead reckoning. Bubba, you guessed it, they see the lighthouse in the early morning and sail into the Tortugas.

IT'S BEEN REALLY difficult to write about this character, because his life is one adventure after another. His philosophy is to be admired; his "karma" seems to always work. I've talked to BarJack until I've turned blue in the face telling him that the sea does not forgive nor does it forget, and that he has got to respect that ocean out there. I think in his own way he does respect the sea and certainly loves that ocean ... but the accounts that you have just read would never happen to an ordinary person. Maybe you will run across this fella we call BarJack, and if you do, sit on the pier at Simonton Street, gaze out at the boats anchored off Christmas Tree Island, and let him wander through his sea stories. He'll take you right there, you'll feel the salt slapping you right in the face, and maybe you'll be heading out with him on his next adventure!



HOW PETTY, TO believe that it matters how long you have been here on this Earth sojourn.

You see, I consider it provincial to be an ageist. The same year that I became friends with Mr. Huff, my octogenarian in Coconut Grove, I also shifted into closeness with Mary Reynolds Brown, then 25 years old. They both occupy durable spots as supporting actors on my Friendship stage. Those of us in our late, lustrous middle years, those of us in these indeterminate years, we hope, are able to see a certain maturity and comeliness in the older. And, the attractive loveliness of young persons we are able to look upon with chaste, unenvious eyes. When you cultivate and love friends of all ages, isn't that true humanhood?

VAN HUFF, MY 89-year-old, invented glass jalousies, which were very hotshots in Key West in the 60's. Remember, you cranked them open and shut? He also created a hybrid hibiscus which he named "mini skirt." His pacemaker willing, he is staying around to get his second view of Halley's Comet. The luminous tailed comet flashes past Earth on a 76-year orbit. It's due in 1986, and passionate comet addicts already picked up on powerful four-meter telescopes a faint showing back in December. It's out there, all right, and possibly may show up

stronger in late September, early October. But, the big, close, dramatic whiz past us comes in less than four years.

SOME ARMCHAIR ASTRONOMERS and universe scientists guess that it was such a comet which "fertilized" Earth with the primitive chemical precursors of life brought piggyback from other bodies out in space.

Seems to this writer that the great Infinite Mind did not find such a mechanism as Halley's Comet necessary for life to evolve on this or any other planet. Life had no beginning, nor was it the result of organization. Life is Spirit!

I SYMPATHIZE WITH heightening anticipation of the International Halley Watch. I find myself in a like situation, as I am showing the colors, am undergoing a literal immersion in the feel and excitement of pulsating events--my husband's political race.

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The Iconoclast

BY JIM KOGAN

OFF IN ALL DIRECTIONS

IT LOOKS LIKE the Navy property deal has fallen apart. Yes, I know, some of my neighbors will applaud the prospective return of the military--good old days, those outsiders may leave, everyone knew his place and all that. Or--"Good, we'll not have all those buildings and too many customers in the stores," etc.

But, seriously, this apparent loss is bad news for KW. Reliance on any governmental operation is precarious as has been learned, for one thing. Even though there are people who know no other way and want to be a government

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"company town." Another item: if this place even seriously threatens to become a military town again most of the ones who brought ideas, resourcefulness and even money will leave--we're mobile and we've been to San Diego.

BUT WE CAN learn from the episode, even now. We can't know what was in men's minds but their actions give clues. When the military said it intended to dispose of the property, local government agencies started fighting over it--member city vs. county hassles?

Then they spent considerable tax money hiring consultants to write a library of "studies." Fine if you're in that business (I have been and know some of the angles.) From the public interest viewpoint, local officials rode madly off in several directions--prematurely and all of them ill-advised--but that last is another matter that has been examined in this space already.

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Yes, there is another side, as usual. Had local government not been spinning those wheels it might have been staying up nights devising new ways to harass local taxpayers one way or another or one way and another. Giving the boys in City Hall and Court House something pointless and harmless is not all bad.

STILL, THEY DID not cover themselves with glory. They failed to take simple, ordinary, routine protective steps. They behaved like a mob of amateurs--or dilettantes. On our money. They spent money planning what to do with their new property before they owned it. Or, at least they gave our money to some planners with no expectation of getting

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THE CHOICES ARE simple. If the military gave the locals serious assurances that the property would be theirs and so triggered the activity then the military reneged on its word. The blame is still on the locals--it takes no genius to know the folly of trusting any government, much less its military arm. Which is part of why a lot of us will unload and leave if this becomes a Navy town again--we don't care for that ambience.

IF THE MILITARY never gave any such assurances and thus is not in the position of demonstrating its untrustworthiness, then the locals spent taxpayers' money on a lot of "maybe" deals, without even the elementary precaution of getting something solid on paper.

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Largo: It made me sick and angry to think that an outside Monroe County newspaper had to tell us what our commissioners and planning board were allowing to happen in our county. If only 30% of the series was true, it's still a disgrace!

2. Corrective measures on growth: I am not in favor of any more time-sharing condos in the Keys. Ordinances should be passed to limit their building or conversion. I favor single or duplex family dwellings built in among native vegetation, preserving our shoreline and the vegetation that gives us protection and holds these Keys together.

3. Audubon Society court suit: If decisions made since 1961 become void - then so be it. As a commissioner, it would be one helluva job, but I would be willing to tackle it - one problem at a time.

4. Ordinances should be strengthened by those people enforcing them. Our county legal department should stand behind the inspectors doing their job 100%. Violators should be made to restore any damage and pay a fine equal to the cost of restoration.

5. I favor a lengthy moratorium on new major development--If or when a major development is approved, then the developer would pay the impact costs.

6. - - - -

7. Protection for our commercial fisherman: I favor the limiting of licenses issued so that every Tom, Dick and Harry is not allowed to go into the fishing business. Stringent laws and ordinances should be passed and enforced to protect our fishermen from divers.

Henry Rosenthal did not respond.

COUNTY JUDGE GROUP 2

Name: LEONARD J. COOPERMAN

1. There are two practical qualifications. One is the familiarity with the area to be served. In this judgeship, that area is the middle and upper keys. I am the only candidate in the race who has continuously resided in the area to be served for five and one-half years. To provide proper solutions, one first must know what are the local problems.

The second qualification, practically speaking, is the unquestioned confidence of the people in the judge's impartiality. To that end, I am the only candidate in this race who has refused, is refusing, and will refuse any contributions of money or property to my campaign. I believe the public would be well served by a judge who will not have either litigants or lawyers coming before him who have contributed to his political endeavors. Thus, I feel I can assure the electorate that only the merits of the case will determine my decisions.

2(a) I think that all would agree that the punishment should fit the offense. For individuals whose offense does not require isolating them from the community, I believe that a judge should consider having that individual perform some activity that gives something back to the community whose rules he or she has broken. I think that the Legislature has recognized the value of public service as a tool of rehabilitation (as can be seen in the new law regarding driving while intoxicated, in which a person convicted of such offense for the

first time must perform a minimum of 50 hours public service.) Such approaches are certainly available to judges dealing with the kind of individual described in this question.

(b) I feel that in consultation with the Sheriff, thought and effort could be given toward separating one wing of the jail to house first offenders exclusively.

3. I believe that the present system is not the proper focus of the question. I say this because beginning on October 1, 1982, a brand new law takes effect. This law not only drastically overhauls the bail-bond system, but it gives judges the power to consider not only whether the accused will show up if released on bail. It also gives the judge the right to consider whether releasing the accused will pose an unreasonable danger to the community.

4. Yes. Some of the candidates in this race trumpet their experience, the plain fact is that none of the candidates has any experience as a judge. Experience as a lawyer no more qualifies someone to be a judge than experience as a reporter qualifies someone to be an editor. They are related, yet very distinct fields. I would say to people to look for someone who is (a) familiar with the area in which they will serve (b) not accepting contributions from people who could appear in front of them and (c) unafraid to vigorously enforce and implement the rights of all people.

Name: ALLISON DEFOOR

1. The statutory requirements to be a county judge are set forth in Art V, s. 8 of the Florida Constitution, and require merely that the aspirant be an attorney (and indeed even this requirement didn't become standard until the past decade). Because of the unique

and important role that judges play in our society, that of judging his or her fellow citizens, there are numerous qualities which we all agree a judge should have beyond the minimum. Perhaps foremost among these would be fairness and impartiality. Having served as both an Assistant State Attorney and an Assistant Public Defender, I believe that I can bring a perspective unique among the candidates for Monroe County Judge, to that seat. I have, as a prosecutor, convicted many persons, but as an Assistant Public Defender, I also have defended ably the friendless indigent defendant. Having seen both sides, I have a deep appreciation of the need for impartiality and fairness from the court.

Next, one would want a judge who knows the law. I have, in addition to my work, taught the law at three colleges. Because no judge can ever know all of the law, you next might wish that a judge be capable of researching the law and clearly writing the opinion based upon that research. I have researched and written five professional journal articles and two sections of a book within the past two years. Next, you might want a judge who understands not just the law as a separate entity, but the overall perspective of the Criminal Justice System and the role of law in society. I spent two years studying this subject receiving a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

And, finally, a judge simply must have trial experience (as opposed to office experience). There is no substitute for a thorough knowledge of courtroom procedures and the rules of evidence in a judge; those decisions must be made quickly and in the heat of trial, and they must be right. With over forty trials and years of intense trial work as both an Assistant Public Defender and an Assistant State Attorney and as a Drug Prosecutor, I

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believe I offer that experience.

2. (a) Study after study of the criminal justice system has revealed that the best way to deter a minor offender from future criminal behavior is to impose an appropriate sanction (i.e. incarceration, fine, public service) as a form of shock therapy early in the game. Of course, the court should utilize the full range of options, including incarceration, pre-trial intervention, fines, public service, and probation, letting the punishment fit the crime. All too often the offender is dealt with very lightly for the first several offenses, which has the effect of, in fact, encouraging further such behavior. A sterner approach, though considered by some to be "old-fashioned," has been shown to have a strong deterrent effect on the individual defendant, and thus ultimately benefits society and the criminal justice system.

2. (b) Under the approach outlined above, it is the swiftness and certainty of punishment which has been found to deter the criminal, not the severity. Though the classification of prisoners is the duty of the Sheriff, this judge should work with the Sheriff to insure that such offenders are not incarcerated with hard-

core criminals. The case of weekend jail time and/or the Marathon and Plantation Key jail facilities offer attractive alternatives.

3. There is considerable debate concerning the effectiveness of Florida's bonding laws, and indeed the private bonding system is on a one-year "final probation" currently by the Florida Legislature. Such fundamental reform must, of course, be addressed by the Legislature, not an individual judge.

Obviously, however, the purpose of bail is simply to insure the presence of the defendant at his trial, not to be punitive in nature. The factors which a judge is to consider are set forth in the case of *State v. Young* and the Rules of Criminal Procedure and basically call for a judge to consider the defendant's ties to the community, his past behavior, the severity of the offense, and any other relevant circumstances. I will follow that law.

This gives a judge a great deal of flexibility on a case-by-case basis. For instance, I proposed last year, and two county judges in Key West ordered, that defendants charged with committing

major narcotics smuggling crimes affirmatively show that the monies used to bond them out were lawfully obtained. Affidavits were required showing the actual source of the money and any collateral. This allowed the judge to set a lower bail which actually went further towards guaranteeing the defendant's presence than a higher bail paid with "organization" money; when it was his family's home guaranteeing the bond, he was less likely to flee. By following the law and considering each case individually, the judge can best protect the interests of the defendant and society.

4. There exists a very serious challenge to the judicial system in Monroe County and the State of Florida in the 1980's. That challenge is to continue to maintain the orderly and efficient administration of justice, in the face of rising crime rates and increases in population and civil findings, all of which threaten to swamp the judicial system. These times demand a judge who can, and more importantly will, use the tools at his disposal to manage his caseload. A judge is needed who will resist the delays which always threaten to creep into a case at every turn and insure swift and sure justice. In

other words, a judge is needed who truly believes that justice delayed is justice denied.

Name: RANDY LUDACER

1. I think a judge should have a feeling for people and a concern for their problems. Additionally, I believe that a judge should have extensive experience in all facets of the law, not just the bare minimums prescribed by the Constitution.

Since the County Court deals with all civil disputes up to \$5,000.00 and the landlord-tenant disputes as well as misdemeanors, I think the judges should have trial background in civil law as well as criminal. Only through an extensive period of dealing with people and their problems can a candidate secure the necessary rapport and legal knowledge to be truly qualified to sit in judgment of his peers.

2. Requiring a minor offender to participate in public service or a community work project would in many cases be more effective than imposing fines.

The detention facility on Stock Island could be utilized to keep first offenders out of the County Jail. In addition, the assignments to the various cellblocks in the jail could be reorganized to separate first offenders or misdemeanants from the more serious hardened prisoners.

3. Since the only purpose a bond serves is to assure the appearance of the defendant at trial, it would seem that a greater use of the authority is to release a person on his own recognizance in charges involving minor offenses rather than impose a bond based on a set schedule. The Rules of Criminal Procedure contain an extensive list of factors to consider in determining the form of release which is underutilized.

4. I regard the position of County Judge as one involving a sacred trust with the people. It should be the desire to serve the people and the law that motivates a candidate, not a desire to exercise power or satisfy ambition. Serving the people in their courts is both a singular honor and a grave responsibility and those who serve should be people dedicated to the law as an instrument of achieving peace and harmony.

Name: ARTHUR L. MILLER

1. A Judge should have a broad base of experience in both civil and criminal law, as well as a fair amount of experience in just plain living; the ability to make value judgments when appropriate; common sense; the ability to make a decision; the ability to understand and empathize with people; and lastly, recognizing his authority is a power to be used carefully.

2. Depending on the offense, a Judge is given a certain amount of latitude in some matters and in others, none at all, as for instance the new "drunk driving law" removes a Judge's sentencing discretion completely.

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work which hopefully "fits the crime". This work would be decided upon, based on the Judge's experience, and recommendations from the probation officer, and would, of course, have to be tailored to each offense.

Additionally, when utilizing this type of sentencing it is imperative that the Judge make quite clear to the offender that a second offense will be dealt with most severely. This particular type of sentencing would also be useful in avoiding the placement of first offenders in the Monroe County Jail with hardened criminals.

3. Yes, it is equitable provided, however, that the Judge setting the bail bond must bear in mind:

- (a) Not only is a person entitled to be released on bail (except for capital offenses or an offense punishable by life imprisonment; and

- (b) That the purpose of the bail bond is to ensure that the defendant will appear before the Court, and is not a means of punishment*.

and after taking into consideration all pertinent facts, and applying his own experience and common sense to each case rather than going by rote; and lastly, exercising his discretion under the law.

*There is presently a movement under way to require the Judge to take the public safety into consideration when setting a bail bond.

4. There appears to be a gap in the public knowledge as to the jurisdiction and working of the County and Circuit Courts, as well as the functions of the Judges. This gap, I feel, is one that must be closed, and the public educated so that if there are any changes which the people feel are necessary, they can intelligently communicate their ideas to the legislature, who are the makers of the law.

CIRCUIT JUDGE 16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Name: MAX CLARK FISCHER

1. The ability to relate to people and their problems and to grasp and understand the issues involved.

2. Utilize the Youthful Offender Program, Public Service Work (street, beach clean-up), more parent participation.

3. Yes, as intended by the Legislature and as long as the device of releasing on personal recognizance is remembered.

4. I think the greatest problem facing the Courts today is congestion of the Criminal Docket, which problem could be alleviated to some extent by having all Circuit Judges try and hear criminal cases with regularity.

Name: JOE GALLETTI

1. (a) That he or she be unattached and not controlled by special interest groups, institutions, or individuals, for only then can a Judge treat litigants that come before the Court in a fair, impartial and just manner.

(b) That a Judge be honest and humble in order that the awesome power of the office be checked within the individual.

(c) That as an attorney, the Judge had actively tried civil and criminal cases at all levels.

2. A Judge should divorce the office from his own personal beliefs and rely on those involved with the Department of Health & Rehabilitative Services for their recommendations, as they possess the psychological and sociological expertise necessary to help correct misguided juveniles. However,

should this fail, the juvenile who repeatedly and willfully commits violent acts upon other persons may well be helped in the long run by secured detention in the state facility.

3. There are inequities in the present bonding system, in that certain individuals are capable of immediately posting bond by virtue of the crimes they have in fact committed, whereas others are detained, not having the necessary funds for the bond. This situation is being resolved at the State and Federal levels, as the judiciary, to-wit, the Magistrate who established bonds, may make inquiry as to the source of assets used for bonds.

Name: HELIO GOMEZ

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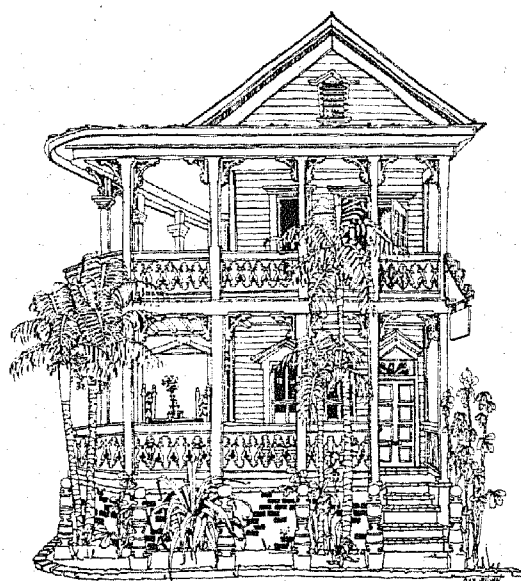
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- (a) Considerable criticism has come out of the Florida Keys Resource, Management and Planning Committee and the South Florida Regional Planning Council on the implementation of the guidelines for Area of Critical State Concern (A.C.S.C.) in the Florida Keys. Do you feel these criticisms have been valid?

(b) The Cabinet has recommended continuation of the designation A.C.S.C. Do you feel there is value in this? Do you feel that this program should be strengthened? How?
- The Miami Herald has just run a 3 part series on overdevelopment of sensitive lands in North Key Largo. Do you feel there is anything more that should be done at the State level to deal with this? If so, what?
- Local governments throughout the State face many problems in meeting their financial obligations. What funding mechanisms would you support to help these governments?
- For incumbents: What do you feel are your most important accomplishments as State Legislators?
- Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

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

- The Miami Herald has just run a three-part series on overdevelopment of sensitive lands in North Key Largo. What is your gut reaction to this series?
- Do you think corrective measures are needed to remedy the problems of growth in Monroe County? If so, what? Please be specific.
- The Audubon Society in a court suit has challenged the constitutionality of the appointed Zoning Board of Monroe County to make zoning change and major development decisions. If this suit should be successful, possibly voiding all decisions made by the Zoning Board since its inception in 1961, how would you as a commissioner deal with it?
- What are your feelings concerning strengthening the enforcement of the county comprehensive and land use plan and map elements and the zoning ordinance, shoreline protection ordinance, tree protection ordinance and other developmental ordinances? If you feel the enforcement should be strengthened, how would you do so?
- Would you favor a lengthy moratorium on new major development until the adoption of a land use plan map and the adoption of the Capital Improvement Plan which addresses the cost impact to the county of necessary facilities (sewers, incinerators, schools, roads, police, etc.) which development brings? Do you have an idea of how these impact costs can be met?
- For incumbents: Most of the problems described in the Herald series on run-away development in North Key Largo occurred during your four year term. Why weren't you able to stop it?
- Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

We asked all the candidates running for Circuit Court Judge seats to answer the following questions:

- Other than statutory requirements, what in your opinion are the principal qualifications to be County or Circuit Court Judge?
- (a) What role do you feel the Judge can play in helping to correct mis-guided minor offenders?

(b) How could you avoid jailing 1st offenders in the Monroe County Jail with hardened criminals?
- Do you think the present bonding system is equitable? Please express your thoughts on this.
- Is there any issue you'd like to address yourself to that hasn't been asked in this questionnaire?

(When we asked the Candidates for Circuit Court Judge Question 2(a), we mean minor offenders as in juvenile offenders. The same question to the County Judge candidates is interpreted to mean minor as in not major offenders.)

STATE SENATE

Name: JAMES E. FELTON

- (a) Yes, as has been witnessed by the recent events on Key Largo.

(b) If ACSC rules were followed as written it would be strong enough.
- It should be done at the County level with the development of a master land use plan that should be followed.
- If the local government would revisit their needs and use their monies on the important items, cut the fat, they would not have as many problems.
- N/A
- In addition to the answer in #3, I could also support a state lottery with the money being returned to the local governments. I don't support casino gambling.

(The other candidates did not answer the questionnaire)

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Name: JOE ALLEN

- (a) I believe criticisms voiced by (b) both the FKRMC and the SFRPC concerning the State's implementation of the Critical State Concern designation are justified.
- I feel the failure of the Critical Concern safeguards is due to a lack of cooperation between state and local government. Officials have consistently failed to properly monitor growth in the county. It's unfair to both the county and the builders to let conditions progress to the point where they provoke litigation, costly to all parties.

I recommend the state send personnel into Monroe County to work with County officials to avoid problems and conflicts such as those that have arisen recently.

Continuation of the Area of Critical State Concern in the Keys will be valuable only if the state exercises its authority and jurisdiction in advance instead of after the fact. The State should have local

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ELECTION SPECIAL

SOLARES HILL is again recommending candidates in the up-coming election.

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

WE'RE HAVING SECOND thoughts about continuing to involve ourselves with the selection of judges. Our main concern for the Keys remains the safeguarding of the environmental treasures we enjoy here. Certainly the County Commissioners have a great impact on this safeguarding; many judges may never hear an environmentally-oriented suit. In the judicial races this time, therefore, we will have less comment than we have had in the past. Perhaps in the future, unless the judge to be selected will be hearing environmental cases, we will not have comment at all.

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

STATE LEGISLATURE
DISTRICT 120

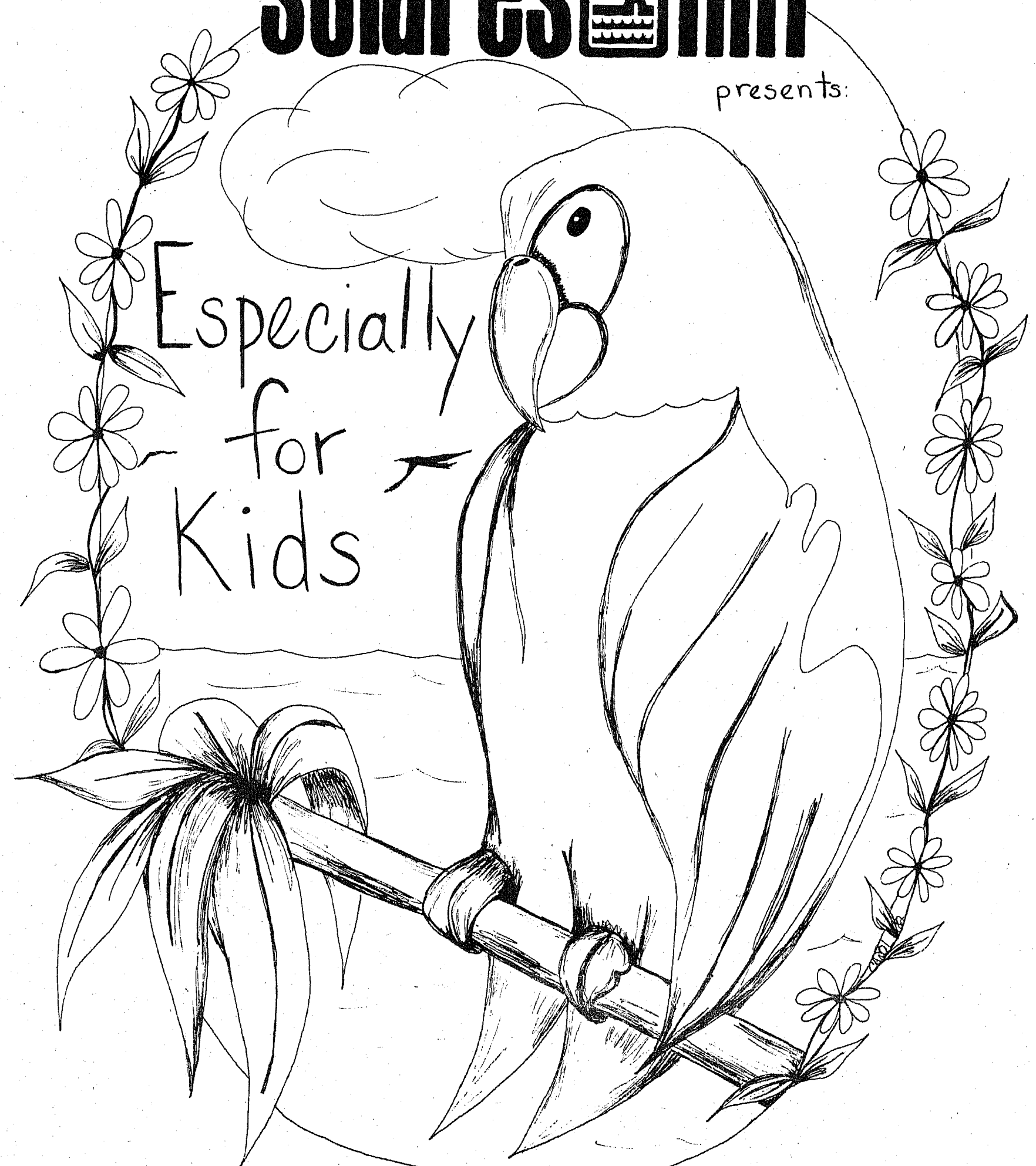
We have some problems here. On one hand we have the incumbent, Joe Allen, who has honorably served this district for several terms. Joe Allen showed great political courage when he joined the fight to turn over the leadership of our water resources in the Keys from our locally-managed Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority to the South Florida Water Management District Board. He has seniority in the House. He has been helpful to our people repeatedly on many occasions. We have never heard a breath of scandal about him.

Unfortunately we have never received any direction from him on environmental matters. We have received no legislation that aids the environment from him. He remains philosophically an adherent to the "private rights" school of thought which has permitted many environmental excesses to occur. You couldn't ask for a nicer, more honorable legislator than Joe Allen, but you certainly could ask for one with a greater awareness of the tremendously grave problems affecting our Florida Keys because of the run-away building taking place.

ON THE OTHER HAND, we have the challenger, Louis "Louie" Signorelli, who most recently served as State Senator Richard Renick's legislative aide. During this period, Sen. Renick helped us locally with the Wesley House, he helped us in our fight to keep Peggy Mills Garden from being destroyed, and he led the fight against the bill to make Truman Annex a special tax district. We were grateful for this aid, and quite candidly, we feel that it was Louie who played a big part in getting the Senator involved here. We like many parts of Louie's platform. He has called for the abolishment of the "city" of North Key Largo Beach where so much development is threatened. He calls for adequate funding for the Department of Veteran

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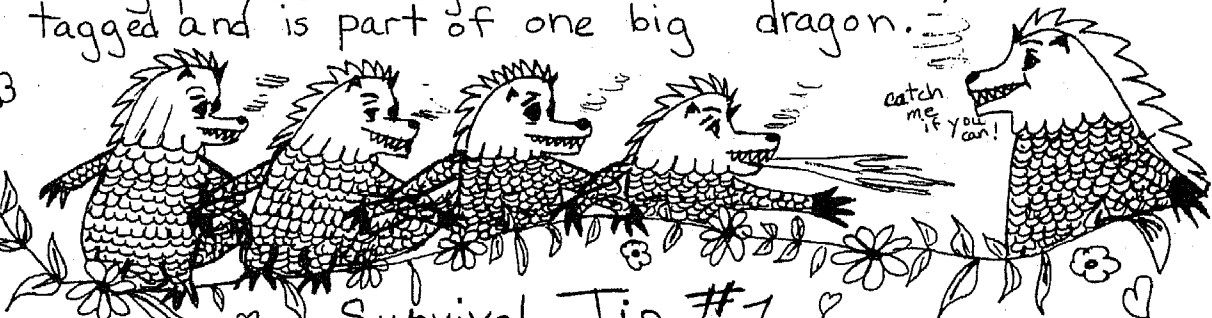
How to Play Dragon Tag

Top 10 Songs

Week of 8-16-82

1. Eye of the Tiger - Survivor
2. Hurts So Good - John Cougar
3. Abracadabra - The Steve Miller Band
4. Hold Me - Fleetwood Mac
5. Hard to Say I'm Sorry - Chicago
6. Even the Nights are Better - Air Supply
7. Keep the Fire Burnin' - REO Speedwagon
8. Rosanna - Toto
9. Vacation - The Go-Gos
10. Wasted on the Way - Crosby, Stills and Nash

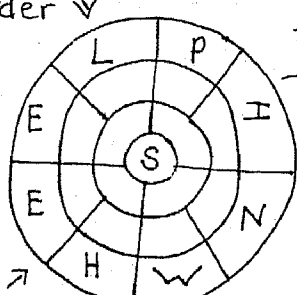
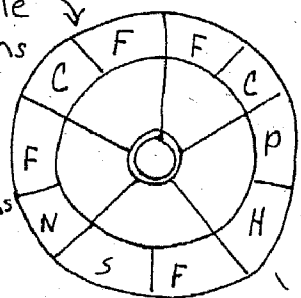
This game requires at least 10 players. Four players link their arms together, forming a chain. These four players form the "Dragon." They must not let go of each others arms, but must always run, linked in this manner. The dragon runs around and tries to catch as many players as it can by forming a circle around them. As soon as one or more of the players is circled by the dragon he must link arms with the others on the dragon and help to capture the remaining players. The game is over when everyone has been tagged and is part of one big dragon.



Survival Tip #1

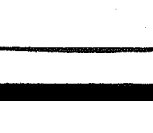
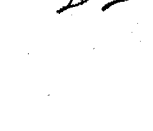
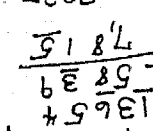
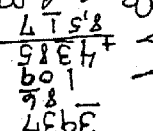
Worrying

If you're on your own a lot, you may find that you worry about things and sometimes there's no one to discuss your worries with. That's not unusual, but it's too bad, because worrying is a complete waste of time!! It never makes the problem go away, or get better - often it makes it worse! The next time you're worried, stop and ask yourself if there is anything you can do to solve the problem. The time you spend worrying about something gets you nowhere. Doing something usually helps. And one more thing - try not to spend time worrying what other people think of you. This is the official World's Most Worthless Worry. Just try your best in the end your own opinion of yourself is what counts!



This one is harder

This problem consists of eight 4-letter words, each beginning with a letter from the word Pinwheel and ending with S. The letters in the third ring make up the word Part, but not necessarily in that order.

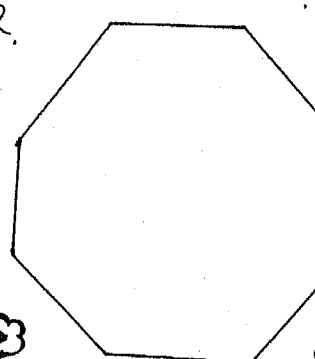


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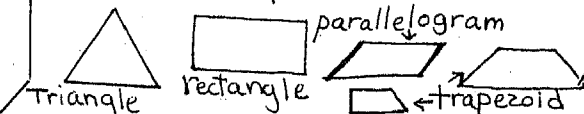
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Once in a storyland called Rainy Day all the kids wanted to play. But it rained all day, each and everyday, because of a Wizard called Rain Zain. He was a wicked, wicked man, because when he was little he wasn't allowed to go out and play, so he thought everyone should be treated the same way. There was one person that he liked and that was Glinda, the good witch. She liked Rain Zain too, but one thing that bothered her was that he was mean to the children. (Other than that he was very, very nice.) One day he proposed to Glinda, but Glinda said "On one condition - you don't make it rain any more!" Right then when she said that he shut off the rain and threw the rain machine out of the window. They Kissed and then he changed from a mean Wizard to a man named Ron. That was very handsome. When they had their wedding day they invited everyone, most of all, the children. The End

Polygon Problem



Using only 4 straight lines can you cut the polygon into 5 geometrical shapes - a triangle, two rectangles, a parallelogram and two trapezoids?



Did you know that the most common name in the world is Muhammad?



Loony-Laws

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 - drive a camel along Nevada's main highways
 - sing out of tune in North Carolina
 - paint a horse in Vermont
 - punch a bull in the nose in Washington, D.C.
 - carry ice cream cones in your pocket in Lexington Kentucky
 - hitch a crocodile to a fire hydrant in Michigan

Survival Tip #2 - Emergencies

An Emergency is:

- A dangerous situation - such as a fire, flood or gas leak.
- A serious accident - such as a broken bone or heavy bleeding.
- A life threatening illness - such as an asthma attack, epileptic seizure, or allergic reaction.

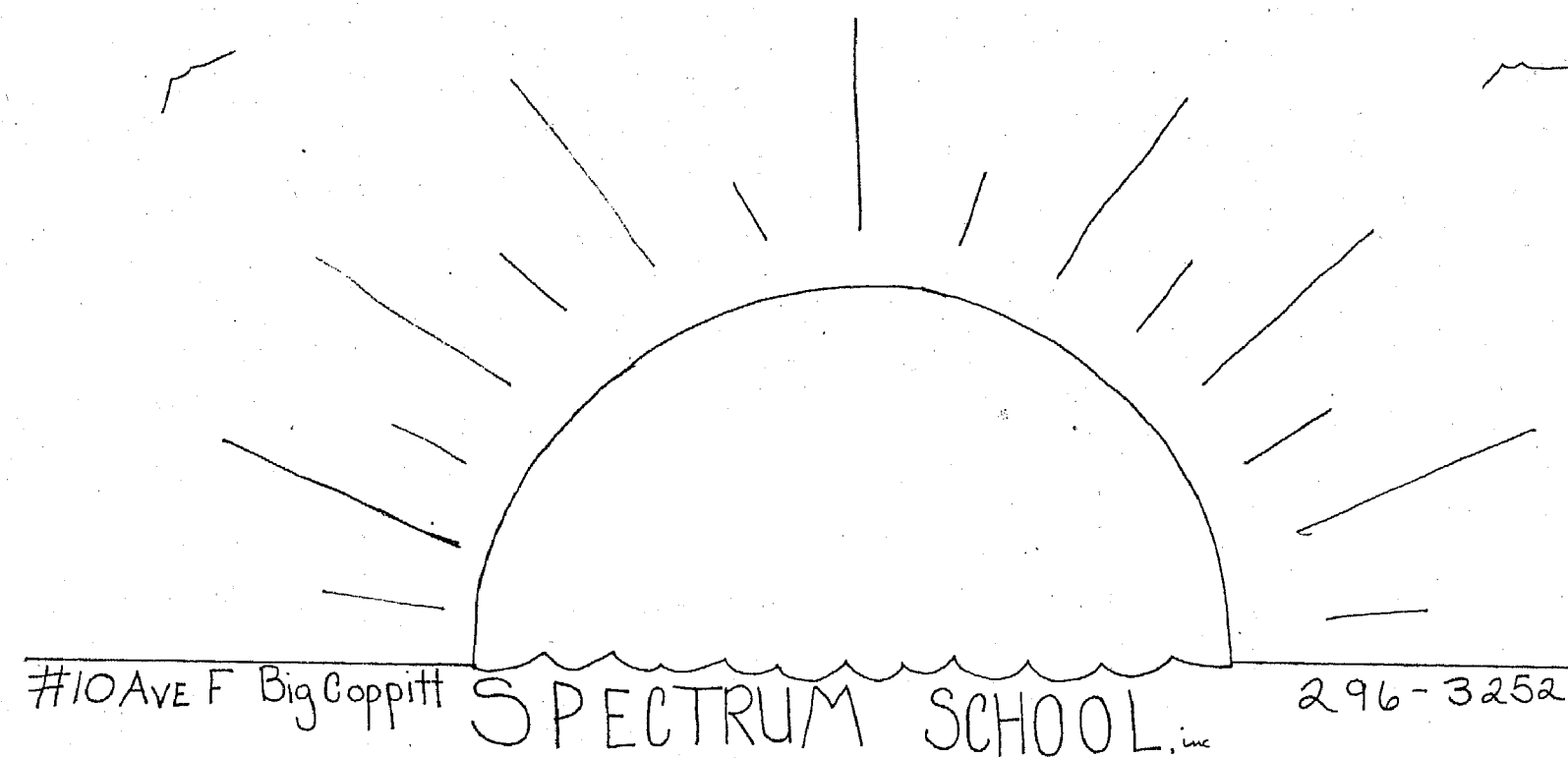
An Emergency isn't:

- Losing your homework.
- Spilling spaghetti on your costume before the play.
- Not having one ingredient for the chocolate chip cookies you're baking.
- Your older brother calling you dirty names.

First Aid in Emergencies

First Aid is the 1st thing you do when someone is hurt, but it doesn't take the place of regular medical help!!

- Don't Panic
- Get help
- Get out of Danger
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and Community Affairs to place sufficient personnel in the field to monitor development. He has expressed an awareness of the limitations placed on growth by road capacity and water availability. He wants to abolish the Key West Redevelopment Agency which we have been uncomfortable with for a long time.

LOUIE IS A veteran of many political wars and makes no bones about knowing how to play political hardball to win. However, he hasn't always escaped unscathed during his involvement in politics. Most recently he was involved in a flap while Senator Renick's aide and resigned his position shortly thereafter. Certainly Louie is a very bright, aggressive, hard-working man and we like much of what was done for us while he was Senator Renick's aide, but we worry about the controversy that he seems to attract.

IN THIS ISSUE we will suggest to our readers that they make their own choice.

COUNTY COMMISSION

Our readers will notice that most of our questions have to do with the environment--indeed, some of the questions seem almost to overlap. We feel strongly that the threat to our way of life here has never been stronger. We are second to none in our praise of *The Miami Herald's* series on runaway development in the Florida Keys. We were not surprised when Commissioners Sorensen and Dolezal criticized the series--their philosophy on development is not ours--and we were pleased that so many of the candidates for County Commissioner praised the series and learned from it.

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2 REPUBLICAN



Curt Blair has been in our corner all the time he has been Commissioner. Often a lonely voice, he has been joined recently by Commissioner Wilhelmina Harvey on many important votes, and we would like very much to see him retained as Commissioner. We can't pretend his answers to our questionnaire were as brief as we would like, but please read them--he has presented a record to be proud of. He is our endorsed candidate for County Commissioner, District 2, Republican primary.

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 2 DEMOCRAT



We have known Diana Curtis for years. She was the capable and hard-working administrator of Health and Rehabilitative Services for Monroe County. She set up the hot lunch program for senior citizens in Monroe County. She left this successful career and went back to school to become a lawyer. Now she would like to be a County Commissioner. She is a formidable woman and has our backing and endorsement for County Commissioner District 2 in the Democratic primary.

We would like to note that we feel "Purie" Hovanitz has done a good job as Public Service Director for the City of Key West, and we were impressed with the answers given our questionnaire by Ed Swift.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 REPUBLICAN



We are very excited that Alison Fahrner is a candidate for County Commissioner, District 4 in the Republican Primary. She is the president of the Izaak Walton League and has led the fight to have the state buy the historic Windley Key Quarry. She is the sort of semi-retired, highly-successful professional person we need in public life in the Florida Keys. We endorse Alison Fahrner for County Commissioner, District 4 in the Republican Primary.

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4 DEMOCRAT



Ed Davidson, president of the Audubon Society of the Florida Keys, has long been in the forefront of the fight to save Monroe County from the ravages of over-development. Ed has held many important positions that have permitted him to make valuable input into what environmental regulation we enjoy in the Keys. He is a former chairman of the County Zoning Board and Planning Advisory Council, and is the current president of the Florida Keys Audubon Society, chairman of the Citizens Coalition, and a charter member of the Florida Keys Resource Planning and Management Committee. Quite obviously, Ed Davidson is our endorsed candidate for County Commissioner, District 4, in the Democratic primary.

STATE SENATOR

Unfortunately, we did not receive many replies to our questionnaire for this race. One candidate, Richard Bach, did send us a letter outlining his position on certain issues but since he really didn't address our questions we are not going to reprint his letter. Senator Richard Renick has been on our side on some important issues affecting the Keys. Ed Felton we have known as a respected member of our community. But to make any decisions without more material at hand and a greater awareness of the candidates is impossible, so we will pass on this one.

COUNTY JUDGE GROUP 2

As we stated in our introduction, we are thinking of omitting endorsements of those running for judgeships in the future unless they will be handling environmentally sensitive cases. However, we feel that we know two of the candidates well enough to recommend them. Randy Ludacer has been a very effective attorney in Key West. An erudite and charmingly intelligent man, he would bring great experience and compassion to the position of Judge. Allison DeFoor has made a fine reputation as a drug-busting State Attorney

and is a man of unquestionable ability. He is a man on the way up and it is inconceivable that he wouldn't make a good judge.

BOTH MEN HAVE their weak points. Randy Ludacer has been spoofed for his ill-conceived plan to lead a group of privateers against drug smugglers. Allison DeFoor has been criticized for being a sometimes over-zealous State Attorney. We think these criticisms are fair but we join forces with those who admire these two very different men for their good qualities--qualities which we feel would serve them well as County Judge. Take your choice.

CIRCUIT JUDGE 16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

We have been unable to reach a decision here.

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staff in Monroe County to more closely monitor the building and development.

3. I have supported the extra penny increase in the sales tax enacted this past legislative session. The new revenue will provide city, county and state government with needed funding for improved law enforcement and education in addition to providing property tax relief.

Present estimates indicate Monroe County will receive \$1.9 million dollars while the City of Key West will receive close to \$1 million dollars in new revenue from the sales tax. Residents should note that 20% of the new tax revenues will be paid by tourist dollars.

Also, I have long advocated state funding for mandates on local governments. In the past mandates have been the cause of financial difficulties experienced by cities and counties.

4. Accomplishments as a Legislator:

- Securing additional funding for local government and providing property tax relief through the extra penny sales tax.
- Requiring removal of old derelict vessels from rivers, harbors, and shoreline waterways; also, removal of abandoned cars from streets and highways.
- Creation of the Indian Key historic site.
- Gaining funding for the new water pipeline and overseas bridges.
- Reduction in insurance rates; workman's compensation and unemployment.
- Additional Circuit Court Judge for the middle and upper keys.

5. During my next term as Legislator, I have asked the Speaker of the House of Representatives to create a special committee or assign the Natural Resources Committee the task of creating a state-wide water policy and plan. Water, in my opinion, is the most critical question facing the state today. I believe that we should:

- *determine how much water is available
- *project the needs of the state over the next 25 to 50 years
- *examine the needs of each individual county
- *plan a distribution system and who will implement that system

If we do not start planning immediately the state may be forced to eventually purchase water from neighboring states. Monroe County could have an \$80 million dollar pipeline but limited water flowing through it if our re-charge areas on the mainland are not properly safeguarded.

ame: LOUIS E. SIGNORELLI

(a) Yes; however, even if subsequently some of the criticisms were found to be invalid, the mere fact that there was so much confusion surrounding the implementation or lack of implementation of the guidelines is in and of itself justification for this action.

(b) Yes, because as above, the information I have received as a result of my inquiries into the program indicates that there are no obvious weaknesses in the law. The problem lies with the fact that the Department of Veteran and Community Affairs is not funded sufficiently to place the needed personnel in the field to properly monitor development.

My response here is basically the same as to 1(b), except I would like to add that the City of North Key Largo Beach should be abolished, as I have not seen any reason for its existence and I do not know of any reason for its existence other than an opportunity to circumvent the county laws.

Further, the 1961 law giving the zoning Board certain powers should be polished and those responsibilities returned to where they belong, with the Board of County Commissioners.

This is an extremely complex situation to respond to. We have to begin to develop a basic philosophy of taxation. The present statutes levying many various types of taxes that exist in the State are a hodgepodge and riddled with special interest exemptions. The inequities begin with the formula enacted in the early 1930's with the horse race tax money and continue up to this day with the most recent blatant examples of North

Florida picking South Florida's pocket by the formula in the Save our Rivers Bill and the distribution formula in the Sales Tax Bill.

4. N/A

5. The crises that constantly imperil this County are in large part the result of the incumbent's timidity and fear of controversy. There are legislative remedies for many of the controversies we face. It is also absolutely essential that we replace controversy with honest dialog if we are to have a positive atmosphere in a unified County.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT 2, REPUBLICAN

Name: CURT ELAIR

I make several references to the "cadastre" in my responses. Quite simply, it is a partially computerized, partially manual land information system, that would tie together all sources of land information including the Building & Zoning Department, Property Appraiser, City Electric, Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, et.al. This information would be easily retrievable and used for both planning and review decisions. I initiated

this project a year ago and we have completed a feasibility study on it. We are looking to outside sources to fund the program.

1. The Miami Herald's articles reflected in the media what a number of us have been saying for some time. That is to say that the growth potential in this County far exceeds the capability of both the environment to absorb it and the County to support it.

It points out the failure of our present system and the agencies that operate within it, to effectively control growth within either the State or the County. Some of those failings include.

a) The lack of strong monitoring by the State of the Critical Concern designation.

b) No clearly defined role for the Regional Planning Council in the major development review process.

c) Lack of adequate staff in the County Planning and Zoning Department to properly review major developments and perform necessary planning activities.

d) Insufficient County Ordinances and procedures governing the review of major developments.

e) Requirements under Florida Statute that grant the Zoning Board

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the power to make the final decision regarding zoning changes and major developments rather than the County Commission.

f) Lack of coordination between agencies involved.

g) Certainly the lack of a land use plan map and adequate community impact analysis to use in reviewing projects.

h) Specifically in the case of Port Bougainville as well as other proposed projects, a far too liberal interpretation of the laws regarding vested rights, moratoriums, and the County's responsibilities for granting zoning changes.

2. Absolutely, Corrective measures are needed to deal with the kinds of growth problems that I have outlined above. Some of those measures have been started. Others have yet to be done. However, before I outline those measures I think it is important to understand that the first step is to immediately address the question of vested rights of a developer and the County's ability to place a hold on both future projects and those in-house until those corrective measures can be taken.

Both Mrs. Harvey and I have pushed for some time to determine the legal basis for establishing a moratorium and determining the extent of a developer's rights. Most recently we jointly requested the Cabinet, by

telegram, to assist the County in regards to both. As you know, the County has imposed a 90-day continuing freeze on the submission of new projects. The problem that remains is the 30 or so projects currently under review. It is essential that these remaining projects be delayed as well until adequate corrective measures are taken to safeguard the public interest.

With regards to corrective measures or intervention that is needed, over the years I have either supported or initiated the following:

-I am the only Commissioner currently on the Board who has voted to adopt a land use map. Following the defeat of that vote, I have been working to get developed a map that can be approved.

-Mrs. Harvey and I both, while sitting on the South Florida Regional Planning Council, have initiated both a clarification of the role of the Planning Council in Monroe County's review process as well as specific suggestions regarding additional state planning and review assistance. This effort has resulted in the first coordinated meeting between the County, State, and Regional Planning Council staff.

-I introduced before the County Commission, several months ago, a Resolution which would have effectively held up the review of all projects until the long range impact of those projects on water, solid waste, utilities and transportation could be determined. Despite a majority vote

approving the Resolution, the Zoning Board chose not to implement it and the Commissioners subsequently rejected the proposal on a 3-2 vote.

The reorganization of the Building Planning and Zoning Department is clearly one of the most important corrective measures needed. I supported that reorganization in a 3-2 vote over a year ago, and while it is not fully complete yet, we have increased staff significantly, including the employment of an exceptional Director, Mr. Alan Lessler. Additionally, while the reorganization by necessity will be supported by increased fees, we should look to the time when the Department is totally funded by general revenue to avoid the "Build so we can pay for planning" syndrome.

Several months ago, I introduced legislation that would retrieve from the Zoning Board, the final authorization for approving major developments. Similarly, several months ago I had the Commission approve the concept of a County-wide Planning Board separate from the Zoning Board and charged with the responsibilities of updating the Comprehensive Plans and developing a land use map. While it took some time for the Commission to respond to that proposal, the Board is now in place and will begin to operate.

As quickly as possible, I will outline some additional corrective measures that I believe should be undertaken and that I have either presented for consideration or am in the process of developing:

-A strong conflict of interest policy for Zoning and Board of Adjustment members that requires abstention at the times of conflict.

-A contract for the Building, Planning and Zoning Director to remove politics from the Zoning Department as effectively as possible.

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-The institution of a land use information system "cadastre" which will be integral for the development of a map, the establishment of impact fees, and the review of projects.

-The strengthening of laws relating to violations and the imposition of fines with the establishment of local violation review boards, a prototype of which I initiated in the Big Pine Key area.

-The separation of the consideration of zoning changes and major developments. Zoning changes should be considered only on the basis of sound land use policy, and not the quality of the proposed project.

-A joint investigation by our County Attorney and Zoning Director with staff from the State and Regional Planning Council of all other existing projects to determine if any additional problems like the ones with Port Bougainville

can be found (this has been proposed to the Cabinet).

These are but some of the mandates that lie ahead.

3. Since the Audubon Suit is currently in litigation I am prevented from discussing its effects at length. I will say, however, that in as much as many areas in the suit conform to proposals I have previously introduced before the Commission, I have informed the County Attorney that I am researching the possibilities of presenting my own defenses in the suit, possibly supporting some of the allegations made.

The possibilities of what to do following the resolution of the suit are endless and to a great extent will be determined by the responses of the

Court. Therefore, it would be premature to anticipate the Court's ruling.

4. Ordinance enforcement and violations are a subject that I discussed with the Commission in a memo in April 1982. Your question requires several remedies that can be generally categorized into the following:

- Legislative strengthening of the Code.
- Increasing the quality and quantity of enforcement personnel.
- Before-the-fact review of project conformance with ordinances.

The County has initiated a Code Review Board which has been charged with a review and revision of the County Code. In addition, I have initiated action before the Commission to allow the Commission to make changes without going through the Zoning Board to do so. The present method is untenable because it allows the Zoning Board to stymie efforts to revise laws as has happened recently in the case of the Time-Sharing Ordinance. There are a number of areas which need revision for which our staff has been instructed to prepare recommendations.

Regarding enforcement there are a few avenues to pursue. Clearly, we need more violations staff who are trained to develop cases that will be supported in Court. The need for additional staff to some extent is a symptom of the salaries paid. In addition, I have initiated with the State Attorney's Office cooperative sessions designed to bring the person who cites the violation together with the person who is charged with prosecution, to insure the County's success in litigation. I also propose the use of a Review Committee to hear violations and direct action by County staff. As I have mentioned, a small-scale prototype of such a Committee is in place in Big Pine Key for the purpose of hearing community complaints and determining the appropriate followup steps.

5. An endless moratorium is illegal. The statutes and case law provide for the establishment of specific time certain moratoriums, for specific documentable reasons. The County obviously would have the discretion of continuing such moratoriums for another specific period of time should it be advisable.

I would not only support a time certain moratorium for major developments, but have proposed that the County Attorney request assistance of the Attorney General in providing the legal basis for imposing exactly the kind of moratorium you suggest. We are still awaiting the response.

Once again, I would state that while your question addresses the impact of development, it does not adequately address cumulative impact. I believe that the County is not responsible for granting additional zoning changes and approving major developments until it (the County) can insure that the commitments we now have with existing zoning can be met for water, waste, traffic and other supportive services.

The most appropriate way of meeting impact costs is through the imposition of impact fees, which requires the developer to front those costs. I have had the Commission instruct the staff to investigate those possibilities. The laws governing impact fees are complicated and require a justification of those charges. The use of the cadastre, along with the Capital Improvement Plan, will provide us with the necessary basis for imposing impact fees.

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6. I appreciate this question, as it is the one most people ask. It is important, I believe, to understand that the problems that the County faces now, neither arose overnight or will be rectified overnight. Before 1973-1974, this County virtually ignored basic concepts in land use planning. In addition, many believed that Critical Concern would be the panacea to development problems through the imposition of a State watchdog. It helped but it was not a panacea.

Many of the problems outlined in the Herald series had their origin before 1974, Port Bougainville being one of them. Many people cite the 1980 plat and plan approval as being the critical point on the Bougainville project. What is not remembered is that this project was vested (by most attorneys' opinions,) since 1973, before the imposition of Critical Concern, before revision of the County Zoning Ordinance, and before approval of the Comprehensive Plan. It is this vesting possibility that I am endeavoring to challenge.

For the remainder of the projects, the County can only legitimately take action according to law. I believe that those laws are nowhere near as tight as we wanted them to be or thought they were. We've made some changes to insure that a repeat of the problems mentioned doesn't occur. We have still some changes to make. The sleeping giant known as Upper Key Largo lay dormant for years. Many people, County employees and officials included, relaxed, thinking that a combination of recession and tighter zoning laws would adequately deal with the problem.

One example was the lack of interest by officials and to some extent the public when the land use

map was rejected in 1978. The success of legislative bodies requires a constant vigil by an informed and aggressive electorate.

It is important to remember also that one Commissioner does not determine the direction of the entire Board. The job of a County Commission is a source of challenges and compromises. Any candidate who makes a representation that through his efforts alone, results will be made either doesn't understand the process or intends to misrepresent himself to the public.

7. I consider the second major issue before the candidates this year is the question of taxation and its equal distribution to local residents. The County can look this year to 2% decrease in the millage rate over last year and experienced a slight 7% increase last year. All of this at a time when the inflation rate is running around 11%.

At the same time, we have been able to initiate some very valuable services to residents. I am proud of the fact that I initiated a joint agreement between the County and the City that provides ambulance Advance Life Support for the City of Key West. I also sponsored improvement to Junior College Road and helped Wesley House maintain life guards at the Community Pool.

District 2 - Republican

Rob Devitt did not respond.

COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 2, DEMOCRAT

Name: DIANA CURTIS

1. The series was long overdue and performed a useful and necessary public service, expressing dramatically what concerned groups have been warning against for years.

2. Yes. The roles and powers of the Zoning Board, the Board of Adjustment and the County Commission and their relationships to State agencies need to be carefully evaluated and clarified. It is essential to develop procedures for monitoring projects under development to ensure continued adherence with approved plans. Professional quality long range, intermediate and short range planning is needed, including a workable land-use plan. The resources of the South Florida Regional Planning Council are available to assist in formulating effective plans.

3. It is highly unlikely that any court would retroactively negate all zoning decisions made since 1961. The doctrine of equitable estoppel would be applied to protect those who had innocently relied in the past upon apparently proper zoning approvals. Since any ruling of illegality would be applied prospectively, I would insist on strict adherence to proper procedures as clarified and redefined.

Any developments, however, which had not fully complied with zoning approvals and procedures in the past should not be entitled to claim detrimental reliance or the doctrine of estoppel. Such developers should be required to start over in the approval process under new guidelines. If this results in disapproval of already begun projects, I would require complete restoration of the site under threat of contempt proceedings.

4. An enforcement procedure is needed whereby a representative citizen's

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board would investigate possible violations, issue notices and warnings of violations and make referrals and recommendations for prosecution when necessary. Mere fines are not a sufficient exclusive remedy, and as a county official, I would assist in the prosecution of violations to ensure compliance.

5. Yes, I would favor such a moratorium. As to how these impact costs can be met, the South Florida Regional Planning Council has set guidelines all along. We pay annual dues to the Council and are entitled to their help which has been available on an ongoing basis. The Council has developed methods used in obtaining concessions from developers at the time of review and approval. This method is used successfully in other South Florida areas to insure that major developers pay the costs of added services. Such concessions should be obtained from prospective developers in Monroe County if the County decides to approve of such developments.

6. N/A

7. The problems that have surfaced due to poor planning and enforcement of zoning laws are representative of the kinds of problems that can or have occurred in other areas of local government. Even if we resolve the current crisis effectively, long range planning efforts are needed in all areas of county government and related agencies. Particular areas needing such foresight include the Sheriff's Department, roads and buildings, public utilities and public records. Advance planning now can and will save tax dollars later.

Name: PURIE HOWANITZ

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service by informing the people of the circumstances of this project. This situation underscores the need for a carefully drawn comprehensive land use plan and map and methods of using our land for the benefit of all of Monroe County. It served to demonstrate that continuous close scrutiny of development projects is essential to the well-being of our County.

2. Yes, first Monroe County must adopt and implement a comprehensive land use plan and map identifying those areas to be preserved and protected. In addition, close coordination with utilities must be maintained to ensure that services can be provided without overburdening county taxpayers, our natural resources, and our local residents.

3. As a County Commissioner I would abide by all orders entered by a Court of Law and take steps to immediately comply with the directives of the Court.

4. As a County Commissioner your oath is to uphold the laws. All ordinances should be obeyed. I would increase the membership of the Zoning Board from five (5) to nine (9) members to give added representation on the Board to all unincorporated areas of the Keys. I would establish a five (5) member Code Enforcement Board with the power to impose fines for violations.

5. Yes, the pressures of rapid growth contribute to large tax increases for our citizens. The developers will have to assume the costs of expansion on the Keys. Moderate growth will provide a stable economy, jobs for our residents, businesses will prosper, and our citizens could look forward to orderly progress if developments are required to furnish the necessary utilities and services required by a new community. We could be a model for the nation, since this is

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7. Tax Relief! I believe that the tax burden can be reduced by exploring new sources of revenue such as user fees and impact services related to their projects.

Name: ED SWIFT

1. My gut reaction to the development of sensitive lands in North Key Largo did not come at the time that the Miami Herald ran its series. I had originally heard a presentation before the Cabinet in Tallahassee and, afterward, had the opportunity to speak to the president of the Audubon Society at some length. At that time, I was amazed and rather appalled that the State of Florida, who had legislated Monroe County as an area of Critical Concern, had completely fallen down on their responsibility to this County by allowing these large developments to go forward without so much as a word or warning. We cannot, of course, put total blame on the State of Florida for their lack of responsibility concerning our development. However, it is my feeling they must share in the blame for not backing up Critical Concern with the money and manpower needed to gather accurate data and produce a working model for future development of the Florida Keys. As I campaign throughout the County today, many people have expressed their concern about having our services or the use of our roadways depleted to such a point we will not be able to function.

2. I would ask for public hearings and immediate passage of the original County Land Use Plan Map. It should have been passed back in 1978 when it came before the Board of County Commissioners, and it is imperative that this map become an integral part of our planned growth in Monroe County.

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The failure of the Commission to pass the Land Use Plan Map in a timely fashion has brought about the problems we face today and the possibility of overgrowth in the upper Florida Keys. We still do not have the basics that are necessary to plan our future and we do not know our perimeters.

3. It is very possible that the suit brought by the Audubon Society will be successful and that the Zoning Board cannot act as an autonomous board. If the suit is successful we are going to have effectively voided all decisions made by the Zoning Board since its inception in 1961. However, should the County Commission challenge particular projects because of the change of status of the Zoning Board, they incur tremendous liability from the developers and the court. That liability, in each case, is going to have to be weighed against the possible detrimental effect to the County from the build out of that particular project. The suit's strong point is that if it is successful, it will make the County Commission fully accountable for zoning decisions.

4. The County's codes and ordinances must be clarified and strengthened so that they will stand up to legal scrutiny when we start enforcing them. The enforcement of these codes should be undertaken through the enactment of an ordinance to set up a Code Enforcement Board. This quasi-judicial board is now being used throughout the State of Florida in cities and is also available to counties at this time. The board takes sworn testimony and can fine up to \$500 per day. Depending on the output and expertise of the Violations Department of the County, the board can handle as many cases as are necessary to bring about compliance. The cost of operation is minimal com-

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pared to the amount of money that is saved by not having to take every code violation to court. I would work toward the goals of strengthening and rewriting our laws and correcting errors they contain today. This would insure that when the code enforcement Board is put into business it would be able to function effectively.

5. I do not favor a lengthy moratorium because I do not favor a lengthy time frame to adopt a Land Use Plan Map. I do favor accurate data and a completed plan before we make further decisions on large projects. I would move to get the map to public hearing as quickly as possible. I would also point out that I do not feel that moratoriums are the answer (only a stopgap). Exacting data and a computer working model of this County is not only needed but necessary so that we can know almost on a daily basis how our services stack up against any plan for new developments that is submitted to the County offices. I am against any moratorium on small projects or single-family dwellings. The 1974 building moratorium on single-family housing was perhaps the single most destructive event to the prosperity of this County during the last ten years. It destroyed the earning ability of

the small local contractor and the loss of skilled labor that resulted has taken years to replace. Future basic costs of sewers, planning impact studies, roads, etc., must be borne by the developers and not the present taxpayers in Monroe County. The cost of schools and police would continue to be supported by state sales tax and ad valorem taxes.

6. N/A

7. Since Solares Hill is basically an environmental newspaper and one that has always been extremely concerned with the environment, there is one other issue that I feel is important and to which I would address myself. The project that I have in mind for the County is the creation of a permanent tree pool to insure trees such as the mahogany, gumbo-limbo, black olive, etc., would be available to groups and organizations interested in planting projects, especially along our highways. It is my feeling that this type of planting on a continual basis over the next ten years would bring about a dramatic change both along our highways and in and around our park areas and our beaches in the Keys.

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4, REPUBLICAN

Name: GEORGE E. DOLEZAL

1. The Miami Herald is as usual totally uninformed as to the conditions in Upper Key Largo. I am constantly on guard regarding over-development.

2. NO, all we need is to use the tools we now have properly.

3. It is ludicrous to anticipate the outcome of any pending litigation by any individual, let alone by a lawyer and retired judge.

4. The county is in the process of strengthening the enforcement of all the plans and ordinances mentioned in your question and I con-

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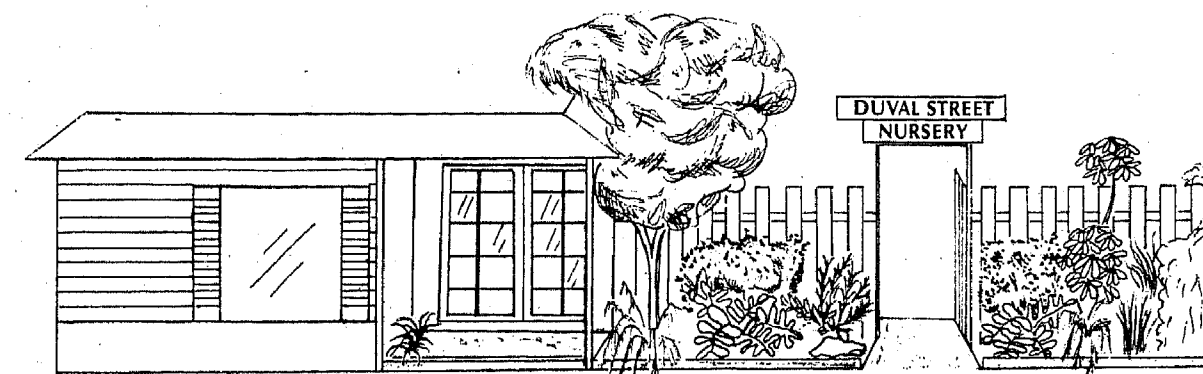
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tinue to press for more forceful and efficient enforcement.

5. A moratorium has been agreed to by developers in conjunction with County and State officials to make certain that all requirements mentioned in your question have been met.

6. I am not in agreement with the Miami Herald articles and the conclusions reached therein. It is unfortunate that at the time the largest development was approved I was ill and unable to vote.

7. Yes. (1) Does Solares Hill approve of the mandate of the State of Florida to redistrict Monroe County to provide for County Commission redistricting and please answer yes or no?

(2) Does Solares Hill believe that there are other challenges in the County besides so called "population explosion"?

(3) Has anyone explained to Solares Hill that major developments up to now are occupied full time by a mere 10% of the owners who pay taxes without homestead exemptions and without sending children to schools and without cluttering our highways or burdening our water and waste disposal systems?

(4) Has Solares Hill checked out the population increase in the last 4 years?

Name: Alison Fahrer

1. I was very aware of most of the information presented in the Miami Herald articles; however, the reporters, Duffy and Hiaasen, researched and confirmed it all very thoroughly, and added even more case histories. My "gut reaction" was divided: I felt justified in the opposition I have brought to Commission and Zoning Board meetings; I also felt real sorrow that Monroe County government has not been responsible nor competent in its stewardship of the Keys.

2. Corrective measures to remedy the growth problems are absolutely essential and must begin immediately. All major development processing by the building and zoning department must

halt -- both in-house projects as well as those waiting elsewhere. This is both proper and necessary.

At the same time, the Comprehensive Plan must be tightened, so that its "guidelines" become specific, without qualifying words which create numberless loopholes.

Further, until Land Use Maps are adopted, no zoning changes which increase density should be permitted.

3. I support the Audubon suit, in full understanding of the complications it can bring. The County may have to pay the piper after years of slovenly management.

I would consult State agencies for guidance in the legal problems which a review of all project approvals would require. If we are to straighten out this mess, we will have to work hard at it. I feel it's well worth the effort.

4. Monroe County's reputation as "blind" to violations has given us a horrendous mess. I'm committed to a program of cleaning up all violations, as are the constituents whom I represent. All Monroe County residents are at hazard right now -- our residential zoning is unstable, water quality is threatened, transportation is at the edge of crisis on U.S. #1, fire protection is minimal, the highway is strewn with illegal parking and signs and trash. Our flood insurance is being investigated. All these reflect the results of non-enforcement of our County Code, and must be cleaned up.

5. A "lengthy moratorium" implies obstructionism, and I don't support that. However, we have a backlog of non-feasance to correct, and it will certainly take time to catch up.

A land use map and capital improvement studies to determine impacts on county services of additional multifamily development must precede the approval of such construction.

As to the means of meeting impact costs, I know that many communities assess these costs to the developer, who obviously passes them along to the buyers. These costs are certainly part of the price of living here. Present residents are paying their share of current facilities; they should not be assessed the expense of providing for future residents.

6. Good question!

7. These comments have been directed to-

ward repairing old evils. The County Commission is responsible for planning for future needs. Many examples of common problems in other 'sun-belt' or tourist oriented communities should help us avoid similar troubles.

A competent Commission must persistently watch for trends and events which may arrive shortly on our doorstep. Management by objective rather than by crisis is just another way of describing planning to stay out of trouble.

I am presently organizing a RESKUE Corps -- Responsible Electorate to Save the Keys Unique Environment -- residents whose interest and expertise can help solve over thirty serious problems facing the County. The willingness of people to work at this task convinces me that all Americans are not expecting 'government' to run without citizen participation. We are "the people," and are responsible for our County, as well as State and Federal government.

I expect the RESKUE Corps to continue after the election, providing essential informed citizen input to both the planning and management processes.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4, DEMOCRAT

Name: CAPT. ED DAVIDSON

1. MIAMI HERALD SERIES: Since I was a major contributor to the original research and documentation (having been formerly chairman of the County Zoning Board and Planning Council) that generated the Herald series, I am delighted with the detailed investigation that resulted. Citizens of all persuasions should be outraged at the arrogant disregard and open violation of public laws by both the big money international developers and the friends they have made amongst the ranks of local elected and appointed officials, as they proceed with their plans to turn the Upper Keys into the southernmost version of Miami Beach -- at enormous expense to the already overtaxed present residents of the Keys.

2. CORRECTIVE MEASURES: Broad corrective measures are urgently needed, but we can stop the bulk of the problems right now by simply

obeying and enforcing our own laws. We must immediately require that both developers and County officials at all levels do what the letter and spirit of our laws were designed to do, which is to protect the quality and affordability of life for those who already live here.

As chairman of the Zoning Board and Planning Advisory Council, I helped draft a land use map 6 years ago (developers and their friends killed it), though some candidates and politicians seem to have just thought of the idea. We need an updated version, coupled with a capital improvement cost analysis and a carrying capacity study, before we auction off any more of our heritage to international development interests.

The County legal staff should take a much more aggressive stance against the notorious permissiveness being granted developers, including the overly generous grandfathering of projects that do not meet current guidelines.

3. AUDUBON ZONING SUIT: As the President of the Florida Keys Audubon Society and Chairman of the Citizens Coalition, I was one of the principal initiators of the zoning suit, and I must be circumspect in my comments for obvious legal reasons. However, it seems clear that under Florida law, only elected officials should make final decisions on zoning and development matters, and the suit requests that in that capacity the County Commission review all former actions of the zoning board. It would seem that the vast majority of all routine lot and parcel rezonings that had no opposition could be expeditiously reprocessed. Critical categories like business zoning along the highway

that tends to choke traffic flow down the Keys, should be carefully reviewed. All rezonings with opposition, and every major development, should be re-examined in detail. Since many major development projects approved by the zoning board were deficient on their face and not in compliance with our own ordinances and Comprehensive Plan, and did not protect the public from tax burdens generated by the enormous impacts on public services and facilities, many such projects can and should be divested of any claim to development rights.

4. ENFORCEMENT: As a charter member of the Florida Keys Resource Planning and Management Committee, appointed by the Governor to represent citizen and environmental interests, I led the discussion and majority voting to strengthen the shoreline and tree protection ordinances. However, our most glaring deficiency has been in woefully inadequate enforcement of existing laws as they stand. There has been a wholesale disregard of these laws on the part of both developers and County officials, to the detriment of the public interest.

As an example, the Carysfort 512-unit project illegally cleared about 30 acres of hammock without any permits. The law specifically required restoration, but instead the developer was fined a mere \$1500.00, and restoration was waived against the recommendations of County staff. The developer was then granted a final development approval even though his application was deficient in many respects, and when the Citizens Coalition appealed that approval they were countersued by the internationally financed developer for \$174,000. a month in damages as the economic measure of inconvenience caused by allowing due process to citizens.

5. MORATORIUM: The suspension of further processing and approvals of major development projects is not only necessary, it is required by law in that we are unable to protect the public from subsidizing development costs because the County has never done the studies to determine those costs, or the limits of affordable public services. We do not know what the carrying capacities are for our major support services and facilities, nor how much pressure our natural resource base can sustain without serious degradation. The law and common sense require that we know these things before we approve development, and that such development pay its own way - which has rarely been the case in Monroe County. Impact fees based on size, location, and nature of developments and the true costs of providing public services and facilities for them must be instituted, so that present residents do not have to bear those costs with tax dollars.

We can continue to build single family homes, which are characteristic of most of the present development of the Keys, without creating the impacts and dislocations that any number of single major development projects will generate by themselves. And such single family homes will provide local jobs for local people, being built by local tradesmen and supplied by local businesses - which is not likely to be the case with most of the big projects in the Upper Keys.

7. OTHER ISSUES: Unregulated land and development speculation is a primary cause of the inflated assessments that keep driving up your tax bills toward unbearable levels,

while property prices are actually declining in other parts of the state and nation.

Our leading economic base is provided by resident retirees, and the assets and incomes they bring with them when they visit, buy and settle in the Keys. We need to protect the quality of their lives instead of auctioning it off to foreign monied development interests.

Our other major industry, which is road tourism into the Keys, will be gravely endangered when upwards of 50,000 people are imported into Upper Keys condominiums and turn the highway into a rush hour traffic jam round the clock and throughout the year. This eventual city twice the size of Key West will dominate the shoreline of the Pennkamp Coral Reef

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Citizens have been frozen out of local government process by the fat cats and their political friends, and are often denied an audience and even

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Name: GEORGE MATTHIS

1. My gut feeling re the Miami Herald series on overdevelopment in North Key continued on page 10

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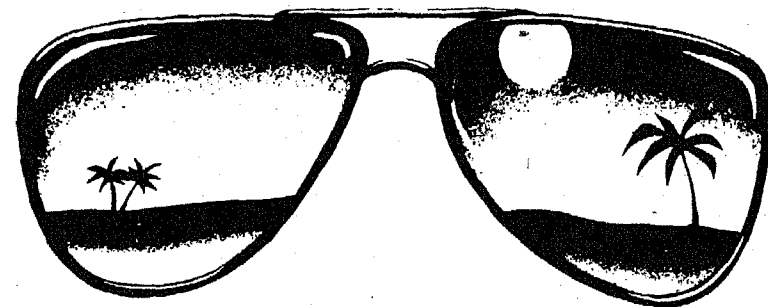
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BY EMMA CATES

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Venus in Leo, after 7th in Virgo.
Saturn in Libra
Jupiter in Scorpio.

Mars in Scorpio, after 19 in Sagittarius.
Uranus in Sagittarius.
Neptune in Sagittarius, retrograde, direct after the 5th.
Pluto in Libra.
North Node: 10 degrees of Cancer.

THE FULL MOON in Pisces on September 3rd aspects the 4th and 10th houses of the Key West Chart. The "home" and "career" departments will be activated this month. Earth and water planets always aspect the Key West Horoscope in a favorable manner.

THE NEW MOON on September 17 in Virgo is also favorable to the Horoscope. Key West is on an upward cycle during this period. The "hometown" feeling will be intensified, while our "image" as a fun resort will continue to be spotlighted.

SATURN AND MERCURY, the ruler and co-ruler of our chart are transiting the sign of Libra in the 5th House. Speculative ventures now get the green light.

WHEN NEPTUNE GOES into direct motion this month, all the planets in the heavens will be direct. This is a marked improvement in all areas. Most of the planets have been in retrograde motion since last winter. Retrograde planets retard any progress or new endeavors.



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SEPTEMBER DID NOT DIE THIS YEAR

by CLARK KANT & LOUIS LANE

SEPTEMBER IS TRADITIONALLY known as the quietest month of the year here in Key West, and while that may be true when compared to the rest of the year, there is still a plentiful offering of things to do and see.

FOR THOSE WHO prefer dancing in the street to both live and recorded music, the month starts off with a bang. On Friday night, Sept. 3rd, the Bahama Village Street Festival takes place. Petronia Street from Duval to Thomas will be blocked off to traffic and for a \$1.00 donation, you can party to your heart's content in a friendly, exciting, fun-filled atmosphere.

MUSIC IS ALIVE and well this month in Key West. Sloppy Joe's will have the rock-jazz music of Tabajie from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Sept. 1st to the 5th, the 8th to the 11th, and the 15th to the 18th, followed by the popular 50's rock group Alpha-Phonics from Sept. 22nd to the 25th; also from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

APPEARING ON THE Pier House Beach, over the Labor Day weekend only, will be the comedic and musical talents of Chip Franklin. For the month of September, the Pier House offers the music of Windfall in the Havana Docks.

AT THE ROOFTOP Cafe, Sylvia Shelley performs from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and is followed by the jazz group Ooza from 10:00 p.m. on.

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT (and not just in September), Pepe's Cafe at 806 Caroline Street offers a coffee house atmosphere from 9:00 p.m. to midnight, where local musicians and poets perform their own material.

ALSO IN THE literary vein, there is the Poetry Guild, which meets on the first Sunday of every month at Mostly Magnificent, 121 Duval Street at 8:00 p.m. This group is open to all writers (poetry, fiction, etc.) and musicians, visitors as well as locals. This same group also holds a pot luck dinner on the Saturday following the first Sunday, at sunset on the Clarence Higgs Memorial County Beach.

FOR THOSE INTERESTED in art, here is just a sampling of what is available.

Upcoming at Moira's, in Key Lime Square, is "Portraits of Key West". Thirty paintings of assorted Key Westers by artist Bob Birbeck.

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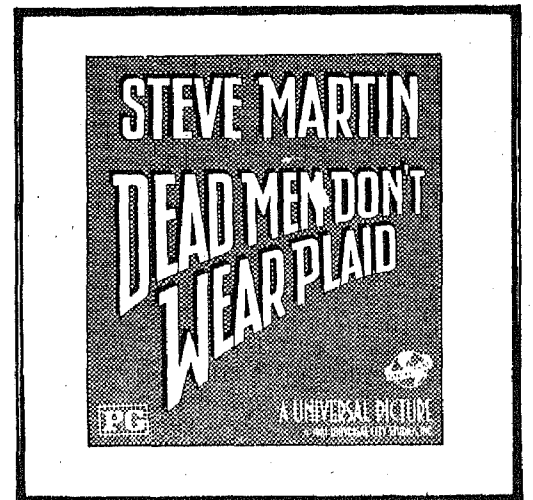
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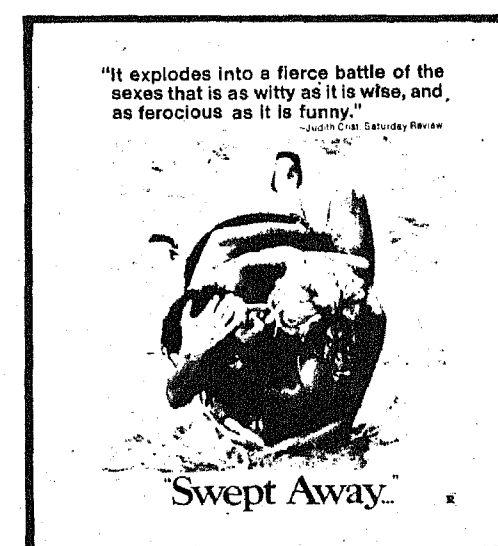
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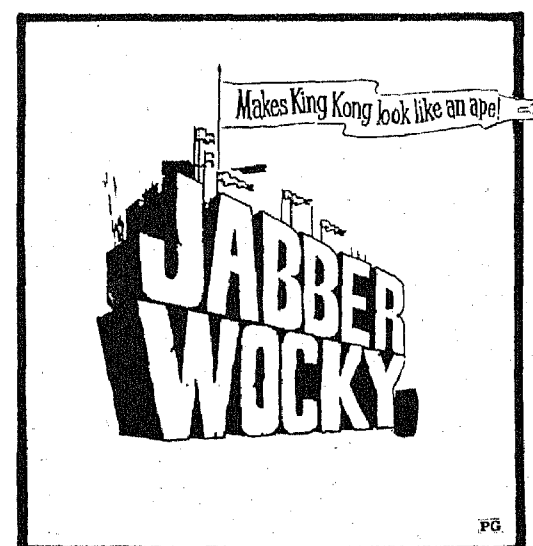
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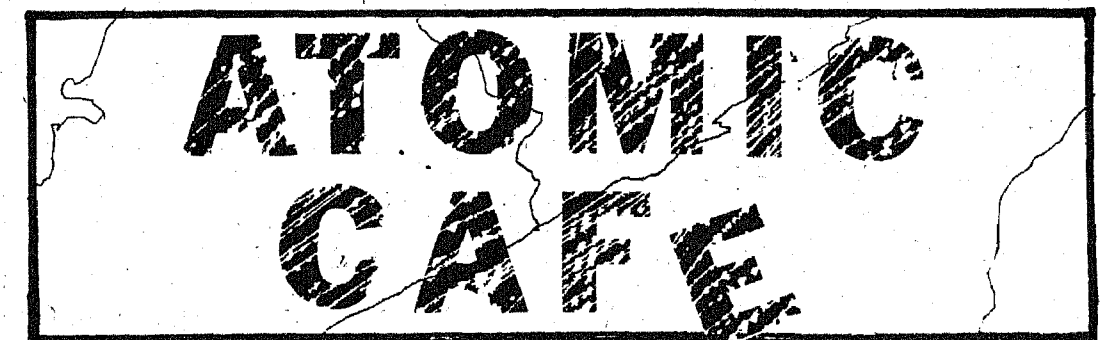
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Artist Warehouse, 8 Charles St. (in Old Sponge House off Duval St.) Mon. thru Sat., 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and by appointment. A unique "work" gallery representing works by Loys Locklear and Karen Clemens along with other local artists. 294-7141.

Artists Unlimited, 221 Duval St., 296-5625. Hours 12 to 5 p.m. or by appointment. A delightful gallery in a Conch-style setting with an international reputation.

East Martello Gallery & Museum, 3500 S. Roosevelt Blvd., 296-3913. A "fort-museum" with some of the most interesting facts of Key West history and lore.

Farrington Galleries, 711 Duval St., 294-6911. An artist-supply gallery featuring new work by Mario Sanchez, including his woodcarving "Bucket of Fish" and the new biography on him by Kathryn Proby.

Gingerbread Square Gallery, 901 Duval St. Information 296-8900; appointments 294-2165. This art gallery blends the modern and primitive styles in the works of Robert Franke, John Kiraly, Tennessee Williams, and many more. Thur.-Mon., 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Guild Hall, 614 Duval St., 296-9359. Open 9:30 to 5:30 daily. Exhibiting an outstanding array of original art by Key West professionals Walter Ashe, Barbara Bauer, Sharon Cobb, John Cryer, Joan Howe, Ann Irvine, Fran Keshschull, Maxine McMullen, Irma Quigley, Norma Renner, Bee Sackett, and Carolyn Seiler. Featuring oils, acrylics, watercolors, drawings, prints, porcelain, weaving, basketry and other media.

Haitian Art Co., 600 Frances St., 296-8932. This gallery is like a trip to Haiti itself, replete with paintings and metal sculpture. Owner Ruth Kravitz encourages all interested to stop by and see her selection of a "little bit of Haiti."

Key West Art Center, 301 Front St., 294-1241. Open 10 to 5 daily; Sundays 11 to 4. This is a membership gallery, featuring individual wall shows every two weeks. Public lectures given from time to time on subjects pertinent to art and artists.

Lighthouse and Military Museum, 938 Whitehead, 294-0012. The highest view of Key West can be had here, along with a survey of aircraft and wartime mementos.

Moir, the art gallery in Key Lime Sq. 294-1254. Oil portraits by Bob Birbeck. 11:00 to 5:00 Monday through Saturday; Noon to 4:00 Sunday; or by appointment, 296-9560.

Perkins Chandlery, 218 Whitehead St., 294-7635. Showing the following artists: Roland Baker, A.S.M.A.; Commander J.A. Cryer.

EVENTS

Street Fair, August 6, from 7 p.m. to midnight, Bahama Village. Booths, food, entertainment.

Oldest House Museum, 322 Duval St., 294-9502. Antique lovers will enjoy this excursion into the furniture, housewares and decorations of Old Island interiors "way back when." Be sure to visit the kitchen out back.

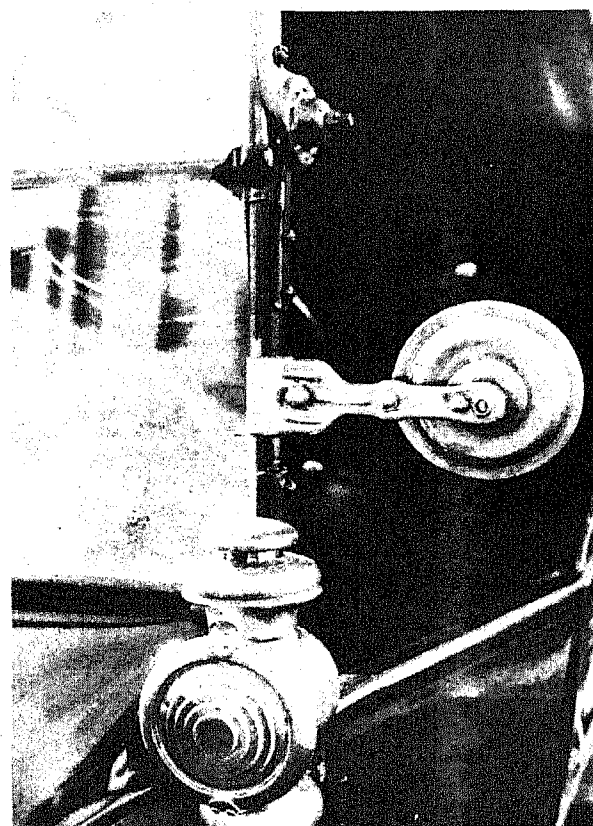
FILMS

Key West Picture Show, Duval St. Shows "The Key West Picture Show" Thurs.-Sun. at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.

Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St., 294-8488. Children's activities are scheduled for 10 a.m. every Saturday; one or more films, usually followed by an arts and crafts activity. The movies are: Sept. 4 "Scoopergood," "Reluctant Dragon," "Anansi the Spider," Sept. 11 "Rufus M - Try Again," "Dr. Seuss on the Loose," Sept. 18 "The Magic Pony," "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "The Haunted Cat," Sept. 25, "The Wild Swans," "Lafecadio the Lion Who Shot Back," "Fable of He & She."

Activities for preschoolers are scheduled for 9:30 to 10:30 Thursday mornings.

A movie for adults will be shown on Sept. 15: "Star Trek: Daggers of the Mind," 7 p.m.

REGULAR
EVENTS

City Electric Utility Board, meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5 p.m., Board Room, 930 Caroline.

Flea Market, Saturday mornings, American Legion Home, Stock Island.

Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority: meeting at Lions Club, 3405 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Friends Worship Group (Quakers), inquiries, Sheridan Crumlish, 294-1523.

Key West City Commission, meetings 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m., City Hall, corner Simonton and Angela streets.

Key West Poetry Guild, meetings 1st Sundays at 121 Duval, Mostly Magnificent, 8:00 p.m.

Key West Singles, meeting at the Sportsmen's Inn (Tortuga Veranda) for happy hour every Friday night. Singles are invited to join them there. Call 296-6977.

Key West Woman's Club, regular meeting 1st Tuesday of each month, 2:30 p.m., 319 Duval St.

Marathon Lions Club, dinner meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Indies Resort, Duck Key, 7:30 p.m.

Marathon Shrine Club, luncheons every Friday, at high noon. All Shriners welcome.

Monroe County Commission: meeting Sept. 15, Plantation Key Government Center, at 10 a.m.

National Association for Retired Federal Employees: meetings last Sunday of the month at the Senior Citizens Plaza, 1400 Kennedy Drive, 3:45 p.m.

United Humanitarians, low-cost spay program now in effect; please call 296-5106 for information.

Wesley House Board of Directors, meetings second Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m., 1100 Varela St., 296-5231.

SELF
HELP

Alcoholics Anonymous, #4 Peary Court (clubroom), 294-9062. Meets nightly at 8:30; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12 noon; 10:30 a.m. on Sunday; 7 and 11 p.m. Friday.

Emotional Health Anonymous, meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., at First Congregational Church, 527 William St.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the Fleming Street Methodist Church, 729 Fleming St.

Volunteer Domestic Abuse Shelter, 294-5586.

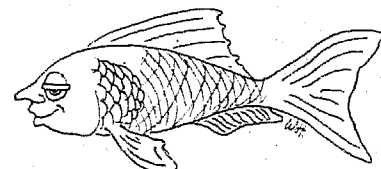
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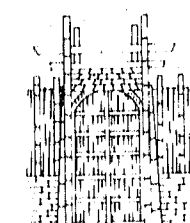
THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER, KEY West artist Malcolm Ross will be exhibited at the Key West Art Center. In addition, every Saturday afternoon the Art Center offers an outdoor exhibit of members' work.

THE 1982-83 THEATRE Season gets underway with Auditions for the Key West Players first production, the popular rock musical "Godspell", directed by Ray Coates. These auditions will be held on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Playhouse at Mallory Square.

FOR THE POLITICALLY oriented, a group of citizens have formed a committee to restore the wooden pier at the Clarence Higgs Memorial County Beach. If you are interested, contact Manfred Ibel at 4-8367 or attend the weekly meeting held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion on the beach.

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