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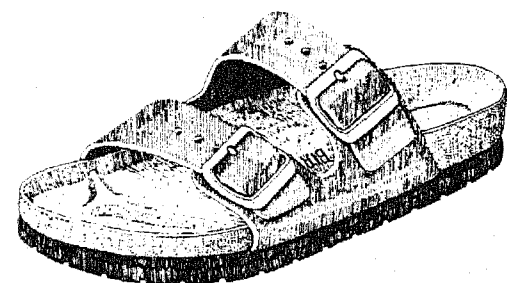
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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello:

In the August issue we ran an article called *Birds In Hand* by Carol Shaughnessy. In it she added special thanks to Phil Taylor and referred to him as the proprietor of Pigeon House Patio, which he was at the time the article was first written. He is no longer at Pigeon House and the current proprietors are Elena Schooley and Anola Mira.

Bill Westray has now reviewed the plans of County Commissioner Ed Swift to create a nature park among the salt ponds at the Key West airport in connection with an airport runway extension. It conflicts significantly with the C.A.R.L. project submitted by Florida Audubon. The Swift project would extend the runway about 600 feet WESTWARD toward the high school and the rest of the city, would require filling in a salt pond and would cut off planned nature trails and canoe waterways envisioned under the C.A.R.L. project. Most alarming, in our opinion, would be lowering the glide slope over the high school from about 60 feet above the "J Wing" of the school, to about 42 feet. There appears to be nothing in the proposed airport master plan revision that even justifies a runway extension at all. It is not comfortable to imagine 727, F28 and 737 jets coming in at just 42 feet above occupied classrooms. If a runway extension could really be justified at all, we think it should go at the east end of the airport, toward Route A1A and not back toward the city.

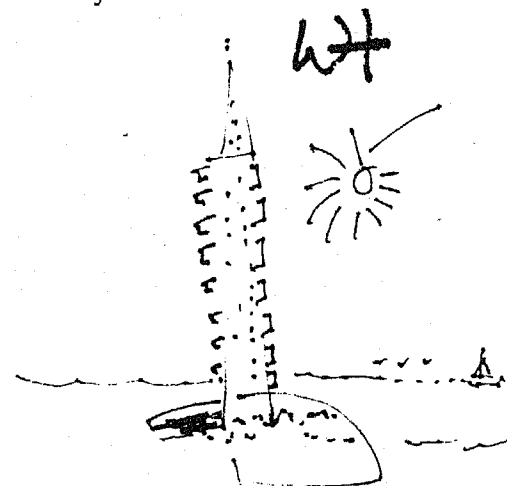
Speaking of the airport, there is a brand new application to build stilt houses near it between La Brisa and the planned new Hyatt hotel across from Smathers Beach. In a project called Smathers Beach Amenities, Key West Beach Club developer Marc Thornburgh, et.al. have submitted an

application to the Department of Environmental Regulation for a permit to build a restaurant and other pile-supported commercial buildings over the mangroves. The application states:

"The applicant seeks authorization to build three buildings, a wastewater treatment plant and an elevated walkway in the wetland area. The buildings will house a restaurant and other tourist-oriented businesses that will cater to the interests of the beach crowd. The 50-ft. upland strip (bridle path) will be retained for parking for the beach-going public which is its present function."

The battle to preserve the wetlands and beaches for the public around Key West never seems to stay won. We wonder what will be next on the drawing boards—maybe the good news that the C.A.R.L. project has been accepted and we won't have to worry about all this new construction?

See you next month.



The cover artist this month is Cappy Seiler. Her work may be seen at Guild Hall, 614 Duval Street.

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Jerrold Weinstock

by Valerie Ridenour

He could have been a concert pianist. He was that good. He could have been a champion tennis player. He was competing with players like Rod Laver. But the sign on his office door reads: The Professional Clinic for Mental Health Services, and the services offered are legion. Should you need psychiatry, child psychiatry, marriage and family counseling, neurology, psychological or vocational testing, treatment for alcohol or drug addiction or any of the emotional problems that plague modern man, you'll find help in these friendly offices. The leader of this talented staff is a quiet slender man with a speech impediment, that he controls by using extreme mental discipline, without letting it affect his effectiveness as man or doctor, turning it into an asset. How could one not feel confidence in a man who has obviously conquered one of life's great obstacles?

Jerry Weinstock began formal piano lessons at around eight years old. His mother played, and he had fooled around with the piano enough to cause his parents to see that he had talent. "I took to it very rapidly," Jerry recalled, "and happened to be in a milieu where everybody in the school I went to played an instrument. One of the first piano teachers I had...her nephew (Malcolm Frager) is still on the concert tour, in fact I've heard him on WFMT (the Chicago classical music station that is available through cable to Key West)." At Weinstock's school it was taken as a matter of course that everyone would play. "My stuttering was really severe when I was younger, so in order to express feelings and emotions, I did it through music. It was a very serious thing."

When Jerry was eleven or twelve his teacher had a recital of her best students at Concert Hall. That recital was so successful that young Weinstock moved from teacher to piano coach. His teacher had been taught

by a student of Franz Liszt. Jerry was one of three young pianists chosen to play in downtown Chicago, one of whom would go on to play with the Chicago Symphony in Grant Park. Jerry was to play a number

six thousand students. Their tennis team had won the city championship about ten years in succession." The team practiced at the park near Jerry's home. "I used to play there, and get balls for the team." Jerry



The Weinstocks: Donna, Stephanie & Jerry

of selections, one being the difficult Rachmaninoff G minor Prelude. Jerry played everywhere. If his parents went to dinner in a room with a pianist, he was always asked to play and was received with tremendous enthusiasm. Jerry enjoyed "bringing down the house" both in public and for his father's business associates at home. "They were prepared to be bored, listening to the kid play, and then they were knocked out of their socks." This gave the youngster a feeling of power, which he couldn't achieve with speech.

"As for tennis, I had just started high school, and I lived near a park. I was very short, maybe five foot two or three. It was a big Chicago public high school with five or

would get a chance to play with one of the team sometimes. The coach walked by one day and watched. "Then he wanted me to come try out for the team." Jerry made the team as a freshman, a five foot two freshman. "That gave me a lot of status in this huge school. Then somewhere toward the end of my sophomore year, I just grew ten inches." Jerry was still growing and un-coordinated, but was number four man. Numbers one and two were the state of Illinois doubles champions.

Tennis required hours of daily practice on Jerry's level of playing, and so did piano. Jerry combined six hours of daily practice, full time high school, and working on weekends. "When I was fifteen it came

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down to this horrible choice." Jerry "agonized for ages" before choosing tennis over piano. "I didn't want to hurt my piano coach or my tennis coach. It was terrible." Jerry's decision to choose tennis was made because playing for a huge concert audience really didn't turn him on, as much as playing for smaller groups, particularly for himself. Peer pressure from school was tremendous. "They couldn't care less at that stage whether I played piano or not," Jerry recalled. Attrition and tennis trips to tournaments finally disposed of piano study.

As the older guys graduated, Jerry became the top player for the team. He played in the National Clay Court Championships, and tournaments of national importance, eventually turning pro, to become a teacher/coach for a summer camp. Although Weinstock continued to play both sport and music, the rigors of pre-med student with a grade average in high school of 89, one point below the required 90, because he walked through a tremendous, deep snowstorm of blizzard proportions to apply, this proving an intense desire to become a doctor. Then he found he had to begin to study in earnest, something that hadn't been necessary before.

My friend Susan Edelman calls Jerry Weinstock 'a BIG brain' (and it takes one to know one). His credentials are impressive indeed, and his presence among us seems to have been foreordained. "I went to High School in Chicago," Weinstock began, "and to graduate school at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Then I

went to Northwestern University Medical School, which is actually in Chicago itself." It is interesting to note that although Weinstock won virtually every award and honor for scholarship the school had to offer, the dean advised him to choose any specialty he wanted except psychiatry, which required expert speech. Internship was in a large Chicago hospital medical center. "At that time there was a doctor draft going on. If one were to go on for specialization, one would have to decide if one were going to be interrupted by the draft. If you decided to go in at the end of internship you could choose your branch of the service, and you had some choice as to where you would be stationed."

"So when I finished my internship and my medical school, the training at Northwestern and the general rotating internship prepared me to go into medicine or surgery, or a general comprehensive knowledge of all branches of the service. We decided rather than to be interrupted from a residency training program and deciding on something that I wasn't sure about, that I'd join the Navy, which allocated me to the Marine Corps." With twinkling eyes Jerry continued, "Although the Marines don't like to admit it, they're part of the Navy."

"One of my choices was a warm climate, because I had never really experienced one, going to school in Chicago for eight years and interning for a full nine years, so we were stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California, where I served about a year. My wife was a school

teacher." Weinstock married Donna Miller while attending Northwestern, and the two are the proud parents of an attractive daughter Stephanie. "Donna was teaching in a little town about ten miles inland that was a beautiful little place, known for its avocado orchards, Vista, California which was absolutely gorgeous. We had originally decided to get married right after I graduated from medical school, but in the last three months of medical school a lot of the pressure was off, so we were married in April instead of June. My wife had just graduated in elementary teaching from the National College of Education, which is in Evanston also."

"While being a physician and surgeon in the Navy I served with the recon groups and aboard ship and so forth," Jerry explained. "Really about ninety per cent of the problems one hears as a practitioner of medicine, aside from the surgery one does, is either part emotional or about 99.99% emotional. You're really seeing about eighty to ninety per cent of people who have problems that have to do with their feelings and emotions. At that point it was 1962, when John Kennedy was president, there was a great movement toward getting emotional illness out of the closet, and to do something about the stigmatizing. He was also at that time talking about the community mental health legislation, which would help establish adequate mental health facilities in metropolitan areas, so people wouldn't have to be sequestered away. There was a whole movement toward kind of exciting times where it looked like

the ten month Arctic winters in Chicago. We were looking for a good residency in the South."

"That was the time when the University of Florida had started a major medical center, and the department of Psychiatry was very well thought of. I called the department, which was at the J. Hillous Miller Health Center (a gigantic health center). The co-chairman of the psychiatry department had a friend in San Diego, and we ended up in the program in Gainesville. Gainesville was a relatively small town then. It was a good residency, a very good training program. After I had finished three years of residency in adult psychiatry, I was asked to stay on to head the first child psychiatry training program.

Child psychiatry is a very fascinating specialty. It certainly adds to one's depth of understanding of adult problems. It deals with the community too, because as a child psychiatrist one must deal with the schools and the clinics and the health and rehabilitative services, or children in the juvenile court and the court systems." Jerry explained that in dealing with small children you must also deal with mothers and fathers and the entire family constellation.

Weinstock stayed on a sixth year in Gainesville, where he was connected with the department of psychiatry and worked in the student mental health center, which was on the campus of the University. "At that time funds in Florida were pretty low. Education was just coming up to the

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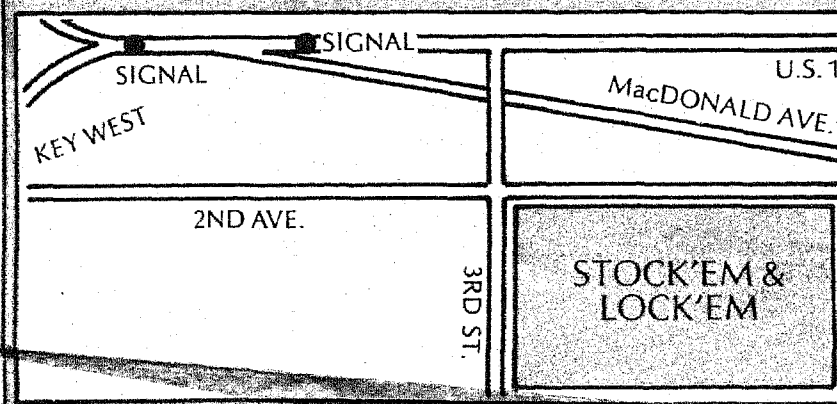
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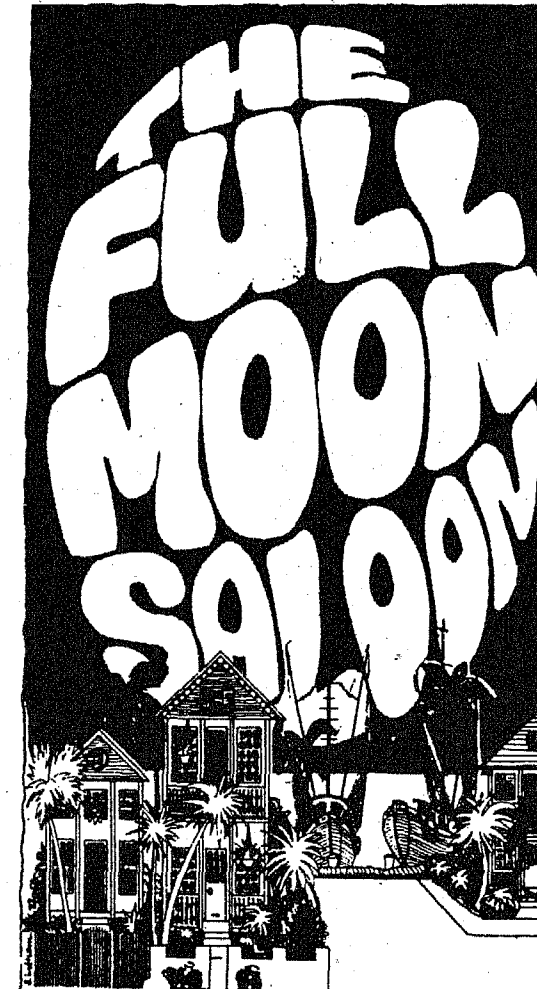
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forefront, so in lieu of the relatively low pay for the full time position, I had one day off." Weinstock used that day to join another psychiatrist in private practice. In so doing, Jerrold Weinstock became the first child psychiatrist practicing in Gainesville outside of the medical center complex. Doing so much at the same time offered Jerrold Weinstock a valuable variety of experience. "I was teaching a course at the university in interviewing techniques to graduate level psychologists, social workers, and psychiatric residents. One of the students in my course I had taken out in my boat. He was a close friend, another psychologist I had worked with at the Gainesville Community Mental Health Clinic. This particular psychologist had been approached and asked if he'd be interested in a job in Key West, Florida, to begin a mental health clinic, because in Key West they had no psychiatrists.....never had had a psychiatrist, or for that matter even a practicing clinical psychologist." Jerry Weinstock smiled broadly remembering, "it was a little bit of manipulation, because he had known ahead of time that I loved to fish. So he suggested that I be a consultant and fly down with him to Key West to assist in evolving this clinic. Of course he already had advance information that it might be very appealing to me. I think the first time I came to Key

West was in late 1966 or early 1967. I had been coming down for years to fish, so I was very familiar.....I had come down as a



An all-tackle record cero mackerel child with my mother and father; this was in post world war two days. Miami Beach was a fantastic place. The beach was still

intact. Offshore sport angling was absolutely fantastic and the Keys were unbelievable in terms of fishing. Absolutely untouched."

"I had come down during one of my off quarters of medical school and stayed a month in a cottage at Little Torch Key. At that time there were no more than one or possibly two motels between Marathon and Key West. This was in 1956. I had a chance to fish the waters off the lower keys for a month, and it was absolutely like a dream. Unbelievable." One of the jobs Jerry Weinstock had to do as a consultant in Key West was to recruit a psychiatrist, of course, as part of organizing. Then he came back to Gainesville. Jerry and Donna Weinstock discussed the situation at length. Jerry stated, "It was a chance to start a new clinic and to actually live in a place we loved. We had honeymooned in Marathon in 1959." Jerry laughed, "So we made a decision to accept the position I was recruiting for and I recruited myself."

Jerrold Weinstock has assembled a highly specialized and talented staff. "It is an interesting group," Jerry claimed, "the evolution of the group occurred because of mutual need." When the Navy pulled out, they left no psychiatric facilities behind. In 1978 Weinstock had been appointed by the Bureau of Medicine in Washington to be the consultant for the active duty Navy and for

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all the military and their dependants, Florida Keys Memorial Hospital, and the school system. "This was over-whelming. I gradually gathered around me a good staff of mental health professionals to deal with this tremendous load. Dr. Louis O'Connor and I are the original nucleus of the group. Lou and I have worked together now for twenty years." Jerry smiled, "He was actually the one who caused me to recruit myself. Now there's Dr. Gerry Caron, Casey Rafferty, and Dr. Tanju Mishara, who joined the group over the years." Training and competence and a desire to live on the island brought this impressive band of professionals together, and they work as a smoothly operating team, something Weinstock deems necessary for our town, which is in a "transitional state."

The original mental health center which began on Flagler Avenue still exists, now located on the Navy base. Weinstock tells us that the clinic was swamped, and that the monies generated from that clinic financed clinics in the upper and middle Keys. "There was still funding on the local level. We got a lot of support from the school board, the county, the state, and the National Institute of Mental Health. There was an enormous need down here. It was a totally untapped area. It was exactly analogous to Albert Schweitzer going to Africa, because the knowledge of treatment for emotional illness was non-existent before we set up the clinic here." Jerry explained, "Key West then was like another

country, coming out of the United States." Gambling was the flourishing vice at that time. The influx of drugs happened a few years later. When Key West 'happened' on the map, Weinstock informed us, "The inexorable drift of the hippies began to come from the East Coast and New York and so on. The jail was full for several years of hippies who had come down maybe expecting to find work, or running away from problems, and trying to find solutions by changing locales. One has to remember that then Key West was a pretty exotic place. It was like going to the South Seas. One of the local writers, Jamie Herlihy was forever trying to correct things at the jail.....since there was no inpatient facility, badly disturbed people were put in jail. He worked quite a lot to try to get adequate hearings and some enlightenment. Many, many individuals helped in that regard. It's interesting how things change over the years, and being here almost twenty years now, I personally really loved the old Key West feeling of freedom and the smell of salt air and the salt ponds where Key Plaza is now. The docks down by charter boat row were all wooden. It had so much flavor and artistry and a whole general ambience.....when the charter boats came in traffic would be stopped up and down U.S. One by people looking at the fish. It's a wonder those old wooden docks stood up to the weight of the fish. You could actually hear the docks creak and groan, I really miss that time. I guess that's gone forever,

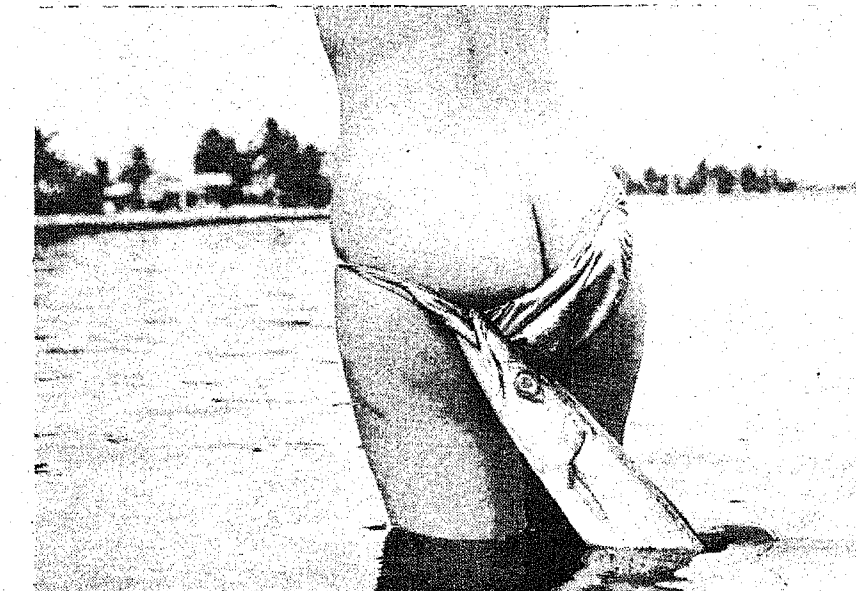
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but I'm really glad I was here. To experience that will be a lifelong memory. "Ernest Hemingway had his letters published in a hardbound book, and I was reading it just a few months ago, and it was just amazing how his feelings and the general atmosphere and flavor were so much.....not similar, but exactly what I recall. I guess I've always enjoyed being on the 'edge' of what we loosely call our civilized society, so we began going up to Montana. The place we stayed happened to be about a mile from where Patrick Hemingway lives. We had a mutual friend. We drank coffee together every morning. He said, "I sculpt in the barn next to Pat's house, and this led to meeting and getting to know Pat Hemingway, and I think we talked for about three hours at lunch about

THE ANTIC HUMOR OF RICHARD WATHERWAX



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what his growing up days in Key West were like. It seemed like the big changes started about fifteen years ago, and a lot of his memories were the same as mine. We exchanged a lot of feelings and memories. It was an interesting time."

Jerry Weinstock believes his feelings about the Viet Nam experience reflect those of a lot of people. "It was unfortunate for everyone, particularly the guys that were over there. I really empathize with them. I have about twenty patients now who were in the Viet Nam war. They really had a rough time and are still having a rough time in 1986 trying to integrate that trauma and those memories. Many of them are estranged and kind of adrift, and have trouble with depression and concentration, and I think being ill received, or maybe not received very well at home, not being perceived as genuine veterans or war heroes has a lot to do with their general feelings about the country and themselves. That's a

time when you really need a lot of support, when you come back from a harrowing experience like that where their lives were at risk so much of the time. In working with

they received in an emotional sense, and they're still incapacitated to a very large degree. I still see some of these guys once a week who are carrying around these wounds and just can't adjust to life in general." Weinstock feels that literature still being created about Viet Nam is helpful in a psychological sense to try to master that overwhelming experience and trying to integrate it into some kind of psychological perspective. "One of our local authors, Phil Caputo mentioned to me that his first book, 'A Rumour of War', which in effect started his career was an attempt to get himself and his own mind back into perceiving this in some sort of perspective he could live with. I think that was the motivation for Phil, and for a lot of the good literature that's still coming out of the war."

Jerrold Weinstock finds a lot of concern among those he sees about the nuclear arms situation. "This whole



from left to right: Dr. Tanju Mishaa, Ph.D.; Casey Rafferty, M.S.; Lynn Boone, Insurance Clerk; Dr. Jerrold Weinstock, M.D.; Karen Twyman, Office Manager; Dr. A. Louis O'Connor, Ph.D.

some of the guys, it's just amazing that they came through it all with any of their sanity or perspective in tact, but I guess the tragedy of it is that so many of them have not recovered from the rather awful wounds

seemingly suicidal race to make more and more arms is having a profound effect on cutting funds for research and education and social programs. I wish that the Viet Nam experience and all war experience could

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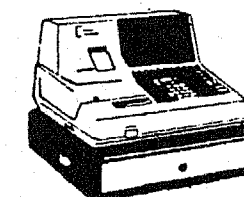
have a far reaching effect... I think that being human, in order to understand things that are as overwhelming as the Viet Nam experience, I think you almost have to have been in the shoes of the people who were in it. I feel rather privileged to be able to treat these men, but no matter how objective, you do step into their shoes and share those experiences. As a psychiatrist and a medical doctor I still am only human. When I hear the horrors of war I have such profound feelings I feel negotiation should be going on all the time at all levels to end this whole mad suicidal path we seem to be going on between Russia and the United States."

Jerry Weinstock tells us children indeed are affected by the nuclear situation. "I would have to say this as a criticism of our whole adult population; they feel that

children don't appreciate the consequences of what we face living under the threat of nuclear annihilation, but in my experience, children, and especially adolescents feel this profoundly. I think this is a blind spot adults have, the fact that this is affecting a generation absolutely profoundly, and the whole philosophy of 'life now, because you're gonna die later' even has its effect on the prevalence of drugs, because the instant gratification that drugs produce precede making long range plans. This has saturated and permeated our consciousness so that we function on immediate gratification of our wishes and feelings." Weinstock believes these feelings determine our values and affect every facet of our lives.

When Jerry Weinstock isn't busy

working with his fine staff of professionals or spending time enjoying his delightful family, he relaxes on his boat, his pride and joy, doing what he loves and does so well....fishing. Jerry Weinstock is no amateur in such important matters. Our own Key Wester holds records in his favorite sport...world records. Wife Donna and daughter Stephanie spend a lot of time photographing Jerry's spectacular catches. Whatever they are doing together, the Weinstock family members are each others' biggest fans, each proud of the others' accomplishments. Key West does attract the nicest people.



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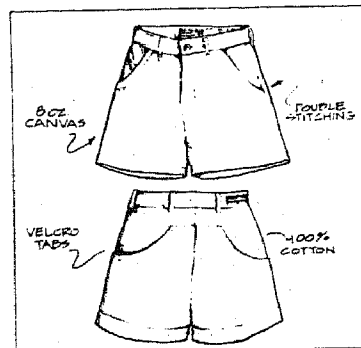
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by Arnold Moss

Key West was an accident. Ernest Hemingway was still another. It was back in the early 1930s in the deepest trough of the Great Depression. Barely past twenty and perched on the bottom-most rung of the academic ladder, I was trying to teach Speech and Theatre in New York City's most recent altar of higher learning — Brooklyn College. Salary: \$1250 per year. I had just discarded the solitary trappings of bachelorhood and, for a winter vacation with my radiant young bride, had decided to penetrate the shores of a beckoning Illyria better known as the state of Florida.

In answer to an ad in the *New York Times*, we joined a couple driving south who shared their car with us for a modest consideration. Three days and two "tourist accommodated" establishments later, we found ourselves in the dizzying commercial buzz of Miami and Miami Beach. Incurable romantics both, my wife and I knew we had made a tremendous mistake. This was certainly not our cup of tea. But since we had come this far.....

Signs in the front window of a tiny Miami store served as a seductive invitation to these unwary travellers to continue further south to a place called Key West. The fact that it was featured as "the Southernmost City in the U.S." added, in some strange way, to its allure. The next morning we boarded what seemed to be an ancient, somewhat rickety two-car train

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rescued, we were sure, from some remote graveyard for trains that had seen happier days. Known fondly to the native "conchs" (we learned later) as "Flagler's Folly" (commemorating the man who had conceived the idea) it clacked its way for five or more hours over what felt like very unreliable tracks, threading its path through the lush and lonely beauty of the keys. These were for the most part uninhabited with the occasional exception of a shack or two thrown hastily and daringly together by some adventurous fishermen. At times we had the feeling that the wheels were skimming over the surface of sapphire-blue waters, that we were indeed at sea in some sort of wizard's galleon.

Upon arrival at our final destination -- by now the sole passengers of those few who had started out with us from the mainland -- we were greeted by an enchanting quartet of musicians. The young men -- put there by a burgeoning Chamber of Commerce -- made up a mariachi-type string band of Cuban-Americans. Their radiant smiles, their full-lunged singing, the infectious rhythms of their rollicking music promised the kind of Latin-American welcome, from the heart, simple, unsophisticated, that these two slightly bewildered but very pleased young innocents had hoped for.

In no time we were directed to one of the side streets and a huge rambling house, its once white facade bleached by years of the punishing sun. Rooms were for rent. The approach to the house was made almost impassable by a gigantic tropical tree. It might have been the largest on the island,

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spreading its magnificent foliage like some mighty guardian angel. It was called, we subsequently learned, a banyan. For the first time in our lives we were surrounded by the breath-taking brilliance of the riotous scarlets, golds, purples, vermilions of plants and trees that never grew in Brooklyn: croton leaves, hibiscus, bougainvillea.

The lady of the house offered us most of the second floor, a combination of several lovely, high-ceilinged rooms, a front bedroom that seemed as large as a small ballroom, kitchen facilities, private bath, what to us was luxury beyond all expectation -- all for the incredible price -- incredible even then -- of ten dollars a week! I had the feeling that in her mind she was taking a bit of advantage of these two naive youngsters.

Each day we wandered through one fascinating street after another, sometimes on foot, at other times on the somewhat shaky bicycles we had rented for next to nothing. No one-way streets, of course. In fact there may not have been more than a couple of dozen motor vehicles on the entire island.

In those pre-Truman days, Key West, perhaps as much as any city in the country, had hit its absolute economic bottom. The sponge fisheries had moved north to the Tampa area as had the Cuban-American cigarmakers. The U.S. Naval Station, for years the springwell not only of the few extra dollars that had trickled into the island's economy, but also, through its pipeline from the mainland, the only source of the city's drinking water, was in a state

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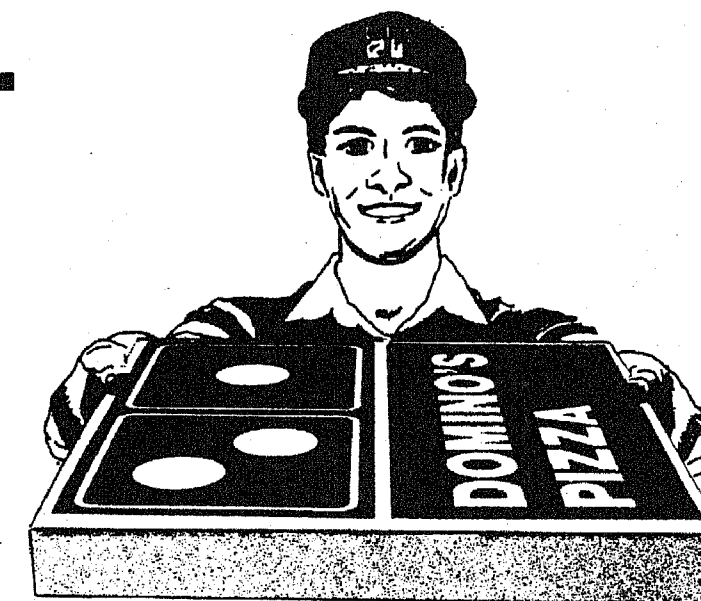
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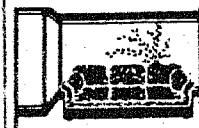
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of discouraging inactivity. To be sure, the Navy was considering the total abandonment of the station. For the natives, life had now become a question of day-to-day survival. With almost 95% of the population on government relief, the word had spread that Washington was contemplating the complete evacuation of the city, wiping the name of Key West from the country's map.

This was surely part of the reason that a five-course dinner featuring yellowtail at Ramonin's restaurant -- was it on Duval Street? -- was offered for all of thirty-five cents. Or that a day's rental of a fishing boat complete with captain and gear was an extravagant ten dollars. But it was

unquestionably the reason that Washington's Works Progress Administration (the WPA) had garnered so many unemployed designers, writers, architects -- and brought them here. The government's hope was that a tourist milieu could be fashioned out of this economic wasteland.

Among the men and women chosen for this colossal task were promising unknowns as well as famous muralists, authors, printers, photographers, painters whose works were displayed in museums throughout the world -- a true *embarras* of artistic richness. These were the people who were now dividing copy for brochures that, it was hoped, would lure the visitor to

Key West; snapping photos of the old houses, of seascapes and sunsets, of the island's luxuriant flora; decorating the blank white walls of Ramonin's restaurant with eye-dazzling murals. And we, my wife and I, were accepted and welcomed into this coterie of talent with spirited talk that sometimes lasted deep into the star-studded tropical night. We were made to feel as though we too were part of this pioneering adventure into the arts.

This, then, was the Key West we had stumbled upon - the happy "accident" we had discovered by the purest chance. What happened the following year and the years after that, when we were determined to become regular visitors to the island, included our "other accident" - a man called Hemingway.

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We were delighted by the changes the Chamber of Commerce and the WPA had wrought: the colorful murals, the fresh coats of paint on so many of the houses, the new map of the city indicating the dozen or so not-to-be-missed high points of touristic interest. But most welcome of all was the change in the people. The year before, despair and hopelessness were etched on the faces of the natives. Now there were bright smiles and cheerfulness - a looking forward to the good things the next day would surely bring. A brand new city was rising Phoenix-like from the ashes of economic and personal despair.

Number 10 on the WPA map was designated: "Home of Ernest Hemingway". Some years before, through the good offices of a distant relative, an expatriate living in Paris, we had met the celebrated writer in Pamplona, in Spain. For seven days we had shared with him the mad excitement of the fiesta of San Fermin, the patron saint of Navarre - the running of the bulls, the free movies in the plaza that starred King Baggot and Beverly Bayne (does anyone besides me remember those names?), the tossing of garlic to pretty girls by the young men in their white shirts and trousers, bright red *fajas* or sashes and blue *boinas* (the Spanish version of berets). Seated at the bullfights between Hemingway and Sidney Franklin, the noted torero from Brooklyn, I was taught some of the finer points of "death in the afternoon" by two splendid teachers.

Now, two years later and more than 3,000 miles from Pamplona, an acquaintance was to be renewed - again by chance. My wife and I had wandered into a somewhat disreputable-looking bar known to the locals as "Sloppy Joe's". There were no more than three or four barstools. It was dark, it was small, it had "atmosphere". An amiable Cuban-American tended bar. It was shortly past noon and we were glad to be out of the hot sun, looking forward to a cool drink before lunch. As we were being served, a familiar bear-like figure lumbered into the place, sat down on an empty stool,

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looked us over carefully and said, "Pamplona."

In those days my wife was a carrot-colored redhead with quick-to-burn, over-sensitive white skin. She had been out in the sun for all of twenty minutes the day before and her eyes had become swollen almost completely shut to the narrowest of slits. "I remember you," Hemingway said to me, "but where on earth did you pick up this strange-looking Circassian mistress of yours? But whatever....why don't we go back to my place and have a drink there?" Which is what we did.

As the afternoon hours went delightfully by, three or four bottles of excellent dry vermouth materialized one by one, courtesy of a white-jacketed black

man. He was identified by Hemingway with an apologetic chuckle as "my butler." The conversation after a while became a lively session of Questions and Answers. How, for example, did he rate his would-be rivals, his imitators? "Frauds, all of them," he answered. "They think I write realistically. Let 'em examine my stuff carefully and they'll see I don't."

"No writer I know," I suggested, "can describe the torture of physical pain as well as you do. How were you able in those final pages of *A Farewell to Arms* to find the right words to describe the agony of childbirth?" "Not easy," he responded. "Must have rewritten that chapter sixty-five times."

Turning to a less serious subject I

asked him how he felt about being pin-pointed as Number Ten on the tourist map. "Doesn't bother me in the least. When the tourists ring the front doorbell, my 'butler' comes to the door, smiles broadly and says, 'I speck you-all is lookin' for Ernest Hemingway.' Well, I've Mr. Hemingway. What can I do for you-all?" And when Gigi (his two year old son, Gregory, who was attempting head stands on the front lawn) - when Gigi gets a little older and settles down - right now, as you see, he's a little crazy, like most two year olds - then I'll get him to answer the front door."

As the supply of vermouth slowly got lower, the conversation turned to what it was like to live in the Paris of the 20s, to Gertrude Stein ("her chief contribution to American literature was to feed the hungry young expatriate writers who gathered about her"), to his passion for bullfighting, to his love of Spain, to the challenges of deep-sea fishing, to Cuba, to Key West and finally to Sloppy Joe's.

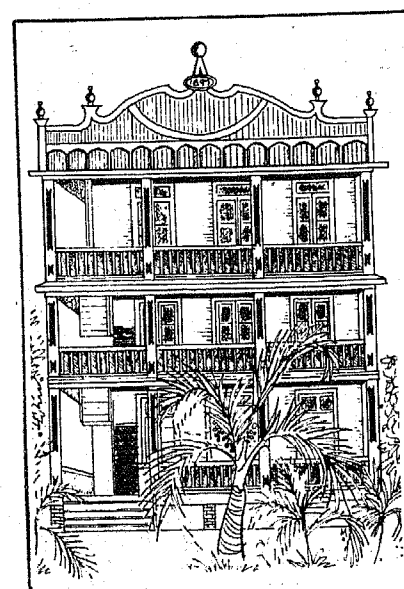
"Funny thing happened there last week," he told us. "Came in as usual for my noon drink. Kind of scruffy, white-haired old gent with a three-day growth of stubble, seventy, maybe eighty years old, was standing at the end of the bar. Worn dungarees - not too clean, old sweater coming out at the elbows. Came up to me and said, 'You know, you're my favorite novelist. Always wanted to meet you. You see, we're both in the same racket. Writing.' Looking for a handout, I figured. I brushed him off and left."

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"Robert Frost! Could have kicked my butt all over town. That was Robert Frost and like a dumb son-of-a-bitch I kissed him off. Imagine. Robert Frost - the American poet I most admire!"

With no lunch and a certain amount of vermouth under my belt, I was finally persuaded by my wife that it was time to leave. Once outside the house, after an amazing afternoon, the first remark this serious, young pedagogue of speech correction made was: "Did you notice? He says Wi-yum for William, mi-yun for million. He has a very liquid 'I.'" Ah, youth!

We returned to Key West in late 1935 - this time by way of one of two flat-bottomed stern wheelers that had been located some place and pressed into service for the eleven-hour sea voyage between the mainland and Key West - the only means that year of getting to the island city.

No old Key Wester will ever forget

the tragedy of the Monday night of the Labor Day weekend of 1935. Starting at 8:00 p.m., one of the most destructive hurricanes in American history slammed into the keys, blasted its way onto the island and demolished the city almost beyond recognition.

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Years passed. President Harry Truman discovered Key West, chose it for his favorite vacation spot and once again the city came to life. An incredible feat of engineering converted the old dream of an overseas highway with its 40-odd bridges, into reality. To accommodate the unaccustomed flood of traffic, the quiet streets began changing into one-way thoroughfares. One new hotel after another, and a dozen motels started to rise.

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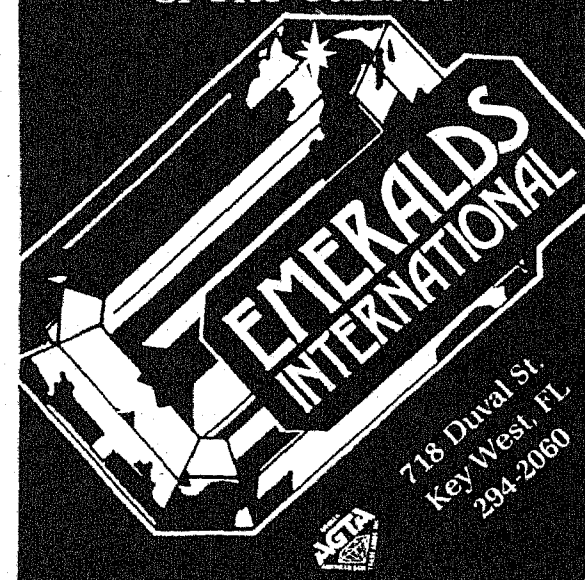
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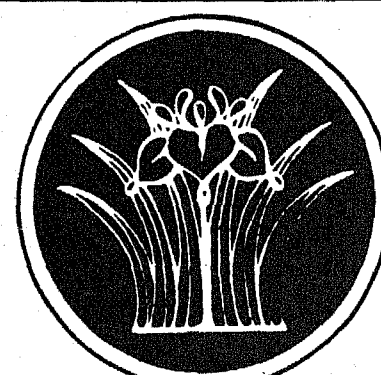
of times past, began to vanish one by one. Some of the old weather-worn houses bowed to the swing of the developer's wrecking-ball. And Hemingway's home became a new kind of tourist attraction with a \$2 admission charge. But the old Key West was determined to survive and in some miraculous way it did, blending the peace and beauty of what had been with the needs of what had to be.

I shelter tender remembrances of this island which, for me, like the island of Prospero in Shakespeare's *Tempest*, is "full of...sweet airs that give delight and hurt not". For no amount of "progress" will ever damage its charm or the magic spell of its enchantment.



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BEHIND THE SCENES: WORKING FOR A CHANGE WITHIN THE MEDIA

by Tim Barrus

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"I'm not interested in culture. I'm not interested in pro-social values. I have only one interest. That's whether people watch the program. That's my definition of good. And that's my definition of bad."

—Arnold Becker
CBS Vice President for Television Research.

Television has often been described as society's great cultural wasteland—the plug-in drug. The boob-tube. And for gay people television represents a particularly immeasurable wasteland specifically because there are so very few of us on it. Certainly, positive gay images are rarely seen on any of the networks. If the networks do a prime time dramatization that deals with AIDS it's big news. And most of the time television gay characters are relegated to comic relief which is rarely even funny.

If Steven on *Dynasty* serves as one of the few examples of how gay characterizations get handled when we AS gay people are being short-changed with the fait accompli of televised fluff. Prime time within the context of television pro-

gramming has little to offer us: "Unless," one gay cable TV program manager says, "you get out there and MAKE your own programming. Sometimes alternatives only exist when you create them yourself."

And that's exactly what Joe Dietrich, Key West's Cable TV program manager, is doing. "I think it's really important that we have positive gay role models on television," Dietrich says. "And if we can't get that through network programming then we have a responsibility to create it on cable."

Joe Dietrich is thirty-eight-years-old. And as Key West's program manager for Telecommunications, Incorporated, the largest cable company in the world (with 1800 community systems), Joe Dietrich has had an immeasurable impact in the development of local community programming concepts. This is an openly GAY man who is showing others how change can be brought about. Joe Dietrich has affected the community in which he lives. This is a man who has worked quietly but effectively from behind the camera in terms of how gay issues are presented on television.

"People deserve to have an outlet. They deserve to be heard," Dietrich says. "I believe that we have to have a say in how we are perceived. That means we can't be afraid to deal with issues of concern to the gay community or any other community of people on TV." And Channel 5, TCI's public access station in Key West reflects exactly those sentiments.

Vito Russo makes the point is his classic book, *The Celluloid Closet*, that, "Invisibility is the great enemy. It has prevented the truth from being heard." And Russo addresses the portrayal of gays in movies. If the portrayal of gays within the realm of motion pictures has been insidious,

the portrayal of gays within the realm of television can only be considered to be superficially horrific in the extreme. Joe Dietrich makes the point that TV is a medium constantly in a state of flux. If television programming is going to be developed that is, indeed, sensitive, honest, and educational, then we just may have to start developing that kind of programming ourselves.

In 1949 there were one million TV sets on the United States. Today there are over two-hundred-fifty million TV sets in this country, and the typical American household watches 6½ hours of television per day. By the time the average American child reaches kindergarten that child is watching 30 hours of television per week. He/she sees no less than 400 television com-



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Joe at the controls

mercials within that week. And by the time he/she graduates from high school they've put in over 18,000 hours of television time versus the 12,000 combined hours they will have spent in a classroom. To say that the medium IS the message is to state the obvious. To say that very little good is ever conveyed by the media in relation to the gay experience is also to state the obvious.

"When I first came to Key West," Joe Dietrich says, "there was no public access television. But now that we have a host of local programs that really examine the issues within this community there is simply no getting away from the fact that Key West has changed. We cover every single angle in local politics. Everything is out in the open here because of the shows that we ourselves have developed. And if you take a look at how local politics have changed in this community you have to draw some conclusions that some of the change is due to the fact that people know directly what's going on in their own backyards."

This has particular significance for South Florida's gay community. Channel 5 started bringing AIDS information awareness to its viewing audience as late as three years ago—a time when little was understood. "TCI did some of the first really in-depth programming on AIDS long before it became popular," Dietrich relates. "We produced a series of shows that included medical experts and spokespeople within the gay community. It was quite a project with taping, editing and piecing together. That was a first..."

Indeed, today Dietrich keeps AIDS information awareness in the forefront of local programming. And you won't find any show produced by TCI that is unwilling to deal with gay issues. "We can't afford to be afraid to talk about things that some people might find uncomfortable. We have shows here where the public can call in. I've been on those shows myself where I've been called a faggot while we're live. It happens. I'll admit that it makes me uncomfortable. But you learn to ignore it and go on with what's really important."

Joe Dietrich has been one of those people in Key West who have made seeing someone GAY on television an acceptable fact of local life. No small accomplishment within a medium that as a whole has always told us that we are a minimally important segment of society because we are not recognized or even recognizable on television. In the world of television illusion still functions as verifiable reality. And when there are virtually no gays within the reality of television programming we as a community are faced with creating our own access, our own programming, and within this electronic genre we

are responsible for our own images. In the world of television images will always be the bottom line.

CBS' Leslie Stahl tells the story where she was the very first anchorwoman to sit in with "the MEN" in the anchor's booth during the latest Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, and Stahl brings home the point that television does, indeed, help to shape the way we think. "No woman had ever sat there," she relates. "So I was very nervous. The President of CBS took me into the room, which overlooked the convention floor, and tried to relax me by showing me how intimate the room was. There were four chairs in the room, each chair had a sign on it. One chair said 'Rather.' One chair said 'Sevareid.' One chair said 'Cronkite.' One chair said 'woman.' Guess which one was for me?"

"The media is extremely powerful," Stahl says, "When Geraldine Ferraro was nominated as Vice President, she stood on that stage with those men, it was an acceptable image to America because America had seen women in positions of authority on TV. So America was ready

to see a woman stand next to a presidential candidate."

Another surprising quote about television comes from a surprising source. "I think what is probably the biggest sin of the medium as it exists is that so little sticks to your ribs, that so much effort and technology goes into—what? It's like human elimination. It's just waste." One would think that those words would come from someone like Joe Dietrich. Wrong. Those are the words of Grant Tinker, President of NBC.

"Key West TV programming was just waiting to happen," Dietrich says. "This really is an alternative to the networks. And I wanted it to happen in as positive a light as possible. So I had to get TCI to see the need. And they've been great! We started from the ground up. We build our own sets. We design and create our own shows. If there's something significant happening in the hispanic community then we deal with it. If there's something significant happening in the gay community then we deal with that, too. I want the people who watch my programs to learn something. Take our show PULSE, for instance. Now, after a lot of hard work we are really getting an audience there. Gays are watching. Latinos are watching. Positive images of minorities are getting on TV and



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states. Obviously, there was work to do...and Bob, Bill Kight, and George Halloran did it.

"We contacted all the state legislators, the Department of Natural Resources, and Dr. Elton Gissendanner and implored them to stop this project from being sold," says

presented our thing...and 600 people were for our project."

Another force as powerful as public opinion was working in favor of Bob and his group, which became known as Save Our Shoreline (S.O.S.): the Simonton Street property, originally donated to the city by a

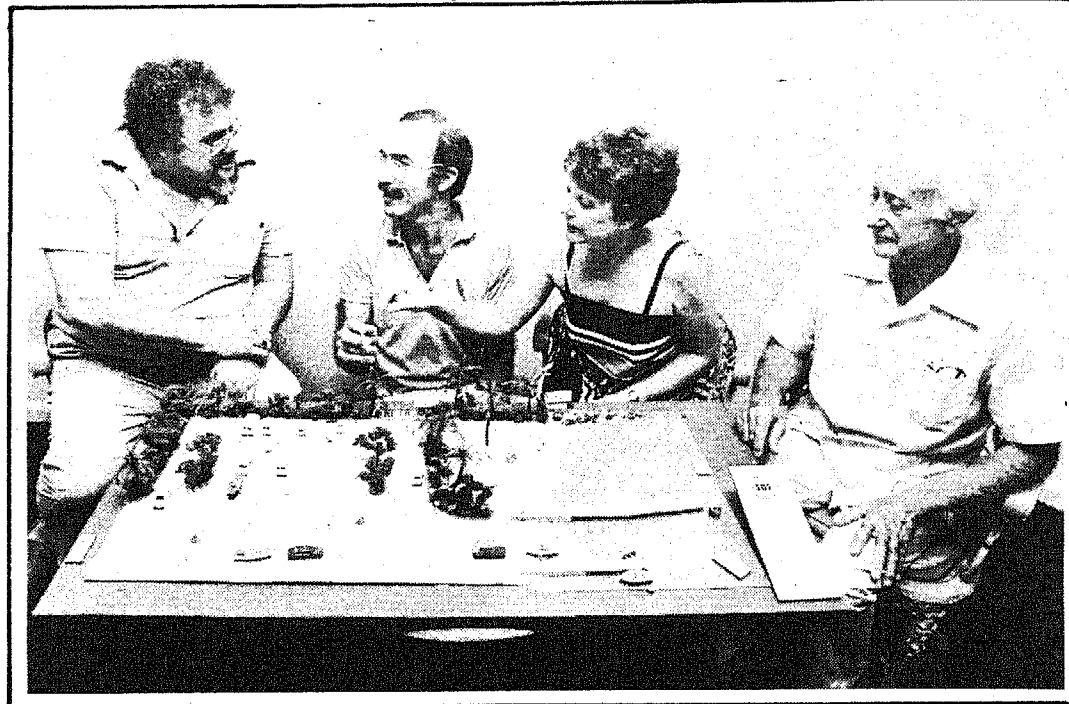


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A skull session: l. to r., Bob, George Halloran, Joan Langley & Woody Bescher

Bob. "So they agreed to come down to Key West and hold a meeting. We took the convention hall down at Mallory Square and it was packed to the rafters. I think there must have been 500 or 600 people there. And Mayor McCoy was there and he had a little pro-Pier House slide show that he showed without much avail—and then we

private owner, had a clause attached that required the land be used for marine activities, or it would revert to the State. Since the current City Commissioners were winding up their terms, the Department of Natural Resources decided to wait until the new City Commission came in to decide whether to lift this reverter clause. This gave

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Looking around his spacious, comfortably cluttered living room (there is a set of bagpipes hanging on one wall), Bob recalls, "This house, that table, was the scene of activity in the beginning that you wouldn't believe. We were just surrounded with people—George would be in one room typing copy, somebody at another typewriter—we were just scratching enough money. We would have deadlines with the *Key West Citizen*—somebody running an ad down there with just enough money to pay for it...I don't think we would have made it if the *Citizen* office hadn't been so close by! We just went from one ad to the next, from one dollar to the next. There was a wonderful man named Guy Jones—just a working man—came in and gave us \$500,

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which was good for a whole week. We bought radio time—we bought everything."

But contacting the people and ensuring their support in the fight to save the beach was not enough.

"We went back to the city level and got every single one of the commissioners that were up for re-election and said to them, 'Look, we have a tremendous organization here'...in the meantime, prior to that, we collected 5000 signatures for the project, which is practically twice as much as the electoral turnout was." Bob emits his full-bodied chuckle. "People were all over this town with the petition, in front of Fausto's, in front of supermarkets. I have never seen anything so spontaneous. It was just a total delight. And people shaking cans. There were cans in every store getting nickels and dimes to help us.

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It helped so much, in fact, that the new City Commission voted against the sale of the property.

But Save Our Shoreline's windmills had not been done down yet. The Pier House came back with a suggestion—how about a land swap? Well, in principle that might have been fine...but the Pier House wanted to trade a small portion of land to the right of Simonton Street for a parcel including all of the city land as well as over a hundred feet of Simonton Street itself! It was back to the battlefield for S.O.S.

Eventually the land swap proposal died out of its own accord, and Save Our

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Shoreline moved on to develop its plans for the Simonton Street Beach—plans that include the beach itself, a dinghy beach, two piers, a utility house, and parking for cars and boat trailers. "The third step," Bob explains, "was to raise the funds for development. John Marks, who's a local contractor, built a beautiful model of the proposed beach...so we took that to the City Commission and they loved it."

The Monroe County Commission also approved of the beach model, as did the Monroe County Extension Service's Boating Improvement Fund. The next items on the agenda were to secure the necessary permits for the project, and to raise the money.

"We thought we'd need around \$150,000. We didn't have anything to begin with. So we got the county to commit themselves to a portion of the project...the portion that dealt with the boats...specifically the ramp, the two docks, the dinghy beach, and the parking lot designated for boat trailers. Then we went

to the city and said okay, now the county will go for this...how about you...and they looked in the till and said well, we'll figure something out, but we really don't have it..."

"Now in the meantime, Reflections had apparently used some of the bay bottom in measuring their total square footage for the density regulations, and Henry Morgenstern looked into it and was instrumental (and so was Lee Rohe up in Tallahassee) in getting them to give the city...about \$26,000 as a kind of trade-off. So that was the first piece of money. That went in specifically for Simonton Street. There was seed money there.

"Again the negotiations back and forth between the city and the county. We went to Roy Grant, who was in charge of grants—Woody Bescher was very involved in this—and said we could use some grant money for this. So Joan Langley put together a marvelous portfolio and down we went and submitted it and we got nearly \$50,000."

With \$76,000 in hand, one might think

it was time for the movers and shakers at S.O.S. to rest on their laurels for a while. After all, they had stopped the developers and saved the beach, hadn't they? Well...maybe.

Shaking his head, Bob Anderson remembers the day the roof fell in on them yet again. "The County Commission thing was developing very nicely, and they would go up to \$50,000. Everything was going fine until last fall when—BOOM. And you can believe after four years now, we thought everything was done...all this work, and all this money...some people from the Chamber of Commerce, on their own, without ever bothering to phone us, or tell us or anything, went up to a County Commission meeting in Marathon, and said that they thought that if we had bathrooms down there available...it would encourage the wrong element."

"So the County Commission put a stop on everything. This is after four years—all they had to do was call us up and we would have negotiated, or talked with them, or

done something. That held us up for two months. This project would have been started this spring, would have been in full force—except for those two months we lost. We had to pack up the beach model and go back up to Marathon and go through the whole thing all over again. And finally it became obvious to the Commission that what they were doing was not very popular, and we made no bones about it. Their arguments were very fallacious anyway, because in all these years they had never offered a way of correcting the situation of the 'wrong element' down there themselves—and we were trying to turn it into a park."

He still makes a face of disgust at the memory of that further impediment to their work. "We did a whole lot of homework on that thing. Even the benches we planned were designed so that they only hold two people so you can't sleep on them. The shower facility will be turned off internally so that it can't be used after hours. Hopefully under the Parks Commission it will be closed at nighttime, which will keep it from becoming a parking lot."

"So after that fiasco, we churned again and went back and got to the point where just recently we went to a Monroe Commission meeting in Key West, and the county did its final thing and voted to go through with our whole thing."

Bob and Wilhelmina Harvey and several other involved parties got their picture taken at the beach after the meeting, and if all has gone well the construction bids should be out now. So now—finally—the weary crusaders can put down their lances and get some rest. They're not REALLY tired, Bob explains, just immensely relieved that the long fight is over.

Bob Anderson speaks fondly of all the people who assisted in the Simonton Street Beach project. Joan Langley was a magnificent researcher, he says, and Woody Bescher's help was invaluable. Tom Pope, Manfred Ibel, and Sullins Stuart gave innumerable hours putting together a set of intricate blueprints for the beach project (for which another local architect had proposed to charge Bob \$10,000). Glenn Boe handled the engineering details. "People donated \$100, \$25, \$5, nickles and dimes, whatever. We never had a surplus, but we seemed to just skin along, and I must say George Halloran was fantastic because whenever we were short George would

come up with money. And Bill Kight was a printer, so all our printing was free...if I have any advice to any group who wants to do anything, it's make sure you have a printer! And hopefully a lawyer. Morgenstern was...most helpful..."

"Bill Westray was a tremendous help—he was our mentor. He would fill us in and came up with all kinds of documentation and so forth, and he also had communication to Tallahassee. Lee Rohe, who was a local Key West person who worked in Tallahassee, was an enormous help."

Did Bob have any doubts that Save Our Shoreline could indeed beat the windmills?

"I don't know that we ever...felt we couldn't win. I've never seen such an esprit

de corps in my life as these people here showed in those days. We had setback after setback and we never stopped. It got to be a...crusade. Once you have people behind you, you just can't let them down. Once the people have given you their faith and their money and their backing, it would be unthinkable to stop...and that's what kept us going. I still say it was the people in the city who really did it."

"It was great fun to take on a giant. And it was great fun to see for the first time the whole city movement...and I'm not talking about just a certain liberal element—I'm talking about EVERYBODY. All kinds of people. People you'd never expect to be for a cause like this were involved."

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words straight. "The point of this all is that it was done by the people. We would like to have a plaque at the beach that simply says

"I fell in love with Key West when I was about eight, I guess...somebody sent a postcard of the train...I still have the

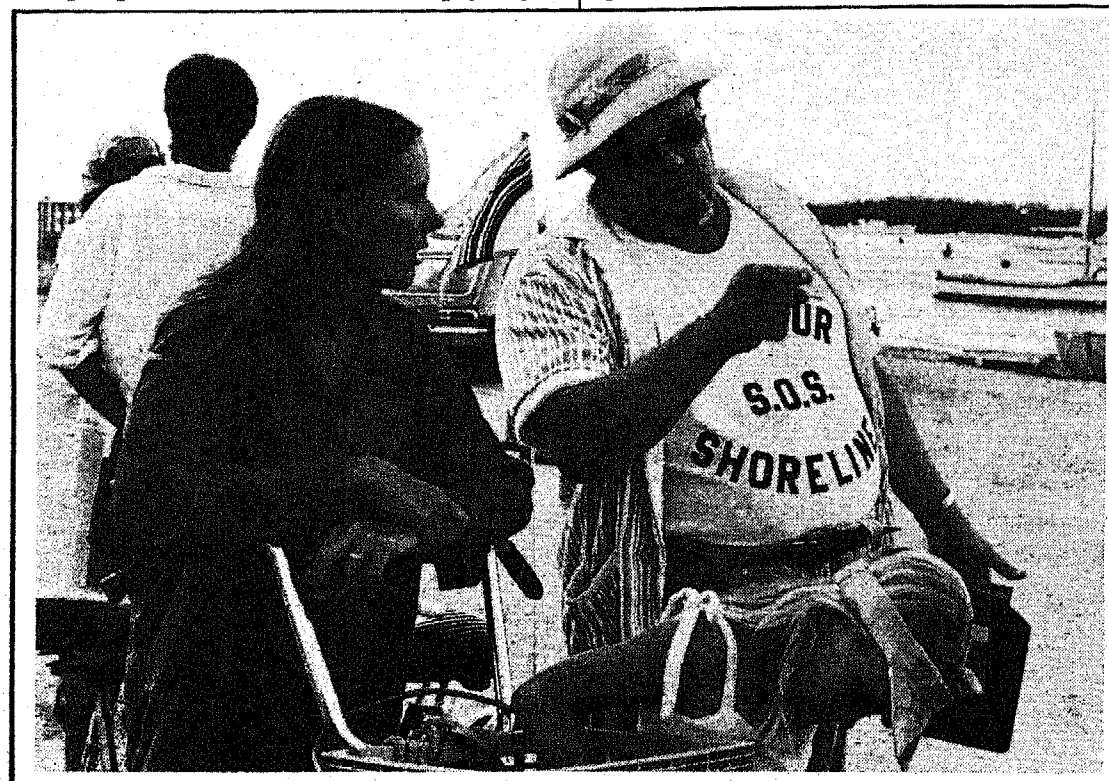


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Bob in mufti on the front lines

"This park is dedicated to the people of Key West who had the perseverance and forethought and energy to save it." That's the emphasis. That's what we want to say...this park will be a ode to the people of Key West...and give other groups the courage to do the same sort of thing in case they come across another problem such as this.

postcard...I thought this must be a fascinating place."

Key West IS a fascinating place. And because Bob Anderson played Don Quixote, and led so many people in tilting at the windmills threatening the Simonton Street Beach, a small part of the fascination is safe for a while longer.

Nature's Way..... Shades of September

by Alice Terry

Key West in September: green, hot, wet and lush. All growing things respond to the hot days and warm nights of the annual rainy season. Fans whirl continually but the moist hot air pervades and the humidity wreaks havoc with mildew and mustiness. We grumble as electric bills soar with the added convenience of air-conditioned sleep, but the days edge towards the official start of autumn. Sunsets are spectacular and the days are growing shorter.

Elusive breezes chase down cross-streets but humans and animals alike seek the welcome shelter of the majestically verdant trees. Streets and parking lots benefit from the shady ministrations of the tree and fortunate is the house that enjoys the cooling shade of trees. When properly planted and nudged along in the beginning, shade trees will absorb sunlight and help cool the surrounding air. When contemplating the planting of a tree, examine the available sunlight, space, location, and the type of maintenance program it will require. Trees need room in which to grow and no really tall or wide tree belongs right next to a house.

Does the tree shed or not? The jacaranda (Jacaranda acutifolia), pink trumpet tree (Tabebuia heterophylla), golden shower (Cassia fistula), and queen crape myrtle (Lagerstroemia speciosa) will. Non-shedding trees are the satin leaf (Chrysophyllum oliviforme) and pigeon-plum (Coccoloba diversifolia). Also, consider form. Will the growing branches result in a shape that is oval, round, vase-like, pyramidal, columnar or spreading? For good shade, spreading or round are preferred.

Here are some favorites that you might consider when tree shopping. Jacaranda, a fast-growing, tall, deciduous tree that produces clusters of showy blue flowers in spring and early summer. Yellow trumpet, a relatively small tree loved for its showy yellow flowers. Royal poinciana, with many beautiful specimens to be found in Key West, are in their colorful glory in early summer. They are easily started from seeds enclosed in the fallen large brown pods. The magnificent gumbo limbos, with the colorful bark and artistic shapes can be started from a rather large severed tree limb.

Consider the tropical fruits. They will provide the requisite shade and beauty, plus the added bonus of edible fruit annually. Found in abundance locally are the mango, avocado, sapodilla, soursop, key lime, and coconut palm (with the malaysian strain preferred). The banana plant is not a tree, but an herb, and the cavendish strain, with tiny finger-size fruits is a local favorite. The papaya is a short-lived but rapid-growing evergreen, raised easily from seed.

The Key West Tree Commission became an official arm of the city government with the final reading of Key West City Ordinance # 36-5 on April 1,

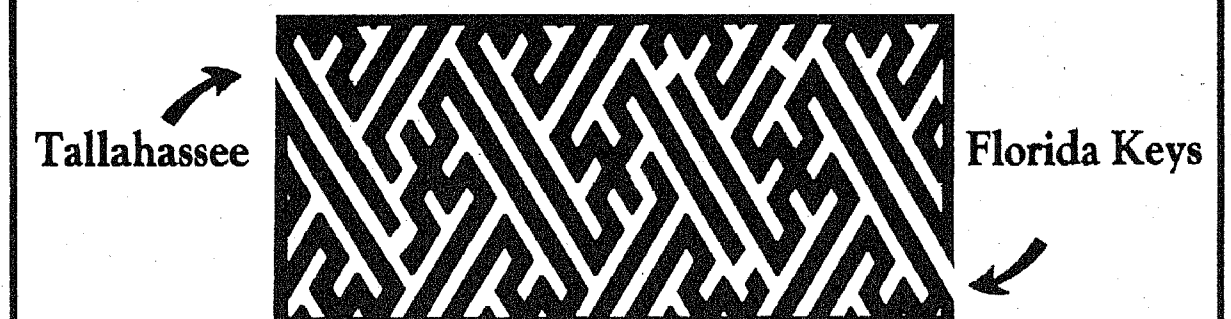
1986. A copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the City Hall office of the City Manager. Its rules and regulations apply to all trees whether on public or private property in Key West. Every property owner should be aware of the wording because there are penalties for infractions of the rules. Section 35-12 lists forty-nine trees, with both common and scientific names, which have been singled out for city protection.

Four unprotected trees are listed in section 35-13. The melaleuca (Maelaleuca quinquenervia) although handsome in appearance spells major trouble for allergy sufferers. The Australian pine (Casuarina equisetifolia) can be seen towering over its

surroundings. It is fast-growing and used for windbreaks, but has a tremendous root system capable of uprooting sidewalks and streets, and is prone to destruction during hurricanes. The Brazilian pepper, also known as Florida holly (Schinus terebinthifolia) with its handsome red berries is also considered a nuisance and appears on the undesirable list along with Brazilian oak, or beefwood (Casuarina glauca).

Trees, palms, and shrubs that have been partly or wholly uprooted by storms should be replanted as quickly as possible, with the tops cut back in proportion to root injury. Set them erect and tie to strong stakes. Now is the time for a judicious pruning and

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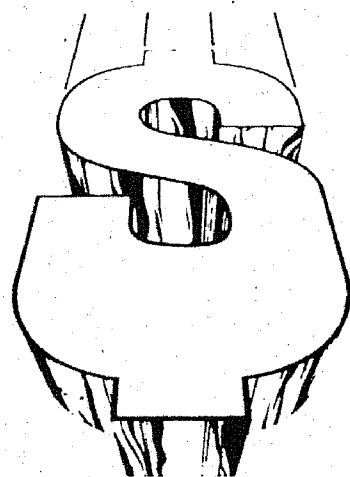
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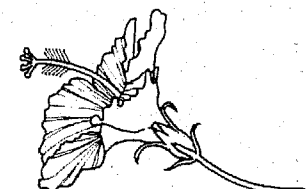
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cleanup as weather forecasters and residents alike cast a wary eye on the weather picture for September, which is in the hurricane season. Suggestions and warnings in the print media and on the airwaves aid us in becoming specially safety-conscious during this month of possibly severe weather.

I have been making a concentrated effort to expand my knowledge of the environment of the Florida Keys. My curiosity about local bird life led me to the Sea Store on Green Street which distributes a free checklist of birds in the Keys, prepared by the National Audubon Society. I now know that there are 32 permanent resident birds in the Keys that are classified as either abundant or common, with others listed as uncommon, occasional, or rare in their sightings. Also included are birds that are summer residents, winter residents, transient visitors or accidental visitors.

I have checked out a number of bird books from the Florida reference shelves of our local library and am also gradually purchasing my own personal reference library. My recently acquired copy of *Guide to Field Identification of Birds of North America*, a Golden Press publication, sits next to the Peterson's *Field Guide to the Birds* (East of the Rockies). For sheer visual pleasure I enjoy *Florida's Fabulous Water Birds—Their Stories*, by Winston Williams. Look for these books in your local bookstores or the Sea Store if you are interested.

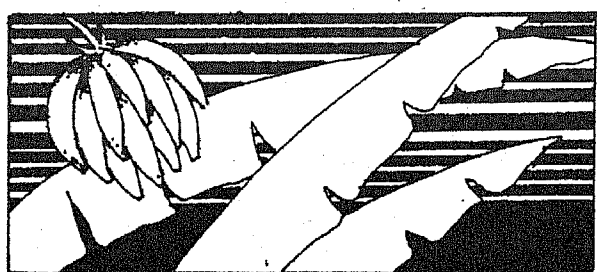
Also available locally is the excellent

series published by the Audubon Society and focuses on snakes, mammals, fish and sea creatures, insects, birds, and wildflowers. Perhaps my favorite Audubon volume is "Wetlands", which examines the living treasures of the Everglades in easily understood language and excellent color photographs.

Let us all become more aware of our surroundings. Listen and look and begin to identify the very special wildlife of our sub-tropical region. Matters concerning our immediate environment are of prime interest to lawmakers, scientists, and laymen alike.

Whether the issues concern the salt ponds, the proposed waste-sewage plant, the threatened snails on Stock Island or the vanishing Key deer, we are all involved, for we are one and all endangered species.

Note...The Key West Botanical Garden, which I commented upon in last month's column, is being cleaned up and put into a most attractive state through the auspices of the Key West Garden Club. Congratulations and encouragement are in order.



Jacques Brel Helpline Benefit

Friday, September 12th, the Red Barn Theatre and Jan McArt join forces to benefit **Helpline**, the County's only 24 hour Information and Referral/Crisis Intervention Hotline.

The Red Barn Theatre production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" starring Joy Hawkins, Tom Murtha and John Wells will begin at 8:30 p.m. at Jan McArt's Theatre. The production earned rave reviews during its performance in August and will offer you another chance to see this splendid performance. During intermission an auction is planned featuring high quality items donated by local merchants. For Teasers...a 1/2 ounce gold conch shell necklace donated by Goldsmith Jewelers...a work of Art donated by Gingerbread Square Gallery...suprise gifts donated by Fast Buck Freddie's and the Dancin' Fool. Richard Heyman will be the Auctioneer.

Join us for an enjoyable evening of musical entertainment to benefit **Helpline**. Limited seating is available at \$15.00 each. To purchase tickets call Florence Fox-Loeb at 296-6156.

Helpline is now accepting applications for volunteer telephone crisis counselors. The next training classes begin October 3rd. For more information call 294-5463. Contact Larry Szuch.

Made in Key West

by Valerie Ridenour

With the multitude of creative talent practicing art and craft of exceptional quality, it was inevitable that some similarly creative entrepreneurs would see the need and the method of presenting the romantic, tropical catalog of treasures **Made in Key West** to the rest of the world. The first edition of the catalog that bears the name and tastefully displays the wares was the brainchild of partners Berne Teeple and Larry Szuch. Using Key West talent to the fullest, the enterprising pair chose the Solares Hill Design Group and editor Marsha Gordon to present their project in finished form. One look through **Made in Key West** is evidence of their excellent choices.

Within the pages one can find everything from canopies to clothing, and cigars to Key Lime juice. Berne Teeple works in a guest house, and relates, "A lot of our guests have called and said, 'you remember that t-shirt shop down the street...what's the name of it? Or the jewelry store on Duval Street; I want to order that shirt (or whatever) I saw.'" The frequency of such requests coupled enticingly with the fact that, "Many of the artists in town had told us that they'd like to do something like this, and would rather be creating," Berne Teeple was already a busy man, managing Coconut Grove, and partner

Larry Szuch was and still is executive director for Helpline, a tremendous responsibility. The project, which began as a hobby was not undertaken by amateurs. Larry explains, "Both of us have worked on putting together brochures and pamphlets and leaflets. We both have a lot of management and coordination background."

Fantasy Fest weekend was the time chosen for the unveiling of the catalog, which includes the products of such Key West luminaries as Ann Irvine, Molly Goodwon, Goldsmith's, Maxine McMullen, Heron Handprint, Swept Away (Kerry Carpenter), Sonia Robinson, Mrs. Biddle, The Original Cigar Factory, Valerie Hoh (whose tile was used by Solares Hill Design Group for the cover), Kimberly Lund, and Heliographics, with the lovely back cover describing the delights to be found at Ocean Key House, where the catalog's offerings were photographed, giving browsers a glimpse of our island Paradise.

Berne tells us the most asked question regarding the catalog is, "When will the next issue be out? We're deciding that right now. I was in Miami doing research...I went to the Vizcaya Art Festival." The second most asked question comes from artists and artisans. How can I get in? "We want to build on the success of this. It has been very successful," Larry continued. Quality is the criterion for acceptance in **Made in Key West**'s pages. Berne and Larry will be happy to review merchandise from any Key West

West person desiring space. Requirements are that the items must be made in Key West and have a tropical motif, and that those who display their wares have a shop or studio, a reputation around town.

Berne explained, "There is an individual contract with each artist." Those fortunate enough to be included in volume one will be able to obtain space in volume two at the same rate, a real incentive, as the expected number printed will be much larger because of demand. And what has been the response to **Made in Key West**? Berne and Larry have received over two thousand letters in response to a Miami Herald article. Mailing lists were rented from Bloomingdale and Neiman-Marcus, along with the artists' individual lists, and others provided by local businesses. Orders are shipped so quickly people are surprised that the four to six week delivery time mentioned is usually two weeks, sometimes even less.

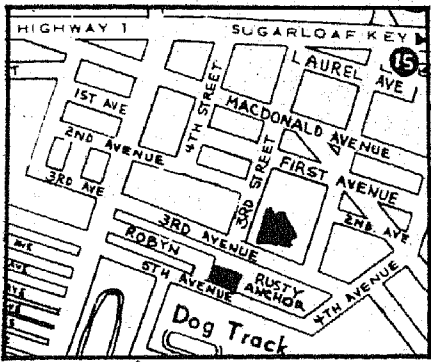
As for the opinions regarding the catalog, the following letter from the Assistant Secretary of Cultural Affairs for the State of Florida is typical. It states, "It's a beaut. I wish it were twice as thick." Miami newsperson Carmel Cafiero was so impressed, she did a three minute segment on her news program. Congratulations are in order for Berne Teeple, Larry Szuch, Solares Hill Design Group and Marsha Gordon, whose combined talents have given us something new to be proud of that is **Made in Key West**.

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1. Why are you running?
2. What is the most important issue in Monroe County? Why?
3. Opposition to the Monroe County Land-Use Plan is clearly a popular stance. Specifically, however, what can and should be done, if anything?
4. Do you think that the philosophy inherent in the Land-Use Plan is sound? Explain.
5. Two of the three solid-waste land-fills in the County are already overburdened. As well, hospital waste imported from Dade County continues to be burned here at very improperly low temperatures. What should be done?
6. Monroe County is an Area of State Critical Concern. What single matter, if properly addressed, do you think would most help lead to a change in that status?
7. Quite a few people are upset because mangroves are being cut and saltponds are being treated by the "Island in the Sun" development. How do you feel about the matter?
8. What do you think is the most important issue facing your district in Monroe County and what would you do to lobby for your community?
9. Do you think the County's facilities for some of our most pressing social problems (i.e., mental health services, treatment for drug abuse, alcoholism) are adequate? Explain.
10. What steps would you advocate for protecting our fishing industry and our oceanic resources?
11. What, if any, ideas do you have for solving the problem of "affordable housing"?
12. Monroe County has the highest cost of living in the state. Is there anything that can be done to lower it?
13. How important is Historic Preservation to you? Why? Would you advocate it throughout the Keys?
14. Is there any issue you would like to address that has not been asked?

N.L. Coakley Allen
Candidate for Monroe County
Commission District 1

Did not respond.

Roberta Fine
Candidate for Monroe County
Commission District 1

1. I am qualified for the job and I want to do it correctly.
2. The preservation of what is already existing is the most important issue facing Monroe County. Our environment and the quality of our life must be protected. The community must protect and preserve the existing structures in our county. Any development should be directed at the restoration and renovation of those existing structures.
3. Politically, it is popular to oppose the Plan, however, realistically, if this community fails to properly implement a Plan, the State will do it for us. Problems should be responsively addressed. The commission must be able to respond quickly and effectively.
4. The philosophy behind a land use plan should be planned, controlled, sensible growth. However, Monroe County has a plan to avoid the state imposed plan. The "Area of Critical Concern" statute mandates a county-wide plan. Failure to do so within a specified time period results in a state implemented plan.
5. Our waste disposal problems must be addressed in conjunction with our growth. The county has in the past been ill-advised on the solutions for waste disposal. I believe the county should not hire outside firms to manage our disposal problems. Once we start hiring outside firms to manage our government we lose county revenue.
6. If Monroe County could prove that it can adequately control its growth and protect the environment there would be no need for interference from Tallahassee. If we fail, Tallahassee will pre-empt the balance of the county government.
7. Developments should be required to adhere to the same standards as the residential community. The "Island in the Sun" developers knowingly purchased land containing salt ponds and mangroves. The design of the development should have considered these natural resources.
8. Growth. Key West, as well as the balance of Monroe County is growing too quickly and erratically. Growth must be controlled, planned and sensible and any new development must be required to blend with the existing neighborhood.
9. This County's out-patient facilities are adequate under the circumstances for these particular purposes. However, the County has no in-patient facilities. Residents of the County must travel to Dade for in-patient care. Dade County facilities are sometimes hesitant to take Monroe County residents because our County has a reputation for not paying for these services.

ELECTION

SOLARES HILL is again recommending candidates in the upcoming election.

A group of us who are involved with the paper put our heads together and back those candidates we feel are best able to serve the needs of Key West. As our readers know, we have a strong environmental bias, and those candidates who have shown the 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 on our questionnaire. In the case of an incumbent, we have the person's record to refer to, to help us make a judgment.

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 did not all agree on this person, or that we felt some restraint on an all-out endorsement, but that he or she is the more favored by our group.

We do have some candidates who do not answer our questionnaires. This is self-defeating. Even though some of these candidates know that we will not be picking them, our readers do not always agree with us politically and would be interested in seeing what the other candidates have to say. Any candidate who does not answer is missing the chance for a free opportunity to get his views across to our large reading audience.

State Representative District 120 PREFERRED

We've been strong supporters of Wilhelmina Harvey in the past but recently she has veered away from the environmentally sensitive path our leaders need to tread. In public forums on numerous occasions, she has turned her back on many of her former supporters. Ron Saunders is not an environmentalist but he is candidly aware of our needs and has promised to keep an open mind to our environmental objectives. Furthermore, he is very aware of our strength and feelings in the Keys and has publicly stated that he will try to work with us in Tallahassee.

We'd appreciate very much the support we've received from Wilhelmina in the past but this time we're going to prefer Ron Saunders.

County Commission District 1 ENDORSED

In the County Commission District 1 race, former County Commissioner Jerry Hernandez has a consistent history of voting for big development and was one of the strong proponents for Port Bougainville. We feel that



EDITION

Roberta Fine and Gale Swofford are far better choices than Hernandez for this position.

The basic philosophy of Roberta Fine on growth, environmental and social issues is very analogous to our own. We were pleased to see the *Miami Herald* recommend her for this position. In public forums she has shown a quick mind and an ability to comprehend complex subjects and reach intelligent decisions.

We believe she would bring a freshness to our County Commission and we strongly endorse her.

County Commission District 2 ENDORSED

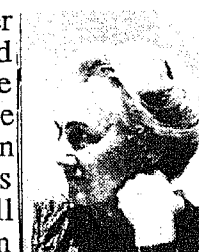
Vern Pokorski is one of our people and we know and respect him. He has spoken out on environmental and growth issues frequently at commission meetings and public hearings. He has been one of the leaders in the fight against unsuitable development in Big Pine Key as well as the rest of the Keys.

We endorse Vern Pokorski for election in District 2.



County Commission District 4 ENDORSED

We backed Alison Fahrer four years ago and we've had no reason to regret it. She has been accessible to the public; her weekly column in all three Keys newspapers has kept the public well informed; she has taken leadership roles on key issues and has never backed down from an unpopular decision if she conceives it to be in the public interest overall. She has stuck to her philosophy on the Land Use Plan but has accepted other views when appropriate. She is always thoroughly and intelligently prepared for all commission meetings.



Vote YES for the referendum on the sewer bond issue. (See Bill Westray's editorial on page 50 in this issue.)



The cost to the County is evident in the increase in the crime rate and the cost of the Sheriff's services. Approximately 80% of the crimes committed in Monroe County are related in some way to drug abuse, alcoholism and mental illness. Punishment is not the complete solution. We have children in our County jail and State prisons because they became addicted to cocaine and turned to crime. The problems will continue to escalate unless we treat and rehabilitate in addition to criminalizing the behavior.

10. I would like to see an anchor buoy system established throughout the Keys, or the daily degradation of the Reef will continue. Without the Reef, the "farmers" of our county, the fishermen and women, will be without a livelihood. The anchor buoy system is by no means "the solution" but it may help alleviate the major causes of damage.

The diving industry can assist the fishing industry by instructing divers that trap molestation is a felony. Many divers are unaware. Posted signs at marinas and dive shops may help. Of course, the ideal situation is to get more marine patrol officers but that is within the realm of the Legislature and not the Commission.

I am concerned about new legislation regulating even further the fishing industry. Now, amended legislation allows the boarding of a vessel simply if it is believed that the vessel may be engaged in commercial fishing. This legislation is in addition to legislation that permits boarding of vessels for safety inspections.

The fishermen have been singled out. We regulated the netting of the kingfish as to limit the amount caught and to preserve the schools. Yet, as the fish migrate to Mexico, they are netted by Mexican fishermen who import them to Florida. We are only taking the bread from our fishermen's mouths. Regulation of the fishing industry must correlate with the regulation of the importation of seafood. Again, this is a problem for the Legislature to address. Our Commission must communicate the problems of our County to our Senators and State Representatives.

Locally we have the conflict between residents and the commercial building of traps. We must establish permanent convenient "fishing villages" which will never be zoned out of existence by new residential districts.

11. The Land Use Plan fails to adequately address the issue of affordable housing. The Plan allows setback, density and height exceptions as incentives for affordable housing. Growth under this Plan could create tenements and slums under the guise of affordable housing.

Better incentives must be established in addition to a better definition of "affordable housing." Honestly, I do not have all of the answers but perhaps I have some suggestions. One incentive is the waiving or reduction of impact fees. A suggestion to making "affordable housing" more affordable might be the utilization of innovative solar power. Although more expensive to install, it is proving to be more

cost effective in the long run.

12. I cannot say I have all the answers for lowering the cost of living in the Keys. Housing is perhaps the biggest contributor.

13. Historic preservation must be implemented throughout the Keys because in another 10 to 20 years there will not be anything left to preserve. There are areas in the County (other than Key West) that have potential historic value. These areas must be protected now. One of those areas is Pigeon Key. Acquisition of this property would be beneficial to the Marathon tourist industry and help to preserve some of the last vestiges of the Flagler Railroad.

14. Recreational services and facilities for children. The children of our county have little or no recreational facilities, often they turn to drugs, alcohol and crime. From personal experience, representing juveniles in the lower Keys, approximately 80% of the property crimes committed in the lower Keys are committed by children. I see little difference in the middle and upper Keys.

Jerry Hernandez, Jr.
Candidate for Monroe County
Commission District 1

1. I feel I've done an excellent job in the past. I have a lot to offer in the way of experience and leadership, which is going to be needed with the "young" commission make-up we are about to elect. I know the County's problems and I want to help solve them. Hey, I've got to live with all these decisions too.

2. Solid and liquid waste disposal—The Cudjoe landfill-incinerator site is set to the year 2000—only 13 1/2 more years. The Key Largo and Long Key sites are at capacity now and the upper keys' growth has not yet stabilized, so the problem is going to get worse. The Land Use Plan has made provisions for a study (\$1 million) to determine if our water quality is being harmed by the many septic tanks in the County—if the results are positive, we will have to build a sewer system and treatment plant for the entire County, an enormous undertaking and a tremendous financial burden for the taxpayer.

3. The implementation of the Land Use Plan is a certainty; it requires an amended review six months and one year from adoption. The County Commission MUST spend the next six months discovering any flaws, conflicts, and vagueness of provisions in order to be in a position to make the necessary corrections after public input. During that time we will gain invaluable experience as to the workability of the Plan, and after taking into consideration all the present private property which will be removed from the

tax roll, we will see exactly how much financing we will need.

4. Yes, I do. Every county should have a plan on how their lands and resources should be used. Our lands are especially sensitive and need to be protected.

5. The Key Largo site is at capacity—we need another 25 acres (for another 10 years) or 100 acres would give us another 50 years at this location, which is adjacent to the 7,000 acre Crocodile Habitat. I feel that the 50 or so crocs should be nice enough to give us 100 of their 7,000 acres after all we've done for them. The Long Key site is adjacent to the State Park. The County has a suit pending against the State to recover enough acreage to eliminate the landfill problem at this site. It is my understanding the problem of the Dade County hospitals' improperly burning wastes at the Key Largo incinerator has been resolved. If this is not the case, it should be taken care of as soon as possible.

6. The implementation of a sound, workable Land Use Plan should soon take care of the Critical Concern Designation.

7. I think that Key West is already oversaturated with time-shares, high rises and hotels, so I don't think the developers will find too many buyers. When the 1000 or so hotel rooms that are now in the works come on line, everyone is going to find it quite difficult to keep their occupancy rates up. If the newspapers are to be believed, however, Mr. Marks has all the legal rights and is properly permitted to build his Island in the Sun, but I wish he wouldn't.

8. As in the County, I think Key West's most pressing problem is waste disposal, in their case, the sewer system. Without Federal grant monies, and lots of it, this system is going to be an almost unbearable burden on the City's taxpayers.

9. If this was a socialistic state, then I would say no, our facilities are not adequate. Our private enterprise facilities are doing, in my opinion, an excellent job, and government should not be competing with the likes of Delphos, MARC House, Lower Keys Mental Health, etc. For those who cannot afford the private care facilities, we do have a Social Service Department and HRS is also doing an adequate job with these individuals.

10. I have always been a supporter of our County's fishing industry. I have personally lobbied Tallahassee, as a private citizen and as President of the Organized Fishermen of Florida on several key issues, successfully, I might add. But, once again, you are asking questions that might better be put to your legislative candidates as there is just not that much that County government can do as we have no jurisdiction in state waters. The Florida Marine Game Commission members, in my opinion, would never be comprised of those in the business they are attempting to regulate, i.e. Governor Graham's good buddy Raffield,

whose own fish house has been caught twice with over 100,000 pounds of illegal redfish. We can commend and encourage our Marine Patrol, we can ask the State for additional officers, but we can't legislate or regulate.

11. Affordable housing will always be a problem in any desirable tourist area. To help alleviate it and encourage the building of more affordable housing, we might consider raising the density limits in certain areas, so that it would be more economical to build—certainly the City Commission should look at the possibility of waiving or reducing some or all of the impact fees—the FKAA could be encouraged to do the same in certain cases.

12. At the present, I see no way. Many things go into the cost of living index. Rents, utilities, medical costs, property taxes—our county is so spread out—that, we can not change. The tie-line will hopefully lower our electric bills and the oil glut has reduced the cost of transportation. Florida Keys Memorial Hospital has just announced an 8-12% rate hike—so we should all try to stay healthy. Property taxes are certain to increase if we cannot get the State and Fed to offset the ad valorem tax losses that the County is going to suffer. I'm afraid we haven't seen anything yet.

13. It has always been very important to me, perhaps because I was born and raised in Key West. I started the Old Town Trolley and also used to give horse-drawn tours around old Key West, pointing out the different examples of gingerbread and Conch architecture. Key West wouldn't be the great tourist mecca that it is without Historic Preservation. Unfortunately for the rest of the Keys, there is just not that much to preserve. They were never as populous as Key West, and many hurricanes have wiped out a lot of what was built.

14. I don't think that the Veterans Affairs Office should ever have been consolidated with our Social Services Department. Not only has this proved to be detrimental to those citizens who use our Social Services, it has proven not to be the money saver in the County Budget it was supposed to be. The citizens in this county may soon start to see higher medical fees and hospital bills because the paper work to transfer a Veteran is not always being properly completed within the 48 hours as required by Federal regulations. When that occurs, the VA will not pick up the bill for the Vet's first 48 hours of hospital care. These bills will have to be absorbed and ultimately you and I will have to pay.

There is a real problem with the issuing of permits in the county. Even some of the simplest of requests are taking upwards of 18 months to go through the whole process. Whether a permit is to be granted or denied, the person who wants to build an addition to his home or construct a single family home, deserves an answer. I intend to do whatever is necessary to streamline this process.

Gayle D. Swofford Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 1

1. I feel I can provide the leadership necessary to implement the land use plan (if it's adopted by the Governor and Cabinet) on a fair and equitable basis favoring no special interests. I believe in good government and I'm willing to provide the necessary time to accomplish this goal for County Government.

2. Growth planning and management. The conceived plan must address the high cost of living here in Monroe County, especially in housing.

3. The plan has been adopted by the County Commission and most probably will be accepted by the Governor and Cabinet. It is not perfect, but regardless of its inadequacies it is a plan, a beginning.

4. It is a growth management plan. For the first time something of substance to work with. It allows the Commission windows at six months and one year to monitor the workings of the plan and make necessary adjustments. I feel I have the knowledge and experience to fully evaluate all aspects of the plan-in-progress, and will propose to the Commission that town hall meetings be held to get the public's input on the plan.

5. The County land fill problems need to be addressed. The importation of any hospital waste from Dade County should be stopped. Our land fill operations should comply with D.E.R.

6. The Growth Management Plan. The real problem will be whether the State will agree to necessary fund replacement to make the plan work smoothly. When the Land Use Plan is accepted by the State then the County Commission will most probably get back the authority taken away under Critical State Concern. I expect this to happen shortly after the plan is approved. Obviously this will give the power back to the Commission, and this is why it's important to have someone on the Commission with leadership ability, honesty and integrity.

7. If they have the proper permits they can build. I have always maintained that spot zoning got the Florida Keys in trouble with growth in the very beginning. The law will uphold zoning concepts, but not after the fact. That's why I strongly support a land use plan.

8. The liquid waste treatment plant. I would support the Chamber of Commerce position on the referendum. The Chamber of Commerce has studied all aspects of the liquid waste treatment and is urging the voters to approve the referendum. There appears to be no alternative to the Cities proposal so I feel it's the most pressing problem facing the City at this time.

9. As soon as one of the local hospitals gets

a mental health unit (which I understand they are building now) they will be adequate.

10. The Keys coastline is long. We need to increase enforcement of existing laws. More Marine Patrol are needed. Establishment of fish hatcheries may be feasible. We must protect this vital industry in Monroe County. It is a major part of our total economy. Fresh native seafood, fish-shrimp-lobster, on the menus of restaurants are important to our tourist industry. We must make it thrive not just survive.

11. One of our most critical problems. An in-depth study should be done cooperatively between the County and State to determine what direction to take. I believe certain areas could be set aside for such affordable housing.

12. Since the County is under area of critical State concern the State should back off the 100% property valuation theory. We live in a sensitive area. Because a neighbor's house sells for \$150,000 doesn't mean yours should be assessed that amount.

13. Very important. Has worked well in Key West and I would advocate it throughout the Keys where feasible.

Eugene R. Lytton, Sr. Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 2

1. I am running for public office for two reasons. My children's family, through their deceased mother, arrived in Key West from the Bahamas exactly 150 years ago this year. I cannot assure them that they will be able to afford to live in the land of their ancestors or use the small land legacy they hold. I also see the inherent dangers in the Land Use Plan. Rather than controlling growth I see accelerated high density development because of the preference given destination resorts. I believe this will lead ultimately to long term degradation of the environment and the destruction of our accepted life-styles.

2. The most important issue in the county is the Land Use Plan as it permeates and/or impacts crucially on all the other problems. Solid waste disposal, environmental protection, public services and facilities, property rights, taxation, cost of living are just some of the major areas that will be significantly affected by the Land Use Plan.

3. We cannot continue to divide community elements by a continued fight over the Land Use Plan. We will have a Land Use Plan because it is mandated by the state. We must take this finished product, work with it, sweat over it, cuss it, but somehow make it work to the point that we achieve equity, justice and uniform enforcement.

4. I certainly accept the philosophy of the Land Use Plan as I perceive it. Maximum environmental protection consistent with the

legitimate requirements of government and citizenry.

5. Generally, we should immediately halt the importation of anyone's waste other than that generated in Monroe County—we cannot accommodate our solid waste volume. Specifically, and taking into consideration my answer in 4 above, I believe the county must be permitted to annex the required land. The county engineers indicate a requirement of approximately 40 acres at both North Key Largo and Long Key will accommodate our requirements for 30 years. At North Key Largo we have approximately 75 crocodiles roaming 7,000 acres—we have 7,000 people who urgently require 40 acres to alleviate a crucial public need—this I believe to be a legitimate need of government as long as government performs maximum mitigation of the environmental impact. On Long Key we deed acreage to the state for park purposes with no time limits on that expectation. Now we have a pressing critical need for a portion of that deeded property for the public welfare—I believe the state should acquiesce in our needs.

6. I believe we must show the state that we can achieve maturity, stability and responsibility in local government. It is my overwhelming belief that if we can demonstrate uniform enforcement not only in the land-use plan area but in all areas of environmentally mandated state regulations that the state will lift critical concern and allow resumption of local government. One footnote is required—environmental groups must come to the realization that after the Land Use Plan becomes effective that any individual or group of individuals who can fully comply with all the requirements of the plan must be allowed the freedom to do so without further harrassment. That's the justice and equity portion of the plan's implementation. Coupled with uniform enforcement I believe we will have controlled moderate growth.

7. We have hundreds of thousands of acres of mangroves and sea-grass in protected inventory. This inventory is comprised of the off-shore islands and the federally protected tidal flushed wetlands. There is approximately 8% of the county land mass in private ownership—after the Land Use Plan is implemented this could fall to as little as 6 1/2%. I must allude again to my answer under 4 above—maximum environmental protection consistent with the legitimate needs of government and citizenry. With open space ratios of 80%, beach-berm setbacks of 400 feet, access setbacks the acreage of salt marsh—buttonwood transitional is severely controlled under the plan. Owners of that type of land who can fully comply with the requirements of the Land Use Plan as implemented should be allowed to do so—see 6 above. The infinitesimal amount of mangroves being cleared for single family docks is miniscule when compared to inventory.

8. At present the Big Pine Key area is the business, commercial and communal center

of activity in District 2. The most pressing problems are: (1) To balance the environmental consideration with property rights expectations. We have the unique Key Deer Preserve to consider which will crucially affect decisions that must be made—again revert to answer 4. (2) We are faced with strip development along US 1 similar to the Marathon area. However we have one distinct advantage—as the development surge is just now starting to accelerate we can plan for highway beautification, modest commercial penetration and service facilities as our growth occurs.

9. Not being aware of the client volume it is difficult to make an educated comment. I will state the occupancy rate of FKMH being approximately 40% it would appear that there is more than sufficient plant for conversion to our needs in the mental health, drug abuse and alcoholism areas. We must generate the availability of such services to our citizens who cannot afford private relief in volume justifies the need.

10. I would advocate and work for the establishment of nurseries in both species and food chain areas. Such action I believe is critical not only for the commercial but also the sports fishing industries. I would work to assure maximum enforcement in our aquatic preserve areas and if economically feasible a mooring buoy system along the reef areas.

11. If we apply the proper context to affordable housing it is doubtful that genuinely affordable housing will ever be readily available to our low and middle income citizens. One legitimate source has been severely discriminated against under the Land Use Plan. Not a single new URM lot was created. As for inducing developers to build affordable housing I believe the incentives under the Land Use Plan are woefully inadequate. With land cost, utilities and facilities fees, permits, fill, perk tests, surveys, ad nauseum the minimum cost of a detached dwelling is a minimum of \$50,000—with a monthly mortgage payment of approximately \$500—that certainly takes it outside the realm of possibility for almost all low income and many middle income citizens. The answer is either less desirable apartment type complexes or some type of subsidized housing under the county housing authority. We need service personnel, affordable housing is a genuine dilemma.

12. Some of the major elements contributing to the high cost-of-living are unrealistic inflated assessments due to supply and demand, high cost of rent, utilities, taxes and some consumer items. I believe the ultimate impact of the Land Use Plan exacerbates the situation. Realistically I see little possibility for major improvement in this area.

13. Historical preservation is extremely important to me. Being a history and politics major to me preservation is the tangible, durable record of each small segment of

history. It records for visible recollection events in the history of the location. I would advocate it throughout the keys for those items being of truly historical, cultural or archeological significance.

14. There are many other issues to be discussed but I fear you will have insufficient space to thoroughly present my opinions on the foregoing items.

I thank you very much for this opportunity to express my views on some of the pressing problems facing our county.

Tony Paterniti Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 2

1. When I first decided to run, it was because I was concerned over the State mandating our Land Use Plan without supplying any funds. Now that they are willing to fund some money I want to assure that the State continues to fund this plan.

2. & 3. The Land Use Plan is clearly the most important issue or it wouldn't be dominating our headlines and commission meetings now and for the last 2 years. The Land Use Plan and Taxes go hand in hand. The Tax Payers of Monroe County can not afford to sustain the implementation of this plan without some type of funding. There are a lot of important issues facing this County but they are all related to taxes. We

must keep taxes down!!

4. The philosophy of a balance between environmental protection and healthy economic growth is an excellent philosophy. The Land Use Plan does not address these issues properly. There are loop holes in the Plan that will allow density and height variances. That is not what the people of Monroe County want.

5. We need to come up with a modern efficient low cost solution to solve our land fill problem. I have supported an alternative program to temporarily help until we do come up with a solution. My suggestion would be to encourage private enterprise to allow dumping of materials that would not cause any environmental damage into some of the old quarries that have been abandoned. The last few feet would be covered with clean fill and the property then preserved. I'm not talking about garbage but construction materials and trimmings, etc. This would not create any more mounds and could be a long term temporary solution.

6. I think that there are too many State and Federal Agencies interfering in our County matters. Since they have proved they can and will continue to interfere, the only way to change our status of critical concern is to prove that we can and will handle our own affairs properly and through good planning.

7. I will make my personal feeling very clear. Private Property Rights must be protected. Mangroves serve a very useful

purpose and there are hundreds of thousands of acres of mangroves in Monroe County that will never be touched. To use mangroves to deny people the right to use their property is constitutionally and morally wrong. The salt ponds however do have some historic value and parts should be preserved but through purchase not regulation.

8. District 2 has been called the sleeping giant. The big issue here is build or don't build. I say build, but in moderation. I don't want US 1 in the Lower Keys to look like Fort Lauderdale, and I would concentrate on purchasing property along US 1 and encourage any building on the highway to have attractive store fronts, possibly "Conch Style." Also if we could somehow promote business owners of run down buildings to "spruce up" their store fronts, I would work out those details later. Also of equal importance in District 2 there are little or no facilities for our children. We need Parks, Beaches, and Recreational areas.

9. This is something that I haven't studied, I'm leaving that up to Roberta Fine; but of course if elected, I would not ignore that issue.

10. I have a lot of respect for Commercial Fishermen. They and their families are some of the hardest working people in this County and should not be overlooked. I do not have specific ideas of my own without stealing them from other Candidates, but I have been out on fishing boats and

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personally have seen the trap molesting being done by divers. It's sad to see a fisherman who has worked building his traps all summer for no pay, pulling up traps with lids missing and traps destroyed and empty. I have also heard complaints from local divers that the uneducated tourist divers are taking coral and turning over coral heads. These people must be educated by the dive shops and tourist literature.

11. I have a simple approach to affordable housing. Get rid of HRS, DCA, DER, DNR, Army Corps, and all other overlapping Governmental Agencies. Until that happens, private industry doesn't have a chance to build affordable housing. I don't think the people of Monroe County want to see HUD Projects but it seems like the only answer.

12. Again Taxes!! Why us?? Every one in this County sees the need for preservation but remember the more you preserve, the more you pay. One good thing to come out of the Land Use Plan is the Monroe County Land Authority. This agency could become a real money maker if managed correctly. I will propose that a one percent fee on all Real Estate sales goes into the Land Authority along with public donations and contributions. This way the taxpayers wouldn't be burdened with the cost of preservation. Once the fund is established and showing a profit this money could be used to lower taxes. It is not a new idea and has been proven in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

13. Historical Preservation is very important to me. I lose my breath when I visit the Alamo, the Pyramids in Mexico, Saint Augustine and Key West. I first became aware that the State and Federal Government allocate money for Historic Preservation when I lived in Fort Lauderdale and was involved in the restoration of any old building. I was surprised and very happy that the Government did at least one thing that I liked. I am presently building a new home for my family and we are taking every precaution to make it look like an authentic 150 year old "Conch House" complete with porches, gingerbread, and a widow's walk. Yes, I would advocate Historical Preservation in the Keys.

14. I would like to say something about my background. I'm 37, married, with 2 children: a 7 year old daughter and a 2 year old son. I'm also a businessman and very capable of running a business. I also feel that Government should be run like a business by business people. Every expenditure and cost should be scrutinized. Our main goal as Commissioners should be to offer good services and to lower taxes. I want to be known as the Commissioner that lowered your taxes; and I'll make a few promises right now. If elected, I will donate 3 dump trucks one day a month to assist the County in cleaning up debris that is dumped along our roads. (Saving you tax dollars.) I will never, never vote for a salary increase for the County Commissioners if I serve 4 years, 8 years, 16 years or forever. (Saving

you tax dollars.) I will donate \$5,000 a year out of my Commission salary to the Land Authority for preservation. There are some good reasons to elect Tony Paterniti to your commission.

Vern Pokorski Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 2

1. I have lived in Monroe County for over twenty years. During that time I have seen the County Commission attempt to deal with the diversity that represents the residents of Monroe County. I am excited about the future of the Florida Keys and want to be a part of the decision making process that will lead us into the next decade.

2. Clearly the most important issue in Monroe County is growth management. While the County Commission deals with a wide range of issues including jails, social services, budget, and roads; easily 75% of their energy has been and will continue to be decisions relating to the use of land.

The future of the County lays with its potential for growth. We have, within our grasp the opportunity to determine if that growth will be controlled and responsible or, whether it will be allowed to proceed unabated in a manner that will diminish the quality of life of our residents and destroy the environmental resources that are the basis for our economy.

3. I see the opposition to the Land Use Plan



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over the last two years as a healthy sign. It shows that the residents of the Keys not only are concerned about their County's future; but perhaps more importantly, are committed to being involved in that future. In fact, opposition has for the most part been useful. Numerous changes have occurred from earlier drafts of the plan as a result of the debate that has occurred.

There continues to be much about the plan that needs to be addressed. The maps need revision. We need to revise some of our planning assumptions and build upon our scientific data base in an attempt to increase our knowledge about many of these assumptions.

In my opinion too, we need to reassess how effectively the plan deals with our preference for kinds of development. I hear the residents of the Keys continually express their support for low density and low height development. I hear a preference for a future which includes an emphasis on single family development. It remains to be seen whether the plan adequately insures that kind of growth. I think that it is not only the responsibility, but the moral obligation of the Commission to make sure we are headed in that direction.

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This is not to say that I think we should scrap the plan. It is important that the County move ahead with implementation at this time if only to determine where the problems will be. Two years is a long time to be debating local government policy. It is now time to see how the plan works and make decisions as to how it can be improved.

4. At the time of its development the "philosophy" of the plan, any plan, is only as good as the combined philosophy of the majority of the County Commission. Similarly, during implementation, the effectiveness of the plan is only as good as those charged with its interpretation.

I am not trying to evade what appears to be the intent of your question. At the same time, I think we have to look carefully at what community philosophy is and how it affects, in this case, land use decisions.

I believe strongly in the community planning process that went into the making of this plan. Local people should make local decisions. In addition, I feel equally strong that the County Commission has the responsibility to make sure that the concerns expressed by the community are addressed

in the plan. The first phase of that process is now completed. It is now the Commission's mandate to insure that the individuals and boards that will oversee its implementation and interpret its regulations reflect the directions established by the public.

Planning and the development of a philosophy that guides land use decisions is a dynamic process. It does not happen today and remain in place forever. Rather, it evolves and it must constantly strive to reach a consensus among members of the community.

This means simply that the work is not over. The Commission has to commit itself to making sure that the planning process continues. The Commission must also make sure that decisions made about implementation are not only fair, but responsive to the public's expressed desires.

5. One of the advantages of State involvement in Monroe County's planning are the financial resources which have been made available. These include approximately \$1 million to study alternatives for our land use problems. I look forward to what these studies will

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Hindsight is always clearer. Ten years ago earlier Commissions believed that they had practical and workable solutions for our solid waste problems. Those solutions no longer work. It is clear, as we have grown, it is increasingly important to research a wide range of alternatives and perhaps implement several. I am optimistic that while resource recovery options were not practical ten years ago, they may be now. These are certainly among some of the options I would want to see considered.

Hospital waste is basically of two kinds. That which is infectious and that which is not. I do not support use of Monroe County facilities for infectious waste of any kind. Certainly it makes no sense to import infectious hospital wastes from Dade County for disposal in our already overused facilities.

6. The statutes are pretty clear that following adoption of the plan and a period of oversight during implementation; that the County will be removed from the critical concern designation. I think the community issue at this point should be when the designation is lifted and what advantages can be accrued to the county before then.

It is no secret that the criteria used in development of the Monroe County plan are the prototype for all plans required to be developed by Counties throughout the State. To some extent Monroe County has been used to pilot a process that eventually will effect all counties. With that in mind there have been a lot of pluses for Monroe County under the critical concern status. Certainly the planning and implementation monies that have been available will not be available to all counties.

Certainly critical concern designation has created difficulties to some from the beginning. Certainly local autonomy is the optimum for local government. But with that autonomy comes responsibility. We are a truly unique area. More than anywhere else in the State we are a national treasure both environmentally and historically. (The experiences of Mel Fisher are dramatic proof of that.) That uniqueness must be preserved.

I envision a time when our uniqueness and treasures will be the bond that unites our diverse population and are the incentive for a combined effort to reach the greatness I know we can become. To draw again on Mel Fisher, I truly believe that "This is the year."

7. Mangroves and salt ponds are an important part of our ecological chain. I abhor the destruction of those areas which have significant environmental qualities both because of their ecological as well as esthetic value. Fortunately there are programs which assist in moving a great deal of environmentally sensitive property from private to public ownership. I don't believe we have looked closely enough at those areas which we should be desirous of saving.

On Big Pine, under the guidance of the Civic Association, we were successful at preserving an environmentally sensitive area

from development as a 160 unit condominium. I would like to think that our efforts will serve as an example to other areas in the Keys. We were successful, not because we compromised by trading off the public's interests for private objectives; but because we developed incentives for the developers to benefit from the ultimate preservation of the property in question. I think this experience has application elsewhere in the Keys and may be the best solution for projects which will affect the Key West saltpond area.

8. First of all, while I am a candidate for the District 2 County Commission seat, and therefore must live in the Lower Keys, I am elected by the voters throughout the Keys. Certainly I am concerned about the issues that affect the community in which I live. I believe however, that it is important to understand that none of us in Monroe County live in a vacuum. Each of the decisions made by the County Commission in some way affects all the residents of our county. For too long we have lived in the Keys supported by the notion that the development in Key Largo had little effect on the residents and visa-versa. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I believe that the greatest issue facing my District, and all of the Districts on the County Commission, is the quality of life that we are going to achieve as a result of the decisions we make about development throughout the Keys. As I stated before, we are at a crossroads in the history of our County. While the land use plan has for the most part been completed, the critical decisions are yet to be made. How that plan will be implemented, will determine whether the quality of our life will be positively or adversely affected.

My efforts on the Commission will be directed toward appropriate interpretation of our land use policy and codes. It will be tempered by a strong commitment to the belief that the voters and residents of Monroe County have made their wishes known; and that those wishes include a decided preference for low density, single family construction. That there is also a commitment for support of our tourist industry, and that that commitment brings with it the desire to have that industry complement the lifestyle of our residents; not compete with it.

During the first six months of my term I will work with other Commissioners to review the content of the land use plan to insure that these principals are enunciated clearly. In addition, I will insure that my appointments to the groups that will be charged with overseeing implementation of the plan share that commitment.

9. The availability of services and facilities to meet our social service needs, are seldom if ever adequate. Unfortunately, those that are most in need of such services are usually also those least able to assume the cost for services. The County Commission is but one player in the list of characters responsible for insuring adequate provision of mental health, drug abuse and alcoholism services. With the County such groups as

HRS, the local hospitals, guidance clinics, consumer advocacy organizations and public and private school system play an important part.

In addition to the limitation on funding, the greatest problem facing the development of a comprehensive array of social services is coordination between service providers and public education. I will advocate, following my election, the review of our social and health service capability by a group of qualified professionals guided by strong input from consumers in an attempt to clearly identify an agenda of community priorities for the next ten years. It is imperative, I believe that our society insure the availability of efficient and quality services, not only to the poor but to all of our residents.

10. I have, for a long time advocated clean water and preservation of our sensitive natural resources. My work with the Big Pine Key Civic Association has emphasized such efforts as support for our currently designated aquatic preserve buffer zone acquisition project around Coupon Bight. This effort was designed not only to protect aquatic resources but for the first time it recognized the need to consider how upland development affected aquatic resources.

All of this is to say that our first priority with respect to protection of our fishing and oceanic resources is to insure that the natural systems which support life, growth and replenishment are protected. Destruction of habitats and breeding grounds doesn't make sense if our ultimate goal is to preserve a viable fishing industry.

The next step is to encourage appropriate regulation of the industry which will benefit the commercial segment of the industry. I would also encourage incentives that would tend to promote the industry.

11. Unfortunately affordable housing frequently translates into slums. The program that is put in place for Monroe County needs to insure that this doesn't happen.

During implementation of the Land Use Plan, Monroe County will be responsible through the legislatively enacted land conservancy, for acquiring much of the property which is not developable under the plan. Some of the land will not be developed under any circumstance. Others, such as substandard lots have the potential when combined with others to be built upon. I believe we can take this opportunity to allow construction of residences on some of these lots. Title to the land will always remain with the County. The home on the other hand, can be sold at a small part of the typical price for a home in the Keys. Since the property will always stay in public ownership, there will not be the concern about only the first buyer getting the reduced price advantage. Additionally, it has been proven that ownership goes a long way to insuring that property is maintained and cared for.

12. The increase in the cost of living is in direct proportion to the desirability of the area. Monroe County is the most desirable

place to live in all the State of Florida. As more and more people wish to move here, the greater the cost to live here will be.

The Commission can't prevent an increase in the cost of living. What the Commission can do is work to insure that its decisions don't contribute any more than necessary to those costs. Clearly decisions by the Commission which places the greatest burden of taxes on visitors as opposed to residents helps to protect Monroe County residents from being adversely affected by rising property taxes. Certainly, decisions which support and encourage the use of local businesses provides protection against higher costs of living.

Finally, we must move away from the concept that rampant growth is necessary in order to more evenly distribute the infrastructure costs of providing services. Studies have determined time after time that more growth and higher density increases the cost of providing services disproportionately. Those costs, which have historically been absorbed by local residents should be the burden of those who benefit from and are the cause of new services.

13. Very Important. History is the fiber of our existence. It is what we are made of, what we are. To preserve the signs of history is to place into perspective where we have come from and where we are going. A society that does not save a part of the past has little to offer future generations. Life becomes an exercise in consumption.

The Keys has a rich history. I support the efforts that have been made to designate areas and buildings throughout the Keys. I will concentrate my efforts county-wide to further our efforts in this regard.

14. Its not an issue as much as a final thought.

The Keys have been to me, and I am sure many of us, a refuge from the speed and recklessness that characterizes other areas in the country. As the history of the Keys is long and varied; so is its population diverse. As committed as I am to preserving the past, so am I committed to the preservation of what our generation has enjoyed as a legacy for our children. I see a great opportunity for the Keys. I see an opportunity for each of us to participate in the manner that we are most able, with the talents that we possess to leave for those future generations not fewer resources; but more. Not greater social problems; but fewer. I see the opportunity to leave an appreciation of what is the best about Monroe County and the Florida Keys. I look forward to having the opportunity to bring together our diversities to work toward common goals.

Fred B. Sellers, Sr. Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 2

1. I am tired of seeing rampant waste in the management of county funds and I want to do something about it.

2. The delicate balance we must maintain in protecting our fragile environment while addressing adequately the needs of an expanding population, an expanding economy, and an expanding tourist trade. It should be crystal clear to any human being that the damage to our precious natural environment and depletion of its resources are dangerously irreversible trends here and all over the world. We need to look to the future. The above expanding factors touch the environment, but need not hinder its preservation. Instead of applying a rubber stamp to an annual rise of 10% to the county budget, which is a band-aid solution to these problems only, I would like to see them systematically addressed with a view toward fulfilling the needs of each. We can keep our business head and help our tourist and fishing industries and other businesses to flourish. At the same time, we can maintain an ecological equilibrium by recognizing and accepting the challenge to protect our overburdened environment and its limited resources. As I've said before, tolerance is the answer.

3. Simply, it needs to be tightened up so that its interpretation and application are easy tasks. Right now, it is a 1400-page legal nightmare that cannot be easily deciphered by any one person. If you cannot understand something, you cannot make informed decisions about it. Any candidate who professes to be an expert in this area is blowing smoke in your ear.

4. Yes. The philosophy is sound because it strives for fairness. It's just unreadable.

5. I do not like to see waste being imported from anywhere into Monroe County. I would seek to have it discontinued. If we are contractually committed to it, then I want to see proper waste disposal procedures followed. This has come about through oversight and a lackadaisical attitude of the present commission. We have the real estate available in Monroe County for our waste disposal. When the ones we have get to be eyesores, we have the duty to revitalize the land by grading, resodding, and planting vegetation. Landfills are not wasted land, but can be turned back to natural uses. Even Mt. Trashmore can become green again.

6. Previous administrators ignored state and environmental mandates, the Corps of Engineers, the DCA, and the DEA. The Land Use Plan is a direct result of those abuses which have brought us down the road to the critical concern list. We need to show the state and its regulatory agencies we have the ability and the desire to address these problems ourselves. And we can do this without damaging our economy or hurting our way of life we hold dear here in the Keys. We must establish a liaison between our county government and the regulatory agencies in a spirit of cooperation instead of antagonism.

7. This matter concerns the city of Key West and is not an issue I feel I should address as a candidate for county office. My opinion as a county commissioner candidate

is of no consequence.

8. In District 2 (Key Haven northeast to 7 mile bridge) we have had no streets paved in the past year, and we have no public recreation areas established. We have not received the additional fire and ambulance support requested, and the volunteer fire department at Big Coppitt has the lowest budget of any in the county. In short, District 2 has been getting the short end of the stick for a number of years. It is my intention to establish at least two (hopefully 3) public parks and playgrounds within the district. We also need a hurricane shelter in the Big Coppitt area (one of our lowest lying areas in the Keys). I would like to see the Commissioner from each district meet with the residents of his district on a regular basis so that he can act as a one-man representative of that district to air views and express concerns at the full Commission meetings. I plan to.

9. The facilities are adequate. They are not being utilized. For example, the Florida Keys Memorial Hospital, which is subsidized at taxpayers' expense, should have a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program that is affordable to anyone. The present unit (Delphos) is simply not affordable to the people who need it most. As another example, our jail system is inadequate. We have no juvenile detention facilities to help control an explosive social problem. We should make plans for a large detention center using federal and state financial assistance.

10. One of the principle programs in my campaign is to establish hatchery and release programs for all fish species. This can be done at little or no cost to taxpayers. Our fishing industry itself is going to need to come up with a unified program too. At this point in my campaign, I have had much input from the commercial fishing industry. None of the people I have talked to can seem to agree on any one thing. My ears are open for a unified program.

11. A million dollar trust at the county level annually for the construction of affordable housing. I think I can find a million dollars in our county budget for this project. This is a high priority on my list.

12. Yes. Help me implement some of the programs I have outlined above.

13. We already have programs in place in Monroe County that receive government assistance that are dedicated to historical preservation. It is important to me as a citizen and as a candidate and I advocate it throughout the Keys.

14. The escalating 10-12% increase in the annual county budget is a topic I touched on, but I would like to talk more about. This upward trend has been evident the past 12 years. If the current trend continues another 8 years, our county budget will be \$140 million compared to the present \$70 million. Some departments are asking for as much as a 100% increase. There is no way our

county government can continue to show fiscal irresponsibility without increasing the cost of living in Monroe County to the point that only the super-rich can afford to live here. We need a strong county commissioner who knows how to deal with fiscal matters, is willing to say no, and who is not going to use his office to further his own political career or business interests. We must have a county commissioner interested in solid, honest, open government.

John Adams Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 4

1. I became a candidate for the Monroe County Commission, District 4, because my previous legislative experience as a State Representative in Florida and my 4 years of service on the Broward Soil & Water Board qualified me for the task. My training and professional experience as a Manager will be an asset to the Commission.

2. Leadership is the most important issue in this campaign. Lack of leadership has caused our County Commission to fall behind the eight-ball and the Federal and State Governments are chipping away at our rights.

3. We must begin immediately to unite our factions and prepare amendments to correct and strengthen the Land Plan in six months when amendments are allowed.

4. The concept of a Land Use plan is fine, but this plan is not a unified plan and we must seek to find balance.

5. We must consolidate efforts between the Cities and the County to develop a Task Force under the EPA Act of 1974 to secure a grant to establish a County-wide plan.

6. Removal of the "Area of Critical Concern" designation will depend upon the maturity of the County Commission and the opportunities it makes.

7. I believe in the preservation of our environment.

8. Cost of living and Quality of Life are vital issues. I will work to develop a better taxing system and a stronger "local" government.

9. No! We must centralize Services. These agencies must be located in an area that can better serve the whole community. We must be willing to spend funds to cure illness, not warehouse it; educate drug abusers, not institutionalize them; teach children to grow and play, not drink and steal.

10. The Fishing Industry is the very core of the keys. It must be preserved and enhanced to insure its protection.

11. Not what the Land Use Plan asks for! I feel that Model Programs in other Counties through Industrial Revenue Development bond programs would allow for the

construction of affordable housing.

12. Yes. We can demand from the supply lines that we get a fair shake. The transportation issue is no longer a valid reason for higher costs of goods. Somebody needs to take a stand for the consumer.

13. Historical preservation is very important. I believe in the preservation of our culture and I believe it should filter into and through our School System.

14. I believe our County Government must undergo a thorough review process with a direction towards re-organization. We must provide a more Qualified Level of Governmental Services and representation for County Government.

Alison Fahrer Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 4

1. I want to continue the progress we have made toward more responsible and responsive government in the County.

2. Again, efficient, effective government - clear laws, thorough and fair enforcement.

3. No law suits anyone completely, and most laws need improvement over time. The new Land Use Plan will need explanation, clarification, and corrections. The amendment process will provide for these required changes.

4. What philosophy? Every constituency presented a different one, and bits of many were incorporated. Generally, the requirement for services, at the time any approvals for development are granted, is the most pervasive 'philosophy'. Conditions placed on development in consideration of environmental impacts are also a significant 'philosophy' in the new plan. I agree completely with these. The destination resort as the only acceptable tourist accommodation is a philosophy I don't accept; nor do I like the allowance for additional height and density for affordable housing. I thoroughly approve the specificity of most of the plan's language. We need additional data, fully confirmed. Overall, I approve the Plan.

5. We do not burn Dade County Hospital waste, and have not for several months. Further, the Department of Environmental Regulations seems to have very foggy rules, very haphazardly monitored, on hospital waste... (i.e. the incinerators used by County hospitals).

6. If this County cleaned out our Code's ambiguities and enforced County (and State and Federal) rules, I'm certain the Critical Concern designation would be lifted. The State doesn't need our problems.

7. I plead ignorance on this project—I believe it is a Key West City Commission problem.

8. District 4 (Marathon and Islamorada) has serious highway problems. I have been, and will continue to work with local businesses and residents and representatives from the Department of Transportation to find the best solutions. Essential to this process is continual vigilance on unannounced changes to plans by DOT.

9. Like every other County in the country, facilities for mental health and for corrections (jails) are inadequate here. However, hospitals are over-built. Reorganization of all resident facilities is one answer we need to investigate.

10. The County has jurisdiction only over 'County waters'. It's our job to keep those waters unpolluted—they are the nursery areas for both food and sport fishing—major economic factors in the Keys.

11. I am developing a major program for affordable housing—relating the new Land Authority, being established under the new Plan, and features from plans being used elsewhere. This complex problem has no simple answer, especially in this County where people are apparently willing to work at low pay in order to live here.

12. At the County level, we can only economize in County management to keep good service at proper cost. Decisions by the State Legislature affect our cost of living.

13. Historic Preservation is very important to me. Every island in this County has a history which will disappear if we don't find ways to discover and preserve it. The past, the present and the future must be part of each Keys resident's concern.

14. Yes—Many more issues need to be addressed. I plan to do so during the next four years!

Mike Puto Candidate for Monroe County Commission District 4

1. I have given over 20 years of volunteer service to the Marathon community and I want to take that dedication and energy and work for all of Monroe County.

2. Land Use Plan. It is loaded with uncertainties that will affect every citizen and taxpayer of Monroe County.

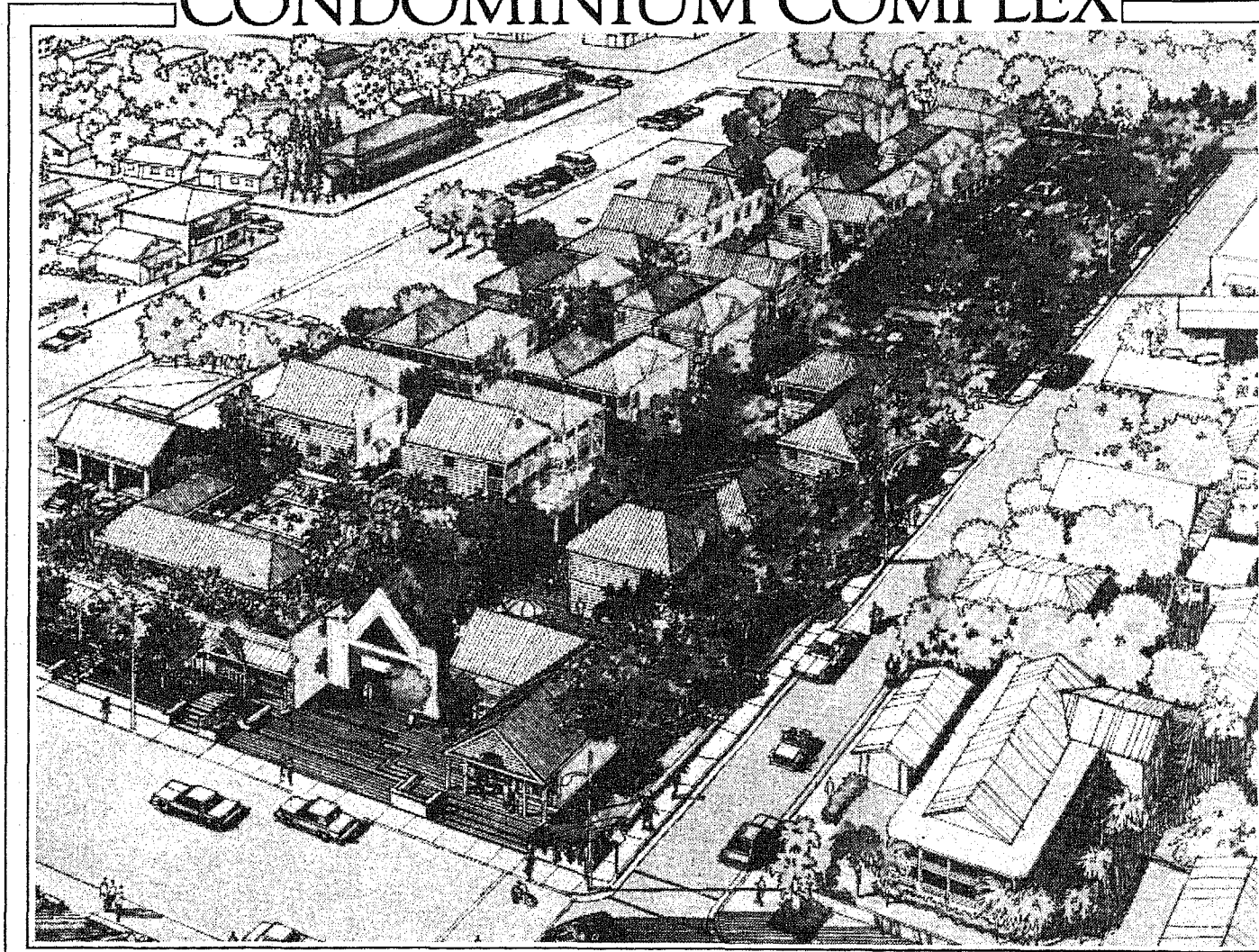
3. It appears to be too late but the Land Use Plan should have been put to the voters. All we can do now is see that it is implemented fairly. The needs of the land owner must be heard and their property rights must be respected.

4. No. It does not adequately address the commercial fishery.

5. We need to continue the lawsuit to regain the land at the Long Key land fill for it's expansion. We need to work with the

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wildlife people and obtain the needed addition of land at the Key Largo land fill. And, stop burning the hospital waste from Dade County.

6. Getting a county commission to work together for the county's well being to protect our lands from uncontrolled growth.

7. A project of this nature should only be allowed after all concerns are heard and addressed and all agencies involved feel that it meets the requirements of their agency and the community.

8. I would like to see a community building where cultural activities and group meetings and courses from the Community college could be taught.

9. The facilities for the treatment of drug abuse and alcoholism appear, for now, to be adequate. Mental health does not have such facilities. We need to work with our hospitals to see if it is financially sound or work out a transfer agreement with Dade county to use their facilities and share a part of the cost on a per patient basis.

10. Work with our Senator and Legislative delegates to have them enact laws to protect our fishery and oceanic resources. Locally, the county commission can enact ordinances to do the same thing.

11. I feel affordable housing does not exist in Monroe County. One must also define affordable housing—\$350-\$400-\$500 per

month rent?

12. Try to centralize state and county agencies in each area so a person seeking a permit or an answer to a question only has to make one stop in one building not go all over Monroe County for an answer to his problem.

13. Very important. We should try and preserve all the historic sites in Monroe County so as to not lose our heritage. Our children and their children's children should know places and events that helped formulate Monroe County.

14. A) Senior Citizens—To make sure their needs and services are being met.

B) Youth Recreation—We need to work with all the local youth organizations in each area of our county to assess their needs and set up a plan to implement them.

C) Veterans—They need to have their own department. I would also support a veteran's service commission; one member appointed by each commissioner to help make sure the veterans' programs are being used and operated to the best interest of the veteran and the taxpayer.

D) Cultural Facilities—We need to enhance these facilities throughout all of Monroe County.

Wilhelmina Harvey
Candidate for
State Representative

1. To work on STATE LEVEL to draw

from the new Land Use Plan what was not done previously. As State Representative, I will have the prestige necessary to have the State Legislature, Governor, and Cabinet recognize the needs of the people of Monroe County.

2. The Land Use Plan because it will affect the value of property in Monroe County; it will reduce property values; it will make tempers flare while Monroe County people wait for permits to be granted them; and it must be changed somewhat.

3. Answered in (1) and (2) above.

4. What philosophy? The Plan is too contradictory. Furthermore, it pits the "little" man against the rich man.

5. Burning of Dade's hospital waste was stopped months ago. We must get back some of the land we deeded to the State of Florida and the state never used, plus purchase other land.

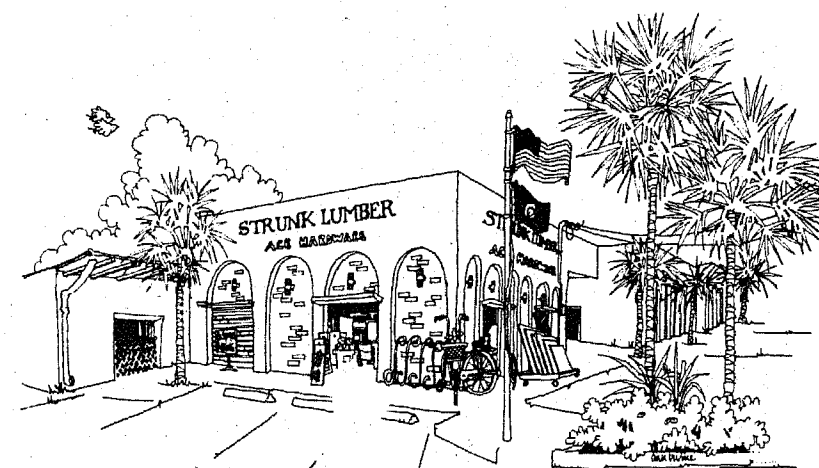
6. Keep zoning laws strict and adhere to the law.

7. Monroe County Commissioners are trying to save the salt ponds. As to mangroves, it depends upon their location...on land or salt water.

8. The Land Use Plan and how it is implemented.

9. No, none of these are adequate, but the

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programs cost money. We need more money for these programs. I will go after state and federal aid for these programs.

10. Locate Industrial Fishing Villages for Commercial fishermen so that people can leave in peace. Home owners protest the fishermen...sometimes fishermen with only a few traps so let us continue trying to place their traps on waters' edge and unto themselves.

11. I want housing that people can afford...not \$500, \$600 per month rentals. Entice private money (capital) to build these apartments/houses, but beware the "10 year clause" that investors may rent following this period at any price.

12. I shall work on a State level as State Representative to reduce Cost of Living. Florida revenues will be investigated in an effort to keep drugs and groceries ON THE EXEMPT SALES TAX LIST! Let tourists pay for extra services in lieu of property owners.

13. Historic Preservation is most important...it is what makes the Florida Keys different so let us preserve, preserve. It provides jobs for people...hotels, restaurant employees serve tourists who come here to see our historic spots and enjoy our unique history.

14. When electing officials this year, elect the "doers"...the achievers! Elect the people who have track records of doing for you instead of doing for themselves. UNSELFISHNESS is the greatest quality to look for in politicians!

Henry Rosenthal
Candidate for
State Representative

1. I am running so that I may serve the citizens of Monroe County during such a critical time. I also feel that I have a great deal more to offer than my opponents.

2. The Land Use Plan is the most important issue because it involves every citizen, today and for generations to come.

3. It would appear that the Land Use Plan

does not address the county's major economic, environmental, and growth problems as all thought persuasion groups encouraged the non-passage of the plan. I find a problem with the issue of standing and a wide range of conflicting language.

4. No, I do not believe the philosophy of the plan is sound because it challenges people's property rights and does not adequately address the ad valorem tax base of the county.

5. I believe the county could resolve its problem with waste in North Key Largo by acquiring adjacent land to the present land fill. The problem in the south end of the county should be co-oped with the city of Key West. I am opposed to the continued burning of hospital waste from Dade County.

6. I believe the reconstruction of the County Commission will begin to take us in the proper direction. The county must demonstrate its ability to handle its Land Use problems.

7. I believe under certain circumstances the trimming of mangroves is reasonable. I would move to save the saltponds in their entirety.

8. The most important issue is the funding of the Land Use Plan to ward off the erosion of our tax base. The monies needed for this county are a top priority. One must remember that when the taxes go up in Key Largo, they go up in Key West as well.

9. Since I am running for a state office I prefer to answer on a state level. Since the state of Florida ranks 50th in the nation for funding of social services, and that the burden falls unevenly upon Florida's sixty-seven counties, I propose the following: That an F.T.E. formula, as adopted by the education system and funded by a millage levy, would provide a source of funding and distributions.

10. I favor legislation to establish a recreational saltwater license for fishing, and I will call for a complete ban on all inshore netting in the Florida Keys.

11. The state should legislatively provide the same bonding mechanisms that are in

place for the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands.

12. I will seek legislation to provide a cap on wildly-soaring property tax assessments in Monroe County. It is not fair for a single high-priced sale to send taxes soaring for an entire neighborhood.

13. Historic Preservation is very important. My involvement with Indian Key and its history demonstrates my interest in Historic Preservation.

14. i) Education: Florida's student population is growing by fifty thousand a year. We need over four hundred new elementary schools at a cost of \$3 to \$6 million each and approximately eight thousand new teachers in the next year. We obviously need to pay and design better retirement and career ladder plans, to encourage people to stay in the classroom. Funding of education is a priority.

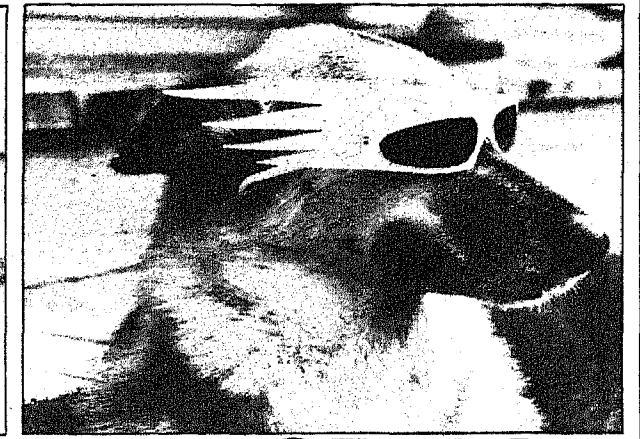
ii) Crime: I will demand reform of the sentencing guidelines. I will watch over our prison system so that career criminals are not turned loose prematurely. An adequate prison system is one of the best social services we can have. I also support a program at the elementary school level that sends the message that drugs are an invitation to death.

iii) Insurance: It is imperative that we attack the causes of escalating insurance costs. Many of our residents are facing bankruptcy because they can not afford sky-rocketing insurance rates.

Ron Saunders
Candidate for
State Representative

1. I am running for State Representative because the retirement of Joe Allen creates a void of representation in the legislature at a critical time for Monroe County. With four years experience as Legislative Aide to our State Senator, I have gained the knowledge and contacts to get things accomplished in Tallahassee without the need for "on-the-job" training.

2. The most important issue in Monroe County is continuation of state funding for implementation and revision of the County



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Land Use Plan. The residents of Monroe County already have the highest cost of living in the state and cannot afford higher taxes to pay for the plan. We must ensure that the legislature recognizes the responsibility of the state in providing funding for the plan since we are an area of critical state concern.

3. Ambiguous provisions in the land use plan must be clarified so that the average property owner can easily determine whether or not property is usable. I would pursue state funding for an independent consumer advocate to assist property owners in determining their legal rights under the plan.

4. The philosophy of the plan in promoting proper land use with provision of adequate infrastructure is sound. The need for a plan for growth is clear. We must protect our valuable natural resources that are the lifeblood of our economy while providing just compensation for private property taken to preserve our environment.

5. We must have additional locations for land fill in areas that are not environmentally sensitive and find new methods for efficient disposal of solid waste. We should cease the burning of Dade County Hospital waste until proper methods are utilized to protect public health.

6. Strict adherence to our new land plan and state statutes by our county officials would be the biggest factor in lifting the critical concern status.

7. We must do everything possible to protect the few remaining natural resources in Key West. I would seek funding to purchase the saltpond property to preserve it in a natural state.

8. Funding from the state is the most important issue facing our district. We need state funds for implementation of the land use plan, expansion of the Community College's facilities and increased salaries for teachers and staffs in our schools and college.

9. The County has done an admirable job in providing social services facilities despite a lack of adequate funding. However, we

must obtain more funding to properly resolve our social problems. In the long run, this would be a wise investment because counseling and treatment are cheaper than jails and asylums.

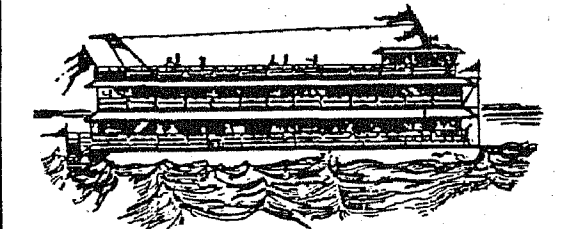
10. All fishing interests must work together to ensure that the limited natural resource does not become so depleted that no one can make an adequate living from fishing. I would advocate the formation of an advisory committee representing all interested parties to assist me in working with the state to protect this valuable industry.

11. The costs of construction must be reduced to provide truly affordable housing. Co-location of permitting agencies to allow "one-stop" permitting would decrease the time required for construction and help reduce the costs involved.

12. Our isolated location leads to some higher costs that can't be avoided. However, we can reduce some costs of government by finding ways to more efficiently provide services so that our taxes don't keep going through the roof.

13. Historic preservation is very important to me. As a fifth-generation native of The Florida Keys, I am proud of our area's past and feel we should do everything possible to preserve and pass along our past to future generations. I am a member of organizations such as the Key West Art and Historical Society that have worked to accomplish this goal and I will continue to support these efforts.

14. The most important issue facing the voters this year in our campaign is determining which of the three candidates for State Representative will be the most effective legislator in Tallahassee. With our country at such a critical point in its history, we can't afford to wait for someone to learn the job. My four years of service with our State Senator and training as an attorney will enable me to immediately get to work for Monroe County.

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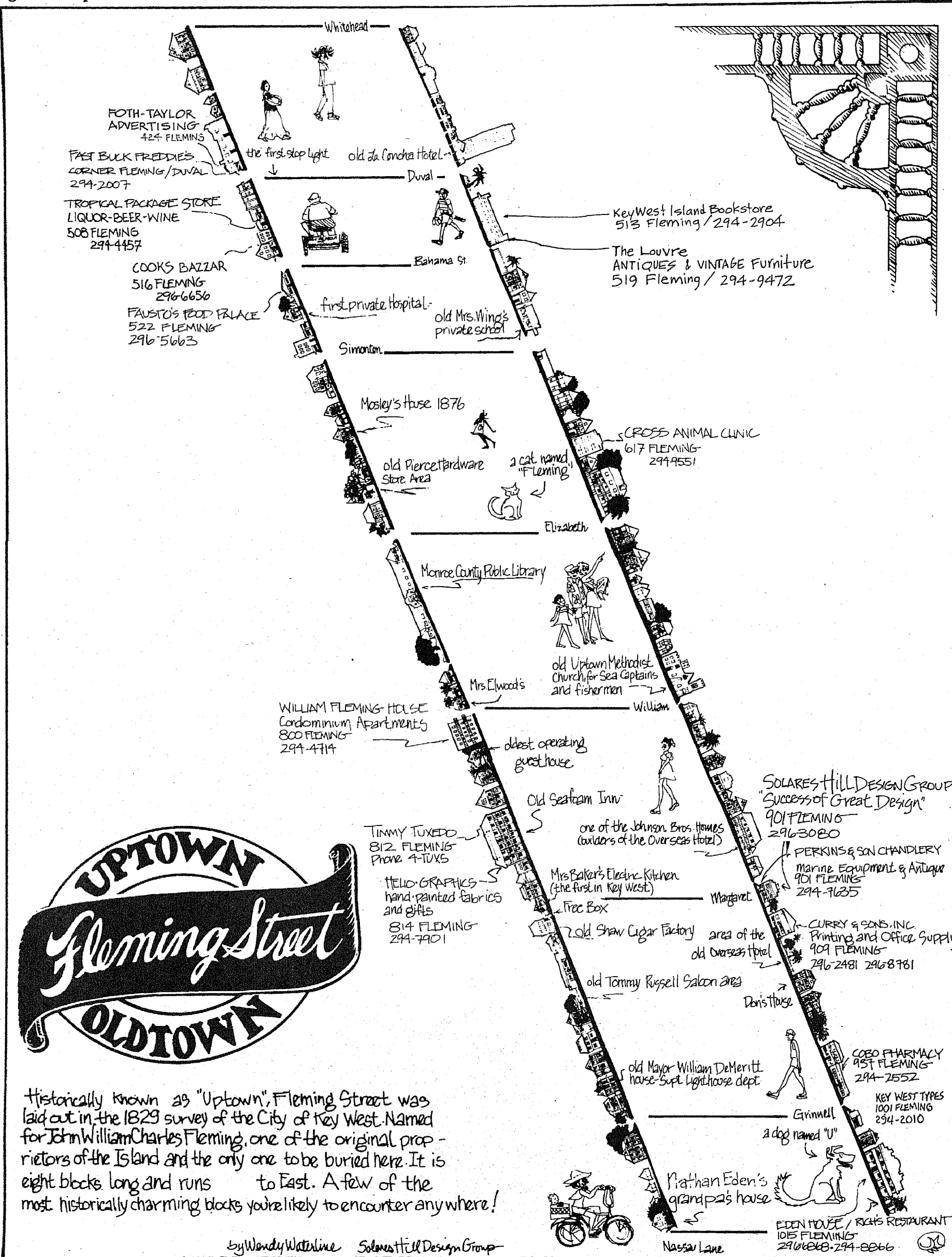
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Thursday, August 28
Summer Story Hour, Monroe County Public Library, Fleming Street, 9:30 a.m. FREE.
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Casa Marina Resort, 12:30 p.m.
Lecture on Psychic Development and Spiritual Growth, by Alexandra, 7:30 p.m., #3 Higgs Lane. FREE. Call 296-6403 for information.
Meeting of the National Alliance for the Mentally III, Teenage Center on S. Roosevelt Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Great Performance Series '86, OPERA HIGHLIGHTS, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 401 Duval St., 8:00 p.m. curtain. 296-5000 x 357 for information.
Opening Night: "MASQUERADE A LA CAGE", Jan McArt Cabaret Theatre, Mallory Square, 8:00 p.m. curtain. 296-2120 for reservations. Runs through October 11th.
Friday, August 29
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Hukilau Restaurant, 12:30 p.m.
Great Performance Series '86, OPERA HIGHLIGHTS, Kirk of the Keys Church, 8877 Overseas Highway, Marathon. 8:00 p.m. curtain. 296-5000 x 357 for information.
Saturday, August 30
Family films at Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St., "Rapunzel" and "Uncle Smiley Goes Planting" 10:00-11:00 a.m. FREE.
First Annual Summer Survivors Party and All-U-Can-Eat Fish Fry. Live Music, 2:00 p.m. - ? No Name Pub, Watson Blvd., Big Pine Key. Call 872-9115 for information.
Sunday, August 31
Psychic Associates presents "A Psychic Afternoon" An afternoon workshop 1:00-5:00 p.m. Call 296-6403 for information.
Fashion Show of Original Designs in 100% Cotton by John Rankine, Poolside at Island House, 1129 Fleming St., Key West.
Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY BBQ, American Legion Post, Stock Island, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Adults \$5, children \$3. Proceeds to be used for restoration of the Post Home.
Tuesday, September 2
Seminar and tape presentation by The Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness. John Rogers' "The Constant Revelation" explaining the purpose and goal of the Mystical Traveler to be discussed, with Sherry Fylyk, 1005 Seminary St., 7:30 p.m. For information call 294-6739
Wednesday, September 3
Meeting of Historic Florida Keys Preservation Board, Sombbrero Country Club, Marathon, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 4
Stories, Songs & Crafts for Children, Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St. 9:30 a.m. FREE.

Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Casa Marina Resort, 12:30 p.m.
Friday, September 5
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Hukilau Restaurant, N. Roosevelt Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 6
Children's Films at Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St., "KUUMBA" and "The Stolen Necklace" 10:00-11:00 a.m. FREE.
Sunday, September 7
Feast of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 6:00 p.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. procession begins in front of the Church and continues down Windsor to Amelia to Simonon to Virginia to Duval and returns to Truman. Those who wish to participate should bring a candle. Refreshments served after the procession at St. Mary's.
Keith Sykes in concert at Pope's, 806 Caroline St., 8:00-11:00 p.m. (Also performing on 9/14 & 9/21)
Tuesday, September 9
Seminar and Tape presentation by The Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness, focusing on additions and techniques to control unwanted thoughts and negative behavior patterns. Facilitated by Sherri Fylyk, 1005 Seminary St., 7:30 p.m. For information call 294-6739
Thursday, September 11
Stories, Songs & Crafts for Children, Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St. 9:30 a.m. FREE.
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Casa Marina Resort, 12:30 p.m.
Friday, September 12
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Hukilau Restaurant, N. Roosevelt Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Great Performance Series '86—"West Side Story", Kirk of the Keys Church, 8877 Overseas Highway, Marathon. 8:00 p.m. curtain. 296-5000 x 357 for information.
Benefit performance of Red Barn Theatre's production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris". Jan McArt Theatre, Mallory Square. 8:30 p.m. curtain. Auction during intermission. Proceeds to be donated to Monroe County HELPLINE. Limited number of tickets available. Call Florence Fox-Loeb 296-6156 for reservations.
Casa Marina 65th Anniversary Celebration, New Car Presentation 4:00 p.m., Key West Designer Fashion Show 8:00 p.m., Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds St. Call 296-7575 for information.
Saturday, September 13
Children's Movies at Monroe County Library, Fleming St. "Paddle to the Sea" and "A Story, A Story" 10:00-11:00 a.m. FREE.

Great Performance Series '86—"West Side Story", The Reach Hotel, Simonon St. 8:00 p.m. curtain. Call 296-5000 x 357 for information.
Casa Marina 65th Anniversary Celebration, Car Competition, Arts & Crafts Fair & Fashion Show. 10:00 a.m. - ? Big Band Reception & Bash 7:30 p.m. Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds St. Call 296-7575 for information.
Sunday, September 14
Great Performance Series '86, "West Side Story", Big Pine United Methodist Church, MM 30, 8:00 p.m. curtain. Call 872-2411 for information.
Wheels for Life Bike-a-thon to benefit Danny Thomas' St. Jude Children's Hospital, behind Marine Bank, Sombbrero Beach Road, Marathon. 9:00 a.m. For information call 743-4796.
Tuesday, September 16
The Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness presents an evening of Guided Meditation facilitated by Sherri Fylyk, 1005 Seminary St., 7:30 p.m. For information call 294-6739
Thursday, September 18
Stories, Songs & Crafts for Children, Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St., 9:30 a.m. FREE.
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Casa Marina Resort, 12:30 p.m.
Friday, September 19
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Hukilau Restaurant, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 20
Children's Movies at Monroe County Library, Fleming St., "Tennessee Bird Walk" and "NIKKOLINA" 10:00-11:00 a.m. FREE.
Wednesday, September 24
Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon, Casa Marina Resort, Noon. For information call 294-2587.
Thursday, September 25
Summer Story Hour, Monroe County Public Library, Fleming St., 9:30 a.m. FREE.
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Casa Marina Resort, 12:30 p.m.
Friday, September 26
Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Hukilau Restaurant, 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 27
Great Performance '86, Ballet Concerto, Marathon 2:00 p.m. curtain, Key West 8:00 p.m. curtain. Location to be announced for both performances. For information call 296-5000 x 357.
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Unity of the Keys

by Jolene Talarico

Unity of the Keys, which has been active in Key West for about four years, is a part of a movement which has churches all across the United States as well as around the world.

A part of the new thought movement which was spawned by the New England Transcendentalists, Emerson, Thoreau and Whitman, the fundamental Unity philosophies are closely related to those of the Christian Scientists, the communities of Religious Science, and Divine Science as well as Science of the Mind followers.

Unity is interdenominational and was originated by its founders, Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, to supplement other faiths. In 1890 when Unity was born in Kansas City, the meetings were held in the afternoon so that people might attend their traditional churches in the morning.

The Bible is Unity's basic text book and Jesus' teachings form their guidelines for daily living. Unity believes in the divinity of man and gives its members techniques to express that divinity in spiritual awareness, health, prosperity and loving human relationships.

Unity Village, the church headquarters in Kansas City, is the publisher of "Daily Word", an inspirational monthly booklet which contains positive thoughts for the day, meditations and words of wisdom to enhance daily living. A magazine for

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positive thinking are taught at Unity of the Keys' Sunday services and at their classes which are held Tuesday evening and Thursday morning. Prayer meetings are



Elizabeth Porter, Bookstore Manager; Evelyn Casper, Acting Minister

Evelyn Casper, acting minister of Unity of the Keys was introduced to Unity Principles and theories through a radio program in Miami about eighteen years ago. Excited and impressed she sought out the Miami group. Quickly growing more involved in the activities of her Unity Church, she was encouraged by the minister to go to Unity Village to become an accredited Unity Teacher. A trip to the Bahamas teaching a study group led her to Key West where she happily administers the doctrines of Unity at the Church located at 3424 Duck Ave.

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held Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Presently the group is studying the popular books, "A Course in Miracles," on Tuesday evenings. Other activities include a Healing Service Sunday mornings at 10:30 before church, a Dial-A-Prayer, the phone number of which is 296-7212 and monthly social events, workshops and seminars.

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St. James Missionary Baptist Church, 312 Olivia, 296-5593. Fred L. Carter, DD, pastor. Sunday worship 11:00 am and 6:00 pm, Sunday school 9:30 am.
Big Coppitt First Baptist Church, Ave. F, MM 10, 294-4118. Randy Kitchens, Pastor. Sunday worship 11:00 am and 7:30 pm, Sunday school 9:45 am, prayer meeting Wed. evenings at 7:30.
Fifth St. Baptist Church, 2318 Fogarty Ave., 294-2255. Rev. R. Hetherington. Sunday worship 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, Sunday school 9:45 am.

First Baptist Church, 524 Eaton St., 296-8544. Charles Teagle Jr., Pastor. Sunday worship 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, Sunday bible school 9:30 am, Wednesday evening service 7:00.
Key West Baptist Temple, 5727 Second Ave., Stock Island. Morris Wright, pastor. Sunday worship 10:50 am and 6:30 pm, Sunday school 9:45 am, senior citizen Sunday service 2:30 pm, Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00.

Sugarloaf Baptist Mission, meeting at Sugarloaf Elementary School, 45-2204. Rev. Mark Beasley, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 am, worship service 11:00. Vacation bible school for children ages 3 thru 12 July 14-25 Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 am to 12 noon, at Sugarloaf Elementary School.

CATHOLIC
St. Bede's Catholic Church, 2700 Flagler Ave., 294-2984. Rev. Thomas F. Mullane, pastor. Mass Monday 10:30 am at Senior Citizen Plaza; Tuesday thru Friday 9:00 am in the church; Sunday 9:00 am, 11:15 am, 7:00 pm in the church; Vigil Mass Saturday 7:00 pm.

St. Mary Star of the Sea, Truman Ave. & 1010 Windsor Lane, 294-1018. Sunday Mass 10:30 am, Spanish service Sunday evening 6:00, daily Mass at 8:00 am.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
First Church of Christ Scientist, 327 Elizabeth St., 296-8215. Sunday services 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, Sunday school 10:00 am. Reading room open Tuesday and Thursday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Church of Christ, 1710 Von Plister St., 296-3331 or 294-2202.

Lower Keys Church of Christ, 1609 Patricia St., 294-3042, 82-9721. Sunday Bible study 10:00 am, Sunday worship 11:00 am, Wednesday worship service at 7:00 pm.

CHURCH OF GOD
Church of God, 1419 White St., 296-8844, R.W. Turnmond, pastor. Sunday worship 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, Sunday school 9:45 am, family night Thursday at 7:30.

EPISCOPAL
Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, 901 Flagler Ave., 296-3286. Rev. Neal H. Brown. Sunday services 7:30 and 10:00 am, Sunday school 9:15 am, Holy Communion Wednesday evening at 7:30.

St. Paul's, 401 Duval St., 296-5142. Rev. Jack B. Meyer. Sunday worship 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am; Sunday school 9:00 am, Wednesday services 7:00 am and 9:00 am.
St. Pete's, 800 Center St., 296-2346. Rev. Norbert M. Cooper. Sunday services 11:00 am, Sunday school 10:00 am; Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 am.

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LATTER DAY SAINTS
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3424 Northside Dr., 294-9400. Sunday services 9:30 am, Sunday school 10:50 am.

LUTHERAN
Grace Lutheran, 2713 Flagler Ave., 296-5161. Rev. Paul N. Rauscher, pastor. Sunday worship services 9:00 am, Sunday school and adult Bible class 10:15 am. Elementary school for three-year-olds thru sixth grade. Holy Trinity, 3424 N. Roosevelt Blvd., 294-1305. Donald Johnson, pastor. Sunday worship 11:00 am.

METHODIST
Cornish Memorial A.M.E. Zion, 702 Whitehead St., 294-2350. Dr. F. Isaac Lowe. Sunday worship 11:00, Sunday school 9:30 am.
First United Methodist, 600 Eaton St., 296-2392. Rev. David H. Schantz, Jr. Sunday worship services 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sunday school 9:45 am.
Fleming Street United Methodist, 729 Fleming St., 296-2812. Rev. Charles H. Ketchum.
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Quakers, Sunday 10:30 am. Information 294-1523.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
First Congregational, 527 William St., 296-8633. Rev. V. K. Relyea. Sunday services 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Sunday school 9:45 am.

UNITY
Unity of the Keys, 3424 Duck Ave., 296-5888. Sunday 11:00 am, Tuesday evening course in miracles 7:00 pm, Thursday 11 am basic Unity principles.

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Metropolitan Community Church, 1601 Jamaica Dr., 294-8912. Steve Torrence, pastor. Sunday service 11:00 am.

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Editorial

by Bill Westray

VOTE YES for the \$40 Million SEWER BOND REFERENDUM on September 2.

In this day and age, every city of any consequence has to have a sewer collection,

treatment and disposal system. Usually, the cost of sewage disposal exceeds the cost of water. Key West began installing most of its "old town" clay sewer lines back in the WPA days, and extending them to the then-developing East End of city in the early fifties. It collected the sewage at intermediate pumping stations around the city, and transferred it through force mains to a central pumping station near Thomas and Julia Streets. It then dumped the effluent raw into Hawks Channel, almost a mile south of Southernmost Point. This didn't seem to cause a problem early in the game, but as the city grew and the pipes got old, it became evident that someday we would have to pay the piper.

In the last decade, three or four major

studies and reports (201 Plans), have been completed, and all concluded a couple of essential things. The collection system (sewer pipes), were falling apart and leaking salt water in and letting sewage out. The mid-city pumping stations were wearing out. We didn't have a treatment system. We couldn't continue pumping raw sewage out into the ocean where it usually dispersed quickly, but sometimes seemed to find its way back toward our South Shore beaches.

We floated a big \$16 million bond issue over a decade ago. That along with \$48 million from EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) was supposed to solve the problems. We did a lot of pipe replacement, and pumping station renewal, but we didn't build a treatment plant and new discharge system. We also got much less than \$48 million from EPA. We talked about putting a treatment plant on Tank Island, and actually got GSA to give the city half of that island. But somebody didn't want it there and the city very quietly conveyed it back (that probably ties in with the RDA story). We talked about putting it on Stock Island where the treated effluent could be used to water the golf course; that wasn't feasible either. More recently, we considered putting it in the picnic area at Fort Taylor, but the public outcry against that ill-conceived idea stopped it. It turns out that there wasn't nearly enough room there anyway, and now that the new Fort Taylor State Park is open and has public access, it is becoming a major tourist attraction.

Finally the Navy came to the rescue, as it has done so often in the past, and offered the Fleming Key site of the old Navy dump. This has the necessary space. We are getting it for free. It has room for expansion (into tertiary treatment), and it's on the leeward side of Key West which with prevailing east to southeast winds, should blow the smells up northwest channel most (80%) of the time. It has a few of its own problems. The sewer lines must cross Fleming Key Channel, twice. The effluent of the sewer plant must be piped back to the south side of Key West before the treated sewage (now secondary with 90% of solids removed) can be pumped out the old outfall line to Hawks Channel. There were problems in finding a solid foundation for the new plant that caused delays and overruns. But on balance, the Fleming Key site appears to be a wise choice and permanent solution to the treatment plant siting.

COSTS. The most pessimistic estimates seem to place the total remaining cost at under \$40 million. EPA and the state will pay about \$13.1 million of this. The Navy, besides giving the land, will use our sewer system and contribute about \$6.9 as their share of the capital costs. The city (hopefully) will have about \$10 million in actual cash outlay to cover. It doesn't quite add up—you're right! That's why we need about \$40 million in bonding authorization. We have to demonstrate that we are legally able to fund the entire cost before we can get EPA and DER off our back, and actually get the other cash commitments in hand.

We must have a new approved sewer system. We have a new city commission that has been making some tough majority

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decisions recently, that the voters put them there to make. Special interests seemed to have taken a back seat to public interests. We have confidence in the new city commission and we hope most of our readers do, too. Our new sewer consultants, CH2M Hill, seem to be capable and candid; we support them.

Last year, I visited the town of Smithfield (hams), Virginia and talked to their city manager. A city about our size, they had just completed a new sewer system at around \$40 million, and ended up with about 85% grant funding. "If you know where to look, there are little pots of money scattered around out there," the manager told me. As we go along, maybe we can find some more of these pots, too. But we need that \$40 million bonding authority up front.

We recommend that all Key Westers vote YES for the BOND REFERENDUM on September 2. If we don't approve the bonds now, we may end up paying all the costs ourselves, and \$100 per month sewer bills could be the result of not approving the referendum. Mayor Tom Sawyer has told us that we won't be paying any sewer rate

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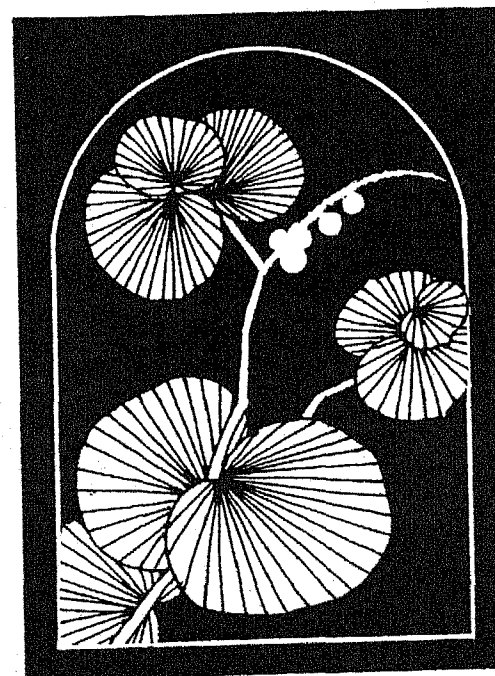
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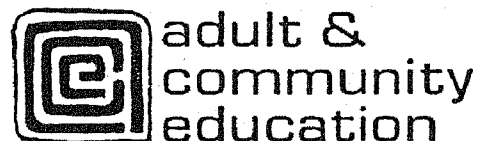
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9900000	Adult Basic Ed./ESL	T/Th	N/C	J-27	Davis/Koehn	7-10 PM
9900010	GED Promo./GED Prep.	T/Th	N/C	J-31	Scollo/Snell	7-10 PM

Course Code #	ADULT GENERAL EDUCATION	Date	Fee	Room #	Instructor	Time
1501330	Aerobics	M/W/F	\$13	Douglass	Webster	6-8 PM
2106310	American Government	M/W	\$13	J-25	Battjes	7-10 PM
2100310	American History	T/Th	\$13	J-25	TBA	7-10 PM
0104320	Art	T/Th	\$13	E-6	TBA	7-10 PM
0201300	Computer Programming	T/Th	\$13	J-5	Nystrom	7-10 PM
0708300	Conversational Spanish I	T/Th	\$13	J-23	Kelly	7-10 PM
0708310	Conversational Spanish I & II	Thurs.	\$13	J-23	TBA	3:30-6:30 PM
1900300	Drivers Training	T/Th	\$13	J-17	McKell	7-10 PM
1001310	English	M/W	\$13	D-3	Lilly	7-10 PM
1205340	General Math/Algebra	T/Th	\$13	J-32	Rodger	7-10 PM
2002310	General Science	M/W	\$13	J-26	TBA	7-10 PM
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ARR0900	Auto Body Repair	M/W	\$13	V-103	Aulozzi	7-10 PM
AER0990	Auto Mechanics	M/W	\$13	V-102	Higgs	7-10 PM
AC00001	Basic Bookkeeping/Computerized Accounting	M/W	\$13	J-13	Estenez/Turner	7-10 PM
EER0000	Basic Electrical	M/W	\$13	E-8	TBA	7-10 PM
HEV0510	Custodial Services	M/W	\$13	Cafe	TBA	7-10 PM
EET0001	Electronic Tech./Building Maintenance	T/Th	\$13	Truman	Turner	7-10 PM
HEV0620	Food Management Production	M/W	\$13	HOB Cafe	Colson	7-10 PM
COE0990	Office Skills Training	Daily	\$13	Truman	Freeman, Farley	1-4 PM
HCP0992	Nursing Assisting	M/W/S	\$18	J-30	Mills	7-10 PM
0108310	Photography	T/Th	\$13	C-12	Fisher	7-10 PM
TRA0850	School Bus Driver Training	T/Th	\$13	Trans.	Vasquez	6-9 PM
HEV0210	Sewing	M/W	\$13	B-7	Cooper	7-10 PM
OFT0405	Shorthand	T/Th	\$13	J-31		7-10 PM
OFT0105	Typing	M/W	\$13	J-16	Freeman, Brenda	7-10 PM
MTR0100	Welding	M/W	\$13	Welding	Carey	7-10 PM
BCT0200	Woodworking	M/W	\$13	E-7	TBA	7-10 PM

Course Code #	Course	Framework
1501300	Aerobics	To provide opportunity to develop individual fitness.
2106310	American Government	To provide an understanding of government and political behavior in America.
2100310	American History	To provide an understanding of the rise and growth of our Nation.
0104320	Art	To give an understanding of design and composition in drawing and painting.
0201300	Computer Programming	To introduce the beginning level of programming.
0708300	Conversational Spanish I	To provide conversational abilities with an emphasis on oral communication and useful every day expressions.
0708310	Conversational Spanish I & II	To enlarge the vocabulary and provide additional practice.
1900300	Drivers Training	To introduce basic operation of automobiles and develop driving knowledge.
1001310	English	To provide English language skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
1205340	General Math/Algebra	To strengthen computational skills and develop problem-solving skills.
2002310	General Science	To provide experiences and activities in the sciences.
0800300	Life Skills	To provide skills for everyday life.

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ARR0900	Auto Body	To prepare for employment as an estimator, body repairer, and painter.
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AC00001	Basic Bookkeeping	To prepare for employment as a bookkeeper, clerk, accountant, teller, or auditor.
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HEV0510	Custodial	To prepare for employment as a custodian or housekeeper.
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HEV0620	Food Mgm. Production	To prepare for employment as a restaurant manager, cafeteria manager, beverage and food supervisor, or school lunch manager.
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OFT0405	Shorthand	To prepare for employment as a stenographer.
OFT0105	Typing	To prepare for employment as a typist.
MTR0100	Welding	To prepare for employment as a welder.
BCT0200	Woodworking	To prepare for employment as a carpenter.

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Just My Opinion

by Gil Ryder

Once upon a time we all received political mail around election time. Now it seems to come all year 'round. Begging letters from congressmen in faraway states, more begging letters from previously



unheard of organizations wanting money to help defeat Democrats plus similar groups needing money to defeat Republicans.

Most of us throw the stuff away once we've separated it from such legitimate duns as utility bills, pleas to save the whales, the poor children of Africa and other such worthy causes.

As we get nearer to primary and/or election time, most of us start taking a closer look at political mail in order to educate ourselves about the candidates. Sometimes we learn a good deal, other times nothing at all, and very seldom do we get political mail that we could describe as exciting.

This past 12th of August I received a political pitch that was really different—almost to the point of being exciting, from a politician I never heard of, Walter Dartland,

What's happening in the Lower Keys

who wants to be Florida's Attorney General.

His letter is too long to quote in its entirety in this column, so I'll give you some bits and pieces: "I'm running for Attorney General, not simply to be the State's top law enforcement official. I want to be Florida's top environmental lawyer." "I'll work as hard to enforce environmental protection laws as developers' lawyers work to evade them." "I'll work to end flood compensation and beach replenishment for private home-owners who build too close to the shore. We can better use the money to buy up land for everyone's use." (Underline is Mr. Dartland's)

There's much more and all quite interesting. It is, of course, a pitch for a campaign contribution—but it certainly is different. No fence-straddling, no weasel words. He wants to protect environment. He even offers a money back guarantee! As follows: "Anyone making a contribution of up to \$100 will receive a full refund if dissatisfied with my performance as Attorney General." I got so excited I stepped out of character and sent him a check!

Commenting on the political scene seems to be a steady, all year 'round, every year, occupation in the Florida Keys and

Visiting Along the Lower Keys

by Bill Becker

As this issue of *Solares Hill* goes to press, the primary election draws near and there are lots of ripples on the water. Most political observers seem to be having a hard time reading this one.



Consider that it has been two years since the last county-wide election. The unknown factor—the single item which has pervaded the county for the past two years—is the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. It has become popular among several candidates to beat the nasty old land use plan with the sword of justice, fashioned from those two magic buzzwords: "home rule." Be that as it may, it remains to be seen if the voting public is steamed enough to back a revolt-in-principle against Tallahassee. On the other hand, voters may be ready to say—as they seemed to have said in Key West last year—"slow it down!"

That's not to say that this election doesn't have its share of other issues and side shows, charges and counter-charges.

While some are calling this campaign dull, there has been at times a distinct circus-like atmosphere skewing and obscuring the real issues.

The candidates' answers to the *Solares Hill* questionnaire (elsewhere in this issue) should be read by every voter in the county. Pass it along to a friend.

By the time you read this the smoke should have cleared from Big Pine where wildlife officers have been executing a controlled burn of selected areas of the Key Deer National Wildlife refuge. It's part of the Refuge plan to enhance and protect the habitat of this endangered species which now numbers fewer than 300 animals.

Periodic burning of the pinewoods is a naturally occurring phenomenon usually caused by lightning. Evolving through thousands of years of exposure to such conditions the pinewoods plant community is now populated by amazing fire-resistant species such as the Caribbean slash pine, silver palm, thatch palm and saw palmetto. These plants are capable of living through numerous fires, actually benefiting from what would appear to be a destructive force.

If a pinewoods area is prevented from burning several changes occur. Hardwood shrubs and trees move in, eventually developing a leaf canopy sufficient to shade out the slow-growing palms, seedling pines and grasses. The leaves of the hardwood canopy are soon above the reach of the deer. Meanwhile, leaf-litter accumulates, building up to dangerous levels around the surviving pines and palms. A fire in these overgrown

that, understandably, is a good thing, indicating a better than average interest on the part of the citizens concerning matters that are truly and definitely their own business—not just the business of the politicians.

However, in our constant pursuit of political purity, someone is bound to make an awful blooper. About the worst one so far this year appeared in the normally sensible and accurate Upper Keys paper, *The Reporter*, on or about July 17th, when an editorial appeared which implied quite strongly that the only way to save the Keys from the County Commissions 3-2 votes would be to elect a State Representative who did not reside in Key West.

The same paper, on the same date, commends Representative Joe Allen for his good work in Tallahassee. Talk about a false syllogism—it's something like telling people they should not drink milk because it's good for them. Joe Allen has served the people of the Keys, not just Key West, for many years in various elective offices, and has always done a good job.

Sheriff Freeman, another lifelong resident of Key West, has also served the people of all the Keys in various elective offices for many years and has done a good job in each case, and now the people of the Upper Keys are being advised to vote against any candidate from Key West who is running for State Representative. The logic is, to say the least, elusive.

Let's all hope sincerely that the voters

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areas—where none has burned in decades—can be devastating. The fire burns hot and intense, fueled by years of palm fronds and pine needles—too hot for even the fire-resistant species to survive. The result is usually a wipe-out, with the entire plant community having to start over again from scratch. Even the soil burns.

The alternative is the controlled burn—the practice of burning target areas under specific conditions. By rotating these burns through the pinewoods range (optimally, every two to four years) the hardwoods are kept in check, the soil is enriched by the minerals in the ashes, and sunlight reaches the ground, promoting growth of new pine seedlings and numerous grasses. Key deer are soon attracted to the lush new growth.

These controlled burns are not taken lightly. Recognizing the lack of local expertise, equipment and manpower to effectively control the burns, refuge manager Deborah Holle has tapped the staff resources of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge near Titusville. The fire management team at Merritt Island regularly burns thousands of acres at a time, and is frequently called upon to provide such assistance to the smaller refuges.

Key Deer Refuge personnel have targeted 190 acres in two parcels. A team of eight fire management officers have orchestrated the Key Deer Refuge burns with the aid of the Merritt Island Jet Ranger helicopter. Primarily used for observation and coordination, the helicopter is also

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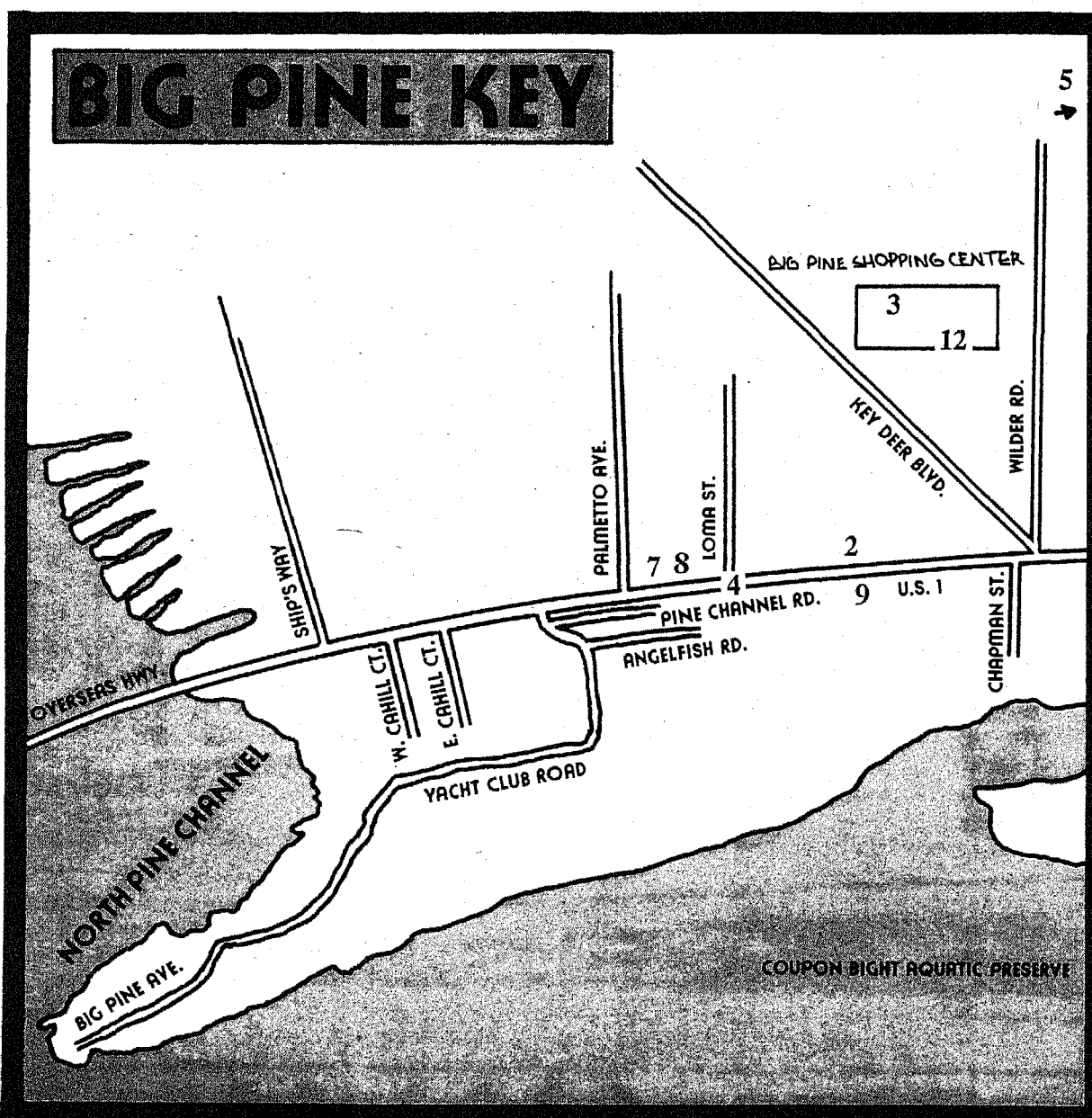
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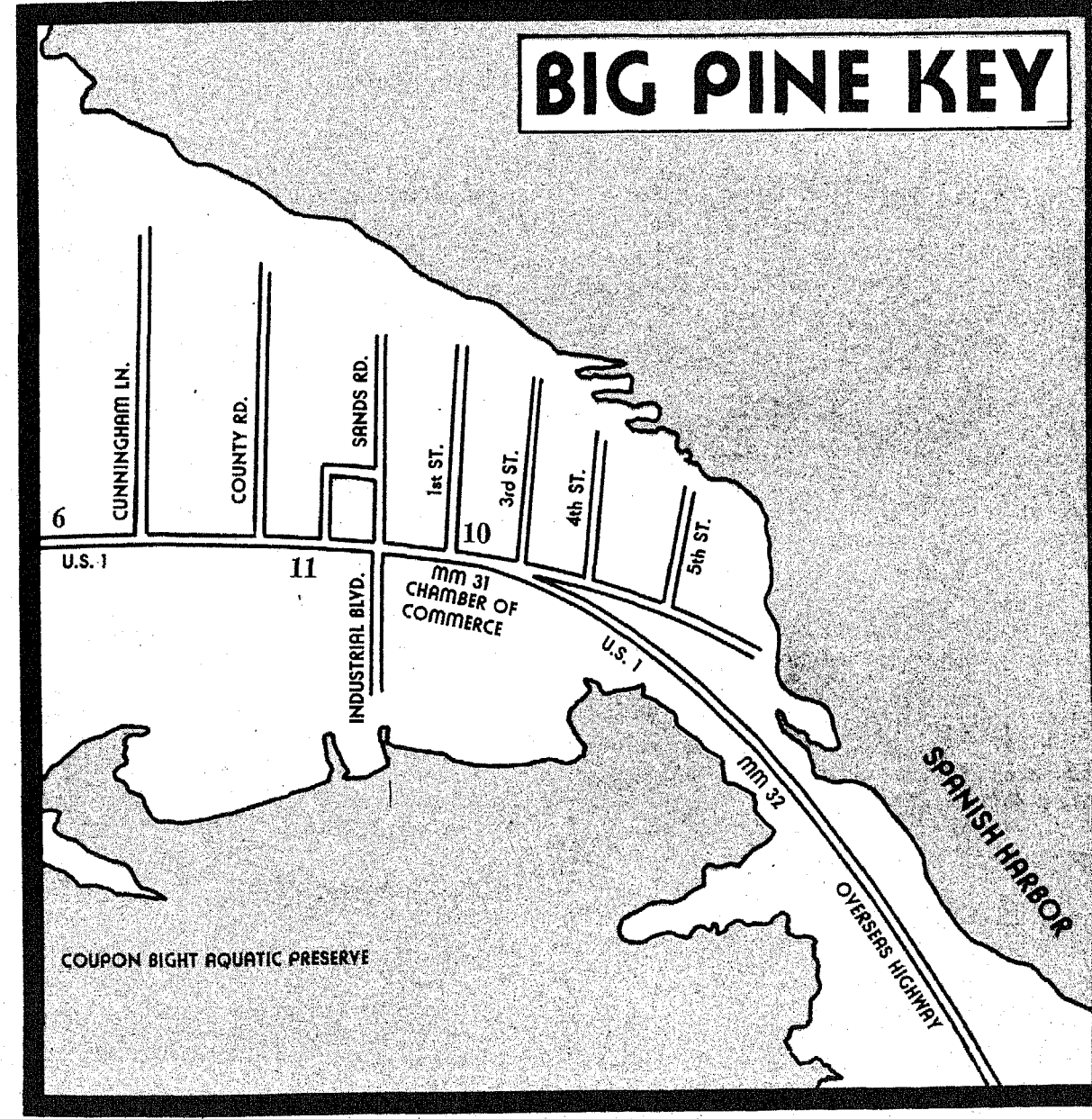
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of the Upper Keys have not been convinced that a candidate for State office should be qualified or disqualified because of his or her residential address.

Let us hope further that voters from all sections of the Keys will be guided in their voting by the candidates' positions on important issues that are, or will be, a concern of the office that the candidate is seeking, and by his, or her, intelligence, experience, general behavior and emotional control.

It is very important that our representative in Tallahassee be wise enough to realize that he or she must not only serve the interests of Keys residents but, in general, must also serve the interests of all the residents of the entire State, and do this well, without embarrassing those who elected him (or her, as the case may be).

It is equally important that our County Commission be made up of ladies and gentlemen who know how to preserve order, not only among those appearing before them, but among themselves also.

County Commissioners should be able to debate without being quarrelsome, and should debate only among themselves—not with those appearing before them. Commissioners should realize that they serve in two capacities: legislative and judicial. They create law (county ordinances) and they judge the merits of the petitions brought before them and decide (judge) whether or not to grant the relief

requested in the petition. Commissioners should not debate the issues addressed in the petition either with the petitioner or with anyone before the Commission in opposition to the petition.

Commissioners should listen carefully to the pros and cons concerning the petition, ask questions (politely) of either side, when necessary, then discuss those pros and cons among themselves. That discussion (or formal debate) should enable the Commissioners to make an intelligent decision.

Remember—"The citizen shall have the right to petition government for redress of grievance(s)". (Learned in grade school circa 1920.) A great deal of Commission work is deciding whether or not a petitioner for redress of grievance has an actual grievance, and if so, what should be done about it.

Commissioners should never allow either emotions or personalities to become involved in their judicial consideration. Calm deliberation is the foundation of wisdom which, in itself, is the road that leads to justice.

The County Commission is our local government and, most surely, we all want our government to be fair, just, honorable and dignified, and the only way we can have any certainty of such excellent government is for each of us to study the candidates carefully and vote for those whom we believe to be capable of remaining calm, courteous and cool even under the most trying and exasperating circumstances. We will never find a perfect candidate.

None of them can walk on water any better than we can, but, by using careful judgment, we should be able to create acceptable government with our votes.

The reasoning of political experts sometimes eludes me. I asked someone who is assisting one of my favorite candidates why my favorite candidate did not come out strongly and openly in favor of strong environmental protection. The answer was to the effect that a strong statement would lose the candidate the non-environmental vote.

That, of course, would be true, and if that vote loss cost the candidate the election, then, in my opinion, we would know that the majority of the voters were not interested in protecting the Keys from runaway development, and then those of us who are interested could give up the fight and let the developers run the Keys without let or hindrance.

Obviously, there must be people who prefer condos to crocodiles as neighbors, and I really do know some who complain bitterly about the damn Key deer eating their flowers.

Each candidate should state his or her position on the environment, loud and clear with no waffling, and give those who prefer Condos, Concrete and Crime (yes, the three go together) the opportunity to vote against the environmental candidate.

The fact there are two opposing factions in the Keys has been no secret since the days of Donald Berg and the "No Hi-Rise in the Keys" campaign back in the early 1970's. Why try to sweep it under the rug now?

If there were not opposing factions on environmental matters, we wouldn't be going through all these Land Use Plan headaches—would we?

Push your favorite candidate to make a statement, either for the environment or against it, for Condos and Concrete or against, no ifs, ands, or buts. Draw honest, clear-cut lines and then let's all fight it out at the polls on Primary and Election days, and accept the results.

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Smoke can be a problem, according to fire management officer Ray Farinetti. For the most effective burn and the least amount of smoke discomfort to local residents, light winds from the southeast to southwest are most desirable. Recent rains are also essential for a "cool" burn.

As development continues to nibble away at key deer habitat on the south end of Big Pine Key, the prescribed burning program in the Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge takes on an even greater significance. Protection and enhancement of the key deer habitat will help ensure that this delightful species will not soon face the ultimate epitaph: Extinction.

Some dates to remember:
September 2 — Primary Election

September 27—Big Pine Run-for-Fun at Watson Field
September 30—Primary Run-off Election
October 18—Oktoberfest on Big Pine Key

Till next month, fair winds and following seas!

Bill Becker is News Director for US-1 Radio (WWUS-104.7FM). He is the founder and a past president of the Big Pine Key Botanical Society.

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Unity Bookstore at the same location. She had wanted to offer a book store in Key West for several years when she found that very little literature was available below Miami dealing with metaphysics, healing or other related studies. Unity Bookstore also offers a selection of "Hug T-Shirts", cassette and video tapes, which instruct and discuss meditation and positive growth as well as New Age music tapes.

Used books are available on a "Love offering" basis. Visitors are invited to drop by to browse or relax and read. The bookstore also handles special orders for books and tapes at no extra charge, delivery is within 2 days to a week.

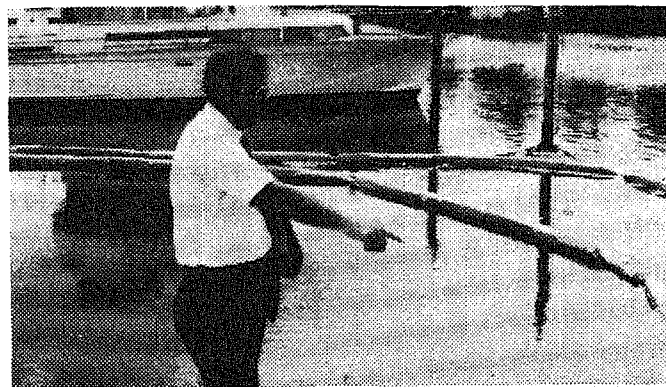
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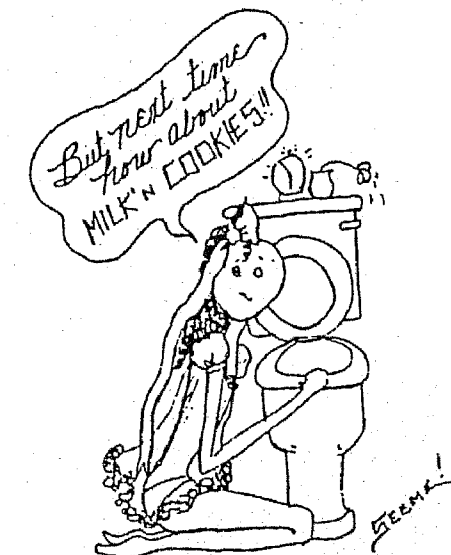
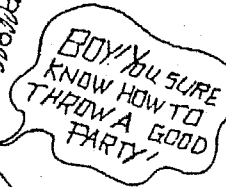
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by Gordon Lacy

We were early and so found seats that pleased us. My French wife in a dress, and I could sense her hackles rising at Parvan's Concert at the Reach: The French never eat or drink at any performance, not even in the cinema and here we have not just children, positive babies and dogs! and boats and people swimming and some even daring to sing along. The jaw muscles tightened until conductor Charles Brooks took the mike and adjured everyone to sing and I explained "Pops" concerts. A marvelous time was had by all, even Claire, and I felt Key West pulling together for a mutual goal, A Festival of the Continents. I think we're going to make it.

As for the nitty gritty this month, most of us are half here or going on vacation. Not so Aristos though, as Barbara Cooper explains. She is too busy getting her artists lined up for the season to close down and is bringing in some new talent. We can expect to see some painters from Santa Fe at Aristos this year. Welcome!

There is some very good news which I shall impart without delay; the first involves Karen Clemons who is not moving after all and will remain firmly in place between Jordon's and Croissants de France, my favorite SoMo block. She will stay on, enlarging the gallery aspect of her business, and the framing and matting and general repairing that occupies most of her year has slowed down enough this summer to permit

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innumerable field trips to add to her soon-to-be viewed new watercolor collection.



Fred Gros is not closing down either. He is going to conserve his present space and use it in a lighter, less formal fashion. Several of his artists went elsewhere when he had thought to close and he feels that he is going to lighten the tone of his gallery. In fact, if my telephone is not lying, Fred is actually giggling. "...mixed with the rag trade. Ron Van Balen is turning out marvelous wall-pieces on chair themes..." G. in his heaven and all's right with the world.

Peter Hughes at Gingerbread is going on vacation to Rio and unspecified South American scenes, so the Gallery will be

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closed from the day after Labor Day through the 14th of October. Here we must say that John Kiraly's serigraphs have been selling like hot-cakes with the next series due back from the editor on the 15th of September. The gallery has acquired some posthumous Robert Franke works that are of great interest. Also, let it be known that sculptor Art Kara's sleek marble and bronze works can be seen at Gingerbread and are worth a go-see.

Jordon-Meister seem not to be suffering the doldrums at all, expecting a new Gucinsky painting based on the famous Summerland Bat Tower. Adolph is one of SoMo's foremost stylists and new work is always a welcome event. Also very worth the trip are the in-progress three-dimensionals of John Burgess.

The Key West Art Center will be open every day but they are not offering any specials for the month of September. The stable of artists as usual.

Rose Lane Antiquities will be open, normally, for the month and Anna tells me that they are readying a tour de force November show of large Columbian pieces.

The White Street Gallery will be open the customary Monday-Tuesday-Friday except for the 15th, 16th, and 19th when we shall be taking a quick dip in Mexico. European painters plus locals Alice Terry, Vaughn Gibson and John Burgess.

Ruth Kravitz of The Haitian Art Co. is actually at this date in Haiti visiting her father and buying. She also reports that The Haitian has been joined by Roxie Veasey, a Bachelor of Fine Arts from U.S.F. and specialist in computers who is getting control of the very large stock here. One of the few local galleries to advertise nationally, Ruth says her ad in Arts and Antiques has brought in a rewarding number of inquiries.

Ann Irvine at The Guild Gallery is flabbergasted at the results of their bash last month; it's the first time that they have given one in the summer and an estimated 550-600 people showed up during the evening, mostly locals, and there were many sales, including several Poochie and Irvine paintings. We have all had the time since its erection to note the wondrous welded and painted conch shell in front of our high school, over which there has been the usual pros and cons (too small, too big, shouldn't be painted, let it rust; that would

be more Key West etc.). George Carey, the author of this, mixing metaphors, is the welding professor at this institution, is a Conch and a closet painter in acrylics and suddenly showing his paintings at The Guild; local street scenes and notably the close-up of the prow of a fishing boat. Jane Doxey's sculpted-reliefs are on the stairway wall and Reen Stackhouse does ornamental ironwork gates, tables, chairs, you-name-it on commission. While I am here let me say that I think that The Guild is a very healthy sign of life in SoMo.

The opening was about Monroe County's Art Council, and I want to come back and compliment the three performers, a luminescent Joy Hawkins (aptly named) John Wells and Tom Murtha who gave such a rousing, touching version of "Jacques Brel Is..." under the Council's aegis. This is the second time SoMo has sent out a touring company. The Red Barn as everybody knows is a feather in our cultural cap but it bears repeating out loud. I recently had a letter from a friend, now out-of-town, who says, "Parvan sounds wonderful, but don't forget that McKee started it all and Spradling got it on the map." No, my dear, we do not forget...

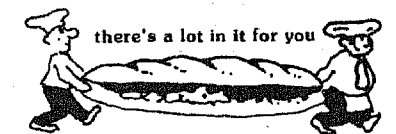
East Martello is pleased to announce that Susan Weekley and Stephan Widdup are the new chair-people of the Gallery Committee. Our felicitations. John Tosi promises a special gala season in the works but says it's too soon to let the cat out of the bag. All right, we'll have to hold our collected breaths.

I have always mentioned Ned at Farrington's and the free out-back parking to the detriment of Pete Erlenbusch who has finished a crast course at the Conservatory in Los Angeles in painting restoration. He is available for estimates and recommendations concerning works on paper and canvas. This service is especially pertinent given our particular climate in the Keys. Regular cleaning and re-varnishing are indispensable and Pete knows all.

I haven't purposely left Jack Baron out this month but he is putting his big season's show together and though I am permitted to admire, the theme must not be given away. So.

The new journal of the Arts of the Keys, Island Images, seems to be pulling its stuff off on schedule and there is great excitement over Grant Spradling's leading

his particular energies to the undertaking. His first contribution will be a survey of the impact of the Arts of the Keys economy. The figures are going to shock. Jim Brogdon, whom I over-looked last time around because he was on assignment in Jamaica, is the official in-residence photographer and editor of photography. Richard Tocci tells me that the staff requests more and more meetings and he suspects that it's because they have such stimulating (read fun?) encounters.



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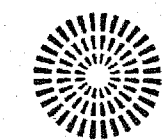
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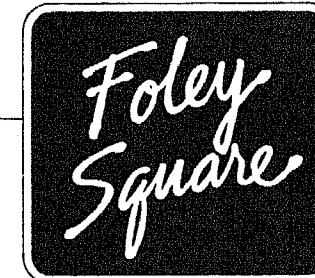
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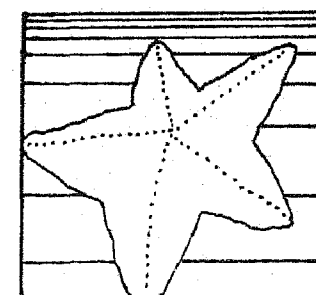
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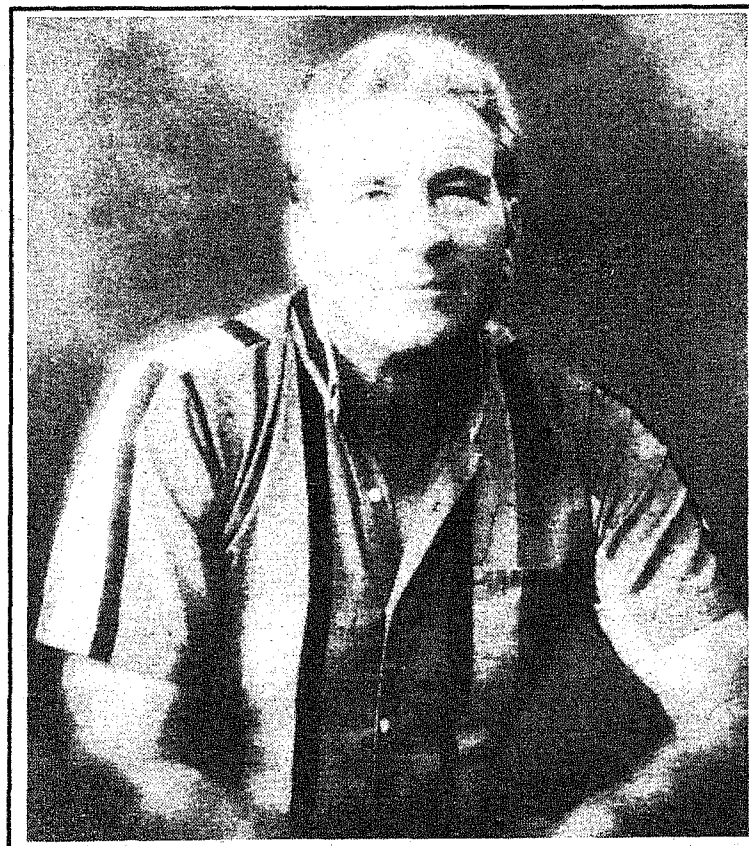
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