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nard. "The Sabbath is the main holiday. Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, is important too, when you ask the Lord to forgive you for your transgressions."

Charlotte said they were now vegetarians (they still eat fish but no meat). "For health and not necessarily religious purpose."

"I feel a lot less sluggish, since we switched over a few months ago." Charlotte has become an avid reader of *Prevention* magazine. I asked her for a recipe.

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CHARLOTTE AND BERNARD gave up coffee, following a doctor's suggestion, and replaced it with cups of rose hips tea. "Much better for you and tastes good too with honey," they agree.

Charlotte and Bernard also switched over to brown rice, wheat flour and honey. They say they feel much better. Charlotte wants to continue to heal Bernard with vitamins and wholesome foods, eliminating doctors as much as possible.

"People today have so many sicknesses you didn't hear of years ago," she says. "It's the way you lived previously that affects how you are now."

AFTER THE SHOOTING, Bernard had to endure a detached retina operation, in '69 at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. Also, due to excessive smoking, two small growths were removed from his throat. (He no longer smokes.) "Those were three close calls and I was very lucky," said Bernard. This is also what his doctor said after the shooting. "You have to be the luckiest man on earth, to have lived through it, and come out whole."

"We like to read. We walk everywhere -- especially to Mallory. Some people we talk to, we don't know their names. We have a lot of good friends here. Key West is our home," they say. "I'm semi-retired now," says Bernard. "Retired," says Charlotte.

BERNARD WAS AT his office supply shop for 19 years. He does not really miss it. He doesn't complain, his wife says, but he is still not completely well. "I think that bullet hit a nerve; and it takes a long time for a nerve to heal," she adds.

"I used to be in the tailoring business," said Charlotte brightly. "But I've also been a cook and, of course, had the yarn shop on Duval. All were positive ventures."

"Maybe I haven't tapped all my talents yet!"

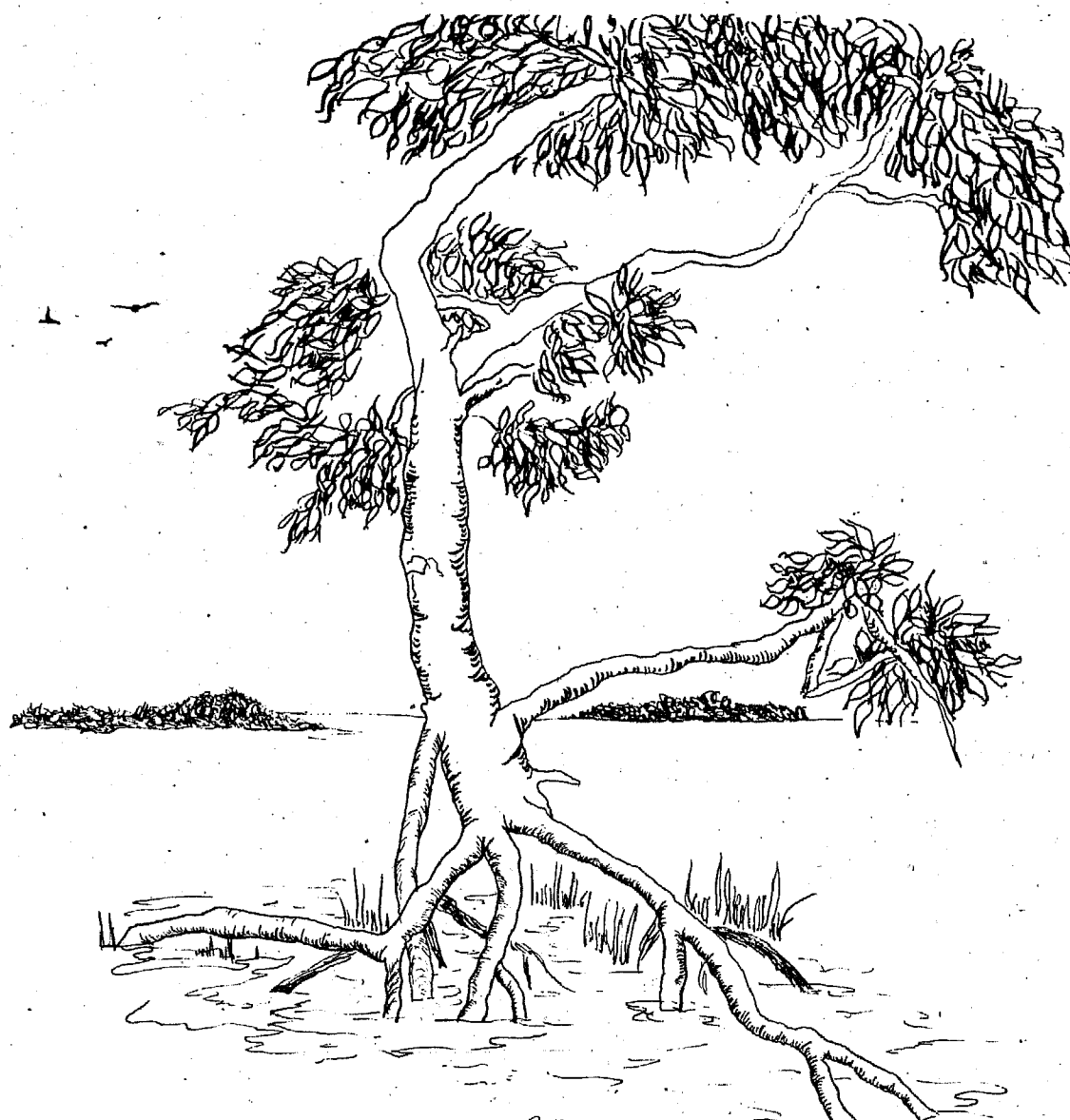
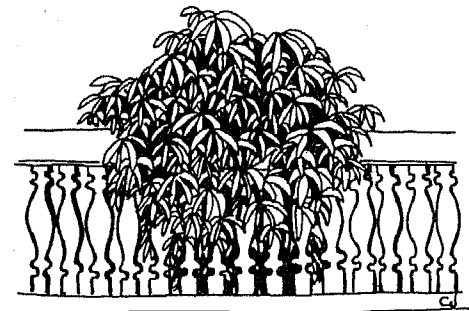
They both chuckled.

"I don't know what I could get into next."

"Key West is where we want to stay unless City Electric gets too extreme." They chuckle separately. They had showed me their new kerosene lamp when I first arrived.

"So you're each other's best friend?"

"You better believe it," says Charlotte.



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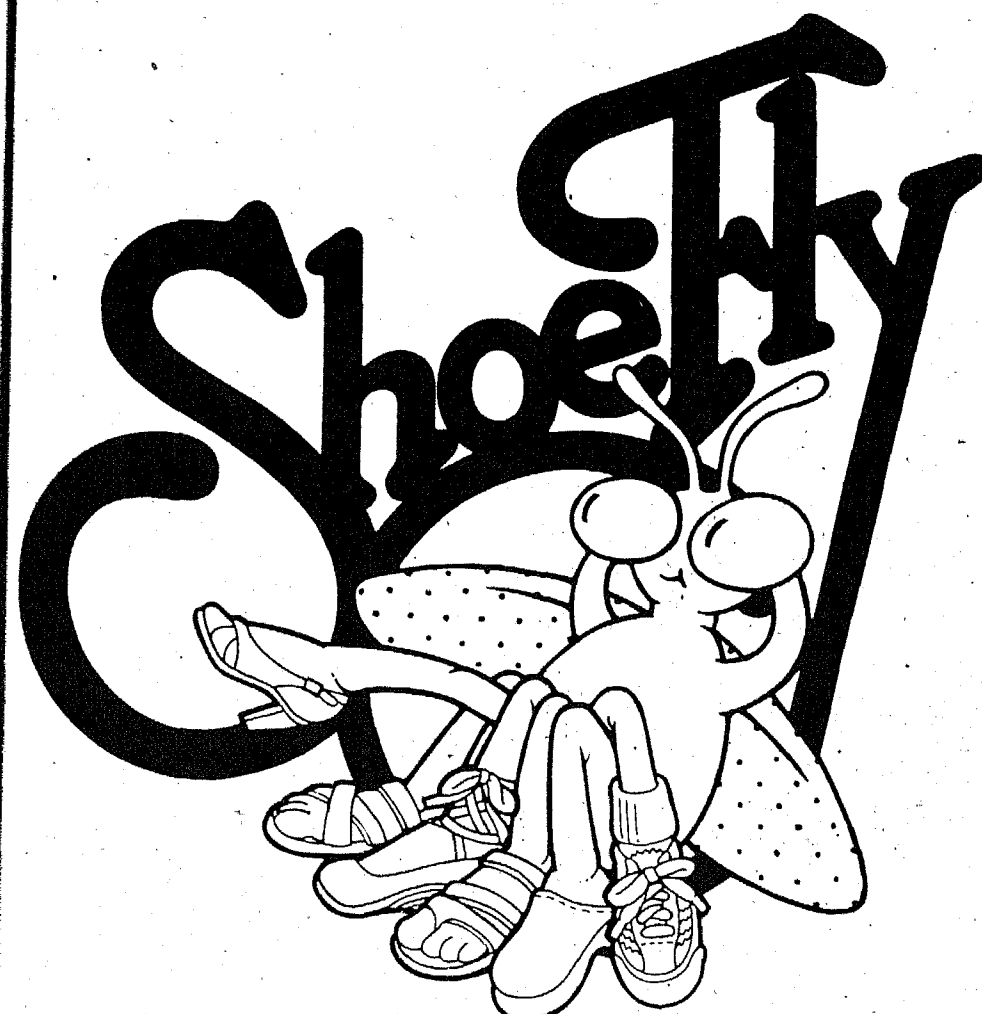


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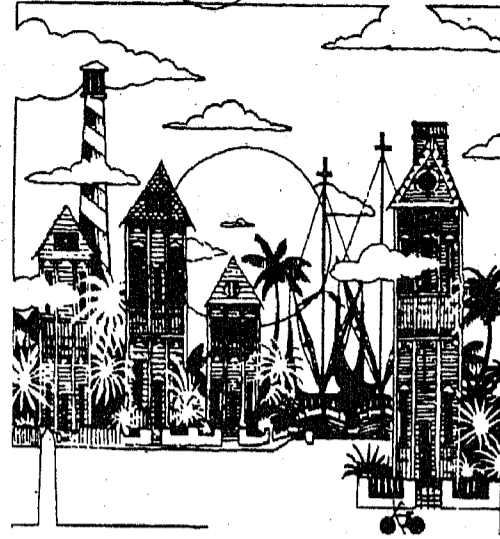
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## notes and antic-dotes

by Dorothy Raymer

A RECENT LETTER from Jim Cobb, ex-newspaperman, arrived from Costa Rica where he has been relaxing in the "coolth" of mountains, and reflecting on the period when we were on the staff of *The Key West Citizen*.  
Jim was a jack-of-all-writers and also a sometime photographer for the paper. I was on the staff writing feature articles, my column, "Conch Chowder," doing society news, and also pinch-hitting in any needed capacity.  
I even wrote a sports story on a baseball game, prodded into it by Cobb. I did it in a humorous vein, under pretense that I didn't know anything about the game.

WHEN JIM AND I pool our recollections now and then one incident always creates laughter. I was to write the story of a posh event, a ball held at the old Casa Marina, and Jim was to photograph it.  
Both of us were almost flat broke, and there were no expense accounts to pay for taxifare. We couldn't locate transportation at the appointed hour, so Jim borrowed a *Citizen* delivery truck, and off we went to the social bash.

I WAS WEARING a long evening gown, and rather than have me walk any distance with skirt dragging in the street, Jim insisted on driving right up to the hotel entrance. The doorman looked gravely perturbed and was about to wave the truck away when he recognized me.  
I was given royal escort into the lobby while Jim rattled off in the plebian vehicle, parked it and came back with his camera at the ready. The phrase "Key West informal" really was applicable.  
This incident, back in the early 1950's, was just one of many off-beat happenings which are amusing. There is one special sequel of Jim and his photography which led not only to hilarity, but to the brink of disaster -- for me.

COSTUME PARTIES were popular in the community and were given, not only in homes, but at lounges and nightclubs. One of the favorite sites was at a restaurant-bistro, Casa Cayo Hueso, located in the mansion which is now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hilario Ramos.  
The hostess-operator was Collette Young. Tennessee Williams often dropped in with his secretary, the late Frank Merlo. When Carson McCullers, novelist, visited here, she was wined and dined at the Casa Cayo Hueso by her playwright host.

ONE EVENING a masquerade was scheduled at the lively club. I wore a jungle getup of fake zebra-striped skin draped from one shoulder and fitted like a mini-sarong. Accessories included armlets as well as anklets, shell and bone necklaces, and a pair of huge hoop earrings which were fashioned from bone bracelets.  
Consummate touch of the "compleat" savage was a nose-ring, made from an old ivory umbrella handle. I cut the circlet in half and clipped it into the end of my nose. It dangled to my chin encircling my mouth and made eating and drinking a task. But anything for effect!

THE PARTY PROGRAM included some type of performance by every guest. The orchestra, really a three-piece combo, accompanied the impromptu acts. Frank Merlo did a mock striptease with coy exaggeration. There were a couple of standup comedians, although most of the jokes fell flat, singers, and dancers.  
When it came my turn to contribute to the entertainment,

I persuaded the band to play "Babalu," heavy on the drums, and rendered (I guess you could apply that term) a jungle dance. It was a hybrid of hootchie-cootchie and bumps and grinds rhythm, plus interpretive maneuvers with a movement that wasn't Swiss.

COBB TOOK A shot of this and it came out quite well. He caught me in a wild, abandoned pose that looked as if I were a professional dancer. He made a number of copies of regular size and then, for a joke, produced a large blowup of the photo. This was tacked up on a pillar in Duffy's Tavern, a bar-night-club on Duval Street where Delmonico's flourishes now.  
The tavern had been established where the old original Delmonico's restaurant was once located. Duffy's was a somewhat rowdy spot with an enormous bar, a band stand and decorations which consisted of mounted trophy heads of wild animals.

ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED a local band that played very good music (I believe the leader was Jerry Pinder), a lineup of singers, an "exotic" dancer, and a large fat lady billed as "The last of the Red Hot Mamas." She did takeoffs on Sophie Tucker.  
For some time, I was not aware that an enlargement of Cobb's lens work had been posted at Duffy's. The tipoff came when a friend asked just where and when I had been in show business, and informed me of the special photo display.  
I regarded the prank with amusement -- up to a point.

THE POINT WAS REACHED when a couple of Navy fighter pilots, here for brief training at Boca Chica, examined the dance study at Duffy's. Some jokester (not Jim), took advantage of the interest expressed by the Navy airmen. They were told that the photo was that of "a very available" performer who lived just around the corner.  
That particular evening, I was all set to leave my dwelling to cover an anniversary party, when the two young "flyboys" showed up at my door, saying they were friends of a commander I once knew and brought greetings from Pensacola.  
I explained I was off on a newspaper assignment and didn't have time at the moment to talk. "Perhaps later," I said, and dashed out to enter a waiting taxi. The callers looked dubious at my explanation. And my remark of "perhaps later," was certainly misinterpreted.

I RETURNED from the anniversary festivity about 10 o'clock and settled down to read in bed. I took off my hearing aid, read for about an hour, then turned off the bedside lamp and went to sleep.  
Sometime between midnight and one a.m., I was awakened by a bright light shining in my face and the pressing of a large hand across my mouth. This prevented me from screaming, but not from biting, and I clamped down hard on the restricting hand.  
The bite prompted the nocturnal visitor to turn his flashlight on his own face -- and I recognized the features of one of the pilots whom I had encountered earlier. He was crouched on the floor by my bed, balancing precariously on his heels, obviously intoxicated. All it took on my part was a hard shove to topple him over on his back.

I SCRAMBLED out of bed in a hurry, scuttled to the front door, released the bolt, and dashed across the hallway to Jim Cobb's apartment.  
He was groggy with sleep when he answered my pounding on his door, but responded to the emergency appeal for help and returned with me to my place.  
I switched on the overhead light just inside the door. The unwelcome interloper was standing by that time, weaving and

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**C.E.S.: A Special Report**

by Richard Marsh

FOR THE FIRST few days of the regularly sporadic power outages that began July 28, the novelty and the challenge of coping overcame the inconvenience. Businessmen grumbled, but since this is not their most frantic time of year most of them could easily ignore the relatively small loss of income or damage to stock.

Household engineers who were presented with half-washed, soapy loads of laundry, half-cooked, greasy chicken, and half-baked, sunken cakes could be appeased by a dinner out at a restaurant that cooked with gas or an outdoor barbecue.

You can stand anything for a few days, but after a week of unscheduled, unannounced blackouts several times a day, Key Westers began to wonder loudly if anything was really being done to correct the problems.

lem areas, many improvements have been made.

In retrospect, it appears that this summer's electrical trouble could have been avoided. When trouble started, it could have been solved much more quickly than it was. CES officials used poor judgement and acted irresponsibly, and, pending the results of an in-house "fault-finding" study this month, heads are expected to roll -- or at least get knocked together.

**WHAT IS THE CITY ELECTRIC SYSTEM?**

IN 1943, the City of Key West authorized the issuance of a million and a half dollars worth of Electric Revenue Bonds to buy the Key West Electric Company. In the same year the City created the Utility Board to operate the electric facility under a franchise that runs until the year 2008. At that time, seven diesel powered units (the oldest of which was built in 1904) generated 2.9 MW (megawatts) to fill the needs of the island of Key West. The CES service area now extends through the Lower Keys to West Summerland Key.

Power is generated by six steam-electric units with a total maximum continuous capability of 97 MW and six diesel-electric units with a total net dependable capability of 14 MW to make up the system's total generating capacity of 111 MW. According to a June 1978 study, the two oldest steam-electric units -- built in 1952 -- are listed in "fair" operating condition. CES' rated capacity of 111 MW is said by some to be optimistic, and that 103 MW is more realistic.

ALTHOUGH the Utility Board was created by the City, a 1969 legislative act by the state granted eminent domain

OFFICIALS AT City Electric System (CES) were quick with answers about bearings and condensers and salt water intrusion from the cooling system. CES seemed to have been taken by surprise when the salt water coolant leaked through corroded pipes and damaged the turbine at the Stock Island plant.

Like a lynch mob desperate for a leader, residents rallied around Zach Bentley's proposal that the members of the Utility Board resign. This seemed unfair to some, who cited the forward strides CES has made over the past two years. Blame the previous boards, they said, because the damage caused by poor maintenance happened long ago and the cumulative effects of past neglect are only being felt now.

INDEED, since the 1976 systems study by CES' engineering consultants, Reynolds, Smith and Hills pointed out serious prob-

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to the Board, which left the Board virtually autonomous in dealing with its own affairs. As a municipally owned utility it is not subject to the Public Service Commission except with regard to rate structure, though not the rates themselves.

However, the City Commission can remove the Utility Board by a vote of four commissioners. The Utility Board thus is answerable to the City Commission and, since the Board members are elected by the citizens of Key West, to the voters. The Board is also required to abide by the State Revenue Bond Act, since it has an obligation to bond holders to keep the system in good operating condition and to charge its customers enough to continue paying back the bond holders.

**WHAT HAPPENED**

THE 15 MW #3 unit at the Key West (Grinnell Street) plant was dismantled for insurance inspection in May. It is required by insurance rules that each unit periodically be completely taken apart and inspected, which does not usually take long. However, the #3 unit was found to need extensive repairs, and it was not ready to return to service when the 37 MW turbine at the Stock Island plant developed condenser leakages during the week of July 17.

With 111 MW total (optimistic) capacity in the system and a peak demand of 62 MW for this time of year, either the 37 MW or any one of the 15 MW units could be shut down, and CES could supply the demand with some margin. It is a maxim of electric utility operation that the system must be able to carry the load with its largest unit out of service. (The 37 MW unit has been off the line 24 times in the past five years.)

CES makes it: 111 MW minus 37 MW equals 74 MW, which is about 8 MW more than the maximum demanded of the system -- 65.5 MW in May 1973 -- according to

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the optimistic rating. With the alleged more realistic rating at 8 MW lower, CES is on thin ice.

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**CES HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED ANNUAL SYSTEM DEMAND**

YEAR	DEMAND MW	YEAR	DEMAND MW
1968	43.0	1978	63.7
1969	50.1	1979	63.8
1970	57.5	1980	64.4
1971	57.8	1981	65.0
1972	60.2	1982	67.0
1973	60.5	1983	69.0
1974	65.5	1984	71.0
1975	60.5	1985	73.2
1976	61.0	1986	75.4
1977	62.2	1987	77.6

August 1976 it was 62 MW.

This was the problem facing CES the week of July 17:

The system was missing 15 MW with no prospect of getting it back quickly, and another 37 MW was on its way out -- but how soon?

111 MW minus 15 MW equals 96 MW; 96 minus 37 equals 59 MW. That doesn't look bad on paper; with some conservation of electricity, if all the other units would perform to their expected capacity, the system might squeeze by.

BUT IT MUST be remembered that 14 MW of that 59 MW consists of peaking units, which are not supposed to run continuously. They are used for brief periods of peak demand because they will start quickly. So we are down to 59 minus 14 = 45 MW of continuous power, plus whatever the peaking units can come up with if they are run a few at a time

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**PALMS & PELICANS**

by Frances Signorelli

**DOC BINGHAM**

THAT SUMMER, September '64, a comb would bend in the Key West heat. There came my friend, Langdon Schwed (May he rest in peace) bringing along the new English professor at the community college. Dr. Bingham had seemed a tag inelegant to put in Lang's Redwood Courts, and he kindly was turning him over to me.

DR. BINGHAM, a bear-like man with a recalcitrant, grizzly-brown beard, rented upstairs, where he happily dug in and lived for four years.

Doc Bingham, long since passed from the island scene, turned out to be a person of consequence. There sprang up a cabal of Doc Bingham watchers, as there is with any well known, unpredictable figure. I quite took to him with my craving for the bizarre and the involved, though I feel certain that for the college president and the board of trustees, Doc Bingham was the bane of their life.

DOC BINGHAM was one teacher in a million. I don't know if this is good or bad, teaching being as it is -- igniting learning in another person -- such a transitory thing, anyway. There are those who will tell you, to this day, that with him they learned to write. And they write. He had his own, unorthodox methods.

"Ever read August Plinth?", he asked one day. And he gave me these big, fat, bogus-looking, black paperbacks. I never waded through all of it, but it looked deep. I asked another teacher, "Ever read August Plinth?" She laughed merrily. "Don't you know that August Plinth is Dr. Bingham? He had them printed by the Black Sun Press. It's a captive readership; his students purchase them and digest them."

AFTER HIS CLASSES, I would see Doc Bingham going along Vernon Avenue, scantily clad, in a sort of Neanderthal lope, bound for Dennis Pharmacy and his two-hour session over his tea bag. He was a chap who managed a pipe, with the tamping, the bowl-cuddling, the counter-knocking, the teeth-gripping, probably with an unlighted pipe. Of course, I possessed my own cachet at this popular kaffee klatch place. Dennis commented, "You are the only person I ever observed who can eat a Hershey Bar, smoke a cigarette, drink a coffee, talk, read a Dennis Pharmacy magazine, chew gum and brood, all at the same time."

THE OTHER college pros and their wives or husbands liked to come to Doc Bingham's parties which he threw periodically in his stripped apartment. He kept as little furniture as to be none at all. One bed. In a corner. The college pros and their mates, none of them swingers, doubtless felt rather daring in this wild one's ambience. I could hear them laugh nervously out on the porch, which overhung the skirt of the ocean, holding their Pina Coladas.

DOC BINGHAM leaned toward extreme casualness in his person; he eschewed baths. "Don't get downwind of me," he advised. This never appeared to put off the girls. They flocked to him. And he was enthralled with women, liked to talk over his adventures and misadventures. One morning early, he caught me on the landing, his booming voice coming out of a bull chest 'neath which beat a school boy's romantic heart. This terrible experience befell him:

HE HAD BEEN, several times, enter-

taining a gal. Upstairs. I had seen her, a little thing, fat as a darning needle, tripping up past the newell post. She was a girl friend of a man who worked for the electric company.

Yesterday afternoon, this man, with the aid of his buddy at work, had brought one of the "cherry pickers" (cradle-like contraption, rigged to reach high wires) over. And they had hoisted it up, containing the suspicious boy friend, to Upstairs' windows.

Doc Bingham said that slowly gliding past his window was this pair of eyebrows. Fortunately, the buddy had been a bit shaky in operating the machine, but you could hear them cranking up for another go at it. Eyebrows one time; cocked pistol the next.

DOC BINGHAM, no fool, he, took a quick gander at his lady, who, as it happened, had dozed off (probably while reading August Plinth), and he fled the apartment, skinning down the back porch railings and hit the ocean swimming for dear life.

Doc's eyes watered at the ignominy of it. "The cowardliness of it still lives in my heart. I didn't put into shore until Rest Beach, where I drove a sea urchin into my toe."

I left him as he opined, "There just is no point in behaving reasonably on such an occasion."

I ADMIT to a slight quiver of disappointment that, as luck would have it, I had been out at that time visiting someone with a pool. And it was not children coming-home time yet. If the active figures who stirred and revolved here had been on deck for this event, I hardly dare to imagine those circumstances.

DOC'S SENSIBILITIES got deeply offended when a motel down the ocean a ways painted a big sign on its seawall. Har-

riet Porter (May she rest in peace) had given me a lift home from Old Island Restoration Foundation. I had been on the island five or six years, and that's the stage when women pass through these societies.

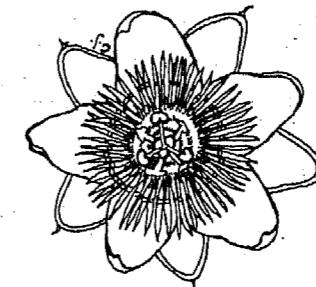
There, lying in wait for me, was Doc in his usual attire -- his New Mexico cowboy boots and his swim trunks (with little underneath).

His jaw quivered with emotion. He was running an ad in *The Citizen* and hiring an underwater diver to attack the sign, which read, in blue and red, "Atlantic Shores, Doubles \$12." One applicant showed up, and he had a club foot.

THE INTERVIEW seemed to reach over many evenings, the planning. If I had one or two in for drinks on the patio, odd bits of strategy floated down... "Might carry a pick axe..." "Machine gun's too heavy..."

Don't think we didn't take Dr. Bingham seriously. We did, and then, of course, we didn't. You know.

NOW, I HAVE refurbished the apartment, introducing furniture. Still, sometimes, when the Caribbean moon rises, do its beams pin down onto that porch the shades of August Plinth? And do I hear the faint tinkling of college pros and their mates' Pina Coladas? And is that a bear-like figure with a hearty laugh effacing the moon for an instant?



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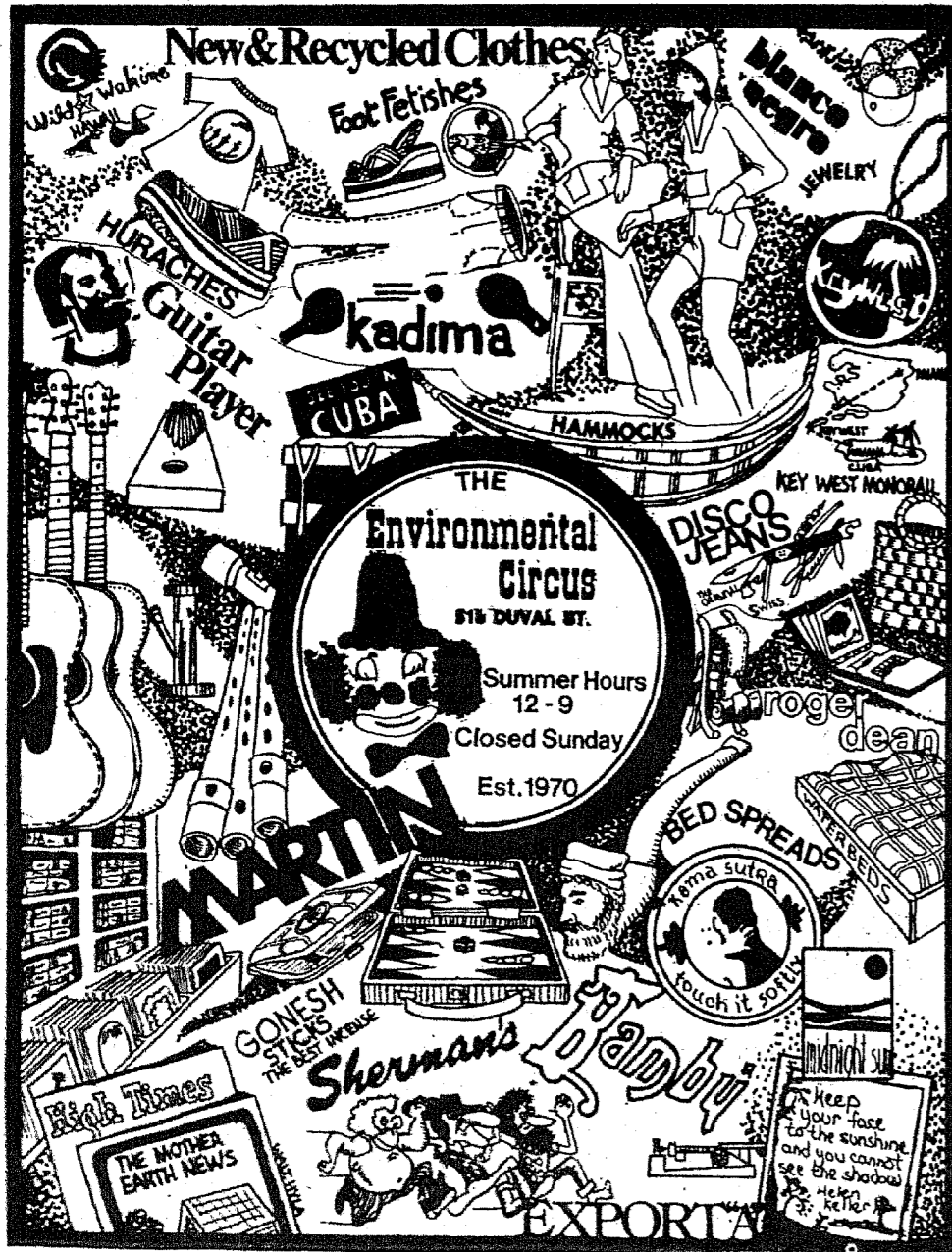
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# BLACK-OUT FUN

by Phoebe Coan

### WHAT TO DO DURING A KEY WEST BLACKOUT

WHILE THE ELECTRICAL system is being repaired and the generators under question are being investigated, what can you do during a Key West blackout -- heat of the summer upon us -- and still stay in a fairly decent head? It is not so difficult to surmise. This isn't New York and the major mishaps that occurred there won't be as dramatic here. However, what do you do if you're a 20th century dweller, used to the conveniences old Tom Edison initiated way back then when people first got turned on to electricity?

FIRST, it does help to recall the inspirational book, *Siddhartha*. One of the things the book weighted as gold to be true knowledge for the student of life was to wait. It seems 20th century man is an impatient being. We like those buttons and easy quick zippy ways that rob us of knowing the joyful essences that can be part of everyday experiences. When we have to wait we jitter and fritter and fret and sweat, and find it most ex-cruciating. To let the slack out during the blackout, to wait is a good thing. Being impatient is a drag. You don't appreciate the here and now and you end up being a bummer to others. You know that number one, the lights will go on.

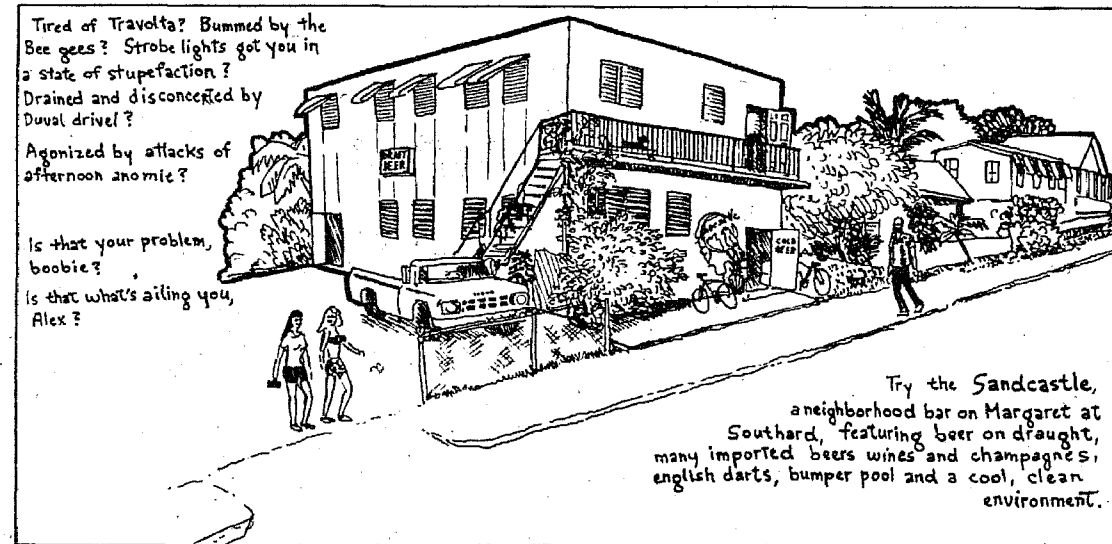
Number two, that even if they should not, you could still survive if you had to. And, number three, once you start being patient you can go almost indefinitely. And the time will pass in a flash. And hey, that's a pretty groovy thing! You feel so all peaceful inside and you know everything's all right, so why get up-tight and start mosquitoing around rap-ping about how bad it is. Everyone al-ready knows it's a big inconvenience. Restaurants have closed. Food has spoil-ed. There have been upset tummies. Fausto's frozen foods department today is quite bare. You pop into some places, like Johnny Knight's little grocery com-plex on William Street, and it's like wal-ing into a dark closet!

And, it's hot at home!

BUT, IF YOU'RE lucky like me, you can get a little girl bursting at the seams with energy to fan you. Or you can head for the blessed beach for the real sail-away breezes that you can't feel stirring with the fan or air condi-tioner buzzing and obliterating the nat-ural vibration.

But what to do during a Key West blackout besides meditating on your abil-ity to wait eternally? Well, you can begin to see the sky very much more clear-ly. To feel the penetrating brightness of moon-silver. To define the stars' dia-mond lights with a regained wonder of childhood. You can sit back and feel the peace. In the darkness -- the light can shine.

OR YOU CAN ride around the blacked out streets unobserved and imagine that you're lost high up in the mountains of



some little Mexican town where they're too poor to have lights at night. And besides, everyone turns in at 10 p.m.; everything stops (in the way of business or socializing) way before then. Nothing wrong with feeling the peace. You get to your own music then. I've been turned on plenty by the big amps of rock 'n' roll. The sheer electrical force has sent me flying many times. But the stillness and the peace of a blackout can define and enlighten my own soul music.

WHAT DO YOU DO with the kids during a blackout? They have to eat cheese and crackers. Fussing around in the kitchen, peering indecisively into the refrigerator looking for the stuff to make French toast, or lighting candles so you can do the other preparations, is out of the question. Cheese and crackers it is... or better, fruit and nuts.

They can see the fireflies flying now in the backyard. The children can get zany and tired out for bedtime, catching them. Then they don't mind being in the darkness. They love putting the fireflies in glass jars, and then letting them go in the morning, after the big blackout is over.

YOU CAN LIGHT a kerosene lamp, and even if they keep wanting to turn it up you can keep them at bay long enough with a couple of good story books during a blackout. Of course, that's as good a time for those who are always asking for horror tales, to get shook up...especially if you speak in a very low voice (a whisper can be a most effective tool).

We rediscovered the ancient art of shadow puppetry, quite by chance. So easy to do a dragon and a bunny on the wall. Plots and characterizations can fall easily into place like flitting shadows themselves.

FOR KICKS you can wander out on the streets bumping into strangers and trying to guess who's who and what's what. And, if you're lucky enough to have even a dim flashlight, you can check out the bicyclists pedaling aimlessly by your way in the darkened streets. All of us momentarily caught up, beyond our control, each now with a common bond (the blackout), nothing to do now but finally acknowledge one another...ships passing...

OF COURSE, one of the best things to do is to lay back and listen. Sounds of a summer night...you can rest while others run about *meshugnaer* -- Yiddish for a little bit crazy. There's bound to be a chorus of locusts droning away, doing their thing. Or you can just feel the deep and solemn promise of summer full-ness, wearing on to the next space.

OR YOU CAN catch up with your neigh-bors and those who you live with...mend

fences, play games of fantasy, shine your light in any dark corner, exchange the thoughts you don't usually have time to think and express to others. Pull the beautiful thoughts out of yourself. It is good to get empty. It is good to lis-ten.

And just as these moments become moments of being, you are then suddenly jarred back into the 20th century reality once again, as abruptly as you left it. When like some mechanical play, set back into motion after being frozen by some sleeping curse, everything gets thrown back on again in one great rush and swoosh of light and sound and movement.

You are at once relieved and thank-ful; and on the other hand you are sad-dened, since you had just gotten into your pioneer head again: looking for candles to make and stories to tell. But, it'll all keep, you know, for the next time.

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# CHANGE OF HEART- AND IN COLOR

by J. Earl McQuaide

"You really should bring him in now, Mrs. Hardy."  
"But I can't judge him, Captain. He's like a rock."  
"He's only a nice amberjack, Mrs. Hardy."  
"I can't help it if he's only a crippled sea-nymph. I can't move him. Really, Captain."

CAPTAIN VAN LENNEP knew she was making it all up. He had seen the fish when it struck. He knew what it was -- how large it was. Oh well, a shark would nail him anytime now. She was just dragging him around -- probably bleeding, too. She sure liked to tell you your business. He had been getting pointers all day.

At that moment her rod thrust down, and the fish seemed to make another short, furious run. It was sudden and rapid.  
"You see, Captain? He's still full of life. He's pulling harder than ever."  
"That was a shark, Ma'am. He got a big bite of him."

"How can you say that? How do you know what happened out there in the ocean?" He was so sure of himself, she decided.

"Well, Ma'am. It doesn't take a swami to know what happens out here sometimes." Why did she have to squint her face up so. She had pretty eyes and a soft smile. If she only wasn't so dominant.

"You're only guessing. That's all." She gave him the stern schoolmarm look again.

come back. They don't give up easily." He disliked to keep digging at her. They always took it so hard -- a man telling them. And it wasn't that way at all.

"I simply don't believe that. I mean about my fish," she hurriedly told him, the way a woman consumed with her own beliefs does. "Suppose we wait and see, huh?" she suggested. "Maybe it's an old cliché. But it's too fishy for me." She snapped a sharp, quick look at Van. He was just like all the others. Men were so superior. She'd have to show him like she showed Jason. It took a little time.

THE SHARK did come back, and her fish made another flash run. But Van knew the shark rolled with each strike. The fish didn't run. It was the roll.

"He's pulling harder than ever now, Captain Van," she insisted. "I don't see how he could be all cut up and still go on fighting so hard." She pursed her mouth in a look of finality. "But we'll see, won't we?" she softly but defiantly offered.

"All right. Then why don't we make a little wager, Alice?" Jason Hardy persisted. "If I was so sure of something... Really, dear." He decided it would do good to see her get clobbered, for once. She was always so damn sure. He had seen this sort of thing happen so many times. After a while you learned to

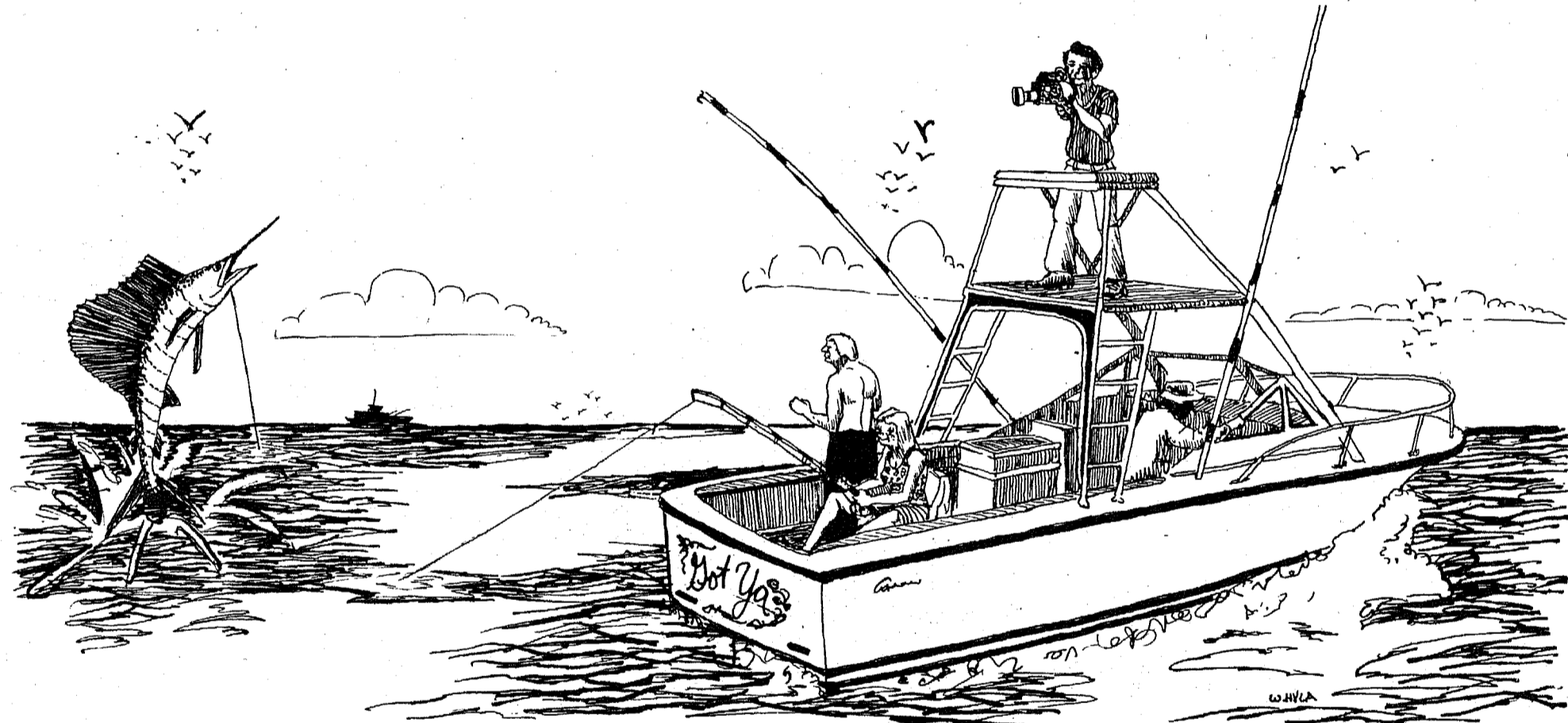
to her. It made only a slight ripple. She saw it, but she wouldn't answer him. On each succeeding rotation, it broke water more visibly.

SHE COULD SEE it all too well. But she wasn't going to say so. She had felt all along, just slightly, that he was right; but she wasn't going to give in immediately -- if ever. There was too much to sacrifice. There were too many contests in life for that.

But there had already been several of the "contests" as she termed them. She kept telling Captain Van how and what the other guides with whom they had fished did and said. One guide had liked silver mullet better than balley-o. And another had liked ten-o kirby hooks better than the straight shank kind. Still another guide could out the little piece of backbone out of the tail so neatly. He was really a surgeon, practically; and he trimmed some of the flesh away inside so the tail wiggled so elegantly.

SOME OF THEM had really tried, she explained, giving Van a kind of questioning look. And she now noticed that some of her baits didn't troll so smoothly. But then, maybe it was only grass, she had offered, in an overly nice but slightly informative tone. But she was only trying to be helpful. That was all.

"Which authority said what and how was right, Mrs. Hardy?" Van had asked her



Well, he had had women like her out fishing before. Some liked to let you know that they had fished. It paid to have a cross-your-heart, latex patience. "Why don't you make a little wager with the Captain, Alice?" her husband asked. "Liven things up a little, dear. Say a round or two of drinks in the lounge this evening."

"Why don't you just stay out of this, Jason?" she warned with a strained but gentle air. "After all, I'm fighting the fish. I should know how hard he's pulling. Anyone can see by the way the rod's flexed -- how hard he's pulling."  
"A mutilated fish always pulls hard, Mrs. Hardy," Captain Van told her. "And you'll be lucky if that shark doesn't

roll with them -- let her have her way -- and drink rum for fortitude. He took another sip for confirmation. "Get him, dear," he smiled.

"All you have left is the head, Mrs. Hardy," Van tried to explain. Why not give it to her and have it over with? "It's simply rotating in a big circle. When you get him in a little closer, you'll see the head break water on the top of the circle, as it comes up. Watch."

It would be better to let him crank it in for her now. No need for her to wear herself out. But he didn't dare tell her.

"There. You see the head break water then, Mrs. Hardy?" Van pointed out

"Oh, I didn't say they were right, Captain," she coyly corrected him. "No, no. I didn't say that. I was simply commenting on their procedures and opinions. That's all."

"I see," Van accepted readily. "And how many outstanding fish or prizes or citations did these guides get you, Ma'am?" Van had asked her, not with bitterness, simply inquisitively. If these guides were so good... If she was such an outstanding fisherwoman... Perhaps he should ask her if she was fishing with Thompson when he took the thirty-six thousand pounder off Long Key. But he knew she wasn't old enough.

"And some of them used sparkplugs for sinkers, too, didn't they, dear,"

# SPECIAL ELECTION PULL-OUT

We asked all the candidates running for State Senate and House seats to answer the following questions:

1. Are you in favor of casino gambling in Broward and Dade Counties?
2. Are you in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment?
3. Do you feel that because of the uniqueness of the Florida Keys that they should receive special consideration and support from the State? If so, how?
4. What else do you think is an important issue (issues) in this election as it affects Monroe County?

## CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE -- DISTRICT 38

Name: RALPH R. POSTON, INCUMBENT

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes. Help and support is now given by the State -- mounting utility levies -- Monroe needs a loan to interconnect with the Fla. Power and Light Co.
4. Power is critical to Key West -- Full service of water -- Recreational (out-door) facilities in Middle and Upper Keys -- interconnect on telephone.

Name: ELLEN G. ALLEN

Did not respond.

Name: ROBERT MCKNIGHT \*\*ENDORSED\*\*

1. No.
2. Yes.
3. Yes. Continued state funding for aqueduct. Since Monroe has the highest cost of living in the state, I would favor a "differential" for state employees living in Monroe.
4. Educational funding remains critical in Monroe -- specifically shifting the funding burden from the local property taxes to state funds.

## CANDIDATES FOR STATE SENATE -- DISTRICT 40

Name: DICK ANDERSON

1. No. Presently the voters are being asked to buy a "pig in a poke." The ballot question should be more defined and all ramifications explained.
2. No. I strongly support equal rights for all Americans. (Equal jobs, equal pay, etc.) However, I do not feel a constitutional amendment is feasible. I will not support the passage of the ERA as a constitutional amendment.
3. Yes. The Florida Keys are one of the most unique attractions in America. The Florida Legislature must become more aware of its needs and give the Keys a higher place on its list of priority areas. All too long has it been neglected.
4. The main issues in the Keys are con-

tinuing quality education, protecting and preserving the seafood industry and tourism and better maintenance and improvement of the highway system. I can't emphasize enough that the elected officials must be more cognizant of the Keys and its needs.

Name: PAUL R. COBB

1. Casino gambling is not a life or death issue for the survival of our economy. The destructive influences on family life is too great a threat to our well being. Therefore I am opposed to casino gambling.
2. The ERA will invalidate all state laws which require a husband to support his wife and family (Fl. Statute 856.04). ERA is also a big power grab by centralized federal government and destroys the family. For these reasons I am opposed to ERA.

3. The Florida Keys need special attention concerning roads and water, and if elected as their State Senator I will vote in favor of legislation that will alleviate these problems.

4. Education is the most important issue for this whole state and Monroe County. As a teacher, I favor legislation that will put an end to discipline problems in the classroom and support the classroom teacher.

Name: AL DeMARCO

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes. They have been ignored too long.
4. Complete four laning Overseas Highway. Promote tourism. Improve water system.

Name: ELLIS R. GOMEZ

1. No, basically. If they must come, however, they should be by local option and state owned and operated to achieve maximum tax alleviation.

2. Yes. I'm just sorry the "equal protection" clause of the constitution has not been fairly applied, presenting the nation with this divisive issue.

3. The Keys, really, are a unique national resource. The federal government must not stint in efforts to maintain and protect the area. Special consideration by the State is also appropriate.

4. Water supply (and power supply, as well) is the sine qua non for the continued vitality of Monroe County. Selfish, up-state interests must not be allowed to thwart the Keys' legitimate interests.

Name: CHARLES C. PAPPY, JR.

1. No.
2. Yes.
3. Yes. The Keys has one of the highest cost of living in the State and all State Programs should provide extra funds because of the high cost. The Overseas Highway should be completed as soon as possible.

4. The economy of the Keys needs state help. A state office should be created in Key West to aid in promotion of the area as a tourist resort and the study of its marine life, etc.

Name: MIKE SIMONHOFF

\*\*ENDORSED\*\*

1. No.
2. Yes.
3. The Keys contribute uniquely to the state in that people from other parts of the state as well as the country come to enjoy that which only exists in the Florida Keys. In addition, these tourists contribute sales and gas tax to the state in an amount which is overly proportional to population. Because of this, I would like to see a greater weight placed upon return of funds from the state to Monroe County.
4. Water quantity is one of the greatest concerns of Monroe County. Through my chairmanship this past year, of the Health Systems Agency Environmental Task Force, a strong start toward the solution of this problem was made. This effort caused the following to become part of H.S.A. policy:
  1. Federal pilot Desal Plant recommended for Key West.
  2. Federal and State funds recommended to help build a new and larger water pipeline from Florida City.
  3. Insure that there will be sufficient quantity of water from the South Dade well field, as well as protecting its quality.

Every effort at all levels will now be made to try to insure that these goals are met. My effort in the Senate will be crucial for continued success of this program.

Name: JOHN SPOTTSWOOD, JR.

1. No. The present proposal does not accomplish what it is intended to accomplish for the people of South Florida and all of Florida.

2. Yes.

3. Yes. The State should provide us with funds to off-set the lack of revenues for our inadequate tax base.

4. U.S. 1 must be improved to eliminate congestion and highway fatalities. Our water pipeline must be upgraded to eliminate the need of higher fuel costs for the Desalination RO Plant and pumping stations. Our bridges must be repaired. State help with power problems in the Keys. Development of a year-round economy to provide jobs and preserve the quality of life we enjoy in the Keys.

## CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE STATE REPRESENTATIVE -- DISTRICT 120

Name: JOE ALLEN, INCUMBENT \*PREFERRED\*

1. No.
2. I have not yet taken a position on the ERA. Likewise, during the past two years which I served in the Legislature it has not come up for a vote in the House. A county-wide survey taken prior to the

1978 session showed that the people of Monroe County were evenly divided on the question. On this issue as is the case of others of paramount importance, I would go to the Legislature like a person on a jury, with an open mind and vote after hearing all of the pros and cons on the subject.

3. As a matter of fact the Florida Keys have received special consideration from our State government. For instance, in this year's appropriation bill there is \$33.445 million to match the federal appropriation for rebuilding the Overseas Highway Bridges. Also, last year \$8.1 million was allocated for relocating the pipeline on the new bridges. A similar amount will be appropriated this year. I feel that not enough attention has been paid to acquisition of environmentally endangered lands which are now in private hands. However, Monroe County has fared better than any other county in the State when you take the above into consideration.

4. Taxes will be the most widely debated and politically potent issue in the 1979 Session of the Legislature. Many plans and proposals will be made to comply with the spirit of California's "Proposition 13" which has spread throughout the country. In Monroe County the property tax problem is more acute than in any other part of the State due to the lack of the county's ability to broaden the tax base other than increasing assessments on local properties to an unbearable level.

Name: CORA WILBUR

- 1. No. Casino gambling will cause more problems than it will cure.
2. Yes.
3. Yes, because the Keys has become the recreational area of the state and the nation we should have state funds to redevelop the beaches and parks. Also, some adjustment in state funding should be made into this area because so much of our land is not taxable and county revenues are lost.
4. Insuring an adequate and clean water supply for the Keys. Controlling the growth of the area so that the delicate balance of the environment isn't upset and our energy sources are not totally exhausted. Also stabilizing our economy by properly developing the property turned back to the county by the Navy.

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

- 1. What is your position on a resort tax?
2. Are you in favor of adopting the proposed Monroe County Master Land Use Plan in its present form?
3. Are you in favor of a separate Personnel Director for Monroe County? If so, why?
4. Do you favor the adoption of qualification standards for important County positions?
5. Would you be in favor of the County continuing its efforts to secure Federal Grant Funds for the purchase of the Rest Beach tract for recreational purposes?
6. What is your reaction to the large cutbacks on Health Service funding for Monroe County in the forthcoming budget?
7. What else do you think is an important issue (issues) in this election?

SOLARES HILL is again endorsing candidates in the up-coming election for State Senators, State Representative, County Commissioners, and Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Board members.

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

THIS HAS BEEN a remarkably low-key political season thus far. There have been no exciting encounters between the candidates, very few political ads in the papers, and no large "Meet the Candidates" nights locally. The few meetings that have been held have, for the most part, been poorly attended.

We have had no problems making our selections, however. There are no real surprises for our readers (with one possible exception) and we have not been at odds with one another over one candidate versus another.

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

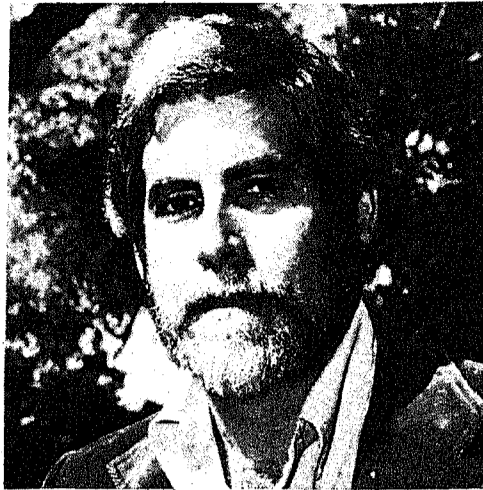
IN THE RACE for State Senator, District 38, we endorse Bob McKnight for the job. He has been the recipient of awards from the Audubon Society and the Sierra Clubs and has shown a regard for the environment during his time in the Florida House. The incumbent has never been a friend of the environment in our eyes and has recently been censured by his peers for unethical acts while serving the people of Florida as an elected official. The other person in this race, Ellen Allen did not return the questionnaire and we know nothing of her.

IN THE RACE for State Senator, District 40, we endorse the same man we endorsed in 1976 when he was running for the Senate, Mike Simonhoff. A proven environmentalist, Simonhoff drafted the tree ordinance for the City of Miami, was Chairman of the City of Miami Environmental Review Board, authored the City of Miami's Environmental Preservation Ordinance, and has been the Chairman of the Health Systems Agency Environmental

\*THE MONROE COUNTY Land Use Plan (LUP) is the main element of a comprehensive county development plan required by the Florida Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act of 1975. All Florida county and municipal governments must develop and adopt such a plan by July 1, 1979. The Monroe County LUP is the product of over two years of coordinated development, and reflects the input of the full spectrum of county interests from the most extreme conservationist viewpoint to the most extravagant speculative development ideas.

IN ITS PRESENT final draft form, it contains the policies and guidelines for long-term development that reflect workable compromises of many widely opposing views. It is based on in-depth studies dating back to 1970.

election editorial



Mike Simonhoff, our endorsed candidate for State Senator, District 40.

Task Force for South Florida. Simonhoff is a property owner in Monroe County as well and has a personal interest in the welfare of the Keys. Of the many other candidates in this race, we were pleased with the answers to our questionnaire of Ellis Gomez. Also, we were pleased to see Jack Spottswood enter the race, and we hope that he will prove to be a true friend of the environment.

IN THE RACE for Representative, it will come as a surprise to some that we are preferring Joe Allen over Cora Wilbur. Allen, the incumbent, certainly has never been confused with being an environmentalist, but he has shown a great willingness to listen and cooperate with our people when they have called on him. He helped to defeat a bill that would have legalized the taking of some crocodile and alligator hides to market and worked (unsuccessfully) on a bill to protect hermit crabs. He spearheaded turning Indian Key into a historical site. He has kept our people up to date on matters that affect us in the Legislature

GENERALLY, we feel that Cora Wilbur has started off in politics going after a larger job than her experience warrants and that she is not so up on the issues as she should be. However, she is a person of obvious ability and we hope that if she doesn't succeed in this race she keeps involved and runs again for elective office. Although we have some mixed feelings on this selection, we prefer Joe Allen.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, District 4, we come down the line for Jerry Shipley. We think that he has been one of the finest commissioners that we have had in the Keys, and we wholeheartedly endorse him in his effort to be re-elected. Frequently stymied and frustrated by the three Key West commissioners, he has continued to be a champion of the people's interest in all the Keys and has shown himself to be thoroughly well-

The final draft has been subjected to many hours of workshops and public hearings, to review, input and approval by cognizant regional and state agencies, and has been twice approved by the Board of County Commissioners following public hearings during May and June 1978.

HOWEVER, during the third and final hearing on June 13, 1978, at the insistence of the Marathon Board of Realtors, the commission, in a 3 to 2 split, voted to delay decision on final approval until after the first primary on September 12. The vote was Howanitz, Hernandez and Kerr for delay, and Shipley and Schloesser against delay. There the matter rests.

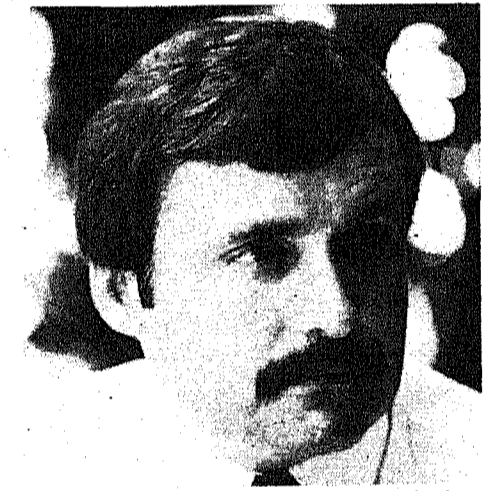
CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -- DISTRICT 4



Jerry Shipley, our endorsed candidate for County Commissioner, District 4.

informed on the issues and, from our point of view, has been on the right side with them. We shudder to think of recent editorials in local papers that have said that the best thing to do to change the awful performance of the Monroe County Commission is to vote out all the incumbents when they come up for re-election. This is surely a case of throwing out the baby with the bath water. Shipley has continuously given fine and responsible representation to the people, not just of the Upper Keys, but to Key West, as well. Solidly endorsed.

IN THE District 2 race for County Commission, Curt Blair has been known to us for years for his fine work with the Health Systems Agency. He has been com-



Curt Blair, our endorsed candidate for County Commissioner, District 2.

passionately aware of the needs of the people in this county and has been a clear voice in trying to see that these needs are met. He has been active in the Democratic party in Monroe County and has a fine reputation. He has responded intelligently to all questions during the campaign. We feel strongly that the incumbent should be replaced,

Name: JEROME V. SHIPLEY, INCUMBENT

- \*\*ENDORSED\*\*
1. Since there is very strong support for a resort tax in Key West, the County Commission should take the steps necessary to place the question on the November ballot for Key West voters. I believe that if such a tax were passed by the voters, it would quickly become a great success and the rest of the Keys would rush to participate. Although the present resort tax law is not perfect, it could be amended by the legislature to provide for a wider range of options.
2. The present Land Use Plan should be adopted immediately. It is a good point of beginning and will help ensure reasonable development practices in the Keys. Monroe County's Land Use Plan has been a victim of deliberate delays for many

and we have no doubts that Curt Blair will do an excellent job in his position. He is our endorsed candidate for this position.

FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY

THE IMMINENT DECISIONS related to selecting and financing the necessary water system expansion make the proper selection and re-election of the FKA board members of critical importance.

IN THE DISTRICT ONE race we see incumbent Fred Brush pitted against newcomer Bob Archer and former utility board member Ed Jackson. Brush's performance during the past term has seemed lackluster and he has usually been content to cast a concurring note with the majority. Ed Jackson has previously impressed us with his independence of decision and his aggressiveness for that which he believes. We think well of him and welcome his return to the political scene. However, we have heard and watched Bob Archer with great enthusiasm. He is by far the best informed of the non-incumbent candidates. He has done a great amount of research. His background in facilities and financial management for the U.S. State and Defense Departments is vast. His ideas concerning financing our urgently needed system expansion are imaginative and worthy of pursuit. We therefore strongly endorse Bob Archer for the FKA District One seat.

IN THE DISTRICT FIVE race we have only two candidates, incumbent Bill Pagdin, a professional engineer, and hardwareman Dick Wood, an active political personage from Islamorada. Wood has always impressed us as intelligent and energetic, and we think well of him. However, Engineer Pagdin has brought an analytical approach to the authority in the past four years that has been unequalled in the history of FKA. His answers to our questionnaire were profound. We need his continued expertise. We strongly endorse Bill Pagdin for re-election to the FKA District 5 seat.

IN THE DISTRICT THREE race, Jim Bogoeff did not respond to the questionnaire. Joe Balbontin we know as a hard working, honest, responsive and dependable plumbing contractor with a substantial growing business. He is an outspoken person with sound answers to our questionnaire. Alan Thompson we know only as a water analyst for City Electric System. His responses to our questionnaire were very good, but we can not help associating Thompson with the water problems at C.E.S.

WE BELIEVE that Balbontin will not be shy in asking questions and securing answers, and we prefer Joe Balbontin in the F.K.A.A. District 3 race.

years, and the time has come for the voters to reject those who have failed to heed the public's demand for such a plan.

3. I favor the hiring and retention of a qualified person to implement proper hiring policies and procedures. It was I who sponsored the creation of a Personnel Department over three years ago. I strongly condemn the action of the majority of the Board in abolishing the position and in delaying the adoption of a policies and procedures manual. The Board's action has caused serious personnel problems and resulted in poor employee morale.

4. All County positions should be filled by persons qualified by education, training and experience. Since approximately 70% of your tax dollar is spent on employee salaries, it is imperative that every ef-

fort be made to attract and retain competent employees. Such a policy would enable the County to operate with fewer employees and would be essential in maintaining low taxes.

5. I sponsored the original move to acquire the Rest Beach property. I still believe that it is a worthwhile goal to purchase the beach so that one of the few scenic ocean vistas in Key West will be preserved for the public.

6. The cutbacks to the Health Department budget have been irresponsible and will have a crippling effect upon many essential County health programs. I voted against the budget cuts and I voted to restore the necessary funds because I know that child immunization, school medical checkups, restaurant inspections, contagious disease control and other Health Department services will be impaired to such a point that the health of the whole community will be in jeopardy.

7. Integrity and competence in government are always key issues. Too often candidates seek office merely to feather their own nests rather than to honestly solve pressing problems. It is essential for voters to look at a candidate's record and base of support to determine a candidate's real qualifications.

Name: ELLIE CAMERON

Did not respond.

Name: WILLIAM R. RUSSELL

Did not respond.

Name: HENRY P. PURCELL

1. Only if voted upon by the entire County -- with complete outline of collections, control and disbursement completely spelled out in referendum.

2. Not in its present form. I feel there are areas not fully covered and needs more detailed study and explanation.

3. Yes -- procurement, qualification and reference checking should be done by person or persons qualified to do this work, also for budget reasons personnel should be the responsibility of one department.

4. Not only important County positions but all County employees should be qualified for their positions. Also a written justification for each position should be on file in personnel office.

5. Yes. Not only Rest Beach but all State Parks should revert to County ownership. This would increase County income to more than 3 million dollars a year.

6. Horrified. Definitely against the cutback.

7. County garbage situation, translator, inaccessibility of Commissioners, insufficient judicial coverage of the Keys and incomplete county-wide inventory.

Name: GARY H. WEECH

Did not respond.

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS -- DISTRICT 2

Name: PURIEGTON (PURIE) HOWANITZ

Did not respond.

Name: CURTIS BLAIR \*\*ENDORSED\*\*

1. While I personally favor the concept of the resort tax, I think that the voters

should be provided the opportunity to decide whether we adopt it. At the same time, the current controversy about the tax I believe is somewhat premature. We have no clear picture at this time as to what the tax might be used for, and how much might be raised through its establishment. Obtaining these answers would be the function of the Tourist Development Council which the County refuses to appoint. Clearly, it seems to me that the first step is to establish the Council, develop the plan for the use of the tax, and then let the voters decide whether it would be a good idea for our area.

2. Yes. I think the approval of a Land Use Plan for this County is extremely important. We have been working on various plans for at least eight years. The draft that is currently under consideration is as good a one as I have seen and I would favor its adoption and immediate implementation.

3. Our County currently has no updated personnel policies, no standard employment requirements, and no procedures for developing job descriptions. These are all necessary requirements for a business the size of our County Government. A County Personnel Director is one of those necessary positions that insure the quality and competency of County employees. The previous Personnel Director was well along the way toward putting our personnel system in order. I believe that work should be resumed.

4. Not only for important County positions but all County positions.

5. I believe that we were well along the way toward actually obtaining the monies necessary to purchase Rest Beach when the Development Coordinator's position was abolished. I certainly support the public purchase of Rest Beach as well as other significant properties. I also am in favor of the reestablishment of the Development Coordinator's position to insure a continuation of federal monies to our County.

6. I am very concerned about the Health Department cutback. The impression we've been given is that the Commission was trying to cut back on useless spending and welfare fraud. In fact, the Health Department provides a large number of services that have nothing to do with welfare. Health Department personnel perform various services including: inspection of septic tanks before home owners can occupy their residences, inspection of restaurants prior to opening and necessary immunization programs for pre-schoolers prior to admittance to public schools. This cutback will seriously inconvenience local residents and raises some serious questions about the future health of our community.

7. I think we need to look at the County Administrator's contract and do what we can to change it to make the administrator more accountable to the Commission.

The County needs to begin working on the problem of reasonable cost housing for our young families who are not destitute but who also cannot afford \$40-60,000 for the cost of a house or \$350-500 a month for rent.

We need a County Commission made up of people with the background and capability to deal with the complex problems of County government.

We asked all the candidates running for the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority Commission to answer the following questions:

1. In fairly specific terms, how do you believe that present and future needs of Monroe County for adequate water should be met?

2. What place do you feel various facil-

ity systems of reverse osmosis, desalination and pipeline should have in filling future needs?

3. How do you envision that such capital improvements should be financed?

CANDIDATES FOR FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY COMMISSION -- DISTRICT 1

Name: F.J. BRUSH

1. The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority is meeting the present water needs of Monroe County in the following manner:

a) 6 million gallon per day pipeline with Florida City well fields at a cost of \$1.07 per thousand

b) 2 million gallon per day desalting plant at a cost of \$5.26 per thousand

c) 1 million gallon per day reverse osmosis plant at a cost of \$1.62 per thousand

Energy costs (desalting and reverse osmosis) is \$1.5 million annually.

2. For the future, a larger diameter pipeline is proposed to increase capacity enough to shut down high energy consuming processes and provide all mainland water to the Keys, at a product cost of \$.79 per thousand gallons. Reverse osmosis capability is limited to brackish water sources and the availability is restricted to the Key Largo area. Reverse Osmosis is a high energy consuming process and should not be a part of a permanent water system.

3. It is envisioned that with Federal, State grants, loans and possibly, a small public bond issue a larger diameter pipeline can be financed. This is being studied and pursued now by the Financial Consultants and the Staff of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority.

Name: ROBERT S. ARCHER \*\*ENDORSED\*\*

1. I feel that, considering the very rapid/accelerated growth throughout Monroe County, the needs for a long-term adequate (and quality) water supply numerous aspects should be investigated and vigorously pursued by the Board of Directors of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority, the Monroe County Commission, the City Electric System (if that body can ever become efficient and effective in the foreseeable future!??), and with the assistance of the various appropriate agencies of the State of Florida, and the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal Government. Among the processes which should be explored, developed, and upgraded are: (a) Further pursuit of the Reverse Osmosis procedures. At the moment, of four wells drilled throughout Monroe County, we have but one (Rock Harbor Plant) producing any quality or quantity of potable water. As the result of inadequate engineering planning and exploration, the R.O. Plant at Rock Harbor (on Key Largo) is presently producing approximately 900,000 gallons per day at a production cost of \$1.75 per thousand gallons. (b) The construction of a new and larger pipeline from Florida City to Key West. The present 18" pipeline is extremely inadequate to provide adequate water supply to the fantastic growth of all of the geographical areas within Monroe County; (c) The construction of three (3) fifth generation (the newest and most proficient available) desal plants. These three desalting plants should be constructed as follows: one in Key West, one on the Middle Keys, and the third in the Upper Keys. The Government of Israel is currently having one of the new generation Desal Plants constructed near Haifa at approximately \$30 million as the total cost of con-

struction. To compare the new Israeli Desal Plant with our own FKAA Desal Plant on Stock Island, I should like to provide you with the following statistics:

FKAA DESAL PLANT (Stock Island)

Total cost in 1965-67 dollars: \$9,000,000. (The present FKAA Desal Plant serves Key West and the Lower Keys only).

Total capacity of the FKAA plant: 2,625,000 gallons per day (Present output: 2,200,000 to 2,300,000 per day).

Present cost of producing water at the FKAA Stock Island Desal Plant: \$4.91 per thousand gallons.

NEW ISRAELI DESAL PLANT

Total cost in 1978-79 dollars: \$30,000,000. (\$22,000,000 for the Desal Plant plus \$8,000,000 for distribution nearly 80 miles).

Total capacity of the new Israeli Desal Plant (when completed): in excess of 9,000,000 gallons per day.

Estimated cost of producing quality water at the newest type of Desal Plant in the world in Israel: between \$2.04 and \$2.10 (U.S. \$) per thousand gallons.

2. As I mentioned in my opening paragraph of this letter, I have just returned from the nation's capital searching for Federal assistance in the form of free Federal Grants-In-Aid up to 70% to 75% in financing all of the above improvements in our Monroe County-wide water resources and distribution. I have been advised by very close associates, with whom I have had the pleasure of working side by side for nearly 25 years that the probability of obtaining Federal Grants is excellent, particularly since the Florida Keys and Monroe County have been designated an area of critical concern. Federal funds have been made available for the construction of the new Overseas Highway bridges, and the pipeline to be attached to these 38 new bridges. Federal grants have re-vitalized the Key West area to an unbelievable degree during the past five years, beyond anyone's wildest imagination!!

In closing, I should like to mention that the present Board of Directors of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Commission have officially gone on record to have placed on the November election ballot, a referendum to authorize the FKAA to borrow the total sum of \$79,000,000 (\$50,225,000 from the Farmers Home Administration for 40 years at 5% interest per annum, and an additional \$29,000,000 from the commercial bond market at approximately 7% per annum for 25 years). Of this \$79,000,000, at least \$56-58 million can be obtained through interest-free Federal grants. The sole requirement that: the Florida Keys Aqueduct Commission submit the request and justifications for the Federal grant through the appropriate State of Florida agencies, who are most agreeable in the endorsement of the request for Federal grants on to the appropriate Federal Branches in Washington. My question is why the loan and bond issue in November, when I am certain that there shall be federal grants available soon after the end of the current federal fiscal year on September 30, 1978?

Name: ED JACKSON

Ed Jackson did not answer our questionnaire, but instead sent in this position paper:

My name is Ed Jackson, married to Joyce for 23 1/2 years, father of two sons and one daughter and one grandson. I am

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ason commented sarcastically. "Why don't you tell Van about that? And tell him about the fishbox that smelled so bad that it made you sick, Sweetheart, and you couldn't fish."

"Oh, that was something that I had seen, Jason. You know that. It even made you squeamish. Don't you remember?" he hinted. Jason was just difficult, he decided.

"With you, it was the fishbox. With me it was the Carta Blanca. I never could take that yellow rum. Give me the red."

"There is a difference in guides, of course," Van told them. He had to agree there. That was simply the way people were. A party believed in a certain guide. Just like their doctor.

BUT VAN knew Mrs. Hardy's kind. He had sensed it the very moment she had set foot on the Southwind. Even Larry had given him the silent laugh from atop the flying bridge. That was the bad part. Mates noticed such things. It was when she had given him the sad yarn about the bait. The very first thing. "Are the bailey-o fresh, Captain?" she had questioned. "I dislike terribly using old bait. That's one of the tragedies of fishing -- old bait. When they're mushy, they're no good. They have to be firm and hard. Don't you think so, Captain?"

THAT WAS WHEN Van decided that she was an unbeliever. She was one of those people. You had to get one of them occasionally.

"This bailey-o was caught last night, Ma'am," he informed her. "The only way it could be any fresher would be for us to find a school and hand-line fish them over the side of the boat. And we don't have time for that," he tried to explain. "Well, I was just wondering," she advised him. "Let me see one of them. Just for fun. Would you, Captain?" They were on the way out to the reef, and the bait had not been taken out of the cooler yet. "I'd like to feel one of them, Captain," she kept on. "Do you mind? I like to look at their eyes. That tells the story." She would let him be on guard. He might as well find out now. It didn't hurt to make sure. He shouldn't mind.

BOY! Van had thought. When they start out feeling and looking the bailey-o in the eye.... Man oh man! What kind of guide did she think he was? He knew what some guides were like. But it was the same in any business. The next thing she would probably want to know what the bailey-o had for supper before they were letted. How could anyone?...

You just couldn't reason with some people. Like this one. Let me feel your bait, Captain! Well now! He wondered that it would be next.

"And I like more than one wrap around the bailey-o's mouth with the copper tie-rite, Captain," she had explained to him with the first baited hook. "I want to be sure the mouth doesn't come open and take white water. Who ever saw a school of bailey-o all making white water with their mouths?" she inquired with such mock scorn and mild ridicule that it seemed to have dead aim.

"Mrs. Hardy, you must have fished with some awful guides," Van had to say finally. "Somebody must have given you a rough time, Ma'am."

"Oh, I don't know, Captain," she evaded. "I really don't know how one would discern a bad guide -- I suppose," she feigned in contrast to all she had been implying.

"Go on, dear, tell him about some of them, Alice," Jason goaded anew. "Tell him about the one who put the boat

on Rooster Rocks and scared the life out of all of us." She got herself into this, Jason thought. It was time she hung her horns into something like him. It had to happen sometime. Why not now?

"Tell me Mrs. Hardy," Van finally asked out of pure curiosity, "have you ever taken a sailfish or a marlin? Or say, a big wahoo? What did these other guides get for you, Ma'am?" He didn't want to be hard on her -- but what the hell! This quiet bout was a two way affair. Maybe he should go to night school for guides. He only wanted to please her.

"I'll tell you, Captain Van," Jason volunteered, taking an added sip of courage. "We caught nothing but barracuda and grouper. That's about it. And all small. Anything large would have been fine. But the baits were frightful and they wouldn't get off the reef. They were afraid of the blue water, I suppose."

"JASON SIMPLY didn't like any of them, I don't think, Captain Van," Alice Hardy finally defended. "He only went along for the ride and the scenery -- watching the empty rum bottles going overboard. And I'll have to agree that we caught lots of junk fish. But I suppose they weren't Gulfstream guides."

"Then you've never caught any real sport fish? Is that right, Mrs. Hardy?" Van insisted. He hated this. But somewhere there had to be a base she had forgotten to touch.

"Well..." she painfully stalled. "If you put it that way...I guess we haven't caught anything spectacular." She gave Van a twisted, confessional sort of look. It really hurt, he thought. Sometimes it was a bad business. It certainly was terrible having to say it, but if she hadn't, Jason would have, Van knew. But it was still rough on her.

BUT THAT would be the end, Alice Hardy concluded. There would be no more fishing with this guide. He had no right asking her that. She was only trying to see that they got good service. She knew what frauds guides could be.

Well, that would be it. They would terminate the charter -- even if they had to pay for the unused portion. They would check out of the camp. The whole experience had been hopelessly ruined.

The talk would be all over. She wouldn't be able to sit in the lounge for the drunken tittering. She knew how fishing people whispered. If you landed a big one, you were everything. Even the sky leaned down so you could touch it. But when you had never caught anything worth while....

WORST OF ALL, Captain Van had humiliated her more than if he had slapped her face. And it would be like that every day -- his looking at her as if he wanted to burst out laughing. Well....

She wouldn't fish another day with him! She couldn't stand him now! It was unbearable! She had to close her eyes -- thinking of it!

That was when Captain Van bent over and said softly to her, "There's a sail coming up to your bait, Mrs. Hardy."

"What? Where?" she blurted out, a thousand imagined hurts away from all the fishing in the whole, wide world.

"Right off the starboard side, Ma'am. He's coming straight in on your bait." He looked at her and he saw the soft, warm edge of tears. Suddenly he didn't look anything like her thoughts had been. "Take it easy, Ma'am. I'll tell you what to do. You'll do it all. This won't be a phony. I want you to get him more than you do yourself -- believe me, Ma'am."

SHE LOOKED at him, the gentle, ser-

ious smile of him, and it felt so good to cry. "What'll I do, Captain Van?" she pleaded, all softness and compliance for the first time.

"Wait until he knocks it out of the outrigger, Ma'am. Give him a chance," Van explained as the fish slammed down on the bait, releasing the outrigger clip. "Wait on it a moment now, Mrs. Hardy," he cautioned as the slack line fell on the water. "Now feel him gently, Ma'am," he said, motioning her to raise her rod slightly, easily.

The fish was there! Instantly the line tightened! "Now! Hit him!" Van coached forcefully. She swung her rod up and happiness exploded as she felt the irresistible force of the big fish.

It was the most wonderful thing in the whole world! She was hanging onto a sailfish! For the first time in her life! A sail! And he was jumping all over the ocean and walking on his tail! Imagine it! Her! A sail! And Captain Van was photographing it with a movie camera!

"Is it in color, Captain Van?" she tearfully asked.

"In color and with a zoom lens, Ma'am," he told her. He really wanted her to get the whole picture. He knew all the time it would be this way. Just let them hook a sail. That's all.

"And with a sparkplug for a sinker, dear. Just imagine, Alice," Jason quipped. He knew how much she needed the fish.

"Oh, you shut up, Jason," she joked, tears streaming. "Captain Van and I will leave you in camp tomorrow -- won't we Captain Van?"

"We'll see," Van replied. "You mean you're coming out here again tomorrow, dear?" Jason chided further. After thirty years, he knew her number.

"Are you kidding?" she laughed. "Maybe I'll move out here. It has promise. Lots of it."

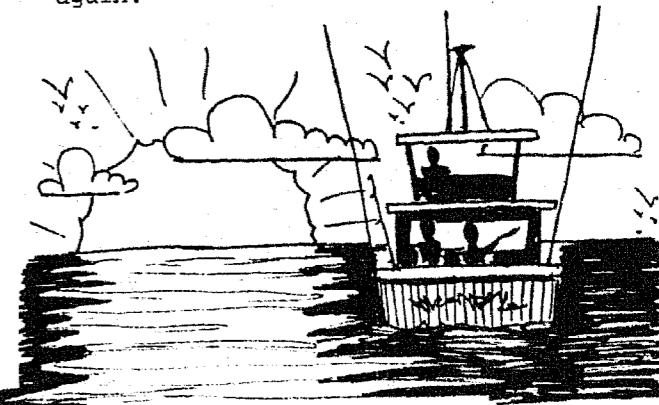
"I hope you get a dozen like him," Van encouraged her. She really was a nice person -- now that she was a believer.

"Oh, it's so wonderful, Captain Van!" she proclaimed, her now soft face bathed in tears. "And you photographed him. And in color! You're the greatest, really! My first sail! Oh, you're wonderful, Captain Van! I love you! Love you!"

WHEN THE SAILFISH was in the boat, laid out on its side, the sheer beauty of it affected Alice Hardy. "Oh, it's beautiful! Just beautiful!" she exclaimed, her eyes gleaming with delight. "We must have it mounted, Jason!" Looking around the cockpit at Van and the mate and her husband, she continued, "Oh, I'm so happy! Thank you all! Every one of you, thanks!"

She threw her arms around Jason, burying her face in his shoulder, clinging to him.

"Well..." Jason sputtered, putting his arm around her. "Sit down, dear, and catch another one, and we'll do this again!"



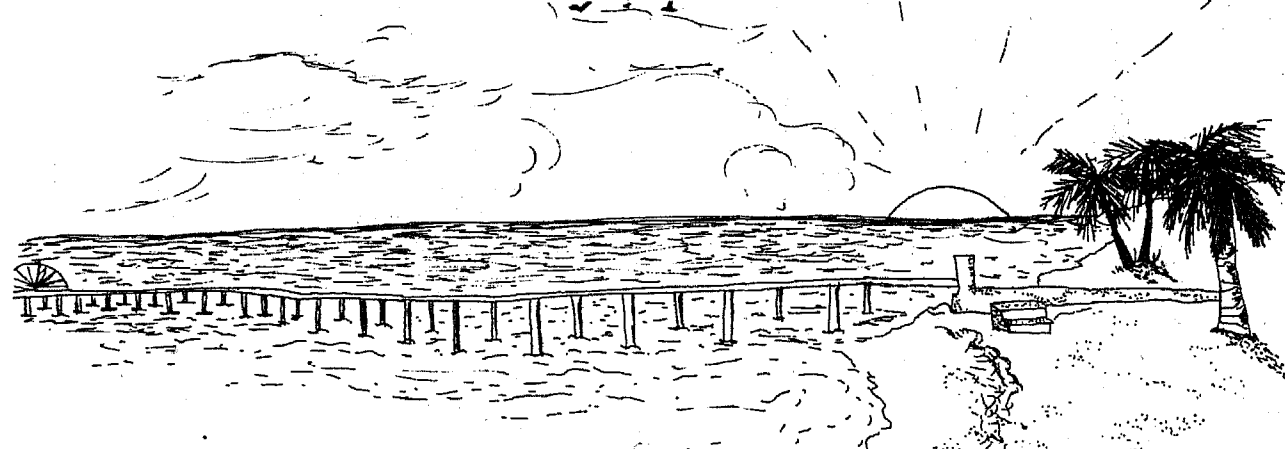
## Learning To See by Jerry Grapel

STARTING LATE in the summer, the old wooden pier at the county beach is the best place to watch the sun go down. By that time of year the sun has come back far enough to the south so that it begins to go down over the water. Since the pier is located on the southern side of the island, the bulk of the land mass to the north interferes with the view during the spring and early summer. At that time of year, most aficionados will watch from the northern side of the island, primarily at the end of Simonton Street, where it deadends into the Gulf.

ALTHOUGH both places are the best during their respective times of the year, when it is the correct time to watch from the pier at the beach, it is truly the best. No sunsets are finer than the sunsets

which make this so. First and foremost is the vast sweep of sky that is visible there. This, in my mind, is the single most important factor in grading sunset geography, for it is the magnificent colors and shadows produced by the sun's light bouncing off and sifting through the clouds which most make a sunset magnificent. The more vast the scope of the view is, the more spectacular the whole spectacle becomes.

I AM NOT a layman when it comes to watching sunsets. The island where I live is possessed of many such "professionals" who come regularly to enjoy the peace and beauty at the end of day. Such things have not been forgotten in an environment such as this. But the sunset, like a meal at McDonalds, has been wrapped and packaged and sold as a commercial venture here. Vast throngs of laymen turn out to watch sunset because it has been made part of the itiner-



drawing by Roberta Brownell

on the old wooden pier from late in the summer on into the fall. (Winter can be chilly on the pier.)

THERE ARE a number of factors

ary on their vacations. They are even told where to go in order to watch the sunset. Signs and arrows point to this place; its name is famous beyond the shores of this

humble island. Not so coincidentally, it is a place quite near the various shops, bars, and restaurants they are expected to spend their money in. How comfy-cozy. In truth, it is not a bad place to watch sunset, but not for the professional viewer whose sunset intellect is far more developed than the layman's.

IT IS the scope of view that is somewhat lacking at the "famous place." Without this vast panorama of sky, much of the effect is lost. It is truly the collage of color and light dancing across the limitless, cloud dappled blueness, which speaks most for a sunset. It is with much amusement that I sometimes watch the tourist-laymen almost completely ignoring this spectacle. In their minds, the point of it all is the sinking orange disc disappearing under the horizon. I do not minimize this part of the show. However, for the professional viewer, this is a rather minute segment of the total effect.

I cannot help but smile when seeing so many people leaving immediately following the sun's disappearance. This is like leaving a ball game three innings too soon. The drama and beauty of it all is still unfolding at its very best. The colors are deepening, the shadows are darkening, and the classic beauty of the day's light is growing ever more tiny. These are things not to be ignored.

EVEN THE PROFESSIONAL can be too narrow in his or her perception of sunset. The concept of sunset, of day's end, does not end with a colorful sky. Day's end must be viewed as a singular happening. The totality of Earthly environment


should be sought after. All that is, is part of the show. That is why the old wooden pier at the county beach is so superior to other vantage points, at least at its time of year.

At the wooden pier one sits out over the water, and the water is a big part of the show's glory. The water reflects all the great colors of the sky, and its journeys into turquoise and orange can be quite alluring. By sitting over the water, one is also privy to the refreshing breeze that always comes off it.

WHEN IT'S THE correct time of year to watch from the old wooden pier, it is the time of year when the breeze is almost always from the east or southeast. This breeze is gentle to the touch. Many times, while luxuriating there, I have felt as if my body were an airplane wing with the air rushing gently around it, caressing it with scarves of wind, so sweet, so sublime. It is at times like that that I feel as if I am living at the center of the livable human environment, this place being the most perfectly suited for the body that possesses me. Not too hot, not too cold, I can live here at this time and place with the smallest amount of effort, it is the spot meant for me and my kind to survive the easiest.

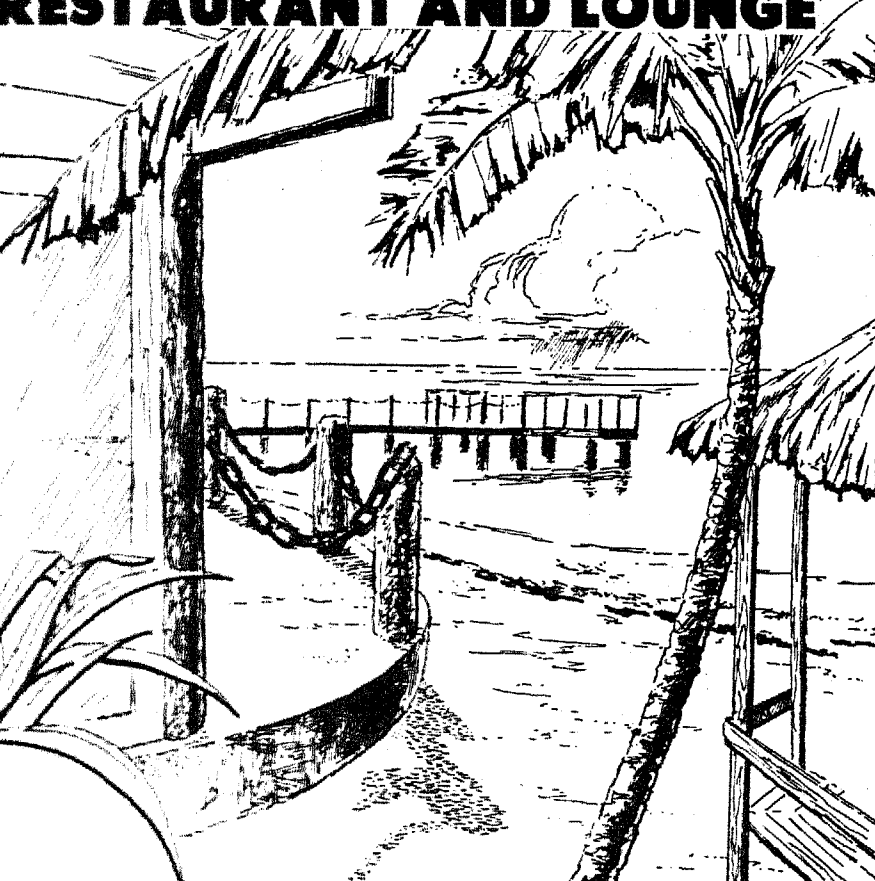
HAVING NOW explored the sky's colors and shades, the water's reflective elegance, and the soothing touch of the silky tropical breeze, let us not sit on our laurels. We should always look to broaden the scope of the sunset experience. What of the other living things around us? Surely day's end has varying effects on their lives as well as ours. Sunset ushers in the





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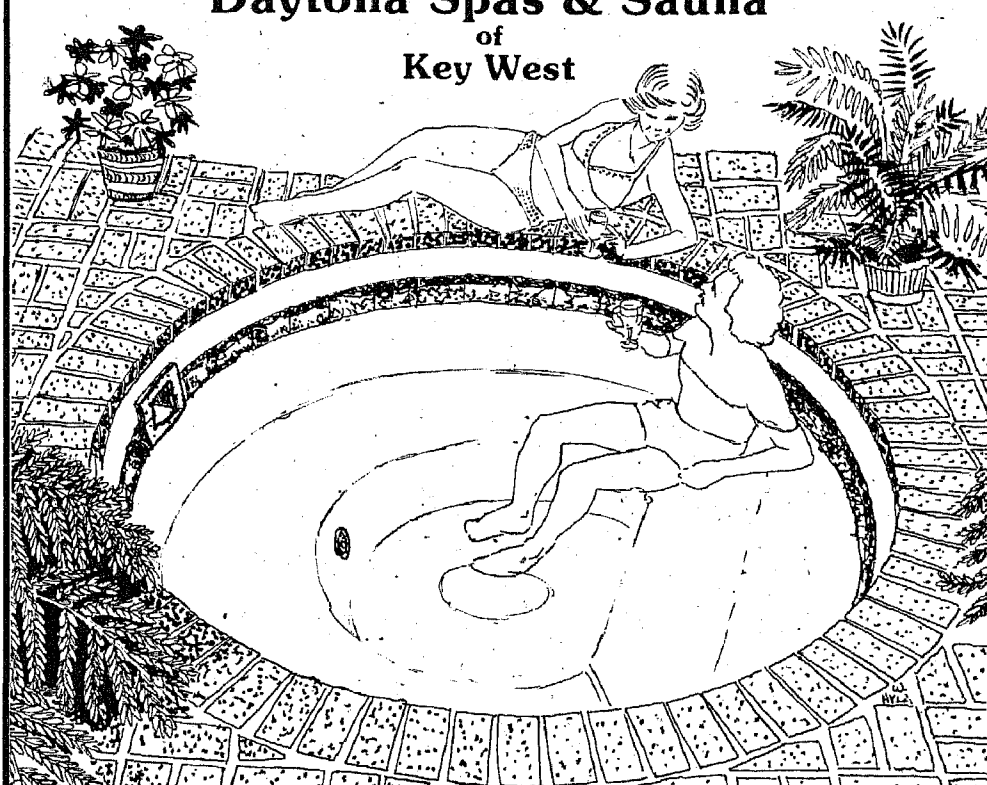
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night. It is a time to wind down, to change direction, to head for home. A new course is to be charted as we head into the oncoming darkness. Witness the birds, so much a part of day's end at the wooden pier. They seem to be going somewhere definite at this time of day, streaking low across the water, cruising non-stop to the horizon, so very much in control. There'll be a low flying flock of terns, streaking just off the water. As they speed towards the pier, it seems as if a collision will ensue. These creatures are, however, the antithesis of clumsiness. Acting as one, the flock neatly rises above the pier and then, just as neatly, resumes their watertop cruise on the other side. So long, bye, bye. And what of the ponderous pelican, the heavy bomber of the bird world, plodding slowly through the sky, heading towards somewhere I'll never know? And high flying frigates, and low strafing ducks...

I SUPPOSE my inspiration for this piece was the result of a wonderful occurrence which took place recently at the old wooden pier. This happening further broadened the scope of my own sunset experience. There is always more to learn in this world, always more to see and take in, no matter how worldly one might think he is.

I was sitting with two companions, reveling comfortably in the orange twilight. Each of us, being professional viewers, had known in advance that this day's show was to be a good one. The air was crisp and clean, and the sky was thinly layered with delicate wisps of high flung, white cloud smudges. To the pro, it was obvious that these high flying white streaks would take on an ever ros-

ier color as the sun steadily declined. In short, the sky would be flaming.

IT WAS already autumn. In the summer, the sky is usually congested with low-lying cloud puffs and mountainous concentrations of huge thunderheads. But not in autumn. On this day, the sky only contains this most uniform layer of high cloud. As a result, the day's light was receding in a very orderly fashion, slowly shrinking quite symmetrically as the sun dipped further under the horizon. Surely, steadily, all the light that remained was being gathered in an ever smaller arc over where the sun had descended. This effect is not so obvious in the summer sky where the thunderheads and low clouds play tricks with the light -- letting it through here, closing it off there -- destroying the uniformity of light an autumn sky produces. Don't misunderstand, I am not stating a preference here. Both hold charms enough in their own way to satisfy anyone.

WITH THE autumn sky slowly being squeezed of what light it still possessed, one of my two associates suddenly shouted that he had seen a dolphin. Immediately, we all three stood up as one on the pier, gazing intently to where he pointed. It was the perfect time to see this phenomenon. The water no longer reflected very much light, yet there was still daylight enough to see its surface easily. Soon enough, the dolphin appeared again and my other friend saw it too. Both of them babbled excitedly, pointing and trying to make me see.

"At eleven o'clock from the buoy at the head of the channel."

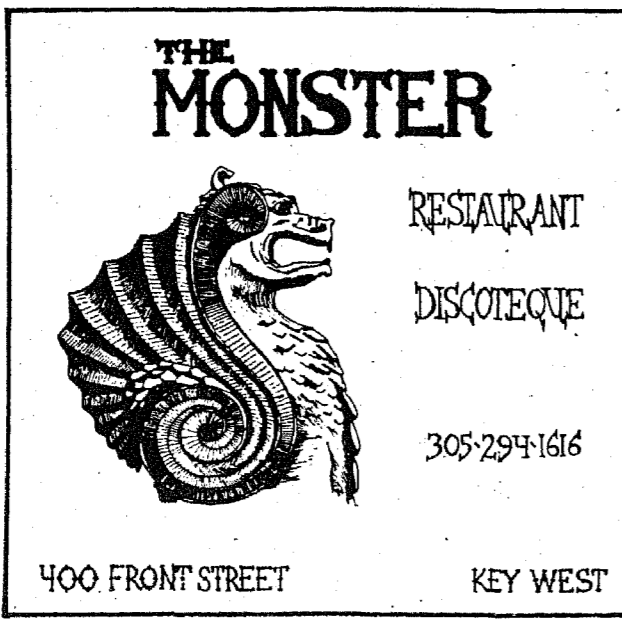
"I think there's more than one."  
"They're swimming in towards shore."  
"Now, in front of that old sloop."  
"They're dolphin all right."

I COULDN'T see them. This same thing had happened about a week before. I was with one of the people I now stood with. He had sighted dolphin then, but try as I might, my unschooled eye could not detect its presence. Both my companions were more tuned in to the sea than I. One owned his own boat and went cruising frequently. The other had fished, even as a small boy in the city. I knew they were seeing the wonderful dolphin. I wanted to see them too! I felt that if I could just see them once, I'd see for all the rest of my life. Then I'd know and I'd be able to see whenever it happened again.

THERE ARE TIMES when I will watch a tennis match on T.V. On occasion, a person who does not play tennis, as I do, will be watching with me. As I sit and watch the action, at times I will be overcome with wonder at the spectacular play on the screen, sometimes to the point where I will shout out in wonder, "Wow, what a shot!" Many are the times when the tennis layman viewing with me will sit dumbfounded as I shout. Immediately after my hysterics he might ask something like, "Who won the point?" or "Where'd the ball go?" His eyes could not see what mine did. They had not the experience to do so. They had not been trained to see the tennis ball flying about.

I could not see the dolphins. My eyes did not know what to see. "Over there!"  
"How far out?"

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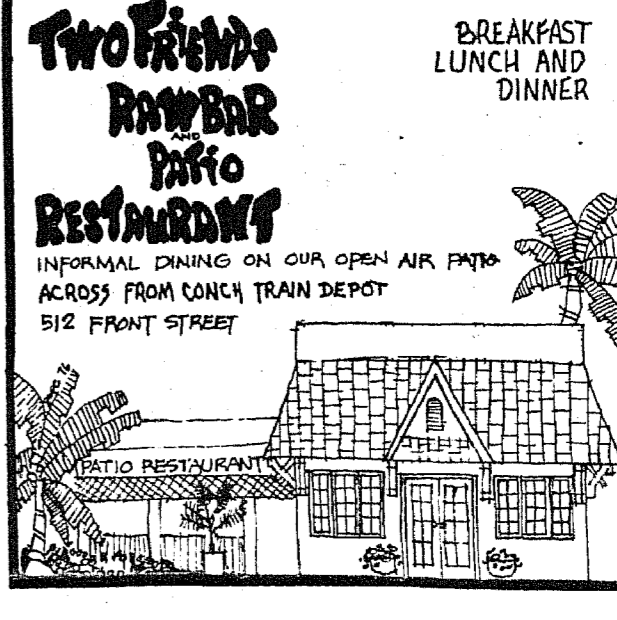


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for short periods -- say, 7 MW. And 7 MW plus the 45 MW dependable continuous power equals 52 MW, which is about what we had from the time of the July 28 shutdown of the 37 MW turbine until the end of August.

WHAT HAPPENED during the brownout month was actually much more complicated than that, but one might assume that these figures were running through the minds of CES officials during the week of July 17 when the breakdown of the 37 MW turbine appeared imminent.

Exactly what actions were taken and what judgements were made between July 17 and the July 28 breakdown are not known at this time, but it does not seem that concern was great enough to call a special meeting of the Utility Board or call in the consulting engineers. The consulting engineers were not called in until after the July 28 breakdown.

BACK TO the week of July 17. With 15 MW gone and 37 MW going, CES management must have known the system was in trouble because of the nature of the problem with the 37 MW turbine: irreversible damage was being done by salt water in the turbine.

A report to CES dated August 8 from James S. Poole of Baltimore consulting engineers Sheppard T. Powell gives preliminary conclusions based on Poole's inspection of the turbine on August 4. We quote in part:

"Plant records which we examined while at Stock Island indicate there was a severe condenser leakage problem during the week of July 17-21. During this time there would have been opportunity for salt water to reach the turbine by way of the atomizing water which is sprayed directly into the superheated steam. Of course, there could also have been some carryover from the boiler since the phosphate residual in the boiler water reached zero and stayed there for much of this time."

"During the period of July 17-21 the Stock Island Power Plant boiler operated extensively with chemistry out-of-specification. The major problem -- and the most dangerous condition for an operating boiler -- was the low pH (acid conditions). This most probably resulted in generation of hydrogen gas and subsequent hydrogen damage (embrittlement) of boiler tubes.

"Hydrogen induced embrittlement can cause immediate massive failures of many boiler tubes, or it can cause damage not severe enough to cause tubes to rupture at once. In the latter case, however, irreversible damage has occurred with loss of metal strength and initiation of cracks into tube metal. These sites of damage are particularly susceptible to future failure whenever chemistry again comes out-of-control.

"There have been instances where operating at low pH (acid range) has caused loss of most of the furnace tubes in a few hours or days. In other cases, the damage remains hidden for months or years until some sudden mechanical stress causes the rupture of affected tubes. Some boilers have suffered periodic failure for 10-15 years following an episode leading to hydrogen damage."

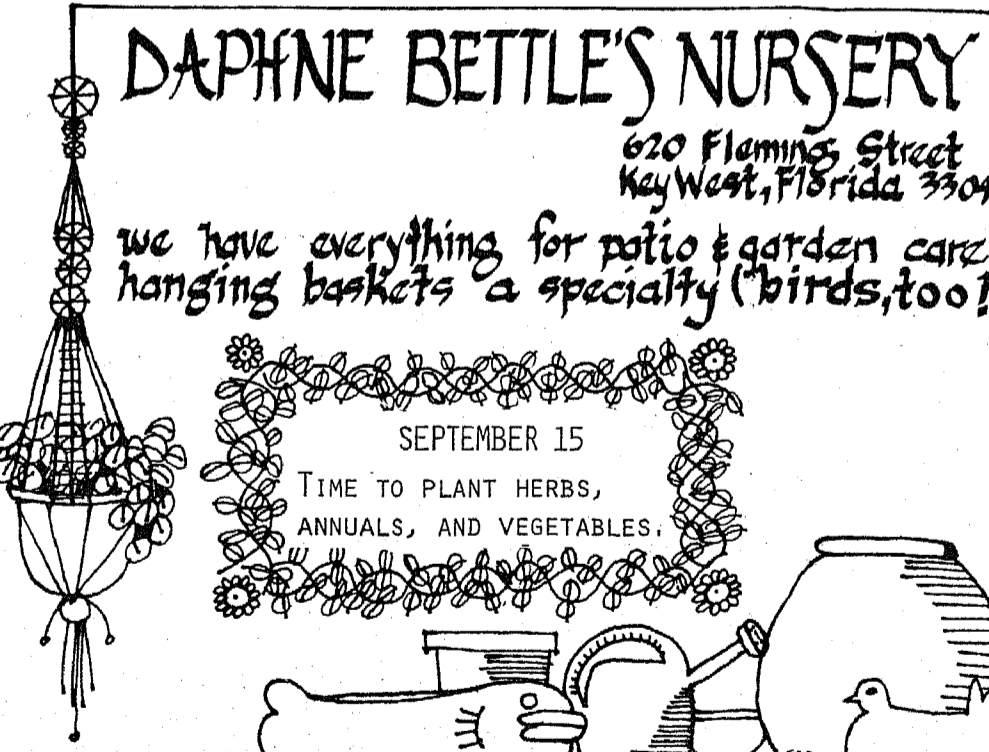
POOLE FELT that the deposit buildup found on the turbine blades was due to salt water leakage from the condenser into the turbine, but that the deposits did not necessarily cause the failure of the thrust bearing, which caused the final shutdown.

However, the salt water leakage caused damage that meant that the turbine would have to be shut down soon anyway. CES management knew the nature and extent of the problem during the week of July 17, but nothing was apparently done until the final July 28 breakdown.

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As soon as the salt water leakage was detected and it was realized that the system would soon be reduced to a capacity of no more than 52 MW -- 10 MW below the peak demand -- CES management should have notified the Utility Board and the consulting engineers.

Then the Utility Board should have ordered that the fol-

EXISTING ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES  
 PEAKING DIESEL UNITS

UNIT	MFR. & YEAR	CAPABILITY		HOURS IN OPERATION
		NAME PLATE (KW)	DEPENDABLE (KW)	
STOCK ISLAND	1 Electromotive, 1965	2,000	2,000	7,817
	2 Electromotive, 1965	2,000	2,000	6,851
	3 Electromotive, 1965	2,000	2,000	6,825
DUVAL	2 Electromotive, 1966	2,300	2,300	3,337
	3 Electromotive, 1969	2,750	2,750	4,242
	1 Electromotive, 1969	2,750	2,750	4,086
		Total 13,800 (or about 14 MW)		

EXISTING ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES  
 STEAM TURBINE-GENERATOR UNITS

UNIT	MFR. & YEAR	NAMEPLATE		OPERATING CONDITION
		(KW)	PEAKING (KW)	
1	Allis-Chalmers, 1952	5,000	5,000	FAIR
	Allis-Chalmers, 1952	5,000	5,000	FAIR
5	General Electric, 1957	16,500	15,500	GOOD
	Allis-Chalmers, 1963	16,500	15,500	GOOD
4	Westinghouse, 1966	16,500	19,000	GOOD
	General Electric, 1972	37,000	37,000	GOOD
		97,000 (97 MW)		

lowing be done immediately and simultaneously:

- 1) Inform the public that a power failure was imminent and strongly urge that 5 MW be saved through conservation.
- 2) Search locally for any form of power that could add 5 MW to the system.
- 3) Search the state and federal governments for sources of power that could add 5 MW to the system quickly, declaring a state of emergency if necessary.
- 4) Search the federal government for sources of power that could temporarily supply 15 to 20 MW until both the 15 MW unit and the 37 MW unit were completely repaired and running dependably.

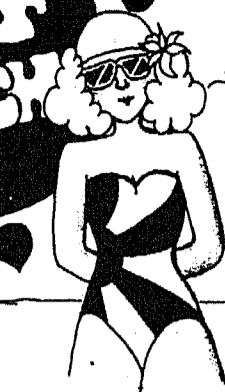
NONE OF THESE things were apparently done when the first signs of trouble appeared during the week of July 17. Did the CES management hope the problems would go away if they were ignored, or did management gamble that the 37 MW unit would survive until the 15 MW unit could be put back on the line? Why was nothing done?

While the management failed to act responsibly at first, once the 37 MW unit finally broke down, causing the month-long series of spot outages, the Utility Board could reasonably have been expected to heed the cries of public outrage and aggressively seek immediate relief for residents and businessmen. Instead, Chairman Gayle Swofford went on vacation, and Board Member Pito Lastres was absent from an important meeting with CES continued on page 31

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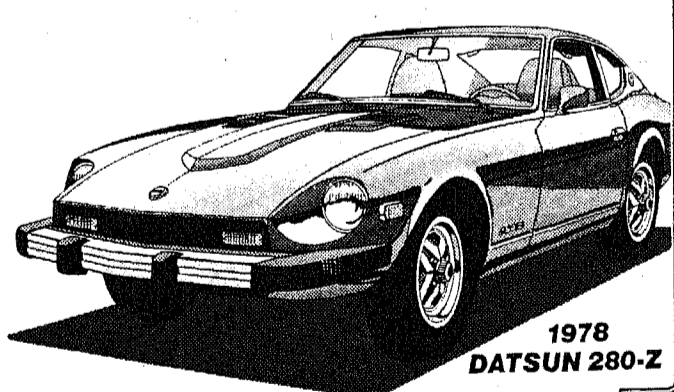
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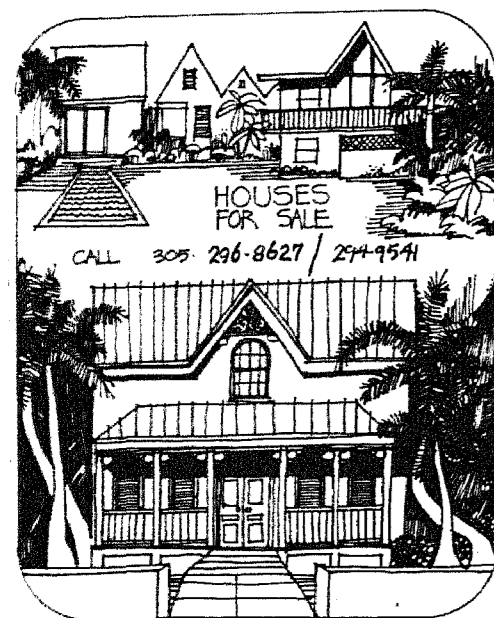
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We need night or evening meetings, and more cooperation between CES and the Aqueduct.

We need lower rates for our senior citizens and disabled vets.

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for Monroe County are being met, providing the customer requesting water hook up pays the required \$1300.00 plus for the water meter. I believe this is an abuse and beyond the reach of the working man and should be lowered.

There's only one logical answer to future water needs of Monroe County. This would mean a larger pipeline from Florida City to Key West. The reverse osmosis system is inadequate in the Florida Keys. Engineers have been able to locate only one area where the plant will function efficiently and this is in Rock Harbor. The desalination plant has a very short life span and a high fuel consumption rate resulting in extremely high fuel costs. For example: Water production at the desalination plant costs \$5.21 a thousand gallons versus \$1.21 at Florida City.

2. The desalination plant and reverse osmosis facilities should be mothballed and available for production in the event of any emergency. The pipeline is and will be the primary source of water for years to come.

3. First, all possibilities of available sources of government grants should be explored. For obvious reasons this should be our first consideration. Once this effort has been exhausted and borrowing becomes absolutely necessary, we should endeavor to seek the best possible financial plan. Even then, the final decision to obligate ourselves should be left up to the people by way of a referendum. After all they will be the ones who will have to bear the financial burden.

CANDIDATES FOR FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY COMMISSION -- DISTRICT 3

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hard to be very specific due to the fact that I am presently not in the position to know all the facts that I feel I should know in order to determine the most feasible and economical course to take in providing Monroe County with the necessary quantities of water needed.

The new pipeline does sound like a very good source, considering the economic standpoint which has been given by the Aqueduct Authority. To produce 1,000 gallons of water at the Desalination Plant costs approximately \$5, whereas 1,000 gallons brought from Florida City wells, via the new pipeline, costs approximately \$1.30.

As I said in the beginning, I'm really not in a position right now to know all the facts concerning the new pipeline. In considering the advantages and disadvantages of this pipeline, there are questions that I need answered before I can take a firm stand.

It is possible that we could get this new Desalination Plant through the Federal Government, as an experimental plant which the Federal Government proposes to build in different sections of the country. This government financed plant is claimed to be more efficient. Is it really more efficient, and if so, how much more than our present desal plant?

These are some of the questions I will be looking into before I can really determine the most efficient and less costly of the alternatives to the question of an adequate supply of water to Monroe County.

2. Presently the FKA has a Reverse Osmosis plant which is producing 1 million gallons a day. This in itself is a big help in our demand for water. But how long will the supply to this plant last and are there any more sources of supply along the Keys?

I feel that all three of the sources

that have been mentioned here should be looked into with greater detail and with a more open mind, in regards to the consumer, in the future. Together with my vast knowledge of water and sincere concern for the consumer I intend to do just this if elected.

3. I believe that the Capital improvements could be financed by Federal Grants or through projects funded by the Federal Government, thereby alleviating the cost of these improvements directly to the consumers.

Although it was not asked of me, I must mention something that is of major concern to me. This charge which is called a systems development charge which faces most all potential new home owners. It is my belief that this charge is not needed and I fully intend to look into the possibility of eliminating it completely.

CANDIDATES FOR FLORIDA KEYS AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY COMMISSION -- DISTRICT 5

Name: WILLIAM G. PAGDIN, INCUMBENT

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2. Moth-balling both the Reverse Osmosis plant at Rock Harbor and the Desalination plant at Stock Island for temporary use after catastrophies which might occur in the Keys, an area which can suffer badly from hurricanes, or, in case of war, from bombing (Homestead Air Force Base being the target).

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for this choice:

1. Economics: This will be dealt with in Part C.
2. Water Quantity: The Stock Island Desal plant can only produce 2.5 mgd (millions of gallons per day). This is not even enough for Key West at the present time. More plants would have to be built. They are not economic to operate. The present R.O. (Reverse Osmosis) plant can only produce 1/2 mgd for the long haul (1 mgd for a short haul). This means more wells, more R.O. plants and at greater operating cost. Also we are not sure of the longevity of the well field under Key Largo but the well field under Florida City seems boundless.
3. Water Quality: The Florida City water is of better quality than any we can manufacture by Desal or R.O. Although we see that all our water is of better quality (34 ppb) than the Government minimum standard of 100 ppb (parts per billion). We can take pride in the fact that our water is thus not carcinogenic like many of the counties north of us.

The future needs merely project us further into a bad economic situation if we have chosen the Desal and R.O. plants as the solution. On the other hand, we have been allocated an average of 17.5 mgd by 1980, and whatever we need after that date from our well fields in Florida City. We now use an average of 9 mgd.

Part B.  
In other words, the pipeline is the best solution for lowest operating costs, adequate future quantity, and best quality. The Desal and R.O. plants will serve an excellent purpose for standby duty.

Part C.  
It is true that in first looking

only at the capital investment required, the Desal/R.O. solution seems to be the cheapest. But, a number of factors immediately surface which show this premise not to be true.

1. The pipeline connecting various R.O. and Desal plants must be replaced anyway because of expected deterioration (it is 40 years old now at the end of its useful life as a pressure main). Replacing this pipe with one of its present (18") size will cost over \$40-million and still then require Desal plants @ \$8 million per, 1 mgd capacity for all sources south of Key Largo and R.O. plants @ \$1.5 million per 1 mgd capacity on Key Largo. Also, the present pumping costs will remain the same and the fuel and other costs will increase proportionately to the amount of Desal and R.O. water being made. So, since no comparable savings are being generated, increased use of Desal and R.O. must be accompanied by increases in water rates!

On the other hand, installing a larger sized transmission pipe will definitely permit the shutting down the present Desal, R.O. plants and 5 1/2 of the present intermediate pumping stations for an immediate cost-saving of almost \$3 million per year. This sum is enough to float a \$53 million government loan, which, together with the D.O.T. contribution of \$19 million to replace the existing pipe on the bridges when each bridge is replaced, and an expected \$5 million State Grant will be enough to cover the whole project without raising the water rates. Thus the larger pipeline solution will not increase water rates and will reduce water costs by perhaps as much as the fuel adjustment.

In addition to the above reasons, the life of the Desal and R.O. plants is not expected to be 20 years. (The present Desal has already been replaced once -- and it is only in its eleventh

year). The new pipeline will have a life of at least 40 years!

I am proud to take the credit for:

1. Determining the right size pipeline and convincing the Board to go for it.
2. Finding the source of the \$53 million loan. Although our elected Senators and Representatives tried their best to get larger grants we were helpless until the FMHA came through with the loan. It took 3 years.

It makes sense to keep me on the Board of the Aqueduct Authority to see that we do get our value for the money.

Name: DICK WOOD

1. It is my opinion that our immediate needs are the most critical and should take priority over future needs (a case in point Key West's electric brown-out). We must insure an uninterrupted supply now, then study all possibilities to supply future needs at lowest possible cost.
2. I do not claim to know at this time which system of supply would be the most financially feasible. I would study all alternatives; however, at present, my position would lean to a new pipeline with the possibility of R.O. plants in the Upper Keys area.
3. At one time in the past I represented the Florida Keys Electric Co-op at a meeting with the Aqueduct Authority, City Electric System and government officials, where the three utilities were offered an experimental combination electrical generating and desal plant as a federally financed gift. I think that Federal Grants may still be available.

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grinning sheepishly. I hurriedly connected my hearing aid. Now Cobb is more than six feet tall, but the midnight fly-boy was at least six inches more than that and built like a wrestler.

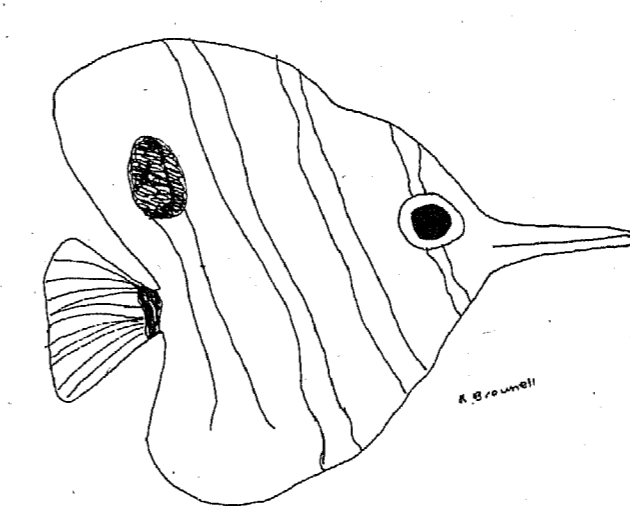
Jim gazed up at the towering hulk and said mildly, "She wants you to leave."

I added, "If you don't go right away, we'll call the police." Actually, neither Jim nor I had home telephones, but the drunken giant didn't know this. He shrugged and decided to depart peacefully, staggering out into Charles Street.

AFTER HE HAD GONE, we discovered that entrance had been gained by removing the back door, ripping it off at the hinges!

Next day I reported the damage to the landlord. I was given a lecture and threatened with eviction. Said he, "This was a perfectly respectable place before you posed for that notorious photo at Duffy's Tavern."

The picture was finally removed, but not before the wild adventure had become the gossip of the year.



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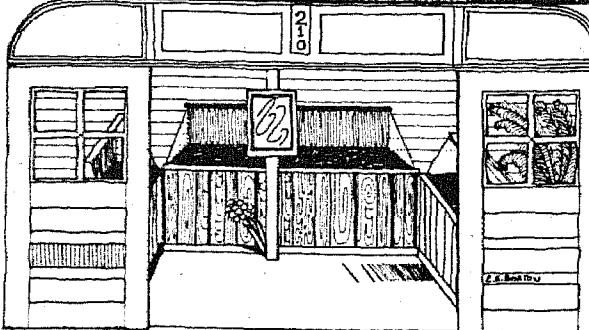
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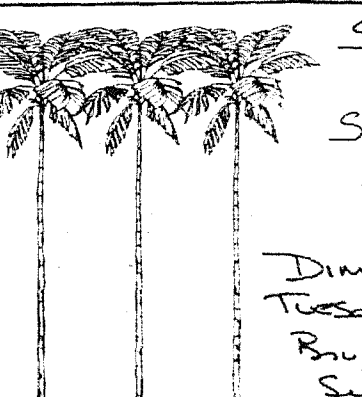
THERE ARE no retrograde planets in the heavens during the month of September. This indicates that matters in general will be resolved without further delays. In the chart of Key West this may refer in particular to our utility problems. Some matters pending in the area of the military may also be resolved at this time.

A total of five planets change signs during the month, indicative of "off with the old and on with the new." Several affairs may come to a conclusion in city business, i.e., parking lot. Decisions that have been pending may find speedy settlements.

Back to school month may be problematic. A stellium of planets in Scorpio is in square aspect to the House of Education in the chart of Key West. This aspect continues through the month

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the City Commission. (Members Lou Carbonell and Marty Arnold attended the meeting; Leland Roberts was in the hospital.) Marty Arnold blamed the problem on an "act of God." The Board, in ads in the *Key West Citizen*, blamed the previous boards. "Cruel fates," said one of the consulting engineers. "Dirty water," said Swofford. "Not our water," said the PKAA.

MAYOR SONNY MCCOY called the situation a disaster. CES' answer to that was that an hour without electricity wouldn't hurt anyone, which enraged businessmen who knew better.

CES made the incredible statement that they didn't want to declare a state of emergency because it would make them look bad. CES' consulting engineers, Reynolds, Smith and Hills, were in the same frame of mind, denying that there even was an emergency.

IN AN August 22 letter, Kenneth A. Watson of the consulting firm wrote to the Utility Board:

"We have been told through contacts with the Atlanta Office of the Department of Energy that the federal government can only act to bring in portable generation after the Governor of Florida declares an official power shortage emergency situation in Key West. From our unofficial investigation into the availability of such government units as mentioned in (2) above (15-20 MW barge-mounted military generation plants), we have and do continue to advise the Board to hold off on such a request to the Governor until a real emergency exists."

BUSINESSMEN WHO have lost perishable stock, paid overtime to make up for time lost to blackouts, and lost sales would want to ask what Watson would consider a "real emergency."

Watson told the Board that his firm was not able to find any portable equipment anywhere in the country that could be loaned to CES. However, he said that the Board might consider buying a new unit or units that would generate 15-20 MW and cost upwards of \$3 million.

In a full page ad in the *Citizen*, the Board announced plans to purchase such a unit costing more than \$3.5 million. Apparently this announcement did not reflect an official decision by the Board, and it is not certain that the Board is seriously considering such a purchase.

WHAT'S TO BE DONE?

CES HAS several options. Some seem attractive -- easy outs. Some look difficult, but may work well. Here they are briefly.

PURCHASE BY FLORIDA Power and Light: Looks good compared to the present situation; if we were nestled in the benevolent arms of FP&L now, all this would not have happened.

- But --
- 1) FP&L, a private corporation, would expect to make a profit, which would come out of the customers' pockets;
- 2) FP&L would have to pay tax on its profits, which would come from the customers;
- 3) Guess who would ultimately pay for the tie-line that FP&L would want to run from the mainland to Key West.

IN SHORT, according to those who are familiar with utility business, FP&L ownership of CES would result in higher electric bills. Considering the future tie line planned by CES and the overall improvements made to the system, FP&L would probably not give us any better service than CES will after the tie line is completed in about eight years.

BUY ADDITIONAL POWER units: More of

a face-saving, belated public-pleasing, financially irresponsible move than a sound business investment. Unless the Navy suddenly decides (and a decision may be announced by October) to send a significant number of personnel to Key West before the tie line -- about eight years away -- is built, the present equipment seems to be adequate. The recent experience seems to indicate the opposite, but actually most utilities experience similar outages of equipment. It just doesn't show up elsewhere as it does here; that is, the power doesn't really go out, but only because other utilities can flip a switch and obtain power from a neighboring utility because of grid tie-ins. Key West can do the same when the tie line is built.

Preliminary work toward making the tie line a reality has been going on, but it is certain that the recent outages will put a spur to getting it off the drawing board. The projected completion of eight years in the future may even be moved up.

SIT TIGHT and continue to improve the present system: It may seem uncharacteristically conservative of us to say it, but now that the 37 MW unit is back on the line (as we go to press it is not yet running at full capacity) and the 15 MW unit can be fully repaired, we do not need additional power. The most responsible advice seems to be to take care of the present facilities and proceed with the tie line.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

THE UTILITY BOARD has long been identified with scandal and small town politics in its worst form, as anyone who has lived in Key West for a few years remembers. The members of the present board, with the forward-looking tie line plans and the solid improvement in maintenance in the past two years, has generally presented a positive image.

During the recent crisis, however, the Board blew up like a faulty generator and crumbled like a bearing under stress. Individually and as an elected body en-

trusted with the public welfare, the Utility Board has consistently neglected or refused to function for the good of the utility it oversees and the people it serves. Of all the members, perhaps only Leland Roberts cannot be fairly judged, since he was legitimately out of the picture during the early stages of the crisis. In fact, Roberts has promised an investigation into the causes of the prolonged outages, and, as much as we distrust the results of an in-house inquiry, we feel that it is a minimum requirement under the circumstances and at least a step in the right direction.

BUT THIS is not enough:

We feel that we are accurately reflecting the opinion of the majority of the people of Key West when we say that it is time for an in-depth probe of the Utility Board and the City Electric System by an impartial, outside investigative body. This would clear the air of suspicion and the taint of scandal so that those who are truly serving the public in their positions with the utility can freely pursue their work.

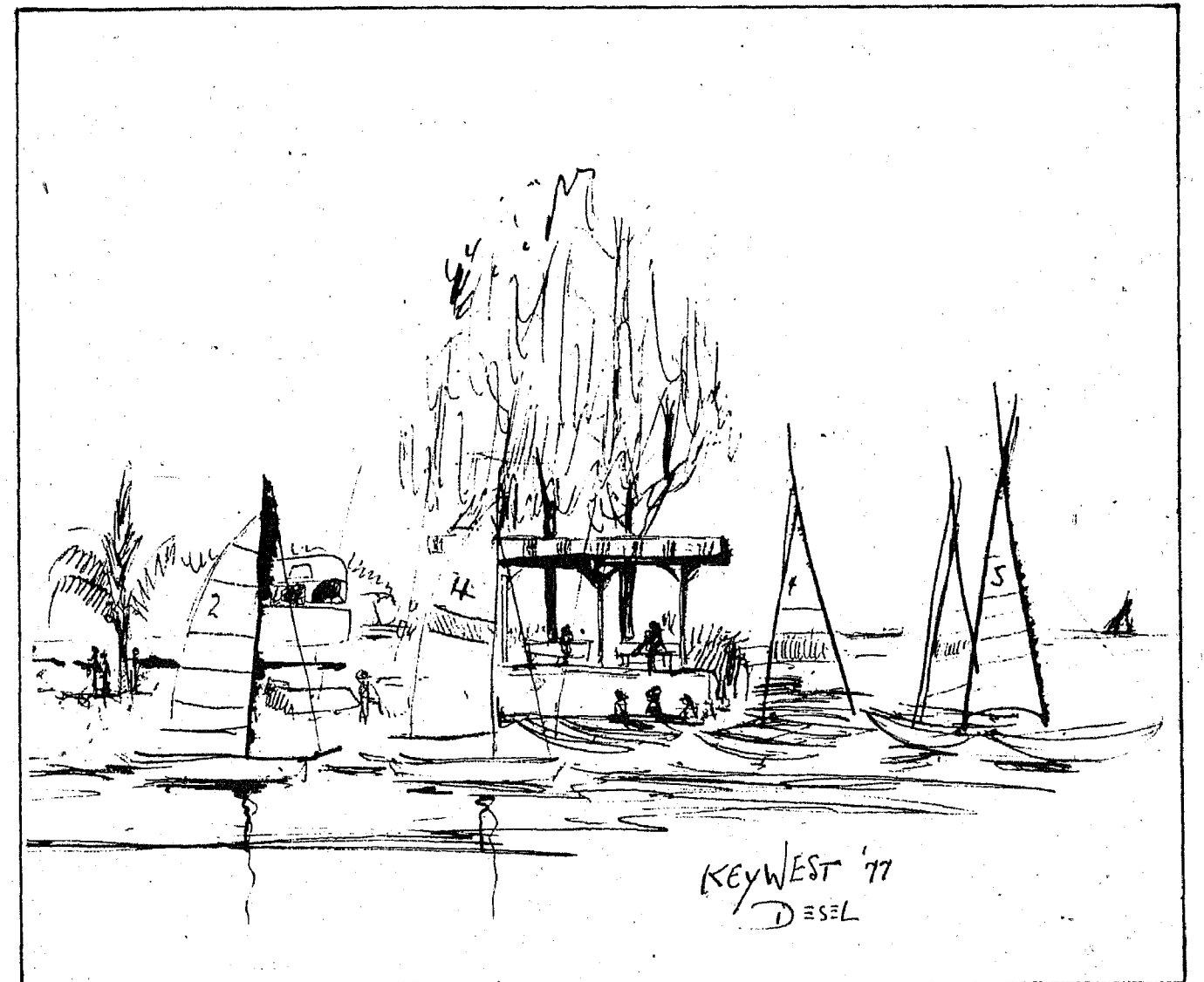
SUCH AN INVESTIGATION should include the consideration of these questions:

What was the cause of the contamination of the turbine water that started the problems?

Why was the contamination not discovered in time to keep damage to a minimum?

Why, when it first became obvious that we were headed for a serious power shortage, was federal aid not immediately sought? (Is the public satisfied with the Utility Board's answer that the declaration of an emergency would hurt CES' credit rating on bonds? Dick Anderson, a candidate for State Senate, District 40, claims that portable generators were available from the Navy Seabees and that they could have been delivered within a week "with no problem.")

OF COURSE, there are many other questions to be answered, and the public deserves answers.



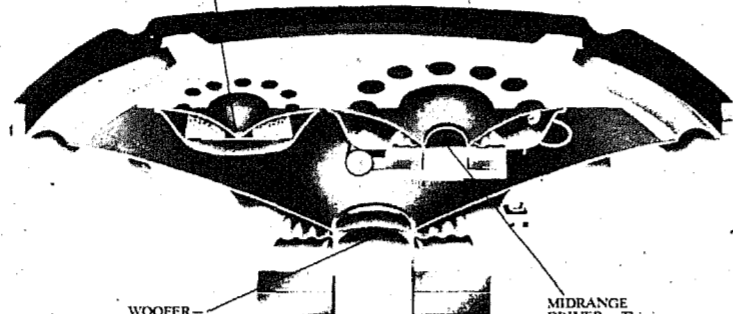
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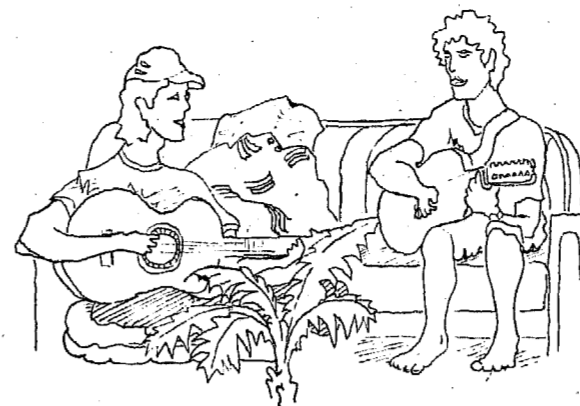
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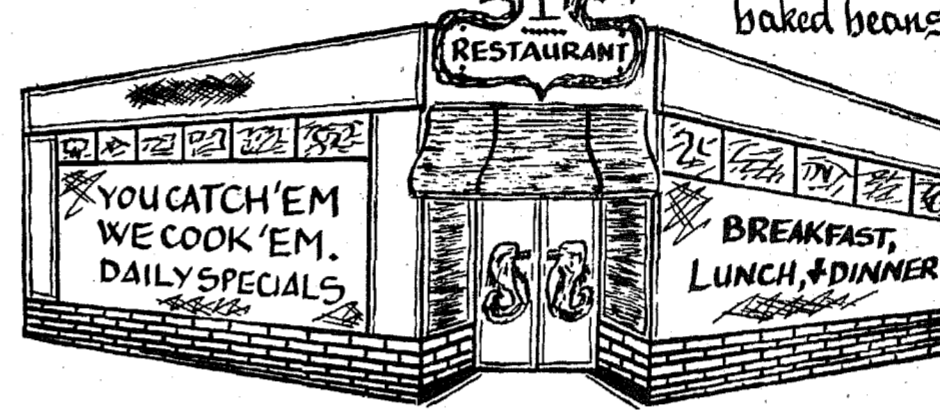
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