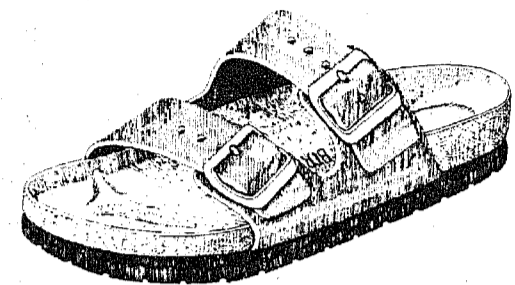


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FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO.
I'm sorry to report that a fine gentleman named Danny Banko died in Miami a few weeks ago. Danny was a writer who had won the prestigious Edgar Allen Poe Award for a mystery book he had authored. He was an inveterate visitor to Key West and recently wrote an enthralling piece for us comparing Key West to the antic days of Provincetown in the 1950's. Farewell, Danny.

HELPLINE desperately needs volunteers to man its 24 hour crisis intervention phone lines. They will receive 30 hours of training classes which will meet at De Poo Hospital from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. starting October 1st. Persons interested in being a volunteer with HELPLINE do not need any previous schooling or training but just have a genuine, dedicated concern for helping others. For information, call: 296-HELP or 1-800-341-4343 in the Upper Keys.

FRANK KAISER summarizes his awesome 30,000 word series on cocaine and drug problems in Key West with an extremely thoughtful and provocative piece of writing called *Why Our Drug Laws Don't Work*. He spent over a year researching and writing this eight-part series and has received some very gratifying feed-back on it. He has received a number of calls from Key West residents and visitors about the articles. One lady thanked him for his "honest and fearless stance," another praised his "courage to tell the whole truth about drugs in face of all the personal dangers down here." Local police and mental health workers have called in their encouragement.

Besides local calls, he has received compliments on the series from as far away as Boston and San Francisco. He received a letter recently from a Sister Theresa DelGenio of St. Victor's West in Calumet City, Illinois. Her order works in drug and alcohol intervention. She found the segment on addiction and treatment ("Delphos Offers Cocaine Addicts Hope for New Life," *Solares Hill*, April, 1987) so informative and helpful that copies of the article are now routinely used in everyday intervention to help educate addicts and their families. Congratulations again, Frank, on a superb series.

I HAD A CALL from Willie Ward, the president of our local NAACP chapter. Willie took issue with remarks of mine I made in last month's column in which I criticized the local NAACP for what I perceived to be its over-reaction to the suspension of Key West's Federal Grants Program director, Roy Grant, a Black man. In this column, I wrote:

Further our local air has been sullied by the too-casual slinging of the word "racism." The national NAACP is one of this country's great organizations; on a local level, our Key West NAACP has turned people off by crying "racism" almost every time a Black person gets in trouble.

Willie stated that the NAACP investigates charges of "racism," but does not go around loosely accusing people of it, as I wrote. I promised him I would investigate further and report back. (Incidentally, I would like to state that I have known and admired Willie Ward for almost twenty years. Years ago, when I was very involved with the Community

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JOY HAWKINS

by Marsha Gordon

JOY HAWKINS IS actress, director, comedienne, singer, dancer, grants writer, fundraiser, publicist, wife, mother, daughter and feeder of five cats. We sat out on the back deck and talked. It's not easy to talk with Joy Hawkins if you don't talk theater. But we wanted to know Joy, so here she is, mostly offstage, with a little theater thrown in because we promised. In Joy's own words:

ON GROWING UP:

I grew up in Washington, D.C. My dad is a sportswriter. He was up for a Pulitzer Prize. When the Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers, he went with them as their public relations director. My mom is a housewife who was always very involved in fashion. She coordinated fashion shows for several Washington shops. She's got a great eye. Sports and fashion are basically show business so I met a lot of celebrities. I was an only child and it was sort of a sophisticated life. I studied theater at Northwestern University.

ON GETTING OLDER:

Well, I'm getting close to 46. It's going to be limiting in roles to a certain degree, but I don't dwell on it. I suppose I don't feel too bad because I love directing so much.



Photo by Richard Watherwax

Joy Hawkins

As a director, age doesn't put any limitation on me. It probably even opens some doors. Like everyone else, I see the grey and I say - do something! But, in a way, it's a bit of a relief not to have to keep up that image of an alluring woman. Let someone else take over. I'll just appeal to whomever I'm going to appeal to. It's relaxing.

TYPICAL DAY:

First I get Zoe off to school. If it's a Monday, there's always a Red Barn meeting. Then every day I have my little lists of what to do. My main Red Barn area is publicity so I do all my phone calls and work on publicity. There are rehearsals; I'm either acting or directing, depending on what's playing or what's in rehearsal. Sometimes there's both and sometimes I work with another theater in town.

I go from the box office, to writing grants for funding, to the stage and then I don't cook dinner and I feel guilty. My energy now is so much with the Red Barn. My husband, John is a great help and Zoë is a great help, just by her temperament. But I don't imagine I deal with it very well. I would love a clean house and a nice meal on the table, but something's got to go. It bothers me, but it doesn't tear me apart. There are just not that many hours in the day. Certainly my mother would tell you I'm not organized, but I try.

JOHN AND ZOE:

I fell very much in love with this rock and roll musician. When I met John Wells he was at the end of a wonderful ten years with his rock and roll band, the John Well's Delegation, in Washington. He was looking for something else. He got very involved in carpentry and writing music and theater.

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Right now Zoe wants to be an actress, a dancer, an ice skater, a veterinarian. When she was six, she wanted to be a stage manager. I guess theater is unavoidable for her. It's there every minute. Zoe can be anything she wants to be. I want her to have those options.

THE PERSON:

I think I'm shy, but I'm not a private person. I would probably tell anyone anything they want to know. I have friends who are real gregarious. I would love to be more like that. The stage releases the shyness for me. If I hadn't been involved in theater, I would probably have been involved in some kind of therapy work. I like putting the pieces together.

John thinks I'm rather an ardent feminist, although I don't belong to any groups. I'm not militant at all. I think growing up when I did makes it difficult for men as well as women. Their mommies did everything and now here's this lady who says she doesn't know what's for dinner tonight. I feel I missed a lot in my life.

I don't really want to grow up. I have a great wanderlust for travel. But it's great fun to be a big fish in a small pond. It's really rewarding to have people say - Oh, I saw your show and I loved it.

ON BEING BEAUTIFUL:

I've always been lucky. I could get jobs in certain areas easily. I have some sort of natural ability to dance a little, sing a little and a certain ear for comedy. Then there's the given circumstance of how I look. I was



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always feeling frustrated and not fulfilled. I was really packaging myself in a certain way and not recognizing till my early thirties what I had done to myself.

If you were pretty in the late 40's and 50's, that's where it was. There was no women's lib or consciousness. I remember there was always this thought in the back of my mind - they don't know me. When do I get to do what's inside me, and I wasn't sure what that was.

In my early thirties, after certain therapies and marriages crashing, I took a look around. I read Germaine Greer's book and it was like Whew! and radical changes took place.

I sort of became a hippie. I was late. Everyone had already been a hippie. I just wanted to let go of the makeup and getting the hair done all the time. (I don't know that I ever really let go of that.) I had never realized my voice had any sort of a high range and I started exploring that.

KEY WEST THEATER:

When I got here nine years ago, the Green Street theater was bursting apart. I thought what a shame that was, all this talent and no way they could work together. Now there are four working theaters in town. No, I don't think that's too much if they can all find their way to hold on. The Waterfront is amazing to me. They're trying



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new and exciting things and that's terrific. The Tennessee Williams Fine Arts Center has been kind of hard; it never really found its home. With that namesake, they should have a wonderful company with a real focus. But that's hard because it's part of the college and also because it's so big. But it's a wonderful stage to have in town as an option. And I admire Jan McArt's energy. And this is the Red Barn's seventh season and I want to see just how good we can get.

THE RED BARN THEATRE:

I've heard people say the Barn is a closed group. We don't mean to be or want to be. Sure, some of us have known each other for a long time, going back to Washington.

Tom Murtha was a member of John's band and Susan Hawkins dated the lead guitar player so John and Tom have known Susan since she was about sixteen or seventeen years old. Incidentally, if you really want to get involved, the guitar player

was the brother of the two sisters that John and Tom married. But that's another story.

Anyway, let's jump a few years. John and I decided to move to Key West. I was in a revue and Susan auditioned and replaced me. That was kind of a coincidence. We didn't really know each other, except barely as acquaintances, in the same business, in the same town.

Jump about three years. Susan was married to Art Mosley and they decided to come down to Key West to live. They came to a Red Barn production, but Susan decided to take some time off and not get involved in theater for a while. I was directing "PIPPEN" and had cast Perri Halevy who found she was unable to do the role. I called Susan and asked her to audition, and she was wonderful.

During this time, Tom was divorced. He had been to Key West for a visit and he decided to come down to live.

And now here we all are at the Red Barn. But, there are brand new people involved

in almost every production. These are people who are specific about what they can and want to do. The Red Barn isn't the place for the casual theater person. It's for those who want to be passionately involved.

I would like for the Red Barn to become a good professional regional theater with national status.

AND NOW:

Do I feel a buzz of resentment that I didn't become an international star? I guess I had enough of a taste of that when I was flying to California every week. Unless you do that at the very top, it's a pretty rough life. I don't know how you'd do it much with young children and I wanted a child very much. I basically feel pretty lucky at this point. I don't feel misinterpreted. I don't want to seem inaccessible. I love being in Key West. I love my life.

The Blue Vase

by Helen Chapman

Emma followed Mrs. Smith from room to room with increasing feelings of discomfort. She had kept house for many kinds of women over the years, some of these women extremely fussy. Emma was used to this. But Mrs. Smith was different from any of Emma's previous employers.

Immaculately dressed and coiffured, Mrs. Smith smiled at Emma in a tight-lipped way, her eyes not reflecting the pleasantness she was trying to put across. Emma wasn't fooled. She realized that she had been hired by a "hard case," but she needed the job.

They started in the living room.

"Now, I'm very particular about my things on the shelves here," Mrs. Smith said. "I want them dusted every time you

come and replaced exactly as you see them."

What Emma saw was a large bookcase without a single book in it. Every shelf held decorative china plates, small figurines, several vases, hand-painted paperweights, two ivory fans. Each item was wrapped in clear plastic. Even the few paintings in the room had been carefully covered with saran-wrap.

"Now the chairs and the couch I keep covered to prevent fading," Mrs. Smith pointed out. The chairs and couch were covered with bedsheets so that Emma couldn't see the upholstery at all. Over the sheets were spread large pieces of plastic.

"Ma'am, should I remove the covers when I'm dusting?" Emma asked.

"Oh, yes, of course. I want you to polish the legs of the chairs every time. But

be sure to put the sheets and the plastic covers back securely. I'm very fond of this furniture. Dust is so ruinous."

There were several end tables holding only lamps with the original plastic wrappings still on the shades. A coffee table held three large art books, each carefully encased in saran.

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guest room," Mrs. Smith said, beckoning Emma to follow her. "You need bother with this room only once a week since I keep it closed up. Even so, dust seems to get in."

The guest room was pleasant, from what Emma could see. The shades on the windows were pulled down and the drapes pulled across. The bedside lamp still wore its transparent protector and several china figurines were enshrouded as those in the living room.

"Now down the hall is the lavatory." Mrs. Smith smiled her tight smile. "I'm sure I don't have to give you instructions on the cleaning of it." She opened the door and Emma was surprised to see that the toilet was not wrapped up.

"This next room is the dining room." The dining table and chairs were Queen Anne style, but Emma couldn't tell what color the upholstered seats were because each was covered with a pillowcase topped with plastic. In the middle of the table was a large Chinese porcelain bowl with artificial fruit displayed in it. A sideboard held two crystal decanters, a large china platter on a wooden stand and a small blue glass vase, all carefully wrapped. The vase caught Emma's eye immediately. Ever since she had been a child, she had loved blue glass, whether it be in the shape of marbles or pitchers or vases. This particular small vase was to Emma the most beautiful thing in the house.

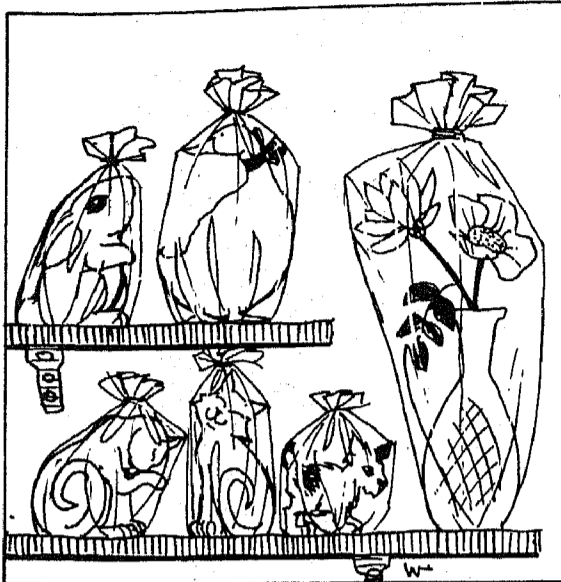
"I want the furniture in here completely waxed once a week."

"Yes, ma'am," Emma replied. "I'm very

good at waxing." She didn't add that she hated every minute of the chore.

"Now," continued Mrs. Smith, going back into the hallway, "upstairs are two bedrooms and a bath. Please follow me."

She led the way up a stairway covered with a lovely deep blue carpeting covered



with plastic held tightly in place by stair rods. Halfway up, Mrs. Smith suddenly turned.

"Oh, I forgot to look at your shoes." Emma was wearing low-heeled, rubber-soled, walking shoes. "Oh, those are fine. But if you should happen to make a hole in this plastic covering, you must mend it right away with tape."

At the top of the stairs, Mrs. Smith turned right and entered a bedroom. The shades were drawn.

"This is my room. I want those shades drawn at all times. This room gets a lot of sun, which will fade things so fast."

Mrs. Smith's bedroom followed the pattern of all the other rooms: Plastic-covered lampshade, knick knacks, pictures on the wall. Mrs. Smith opened the door of the large closet. Her wardrobe was extensive.

"Whenever you clean this room, please clean the floor in the closet. I don't want dust on my clothes."

"Yes, ma'am," Emma replied, wondering if she could handle this house and keep her sanity.

"Here is the bathroom and over here is the other bedroom." Mrs. Smith opened the door to what appeared to be a storage room.

"I use this room only for storage and you won't have to bother with it." Emma glanced around. The room was full of boxes, suitcases, a steamer trunk, several pieces of unmatched furniture — all covered with heavy plastic.

"I may ask you to get me something from this room from time to time. Otherwise you needn't clean in here. I keep the windows closed."

She turned and started down the stairway.

"Now come in the kitchen and we'll talk."

Emma dutifully followed Mrs. Smith to the kitchen where, to her relief, she saw not one piece of plastic. The kitchen was a cheerful, comfortable room that didn't seem to belong in this house. There was even an old rocker with calico pillows in one corner

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ON TRAFFIC!

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And Still — After 4 Years — NOT A DECENT BEACH in the city.

ON CLEAN UP!

Let's help the people of Key West and put a high priority on keeping our City clean and green. As a commissioner, I will vote to expand the maintenance department. I will vote to create a program of public awareness in schools and the business community on the importance of a clean city.

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ON BOATING!

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of the room. Mrs. Smith waved Emma to a chair and sat down herself.

"Now," Mrs. Smith began, the tight cool smile on her mouth again, "I don't think it will be necessary for you to come every day, but some days may be longer than others, depending on what has to be done. Would that be inconvenient?"

"No ma'am," Emma replied. "I live alone. I don't have to be home at any special time."

"Good. Let's say Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. And maybe a Saturday now and then if I'm having company." Emma nodded in agreement. They then settled on the rate of pay and Emma got up to leave.

"I'll see you at eight in the morning,"

Mrs. Smith said.

"Yes ma'am."

Walking towards her bus stop, Emma pondered the situation. She felt she had been hired by an unreal person. To Emma, no one could live as Mrs. Smith did and call it living. Emma wondered if Mrs. Smith ever had company and if she did, did she remove all those awful covers?

For the following two weeks, Emma did Mrs. Smith's bidding with energy and expertise. Mrs. Smith was pleased to discover that Emma's fine references were truthful.

Emma felt like a fool dusting all the plastic wrappers. She was frequently hit with a compulsion to tear every single one

off and walk out of the house. But Emma was more sensible than that. She decided to work for Mrs. Smith long enough to get ahead financially, pay off some debts and acquire a small bankroll. Then she'd start looking for another job.

Whenever Emma went into the dining room, she would stare for a few minutes at the beloved blue glass vase. She thought about how pretty it would look on a windowsill in her small apartment with the sun coming through.

And then on Friday of her second week's employment, Emma did it. She stole the blue vase. It fit easily into her handbag and seemed almost to fly to that secluded place as Emma left for the day.

The shock of what she had done didn't hit until she got home. Emma had never stolen anything in her life except a pack of chewing gum when she was five. She had worked for wealthy women with valuable possessions and never had it occurred to her to steal. But this time was different. Not only did she desire the little vase intensely, but she felt as if its previous owner was not really human. Mrs. Smith seemed to Emma like a doll, a life-size moving, talking doll, with never a hair out of place, never a wrinkle in her clothing, and certainly never dust on her shoes.

Emma took the vase from her bag and set it on her kitchen table.

"She doesn't deserve you," Emma said aloud to the vase. She turned towards the window she had in mind for the vase's display. The late afternoon sun was glowing through that window with a warmth that seemed to Emma to be holding

out arms to embrace something. Emma grabbed the vase and hurriedly tore off the plastic wrapping. As the last piece of plastic came loose, the little blue vase disintegrated in Emma's hands.

"No!" Emma cried out. "Oh, no!"

She stood staring at her hands. There was no broken glass, just a fine dust on the palms of her hands. Emma burst into tears.

"My vase! My beautiful vase! Where did you go to?"

Then she pulled herself together, wiped her eyes.

"I must go tell her. I must go tell her right now."

Emma rang the doorbell, wondering exactly how to explain to Mrs. Smith. Of course Emma would pay her for it, praying it hadn't been something priceless.

When Mrs. Smith didn't answer the bell, Emma pressed it again and waited. Then she noticed that the door was slightly ajar. She pushed it open and went in.

"Mrs. Smith? Are you home?"

There was no answer. Emma glanced down the hallway and then went into the living room. She drew in her breath sharply. There was nothing in the room except pieces of plastic -- large sheets of it that had covered the furniture, and where the bookshelf had stood were many small pieces of plastic that had covered all the plates and figurines and other items. Emma stood transfixed. Then she called out again.

"Mrs. Smith, where are you? What's happened?"

Emma ran across to the guest room. It was empty except for some small pieces of plastic. She next went to the dining room which was in the same condition. Running upstairs, she kept calling Mrs. Smith, but there was no reply. Mrs. Smith's bedroom held only plastic covers.

In a panic, Emma hurried down to the kitchen and breathed with relief to see that it was the same as ever, cheerful and warm. She sank onto a chair.

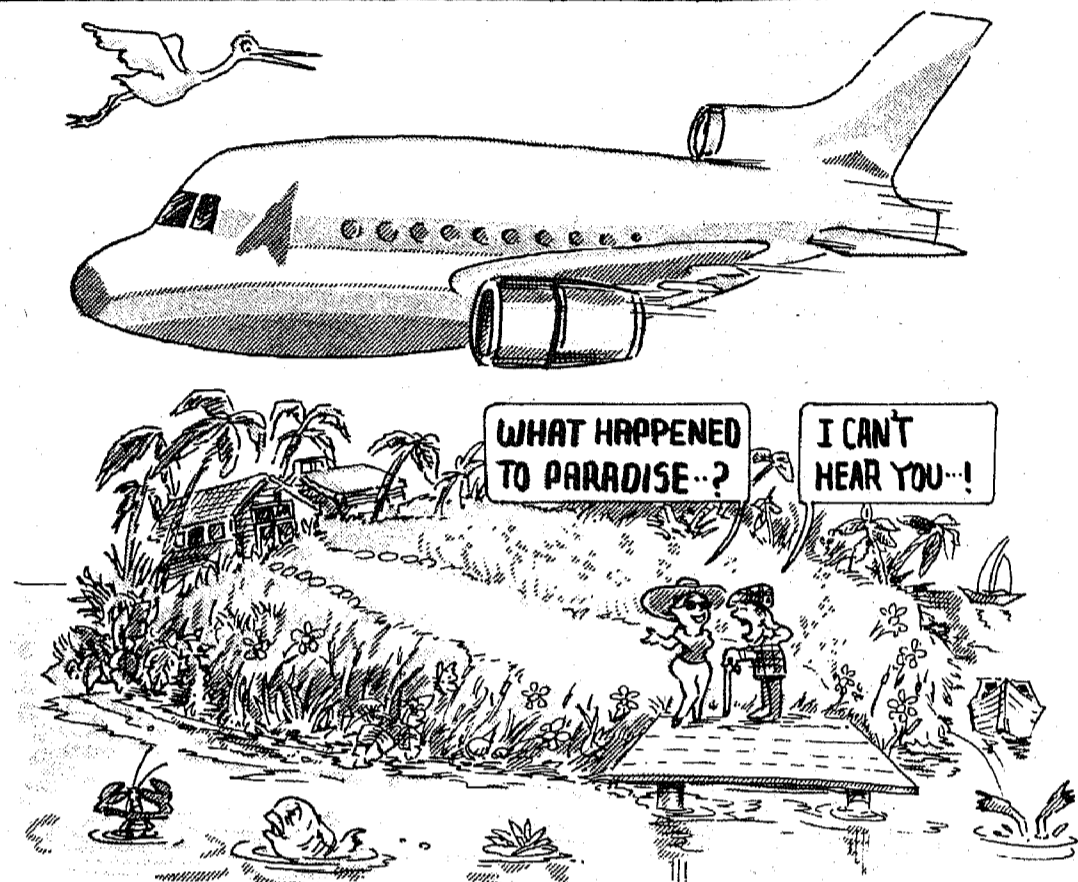
"I don't understand," she said aloud, staring at her hands which retained small traces of blue dust. "I just don't understand."

Then she saw Mrs. Smith sitting in the rocker. Mrs. Smith, with her immaculate hair, uncreased dress, dustless shoes, stared out of expressionless eyes, the tight cold smile permanently fixed. In her stiff-fingered hand was a small blue glass vase. Mrs. Smith was two feet tall and entirely encased in plastic.

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The Referendum on the Oct. 6 Primary Ballot asks the question:

"Shall all aircraft traffic at the Key West International Airport be required to fully comply with the Noise Control Ordinance of the City of Key West?"

Since the referendum is non-binding, a "yes" vote would merely indicate a preference for either quieter jets or modern turboprop aircraft.

ADVANTAGES TO JETS

- 1. They bring a lot of people to Key West. 2. They are comfortable.

DISADVANTAGES TO JETS

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A Stranger In Paradise

by Colin G. Jameson

YEARS AGO, BEFORE summer people annexed the State of Vermont, a newcomer to the Green Mountains had to hang around maybe ten years before he stopped being a "stranger".

In the Conch Republic, things are different. To Conchs -- at least in private -- a refugee from up in the United States is forever a "stranger". The Mayoral decree proclaiming him an honorary Conch merely emphasizes the immutable fact that he can never be a real one.

In the fall of 1939 two northern strangers, man and wife, head south toward paradise, though ignorant that it will be their destination. Time will provide them with a daughter-in-law and granddaughter who are actual card-carrying Conchs, but nothing can cure their own inability to display the true nuances of Conchdom. Not that a real Key Wester would say such an unkind thing. But behind the smile the thought lurks fluidly.

THESE YOUNG STRANGERS are taking an autumn vacation, which will in

fact extend into the following spring. Now, driving through Georgia and its unsuperhighwayed red dirt, they pause to celebrate "Franksiving". This substitute holiday has been invented by Franklin Roosevelt in order to give Christmas trade an extra week's headstart over the shot in the arm provided by the standard Day of Thanks. It doesn't work and is plowed under along with any little pigs surviving an earlier anti-Depression nostrum.

In Fort Lauderdale, then about half the size of today's Key West, they stay in a cabin complex that is the ancestor of the motel. The owner, noting their enthusiasm for the bouquet of night-blooming jasmine in their cottage, generously adds other vases of the insidious, sweet-smelling flower. With nightfall its penetrating perfume supercharges the atmosphere. By two-thirty in the morning allergy has swelled into asthma; the travelers can hardly breathe.

They jump out of bed and wake their companion schipperke (a small black Belgian boat dog without any tail). They pack up and head for Key West.

THE HIGHWAY IS longer and more tortuous than it is today. Perhaps purposely, it traverses the back yards of most of the scattered population. Such bridges as are not inherited from the ex-railroad are made of wood and could not support modern heavy truck traffic.

Below Florida City, the "Last Chance" gas station and bar finagles with the facts. When open, it is not the last chance and never was. As gas stations and watering holes proliferate throughout the Keys, "Last Chance" keeps brazening it out. But who cares? The Keys turn golden for all.

En route the strangers pass only six cars going the other way. They discuss what Key West will be like. They have visited rugged parts of Cuba and have somehow received the impression that the Rock may be a sort of hill town with narrow streets paved with brick instead of cobbles.

THEY ARE RIGHT about the narrow brick streets but not much else. Unlike today, the half of Key West northeast of First Street is flat patchy swamp held together by the boulevard and mangroves. There are no shopping malls, no modern motels, no Naval hospital. The city dump on Dredger's Key (Sigsbee Park) can be inaccessible during spring tides.

Paralleling Cow Key Channel bridge one can see the remains of the Overseas Extension of the Florida East Coast Railway. In later constricting Cow Key Channel in order to make room for the hospital and the Holiday Inn, the movers and shakers will forget, or choose not to remember, the hurricane of 1919. During this most recent storm to deal the island a severe if glancing blow, seaweed hung from the rails spanning the channel, although the right-of-way was 14 feet above mean high water.

The stranger and wife and dog put up at

the Southern Cross Hotel, second floor left, facing Duval Street. A parrot of unusual talent patrols the front and side windows of the second floor next door. When the bird hears the dog bark, he barks back. For a while there is a lot of barking at the Southern Cross Hotel.

SAILORS ARE PLENTIFUL in town. They are manning the World War I fourstackers that are shadowing U-Boats in the Florida Straits and snitching on them to the British, all in possible defiance of U.S. neutrality laws. The work isn't dangerous for men or ships; the Germans don't want to take on another navy. In fact, the sole casualty of note is when an off-duty sailor is fishing off the fantail of his idling vessel

Solares Hill — October 1987 — Page 15 and hooks a giant grouper. In the ensuing struggle the fish jams a couple of the slowly rotating propellers and puts the destroyer out of action.

At his Duval Street window the parrot keeps watch till a sort of astrological conjunction occurs. When a girl strolls down the sidewalk below the bird's eyrie with a sailor walking a few yards behind, the parrot lets out a sharp whistle. The young lady snaps around and glares at the bluejacket. Or perhaps she just stiffens her shoulders and picks up her pace.

At the time, girls appear to be annoyed at sailors who whistle at them, though maybe not so angry inside.

The strangers have come down from November's north. Now that the jasmine is

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bittersweet memory, the order of business is to go swimming. Rest Beach is suggested. This is a narrow seaweedy strand between Bertha Street and West Martello that nowadays is still supposedly open to the public. That is, if you can find your way between the greedy condos that covet it.

THE STRANGERS SUFFER from only a mild hangover, product of a traditional Thanksgiving observance at Delmonico's; a mist over the sea seems to have nothing to do with their condition. But a Real Conch who has been sleeping on the beach assures them that the mist is unusual. As they watch the thin mist billowing across the water, a miracle happens. In the distance offshore, three shadowy horsemen of the Apocalypse gallop madly across the ocean, apparently on it instead of in it. The fog enfolds them; the vision is gone.

"Not a thought between 'em," comments the Real Conch. "They going to bust their butts on them slippery rocks."

This is the strangers' first lesson about the Keys shallows and how they help the reef ward off surf and storm surge that might destroy the islands.

In Key West there have been no signs advertising steam heat, such as have greeted the strangers all the way down to Miami. There is no steam heat. Not that it can't get cold, though. Soon after they have decided to stay for a while, the thermometer begins to drop. In a few days it has hit the all-time low of 41°.

THE STRANGERS HAVE found an unspoiled beach at Boca Chica, beyond the



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Back then.

long wooden highway bridge from Stock Island. They take refuge there, hoping the sun will burn away the chill. But the wind still blows, and the two five-foot barracudas lying stunned at high water show how cold the ocean has become.

They go back to town and bicycle to Garrison Bight. The surface of the water is covered with fish floating on their sides, still alive but paralyzed by the cold. The strangers wade barefoot into the Bight and retrieve baskets full of snapper. Along the

seawall, envious Real Conchs marvel that they dare expose their bare skin to such arctic punishment. Ramonin's Restaurant is happy to cook up some of the fish.

The male stranger is an aspiring short story writer -- perhaps "perspiring" is more like it, since he hasn't sold nearly enough short stuff to justify this extended vacation. He is mildly gratified that the bungalow they have rented on South Street is, like several others, acclaimed as the hallowed spot where Ernest Hemingway supposedly wrote *A Farewell to Arms* or *The Sun Also Rises* or something else darned important. Not knowing as much about Hemingway's working habits as he later learns, the would-be master of short stuff figures the great author will have used the secluded side porch as his base of operations. He will do likewise.

THE TERMITES ARE eagerly eating the house down. They doubtless would have succeeded had not a later inhabitant encased the tottering remains in brick. But the porch doesn't stay salvageable. It partially collapses under the strain of a farewell party thrown in March by the strangers.

During their tenure they share the place with squadrons of mosquitoes and a small phalanx of scorpions. The mosquitoes spend the night in the car, resting up for next day's onslaught. In the fresh dewy dawn they sortie in clouds and make mock of the raincoat the stranger holds over his head while on the way to switch over the water in the pump house. There he is greeted by the scorpions, but in time it is mutually decided that neither opponent need threaten or be afraid -- just be careful.

Some years later the stranger finds he is able to brave Key West mosquitoes without being tagged. He watches attackers drop onto his juicy arm and bounce off as if they are on pogo sticks. Apparently long residence in the area can build up antibodies. This accounts, perhaps, for generations of Real Conchs being able to live here before mosquito control without being carried off into the mangroves.

But foreign mosquitoes are something quite else. On Big Pine, or anywhere except the Rock, the bugs laugh at Key West antibodies.

THE LADY STRANGER is pregnant and not interested in floating around town at night, except for an occasional dancing



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constantly dreamed about. Like the time everybody was on 13 and the bank president had to get out of bed and dig up \$10,000 for the payoff.

Sloppy Joe's is also a fount of information. Or misinformation. Here gather oddballs and assorted bums who reached the end of the line while on the lam and are still waiting for Mr. Flagler to rebuild the railroad. Unhappily, no matter how true their tales, they are too unbelievable for an epoch when realism in writing is in the ascendant.

AT THAT TIME Sloppy Joe's is not today's copyrighted mine of riches, pure gold for the management, if salted for the customers. There is a bar parallel to Duval

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Order is preserved with a baseball bat kept under the bar.

One night the customers are mostly crew from the replacement for a local salvage tug that is only trying to pull a Japanese tanker off a bar. These guys exude truculence toward their unfamiliar surroundings. They are tough because there are so many of them. They begin reaching out to take control of their immediate environment, which consists of a solitary bespectacled Navy man and our stranger sitting beside him at the end of the bar, taking mental notes for short stuff.

There is a series of disparaging remarks about the Navy and its pantywaist hirelings, but nothing gets a rise out of the sailor. He's back somewhere in Kansas. He seems interested in the foam on top of his beer, stirring it lightly with a forefinger.

Impatient at their target's wimpish attitude -- hell, it's only eight to one -- the nearest tough guy snatches the sailor's hat from the bar and passes it down the line of his buddies. Uproarious guffaws.

THE YOUNG MAN stops stirring his beer and gazes mildly at the nearest tormentor. As if to shake hands, he reaches across the intervening space. Instead, he gives the bulbous shoulder a sharp, powerful shove.

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bump and clatter, salvagers and several stools hit the deck, overturning a spittoon.

But these are seasoned warriors, trained in emergency. They are up in an instant, growling dangerous purpose. The baseball

bat circles in air, as if awaiting an invisible pitcher, but it is a *pro forma* gesture. The only point of aim is a blur of resolute bodies.

At this juncture the shore patrol happens

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in. There are two of them; the leader is a chief with hash marks almost up to his earlobe.

"ALL RIGHT, SAILOR!" he says, grasping the boy's arm. Then to the barkeep, who still waves his bat uncertainly, "He paid up?"

Emerging from the wall, into which he has been trying to shrink, the stranger says, "They grabbed his hat."

"They what?" roars the chief, rattling the glassware. He throws down the sailor's arm and advances on the merchant seamen, who have halted indecisively in the face of genuine authority. "You want to get your ass thrown in the brig next door? You want your old man to have to spring you when he's got to shove off in a couple of hours? Gimme that goddam thing!"

The hat flows quickly down the line as each man tries to get rid of it as fast as possible.

In those same days Sloppy Joe's also

offers a small gaming room, sometimes mistaken for the john. So do many other businesses, nominally devoted to refreshment or disguising themselves porously as "clubs." In this professional quest for material, the stranger visits a smattering of these. One is memorable, not because of fortunes won or squandered but because of a grade-A Key West deluge that flooded out his Packard 120 as he started to drive back to South Street.

THE STALL HAPPENS near the unmarked centerline of Simonton Street. He pushes the car a couple of feet toward the curb and walks damply home. Next morning, dried out by the early sun, the Packard actually starts. Though abandoned close to the then police station, no official notice has been taken of the informal parking.

In later days the cars of old sometimes remind the stranger of the services of old. People in Key West always consider even a

stranger as a friend until other evidence is in, and will do things to prove it. An instance: The Packard 120 is a convertible; this is the golden age of the ragtop. One breezy day an opened letter from the stranger's mother apparently blows off the

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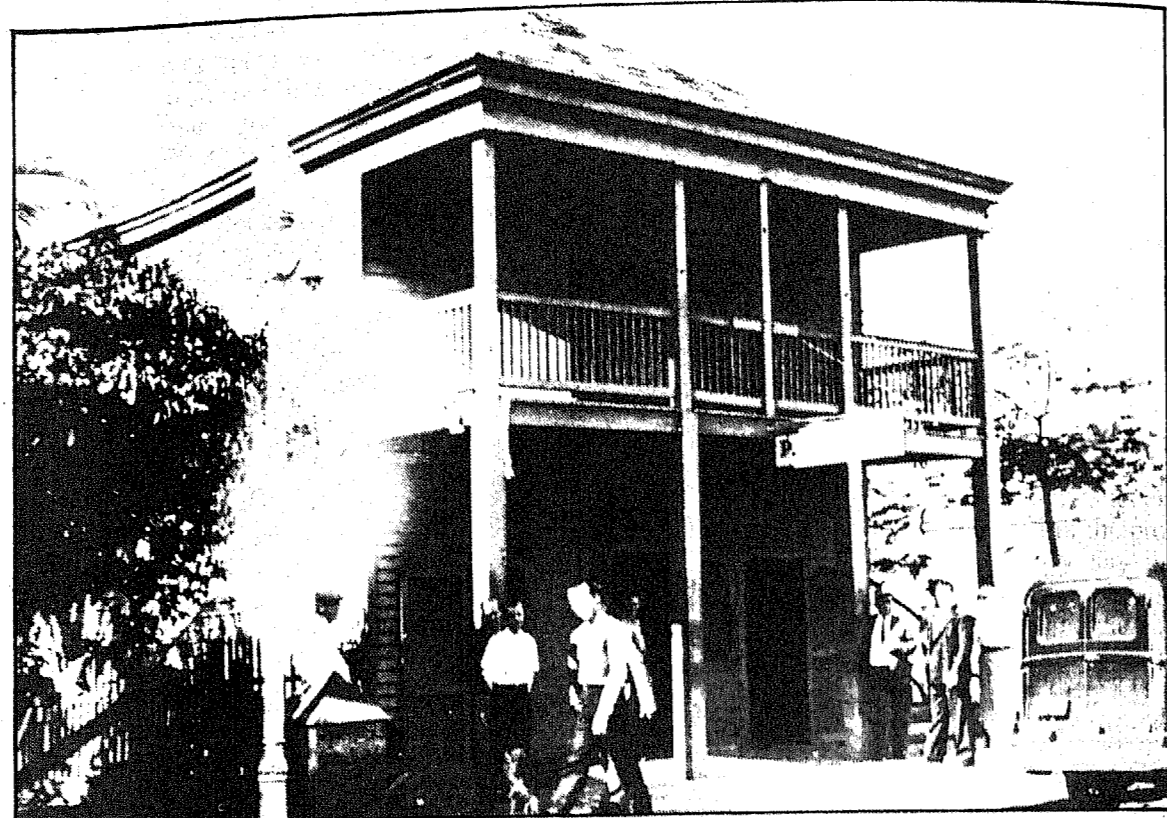
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seat into the gutter. Next morning the South Street postman delivers the letter a second time.

"Postmaster thought you might not have finished reading this."

Postmaster saw the writing. A girlhood exposure to the Rosetta Stone must have inspired the stranger's mother to add a fourth script to the famous triple key to Greek, demotic and hieroglyphic writing. To render the maternal letters into English

would require at least two readings.

The stranger's Hemingway period on the collapsible porch creates not one sentence of salable literature. But a story based on his journey back north makes the big time. Maybe the porch should have caved in sooner.....



JANE AND I conceive the idea of throwing a dinner party together at her place. Like lots of other ideas, this one should be left lying there. The wise Conchs express this type of idea this way: Leave it lay where Jesus flung it.

Jane's place of residence occupies a watch of Old Town real estate and stands there looking like a cross between Wuthering Heights and a Frank Lloyd Wright output. Needless to say, for a social venture, it beats my little, whimsical cottage 15 miles north of town where you can still hear the raccoons spitting over a margarine wrapper if your window is open. When it comes to stately dining at Jane's, you are going to see things like silver egg scissors and gold ice tongs shape of chicken feet in with crystal goblets and plates with titles on their backs.

The shakiness of the idea of this dinner hits me as I am driving in on U.S. One as it becomes Truman Avenue, with my eight baked Cornish hens, hot and brown and juicy, their bodies lined up on a white towel resting inside a cardboard box lid on the seat beside me. On the floor of the

car, my New Lima Bean Casserole sends out aromatic whiffs. The awesomeness of an amateur transporting cooked comestibles a long trek like this stands up there alongside the Conestogas going over the Rockies.

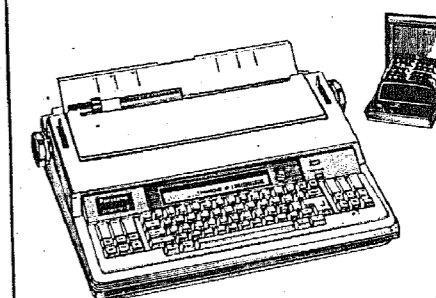
FOR A WEEK I have gnawed a pencil conjuring the list of people who have "had" us. Jane: "O, go through the voter registration list!" I, mumbling, writing down: "Yes, I'm going to throw this person a fish of affection." My own mind is as unfathomable to me as a bottomless lake. My four offspring would describe



me as a loner, always with drug store glasses so deep in a book that I wouldn't care if someone handed me a winning lottery ticket or an 8 x 10 glossy print of Gorbachev. Yet, every now and then, a little foreign creature rises up inside me wanting to reach out and become involved in things like this. The psychologists call it dualism.

I have considered dangers inherent in this co-dinner party before I leave home, very late as usual. Always, if it looks anything at all like I am going to be somewhere on time, or perish-the-thought

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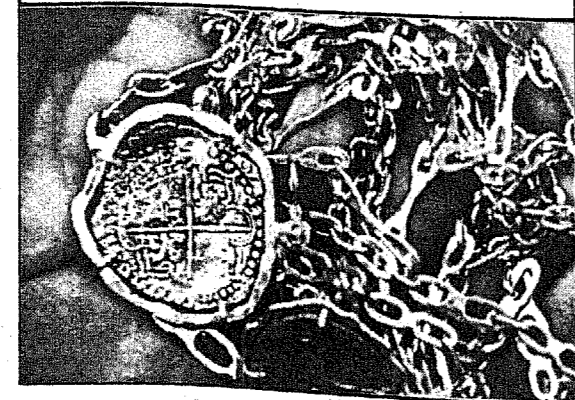
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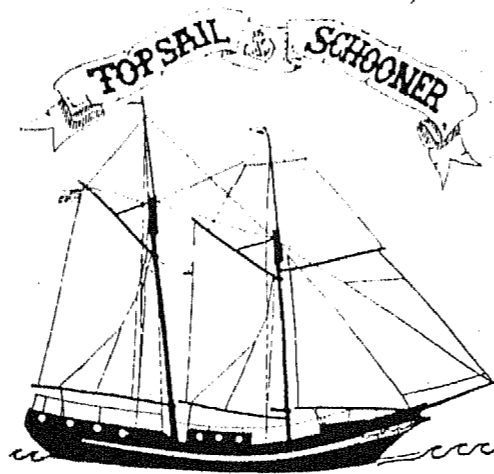
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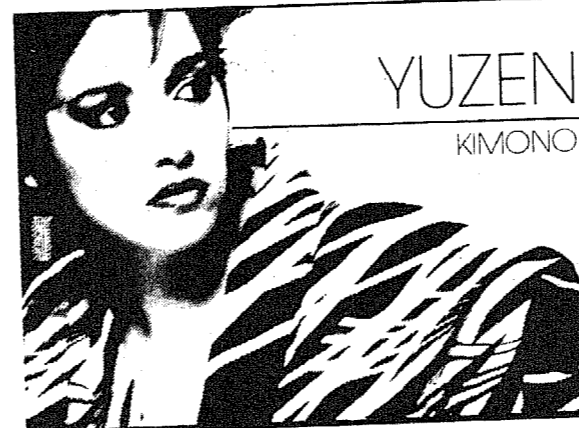
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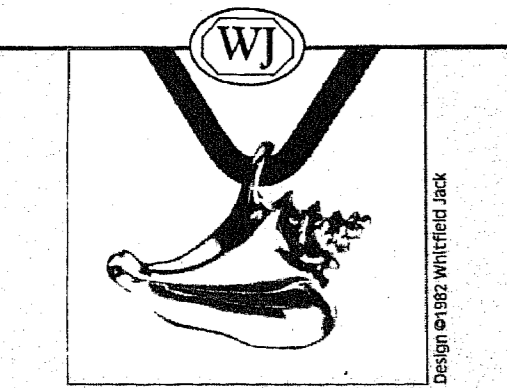
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early, I will start doing something -- painting tulips on a bathroom fixture or starting to learn German. I'll do anything to keep from the horror of arriving anywhere on time. I expect Miss Manners puts out some kind of a general rule about that. But today, guilt overcomes me. I am too indebted to Jane. If I ever ask for her help, it's Wagons to the West, full team of oxen coming for me, don't spare the whips.

SO, I HANDLY have avoided crashes with at least four motor bikes and am sailing past the Catholic church wearing this red, hangy dress that would look as good on my grandfather as it does on me. Reach over the Cornish hens to re-slam the car door. The eighth little hen rolls out and goes bouncing off down Windsor Lane. I could bawl. However, I recall when I was five, my father: "Put your head in a brown paper bag and you'll quit crying." I cannot recall if it worked. I stand there beside my car jiggling around like a poor, made thing well and truly sent. A seagull resting in a rather blue ambiance at the foot of the shrine in the garden of St. Mary's Church is watching me unblinkingly. I had a wonderful little Catholic girlfriend when I was 10. She nudged me. "You're not to chew the communion wafer!" My eyes were bulging like a goiter sufferer because the wafer was stuck fast to the roof of my mouth.

I walk back along Windsor Lane. Find my little orbiting hen. The astronauts report there are over 6,000

objects orbiting in our space around Earth -- everything from satellites to garbage bags. Now, hen is shaped like a bent tambourine. A male jogger in a string bikini passes, shies like an Arabian mare at a tarantula upon the sight of me standing on the sidewalk restlessly poking cornbread dressing back into my hen. There is a middle-aged man getting out of a limosine, watched by a few onlookers, and I try not to look indifferent nor rude. He may be running for president. In a big, grey Conch house, somebody is tuning a piano, Do Re Me Fa So La Tee Do . . . Do . . . Do. Through the sort of pewter haze along Truman, I can see figures moving to eat a Mexican dinner out, walking their Jack Russell Terrier, or heading for the Safe Sex lecture holding forth in the back room of a hardware store, got up by an assistant coach of a Little League team. Guess you can't start too early is the thinking. High school drop-out chap, on crack, rocketing around the corner, diving (unbeknownst to me at the time) . . . diving through window of a rooming house, leaping onto lady reclining on bed, trying to pry apart her knees. Knees holding like a vise. Knees hard as cannon ball. She, grey-haired retired teacher in a pink hair net, screaming bloody murder, he running out, deciding to go get a hamburger.

I AM HOLDING my hen like a baseball, hen with a crack down its back shape of Stock Island coastline. Gravy oozing out of her. I can't count on Jane's overlooking hen's drawbacks, she being very edgy having just lost her companion

of seven years, even now on his way to San Diego. Her comment: He's not smart enough to know you don't wee wee on a stationary bus. Ordinarily, Jane would have to have it pointed out to her if the ocean dried up. But I have noticed lately if she goes out to dine, she insists the waiter point the wine bottle north when he pours it. One supposes she has unrest in her as she is a church person who doesn't believe in God, which makes it hard for her.

I mean to ease into the party as quiet as a twig moved by an ant. But, Jane opens up. She is wearing her slippers with the roses on them and pearls located at various stations of her person, pearls that a whole herd of oysters gave their lives for. She shoots me a lemony glance: "That one looks like it fell out on Duval Street." A male guest sidles over and peers at my troubled hen like he just found it on a Greyhound bus. "Runt of the litter, huh?" Funny like a wreath on the door. I go right past him like he was the hall going into the county jail.

Relieved of my culinary contribution, I consult the gold leaf mirror in the hallway and change the way a thong of hair hangs. Mother used to urge me and Minnie-Sue, my stepsister, "Always contrive to look decorative -- even in the bathroom. Never know when someone might come in on you." The evening goes forward. I draw the bent hen. The New Lima Bean Casserole looks jaded after all its experiences. The fellow with a tie pin shape of a little pine cone, who is a great pianist, gives us a small concert. The gal dressed in fire and ice seats herself in the violet, velvet-covered chair. She listens raptly, legs elegantly crossed shape of the treble sign on a sheet of music. The woman who is sad and beautiful as the Pieta is recounting: "The doctors cut a total of nine breasts off these sorority sisters of mine." The only other conversation of note is the substitute teacher from Homestead. He taught this room of third grade girls, all of them wanting to know where their vaginas are.

I SEEK THE OPINION of the clock painted with daisies and get out of the wicker wing chair painted purple. "I forgot to feed my bird."

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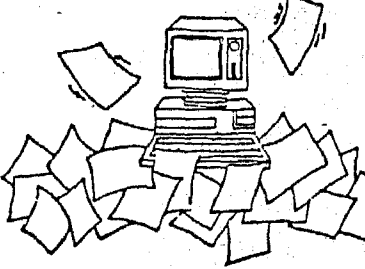
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by Bert Lee

WHAT'S THE HIGHEST point in the Lower Keys (not a building)? Wrong, if you answer, "Solares Hill." It is Mt. Trashmore, our infamous municipal landfill. For a glimpse of this little appreciated resource, look across the waters off Roosevelt Boulevard as you drive out of Key West: there it looms, above the strands of pine and coconut palm, the Diamondhead of Stock Island. It looms, as well, directly or indirectly, over the issues that comprise the coming elections, for it is a potent symbol of the problems that beset our too rapidly growing community.

In the next few weeks we will be hearing many a political hopeful profess to be concerned about the issue of waste management. And while only some of the solutions are to be found in politics, it is valuable to know how our would-be

leaders propose to tackle the problem. With that in mind, let's familiarize ourselves with some of the aspects of our local situation.

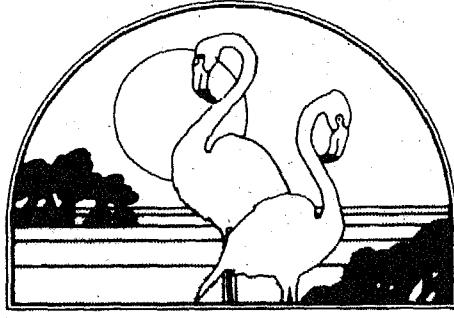
Of course, we are not unique in having a solid waste disposal problem, but ours in the lower keys is triply complicated. We have gone about as far as we can with landfill . . . there is not more room for our heap to spread out, and it cannot grow ever higher. Already the sheer weight of trash is causing constant fires from spontaneous combustion. The usual second line of defense among coastal communities, ocean dumping, cannot even be considered, out of respect for the resources that bring us most of our local livelihood. To our credit, we have moved in the direction of a free enterprise, high-tech solution, by allowing a private company to install a state of the art co-generating incinerator out by the landfill.

BUILT AND RUN BY the Monteny Company, the facility is able to produce 2,100 kilowatts, which it sells back to City Electric at, currently (no pun intended), 4 1/2 cents a kilowatt. Creating profitability in what is otherwise a dead-end business can only encourage other private enterprise in this field.

Such facilities are considered by some

environmentalists to be a promising approach, provided they are run properly. To insure a clean burn, they must be run at a high temperature, and even then they must be equipped with effluent cleaning filters, so that no toxic vapors are released into the atmosphere. This efficiency can be measured in a number of ways. Naturally, visible smoke and malodorous fumes are bad signs. Happily, residents around the Stock Island facility report no such problems. The standard official test of an incinerator is called an EP Toxin assay: sulfuric acid is poured on the waste ash, and the resulting bi-products are isolated and analyzed. Some scientists question the accuracy of this technique, but it is the accepted federal criteria. The EP Toxin assay conducted recently at our facility seemed to indicate a thorough burn.

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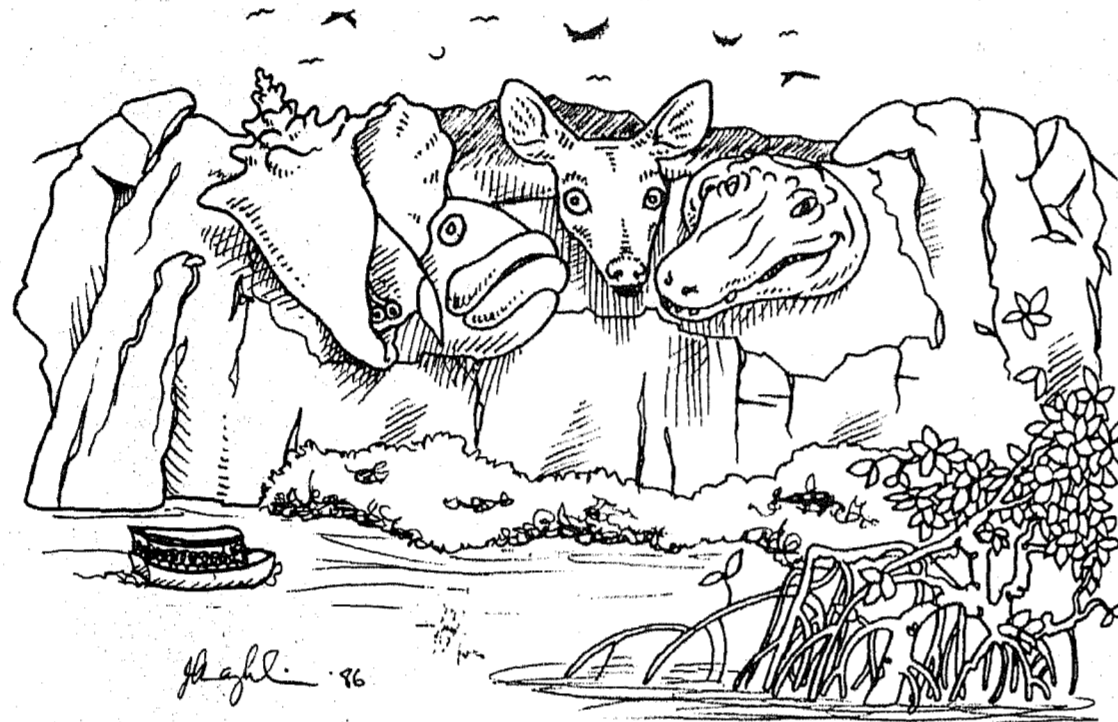
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BUT LOCAL HAULERS of refuse, and other businesses having occasion to use the facility report other kinds of difficulties. Foremost of these is that the unit will not accept waste greater than six inches in diameter; which means what



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goes in must be reduced in size at the handlers' expense. Next to the incinerator are piles of material too big to be accepted.

To deal with this, a procedure has been instituted called "munch and crunch." The piles of refuse are dozed over, and then subjected to intense pounding. Eventually this results in feedable stock. The efficiency of such a process is clearly questionable, though. Taking another tack, the city is experimenting with a powerful wood chipping device built by Ed Toppino, at Truman Annex. This approach has proved too efficient: the machine reduces the stock nearly to sawdust, which burns too hot.

Another problem, common to all incinerators, is that there is more than one kind of trash. Some refuse takes well to burning...paper, wood, pressed boards and food matter. But this material is rarely separated at the source (more on this later), from such things as plastic, rubber and synthetic apparel, which should never be burned. To address this would mean, once again, creating extra

labor at the incinerator, sorting trash, thus reducing profitability.

AND, OF COURSE, it is important to encourage people to use the facility. Therefore, in this writer's opinion, it is a mistake to charge a levy on materials to be incinerated; nonetheless, this is what the city has chosen to do. While this rate is not so high as to discourage the occasional, small-load user, it's enough to make major haulers think twice. If a truckload of refuse costs \$150 to dispose, it's not hard to see why there are so many little dump sites on back-roads all over the lower keys.

As I said before, the idea of co-generation is to make waste management in some way profitable; that margin is determined in large part by the rate Florida Power and Light is willing to pay for the current backed into their grid.

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This, in turn, is affected by the market value of oil. At present, because of depressed prices, this figure is low. When oil prices rise, and the profits generated by co-generation increase, it would seem fair to reduce the fee for using the incinerator.

Meanwhile, the whole idea of the incinerator was to reduce the flow of waste to Mt. Trashmore. It is an irony pointed out to me by George Halloran, that the waste ashes from the incinerator are ultimately deposited right atop Trashmore. At its present rate, it's clear that the Montney facility can only slow the growth of the Big Pile. Other, creative solutions are needed.

Speaking with Peter Horton, City Manager Pro-Tem, I learned that there are plans afoot to mine the mountain, both for land-fill and for material to feed the incinerator. This strikes me as a possibly dangerous approach. I've heard it said often enough, both in and out of city government, that no one really knows what's in the pile. I wouldn't want to be the one to uncover some of those secrets. I asked Mr. Horton about the possible presence of hazardous waste sites in the entire state of Florida, that they were not permitted because of the surface water problems specific to our state.

TO MY MIND, this is what might be termed paper thinking. What Mr. Horton meant was that there was no official

hazardous waste site. Obviously Florida, like all other states, generates toxic wastes with its industries...and while a certain amount may be shipped elsewhere, it's safe to assume that a certain, perhaps a significant, amount gets quietly spilled out by the light of the moon.

Our city has no major industry that produces toxic waste, although there is always the electric company and the Navy to take into consideration. Electric companies everywhere generate waste in the form of PCB's, an insulating chemical; and the Navy has admitted to dumping, though it says it has discontinued this practice. Some of these wastes were left at the Trashmore site, and some at Ft. Zachary Taylor. City Commissioner George Halloran was particularly fervent on this matter. "We need to find out as much as we can about these wastes; and if they constitute a serious danger, we need to get the Federal Government in here to clean them up."

Actually, though, our community, like any other, generates toxic wastes in small but steady increments: spray paint cans, paint thinner, household chemicals, batteries, auto tires, insecticide, discarded smoke detectors with their radioactive filaments...all these add up over the years.

WHICH BRINGS US around to the real, non-political solutions to the problem

of waste disposal, for it is clear that the overwhelming majority of trash is generated by (ah, here's that lovely phrase) we, the people. The real answer rests in our hands.

It will take a change of thinking, though, and I understand change is hard, particularly when it comes to matters in which we bear some shame. Difficult to admit: we are a messy species. It is the obverse side of a lovely quality we have. We dream large dreams. But, it appears, there can be no shining city without an equivalent pile of stinking refuse. I don't discourage our dreams, but rather I saw, we should nurture with them a new reverence for the world that has born us.

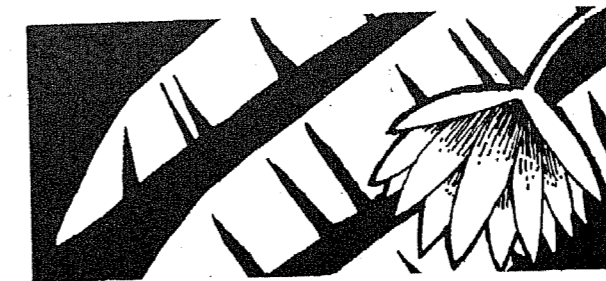
A few years ago, while attending an environmental conference in California, I met a quite remarkable person, who took all these matters very seriously. She called herself Mother Garbage. I never did learn her real name. She is one of those delightful (though often hard to take) people whose purpose is as constant as the breath they draw. Her theory, and its practice, were simple enough. You segregate your trash into five bins. In one, you place paper, tin, aluminum and other recycleables; in another, compost, to nourish the earth. In the third, glass, plastic, bottles, old clothing...things that be cleaned up and made eternally functional. The fourth container is for things, such as batteries, old chemical

cans, tires, and such, that break down in a toxic manner, but which, with a little ingenuity, might be made useful, perhaps structurally. The fifth bin I will tell you about in a moment.

This kind of solution is very individualistic; it does not rely on leaders to solve the mess; it begins right at home. In the case of our community, it would ultimately result in less waste, and a more efficiently run and more profitable incinerator.

OTHERWISE, WHAT IS there to do? We must begin by being honest with ourselves, admitting there is a problem. Obsolete is the myth that these are the concerns for our grandchildren -- that was our grandparents' excuse. We need courage and a new found pride. We need to listen to one another, and to the Earth.

And Mother Garbage's fifth bin? The fifth bin, she would tell you with a great, loving smile, is for your doubts that you can make a difference.



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PORCH TALK

by S. E. King

IF THE PEACE and quiet of your evening stroll is punctured somewhere along William Street by the cry "where the devil are the eggs?" you are unmistakably approaching a unique platform of debate and general tomfoolery which has become something of a tradition in this neighborhood. The site is the front porch of an unkempt but grand old Conch house which is partially screened by broken bicycles, poinciannas and a gigantic wooden "sculpture" which looks, to the untrained eye, like a rotting log balanced on two breeze-blocks. Writers, musicians, transients, and assorted members of the Key West proletariat, all of whom could best be described as "individuals," assemble here on the stroke of six (or thereabouts) to exchange opinions on everything and nothing in particular, depending on the mood of the hour and, sometimes, on the volume of available rum. Background orchestration is provided by the church organ (directly opposite), a home disco unit (to the left), and an angry parrot (to the right), while porch discussions ranging from riotous to cozy to bizarre continue on their uncharted course.

Presiding porch members Jerome and Bud are in their thrones punctually at six, equipped with all the evening's necessities: rum, Wheat Thins, and bug repellent. Beyond this core radiates a fairly solid sphere of "regulars" and, beyond that, a colorful network of welcome strays who appear unannounced to indulge in a glass of Conch Republic (which, incidentally, is the most palatable of all bad local liquors). Regulars are Christine, a jazz singer from the clubs of New York, who may sing and play her guitar during moments of porch tranquility; Ann, writer, horsewoman and would-be catfish farmer from Chicago; and Dennis, caretaker of the hairless mastiff named Bulldog, master roofer, digger, beer-drinker and extorter of favors who serves, among other things, as liaison officer between porch and street.

THE INTERPLAY of these characters is underpinned by an unspoken principle of respect for (and toleration of) individuality, and as such is a rather charming illustration of the Key West spirit in general. Which is not to say that the porch people share similar philosophical attitudes to life and explore parallel avenues peacefully together every night. On the contrary, all members must

be prepared to defend their loftier convictions as vigorously as they are able, since friendly ridicule is something of a norm here. Jerome and Bud enjoy an ongoing disagreement about anything they care to discuss, since the former is a man of mystical persuasions given to quoting the directives of the non-person, Seth, while the latter delights in the relentless demolition of all spiritual humbug with gleefully irreverent prose. His protests are usually delivered with a great deal of noise and thumping of the chair, as are all Bud's statements on behalf of rational and reasonable thought. Jerome, ignoring the noise, will busy himself meanwhile with the creation of a brown bag sculpture to add to his Warholian collection of rocks, toys, food containers, non-operational machines, lumps of driftwood and other miscellany secreted within the house.

Ann and Bud engage in so many strangely intimate sparring matches that Jerome is convinced their souls are entangled in a chain of eternal recurrence. Bud, of course, pays no attention to such talk. He prefers to hold forth on the moral implications of who's doing what to whom in City Hall, or the Full Moon, or any other noteworthy Key West institution. He may be instantly softened by a) the appearance of the house cat, Goldie, whose presence always moves him to sentimental gushings of affection, or b) a plate of his cherished deviled eggs -- a highly effective weapon in Ann's armory, since only she knows how to prepare them.

DENNIS, ON THE OTHER HAND, is unmoved by either political or spiritual talk, preferring to submit his own singular philosophy of "kill'em all, let God sort'em out," calculated to provoke universal outrage at any porch gathering. Such a chorus of response, however negative, is Dennis' principal delight next to getting "Key Wasted." If newcomers are present, Jerome (for whom "all the wars are over") might respond by hushing the company and reciting his famous cockroach story. Groans of incredulity will be heard from Bud's corner when the part about living in peace with all bugs (bar mosquitoes) is reached, and so it goes on.

Finally, this already dynamic circle is treated to the impromptu performances of such a variety of local characters that at times it becomes charged with the atmosphere of a cabaret. "Dancing Bill" and Maureen, Lisa, the learned lady of leisure, and Solares Hill String Band players Cindy, Alby and their superbaby Trevor, to mention but a few, are all participants in the nightly revels. On evenings such as these, long and colorful tales may be spinning until well after the rum and Wheat Thins have disappeared...

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NATURE'S WAY: OCTOBER OPTIONS

by Alice Terry

FINALLY, OCTOBER, with sporadic hints of autumn's pleasures. The summer-long heat and humidity have been overwhelming, but thoughts of cooler, drier weather sustain us through the remaining summery days and nights. We may expect an average temperature of 79.6 degrees and 5.87 inches of rain, officially. However, with a non-existent Rainy Season drawing to a close, who can guess what October will bring? My trusty garden hoses are always at the ready, eager to fatten the coffers of the Key West Aqueduct Authority.

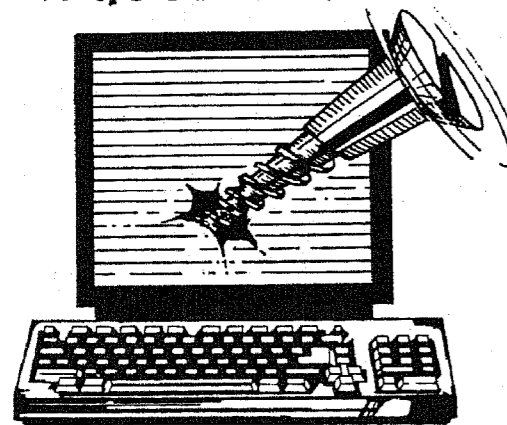
More moderate weather entices us into the garden once again. An almost endless array of annual flowers might be started now with seeds. Asters, bachelor's buttons, calendulas, cosmos, dianthus, portulacas, zinnias...the list stretches on and on. Many of us succumb to nursery flats of started plants, especially tomatoes. Plant agapanthus, amaryllis, calla,

crinum, Easter lily, ornithogalum, and watsonia this month. Give the poinsettias a last blast of fertilizer soon. Divide and replant crowded rhizomatous begonias, daylilies, and amaryllis. Prune and shape spring-flowering hedges. DO NOT pamper your bougainvilleas. An over-fed and over-watered one probably won't put out much bloom. In this case, the neglected plant will be the happy, productive one.

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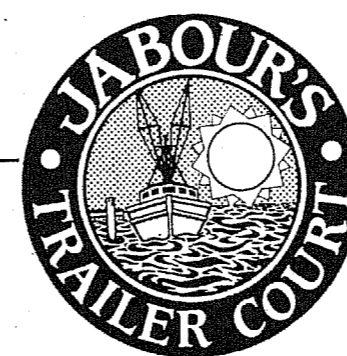
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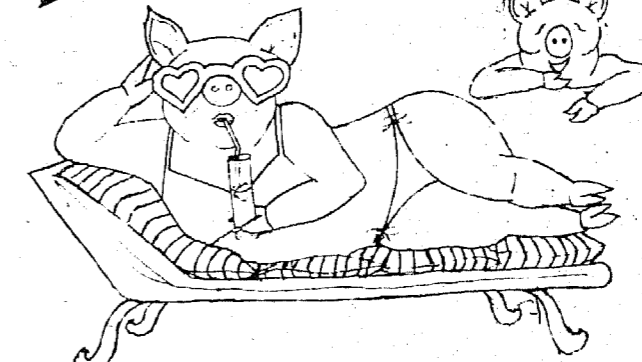


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meetings consider applications for tree removal on private and public property. Permits for plantings on city property, such as sidewalk areas, are also weighed. The process is a good one and a fair one, encouraging active participation by an informed citizenry.

The recent furor over the partial destruction of a huge mahogany tree on Frances Street brought to our startled attention the functions and power of the Tree Commission. A special September 22 session of the Tree Commission granted a further reprieve to the embattled tree. The city attorney will rule on the ownership of the tree, deciding whether the city or the owners of the

burial plots beneath the tree, own the tree itself. It has been the practice of the city to assume maintenance of cemetery plots when the next of kin disappear or die, and no one is left to weed and trim the area.

Speaking of trees, the Second Annual Save Our City Trees Tour of the Key West Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, October 28. Sponsored by the Key West Garden Club and the Historic Florida Keys Preservation Board, your \$6 donation will help plant more trees on city property. The proceeds of last year's tour purchased \$1,000 worth of fruit and flowering trees, with the city donating palm trees, all to be planted in the cemetery very soon. This year the donations will mean more trees gracing city streets. Bring the kids and convene at the Indigenous Park between four and seven p.m. What a way to welcome Halloween! See you there.

I have closely examined the statements, actions, and platforms of those seeking seats on the City Commission. Two candidates seem to tower as proponents of environmental protection measures, demanding a real improvement in the quality of life in Key West. These two are George Halloran and Harry Powell. Halloran, always very visible and audible, stands squarely on his record as well as his words. He has proven himself over and over, attracting friends and foes in his uncompromising battle to preserve our

fragile ecology. Powell, a thirteen-year resident of Key West, plunged into the fray after the city sold the golf course parcel and the land at the end of Simonton Street at bargain prices. He was actively involved in the ensuing SOS campaigns and is now part of the Last Stand group, whose efforts seem to be starting where SON and SOS left off. George Halloran and Harry Powell are men of vision, integrity, and unflagging energy. They seem determined to preserve our natural resources and improve the quality of life in Key West. They deserve your support on October 6.

Plans for a second Women's Equity Workshop by AAUW, KWA, and ZONTA began at a luncheon get-together at Johnnie's Ribs Restaurant at the Key West Golf Course.

October 8 is the date established for an open bar with free hors d'oeuvres for a woman wishing to create enthusiasm for the workshop, ask questions, and give input into needs for women of Monroe County. This will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on October 8, at Johnnie's Ribs.

In March, 1987, the AAUW and FKCC gave a joint workshop on "Equity by 2,000?" which was very successful. KWA, Keys Women for Action, was born at the end of this workshop. A Washington conference attended by AAUW president, Lois Krill, and V.P. Lou Tarkenton on the travelship from AAUW's Educational Foundation Program initiated the workshop in order to disseminate the "equity information" as of 1987. Many brilliant women from Monroe County participated in the workshop as speakers and facilitators for the four major workshops: Family and Health, Education and Employment, Women in the Media and Women's Rights and Employment, Women in the Media and Women's Rights and Legislation.

With AAUW, KWA, and ZONTA networking for another successful workshop for women, we hope you will join in the fun and planning of a spring workshop -- "Looking Toward Women's Future."

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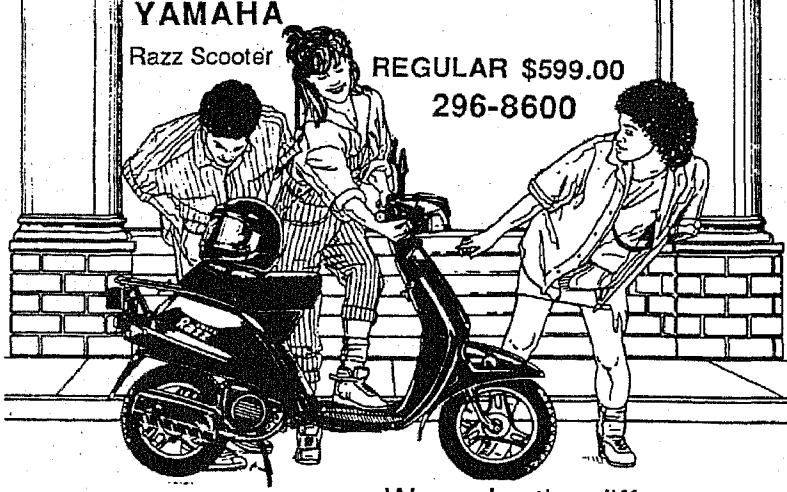
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Just a preview of the fun and excitement in store for kids of all ages at Key West's annual Children's Day celebration, held this year on November 1. This festival, fast becoming a Halloween tradition, is held each year in Bayview Park on the Sunday closest to Halloween. Sponsored by Burger King, First Federal, and Old Town Trolley, local groups raise funds for their organizations by operating booths and games for the enjoyment and entertainment of the community.



Two clowns.

Photo by Jeffrey Cardenas

The festivities will begin this year at 2:00 with a gala costume parade. All participating children will be awarded a participation ribbon, and first, second and third prizes will be awarded in each age division. A grand prize will be given for the "Best Overall Costume."

AFTER THE PARADE, the celebration will continue until 5:00 p.m. with games, food, rides, and contests. During the afternoon, winners of the Poster Contest will be announced. The poster art chosen as first place winner will be used next year as the Children's Day '88 logo and t-shirt design.

The Carved Pumpking Contest will also be judged. Get the family together to work on a pumpkin character. Let your



The Scarecrow of Oz.

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character be funny or scary or spacey or odd but bring him or her to Bayview Park on Sunday where the pumpking entries will be lined up around the stage area.

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WHO ARE BERT AND PEGGY? AND WHY ARE THEY FIGHTING?

A SLICE OF LIFE AT THE KEY WEST SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

by Ann Boese

Bert walks up behind Peggy and puts his hand on her shoulder. "I love you," he says softly, bending over and kissing her on the top of the head. Peggy stiffens and inhales a shakey breath. "Go away," she hisses through gritted teeth. Distastefully, she lifts his hand from her shoulder. A tense moment of silence passes; Bert runs his hand through his hair in disbelief. He searches Peggy's hard, angry expression for an explanation. Facing her, he places a hand on each of her shoulders. "I love you," he says loudly and shakes her as if to rattle some sense into her head. Peggy's face reddens. "Go away!" she yells as she gives Bert a shove. Taken aback, Bert clears his throat, straightens his tie and retucks his shirt. Then he pauses and looks at Peggy through slightly lowered eyes. "I love you," he mumbles, sheepishly, swallowing hard. "Go

away!" Peggy screeches at the top of her lungs. The veins in her neck stick out like hard latex cords. She is paralyzed with rage. For a moment, Bert stares at her. Then he turns toward the door and leaves.

BERT AND PEGGY, fortunately, are students at the new Key West School of the Performing Arts (KWSPA), and they are fighting because instructor Richard Magesis told them to. Their class, Beginning Acting, is studying the fine art of creating reality on stage, and for a few minutes, at least, Bert and Peggy have done just that — their interaction, though it entails only two lines, is as real as any. The seven other class members sit strewn about the interior of The Red Barn Theatre. They acknowledge Bert and Peggy's efforts with enthusiastic handclaps and head nods. During the first half of their six-week workshop, Bert and Peggy have really improved. And improvement is what this school is all about.

The KWSPA was founded earlier this year, and operates under the aegis of The Red Barn Theatre. Legally, it meets the educational requirements that enable The Red Barn Theatre to maintain its tax-exempt, nonprofit status. For the past seven years these requirements have been fulfilled through classes offered by The Red Barn Actors Studio, Inc. — a corporate umbrella that covers both the school and theater. Its educational

replacement, the KWSPA, with its new name, board and directives, is designed to be a larger, more instrumental segment of the acting and cultural communities, said KWSPA Artistic Director Richard Magesis.

Technically, Magesis remains artistic director of The Red Barn Actors Studio, Inc., a position he has held since its inception in 1979. This means that Magesis will serve in this capacity for both The Red Barn Theatre and the KWSPA. However, Magesis said he has stopped taking a salary for his work at the Barn because he is devoting most of his time to the school and is no longer able to fulfill his share of the Barn's administrative duties.

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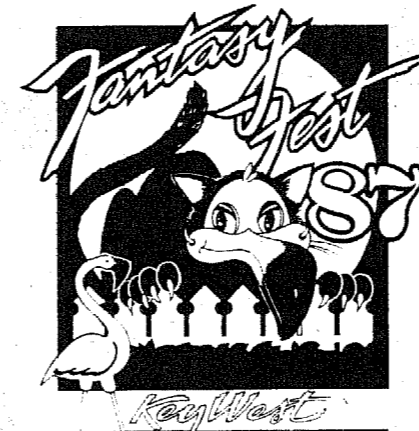
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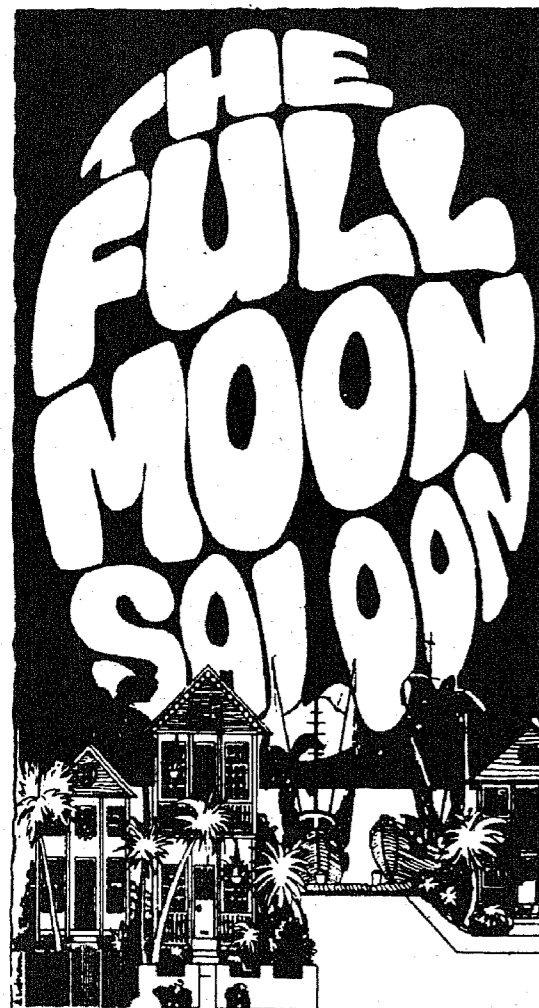
"HALLOWEEN WITH A KEY WEST FLAIR!"

BAHAMA VILLAGE FACES UPHEAVAL

By Ray Pace

BAHAMA VILLAGE, Key West's predominantly Black neighborhood has its back to the wall, or more precisely, the fence -- the fence separating U.S. Navy property from that which is privately held. On September 10, 1986, one of those fences began to come down, when developer Pritam Singh bid \$17.25 million for Truman Annex.

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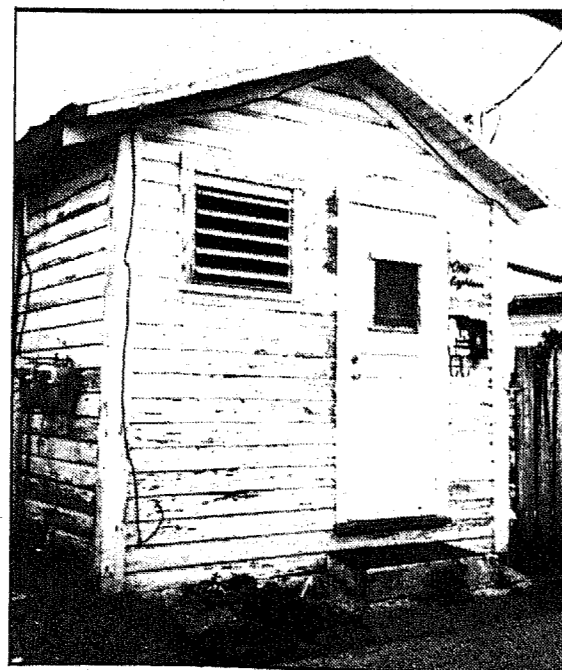
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project, featuring high priced townhouses, a luxury hotel, upscale shops, and a first class marina, will abut Bahama Village, the poorest section of town. Singh, in his desire to be a good neighbor has decreed that the fence between the Truman Annex Project and Bahama Village come down.

"There will be plenty of access to our project from the parts of Key West adjacent to Truman Annex," Singh said. "We will have open access to those wishing to walk into the project from Old Town and Bahama Village. This will have a positive effect on Bahama Village."

ROBERT CHAPPLE isn't so sure.

Chapple runs a one man barber shop on Thomas Street. In business for 28 years, Chapple says he has heard the talk



A small cottage in Bahama Village and a typical target of real estate speculators.

about the positive influence Singh's project will have on Bahama Village. "I don't know what's going to happen," Chapple said. "But I know what has been happening. Property taxes have been going higher and higher and it seems like we've been getting nothing for it. It's

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getting to be that you have to be a millionaire to survive. People are selling out to speculators, but I don't know where they go then. You'd have to give me a million dollars to sell out."

Real estate agent Judy McGill seconds what Chapple says. "People are buying into Bahama Village in hopes that the Truman Annex factor will boost prices, once development reaches full swing," said McGill. "There's a motivation on the part of many of the sellers to get out. A combination of higher taxes and people on limited fixed incomes almost makes it a necessity to get out in some cases. People figure they can live in Ocala a lot better and a lot cheaper."

REVEREND ISSAC LOWE has watched the trend for the past five years. The pastor of the Cornish Memorial AME Zion Church says the sales of property from poor to lower middle class Blacks to white speculators have been a general trend. "There is quite a bit of sales in our neighborhood," said Lowe. "It seems to have increased with the development of Truman Annex and the general improvement of surrounding areas. People see Bahama Village as a good buy."

Lowe says people who are concerned about the passing of Bahama Village, as the city's only exclusively Black neighborhood, complete with Caribbean influences and heritage, may have little going for them in trying to preserve what is there. "We as Black people have fought long and hard for integration with the white culture," said Lowe. "Now for us to turn around and try to say that we are going to preserve Bahama Village as a strictly Black Caribbean Neighborhood would be way off base."

Lowe says he expects the next three years will see much change in the neighborhood. "It just might in three years change radically," he said. "It may no longer be a Black and white issue at that point, but perhaps strictly a money issue."

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CHARLES MAJOR SR. is another Black leader who is familiar with the problems of Bahama Village. "It's a situation that's difficult for many to understand," said Major. "The property values keep going up, which normally would make the owners happy. But with those raises in property values come higher taxes. Many of the Black people living in Bahama Village just can't pay them."

Major has watched properties sell for as little as \$15,000 three to five years ago. "Now you read in the paper that the same property is on the block or been sold for \$100,000 or more. That's a speculative market for you."

Erv Higgs, the Monroe County Property Appraiser knows all about a speculative real estate market. Higgs says Bahama Village is ripe for the speculator and is also headed for higher appraisals on property. This results, according to Higgs, in higher taxes and increased "gentrification."

TRUMAN ANNEX development, according to Higgs is the largest single factor in speculation involving Bahama Village. "With that speculation comes an increase in property values," said Higgs. "The accompanying factors create a spiral of taxes being raised and people who can no longer afford to pay them, being forced to sell and move out."

Higgs says such measures as special exemptions on property taxes for historical structures and historical districts are "theoretically available through the state legislature." But, cautions Higgs, the times and the circumstances may be going against Bahama Village receiving such a status.

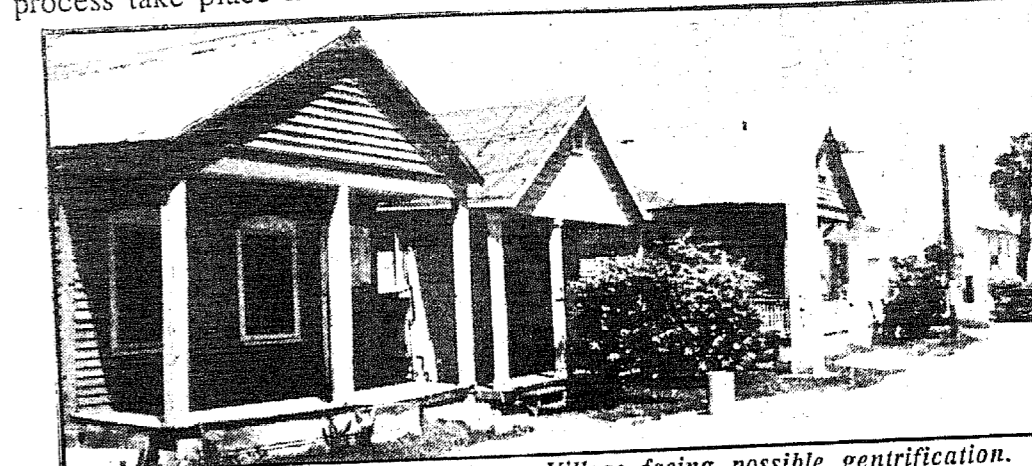
"Basically, the way such a program of tax exemption or reduction, for an area or a structure, gets through the legislature is with the backing of a large number of people in a given county or city who say 'Hey, this is valuable. This is worth giving a break to.' But I don't see that happening here," Higgs said.

"The average taxpayer in the Florida Keys is looking for more people to share

the burden with, not fewer people," continued Higgs. "Right there is an obstacle. Add to that the fact that Bahama Village isn't the only area which could be called historically significant, and you'll have everyone who doesn't live in a CBS house asking for the same treatment."

Higgs adds that the plight of people on a fixed income, though certainly of concern to him personally, has no bearing on property appraisals. "We have to look at the market value of the piece of property," he said. "Who lives in it is really immaterial. What's across the street is far more important, especially when it's the Truman Annex development."

ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER Tom Wilson has watched the "gentrification" process take place in other cities. "Its



A lane of cottages in Bahama Village facing possible gentrification.

never been stopped, to my knowledge," said Wilson. "It's one of those strange phenomena, where an area goes from blighted to rebuilt, complete with a stronger tax base, practically overnight."

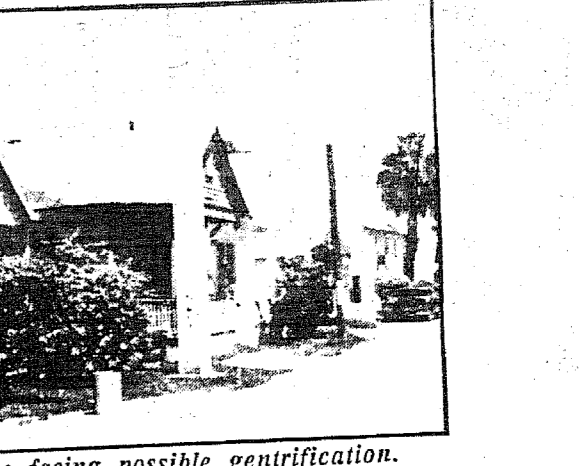
Key West Fire Chief Eddie Castro says the "gentrification" process should be welcomed. "People need to see Bahama Village for what it is. It's a slum, plain and simple," said Castro. "I take my hat off to the people living there for having kept the place as nice as they have. To me, it's a miracle that we haven't had more serious fires down there. Anyone who is going to come in there and build something safer should be congratulated rather than hindered."

POLICE OFFICIALS also see Bahama Village's problem side. "We have had

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continuing investigations into crack houses in that area," said Police Chief Tom Webster. "It's a high crime area, make no doubt about it."

The assessments of Webster and Castro stand in direct opposition to statements made about Bahama Village in guide books to Key West. Often described as a quaint area where chickens wander freely in the streets and people gossip in a friendly manner from porch to porch in various Caribbean accents, the area seems like a place tourists would want to not miss.

Patrolman Gary Jones, long a street cop in the area, acknowledges that there is that side to the village. Its other side, described by Castro and Webster that Jones sees all too frequently.



"You see a white guy down here in the middle of the night, trying to score some drugs," said Jones. "That's the kind of tourist you see a lot of. Then you see the stabbings, the drunk and disorderlies, burglaries and muggings. It's rough territory."

ROUGH TERRITORY, it may be, but it's also home to ninety percent of Key West's 2800 Blacks. It also contains a major share of the 843 Black occupied rental units in Monroe County. With "gentrification," much of that will cease to exist. Major puts it on the line. "Without some plan for relieving the situation for the poor Black resident," he said, "there will be a great exodus of people from Bahama Village."

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EDITORIAL

by Bill Westray

In our commentary on the mayor's race in our August and September issues, several accomplishments by Richard Heyman were overlooked. To be fair, we are adding these now:

--Sewer plant - worked diligently to secure approval.

--Monteney Garbage Incinerator plant - supported and worked to secure approval.

--Building height - voted to tighten definition to eliminate exceptions to 4-story limit.

--Wetlands and bay bottom - voted to eliminate submerged acreage in calculating credit for building density.

--Sale and long-term lease (over 10 years) of city property - voted to require public referendum for approval, thereby precluding quick sales and sweetheart leases.

AIRPORT NOISE REFERENDUM

ONE OF THE REFERENDUMS on the ballot of City Primary Election on October 6, 1987 is:

"NON-BINDING REFERENDUM - COMPLIANCE WITH CITY OF KEY WEST NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

"Shall all aircraft traffic at the Key West International Airport in Key West, Florida, be required to fully comply with the Noise Control Ordinance of the City of Key West, Florida (Ordinance No. 85-46, as amended, City Code Sections 55.01 through 55.08?

_____ YES _____ NO"

This jet noise problem first developed when Piedmont Airlines started operating the 20-year-old Fokker F-28 jet transport



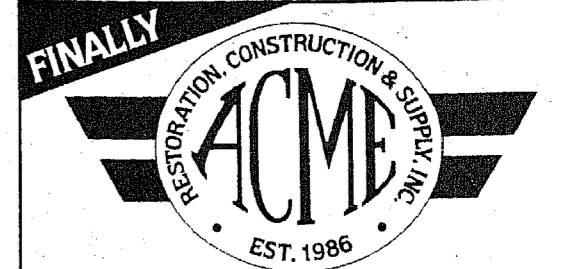
aircraft into Key West in September 1985. This 65-passenger transport produces about 100 decibels of noise at the source during takeoff, and this causes 80 to 90 decibels of noise in the residential areas

Connecticut, by ordinance dated February 4, 1985, enacted a City Code provision (Art.IV, para. 4.61 - 4.74) that restricts noise levels, hours of operation, weight and other elements of air operations that has been legally sustained. Our city commission could ask our county commission to do the same.

THE FIRST STEP in this process is to determine public opinion on this issue. The question is, "DO YOU WANT THIS JET AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATED?"

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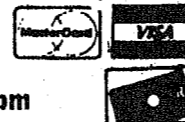


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 294-9891; 4th Thursday of each month
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 294-9109; 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 8:00 PM; Elks Home
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 294-2587; 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
 Noon; Various locations
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 292-6718; 1st Wednesday of each month, 2 PM; 500 Whitehead Street
INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS
 296-3945; 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM; Scottish Rite Temple
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 296-3913, 296-6206; 4th Tuesday of each month, 3501 South Roosevelt Blvd.
KEY WEST JAYCEES
 294-1366; Wednesdays, 7:00 PM; 3825 Flagler Avenue (Clubhouse)
KEY WEST ORCHID SOCIETY
 296-8819; 3rd Sunday of each month
KEY WEST WOMEN'S CLUB
 294-2039; 1st Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM
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 294-1717, 294-6546; Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Perry's Restaurant
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Question: How does the local government pay for services demanded by its citizens?

Answer: By having its citizens pay for the services through taxes, fees, and surcharges.

Q: The State of Florida has never allowed a local government to use a "sales tax" as a method of payment until this year. Why not?

A: There were many reasons with the main reason being that the State of Florida cannot by constitution impose state income tax, thus the "sales tax" was used to pay for state services.

Q: Why then did the state pass into law the "Local Government Infrastructure Commitment Act" at this time?

A: In response to many years of local governments' requests for an alternative means of taxation to pay for "infrastructure" or "necessary permanent public facilities" such as, but not limited to, parks, roads, sidewalks, bike paths, bridges, airports, jails, landfills, criminal justice and

general administrative buildings, and the like.

Q: So does that mean this one cent sales tax, when passed by the Monroe County electorate, can only be spent for projects spelled out in detail on the ballot?

A: Yes, that's true. Also, the Monroe County Commission has determined that it will only take five years to pay for all these projects. Therefore, this one cent tax is only a five year tax!

Q: But a tax is a tax. The Monroe County resident will pay for these projects one way or another, so what difference does a sales tax make?

A: A big difference here in Monroe County because this "sales tax" will also be paid for by the tourists and visitors to the Keys. And because Monroe County has so many tourists and visitors it is projected that 42% of all "sales taxes" collected will be non-resident monies. In essence, for every dollar collected to pay for those specific projects, 42¢ will come from non-residents.

SPECIFICS ON WHERE & WHAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL USE THE 1¢ SALES TAX FOR

Key West

- Salt Pond acquisition and development of city parks
- Refurbish Wickers Field and other parks and recreational facilities
- Provide new storm sewers for areas in the city with street drainage problems
- State Attorney Offices at Jackson Square
- Key West Airport improvements
- Key West county office building
- Renovation of courthouse
- Parking garages and acquisition of land for city parking
- Construct a new fire station
- County Administration Building in Key West
- Restore Old and New City Halls
- Dock construction for Garrison Bight
- Sea wall reconstruction
- Storage facilities for city maintenance vehicles
- General beach maintenance for Rest Beach, Smathers Beach and South Beach

Plantation Key

Plantation Key Jail / Administrative Complex

Key Largo

- Key Largo (K-Mart) Tradewinds Library
- Improvements at Harry Harris Park
- Reconstruction of State Road C-905 for an alternative hurricane route

Marathon

- Marathon county administration building
- Marathon airport improvements — runway / ramp / parking and terminal expansion
- Sheriff's administration building and jail upgrade at Marathon
- Improvements at Sombrero Beach

Big Pine Key

- New park and civic center
- Stock Island
- Stock Island recreational park

City of Layton

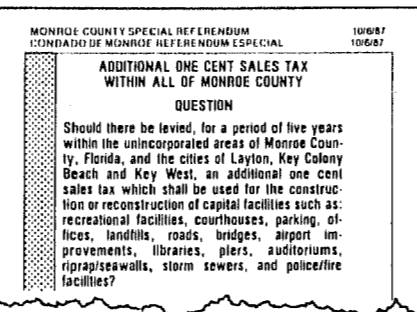
- Road and bridge repair
- Rip rap
- Sheriff substation
- Administrative offices

- City of Key Colony Beach**
- Additional parking facilities at City Hall
 - City Hall addition with emergency control center
 - Land improvement to city entrance and park area due to damage done during state road construction
 - Public tennis courts on city-owned recreation areas
- County-wide**
- Acquisition of additional landfill space for service to the Middle and Upper Keys

HOW THE 1¢ SALES TAX WILL BE USED IF PASSED

The funds collected shall be distributed among the various municipalities and the County according to this formula:

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| Monroe County | 69.741311% |
| City of Key West | 28.883643% |
| City of Key Colony Beach | 1.25246% |
| City of Layton | .122398% |

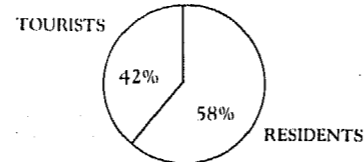


Sample of Ballot

WHO WILL PAY THIS 1¢ TAX & HOW LONG WILL THEY PAY?

Based on projections, each Monroe County resident will pay approximately \$50 to \$70 per year for only five years.

Tourists & visitors will pay approximately \$40 to \$60 per year for the five year tax.



THE ALTERNATIVES TO THE 1¢ SALES TAX

In 1985, the Florida Legislature adopted a "Comprehensive Growth Management Act" which requires all local governments to adopt and fund a capital improvement program.

These programs will be triggered if public facilities do not meet the needs of standards measured to support the quality of life within the local area.

When the trigger is pulled, local government will have to proceed with the projects and fund them through bond issues, increases in current ad valorem taxes (property taxes), or any other current method available.

Therefore, if this referendum does not pass, the entire burden of payment will fall on Monroe County residents. The only way tourists and visitors will help pay for projects they may be using is through this 1¢ infrastructure sales tax.

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One Sky, One World International Kite Day

The Purpose

The popularity of kites as an ancient and universal phenomena which in recent times has grown to include organized kiteflying associations and festivals. The rich diversity of design, flying methods, styles and customs associated with kiting around the world is a source of recreational, cultural and artistic opportunities for international education. The kite is thus universally recognized as a magical, whimsical, sometimes spiritual, enlivening and uplifting symbol. Kiting is an activity which crosses generational boundaries, enjoyed by both children and adults including many senior citizens. Kites have stimulated the human imagination for thousands of years. They have lead to remarkable discoveries in science and engineering, having played an instrumental role in the development of air and space travel and atmospheric research.

It is the purpose of "One Sky, One World" to promote the concept of global harmony between all people through an expression of the universality of kites of the wind. Through the sharing of the wind on this one day the world will be moved toward the discovery of state of peace. The great air ocean is the home in which all of life on earth exists and the kite will be an important symbol of the need to protect and nurture it.

The Concept

Organization of kiteflying groups to stage festivals in locations around the world has already begun. The presentation of a commemorative US/USSR Summit peace kite by Jane Parker-Ambrose of Denver, Colorado, USA to the Soviet Women's Peace Committee in Moscow in October 1985 stimulated other kite enthusiasts to support her concept of an international kite day.

The date of Sunday, October 12, 1986 was selected for the first such event to be held in world-wide locations. Subsequent events will grow to include more widespread community kiteflying in addition to the large festivals taking place in popular and ideal kiteflying areas. Organizations in the following locales are currently either committed to or



considering One Sky, One World festivals:

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| United States Mainland | Hungary |
| Hawaii | Japan |
| Germany | Australia |
| France | New Zealand |
| Italy | China |
| Netherlands | England |

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| Canada | Belgium |
| Sweden | Spain |

The Program

The festivals will begin with the flying of a kite which had been flown in another country during the previous week. The exchanged kites will later be donated to the United Nations in honor of the International Year of Peace. Banners with the word peace in many languages will also be exchanged and flown. Guidelines for other activities to take place during the festival and promotional materials will be provided by the One Sky, One World organization. Each kiteflying organization will organize and carry out their respective festivals. A tally of the number of kites in the air on the one day will be made. Documentation of the events will be shared with sponsors, kite and educational organizations, and the media. Opportunities for international people-to-people exchanges exist and will be promoted to individuals, governments and businesses.

Heavenly Body Kites, of Key West, Florida, is a major sponsor for the 2nd Annual One Sky, One World, Kite Fly for Peace.

Greg Lavelle, owner of Heavenly Body Kites, invites the kite community of South Florida and the Keys to join in the kiteflying fun on October 11, 1987, at Smathers Beach in Key West. This will be a free, healthy outdoor event, the purpose of which is to promote world peace through the timeless activity of kiteflying.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

MAYOR CITY COMMISSION

1. GROWTH MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE - Adopted August 1986 and amended December 1986, this ordinance sets a maximum build-out limit on dwelling units at about 4300 units, based on available land, allowable density and availability of supporting utilities and services. It sets annual rate-of-growth limits at 7 percent of the total remaining build-out, but not to exceed 300 units per year. It defines transient (hotel, motel, timeshare), residential (houses, apartments), and affordable housing, requires 3 residential for every one transient building, and requires that 40 percent of all residential housing built be affordable. Affordable housing is defined as rentals not over 30 percent of median family annual income (presently \$21,000) nor sales price over 3 times annual income. Affordable housing must be built before or simultaneously with other housing. The law requires that the base data used in growth management calculations be updated in an annual report by the city manager. Do you support this ordinance? If not, tell briefly how would you change it.

2. SALT PONDS - The city, along with Florida Audubon Society and Friends of Florida, has sponsored acquisition of all the 400 undeveloped acres of wetlands and hardwood hammocks around Key West International Airport for park, preservation and recreation under the State Conservation and Recreation Lands (C.A.R.L.) program. This project has been approved by the C.A.R.L. committee and state cabinet and is on the purchase priority list. Some land parcels have already been acquired, and the C.A.R.L. staff is actively pursuing others. Would you continue to support this project, including disapproval (within all legal means) of efforts by developers to build residential units in the project areas around the airport? Briefly state your position on the project.

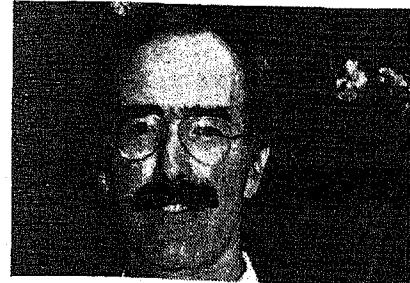
3. AIRPORT NOISE - A non-binding opinion referendum has been placed on the ballot for October 6, asking voters whether they think that the city's noise ordinance should be applicable to aircraft using Key West International Airport. Do you have a position on this question? If the voters vote "yes" on this referendum, would

ELECTION EDITION



CAPT. TONY TARRACINO
CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR
ENDORSED

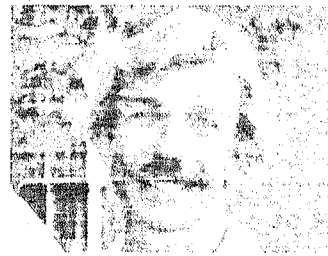
We backed Tony for mayor in 1985 when he lost that election by a handful of votes. He called for the same building restraints then as he does now. He vigorously supports the Growth Management Ordinance and has committed himself to save the Salt Ponds. He supports the need to reduce the noise of the jets coming to Key West. We like his idea of converting smaller motels to affordable apartments which would be jointly purchased by large hotel owners for their employees. We appreciate the public relations strength of Capt. Tony as mayor and we are pleased that he has had group leadership experience in his past as a union official. Because of all this, and because we are uncomfortable with the past voting records of his two major opponents, we are endorsing Capt. Tony for mayor.



GEORGE HALLORAN,
INCUMBENT CANDIDATE FOR
CITY COMMISSION
GROUP 4
ENDORSED

Continually, unequivocally, and courageously, George Halloran has fought to keep the promises he made to the voters in 1983. His unremitting efforts to protect this island from overdevelopment, his legendary preparation for City Commission meetings, his environmental sensitivity, his fight to stop the injection wells and to save the Salt Ponds, his insistence on impact fees for large developers, his

honesty, intelligence and overwhelming support for the needs of Key West have made him our number one candidate. He is an exceptional man doing an exceptional job at a difficult time. George Halloran, endorsed, for City Commission, Group 4.



HARRY POWELL
CANDIDATE FOR CITY
COMMISSION
GROUP 5
ENDORSED

Harry is no Johnny-come-lately to the side of those environmentally concerned. He worked hard for the pioneering group of citizens who formed Save Our Shoreline to fight to save the open beach space for Key Westers. His letters in the Key West Citizen over the years have continually manifested his commitment to our quality of life. He staunchly supports our invaluable Growth Management Ordinance, has worked vigorously through his involvement with the Friends of Florida to save the Salt Ponds, champions turbo-props over jets and is against the extension of the airport runway, and has strongly identified himself with the working man and woman. Harry proposes to be a full time commissioner for the people of Key West and we would like to see him do just that. Harry Powell, Group 5, endorsed.

REFERENDUM SALE OF FIRE STATION NO. 3

For years, reasons for selling the No. 3 Fire Station have been presented to the voters of Key West, and for years these have been voted down. Until there is a substitute facility on line, we do not want to close this neighborhood station. Vote NO on this referendum.

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you do all in your power to carry out the desires of the voters, including strong representations to the operator of the airport (the county commission), and any other legal avenues that might be available to the city?

4. AIDS - This disease is having a strong impact on many residents of Key West. Do you think that the city has done all it can do to deal locally with this problem? State briefly any ideas you have to deal more effectively with the Aids crisis.

5. TRAFFIC - The unique geography of Key West as a small urban island community, and as a terminal destination at the end of a 130-mile, mostly two-lane highway, poses special problems for Key West in terms of traffic circulation, congestion and parking. State briefly what your concept is of the problems, solutions to the problems, and financing of the solutions to them.

6. SALES TAX - Do you support the referendum for a one-cent additional sales tax for Key West and Monroe County to defray the cost of construction or reconstruction of capital facilities such as police, fire, roads, public buildings, beaches, etc.? If you oppose this, how would you secure the income to build the infrastructure now needed to support development already built or building?

7. OTHER - Comment briefly on any other issue or problem that you feel needs to be dealt with in our city.

Amy de Poo Candidate for Mayor

1. I absolutely support the GMO.
2. Yes. It is vastly important to maintain areas such as this, especially as the young children who are growing up in Key West will find less and less unspoiled areas to appreciate. Urban sprawl is increasingly dangerous in that it divorces the human being from nature. The quality of our life here increases greatly when we have the buffering effect of beautiful, unspoiled natural surroundings.
3. Yes. I fail to see the value of noise and pollution.
4. Yes and no. We have to increase awareness of the disease through education. Perhaps city officials could support private efforts to reach the public with seminars held on the problem. I don't think public funds should be used specifically for AIDS victims, that is

favoritism. But very strong support should be given to increase the showing of compassion, dignity and respect to the AIDS victims and not shun them. Also, young people should be targeted with educational workshops to instill them with an urgent sense of sexual responsibility.

5. There are not "solutions" to the traffic problem. Key West has been over-built and over-advertised. The place is an anthill in the season. Satellite parking garages (shudder) and a shuttle service should only be a last resort measure. Why is this BUILD-BUILD-BUILD mentality radically applied to the problems of an area that is ALREADY over-built? It seems illogical to fight density with density. I favor synchronization of traffic lights where possible to facilitate flow, restricting RV's from parking in OldTown, encouraging people to leave their cars at the hotel parking lots and use cabs, improving the bus system too, and installing very expensive meters in the downtown area to discourage parking there (unless you are a local).

6. Yes.

7. The more fundamental issue underlying all the others is the question of preservation goals of our air, water and land. The environment IS the sustainer of the economy, tourist and otherwise, and the bucks will continually flow if we stringently protect our island. Tourists will ALWAYS go to see a beautiful place, and REPEAT BUSINESS is what we should aim for. We desperately need a MARINE SANCTUARY and we need to REDUCE THE VOLUME OF TRASH through recycling. The landfill situation is critical and we risk permanently spoiling our fragile keys if we do not immediately address these issues.

Bob Garcia (Did not respond)

Richard A. Heyman Candidate for Mayor

1. Clearly, I support the Growth Management Ordinance concept, since it found its genesis in my 1983 City Action Plan ordinance. Unless we match limited growth with our ability to provide for infrastructure needs, those who live here will suffer. Unfortunately the Growth Management Ordinance finally adopted tried to solve too many problems in one piece of legislation resulting in its inability to do anything but stop virtually all approvals. A key thrust of the ordinance adopted in 1986 was to provide for affordable housing through the so-called linkage clause. It has failed to put any such housing under construction. Truman Annex--25 percent of the land regulated by the GMO--will not provide affordable housing sufficient for the demand the Annex will create. The Annex was the first project to come before

the City under the newly passed GMO, and they found it necessary to modify the ordinance to meet the needs of that developer. The Duck Avenue project--if in fact it is built--will not meet the needs of the \$4-\$12 wage earner.

The GMO should do what it is supposed to do: Regulate the rate of growth. Zoning laws should dictate the type of growth (i.e., hotel, commercial or residential). Density, lot coverage and other parameters should limit the quantity of growth (i.e., number of units). And ordinances dealing with landscaping requirements or historic preservation should deal with the style of growth. Sadly, continuation of my efforts to reform the zoning laws and further refine the zoning map--critical needs--were virtually abandoned after I left office in 1985.

2. Purchase of the Salt Ponds is clearly an objective most Key Westers share; however, I am not confident that the CARL fund will provide the necessary dollars in time to save this valuable natural resource, especially with the North Key Largo properties on the top of the list. Key West should pursue purchase of many of the smaller parcels NOW, and not wait for hoped-for state or federal funds. Since early 1987, we have been collecting a 50 cent surcharge on admissions to Fort Zachary Taylor. That money should be returned to the people in the form of additional purchases of park and recreation areas, such as the Salt Ponds.

The key point of your question is the Marks property. This represents 10 percent of the 400 acre Salt Ponds area. It also will be the most expensive parcel, since it has been issued a development order by the courts. If the final decision of the City's appeal of that development order is that the developer can build, I would prefer to work with the developer to use this land for 600-700 units of low cost housing as was proposed in late 1985 rather than see 1100 units of condominiums built there. Most of the Marks property is scarified, dry land. It is included in the GMO buildable units equation. If the court orders a building permit, let's put the land to work for the people with housing the people can afford.

3. I cannot imagine anyone voting against enforcing our noise ordinance. We should enforce the law wherever we can. Nor can I imagine that anyone actually likes jet noise. I certainly don't. However, the answer to solving our jet noise problem is not throwing bricks at the airlines. We must work with them to solve the problem, because federal law supercedes local ordinance in regulating noise from aircraft at federally supported airports.

Eliminating the jets, as some have suggested, would result in a three to fourfold increase in aircraft takeoff and landings. Frankly I find 80-100 noisy small planes going overhead minutes apart even worse than what we have now.

Within a few years a new generation of small jets that are considerably quieter will be on the market. We must work with Piedmont, and particularly Eastern, to urge them to use the quieter jets at the earliest possible date, and in the meantime use options such as the Piedmont DASH 8 and the SAAB Fairchild 340 prop jets as much as possible. I am hopeful that the federally funded airport noise study, which just began and which should be completed by this time next year, will provide us with the basis for a solution to our jet noise problems.

4. One key area that the City has not confronted with respect to the AIDS crisis is establishing a policy on dealing with City personnel who may contract AIDS. While this has not yet surfaced, we should have a clear policy that states no one will be fired from a City position because of having AIDS. Additionally, an ordinance barring discrimination in housing and employment solely on the basis of a person having AIDS is essential.

Funding for AIDS research, education and treatment must necessarily come from the federal and state governments. However, the City can support local volunteer AIDS efforts in other ways than money. Free office space for such programs as AIDS Help or the AIDS Education Project would go a long way toward underwriting these important efforts. Helping with the construction of an AIDS residential hospice building similarly would reduce the costs of supporting AIDS victims, and make the voluntarily contributed dollars go further.

5. The first thing we have to recognize with respect to parking and traffic is that it is a government problem, much the same as providing police and fire services and building roadways are the responsibility of government. To continue to require small builders to provide one or two parking spaces simply won't assure that the problem is solved.

Parking garages, particularly on the fringes of Old Town are an important element of the solution, but such garages should be built and operated through contracts with the private sector under contract with the City taking a percentage off the top. Those revenues should be used to provide shuttle bus services to and from the garages and major hotel areas to key tourist visiting spots.

Additionally, we must implement the recommendations from the Department of Transportation traffic circulation studies, which were originated during my term as mayor. Many of the preliminary recommendations to the City have never been implemented. Those that are the City's responsibility should be completed immediately.

6. The sixth cent sales tax is the cheapest way we have to fund necessary infrastructure and other capital improvements. Approximately half of that tax will be paid by tourists making

purchases in Key West. The alternative is higher real estate taxes, which are directly reflected in increased rents, food and clothing costs and services. The key here is to make sure that we spend those funds only for NECESSARY capital needs. A five year plan for the expenditures should be adopted by the City Commission after full public discussion and debate. If the projects can be funded in less than five years that the tax is to be imposed, we should cancel the balance of the tax term.

7. Housing that the \$4-\$12 wage earner can afford is still the critical need of this community. That was the key problem in the 1985 elections, and it remains unsolved today. A person should not spend more than 30 percent of his income for housing. That translates into rents ranging from \$250 to \$500 a month. Yet the Growth Management Ordinance's target affordable housing rents START at nearly \$500 a month!

Economically, it is impossible to build housing for rental at \$250 or \$300 a month with existing zoning and other laws. Either we have to increase the density for such projects or reduce costs to the builder. Waiving of impact fees translates into a \$5-\$10 a month reduction of rent—hardly sufficient. The GMO has caused what limited vacant lands we have to be offered as commercial/retail development sites rather than as housing sites. If the GMO is allowed to stay in place unchanged, the few remaining parcels will be built out with stores rather than the housing we need.

Government COOPERATING with the private sector—rather than fighting it—can solve this problem, but it will cost us as a community. Some immediate steps involve rezoning lands from commercial to residential, which also will assure a balance between those two elements and help preserve the residential character of the community. A special exception in certain housing zones for projects meeting specific low-rent criteria is needed. Such an exception would allow for increased density, waiver of fees, speedy processing of applications and reduction in parking requirements. In this way a builder can see what is required, meet it and quickly apply for a permit to provide the housing we need. Every time the City Commission drags out the approvals for a developer of lower cost housing, it drives up the cost of that housing.

By cooperating with the private sector we can build the housing we need at a price that \$4-\$12 wage earner can afford. As a last resort, we may have to consider a bond issue to purchase lands for the construction of such housing to be paid off through long-term ground leases to the builder and through the one cent tourist impact tax if it is approved by the voters next March. We don't need any studies to solve this problem. We need action now!

Love 22 Candidate for Mayor

1. The GMO is based on available land and complex calculations to control the rate of growth.

The Allocation Distribution: 25% Transient, 45% Market, 30% Affordable.

The GMO should administer to the needs of the community. As it now reads, the community is trying to administer to the needs of the GMO.

We need to redistribute the allocation as follows: 10% Transient, 30% Market, 60% Affordable.

The critical issue facing us as a community is Low Cost Housing for our hard working citizens.

Build-out is the point at which land-use is maximized with respect to the legal and physical limits to growth. Gentrification is the process of displacement of less affluent people by more affluent people.

If we fail to recognize this, we may be talking to a community that isn't out there anymore.

2. We cannot allow large developers to dictate to the citizens of this community what they think our needs are.

We can have parks, nature walkways and recreational areas within the salt ponds, maintaining its unique charm without damaging the environment.

3. Our city government should pressure the Pentagon with a citizen's petition to allow the big jets to land at their Boca Chica Naval Station.

What the citizens of this community vote for, they should get, by whatever legal avenues necessary.

We seem to forget that politics is just the organized citizen-action essential to any democratic government.

4. Our city government should provide free housing, food and medical services to any terminally ill citizens of Key West who cannot provide for themselves.

The Surgeon General's report on AIDS should be required reading for High School students.

Adults will have to rethink their social behavior and admit that sexual activity as we once knew it, does not exist anymore.

The AIDS Help Inc. is a step in the right direction towards awareness of this health crisis.

5. Firstly, we must redesign and redefine our mass transit system. We begin by selling those big buses and replace them

with trolleys or smaller, shuttle-type buses that can go into the neighborhoods and be a more convenient, scheduled, public service for all the citizens to travel anywhere on this island.

When our mass transit is working properly, we can then focus in on how to cope with too many cars and too many trucks in a limited space.

The proposed parking lot adjacent to Bayview Park would be a terrible burden for the residents of that area.

Building multi-tiered garages seem radical unless extensive research proves no alternatives.

Satellite garages, unless camouflaged, will be detrimental to the "Look" of the island.

Redirecting the flow of traffic disrupts a city and rarely improves the situation.

Large parking areas outside the city could work with an efficient shuttle service.

To resolve the traffic and parking dilemma confronting us, we may require an imaginative, intelligent, and creative plan by city traffic experts.

The financing would be generated from increased fines for moving traffic violations, especially driving while intoxicated.

6. Yes, only if the citizens of Key West knew in advance of their vote, the exact flow of that ... One Cent,

... and only if the firefighters received their fair share,

... and only if neighborhood crime watches were supported,

... and only if "Reef Relief" received a portion as a show of support from the city,

... and only if a portion was designated for safe bicycle paths with international signs.

7. Bahama Village

We must better the living conditions of Bahama Village and insure equal representation within our city government to our Black and Hispanic citizens.

Strong leadership within our Black and Hispanic communities must be encouraged and developed, if we are to be a truly great American city.

Property Taxes

We need to reverse the theory of raising property taxes when homeowners fix up their houses and improve neighborhoods.

City Manager

We need to hire the best City Manager we can find, capable of managing a large corporation, with the talent for finding the best people available to solve our many complex problems.

Cleaning-up

We need a massive clean-up-the-island campaign. The citizens of this community need six free dump days a month, and on the other end, impose and enforce stronger penalties for littering and illegal dumping.

Law and Order

We need new respect for law and order with less judicial leniency for habitual offenders.

The Elderly

We need to provide free transportation for essential services.

The Young

We need improved recreational facilities for the young men and women of our community. We need a caring and creative recreational director to plan innovative programs for the new youth center to be successful.

Summary

We have built and advertised Key West as a tourist island. Poor city management has failed to plan this tourist economy in three important areas, creating three critical conditions.

1. The needs of the people who live here have been neglected, thus a housing emergency.

2. Where to park the cars and recreational vehicles, thus a traffic mess.

3. Dirty beaches and not enough restroom facilities, thus unhappy tourists.

Poor management, poor planning and pressure from special interest groups have shattered our quality or life.

We need strong leadership within our city government to confront and resolve the many difficult issues facing us as a community.

Charles "Sonny" McCoy Candidate for Mayor

1. Growth management is critical to our quality of life in the City, and is a step forward to make living more affordable. Although changes to the G.M.O. may be required in the future, I will oppose any changes that would remove the requirement for affordable housing.

2. The Salt Ponds should be preserved, and I will encourage the State to purchase the property under C.A.R.L. In the past I have been active in designing nature walks through the area, and I will continue to fight to preserve this environmentally sensitive gem.

3. I have always supported moving the airport out of the City limits. If this is not currently possible, I will abide by the wishes of the people in the referendum.

4. AIDS is a serious threat to all segments of our community, including our youth. I support continued educational programs and the continuation of the Health Advisory Committee.

5. One of the biggest problems with traffic is the unavailability of parking. We need satellite parking facilities, and improved signage. I will work with the Department of Transportation and the city planners to reduce traffic congestion. The only parking garage ever built in the City was built during my previous administration.

6. The sales tax is a good idea, because tourists pay over 40% of the total money raised. I would like to see a time limit, such as five years, on that tax.

7. The Commission needs harmony, where we can work together to solve the City's problems. McCoy will work to reduce the friction between commissioners, so we can move forward to achieve our common goal: improved quality of life for ALL City residents.

Captain Tony Tarracino Candidate for Mayor

1. I think the public knows that I have been a strong supporter of the Growth Management Ordinance. The last campaign was a turning point for the City. The citizens just cannot afford to continue paying higher taxes, and it is the large developers that have caused the taxes to increase so quickly. Now the elderly are barely getting by and the working people are being forced off the Island.

We will probably need to make adjustments. Most laws require modifications over the years as new problems come up, but we have a good starting point. We have to elect leaders that are fighting for the future and looking out for the future of the residents. Special interests and out of town developers have received too much support while city budgets skyrocket and we end up paying their way. *It is a shame that previous City Commissions ignored our future for so many years.*

2. The Salt Ponds are probably the last chance we have to save a little bit of nature in Key West. Our kids need this and the tourists will have a wonderful

place to have a picnic and enjoy the birds or a canoe trip. What a great place for our bicyclists.

We have already started buying parts of the land and I fully intend to encourage funding for the rest. The State has shown its support and it is the Mayor's job to provide the leadership necessary to complete the acquisition. This is a giant project but it is the kind of project all the people will be able to enjoy. *It is a shame that previous City Commissions ignored our future for so many years.*

3. I'm glad the people are being given the chance to vote on the noise ordinance and I will sure support their decision.

Many people are upset at the increased number of loud jets and probably the best answer is for the airlines to change the loud planes for the quieter ones that are used in other areas. This is the kind of problem where we can make both sides happy but we need a leader who will listen to the people. We should have started work on this several years ago. *It is a shame that previous City Commissions ignored our future for so many years.*

4. Too many politicians want to ignore the AIDS problem. I am not afraid to say that we have to help these people. The problem is not going to just go away; it is getting bigger. You have to feel sorry for a human being with a fatal disease, and we have to obtain massive government funding. This disease is reaching the point where even new babies are being born without a future. If we wait, the costs will only increase. Our public hospitals can be bankrupted causing even more suffering. Once again we are starting late but each city and each state has to show the leadership needed to get the Federal Government to start providing serious funding for treatment and cures. We have a great country and we have shown the ability to lead the world in solving major problems. We can solve the AIDS problem but it is such a world wide problem that the only real solution is for all local governments to demand Federal funding increases. Strong leadership is needed.

5. I would like to see us try making Simonton and Whitehead one way. If it doesn't work we can change it; at least we are starting to try.

Parking is another difficult problem and we could have solved this years ago. We may need to buy lots for parking garages in old town. Two layer garages can be made to look like an old wood store with cypress siding on the outside and shuttered windows. Our city garage would sure look better that way and the new facilities can be something so nice the tourists will want to take pictures. Because we have waited so long, the solutions will be expensive. Once again we are paying the costs for the large developers. This is what I mean when I

talk about representing the people and fighting for your future. *It is a shame that previous City Commissions ignored our future for so many years.*

6. I just can't support increasing taxes on the poor people and the elderly who have already been taxed way more than they can afford. It seems that we have to find a way for the tourists to pay their share.

Sometimes I feel like a recording when talking about different city problems but how can we keep taxing a little more here and a little more there and watch more and more of the population forced out because they just don't have the money to pay for the problems caused by the developers.

Who approved these developments without considering the costs of police, fire, roads, and larger government buildings? Why didn't previous city commissions look at the future and make sure the big money people were not making their profits at the expense of the locals? How many more retired people will have to sell their home and just give up and move? How many residents can feel confident they will be able to retire here? Most important, how many families worry that their kids will have to live somewhere else when they get out of school?

This is why I keep saying we need to diversify our economy to some extent. Find the kind of light industry that provides skilled employment and higher incomes for future generations. Tourism has been wonderful for Key West but a better balance can be created if we start now to plan for the future.

For too long we have just tried to get by from day to day. *It is a shame that previous City Commissions ignored our future for so many years.*

7. Everybody talks about affordable housing and labor shortages and these are big problems that won't be solved with just promises and campaign platforms.

What we need is housing affordable to workers earning \$4, \$5 or \$6 an hour and they can't afford \$500 a month.

Many businesses are having trouble staying open because we have driven off so many of the workers. When you have 500 jobs open and only 10 people looking for work you have businesses always short of help. Even now, during September, you see help wanted ads filling column after column in the newspapers. Hotels are listing a dozen categories where they need people during the slowest part of the year.

I think we have to start remodeling some existing buildings to small apartments before businesses are forced to close because of labor shortages. Hotels are especially hurt by this because they need so many employees.

Why shouldn't we look at offering special tax incentives for smaller hotels to convert to apartments. The owners will not need giant staffs and the apartments will provide housing for our work force. This is the kind of solution that produces double benefits. As we see more motel managers fill in for maids they can't find, we are reaching a point where some will consider changing to a low labor business. Tax incentives will be needed but in the long run it will cost the city only a small fraction compared to trying to build new apartments.

I also believe we have to get the millionaires in this town to protect their future. If they each pitch in a million and settle for a smaller return, say 5% instead of 10%, we can start constructing the giant number of units we need.

The answers to our problems aren't easy because we ignored the future for too many years. I think the public knows I really care about the average person. The business people realize many of our problems were created by a long history of administrations who ignored the working people.

It is time for a new direction. It is time for leaders who understand the relationship between workers problems and business problems. It is time for leadership that can't be swayed by the special interests and fast buck developers. You need a mayor solving problems from the past, providing for a new direction so that our children can feel positive about their future, and we can rebuild our sense of respect. With new leadership, we can begin to work together with confidence...fighting for your future.

George Halloran, Incumbent City Commission Group 4

1. Yes, I support the Growth Management Ordinance. I believe it is doing its job very well, and is guaranteeing that affordable housing must be built before any more hotels are approved. It was obvious for years that Key West needed a growth cap, but until Commissioners Weekley and Lewis were elected, I could not get the votes. The GMO is not perfect. For example, it requires housing units to be affordable for only five years. That time should be lengthened. Also, the "affordable" rental prices are still too high in my opinion and need to be lowered. And there needs to be a minimum size for apartments -- as it stands developers are allowing as little as 450 square feet with no yard space and calling it a one-bedroom apartment.

2. I am totally in favor of preserving the entire Salt Ponds area for a wilderness recreation area. Parts of it are ideal for nature walks, others for canoeing trails, still others for picnicking, play areas and parking. So far we have 11 acres nearly

in our grasp, and we are on track to purchase the other 400 acres with state and private funds. Jimmy Buffett plans a benefit concert for the Salt Ponds here in Key West November 28 and hopes to raise \$100,000, and the city has dedicated funds from the Fort Taylor entrance fees we receive to maintain the park once it is complete. All this is contingent upon the current owners agreeing to sell, and to abandon their plans to build hundreds of housing units in the ponds. Despite threatened lawsuits and continued roadblocks, we are making progress and with continued public support our goal will be achieved.

3. I will be voting in favor of the referendum asking that the noise ordinance be applied to the airport. The class of jets that Eastern and Piedmont bring to Key West are noisy and in some cases dangerous, and could easily be replaced with quieter and smaller aircraft. I recently received an ad from Piedmont for their "quiet, roomy and comfortable" turboprops, which they fly into unspoiled Bahamian islands. Why not Key West? I am strongly supportive of any legal measures to convince the County Commission and the airlines to cooperate in seeking lower noise and pollution levels.

4. I have already co-sponsored a resolution that will send a copy of the Surgeon General's informative report on AIDS to every household in Key West. AIDS is a deadly menace, and as with any other disease, the greatest tool to fight it is education. The disease is spread mainly by sexual activity, and we must teach safe practices by which it can be avoided. I have also co-sponsored a medical advisory committee to keep the City Commission informed on what other steps can be taken. We will be discussing financial assistance to AIDS-HELP following the referendum on city funds for non-profit organizations.

5. Our major problem in Key West is success. We are popular, our massive advertising campaign makes us more popular, and the tourists flock here in greater numbers every year. We are currently working out the details on a traffic circulation program which would create some new one-way streets, widen some intersections, and install new lights and signage, and create more bike paths. Coupled with more new paved streets, this plan should allow traffic to flow better.

We need a comprehensive parking plan that will incorporate large lots near high use areas such as the beaches and the city marina, serviced by our bus system, with more parking meters downtown and anywhere else parking exists now. The key to this plan is a system of low cost annual permits for city residents so they can park free in the residential areas and at a reduced rate in commercial areas. I suggest we start with permits for tradespersons and delivery people whose

livelihood depends on finding a parking place at their jobsites. Tourists could also buy the annual permits, but whether they chose permits or feeding the meters, they would finally be paying their fair share of the costs.

6. Yes, I support the sales tax referendum. Again, the tourists must be encouraged to help share the load we bear from their presence. Hotels, shops and attractions received their share up front in their bills. The city has a high cost of garbage and sewage disposal and traffic related problems intensified by tourism, but we must continually ask our citizens to pay for these costs with property taxes. This is not fair. The sales tax will concentrate some of the costs where they belong, in the tourists' wallets. Any tax that is supported in part by tourists is better than the property tax that most homeowners must pay all by themselves.

7. Other problems? We have scads of them. I could fill this paper with them. But they can all be solved with time, with the cooperation of all Key Westers who have pride in their city, and with strong, hard-working, creative representatives at City Hall. Think carefully October 6 before you vote. Thank you.

Doug Jones
(Did not respond)

Charles L. Major
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Virginia Panico, Candidate City Commission Group 4

1. The Growth Management Ordinance is a well-intentioned flop. The Growth Management Ordinance does not work because it has stopped growth in areas that we desperately need to grow and it has caused people to build buildings on their property that are not in the best interest of either the community or the people who do the building. I know that my opponent was the major mover in writing the ordinance and I know that Solares Hill is a supporter of my opponent, but the fact is the ordinance does not function. You do not try to create zoning with an easily changed ordinance. You create zoning through comprehensive planning. Look at what has happened since the ordinance was put in place:

The ordinance states that one of its main objectives is to promote the building of affordable housing. The result has been that between red tape, lower densities, higher impact fees and a hostile

commission, not one unit has been built in the last two years. You cannot expect to build affordable housing when you lower densities across the board.

The GMO also states that one of its other main objectives is to slow down hotel growth. Yet the GMO has been adjusted consistently to suit the Truman Annex developer. Mr. Singh, as a developer, may be special but if one developer can have the GMO adjusted so easily, so can others. The positive way to control how many more hotels and where they can be built is in the comprehensive plan. An ordinance simply is a "band aid" approach to a very serious problem.

The GMO also does not control commercial growth. The result is we have four major shopping centers under construction or being permitted: the Duval Square project, the Coca Cola Bottling Mall, the new Winn Dixie Super Store Center (across from Scotty's) and the Truman Annex Shopping Center. When people who own large parcels of land are not given incentives and government cooperation for building apartments, they build commercial rentals instead. We have very little land left on which we can build a balance between commercial and housing. We cannot afford to make mistakes now on how our island will turn out. I will support a strong, comprehensive planning process that will make us plan our future building to fit our needs and does not force people to build what we don't want.

People who support a restricted growth in Key West should realize that the approach the GMO now utilizes will cause more trouble than if we comprehensively plan what land areas we have left and don't leave it to chance or the current whim of the commission.

When you mention hotels, I don't think any more hotels should be built until housing catches up. But equally important is where we will allow hotels to be built. Again the hotel's placement and need is best gauged within a comprehensive plan. Any new hotels should be zoned "site specific" and where impact can be absorbed. To have an ordinance that allows fifty units a year could result in new hotels or hotel add-ons built in places that don't make anyone who lives near them very happy. Strong planning is the key. Comprehensive planning cannot be changed at every turn of the commission. The County is finding that out now. I would point out to Solares Hill readers that you can change the GMO on two readings, within a short time frame, and with a minimum of advertising and review. I don't know about you but that doesn't make me feel very secure.

2. I am in favor of protecting the Salt Ponds and preserving the site. I am not in favor of the citizens of this community being saddled with paying the bill.

Without State and Federal funds we as individual taxpayers can't afford it. I would point out that most of the Salt Ponds is under water and in no danger of being developed. It is well protected by Federal law. I would do every thing that is legal to persuade both the owners and the State to move towards acquisition and protection of the area. I will do nothing as a City Commissioner to destroy private property rights. If the owners of the dry land cannot use their land at all, then someone must buy it. I don't want the buyers to end up being the local taxpayer. I hope the City is not intending to try and support a park in the Salt Ponds with local tax dollars, especially a park of this magnitude. This large area is definitely of State park status. I love the Salt Ponds but I also care about the people who have to try and survive here.

The Salt Ponds are unique. To have a virtual wilderness area so close to the high density of a city can be made a great advantage. With the right commission I believe even more progress can be made in getting donations of privately owned wetlands and support through the government agencies. I think most people would be surprised to know major areas of the ponds are owned by the Army and by Monroe County. We need to begin to find avenues of cooperation with the County if we are to put together a comprehensive program of preservation.

3. The way the referendum is written, I would have to vote for it. We should uphold our laws; however, I might point out that this referendum is typical of the negative actions that seem to have gotten us nowhere over the past few years. Here we are voting on a non-binding referendum rather than working on solving the problem. After the studies, the endless committee reports and law suits that we always seem to lose, we now have the "non-binding referendum" as our latest excuse for doing nothing constructive. Whatever happened to persuasion, negotiation, mutuality of interest, etc. I would get people in local businesses the concerned citizens, and those who seek to do business from the outside in our community to work together. I have that background and the experience within the Chamber of Commerce to make that productive conversation take place. I will solve the airport problem in that way. I do not believe that yelling at people and threatening the airlines is going to solve the problem and I do not believe that a non-binding referendum does anything more than raise emotions.

4. For one thing I would use my position as City Commissioner to enlist the help of the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Guild, and the local governmental units to set up a voluntary program that would bring together all areas of our business community and civic community to discuss the trauma that is involved when this terrible disease attacks one of your employees or co-workers. What many

people don't realize is that not only the person with AIDS is impacted but that everyone who works with this person, and has become their friend or associate, needs to know how to handle their feelings and needs to know how to give support. I believe an encounter group of this type bringing together business people and government officials to discuss their experiences with this problem would help us achieve a more caring and informed community. The City has been moving forward with support for mail-outs and information. I think, as a City, they have shown courage to begin to face this crisis and not just let it slide by. Through the leadership of the City I would encourage an educational program for all segments of our community and seek all of the State and Federal help that is available.

5. In Key West traffic is a problem that affects everyone on the island. In Old Town we have too much traffic because everyone is literally driving in circles looking for a place to park. The bottom line is that a place to park doesn't exist. With such a demand for parking why hasn't the City taken advantage of the opportunity to create another alternative revenue source? The Mallory Square lot takes in approximately \$400,000 a year and the lot next to City Hall even makes about \$30,000. The City should create a special commercial revenue district to build the parking lot and let the people who want and need to park there pay the bill.

Again, I would strongly oppose another bond issue that would put additional tax burden on the citizens of the community. But I believe that in more than one case the parking and traffic problem can be solved by building centrally located downtown parking facilities supported with revenues collected.

I think also that we have to look at shuttle systems as a viable alternative. However, the City should not get further into the transportation business. We lose too much with our bus system and that is supported with federal subsidies. There has been a great deal of speculation and talk about using the City owned property across from Garrison Bight (next to HOB school) as an ideal outlying parking area from which to shuttle. This is a possibility. Thinking about that property and thinking about Garrison Bight, I would just like to add that if ever there was a sure thing, it's renting boat slips in Key West. Yet the Garrison Bight Marina project is still on the drawing board. This project should also be let out for bids to private enterprise for construction. The City revenues would more than pay for the construction and pay both the City and the contractor a profit. With a guaranteed winner like this as a City asset, we don't need new taxes just commissioners who think in a business-like manner. I believe I have the business experience and

knowledge to get the best deal for us in both these areas.

The longer we wait to meet the parking problem and the longer we wait to solve the traffic problem the harder and more expensive it will be to solve in the future. I believe that continuing to study these problems does not make as much sense as beginning to negotiate the solutions to the problems.

One thing further on parking and traffic and that is that the County seat is in Key West. If it is to remain here and to remain convenient to the citizens of this community we are going to have to see to it that the County's parking expectations are also met. None of this should be done at taxpayers' expense. All of this should be supported by user fees. The City should be the catalyst in solving the problem. But the end result should not be a further expense to local taxpayers.

6. I do not support an increase sales or a new utility tax and I certainly don't support the \$20,000 in tax dollars/tax money that the City and County are currently spending to promote (educate us) on the tax. The people of this community cannot afford it and don't need it. I'd like to answer this question by first explaining why we don't need to have the sales tax increase at this time.

The fact is that Key West is the most expensive place to live in the State of Florida and getting more expensive all the time. Sewer rates are up as much as 100%. Garbage rates on businesses have doubled and after the first of the year the garbage rates on household garbage will go up 30% or more. When it comes to money, one of the problems we face is that my opponent has been very persuasive in getting everyone to spend more and more money on government. Recently he suggested a 10% utility tax. That type of thinking has continually pushed our cost of living up. The increased sales tax to 6% would deal a devastating blow to our citizens. Those taxes will impact the wage earner and retiree alike. Many people who felt confident in retiring in Key West are beginning to feel the pinch as their retirement can't keep up with Key West's monstrous spending binge. I don't think this is responsible government. I cannot support it. We keep striving to continuously find new ways to tax ourselves. It's simply a matter of how much government we can afford. Other candidates will tell you that we need the tax to finish up Old City Hall or beaches, etc. Last year we put aside \$800,000 of tourist tax money to support beaches yet we can't seem to get agreement with the County on how to spend the money. Again, we are spending more time fighting about what to do with the money than we spend on productive programs to get us the beach.

Back to the additional one cent sales

tax, one of the main reasons I don't think we need the tax is that we don't need the revenue to keep government running smoothly. The reason I say that is twofold: one is that if you take a look at new properties coming on the tax roll in the coming two years, you will see that those properties total over \$105 million in additional tax base. This additional \$105 million in tax base will produce about \$700,000 in revenue for the City without raising any taxes on existing properties. I will point out just a few of the major contributors to this additional tax revenue. First of all Truman Annex has never been on the rolls and will come in between \$50 and \$60 million. The Scotty's development on North Roosevelt Boulevard, Duval Square and the new construction at the Ocean Inn and at the Galleon, the Hyatt Hotel, the Inn at the Wharf that is going to be on the rolls for the first time this year, the La Concha addition and all the other new renovation and construction remodeling and home building that has taken place in Key West for the past year and will take place next year.

Take the additional taxes from these properties and add in the fact that we are going to have an opportunity to vote on a tourist impact tax (a bed tax only) in March. That tax will bring in about \$800,000 a year inside the City of Key West, of which \$400,000 or one-half will become part of our general revenue. The tourist will help, for the first time, to directly fund our general revenue. The \$400,000 from the tourist impact tax and the \$700,000 generated from the new properties on the roll mean that we will have somewhere between \$1.1 and \$1.2 million in tax revenue. Why, with that type of additional revenue, would we need to raise ad valorem taxes? I don't see a reason why we should put in this additional sales tax on top of the taxes that we already pay. I am against further needless ways to tax the locals.

Other

I must say that I am a little disappointed in the fact that there are not more questions asked the candidates about keeping our city clean. Have we lost all of our pride in this community? It seems to me we have given up hope that it is possible so we don't even ask about a clean city. I believe that the people of this community want a clean city and are willing to pay for it. It is amazing to me that with the priority that our citizens put on this issue that no commission has taken a strong initiative to put together a positive program to do the job.

Our priorities on spending have been mixed up. Instead of a part-time attorney we now have two full time attorneys and a whole group of extra legal bills from outside counsel to defend our various lawsuits. I would like to point out that you can hire a whole staff of maintenance personnel for the price of defending one foolish lawsuit.

Recently the preliminary city budget was issued with sixteen people being cut from the maintenance department. I don't know how many will ultimately be cut but I want to state for the record that as a commissioner I will fight and vote to place additional budget dollars in maintaining our city.

I will also implement a comprehensive education program to educate our citizens and school children on the causes of a dirty city. Awareness is half the battle. If we get it clean and keep it clean, I think you will see an attitude change that will reach into every corner of our city.

I won't raise taxes but I'll shift our emphasis from confrontation to cleanliness.

In closing, let's give our new Police Chief our full support and encouragement and be willing to cooperate with our Police Department's efforts against crime in Key West.

Let's bring back the pride and spirit to Key West. Let's have a commission that will cooperate with each other and get the City's and the citizens' priorities in order.

A. Emma Cates, Incumbent City Commissioner Group 5

(Did not respond)

Floyd Kershaw, Candidate City Commissioner Group 5

1. I strongly support the Growth Management Ordinance, but do not agree with that portion of it which gives away impact fees as an incentive to builders. I would work to fine tune the ordinance in this respect. The taxpayer should not have to subsidize the private sector.

Housing

We are choking on this problem and will continue to choke on the issue of affordable housing for several years to come. It would be misleading to tell you that I'm going to solve it the day after I get into office. What I will do about the problem is:

a. Work with the other commissioners. It takes three votes to do the necessary work to solve this problem.

b. Establish short, medium, and long range goals to be met. The City must work with and encourage the private sector to solve this problem.

c. Use the proposed March one cent tourist tax to buy land and float bonds to construct housing in a price range our service industry personnel and young people can afford. Increase density on

those sites to ensure a viable project. Where feasible, negotiate low cost, long term leases of city owned land for truly affordable housing.

d. Once sufficient units are built, housing units that are really affordable now by virtue of their condition will also become affordable.

e. The military is now competing in the housing market and we must encourage the military to solve their housing shortage by building on available government land as quickly as possible. Our representatives in Washington can work with the military.

f. The TDC is already engaged in activities to spread the tourism season over 12 months, rather than the peak and valley characteristics we now experience. This action will serve to moderate rent prices.

It is imperative that we solve this crisis and I pledge to make this my number one priority. I am told that twenty years ago our young adults left the area after high school because there was no job opportunity and that they have to leave now because they can't afford to live here. These young adults shouldn't have to abandon their heritage.

2. I agree with the position enumerated on the Solares Hill questionnaire and would work accordingly.

3. If the voters feel, based on the October 6th non-binding referendum, that the city noise ordinance should be applicable to aircraft using Key West International Airport, I would do all in my power to carry out the desires of the voters as enumerated in the Solares Hill questionnaire.

4. By 1991, more people will die of AIDS than died in the Vietnam war. This staggering toll and the human anguish, suffering, and dependency this disease manifests, make education and an overall plan of action imperative.

a. Educate -- city government must act as a catalyst to call to action the school system and public health department in a comprehensive education program in the schools of our city. We must remove our blinders!

b. Coordinate -- the city-wide task force recently appointed by the City Commission is an excellent idea. It must be strengthened and expanded to make recommendations on disease prevention, disease control, and community services for people with AIDS. Working together we can rise to this crisis! If we do not, we will be ineffective and disjointed in our efforts.

c. Educate -- public service workers in our city must be educated, so that compassionate and nondiscriminatory

services are delivered. Law enforcement, social service workers, health care workers, ambulance personnel, and fire fighters must understand this disease. Unreasonable fears can only be dispelled through education and training.

d. Educate -- the general public must be educated. People need to know how disease is, and is not, spread. They need to know how to decrease their own risks. The public must understand that this disease is not confined to the gay population and IV drug users. We must be sure that the Surgeon General's report gets into the hands of every city resident. This should be an ongoing program -- not a one-shot deal -- due to the constantly changing population of our community. We must set up educational programs for every major and minor employer in town.

e. Fund -- we must provide funding for a City Coordinator and provide office and support space for area AIDS programs. This individual must be qualified to actively pursue grant money and government funding, as well as be able to bring all of the service organizations together to assure the most efficient and economical comprehensive program to deal with this crisis. We must constantly be visible on the state and national level, pressing for funding for our needs.

f. It is important that we establish a central facility where AIDS patients can be cared for. The city should provide the land for such a facility and private, federal, and county grant funding must be made available.

5. I favor the building of satellite parking facilities. The city should encourage the private sector to do this. We can lease land for this purpose and take a cut of the profits. Tourists using the garages can be bussed to several key points in the downtown area. I favor resident parking permits.

6. I favor the October referendum for a one-cent sales tax. Over a five year period this sales tax is forecasted to bring Key West twelve million dollars. The tourists help pay this tax (42% tourist and 58% resident). It's a necessary method of obtaining substantial funding to defray the cost of construction or reconstruction of capital facilities such as police, fire, roads, public buildings, and beaches.

Other Taxes

Property Tax -- we are driving many of the elderly and middle income residents from their homes. I don't need to explain this -- we all know it. For our elderly living in their homes, I propose that we establish tax abatement for all homes owned and resided in by citizens 62 and older with a total household income below the poverty level. Eligibility must include a ten year residency requirement and sunset provision. The tax would come due upon sale of the property or

taxes. Let no one forget that we are adding some very high value properties to our rolls in the coming year. This increased income must be managed with a tight-fisted hand. If we spend like there's no tomorrow, there won't be for many of us in Key West.

Utility Tax -- I am adamantly opposed to any tax on our already high priced utilities.

Tourist Tax -- I believe the proposed March, 1987 one-cent tourist tax is a must pass tax. Anyone who can afford to vacation in Key West can afford to help pay the costs to solve Key West's problems so that we have a better community in which to live, work, and visit. This will not hurt tourism, but not having the money to clean, repair the city, build garages, and housing will hurt the long term best interest of Key West.

7. Parks and Recreation -- The Teen Center on the Boulevard is a good start, but more needs to be done.

Our young people, senior citizens, and families need additional properly equipped, supervised neighborhood parks. There are many such city owned sites scattered throughout town suitable for these needs.

I favor establishment of a Parks Commission to come up with additional facilities and to obtain grants for facilities and activities to make recreational parks a reality. The City needs an experienced and qualified activities director to oversee this project.

Captain Henry McAlarney, Candidate City Commissioner Group 5

1. The GMO is the only city document that supports affordable housing for the working man in Key West. It limits the unwarranted and wild building sprees of the past. The GMO does not stop nor limit the working man from building his own home, but it is targeted to large developments. It is about time we tied the number of hotel, motel units built to the number of affordable housing units built. Key West has very little and very precious land left to build on. If we don't legislate developers to put up affordable housing, the working man will no longer be able to survive in Key West. The working man is the backbone of the tourist economy -- without him Key West cannot survive.

Unfortunately, the present city commission has defined affordable housing as that which costs 1/3 of the average household income which by state statistics is \$21,000. How many working individuals in Key West make \$21,000 per year? The definition in our GMO must be changed from the median household income to the average

individual income. This will change the affordable units from \$580 per month to \$350 per month -- a savings of approximately \$2,670 per year based on the average working man's wage of \$6.00 per hour and a larger savings for those who unfortunately make less than \$6.00 per hour.

The second, and most important, change in the GMO is to mandate that developers building transient units (hotel, motel rooms) must develop their own affordable housing on their own property on the basis of 3 affordable units to 1 transient unit and not claim affordable housing units someone else is building or has built. The working man in Key West is not looking for a handout, but needs a helping hand!

2. I would be happy to support all legal efforts to save and protect the Salt Ponds. Hopefully, with the purpose of converting them into wildlife preserves and public park areas with nature trails, boardwalks and facilities that can be used by the citizens of Key West and the tourists who visit our island paradise. Additionally the Salt Ponds are highly necessary in the ecosystem of the ocean as these marsh areas harbor the very beginnings of life in the ocean. As these marshlands are filled in, the very beginnings of the ecosystem are endangered. I also support efforts to improve the flow from the ocean to the gulf within and among the Salt Ponds which has been restricted over the years by the building of roads (such as the road to the old deserted missile site) and that a study be made of the ecological wisdom of storm drainage being discharged from Flagler Avenue into the salt pond running behind Linda Avenue. There have been instances of raw sewage spilling from the city sewer system into the Salt Ponds via the Flagler storm drains. The city must preserve and improve the Salt Ponds as one of the last vestiges of sanctuary for roosting birds and small marine life so important to the island.

3. As City Commissioner I will listen to the voters on the issue of airport noise and let them decide this issue. After the citizens of Key West vote on this referendum I will do everything in my power to see the people's wishes carried out.

4. AIDS is not a gay disease and it is important that we educate every person in our community in all aspects of this devastating disease. AIDS Help, Inc., is a relatively new organization in Key West. They are partially funded by the state, but need much more than this. AIDS affects everyone in this small community. Prevention through education and compassion for the victims is the only rational approach to this problem.

5. There are 3 questions to be answered here: (1) where; (2) why; and (3) how?

(1) We must discourage traffic in the

Old Town area.

(2) The major cause of excess traffic is the tourist (our bread and butter) who leaves his motel on Roosevelt Boulevard or South Street and drives into Old Town and looks, and looks, and looks for a parking spot.

(3) Parking is already provided for the tourist at their hotel/motel. Key West must institute a low-fare and convenient shuttle for our guests so they can leave their cars at their hotel/motel. Captain Henry McAlarney will not pave our paradise just to put up a parking lot!

6. Why me? Someone has to pay for the things that add quality to our lives. Such as beaches, Salt Ponds, children's education and recreation, fire and police protection. There are two ways of paying for these: (1) property taxes -- homeowners will pay higher taxes and landlords will raid rents so the citizens pay for it all. (2) sales tax -- yes, you pay a small percentage depending on how much you spend. Our guests, Mr. and Mrs. Tourist spend a lot more money than we do so in effect they will pay part of the increase in the quality of our lives. The tourist industry places an extra burden on fire, police, rescue, and cleanup costs and some of that cost must be shifted to them. The sales tax is the way to accomplish this whereas the property or income tax will lay the costs completely on the residents.

7. It's a question of balance: Salt Ponds vs. development; affordable housing vs. hotel rooms; public transportation vs. traffic jams; lifestyle vs. dollars; the quantity of tourists, dollars, etc., vs. the quality of the tourist and residents experience. It's up to you Key West. Please vote for Captain Henry McAlarney for City Commission.

Harry Powell, Candidate City Commissioner Group 5

1. The GMO is our first toddling step toward a realistically diverse housing base for the future. We've been pressured, threatened and sued by major developers that provide only luxury housing or hotel rooms. We've occasionally had to back down from preventing these insensitive developments from dominating our island. Now we have a sound formula that sets forth what is required and will help us find the developers who will meet our needs.

The GMO is, however, weak in one area in my opinion. The M.H.I. guidelines are too high. They are designed for people making \$12-\$15 an hour. More than half of our working people do not earn hourly salaries anywhere near that. (We need to address as well the issue of adequate wages to stabilize and increase our work force.)

Only one commissioner has voted

incidence of this disease, has received only \$150,000.

The county may be willing to match city money on a dollar for dollar basis, and both entities had better realize that our interests are best served by cooperating on this problem at a local level.

Monies received from private grants and volunteer groups in coordination with city and county efforts will be especially important resources.

A resident facility like Marc House would best serve all interests. It would provide the most humane care for the tragic victims of this disease in the most cost-effective manner. The current cost of hospitalization is in excess of \$50,000 and does not provide the service and quality of life which home and resident facility care can offer at a much lower cost. In the case of indigent patients, the entire hospitalization cost is inevitably born by the taxpayer. Simple logic demands that methods which better serve the interests of all parties should be the methods of choice.

Educating all segments of society to the realities of AIDS should be a basic tool in forgiving a public and private alliance of people helping people.

5. There is a finite limit to an island's ability to handle any problem. Traffic is no different. We need to recognize this and plan accordingly.

I'll push for a bus system that is simple for residents and guests to use. On an island this size no one should need to walk more than two blocks to catch a bus.

What we need are smaller buses that connect with the major routes served by our larger buses. That is termed a hub system and these smaller vehicles should go into each and every neighborhood.

The \$200,000 PATA lost last year because no one rides the buses, will only increase each year. The establishment of a sensible, utilized, bus system will quickly eliminate these losses and, within a short time, pay for itself.

The deployment of such a system would make life simpler and less expensive for our senior citizens many of whom don't drive and can't afford taxis. It would also offer an attractive alternative to private cars, easing the crunch on our crowded streets and limited parking spaces.

I would prefer that we take this approach before we build ugly and expensive multi-storied parking garages. Let's build a more efficient bus system first and then see what our further needs are.

I suggest we educate everyone that the

against the adoption of this plan. It is working and is not a moratorium on growth, but a guideline for the growth we need.

I support it and will work to improve the emphasis it places on affordable housing and its formal approach to good planning.

2. I am a member of the steering committee of the Friends of Florida and have spent the last year campaigning to bring a State Park to that area. I've lobbied the C.A.R.L. committee personally and will continue my efforts to save this last remaining wetland and hammock area in Key West.

3. The issue is not just noise at the airport. We also have a major safety problem with the jets as well. The Eastern 727 has a long glide path that takes it 60 - 80 feet above our high school. Extending the airport is not going to change that very much.

The smaller Piedmont F-28 jets that fly into our island are over 20 years old and even with an extension of the airport would still be below their required runway space here.

The solution is modern state-of-the-art turbo-props in my opinion. They are used elsewhere in Florida and the Bahamas and can carry 35-40 passengers. They are a great deal safer and quieter than the jets we have now, and seem to me to be more in character with our island.

Eastern Airlines has said that it really doesn't want to fly their 727 into Key West because of its margin of safety and would switch to quieter turbo-props if Piedmont will.

I have participated in the dialogue to change their policy in the past and have urged the county against extending the airport into the Salt Ponds. I'll continue to do so.

4. Let's make it plain that this threat to life and to loving is not a gay issue. It is a global crisis. Neither the United Nations nor the U.S. Government is addressing the problem as a crisis and is certainly not committing the resources that in particular the U.S. Government makes available to more nebulous efforts in other areas.

In terms of the problem locally, I would love to believe that our City could solve the problem here. However, with only an 11.7 million dollar budget, other necessities already straining those resources, and taxpayers hobbled by existing taxes, I don't see that as possible. The City of San Francisco is nearing bankruptcy as a result of its efforts to control its AIDS epidemic.

While Dade County has received at least 4 million dollars from the state, Key West, with its disproportionately high

bicycle is the preferred means of private transportation in Old Town.

We could reinforce this concept by painting clearly marked bicycle lanes on our streets in that area.

We need to upgrade and enforce our bicycle, R.V. and moped laws. We need an R.V. park somewhere in the city so as not to discourage this type of tourist, at the same time providing an additional source of revenue to the city.

An immediate source of revenue would be a yearly \$25.00 parking sticker that any resident could purchase to park in any legal spot without further charge.

We should also sell a guest sticker as an incentive to tourists to leave their cars in our parking areas and ride our public transportation system.

Finally we must get the State, County and City governments to cooperatively plan and apply their energies to obtaining as much federal and state D.O.T. money as possible. However, I must state my reservations about just building bigger and not better. I do not want to "tear down paradise and put in a parking lot."

6. I support this tax, but the need for it gives us proof that development does not pay its own way, and once again the taxpayers are asked to pay for it.

The tourist will pay 2/3 of this tax and the city will receive 28% of the revenues collected in the county.

We cannot raise ad valorem taxes any higher than they already are. The only solution when more revenue is needed is to tax the tourists and find other sources that do not hobble our residents.

7. My life didn't really begin in earnest until I visited Key West in 1971, and then I knew instantly that his is where I belonged and where I'd take a stand for all the important things in life.

I moved here in 1974, bought my house in 1977 and with my friends have lived, laughed and struggled here.

I want to safeguard the reasons we all live here; the small town atmosphere, our neighborliness and acceptance of others, and the natural beauty that is so precious to us all.

My only job will be the business of the City for the next four years. I can promise you a full time commitment. I'll have an office not only at City Hall, but in my house. My phone number will be listed as it always has been. I will be accessible.

I'm a Key Wester, not a politician. I care very little about the trappings of wealth and power. My only possible conflict of interest would be my

involvement with conservation groups. You'll have to decide if that is good or not. But I believe this may well be an improvement over the way things are now in the Group 5 seat!

More significantly than almost anywhere else, our island is a system. We cannot separate our problems in traffic, tourism and environment from one another. They need to be addressed as a whole through good planning and commitment and cooperation from all segments of our diverse community, both public and private, in order to maintain and preserve our unique way of life.

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NON-BINDING REFERENDUM CITY BUDGET SUPPORT OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SERVING KEY WEST

We have a problem with this. Traditionally, non-profit organizations have been supported by the private sector. United Way is a prime example of volunteer fund-raising. However, on an emotional level, the idea of the City helping worthy organizations with money is very tempting, but how do you decide who gets what? It's a decision for Solomon and we're going to side-step this issue as we remain undecided on how to vote here.

NON-BINDING REFERENDUM COMPLIANCE WITH CITY OF KEY WEST NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

A strong YES on this one. The jets are unacceptably loud, dangerous and contrary to the ambiance of our little island. There is ample proof that we can be effectively serviced with turbo-prop craft at one-quarter to one-half the noise and that the airlines use them, profitably with other cities our size. With the City behind this referendum, the airlines would realize the need to work out a happy solution to this problem.

COUNTY REFERENDUM AN ADDITIONAL 1 CENT SALES TAX

All levels of government from the highest state level to the lowest local

level have now agreed that big development has not paid its way. Many new developments are fighting paying impact fees and earlier developments have been exempted from them. To build and expand our own public facilities, new sources of revenue must be found. In order to avoid paying all these costs through increased ad valorem taxes, alternative sources of revenue are vitally needed. We believe that about one-half to two-thirds of the 6th cent sales tax will be paid for by the tourists. We are voting yes on this issue.

A Political Comment By Vaughn Gibson

A bit of unfinished business:

LAST MONTH I commented on the mayoral candidates and inadvertently forgot to include Love 22. The following is paraphrased from some of his statements:

He is a past president of the Cultural Preservation Society and, he claims, is responsible for state grants from the Division of Cultural Affairs. He is "one of the main organizers for Key West's first successful Buskerfest," and was instrumental in supporting Florida's longest-running arts entertainment spectacular -- the Mallory Square Sunset Celebration.

According to the candidate he has a B.S. degree in Business Administration, and has appeared in over 500 newspaper stories, articles, guide books, and has been featured on a variety of network T.V. shows.

My own awareness of Love 22, until recently, has been restricted to his picturesque contributions to Sunset. He is by far the most articulate of the current mayoral candidates. This is undoubtedly due to both intelligence, and an extensive public experience in self-promotion at the most basic level.

During the last election, pundits suggested that Tom Sawyer's suit was running for office. There's a nugget of wisdom here. Love 22 presents both an intriguing departure from the status-quo, and a challenge which, to some voters, may be intimidating.

My own opinion is that his future political success will depend upon a broader experience in public service. Conventional candidates may glean votes by making unconventional gestures (Bob Graham's walk across Florida), but it seldom works as well the other way around.

NEW AGE FORUM

BY ANN BOESE



Last week I had the wonderful opportunity to swim with Bea and Marina, two beautiful dolphins at The Dolphin Research Center on Grassy Key. The experience was wonderful. The intelligent creatures responded to my openness and curiosity toward them by welcoming me warmly to their Gulfside enclosure. Kisses, kisses and more kisses. Followed by rides, jumps, splashes and more kisses. I know the dolphins are trained to place their long noses against a visitor's mouth in a mock smooch. But even the trainers remarked that Bea's affectionate reaction was very unusual. And I could sense that she liked me. There's something in a dolphin's eye that clearly tells you that he knows exactly who you are. And I'm comfortable with that. I have nothing to hide, from a dolphin anyway.

Driving back to Key West, I contemplated the difficulties humans have in understanding one another; the influences that lead us to communicate everything but our true feelings. I have no answers and no solutions to that problem. But I can say with complete honesty that Bea is my friend. And that's a start.

In this New Age Forum, Valerie Ridenour's lead article explores the courage it took one man to hoist himself up from the depths of drug addiction and despair. Bonnie Tynes Brown shares her opinions on concepts of good and evil. Coming up, November's Forum features a special roundup of manipulation therapies. Chiropractic, massage, soma and acupuncture professionals will discuss the hows and whys of their areas of expertise.

Finally, I would like to correct an error printed in the August Forum. Sonia Green's name was misspelled in the byline of her article on the Harmonic Convergence. Our apologies.

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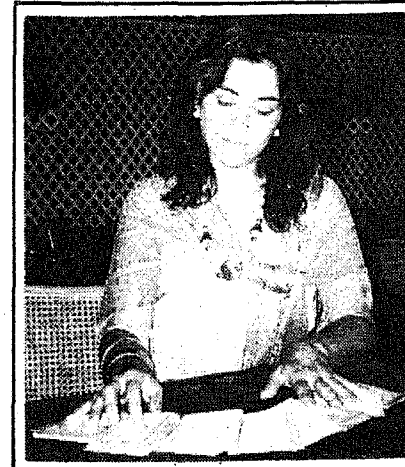
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David Lightman: "One" with the Universe

By Valerie Ridenour

KEY WEST IS BLESSED indeed to be home to singer-songwriter David Lightman. David is gifted with musical talent, being an excellent guitarist and a fine singer, but his giftedness goes far beyond the making of music. David is a living example of the rewards of New Age thinking. A carpenter by trade, Lightman has followed a twisting and often dangerous path to his present home and lifestyle. Growing up in industrial England was no picnic for a small dark Jewish boy in a land of blond Aryan giants. Leeds, Birkenhead, Liverpool... those were David's childhood homes. As a teenager David was watching a television show on which new talent was showcased. "All of a sudden here were these weird guys came on with these strange looking haircuts, singing "Twist and Shout." I was just enthralled. I couldn't wait to get to school to tell everybody about this great group I'd met. When I got there I realized everybody was talking about them." David visited a club called the Cavern where the fab four had gotten their start. "It's a sweaty, stinking warehouse," David explained, "Full of young kids dancing and having fun."

Like teenagers the world over, David was intensely influenced by the music of the Beatles, an influence that carries over into his own style of writing. David Lightman writes intelligent, often haunting melodies with mood creating harmonies and lyrics that go straight to the heart. Like so many during the sixties, David experimented with drugs, eventually becoming a junkie. Dissatisfied with life in England, David

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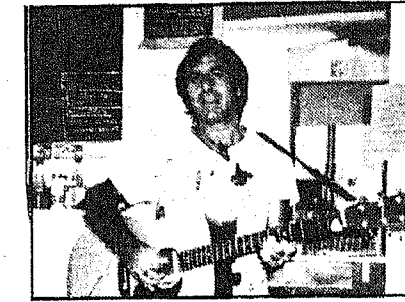
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NEW AGE FORUM

BY ANN BOESE

travelled the world, searching for a place he could feel was home. His travels took him to through many countries before depositing him on our shores, including a stint in Israel living in a Kibbutz. David laughed recalling that it was some people he met from Brooklyn who led him to the United States. "People from Brooklyn travel a lot. They're everywhere. If you try living in Brooklyn, you know why."



David

DAVID REALIZED he had gotten into the drug culture for the same reasons he was always looking for geographical changes. "I was trying to escape. I wasn't willing to look into myself and see what the problem was." A friend of David's got into a clinic which led her into a twelve step rehabilitative program. She got herself clean. David was working as a bartender when his friend came in and said, "David, you're going to die soon. You know that, don't you?" It was a note from his friend telling him they were still on the same "Wavelength," referring to a Van Morrison song David sang in the bars that made him decide to give her way a try. He attended his first meeting. "That was almost three years ago," David explained. "I haven't had a drink or taken any kind of a drug since then."

One of the things stressed by David's group was that you should put your life in the hands of a higher power. David became interested in Metaphysical Christianity, and forever changed his way of thinking. Songs began to form in his mind, and he began to play them at Unity of the Keys at the Sunday services. Encouraged by minister Evelyn Casper and his friends at Unity, David recently recorded an album of beautiful, powerfully spiritual songs. I was privileged to work with David on the project. We recorded seven songs. Gary

Chase engineered, David sang and played guitar, and I played the other instruments and produced the tape on a home demo machine, actually planning to go into a professional studio later. That plan never materialized. As people heard David's tape, they demanded copies, and he soon found himself busy duplicating his demo. The equipment could have been better. We could have had more tracks and more time to clean up some rough spots. But David Lightman's performance and his songs were sheer magic, the kind that cannot be improved on. From a life going downhill at breakneck speed, David Lightman put on the brakes and looked deep inside at the man who was there all the time. His own words of joy tell it best,

Feast of plenty, perfect beauty greets me at my centre
 Where life's a jeweled sceptre to behold
 Within I go, and the loving never cease to flow
 Oh, the music makes me high
 Within I know I will reap whatever I may sow
 Holy is the child you find within
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You can get your copy of David's album titled, "One" at the Unity Bookstore.

Valerie Ridenour is a freelance writer specializing in music and New Age material. She is also editor of The Psychic Journal.

The Guiding Stars

By Sioux Rose

Question: I have been a singer, an actress, a model and have lately been designing clothing with some success. Is there any major career change around me this year. I was born October 6, 1949 in the morning.

Answer: During 1987 there have been supportive aspects to your Sun Libra and Moon Aries. Better living circumstances,

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started during or around April 1987, have contributed to more emotional balance for you. With Venus, the ruler of Libra, at 24 Scorpio there are many good things augured. Jupiter, the great "benefic" will oppose, and therefore stimulate your Venus in June 1988. Significant occurrences concerning your creative talents should come to the forefront. Pluto will be approaching a conjunction to your Venus in the next several years. This occurs once in 248 years and represents a tremendous life change which is the equivalent of a rebirth and reflects primarily on love matters and creative talents and abilities.

Your Mars in Leo knows how to knock down doors until you get the response you had hoped for. In January, May and October 1987, Saturn favors that Mars and makes you a formidable opponent to anyone who bars your path! Much progress can occur due to your strength of will and purpose, not to mention better organization skills, at this time. In fact, many new resources are magnetically drawn to you this October, as once in nine years Saturn favors your Pluto. Next year, an emphasis on earth signs will favor both your Jupiter in Capricorn (good business skills) and your Saturn in Virgo. Many Libras had "testing" years from 1981 to 1983 and are beginning to reap the benefits of patient cultivation of abilities.

Question: I was born on May 29, 1940, and have experienced turbulence this year. My residence needs physical repairs; my boutique has had a slow season. I know I need to start somewhere, but can astrology guide me? Where can I best apply my strengths and money?

Answer: Many Geminis felt "tested" as Saturn made its once-in-29-year opposition to your sign from Sagittarius. Luckily, the more difficult of those

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influences has already passed and positive Jupiter will pass over your sun in spring of 1989. Saturn wants us to release old, out-dated situations, material things, and even unproductive attitudes from our lives. Saturn takes things out of the way as part of the cosmic plan so that there is space for new things to see as Jupiter or Uranus stimulates the new in one's life plan.

Your Moon in Pisces makes you a natural mystic and someone who can see "pictures" on the inner planes of mind. Your chart shows a natural "bleed through" between the conscious and unconscious segments of mind. There's a great deal of complexity with the mutable Gemini Sun squaring with the mutable Piscean Moon. Living near the sea is good therapy for you as might be dance, music, photography, or other creative expressions in the arts.

Your Moon received a square from Saturn (depressing) during spring of 1987 and is close around you until December. This makes a person challenge the experience of motherhood; and it can be a difficult time for your own mother. However, during late 1988 and 1989, Pluto will trine your Moon (once in 82 years) and give you the deep, infinite resource of emotional renewal! This is like a new stream bursting forth and breaking up all the stagnant patterns in the river of the emotional psyche. From the strength gathered by this aspect, you will bring resources to yourself that: 1) renew your sense of mothering, 2) deepen your tie with your own mother, 3) help you to flow with your feelings, 4) make necessary home improvements.

You have been through a trying time. Its purpose has been to cleanse patterns and situations from your life. I see great renewal beginning in summer-winter 1988 but mainly gaining power into 1989. Patience, my dear!

Sioux Rose encourages readers to send specific and general astrological questions. Please include your name, date of birth, and time of birth, if you know it. Mail inquiries to Sioux Rose, c/o Solares Hill, 4 Key Lime Square, Key West, FL 33040.

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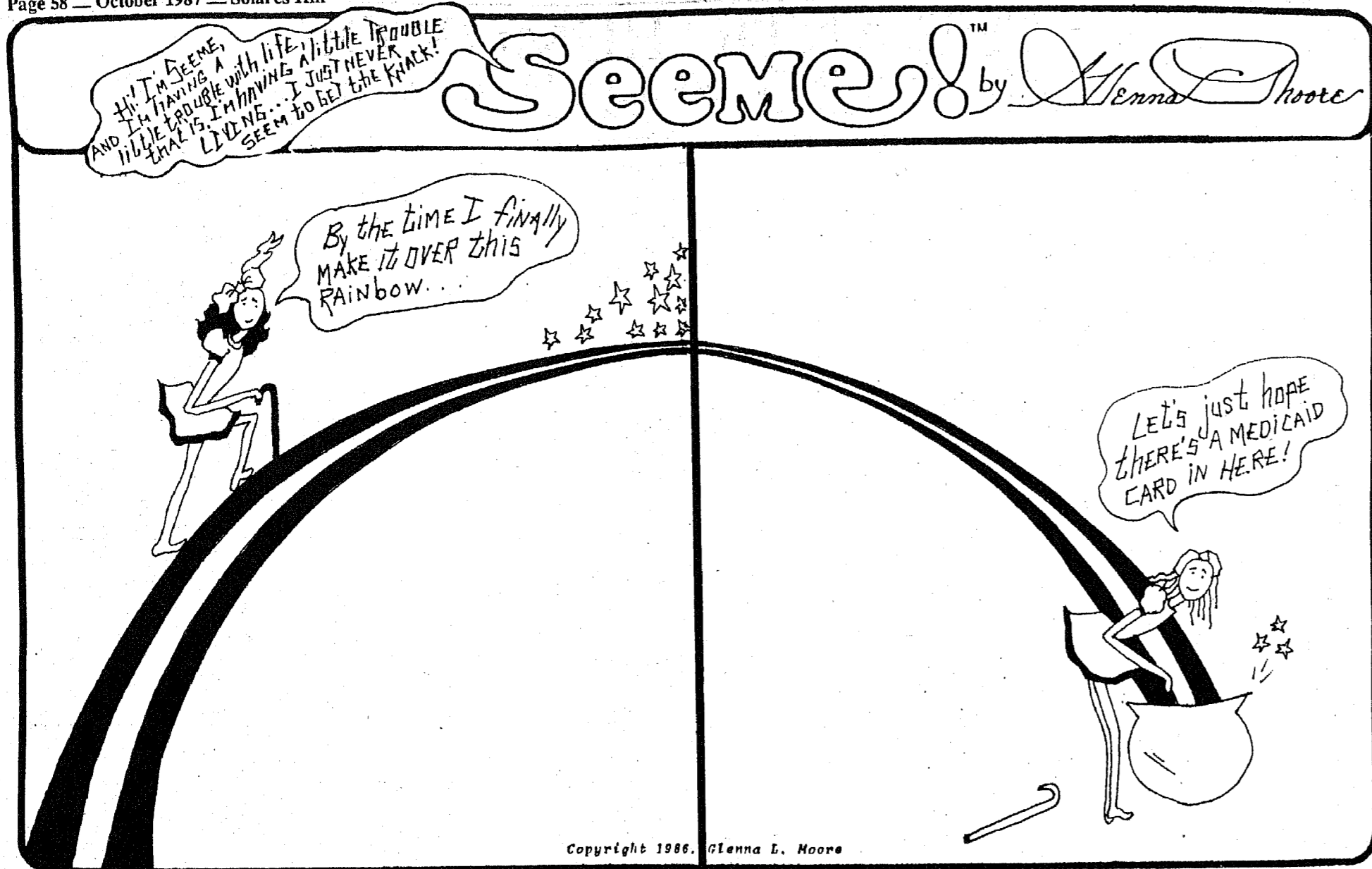
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The Concept of Good and Evil

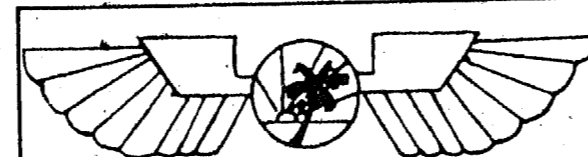
By Bonnie Tynes Brown

In the October issue, I explained the importance of beliefs and the powerful impact they have on our lives. The concept of good and evil is also a belief that we hold about the nature of reality. We each create our reality and experiences through strong ideas we hold. One of the strongest ideas we entertain is a belief in opposites, such as top and bottom, negative and positive, up and down, good and evil.

Do good and evil exist? Consider the following. Obviously, you are confronted

with what seem to be evil effects at some time or another. Think back to the fundamentals. You create reality through your feelings, thoughts and mental actions, all of which is energy projected from your mind into its manifested form. Because of the energy, the manifestation of evil will seem real. But such an idea has no power or reality to those who do not believe in its existence. Those who believe in a hell and assign themselves to it through their belief can indeed experience one, but certainly not in terms of eternity. No soul is forever ignorant.

Those who have such beliefs lack a necessary deep trust in the nature of consciousness. They concentrate not on what they think of as the power of good



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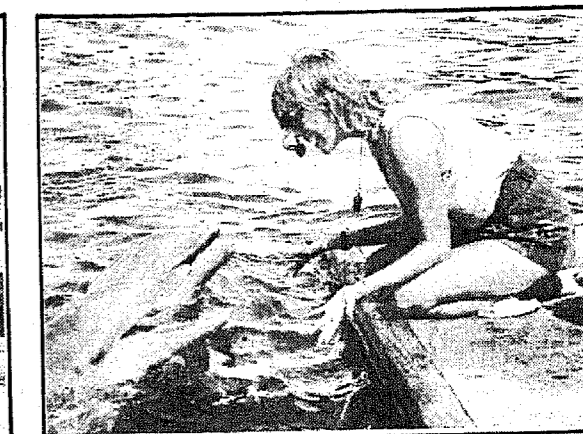
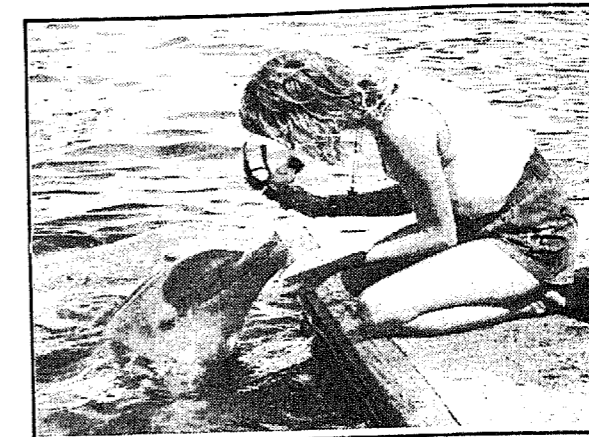
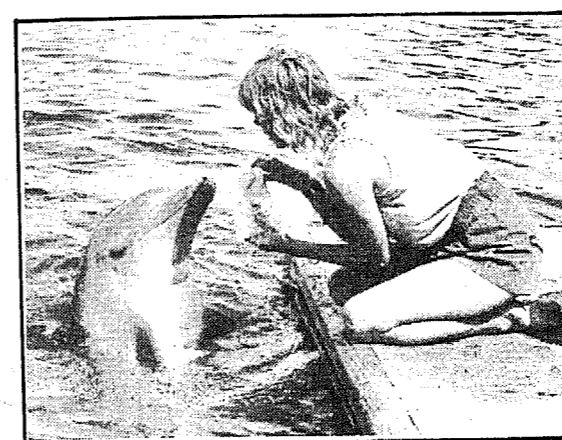
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but fearfully on what they think of as the power of evil. An illusion is created, therefore, out of fear and restriction. The idea of a devil is merely the mass projection of certain fears. It is mass in that it is projected by many people, and it is limited in that there have always been those who reject this principle.

There are no devils waiting to tempt you unless your beliefs manufacture them in your mind. That power and ability is within, not outside, you. There is no evil. Only one energy power exists. It is here, on the material plane known as earth, and everywhere else in the universe and beyond. The good of God is equally present in every place. What appear to be evils are not entities.

Think about this and give it serious consideration. Open your mind to truth and begin to understand that we are starting to awaken to the Christ Consciousness. This is the Aquarian Age, the age of enlightenment. August 16 began the Harmonic Convergence which means we are all on the verge of our awakenings to the God beings that we truly are. We and God are truly one.

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The Curse of the Opal

By Greg Scorzafave

OF ALL THE GEMSTONES known to modern man, none is more surrounded by superstition and legend than the opal. October's birthstone, the word opal comes to us from the Latin *opalus*, simply meaning precious stone. The Romans considered the opal a symbol of hope and purity and used it to preserve the wearer from disease. There is an anecdote about the senator who was bankrupted and exiled by Marc Anthony in his lust for a giant and fabulous opal set in the senator's staff of office.

Perhaps the association of bad luck

with the opal comes from its hardness, or lack of it. A relatively soft stone, it can be broken by a sharp blow and is particularly sensitive to extreme hot and cold. Key West is a good climate for wearing opals as they do best in moist, humid climates.

My personal theory of the bad luck myth is that it came from an extremely popular 19th century novel by Sir Walter Scott. An opal ring worn by the tragic heroine functioned as a sort of Victorian "mood" ring, signaling by changing color when death, destruction and doom were about to take place. On the other hand, Queen Victoria herself loved opals and gave opal jewelry to family and friends on many occasions. Nonetheless, the residue of popular imagination and 19th century rumor lingers to this day, nearly 200 years later.

In her book *The Spiritual Value of Gem Stones*, medium Lenora Huett receives channeled information about opals from her spirit guide and suggests that the opal has the quality of amplifying a person's traits, both good and bad.

Greg Scorzafave co-owns Goldsmith, a Duval Street Jeweler.

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Notable News

LET'S TALK METAPHYSICS is a new program airing October 16 at 6 p.m. on Channel 5. Bonnie Tynes Brown will be hosting this show which is sponsored by Unity of the Keys.

Bonnie is a native Conch who returned to Key West after 13 years in Nashville, Tennessee. Bonnie was Miss Key West Jaycee in 1956 at the age of 14, and she graduated from KWHHS in 1959. She graduated from nursing and dental assistant schools in Nashville in 1975, and is currently employed at Christine's

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by Gordon Lacy

THE SADDEST OF things happened last month with the death of Joe Lash. His loss will be deeply felt in the literary world where he achieved a solid and long career which included a Pulitzer Prize; the Roosevelt biographies were scholarly, human and eminently readable and he ultimately changed the standards in this field. His loss will also be deeply felt by

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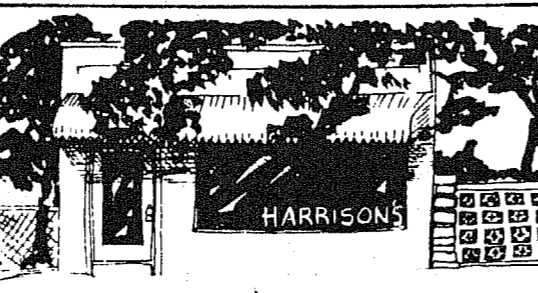
his many friends in the community. And Trude, our hearts go out to you....

I have always avoided politics in this column, but I want to promise that anyone who solicits my vote proposing to clean up Key West will be given the gate. When Claire and I decided to move to the States we checked out New York, San Francisco, Fresno, Taos, Santa Fe, Denver, Philly and Boston as likely places to set up; our third day in SoMo we looked at each other with the same thought. "It's here, it's here!!" Dogs were lying around in the streets and although I am not really fond of cats, there were cats all over town, sleeping on car grooves, mother hens guiding their broods through the traffic, dead palm



fronds scuttering along Duval, pushed by an ocean wind. It was not plastic America then and when it becomes so I shall leave. We cannot afford to buy a house here in town because we need more space, some closets and storerooms and a garage all of which puts one in a bracket that is unthinkable for people not independently wealthy, although enough closet space has never before seemed some great luxury at a premium, nor a garage sheer self-indulgence. As far as I can determine from our two Commissions and HARC, we are on a course somewhere in between cute old Williamsburg and zoned-for-the-rich-only Hilton Head. The so-called "gentrification" of Bahama Village makes my heart sick and, of course, there is no way to fight it; I find Mexico more and more on my mind...

MUSINGS ON THE ABSTRACT
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by Bond bread ads, "Untouched By Human Hands," a seeming miracle of mechanics to my young mind, but eminently sensible if others' hands had much in common with mine. The making of bread became an abstraction for me, bread manufactured with no manual intervention, and so reading in this month's Harper's (I believe, or a last month's *Nouvel Observateur* or both, perhaps) in this AIDS age we have finally and of necessity abstracted the act of sex into a telephone call, billed monthly, with a full gamut of categories, ages, sexes, from butterfly wings to chain saws, and while I may laugh and marvel at man's ingenuity, something inside of me is crying...

Of course we have had foodless food for as long as McDonald's has existed; exciting calories with absolutely null latent nutritional overtones. Or undertones.

Wine is procurable without any alcoholic content at prices that would make an honest Pouilly Fuisse blush, which brings us to a whole new abstraction in wine making; the California blush wines, whatever that may mean. The about-to-be released smokeless cigarettes are the epitome of abstraction and I have become less and less sure that our Presidency, somehow, while we were distracted or looking over our shoulder, backwards of course, has not become totally abstract.

Richard Heymann assures me that all gallery owners in their right minds are not here, and this is seemingly true. His


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GINGERBREAD GALLERY will re-open the 15th refurbished and all tatted up and the first show will be the day after Thanksgiving. For the moment, running for mayor is all engrossing...

Barbara Cooper at ARISTOS is throwing a big bash on the 26th to open the season and tied in with Fantasy Fest; she is featuring Henri LaChapelle and Jim Foran in addition to her regular painters. What she is really celebrating is that she closed the last day of July and now owns her building and feels that she has become a part of Key West, ties with the north a things of the past and she wants to share her feelings with her friends on this date.

THE GUILD has good news too; Judi Bradford has a brand new daughter, Katy (congratulations and hello); mother and daughter are doing splendidly. Ann Irvine reports that the other excitement this month is Gretchen Williams who has become a member of the Guild. Gretchen is the wife of the sewer works manager who has been posted here for three years and according to Ann, her watercolors are big and bold and must be seen. Lynne Fischer will be the October invitee, showing her pastel pencil cat drawings on



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 the guest wall and Suzanne Alexander's floral acrylics will mount the stairs.

THE KEY WEST ART CENTER will be showing the gallery artists, getting breath for the season's onslaught.


As Claire is now working mornings at EAST MARTELLO, I find myself there more than is my usual wont. The Sanchez works from Margo Golan's collection are on view, on wood and brown paper bags and I feel strongly that they must be seen before the auction on the 10th at seven in the evening. For those of you who have not experienced an art auction and think the process dull and stodgy, I can only say that as far as excitement goes, "Rambo" pales in comparison. Cardiac patients be advised to not forget "in case of" medicines. I thought to revisit the Keys artists' show.
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Today's drug laws promote lawlessness

WHY OUR DRUG LAWS DON'T WORK

by Frank Kaiser

ON THE HAWAIIAN ISLAND of Maui, a common notion holds that Earth is an intergalactic prison camp.

They say our ancestors were placed here long ago, outcasts of the universe, to learn of peace and sanity. They also say that while space ships occasionally drop by to check on our progress, no reprieve is yet in sight.

I got to thinking about this when Bill Huckel asked me to write about what I'd learned while researching the recent eight-part series for *Solares Hill* readers on cocaine use and abuse and the illegal drug's effect on Key West.

I SPENT OVER A YEAR researching "Snowstorm over Key West." I interviewed law enforcement officials and coke whores, doctors and dealers. I crawled around the late-night crack cocaine markets from Pearle Trailer Park to Bahama Village. I attended drug trials, open Narcotics Anonymous meetings and gatherings of drug-alarmed citizens. I even got myself booked in the county jail to see what it felt like. (Lousy!)

After a year's immersion, I've learned that I had to change my mind completely in order to see the illegal drug problem for what it really is.

I now see clearly that the drug problem in Key West is created by bad law, law which invests greater value in an inert commodity than in man's dignity and his good, common sense.

I now believe that our drug laws and the illegal profits they create actually promote lawlessness and perpetuate illegal drug use.

CONSIDER:

1) Despite all our best efforts to keep illegal cocaine from our shores, it's as abundant as mosquitoes after an August rain. There's more here now than ever. Cheaper than ever, too.

2) Our local and county police are frustrated, bitter and stretched to the limit attempting to enforce laws governing illegal drugs and to fight the corollary crime that drugs bring to our community.

3) Drug traffickers' enormous profits feed our greed, fear, and cynicism. Some of our public agencies have been deeply corrupted with drug money. Our Key West Police Department is still reeling from the Bubba Busts of two years ago.

4) Our county jail is packed above legal limits, in great part with arrested drug abusers. The state prison system bursts with warehoused addicts.

5) With as many as four of every five inmates in prison because of drug abuse (including the addictive drug alcohol), we provide no tools for rehabilitation from the disease of addiction. Once these convicts return to society they usually return to drugs. Arrested again, their high recidivism rate perpetuates and accentuates the need for more prison space.



Frank Kaiser

Photo by Richard Watherway

6) There is comparatively little money available for either the rehabilitation of existing drug addicts or for educating our kids to the real dangers of drugs. What our kids do see is the public acceptability of the two biggest killer drugs of all, alcohol and cigarettes.

THE INSANITY which weaves all these problems together is the law itself.

I now believe that laws prohibiting any drugs are detrimental to the health of this society.

I now believe that the *only* sane course of action is to decriminalize *all* drugs, taking those billions of dollars we now spend on drug interdiction, drug law enforcement and imprisonment of drug offenders and putting that money into massive drug education and rehabilitation.

I am not advocating drug use. I advocate sanity.

"KILL DRUG TRAFFIC FOREVER"

DURING THIS PAST YEAR I've met

many men and women in law enforcement whose job it is to keep the illegal drugs out of our hands. Almost to a person, they are sincere, hard working professionals trying to enforce the law as best they can. The work is sometimes dangerous, always frustrating.

Listen to what Captain George Lastres, Chief of Detectives at KWPD, had to say about the illegal drug problem one day as we drove around Bahama Village:

"We're in a major war here against illegal drugs. It's a war we can't win.

"LEGALIZING ALL THESE drugs has merit. For young people, it would take the mystery away. It would do away with all this corruption. We could tax the drugs while educating and rehabilitating."

While Lastres spoke he pointed out, building by building, where drugs are being sold illegally that very day.

"People here are strung out. They're going to use drugs no matter what. And to tell anyone you can't get drugs is bull. They're here and no one -- no one at all -- can stop it. With the aura of mystery surrounding drugs, they're alluring. And the profits are massive. You might as well legalize it and keep educating the young people as they come up that this is no good, lay off of it.

"Eventually the people that are hooked either die or are rehabilitated and drugs become a thing of the past."

THE 26-YEAR VETERAN of the Key West Police Department has been fighting the war on illegal drugs here since the mid-sixties. He knows how drugs can corrupt a law enforcement agency, how drugs destroy people.

"I see the Coast Guard spending millions of dollars trying to stop drugs from coming in," he continues. "For what? It's all crazy. Take the profit out of drugs and you'll see that traffic die forever."

Lastres is not alone. Others on the front lines of the war on drugs privately agree: Our drug laws perpetuate illegal drug use. A change of emphasis from prohibition to education and rehabilitation could save billions of dollars in wasted resources while reducing the consumption of all addictive drugs.

THE 67 MILE PILE

ACCORDING TO THE Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association,

WISH LIST

Here are four things which we can do right now to help fight our drug problems in Key West:

1. **Find space in the county jail for meetings of Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous.** Remember: Four of every five inmates in Monroe County Jail probably has an alcohol or drug problem. And, unless they get help while in jail, they'll take the problem back out on the street with them and probably get into trouble again. The 12-step program of A.A. and N.A. has proved to be the most effective long-term tool against the disease of addiction. To help curb recidivism, A.A. and N.A. meetings are encouraged by corrections officials throughout the country. Groups here are willing to hold meetings for inmates but they're told there's no space.

I believe that the possible cost of an extra guard is the real boogie man here. And I believe that the jail is short-sighted not to spend a little money to help prevent a lot of recidivism.

2. **Use Pigeon Key for drug rehabilitation.** Today the only public facility for alcohol and drug rehabilitation is the excellent, but limited MARC House detox center in Marathon. Pigeon Key, the 3.2 acre county-owned island located under the Old Seven Mile Bridge, is an ideal site for a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, especially for our kids. Physically, the facilities are pretty well set up for such as use already. Psychologically, kids would love the place. And it's close enough to the rest of the county for family therapy, an important adjunct to rehabilitation and almost impossible when kids are sent to distant Dade County facilities.

Listen up, Mike Puto. That island's too valuable for a museum. Make it a place to save our kid's lives; make yourself a hero.

3. **Get the Teen Center open now.** What's going on at the South Roosevelt Teen Center? It was supposed to open back in April and it's still closed. Key West kids still don't have any place of their own to go after school or on weekends. Let's get that open and several more like it.

4. **Reinstitute Alternative Education in high school.** We used to have Alternative Ed. It was for kids who won't or can't stay in a regular school setting. Kids with behavioral problems. Kids at high risk for drugs. According to Key West High School officials the Alternative Ed program worked well. It was geared to action and kids loved it. Unfortunately, there was no permanent site and this life-saving program died.

drug abuse here in our state costs us \$74 billion a year. That's for law enforcement, crime, lost productivity, health care, prisons, courts and school dropouts.

When talking about illegal drugs, often we are desensitized with mention of billions or trillions of dollars. Such numbers boggle, then blank the mind. Here's a tip we got from President Reagan: "Think of a million dollars as a stack of bills four inches high. Then, to see a trillion, think of that stack being 67 miles high."

I tried that

In my mind I stacked our Keys on end, looked way up Route 1 to a speck of road construction dust and, knowing that was Marathon, tried to see another 17 miles.

IT DIDN'T WORK. My eyes kept returning to try to fathom that smaller pile of just four inches.

If we could truly understand "billion," Washington and Tallahassee would have far fewer lobbyists, the world far fewer problems.

No one knows exactly how many inches of bills we spend here in Monroe County to fight illegal drugs and their consequences. Certainly tens of millions of your tax dollars and mine. Law enforcement is the most obvious expense. Hardly a day goes by without illegal drug arrest reports in *The Key West Citizen*.

ACROSS THE U.S. recently, authorities have intercepted more illegal drugs than ever. Some highlights:

• Two and one half tons of cocaine are found in banana crates on their way from Miami to Chicago. Tons! Can you imagine how many strokes and seizures and crimes and ruined lives and families a ton of cocaine produces, one hundredth of an ounce at a time? In dollars (and how else, really can we measure), that much dope is worth \$28,630,000 wholesale, between two hundred and three hundred million retail, depending on how it's cut.

• L.A. police seize 2,135 pounds of coke, the latest-largest bust in the state's history. Through June of this year, Los Angeles police have seized more than 9,000 pounds of the stuff valued at \$1.5 billion.

• Not to be outweighed and outdared, Florida enforcement officials find 3,000 pounds of cocaine hidden in containers of paper products. A Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) guy at this Medley, Florida, bust said, "There's a flood of cocaine right now."

No kidding.

WHEN I WROTE "The Money in Cocaine -- From South America to Duval Street" (*Solares Hill*, December, 1986), I reported that the U.S. consumes \$110 billion worth of cocaine annually. Make that \$200 billion today. Last December I wrote that a kilo (2.2 pounds) of cocaine at wholesale in Miami cost \$23,500. Today, syndicates supplying Key West buy kilos in Miami at \$12,000 each. And the dope's purer, more potent than ever.

Is demand down? This overabundance of cocaine leading to better quality and tremendous cuts in price could lead us to believe that there's light at the end of the tunnel. Local enforcement officials say no. They believe that although the more educated and aware drug users in Key West are dropping cocaine in favor of marijuana and alcohol, sales of the deadly and less-expensive-per-dose crack cocaine to the poor and the young are more than filling any one market segment dropoff.

Cocaine is still a growth industry in our community.

After years of employing the most sophisticated and powerful drug interdiction tools available, we have yet to slow the *narcotraficantes'* trade.

OUR COSTLY PRISONS

THE OLD STORY of the newly arrested drug dealer getting back onto the street before the arresting officer can process the paperwork is at least symbolically true here. That a dope dealer in Florida can be arrested and found guilty several times before he faces imprisonment mocks our judiciary system.

In fact, the entire criminal system fails in crimes of drug abuse.

Once we get the drug abuser in jail, without giving him any rehabilitation he comes out having the same addictions he had when he went in compounded by his prison experience.

Ruth Weinstein of the public defender's office knows. She works with these people every day and says, "I definitely don't think that the criminal system is the place to deal with the underlying problem of drug use and abuse. Certainly we can't tolerate people committing crimes against property and other people, using drugs as an excuse. But we can't let the public think that anything will be solved by warehousing drug abusers in prison. The thousands of dollars spent on keeping a person in prison could be better spent on rehabilitation, education and creating jobs."

OUR CORRECTION SYSTEM'S inability to handle large numbers of drug addicts leads to justice based on the availability of prison beds. Sentencing courts must consider that prisons around the state are at a critical point of overcrowding, with inmates sleeping in tents, warehouses, even old factories. Expensive new prisons must be built just to adequately hold the present inmate population while each month 400 more convicts come into the system than leave. Today's state budget for the Department of Corrections is about one half billion dollars, and it is said that another \$250,000,000 is needed just to keep up.

Locally, Captain Jake Key at the Monroe County Jail also needs more jail space. Even with last year's addition of a \$1.4 million cellblock, the jail regularly exceeds its 146 inmate cap, often breaking through the 200 mark in season. Today the inmate population runs fifteen percent higher than just one year ago and Col. Larry Meggs of the sheriff's department is getting bids for another 51-inmate jail addition. The cost? Some \$418,000. That doesn't include the addition of 15 new guards needed.

So fly our tax dollars into the fan of madness.

Let's see. It costs us \$19,000 to keep one inmate in the Monroe County Jail for one year. (State-wide that figure is closer to \$30,000.) Multiply \$19,000 times the sixty-five to eighty percent of all persons in jail because of drug use and abuse. Figured most conservatively we're talking about two million local dollars you and I spend each year imprisoning people who belong in hospitals and rehabilitation programs. Statewide we're again talking billions, not to mention the terrible cost in lives wasted.

THIS VERY DAY, as you read this, several hundred impoverished drug addicts are getting out of Florida prisons and can't get rehabilitation because the state won't release some \$21 million in federal anti-drug funds or \$12 million

more which Governor Martinez has requested for drug treatment programs.

Ignoring common sense altogether, politicians on The Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force on Drug Abuse and Prevention want to increase penalties for the use of illegal drugs, impose stiffer minimum sentences and increase prison space by at least 3,000 new beds. And our President now wants to cut almost a billion dollars out of the \$1.7 billion Anti-Drug Abuse Act passed last fall, most of these slashed monies earmarked for drug education and rehabilitation. In the meantime, according to our Education Commissioner, only one in ten Florida kids needing substance-abuse help gets it.

Makes you wonder what these politicians are smoking.

YOUR NEIGHBOR, THE ADDICT

OUR DRUG PROBLEM is unlike any other within the criminal justice system. Lawmakers forget that drug addiction is a disease, not a crime.

In May's "Snowstorm Over Key West" we learned from Dr. Ron Ersay, medical director at Delphos Treatment Center at FKMH, that addiction, like diabetes, is a chronic relapsing disease. The addict can't help be an addict, can't stop being an addict and will be an addict for life. He can only arrest his disease by quitting the use of addictive drugs and, most often, he can't do that without help.

Contrary to popular opinion, will power can't help. Low self-esteem has little to do with becoming an addict. And, since addiction is a disease which tells the victim that he has no disease, addicts tend to deny any destructive effects of their using or drinking and will compulsively attempt to repeat and intensify the feeling produced by drugs, damn the consequences.

Clinically, the body and brain become dependent on drugs. Depression, anxiety and panic set in when drugs run out. Addicts steal for drugs because their bodies tell them that they will die without a fix. Addiction is more than a craving. It is also a mental, emotional and spiritual disease about which we know very little. Our ignorance costs us dearly.

LAWS AGAINST SPECIFIC drugs are futile, in part because if you take away the addict's cocaine and he will turn to alcohol or marijuana or Valium, Percodan, Codeine, Dilaudid -- choices are endless -- and become addicted to that.

Once an addict has developed the disease, he is equally vulnerable to all mood-altering substances.

Probably one of every six Key Westers is an addict. The disease can be progressive and fatal. And it is

complicated ever further by co-dependency, an illness which affects significant family members, friends and co-workers of the addict. A very real disease with many of the same symptoms as addiction, co-dependency needs also to be recognized by lawmakers.

Today's laws pit us against them when indeed they are us. Any high ground we claim is both hypocritical and illusory.

JUST SAY NO?

THERE'S A T.V. commercial running these days which opens on a close-up of a skillet with hot grease sizzling. The voice-over says, "This is drugs." An egg is broken into the skillet and begins to fry. The voice then intones, "This is your brain on drugs. Any questions?"

Very dramatic.

It reminds me of the old hype about marijuana. Remember the movie "Reefer Madness?" I'm sure that it was considered a fine effort to those educators who wanted us to learn a lesson on the evils of drugs. To us kids it was laughable hyperbole. Instinctively we knew that there was a little truth to it. Alarms went off on every kid's built-in hypocrisy scale.

The frying egg commercial must be ringing hypocrisy scale bells all across the nation today.

FIRST, THE COMMERCIAL wants to scare us. Don't the producers know that kids are dared and challenged by scares? On another level, the commercial talks down to kids.

Most important, the commercial's idea is irrelevant. Drug education must treat kids like the sensible people they are and provide honest, factual understanding of all drugs and their effects. Otherwise we bring on the "Banned in Boston" effect. Remember? When the city of Boston used to ban a book, the novel would become a best-seller overnight, no matter its worth or the content.

Kid's aren't dummies. They should be taught that there's a fair chance that they have a genetic predilection towards addiction -- even though they may have never yet used an addictive substance. They should know that one in six of their classmates will metabolize drugs differently than non-addictive people, that drugs will literally poison this person, affecting memory, thinking, judgment and the person's ability to deal with emotional issues.

IF KIDS ARE GIVEN tools for recognizing addictive tendencies in themselves, if they can see their addiction at an early age, they can then penetrate the denial which is part and parcel to this terrible and widespread sickness, and avoid enormous pain. Effective education

stops the destructive power of drugs, to the user as well as to society.

In Key West we talk a lot about drug education. But only last year did Key West High School institute a formal program. And by high school it's often too late.

Of the seventy percent who are said to try drugs while in high school, most do say no. They feel that the law has made a big deal out of nothing. But to the fifteen percent of those who are literally born addicts, these drugs often become a way of life.

TODAY, ONCE A KID is addicted, what's he to do? In April we took a close look at drugs vs. kids here in Key West and found that high-school-age addicts, ninety-five percent of them on crack cocaine and in trouble with the law, had little hope. Many started using drugs at 12, ending up in the adult criminal system. As Sherrisse Noelle, a probation officer for HRS's Children, Youth and Family Counseling Service, said then, "As they go, they get angrier and more sociopathic than ever. The prison system then finishes the job."

When I talked to Sherrisse again recently, we talked of those kids she struggles to help, kids lost in the fog of drugs and alcohol.

"Just say no to drugs' doesn't work," she says. "Maybe if they just said no to drugs and alcohol it would make an impression. Kids see their parents drinking -- and drugging -- and as long as there's hypocrisy, kids aren't going to listen."

A NATION OF LAWBREAKERS

WHEN IT COMES TO drugs, we're a nation of hypocrites. Every president since McKinley has declared war on drugs -- and every one of them has lost. We tried Prohibition for 14 years and succeeded only in creating a new and powerful criminal class which met the multimillion-dollar demands at the time and continues to plague us to this day. Today our prohibition against cocaine and other illegal drugs feeds another criminal cartel, this made up of ruthless and ever-richer dealers.

Our drug laws cost us, not in money alone, but in character. A 1985 Washington Post/ABC News poll revealed that 64.4 million of us break the law at least periodically by smoking marijuana. Six to eight million of us use cocaine regularly.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves why these drugs are illegal when the biggest killers of all the addictive drugs -- alcohol and tobacco -- are not only legally available but, to a degree, government supported? Other addictive drugs -- Valium, for example -- are widely distributed by the medical establishment.

If our nation lost three full 707s every day in airplane accidents, I dare say there'd be a fuss. Yet we lose 1,000 a day, every day, prematurely dying from smoking cigarettes. Alcohol abuse claims 300 deaths each day from cirrhosis of the liver alone; the Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina estimates that such problems with alcohol cost us \$116 billion last year.

Figures. Figures. Figures. They add up, though, to a lot of hypocrisy, hypocrisy which undermines those values by which we measure ourselves and sickens our souls. Making a mockery of the law is not healthy for normally law-abiding citizens.

WHO'S AFRAID OF LEGALIZATION?

NEEDLESS TO SAY, decriminalizing or legalizing drugs is not a popular idea.

Gangsters involved in the cocaine trade will kill to keep that drug illegal.

Entire countries are significantly dependent on farming, processing and marketing illegal drugs. An estimated 500,000 Colombians owe their livelihood to the cocaine trade. In Bolivia, 100,000 BLOOM COUNTY



peasant families make their living growing coca. We should not have been surprised when our troops were stoned by an entire town of Bolivians when the GIs attempted to shut down some cocaine processing plants there. One million Peruvians grow coca, and the resulting unrefined cocaine brings the country about \$800 million yearly making it that country's largest export. With the decline of the bauxite market, Jamaica's economic health today depends on the export of marijuana. And in the Bahamas, a huge distribution point for illegal drugs coming into the U.S., the populace overwhelmingly re-elected the drug-linked Lynden Pindling as prime minister.

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, marijuana growers are not thrilled about the idea of legalization. Legalized, this nation's number-one cash crop -- worth some \$26.7 billion in 1986 and now selling for as much as \$1,200 a pound in

Our bankers on top government economists fear the effects of legalization on Latin American governments. Propped up by illegal drug money, governments and businesses south of the border owe hundred of billions of dollars to bankers here, money frantically lent out when our banks were inundated with Arab oil money in the 70s. Some analysts contend that to legalize drugs and take the enormous U.S. dollar profits out of the trade would cause these Latin countries to default, thus precipitating a banking crisis in our own economy.

Our medical establishment and prescription drug companies probably would fight any legalization of drugs. Among the reasons: Once we legalize all drugs, we must learn about them -- both the legal and those formerly illegal -- and if we are to be truly healthy, we must educate ourselves and our children to be far less dependent on the medical and pharmaceutical mode, taking back personal responsibility for ourselves and control of our lives.

THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE people and the tobacco industry would not be pleased, either. For legalization of

BY BERKE BREATHED
SWORNING DANDELIONS IS UNBELIEVABLY DANGEROUS. FOR GOD'S SAKE DON'T START. 403,769 LIVES RUINED THIS YEAR BY THE USE OF SHORT-ACTING NARCOTICS. POSSIBLE BRAIN DAMAGE. SHORT-A-

Law enforcement agencies would fear legalization; such a move would seem to threaten budgets and jobs -- and raise questions about the worth of all the labor invested in fighting illegal drug trade over the years.

Suppliers of Uzi machine guns, Cigarette boats and drug-runner-seeking radar dirigibles like Fat Albert would worry about a suddenly shrinking market for their goods.

A SUBVERSIVE IDEA?

THE IDEA OF A drug-free society may be downright subversive. Part-time Key West resident Alexander Cockburn wrote in the *Wall Street Journal* just a year ago, "The American people are not going

to make a revolution or effect significant change in the status quo while stoned and half-lobotomized by drugs and alcohol." Citing a *Time Magazine* cover story about cocaine which featured a large photograph of a black boy spray-painting an "X" on the door of an abandoned building used as a crack house in Harlem, Cockburn wrote, "The social problem, as perceived by *Time* and almost everyone else, is the drug rather than the building, the symptom rather than the cause, for these abandoned houses are testament to the political and economic injustice of which the ghetto drug culture is a consequence."

Today's drug laws make criminals of the poor and the addicted. They put police who are trying desperately to enforce those laws in the position of participants in the very trade they attempt to stop. They drive lawmakers to ever crazier actions, most recently the consideration of mandatory urine tests and polygraph drug screening. Apparently we're so perplexed by the illegal drug situation, we'll even give up basic rights hoping to solve the problem.

LEAVE THE COUNTRY

WE SEE NOW THAT today's drug laws paradoxically foment the situation which they were passed to prohibit. What's wrong with us? (If only we could simply take a pill and fix it)

Other than the U.S., only the U.S.S.R. has a massive drug problem -- that is with the addictive drug alcohol. Other countries, even those which supply us with cocaine, have minimal trouble with these drugs themselves. What can we learn from our neighbors overseas?

Maybe we make too much of drugs. Remember what Captain Lastres said about illegality adding mystery to drugs? In Europe, if you can reach the bar and have the money you can drink, no matter how young you are. Pharmaceuticals are

GALLERY HOPPING

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I wanted to see Rex Madsen's close-up of a section of a boat named "Jupiter." It is funny how certain things stick in one's mind. But the painting was gone, either sold or taken back. And I was startled by Irma Quigley, the watercolorists's handling of afternoon light in her oil "Duval St. Porch," John Kiraly's limpid and Utopic conception of tropical afternoons in "Springtime at Grandway," a blurry and darling beach scene by Dalva Duarte and Connie Hauk's vibrant watercolor titled "Simonton St. Shop," though I could find neither shop nor street. My gaze finally settled on two sand colored comforting and sensual objects and my mind went back a year in time to Norma Sohl's asking me did I feel that calabashes might be considered Art and the only thing I felt was stupid. Yes, Norma, calabashes may be called Art when they are gussied up as your "The

available without prescription. People are trusted to have the good sense they were born with.

It appears that were there's no big deal made of drugs, there's no real drug problem.

HERE IN KEY WEST, we tell kids that they can't drink until they're an adult. Doesn't that sound like we're trying to keep kids out of the grown-up's Garden of Delights? It sounds that way to kids. And more than anything else, kids want to do grown-up things.

Perhaps we should remember also that one country's illegal drug is another's relaxation. Most Arab countries strictly prohibit alcohol while hashish is smoked freely in tea houses.

Buying hashish or marijuana in Holland is as simple as getting a six-pack of beer; \$5 buys a gram of hashish, enough for three or four smokes. After a decade of making cannabis-based products readily available in hundreds of coffee bars, The Netherlands' marijuana problem is a forgotten issue. (However, a bar selling to youth under 16 years of age risks being shut down.)

PROHIBITION PANIC

WHEN PROHIBITION was repealed in 1933, this nation didn't go to hell in a beer stein. With legalization, alcoholic consumption spiked, then actually decreased.

In 1959 I remember being in Lawton, Oklahoma, when that state finally legalized the selling and drinking of alcoholic beverages. I was in the Army then, and got a pass to go into town and watch the celebration of the arrival of legalized whiskey. But instead of seeing dancing in the streets I found some of the glumest folks I'd ever encountered. Why? Because now the state was taking

Lovers" is. Arr, hell. Magic.

FARRINGTON'S was neglected last month because Ned was off on some marathon run I presume, but this month we've got the act cleaned up and it is a gigantic 1/2 price sale on framed prints, including a whole bunch of Sanchez', so if the East Martello prices from \$12,000 on up seem steep, rush on around to Ned for a real bargain and free parking to boot.

I can't raise Joe Pais and the LANE GALLERY is going through remodeling, but I take it on myself to vouch that he will be back in action by the time this hits the street, showing his gallery artists. The same is true of the LUCKY STREET GALLERY, also on vacation for the moment and incommunicado.

The WHITE STREET GALLERY will be open the customary Mondays and Tuesdays and by appointment, showing contemporary European painters plus Nick Lawrence and Jordon Meinster.

money out of their pockets, all the illegal profits from bootlegged booze

After the legalization, alcoholic consumption in Oklahoma is said to have dropped slightly.

I DON'T KNOW THAT, with legalization, drug use would lessen here. In fact, I doubt it. Not at first, anyway. Sheriff Billy Freeman told me recently that his department's problem with drinkers is bad enough. Legalizing all other drugs would swamp his people with problems.

Maybe. At least by putting all drugs under the law instead of outside it, we'd be headed in the direction of sanity. We could then deal with our real problems.

Prohibition was repealed, not by drunks, but by Americans pressed by the Depression, wanting the government to collect huge sums in excise taxes. The issue was money, not morals.

I don't have any idea how much money the government would collect from taxes on controlled substances, how much we'd save in interdiction and enforcement costs. But then, I'm not good with billions.

I DO KNOW THAT thousands of lives will be saved once all drugs are controlled and manufactured to pharmaceutical standards. (Sherrisse Noelle would not worry as much about her kids overdosing with *legalized* drugs; for this reason alone she believes that we should legalize.)

When we further replace hypocrisy with education, agony with rehabilitation, we might just be back on the road out of this intergalactic prison camp.

At least in the Hawaiian island version of man's fall from Grace, we're allowed back in the Garden once we prove our peaceful and sane intentions.

Let's at least consider it.

Speaking of Norma Sohl (Diallo) and her calabashes, as we were, they can be seen at the HARRISON'S GALLERY along with Helen Harrison's fine work which I belatedly saw this morning at the East Martello show; a carved wooden "Melon and Spoon" with touchable texture although it was under plexiglass. The Harrison's have some percussion instruments, sort of bamboo sticks, slickly decorated which percuss when turned on end or shaken, called rain canes and I will bet they can't be found anywhere else in SoMo. Ben gave me his latest tape entitled "Darwin Understood." It is very droll and perhaps the stand out sentence is one about a yacht captain whose wife falls asleep...under the first mate. The cover of this package is a photo of George Carey's class' conch shell at the high school with Ben supporting it. He can be heard live at "The Bull" but this tape available at the gallery makes a great gift.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LOWER KEYS

Just My Opinion

by Gil Ryder

NOW THAT OCTOBER IS here and we've all seen our proposed taxes maybe we should all jump up and down on Concrete Coalition members of the County Commission. Somehow I don't think it would do much good, although it might relieve our feelings.

No politician likes to see the taxes go up. After all, "Hold the line on taxes" is a perpetual part of most candidates' platforms, and the majority of the voters are invariably foolish enough to believe the politico who hollers that phrase loudest and most often. Then the voters are disappointed when their elected officials *don't* hold the line on taxes.

I've been voting for over fifty years, here and elsewhere, and in all those years the voting pattern remains the same.

You'd think that by this time we'd have learned the lesson so repeatedly taught in the comic strip, "Peanuts." You know, the one that has Lucy always tempting Charlie Brown to kick the

football that she's holding in position. Charlie then runs as fast as he can, puts every effort into kicking the ball, but Lucy has pulled the ball away and poor Charlie goes flying into a painful pratfall. Poor Charlie never learns and, obviously, neither do we.

SOME SAGE ONCE MADE a comment to the effect that "Those who do



not learn from history must keep repeating it." That's us, all right.

The voters of the Keys have taken their painful pratfalls through so many County elections that they are now politically numb. It's a wonder that they can even find the polls on Election Day.

The Concrete Coalition, by themselves, did not cause our proposed taxes to go up thirty-plus percent. The philosophy and behavior of many others,

in and our of government, over quite a period of years, have brought us to our present unacceptable economic position.

The battle cry of those people has always been "Bigger is Better." "More people to share the tax burden will bring your taxes down!" "Growth is Great!" etc. Many of the people preaching these false philosophies actually believed them. Unfortunately, far too many of our voters also believed all that unadulterated nonsense.

FOR FIFTEEN YEARS that I know of, the real thinking people of the Keys have been preaching and publishing the bad news: "The greater the population, the higher the taxes." "If higher population and more building lowers taxes, why haven't taxes gone down in New York City, Westchester County, Nassau and Suffolk Counties?" For those who don't know the area, Westchester and Nassau adjoin New York City and Suffolk adjoins Nassau -- also -- New York City is not made up of just New York County (Manhattan Island). New York City covers five (5) New York State Counties: Richmond, New York, Bronx, Kings and Queens.

Along the Lower Keys

by Bill Becker

COUNTY VOTERS, FROM Key Largo to Key West, will be faced with an important referendum question October 6:

"Should there be levied, for a period of five years...an additional one cent sales tax which shall be used for the construction or reconstruction of capital facilities such as: recreational facilities, courthouses, parking, offices, landfills, roads, bridges, airport improvements, libraries, piers, auditoriums, riprap/seawalls, storm sewers, and police/fire facilities?"

For Key West voters, it will be one of several ballot cards to deal with. For voters in the rest of the county, the referendum is the *only* reason to go to the polls. That, in itself, could be a factor in deciding the referendum question. Voters usually turn out in smaller numbers for referendum-only elections. And tax referendum questions traditionally stir the imaginations of opponents rather than proponents. Muddying the waters is the continuing confusion over the state sales tax on services.

By now, there are few Keys residents who have not seen the county's informational material intended to educate local voters on the referendum question and the uses of the tax revenue. By law, the local governing bodies may not advocate a position on any referendum issue, utilizing public monies to do so.



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BASED ON RECENT sales tax collections an additional one-percent tax would generate approximately \$6.5 million annually. Over the five-year life of the tax, that would come to \$32.5 million, covering the county's and city's expected infrastructure needs. Utilizing an existing tax-distribution formula Monroe County would receive 69.74% of the tax revenue, Key West 28.88%, Key Colony Beach 1.25%, and Lorton .12%.

Florida sales tax has traditionally been a jealously guarded source of revenue for state government. It will continue to be so in the constitutionally mandated absence of a state income tax. By an act of the state legislature earlier this year local governments have been given the

option to levy, subject to local referendum, an additional one-percent sales tax to pay for specific infrastructure needs. Those needs have traditionally been funded through property taxes. The additional one-cent tax is intended to shift the burden somewhat toward tourists -- the widespread feeling being that they don't pay enough for the infrastructure needs they create. Based on a statistical study of sales tax revenue in Monroe County, tourists would pay approximately 42% of the new tax while residents would pay 58%. Again, the alternative for funding these improvements would appear to be ad valorem property taxes, the entire burden of which falls on local residents -- owners, renters, and businessmen alike.

Opponents of the new tax claim that local residents are being asked to fund improvements that will benefit (and encourage) future growth. The Florida Keys Citizens Coalition, an organization of representatives from local civic and conservation groups, recently issued a letter urging residents to vote against the tax: "We believe that this added tax is unfair to the present residents who are already overburdened by the existing system which makes them pay, in advance, for civic improvements that will benefit future residents." Although development impact fees under the new Land Use Plan are considerably higher

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The five counties that make up the City of New York have lots and lots of people and even more buildings than the speculators and developers want to put in the Keys. In spite of all that growth and all those taxpayers, the real estate taxes are unbelievable and the last I knew the City sales tax was eight percent *and*, believe it or not, New York City residents must pay State and City income taxes. A heavy population may be something to be proud of but the price of pride comes very high.

For those who are ready to call me up and inform me that New York City is made up of boroughs, not counties, yes, I already know that. The County of Richmond is the Borough of Staten Island, New York County is the Borough of Manhattan, Bronx County is the Borough of the Bronx, Queens County is Borough of Queens, and Kings County is Borough of Brooklyn.

New York City's almost 8,000,000 (eight million) population spilled over into Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk, causing their taxes to go through the roof.

MY LAST HOME before leaving for

Florida in 1956 was a small (1,000 sq. ft.), 2 bedroom, one bath house in Suffolk County, and the last real estate taxes I paid on it amounted to \$456. That same building, now thirty years older, is taxes at over \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) per annum. It can happen here, and it won't take thirty years. Only you can stop the approaching disaster, and the only way to do it is with your only real weapon -- your vote.

The voters of the Keys must learn to tell the difference between bull and bread. Unfortunately, it may take more time than we have for the lesson to sink in. Bull is what you get from the warm, friendly soul who tells you that he or she is going to hold the line on taxes and work out a happy and meaningful compromise between the developer-speculator people and the environmentalists and that the compromise will be to everyone's benefit.

Bread is what you get from the crabby sort of guy who hasn't much time to go around gladhanding but who tells you that growth is gruesome and that we must put a stop to heavy development.

Remember: Bread you need -- Bull you don't.

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than before, the Coalition letter recommends that "...impact fees on new construction shall be sufficient to cover the cost of increased services and construction necessitated by the increased population." The Coalition position implies that, up to this point, in the absence of adequate impact fees, current residents have not paid their fair share of growth-induced infrastructure needs. The contention that the tax will subsidize future growth is "flawed" says County Commissioner Gene Lytton who calls himself a "fiscal conservative." "They are disclaiming responsibility by portraying that this tax will be to meet

future needs. Their position is then to sock the impact fees to the generators of this new impact. What this (tax) is doing is overcoming the deficit from the past because there were not impact fees. The people and the new development in the past did not pay its way. They (the Coalition) are not admitting to that possibility. This is a deficit catch-up."

LYTTON'S POSITION IS supported by the interim findings of the solid waste feasibility study by Hazen and Sawyer. Even if county population growth were held to zero for the next twenty years, say the consultants, twenty acres of additional landfill would still be required. Residents continue to demand services from government -- airport improvements, law enforcement, recreational facilities, landfills, civic centers, parks, libraries, and beaches. It would appear that these demands are not being made by future residents who, by definition, are not here yet.

Go to the polls and make your opinion count October 6.

A COUPLE OF NOTABLE Lower Keys events are coming up later this month, immediately preceding Fantasy Fest.

Saturday, October 24, the Lower Keys

Chamber of Commerce presents its Second Annual Oktoberfest on the chamber grounds near mile marker 31. Local restaurants will be featuring some of their specialties. Plenty of live music and entertainment.

The following day -- Sunday, October 25 -- the Big Pine Athletic Association is sponsoring "Biathlons on the Pine" sanctioned by the Tri-Federation/USA. Featured events will be a short course (half-mile run and 3.5-mile bike) and a long course (3.5-mile run and 14-mile bike). Helmets are required. Bicycles must be inspected. (Official Race bicycle shop is Wheels in Key West.) Applications are available in Key West at the Sunbelt Medical Center; in Big Pine Key at the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce, Edie's Hallmark, Ace Hardware, and US-1 Radio; and in Marathon at the Greater Marathon Chamber of Commerce. The Biathlon course will require closing one lane of traffic on Key Deer Boulevard, Watson Boulevard, Wilder Road, and the road behind the shopping center for several hours Sunday afternoon. Volunteers are needed on race day; call 872-3831 if you can help.

TILL NEXT MONTH...fair winds and following seas.

phrases, since 1972 and practically no one has been listening or reading -- certainly not heeding. Everyone has been sailing along, occasionally electing a good guy (for one term), mostly electing (and often re-electing) the wrong guy.

Now that we've gotten our proposed tax notices, and will vote on an increase in sales tax, some of us are beginning to realize that we have been sailing on a rising tide of taxes onto the rocks of financial destruction.

We might begin to get a handle on the situation if we'd all start giving serious thought, *now*, to the 1988 County election.

The positions now held by Commissioners Freeman, Hernandez, and, I believe, Stormont will be up for grabs. Maybe all three will want to be returned to office, maybe not.

THAT'S NOT THE important question. The really important question is: which, if any, do you want back in office, and why?

Who do you think should replace the ones that you want to turn out? Do you know the bullthorower from the breadman? Are you willing to try to convince that person (or those persons) that he, she, or they should run? Are you willing, ready, and able to contribute money, time, or labor to a campaign? Or, do you think it's wiser to let someone else do it all while you just sit back and complain?

There are six Keys newspapers that I am aware of, plus the Miami papers, that are available in the Keys, some in one part of the Keys, some in other parts of the Keys and some in *all* of the Keys.

Most of those papers will have some comment on the 1988 election and the candidates, though not necessarily agreeing with each other. How much of this material will you take time to study so that you might vote intelligently? Or

would you rather wait until a week or two before the primary and be guided by the last minute political advertising?

EVEN IF THE VOTERS wise up and elect the best candidates, they must realize that real estate taxes will not come down but we may get better government, and there would, at least, be a possibility that taxes will *not* go up, if we have sensible, logical breadwinners in office instead of bullthorowers.

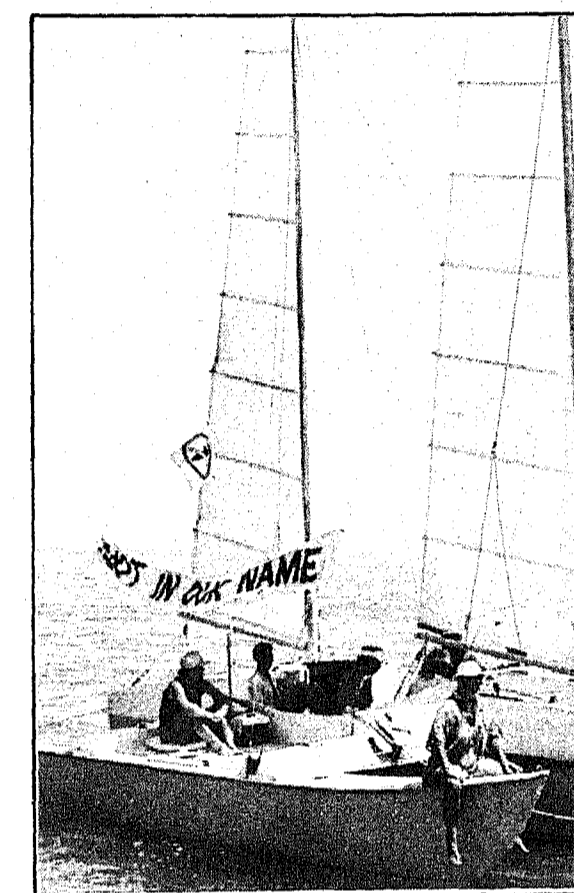
While you're pondering the 1988 County election, it might be wise to learn the abilities, characteristics, and philosophies of the persons who will be seeking various state and national offices, from President on down. What are the issues they will be facing as we rush into the twenty-first century (only a little over 12 years away)? Are the persons you are going to vote for aware that our political philosophies as well as a good bit of our legal structure are based on the conditions, circumstances and beliefs that existed in the nineteenth century? Do they know that the philosophies and laws that evolved between 1776 and 1917, the era of the steam engine, the water mill, the horse cars, gas lights, housewives, code duello, honor, sexual restriction are not really applicable in these days of space travel, television, computers, super jet plane service, sexual freedom, high crime, drug abuse, homeless people, untreated mental defectives, child abuse, children bearing children, etc., etc.?

We *can* find and elect people to office, in all categories, who will at least understand the problems and who won't let their egos get in the way of working with fellow officials at all levels to find acceptable solutions and then have the courage and the ability to implement the solutions.

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Sports Corner

by Hans Duchard

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER not only brought the end of summer but also the Bocce League came to an end. In a game that was truly a championship final the Mallory Square Buskers won the best of five series 3-0 against Aunt Rose's Restaurant. The games were much closer than the score indicates. Down 15-12 in the first game, the Buskers showed some excellent bowling and scored the next four points to win 16-15. That seemed to break Aunt Rose's concentration and the Buskers went on to win the next two games 16-14 and again 16-15. Congratulations to the team of Will Soto, Mary Beth, Tony Gregory and Pete Lazarro for a great season and you can catch them along with lots of other Bocce players in action again, when the Sons of Italy sponsor an open Tournament over Columbus Day weekend, October 10 & 11. For more information please call Ray Masiero at the Raw Bar at 294-4902 or Joan Miller at 296-8535.

PEARY COURT WAS a very busy ballpark this past Sunday (9/20) when a local All Star Team, managed by Claude Valdez, challenged the team of the newly commissioned Naval Submarine U.S.S. Key West in a doubleheader of softball. The team of the U.S.S. Key West was no match that night for the local All Stars, when Key West (as in City) sunk the U.S.S. Key West (as in Submarine) 14-3 in the first game. Billy Lowe was 3-for-4, Al DiFabio 3-for-3, Lenny Carey was 2-for-2 and two hits each were recorded for Randy Sterling and Dale Dumas. If the U.S.S. Key West team had any hope of maybe winning the second game, that dream was certainly short lived. The All Stars won the game 17-4. I guess there's just no room on a submarine for hitting or pitching practice and that should explain why Mayor Sawyer was asked in the seventh inning to help the team of the U.S.S. Key West by hitting for their team. (Mayor Sawyer was actually a "crew member" as he joined the maiden voyage of the sub from Norfolk, Virginia to his home base -- Key West.) That move though came too late, as the locals went on to victory.

The 44 hits the All Stars put on the scoreboard in the two games were scored mainly because the U.S.S. Key West had

to take out their best three pitchers after one pitch each. Key West's regulation to wear a softball uniform during a game made it impossible for Captain Warren Lipscomb Jr. (commanding officer of the U.S.S. Key West), Captain Ray Denning, (commanding officer of N.A.S. Key West) and Major General R.F. Milligan (U.S.M.C. Commander U.S. Forces) to re-appear on the pitching mound. All three recorded strike outs, so Claude Valdez, who also organized the event decided to declare all three players honorary pitchers for their efforts but also reminded them to bring their baseball uniforms next time. It was a great evening at the ballpark and the event made our visiting sailors feel very welcome and proved what Key West has always been famous for: hospitality and good times.

All of the local veteran organizations got together and provided food and drinks for everybody and helped to make the evening a great success.

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, the Women's Softball Tournament continued with the semifinals and the final after their first attempt had to be postponed due to heavy rain two weeks earlier. And if you thought Girl's Softball games are a bore, think again.

In the first game the Homestead Giants started out as if it would be an easy game against Juno Beach Liquor as they took an early lead in the first inning by being up 3-0. From the third to the sixth inning the game was in a 3-3 deadlock, but the Giants could not withhold the pressure, lost concentration and lost 9-4 to Juno Beach. The winner went on to play the Miami Waves to decide which team will advance to the final. To play two games in a row seemed to be too much for the Liquor girls as they lost to the Waves 10-0. Excellent pitching by Yvette Barker and tremendous hitting power by the Waves players paved the way for an interesting and exciting final between the Miami Waves and the Flamingos, also of Miami. And again the question came up, are two games in a row too many on hot days like this Sunday was? Nonetheless, the Flamingos were clearly the better team that day and shut out the Waves by winning 11-0. Outstanding plays by Laura White, who I can see sprint a 100 yard dash in around 11 seconds, and extra

efforts by Yvette Barker did not seem to help to get by the Flamingos and they had to settle for the second place trophy along with a \$50 cash prize. Belinda Money, soccer and swimming coach at Sunset High, playing for the Flamingos, and Laura White were the two players who impressed me the most. And Bob Hogans task to choose the MVP was certainly not an easy one. Cheryl Kanneberg of the winning team was awarded the MVP trophy for her solid performance in advance.

Jamie Hogan, President of the Softball League and organizer of this 7th annual tournament would like to remind you that the 87/88 season will start September 26th!! Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays with the first pitch thrown at 6 p.m. (local time that is). If you'd like more information please call her at 294-7668 in the early evening hours.

Jamie also would like to thank umpires Steve Ness, Claude Valdez and of course scorekeeper Pepe Hernandez, who is somewhat of an "institution" at Bayview Park.

THE SOUTHERNMOST SOCCER Association's Youth League begins their 5th season September 26th at 8 a.m. with Domino's Pizza vs. Cotton Construction in the 5-7 age group. Since Truman Annex is no longer available to the SSA, all four age groups will be playing their games at Sigsbee Park on four separate soccer fields. Eighteen teams have registered with an average contingent of sixteen players a team, which makes this the biggest season ever.

The season will last through December 12th, with one week of at Thanksgiving. Coaches and referees are still needed and in case you're interested in participating please call Rae Miller at 296-5569.

NED GUARDENIER, PRESIDENT of the Southernmost Runners Club, would like to let everybody know the club still exists and is hoping for a good turnout for this month's run on October 3rd. Every first Saturday of each month members and non-members meet at Zero Duval Street (corner of Front and Duval) for their monthly 8K run (a little less than 5 miles), and for the 2 mile fun run. Also, helpful hints one can expect on how to stretch, pace yourself for the distance or simply how to improve your running capabilities are given. After the run, participants meet in one of the many breakfast places in town for a pancake breakfast and to chat and discuss upcoming events. Sad to announce there will be no Turkey Trot this year, but preparations for a half-marathon in January are already in progress and

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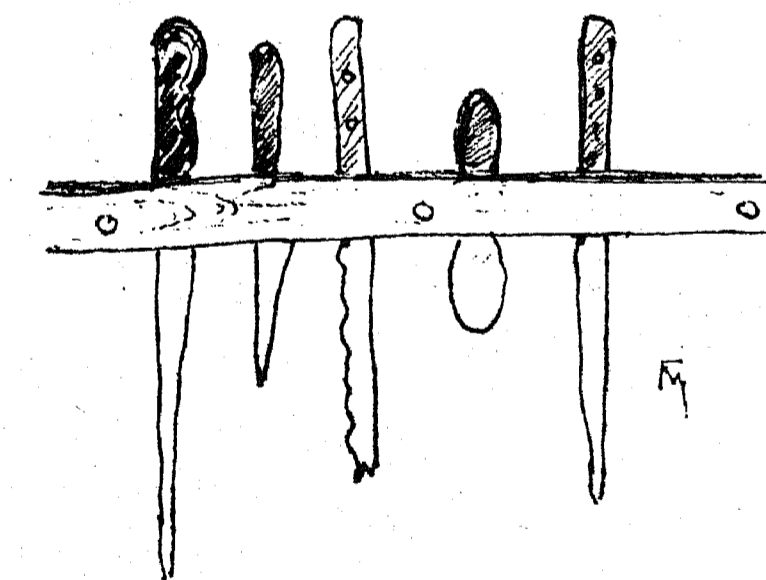
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FROM THE EDITOR

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Pool, I saw Willie frequently. He gave tirelessly of himself helping the young people of Bahama Village with sports; his activities on behalf of his church were unending; and his civic involvements constant and impressive. I haven't seen Willie Ward so much recently as I did then but when a man of his stature calls, I listen.)

In August of 1986, there was a problem at the Pier House after an employee, Linda Lyons, a Black woman, was fired and as the *Citizen* reported at the time, "The NAACP says the firing may be a case of *discrimination* because the employee was denied her due vacation pay she had coming before she was fired." Willie, you were quoted over the radio as saying "there is definitely some form of *discrimination* there whether it is racial, job, personal or what." Tom Brown, the Pier House Personnel Manager, said that Lyons was terminated for insubordination and that there was nothing unusual about it and that when an employee is fired the rules state they are no longer eligible for any employee benefits, including vacation pay.

CHARLES MAJOR, SR., a member of the NAACP, was quoted as saying that since the Pier House was built with federal grant money, and because of this they must follow certain employment rules or they will be penalized, and if the NAACP chooses to make a federal complaint, the city might fall out of favor with the federal agencies granting money. On the radio at this time, Major stated that no tourist would want to come into any community where there is racial *discrimination* and picketing going on. He said further than because of unfair employment and *discrimination*, an effort to freeze federal funds might be sought but first the NAACP would appeal to the Mayor to try to solve the problem locally.

During this time (August 10th to be exact), the Bahama Village Ministers' Association picketed the Pier House. Underneath the photo of the picketers on page 1 of the August 11th issue of the *Citizen* it read "Unfair to blacks" was the theme of the Bahama Village Ministers' Association picketing of the Pier House Monday. The group, including members of the NAACP, called for an end to federal grant monies if fired Pier House employee Linda Lyons is not given vacation pay they say is due to her." (A second issue involving a Black woman named Helen Walker, who worked for the Pier House, was apparently solved amicably at this time.) The opening paragraph of the story read:

Members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Bahama Village Ministerial Association picketed the Pier

House Hotel Monday and met with Pier House Manager J. Peter Rickard this morning in an attempt to resolve what Rickard terms "a labor board issue" and the black activists called a case of racial "*discrimination*."

THE ARTICLE WENT ON to say that "NAACP President Willie Ward said the Ministers' Association reported they had a "successful meeting" with Rickard and "made a lot of progress toward an open-door policy with the Pier House. The new manager promised to investigate the cases brought before him so far and establish an open line of communication."

Rickard was quoted as saying,

"Apparently they feel top management (of the Pier House) has been inaccessible," said Rickard yesterday. Rickard became General Manager just one week ago Monday, and he said he had tried to call a number of the activists since Thursday by phone but was unable to reach them or have his calls returned.

It is highly regrettable they feel slighted...in deference to the NAACP, and in view of the prestige and importance of the organization I will carry out an immediate re-investigation. I am certain the NAACP would wish for as objective an investigation as possible, and would view the matter of picketing as counter-productive.

City Commissioner Emma Cates said over the radio that she felt the situation was "blown out of proportion" and offered her services to act as a bridge between the parties. Reverend Albert Moses, one of the leaders of the picketing, said over the radio "Personally I have to agree with him (Rickard). It is a labor relations issue. However it can be and should be resolved within the Pier House and I think he is in a position to do it."

Apparently that was the case. Linda Lyons did not receive her vacation pay and that was the end of this incident.

THIS PAST AUGUST, Roy Grant received two 10-day suspensions and Assistant City Manager Peter Horton called for his termination. In the *Miami Herald* of August 13th, it said: "Grant said Wednesday the charges were unfair and that he would file a grievance to appeal them. He would not discuss specific charges. But Emery Major, head of Operation Justice, a local black group organized to fight racial discrimination, said Grant is being harassed because he is black."

During this period, FM107 interviewed Charles Major, Jr., a board member of Operation Justice, several times. Major, Jr. said, among other

things, that other people have done a lot worse and why single out Roy Grant. He was "sick and tired of every time a Black is in an administrative position, they're finding some excuse to get rid of him." He went on to call action against Grant "so *discriminating* you don't even have to see it in writing -- it's there." He said further, "We have contacted other members involving the NAACP for them to be aware exactly of what's happening because it's essential that we have this *discrimination* stopped here in Monroe County."

His younger brother, Emery, said over the radio that he saw a strong act of *discrimination* in his disciplinary action and was quoted as saying that the City was singling out Grant because he was Black. Horton stated that yes, he was singled out "but not because of his color. What Roy Grant has done is harmful to the entire city. I want him out of here."

Charles Major, Jr., over FM107, said that this action was "forcing the hand of the Black community. We came and tried to be peaceful with this. We don't want violence. Violence sometimes is not the answer to everything." And, later, he said: "We speak in terms of Fantasy Fest and what possibly can happen. It's no threat. But things like this create a problem and I'd suggest that the City Commission and the Mayor think about what can happen."

Emery, also, said over the radio: "Someone in City Hall doesn't like blacks and the pattern is there. Three blacks in less than a month have been suspended or fired (Merlin Curry, who worked for the Port and Transit Authority was fired, Office Gary Jones was suspended from the Key West Police for a short time, and Grant) and I feel that it's time that the Black community start taking legal actions to try and follow an injunction to stop this type of action and also notify the Justice Department and let them take the action that would stop Federal monies coming into Key West until this *discrimination* is at a halt."

THERE WAS A peaceful demonstration outside City Hall with signs that said "Rescind Roy Grant's Suspension - Now," "Stop *Discrimination*," etc. Willie, who had marched with the picketers, said in his capacity as president of the local NAACP that he was monitoring the situation and had been in contact with the regional office in Atlanta.

When everything quieted down a settlement was reached and the City accepted Grant's resignation from his post as Federal Grant's Administrator and hired him as a consultant to the City on grants for which he gets \$1,000 a month from October 1 up to April 1, at which time the contract can be rescinded. There never was any proof of *discrimination*.

And, as was quoted in the article on Roy Grant by Ray Pace in the September *Solares Hill* paper:

"I'm a Black man who has come up through the ranks through the building trades, later as a building inspector and now as Affirmative Action Officer for the City of Clearwater," said Robinson. "If one of my people did what he (Grant) did, he would be terminated. He would be gone."

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around 600 runners are expected to register. Of course there are also shorter distances races to take part in.

The monthly run starts at 7:30 a.m. October 3rd and if you'd like some information about the Club, please call Ned at 294-6911 during business hours.

AND HOW ABOUT THE High School football team? Starting the season 2-0 with a very young squad, head coach

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experience, creative ability and structure we can give you." The "we" in this case is the board -- Kathleen Elgin, Chairman, Petronella Collins, Victoria Roush and Ann Dickinson -- and the instructors who will vary from session to session but will always include Magesis. Nancy Rossell is the school's administrator.

"I'm trying to clarify the objectives for individual classes as well as the objectives -- short and long term -- for the school," Magesis said. "I visualize a much larger staff and a much more varied curriculum. There might be dance and fencing and Shakespeare and mime."

Magesis' plans for the school are modeled after the New School in New York City. The New School is an adult facility that originated with a focus on the arts and has expanded to include areas like psychology, aerobics and religion. "Anybody who can pass a communications exam -- because not everybody who knows a subject can teach it -- can become a part of the New School catalog," Magesis explained theoretically. "Classes are given all over New York City. Basically, the teachers are people with something to share, and they get paid based on the number of students signed up for their class."

Responding to the possibility of the KWSPA importing teachers to the Keys, Director Victoria Roush said, "Right now we're local, because you can't bring somebody in for \$7 a class. But yes, we have great plans for it."

THIS FALL, IN its second session

RACISM IS DEFINED in my dictionary as: program or practice of racial discrimination, segregation, persecution, and domination, based on racialism. Since August of last year, Linda Lyons, Roy Grant, Officer Gary Jones and Merlin Curry have been described as victims of discrimination (racism). Many of those accusations have come from members of the NAACP including Emery Major, who was a past president of our local chapter. I think now, as I did before, that the general applying of racial discrimination (racism) to incidents without absolute proof of this charge is bad for the community.

But, Willie, I do owe you an apology as head of our local NAACP. While certain members of the NAACP were using the word *discrimination* freely, you weren't and I apologize to you for any implication that this language came from the top leadership. Also, despite the sameness of meaning, I should have used the word *discrimination* rather than *racism*. I only can hope that we are getting closer to the time when language such as "racism" and "discrimination" will disappear forever from our vocabularies.

Pat Freeman has all the reasons to be proud of the team and to look optimistically towards the next games. Hopefully there will be more spectators at the High School Stadium than there were during the home opener for the October 16th game against Naples.

The Key West Soccer Club will hold a meeting at Charley's Place (Key West's newest Sports Bar) next to Spec's Record Shop in the Key Plaza Shopping Center on October 10th to discuss a road trip to Miami where they will play a team consisting of Colombian nationals.

So much for this month's issue and in case I have missed some of the events of the various groups in town, don't give up yet. Please call me at 294-3602 or 294-7545 when your group or organization is planning for a tournament, when your season comes to an end, or if you'd just like to inform the local athletes of your existence.

Also look in *Entertainment Key West* for any upcoming events. Enjoy the cooler days of October-- at least I hope they will be a little cooler-- and stay active. See you at the Ballparks!

which started September 28 and will run through November 8, the school offered the following classes: children's workshop, public speaking, beginning acting technique, scene study, children's/teen's musical comedy, voice technique, psychodrama and acting technique -- stage II. This last class is a special continuation course consisting of summer session students like Bert and Peggy who requested to remain as a group this fall. The first course emphasized character development and interpersonal relationships through improvisation and theater games, and according to Magesis a special chemistry and trust evolved among the students.

Classes meet twice weekly for five weeks and cost \$96 except public speaking and psychodrama, which meet once weekly and cost \$60 and \$48, respectively. Sessions are seasonal, and this fall the instructors are Magesis, Meryl Stratford and Victoria Roush.

"Only a very small percentage of people who take acting classes -- outside New York -- are interested in acting as a way to make a living," explained Magesis, responding to the question of why people enroll in acting workshops. "To me, acting is problem solving. It's discovering what your acting instrument contains -- your body, your voice, your imagination, your understanding of the givens and your ability to solve the problems that an acting exercise presents or that a playwright has given you. It's a very goal-oriented process. It's identical to the process in any task that involves problem-solving. It's a clear-cut

procedure that begins with reading and listening to the directions."

Magesis said the primary question a student must ask is: What would I do if I were the character given the set of circumstances the playwright has provided? To Magesis, this question is useful on and off stage and can be applied to just about everyone. "Once you understand the principles (of acting), you can step outside yourself to analyze your own life," he explained. "You can ask yourself: What does this character want? What is he trying to achieve? What are the potential obstacles that will get into his way?"

This "the whole world's a stage" theory takes on reality in the psychodrama class which Magesis teaches. Here individuals, couples and family groups can examine themselves and their problems with an element of detachment and objectivity.

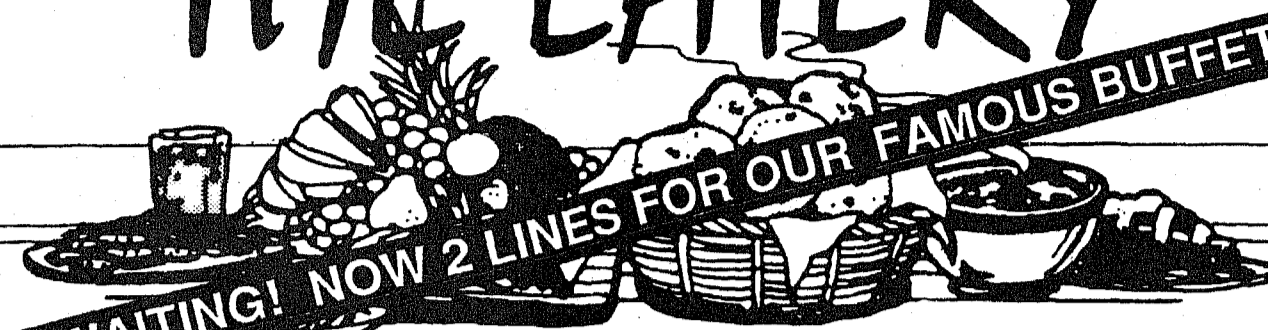
As far as the Keys' contingent of aspiring and professional actors goes, Magesis said the school was created to cultivate the resources, the raw materials here in the lower Keys. "I want a larger pool to cast from," he said, adding that Monroe County is the "new hot place" for television, commercial and movie productions.

KWSPA winter classes will run from January 4 to February 14; spring classes from April 4 to May 15; and summer from June 13 to July 24. The schedule may be verified by phoning the school at 296-9911.

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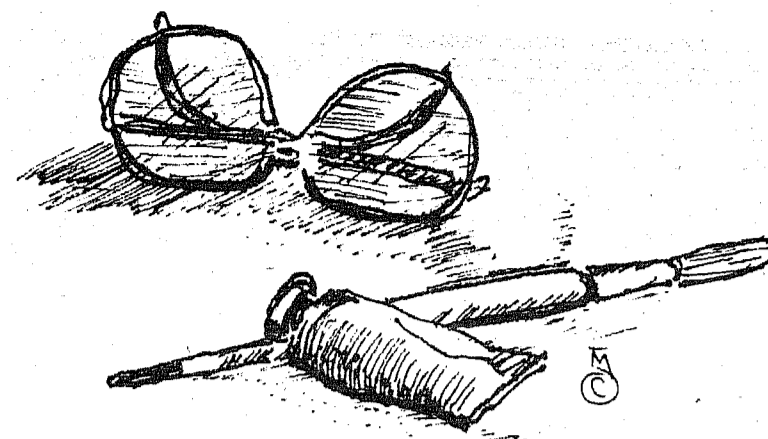
But

*I've seen you in places where you've never been,
in the eyes of people that you've never seen.
I hear you in places that you never go,
reminders of you from people we don't know.*

So

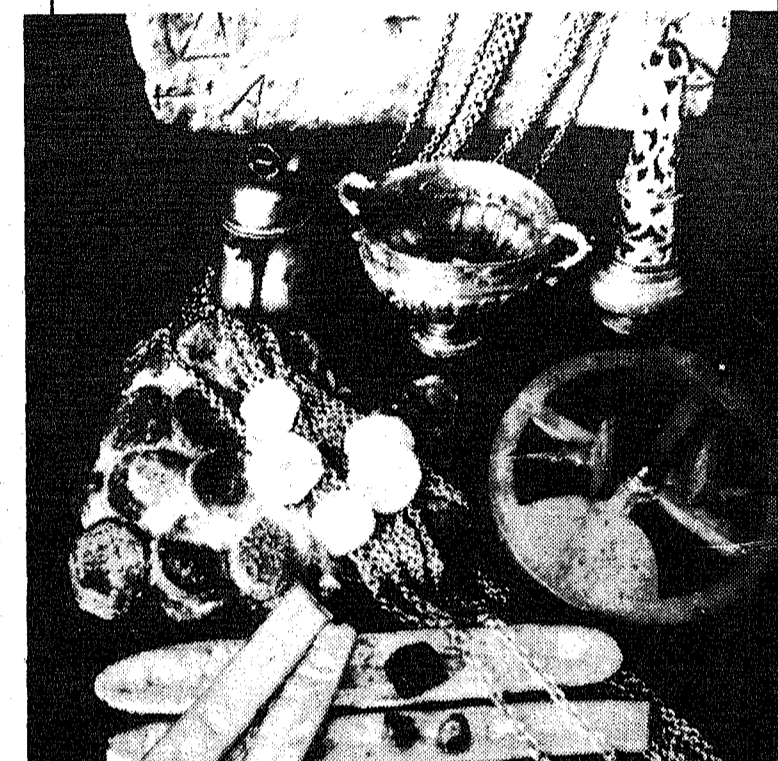
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SPECIAL EVENTS

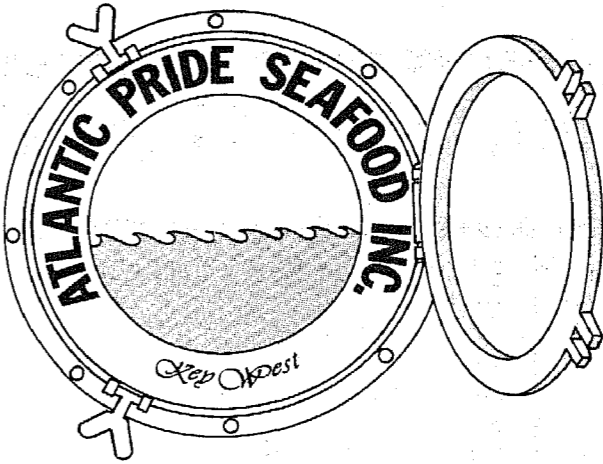
9-11: **SONS OF ITALY THIRD ANNUAL COLUMBUS DAY FESTA**, Key West. Call Victor Hatton, 294-2515 for information on all Festa events.
 9: 7:00 PM. Artichoke Auction, Key West Resort Golf Club, Johnny's Ribs. Exciting merchandise awaits bids.
 10: Approx. 9:00 AM. Opening day of bocce tournament, Bayview Park.
 10: Noon - 9:00 AM. Children's and Teens' Day, Bayview Park. Live broadcast by WAIL-99, variety of fun activities.
 11: Noon - 9:00 PM. Live entertainment, raffle for fabulous prizes, bocce tournament finals, Bayview Park.
 11: Second Annual One Sky, One World Kite Fly for Peace, Smathers Beach, Key West, and world-wide. Local major sponsor: Heavenly Body Kites. Call 296-2535 for information.
 23-25: **FANTASY FEST** Mystery Weekend, Key West. Call Dr. Aurelia Marlowe, 294-4440, for information.
 26-Nov. 1: **FANTASY FEST '87**, Key West. For information on all Fantasy Fest events, call 294-4440.
 26-30: 8:00 PM. "Penny Lane," Waterfront Playhouse.
 26-30: 8:30 PM. "Forbidden Broadway," Jan McArt's Cabaret Theatre.
 27: 10:00 PM. Key West Business Guild's Masked Madness Ball, Jan McArt's Cabaret Theatre.
 28: 5:00 PM-? -- Goombay Art Day, Bahama Village, Douglass School.
 28: 10:00 PM -- Creative Black Tie Celebrity Ball to benefit the American Cancer Society, The Quay.
 29: Pet Masquerade and Parade, Key Plaza, time and location TBA.
 29: 10:00 PM. -- Pretenders in Paradise Costume Competition, Pier House.
 29: 11:00 PM. -- Tropical Toga Party, Sloppy Joe's.
 30: 5:00 PM-Midnight. -- Key West Halloween Street Fair, Duval Street.
 30: 7:00 PM. -- WKIZ-WOW FM Fantasy Laser Tag at Street Fair, Duval Street.
 30: 7:30 PM. -- Holiday Inn La Concha Haunted Hotel.
 30: 9:00 PM. -- Dockside Fantasy Fest Talent Finale, Ocean Key House.
 30: 10:00 PM. -- Friday Fantasies Party, The Reach.
 30: 11:30 PM. -- Back to Oz Party, Back Street in Exile.

30: Late. -- Concert Night, The Copa, Bronski Beat.
 31: 11:00 AM. -- Florida Keys Antique and Classic Car Club's Ghouls & Goblins Auto Show, Truman Annex.
 31: Noon-6:00 PM. -- Key West Halloween Street Fair, Duval Street.
 31: 4:00 PM. -- Monster Bash. Tea Dance in the Street, La Te Da.
 31: 5:00 PM. Raga-Baga Band Competition, Duval Street.
 31: 7:00 PM. -- First Annual Key West Drag Race, location TBA.
 31: 8:30 PM. -- Nighttime Fantasy Parade, Old Town.
 31: 11:00 PM. -- Walk Up Costume Contest, Pier House.
 31: 11:30 PM. -- Jan McArt's DJ Dance Fest and Costume Party, Jan McArt's Cabaret Theatre.
 31: Midnight. -- Dance Macabre, Back Street in Exile.
WATER FUN
 1-31: Key West Fishing Tournament, Key West. Call 294-4676 for information.
 2-4: Marathon International Bonefish Tournament, Marathon.
 10-11: South Florida Mini Power Boat Race Championship '87, Islamorada.
 17-18: Offshore Power Boat Race Assn. of Miami Regional Championship Race, Islamorada.
 26-31: World Class Angler Billfish Tournament, Marathon.
ARTS
 1-4: Artists of the Florida Keys juried exhibit, East Martello Museum. Call 294-8634 for information.
 2-11: "Garden District" by Tennessee Williams, TWFAC, Key West. Call 294-6232 for information.
 10: Sale of Margo Golan collection of Mario Sanchez works, East Martello Museum, Key West. Call 296-3913 for information.
HAPPENINGS
 3: Oktoberfest Celebration, Islamorada.
 4-10: Mental Illness Awareness Week. Call Betty Malone, 294-8155, or Helen Gerbracht, 294-4875 for information.
 17: Oktoberfest, Big Pine Key.
 31: Registration deadline for Multiple Sclerosis Quikball Tournament, Key West. Call 294-4685 or 294-7788 for information.
ALWAYS HAPPENING
Mon. Yoga Class, Coffee Mill Cultural Center, Key West. 294-9982.
Tues. Preschool Story Hour, Key West Library, 294-8488.
 Sweet Adelines, Presbyterian Kirk of the Keys Church, Marathon, 7:30 PM.
 Old Island Harmony Barbershop Chorus, Old Stone Church, Key West. 7:30 PM.
Wed. Pool & Dart Tournament, Big Pine Moose Lodge, Big Pine Key. 872-9313.
Thurs. Card & Game Night, Senior Citizens Center, Big Pine Key. 745-3698.
 Key West Handprint Fashion Show, Casa Marina, Key West, 12:30 PM.
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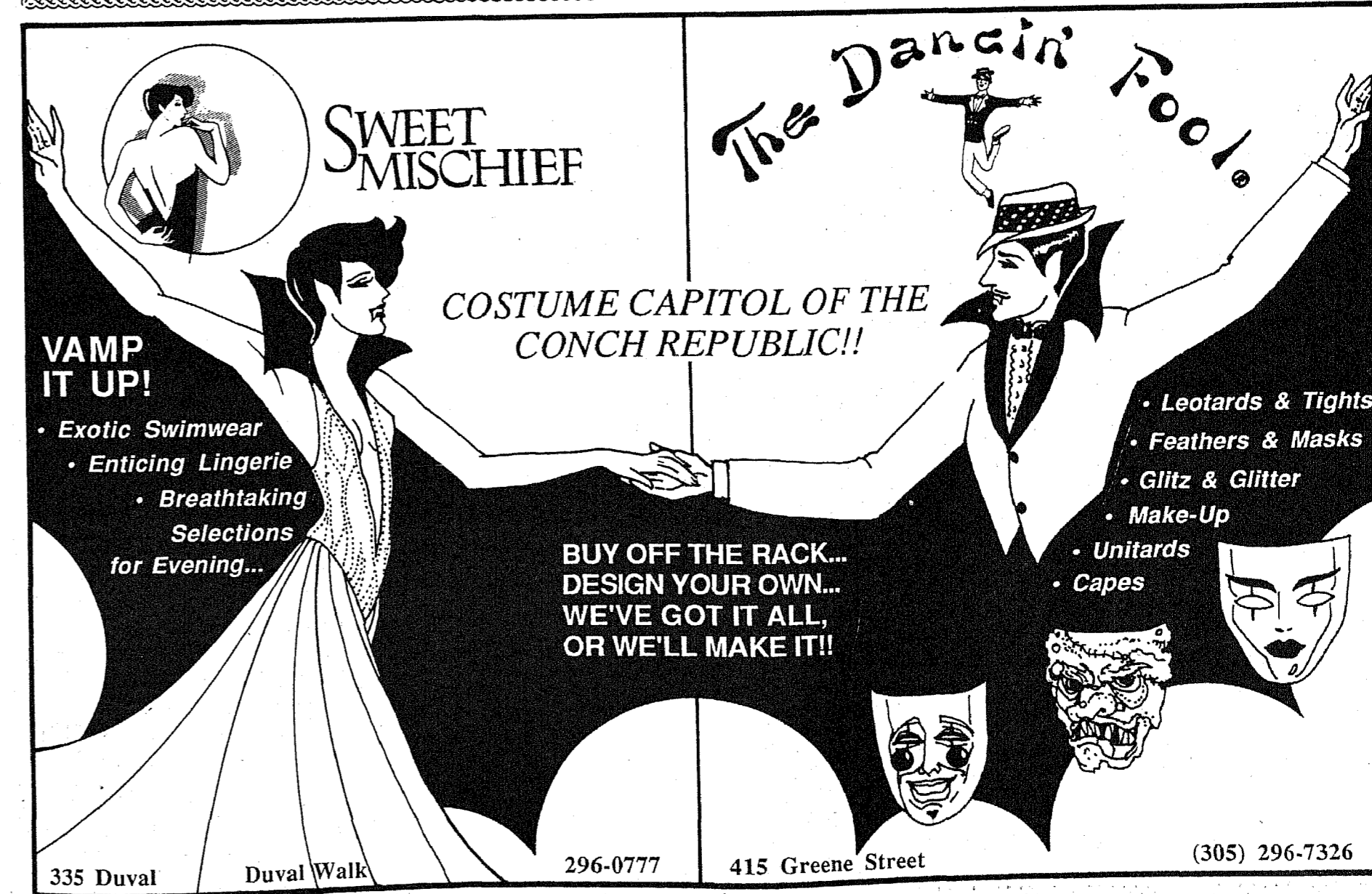
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 Sat. Family Films, Key West Library. 294-8488.

NOVEMBER, 1987

1-30: Last Month of Key West Fishing Tournament, Key West. Call 294-4676 for information.
 1: Children's Day, Bayview Park, Key West.
 7: Panhellenic Scholarship Benefit, Woman's Club, Key West.
 10: Characters of the Keys Art Exhibit, East Martello Museum. Call 296-3913 for information.
 10-14: 14th Annual Del Guercio Sailfish Tournament, Marathon.
 10, 12, 14: American Power Boat Association World Cup Race, Key West.
 TBA: 19th Annual Sombrero Cup Regatta Weekend, Marathon.
 11, 13, 15: "Tosca," TWFAC, Key West. Call 294-6232 for information.
 13-15: Island Jubilee, Key Largo.
 15-16: Bill Kings One Day Billfish Tournament, Marathon.
 15-21: Children's Art Exhibit, Key West Art Center, Key West. Call 294-1241 for information.
 17-22: 30th Annual Key Colony Beach Sailfish Tournament, Key Colony Beach.
 20: Eder String Quartet Chamber Music Series, TWFAC, Key West. Call 294-6232.
 18-22: Inaugural Florida Keys Boat Show, Marathon. Call 394-9432 or 622-3200 for information.
 21: Art Auction to Benefit AIDS Help, East Martello Museum. Preview at 6:00 PM; auction at 7:00 PM. Call 296-2486 or 294-3195 for information.
 21-22: Key West Garden Club Plant Sale, West Martello Garden Center. Call 294-3210 or 745-3730 for information.
 World Class Sailboard Competition, Islamorada.
 22-30: Members Juried Art Show, Key West Art Center, Key West. Call 294-1241 for information.
 27-29: Thanksgiving Holiday Arts & Crafts Festival, Islamorada.
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 27-30: Florida Keys Arts Expo, throughout the Keys. Call 296-5000, Ext. 357, for information.
 Festival of the Continents, Key West. Call 296-5000, Ext. 357, for information.
 28: United Way Telethon.
 Jimmy Buffett Concert to benefit the Salt Ponds, Wickers Field, Key West. Call 296-9089 for information.
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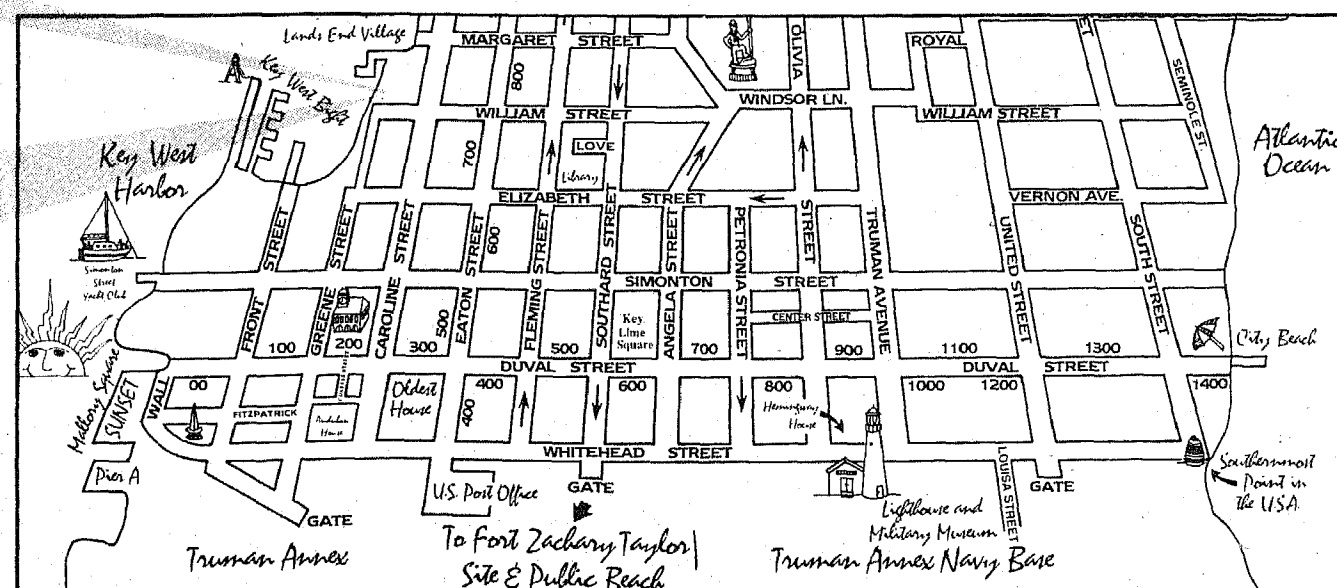
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