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Legislation entitling the Save The Manatee Trust Fund to benefit from literally thousands of dollars has passed the Florida House and Senate, and is expected to be approved by Gov. Martinez within the next month. The bill authorizes the printing and distribution of "Save the Manatee" license plates. Thanks in part to the encouragement and support of Jimmy Buffett, environmental education and marine mammal research will get a much needed financial boost.

Effective January 1990, Florida residents can help save this endangered species through the purchase of a "Save The Manatee" license plate; applicable to either new tags or renewal tags. For an additional \$15.00, motorists can easily and conveniently assist in the preservation and protection of the manatee and other marine mammals. Of the money generated, 50% will go directly to the Save The Manatee Trust Fund to be used for research, protection and recovery. The remaining 50% is earmarked for environmental education. Voluntary contribution will also be included in boater registration.

The passing of this bill serves as an ego building 'pat on the back' for all involved; the process works! A letter to Jimmy (Chairman of Save The Manatee) from Ghiles Communications offering free public relations and lobbying efforts toward manatee preservation led to meetings with Representative Langton from Jacksonville and Senator McPherson from Ft. Lauderdale. This led to the introduction of the manatee license plate bill in both the house and senate. Letters and phone calls from Save The Manatee club members alerted local representatives to the state-wide interest in the plight of the Manatees. And, as mentioned above, direct results in the form of much needed dollars will soon be evident. Congratulations to all involved.

MANATEE UPDATE



PHOTO BY BOB O'LARY

SORRY, THE REQUEST LINE IS CLOSED!

In a rather unorthodox move, the Williamsburg, VA. Homeowner's Council attempted to use their 'welcome wagon' to run Jimmy and The Coral Reefers out of town.

The ringleader of the Homeowner's Council, George Hughes, spoke before the city commission early in May to protest Jimmy's music citing a tune, "which is an explicit invitation to get drunk and have sex." In an attempt to demonstrate Buffett's insensitivity, Hughes arrived at the council meeting packing a tape deck and a copy of the song in question. However, this ploy backfired as one commissioner "playfully tapped his desk to the beat of the music and asked if there were any margaritas available," to the amusement of the "culture freaks" in attendance.

"This is an historical day," proclaimed Mayor John Hodges after the applause had ceased. "In the 290 years of this fair city, this strikes a precedent."

Mr. Hughes appears to have been a majority of one. He claimed the Homeowner's Council represented most city neighborhoods, however, no other residents expressed opposition to the concert. College officials have limited the seating at the concert to 20,000, and expect it to be no more disruptive than a football game. Ironically, the Homeowner's Council notwithstanding, the city council has no authority to ban concerts at the college, which is on state property.

"It is unclear whether Buffett, who has recorded scores of tunes over the past two decades, would perform the particular song Hughes picked out at the July 30 concert." GUESS AGAIN.

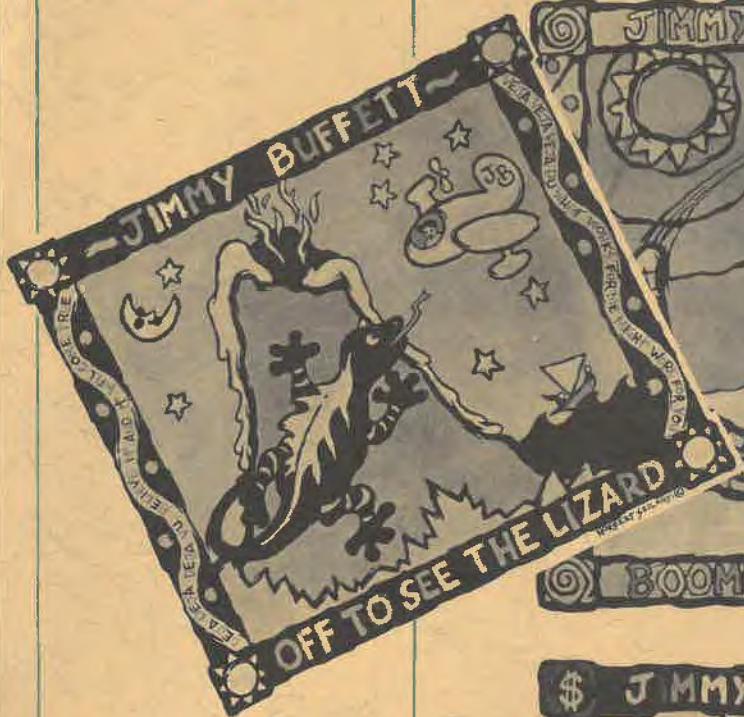
(Ed. Note: "Why Don't We Get Drunk and Screw" was written well over a decade ago as a parody of Country/Western songs. It is hoped that should Jimmy decide to play this song, the citizens of Williamsburg will accept it in the manner in which it is offered.)

(Information was obtained from David Lerman of *The Times-Herald*, and Tom Glaviano of *The Virginia Gazette*.)



I didn't particularly care for the words, but the music was nice." Mayor of Williamsburg, VA, John Hodges giving an American Bandstand-ish 7.5 to "Why Don't We Get Drunk And Screw"

LOCAL
ARTIST
ARRESTED
NOW
WORKING
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MARGARITAVILLE



His work normally depicts a bordered scene consisting of bold, tropical colors displaying palm trees, sailboats, and other minds-eye sub-tropical settings. Everyone who saw the bench agreed Norbert's contribution was a vast improvement.

"The following day I drove around and looked for another bench to paint. I found it and just started to paint a pattern. I'm painting away and two police officers came up and asked if I had permission from anyone to paint the bench."

He didn't, and was immediately arrested. A great hue and cry went up from the community. Lawyers, artists, politicians and business owners joined the "Free Norbert" movement. Key West Mayor Richard Heyman commenting on the case said, "I think he probably should have gotten a permit first, but I think we're overworking the law here." Police Chief Tom Webster stated very succinctly, "One man's art is another man's graffiti."

The "Free Norbert" movement was successful. The city commission authorized Norbert Szilagyi (pronounced Szilagyi) to paint benches at locations chosen by the city, and the criminal mischief charges were dropped.

It only seemed logical to approach this guy when it came time for designs patterned after Jimmy's new album OFF TO SEE THE LIZARD. The following designs in the distinctive Norbert Szilagyi style, CARNIVAL WORLD, MERMAID IN THE NIGHT, BOOMERANG LOVE, & OFF TO SEE THE LIZARD, are available in S, M, L, & XL T's for \$12.95. Mainly white background, but some colors available, please ask.

Key West artist Norbert Szilagyi (pronounced Szilagyi) discovered recently that the long arm of the law is at times analagous to a drowning man, blindly groping for anything he can stay alive.

In September '88, Norbert was granted permission by a local market to paint the bench in front of their store. "I just wanted to get out and do some free art in public places and the benches in the city are really neglected."



Good
and
good
for
you.

"Seems everybody's joggin' or heavy into health -----

Don't tell me that I oughta' get Rolfed, 'Cause I love cajun martinis and playin' afternoon golf."*

Contrary to the opinions expressed above, Jimmy has become the chief proponent of an exciting new health food trend, burgers and beer. Reports indicate that barley, the chief ingredient in beer (after water), may soon replace bran as the grain of choice for cholesterol fighting. Barley contains the same kind of soluble fiber that foods like oat bran have. Except, of course, that barley — when it comes in a bottle of beer — is infinitely more palatable.

Coincidentally, researchers at the University of Wisconsin have discovered a type of acid in hamburgers and dairy products that could protect people against cancer. Nutritionists were quick to warn that the anti-cancer properties of the fatty acids have been proven only in laboratory animals, and that eating lots of hamburgers probably is not advisable.

Still, we are struck by the notion that the millions of overweight Americans, now still blithely chugalugging beer and chomping hamburgers, might turn out to be the next generation of health freaks.

THANKS TO THE BALTIMORE EVENING SUN AND DAVE ROSLONSKI.

*Rolfing, for those interested, is a pseudo-psychological deep muscle massage therapy intended to achieve emotional stability. Considered hip in the 70's, but rarely used now.

Mea
Culpa,
Mea
Culpa



The seas didn't part, nor did the earth shake, as Jimmy and crack GBS journalist Ed Bradley donned robe, cassock and other religious accoutrements to assist in the christening of Michael Utleys' children while in New Orleans for the annual Jazz Festival.



ONLY ONE ENCORE PLEASE



"... Kokomo, the overnight hit became an over-exploited catchword... 'Margaritaville' is a genuine frame of mind, and it's better that way." Tom Corcoran writing in the May '89 issue of *MUSTANG MONTHLY*.

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Dear Telegrafo de Coco,
Congratulations on your publication. As a lifelong, die-hard Buffett fan the Telegraph is like rain in the desert. Allow me to make a few humble suggestions. First, let me say that I am 100% in favor of your new bi-monthly, expanded format. I particularly like the excerpts from the letters you receive. How about some entire letters? Parrot Heads are obviously a unique and interesting species, and I think we would enjoy reading about each other. Secondly, I would certainly appreciate more information on JB television appearances, especially interview format talk shows. I know you have tried to let us know ahead of time in the past, and it was greatly appreciated, but I think we missed a few opportunities to see Jimmy on the TV. The Cinemax Sessions is well noted.

Thanks again on an excellent publication with all those tidbits of Buffett info.
Dennis O'Reilly

Dennis,

Thanks for the letter. In response to your first humble suggestions, here's an entire letter. Easy enough, huh? Actually, I print and answer letters that will satisfy several criteria: 1) convey the most information regarding Jimmy, 2) respond to suggestions/comments mentioned in more than one letter, 3) allow me to display the superior writing skills (?) that readers have come to expect from the Coconut Telegraph.

In response to your second humble suggestion, you're right, we try. Unfortunately, we're often informed of future JB appearances literally days before they actually occur. As mentioned many times in the past, Jimmy isn't known for leading a structured life. But isn't that part of the Buffett mystique?

This would be an appropriate time to mention Jimmy and the Coral Reefers recent appearance at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Held April 28-May 7, the jazz festival featured, along with Jimmy and the Reefers, George Benson, Spyro Gyra, The Robert Gray Band, The Neville Brothers, Art Blakey, Miles Davis, and on and on; over 100 acts! Sorry the information was not available in the March/April telegraph, but I understand Parrot Heads were well represented.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! CAN YOU HOLD?

The Margaritaville offices were mildly disrupted early in June as plans for the video of "Take Another Road" neared completion. All was not set in stone as of press time, but props, locations, etc. included 'Spot' the wonder horse, a shrimpboat, Margaritians and their cars, Bahia Honda State Park, the Cow Key Marina, and the Islander Drive-In. (March/April '89 CT)

Planet Pictures production manager John Hopgood; nice guy, lousy backhand, video director Jim Shea, and still photographer Gerry Wenner dropped anchor in Margaritaville, pirated an office and telephone, and with the invaluable assistance of Gindy Thompson went about making a video.

Other artists taking advantage of Planet Pictures' expertise include James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Glenn Frey, and Little Feat. Future plans include HBO/Cinemax type music specials, as well as a continued interest in music videos.

Unfortunately, no information regarding broadcast date for "Take Another Road" is available at this time.

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July, August tour dates

July 1st	Hoffman Estates	Poplar Creek Music Theatre
July 2nd	Milwaukee	Summerfest
July 3rd	Cuyahoga Falls	Blossom Music Center
July 6th & 7th	Columbia, MD	Merrweather Post Pavillion
July 8th & 9th	Mansfield, MA	Great Woods Amphitheatre
July 11th & 12th	Holmdel, NJ	Garden State Art Center
July 14th	Long Island	Jones Beach Amphitheatre
July 15th	Bristol, CT	Lake Compounce
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July 27th	Birmingham	Oak Mountain Amphitheatre
July 28th	Atlanta	Amphitheatre
July 29th	Charlotte	Memorial Stadium
July 30th	Williamsburg	Cary Field
Aug. 1st & 2nd	Cincinnati	Riverbend
Aug. 4th	Tampa	Sun Dome
Aug. 5th	Miami	Arena
Aug. 8th	Orlando	Arena

These are all the confirmed dates we have. All dates are subject to change. Please contact the local facility for ticket information.



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