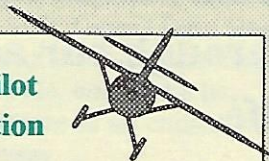


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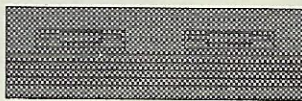
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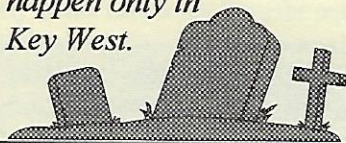
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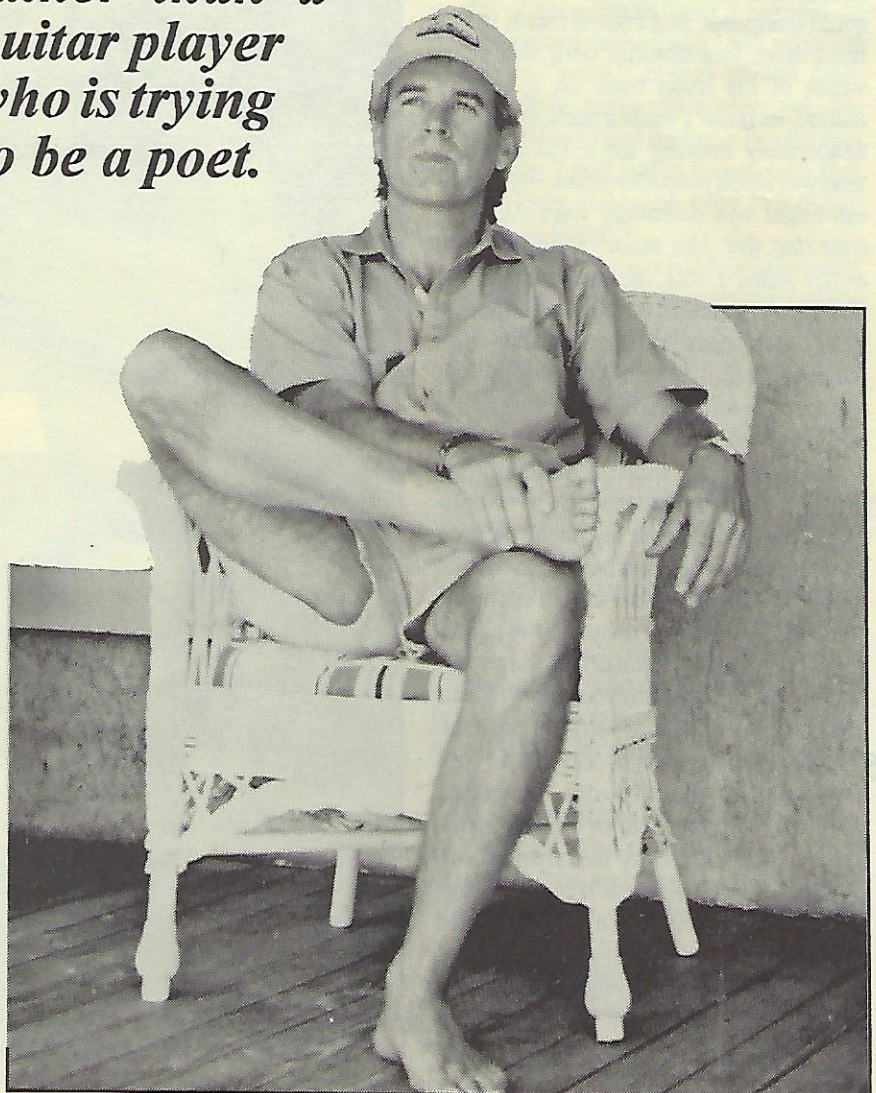


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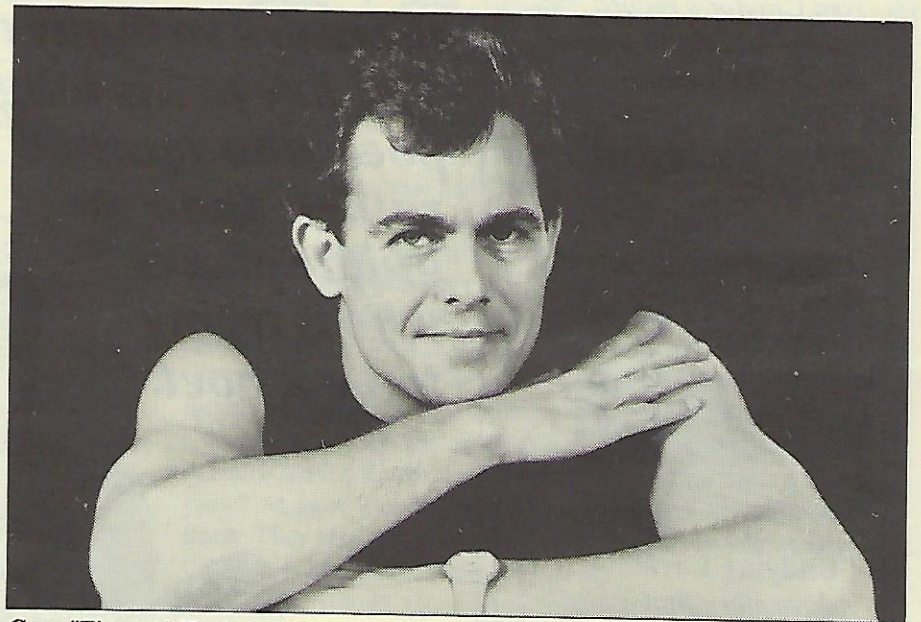
By Coleman Sisson

I magine having the chance not only to meet one of your heroes, but actually to get to know them. That's exactly what happened to me with Jimmy Buffett.

It began with a strange coincidence: Jimmy was having trouble with his personal computer, and I could repair it. His hard drive had crashed with two years worth of his latest book on it and, of course, he hadn't made a backup. He was desperately looking for a Parrot Head who was also a propeller-head. My guardian angel was definitely working overtime that day. His wasn't doing too bad either since I was the manager of the hotline at a major computer manufacturer. I was ready, willing, and able to do whatever it took to help him out, including taking a loaner computer to his house while his was being repaired.

Before my first meeting with Jimmy, my wife Wendy tempered my over-optimistic eagerness by asking me if I thought I was going to "become buddies or something" with him. As my tender male ego crashed into reality, I changed my tactics from "jam on guitar and drink margaritas 'till dawn" to "just do your job." It was a wise decision and helped seal the deal.

Since then, I have met and talked with Jimmy many times. From debugging Windows applications to riding in his limo to a show, Jimmy has always been the first-class person you'd expect: easy-going, fun, friendly, and a genuinely nice guy. He's also a serious, and successful, businessman and pretty damn good with computers. Because of his interest in computers, and my eagerness to do what-



Greg "Fingers" Taylor



Michael Utley & Robert Greenidge Photo: McGuire

ever it took to help my hero, I was able to attend several shows during the 1992 Recession Recess Tour.

The most memorable event occurred when I flew to Chicago to see the show and work with Jimmy on his new color scanner. No big deal, except that we did it while riding in his personal tour bus from Chicago to St. Louis. I had a blast. It was every Parrot Head's wildest dream. We worked a little, munched a bit, and shot the breeze as we cruised down the highway.

"When we played 'Brown Eyed Girl' and the crowd went crazy, it really got to me," Jimmy said. That really got to *me*. It was neat to hear how he really feels about playing his music. Jimmy loves performing for his fans. He'll do nothing that could sacrifice the quality of the show. Sorry fellow Parrot Heads, but that includes not partying to all hours of the night and/or drinking before the show. Jimmy is dedicated to his fans. In fact at one concert I attended, the crew set up a trashcan for him backstage because he had gotten food poisoning. Total sacrifice; rare in today's world of pampered, temperamental stars.

Also, unlike most of today's stars, Jimmy doesn't shy away from the public. Quite the opposite. Most people would be amazed at his casual approach to everyday life. It's not unusual to see him sitting in the lobby of his hotel, standing in line at his favorite restaurant, or just hanging out in a local bar looking like he's just another Parrot Head. But he's not just another Parrot Head, he's the Head Parrot Head.

As I'm sure you know, you don't simply *attend* a Jimmy Buffett concert, you *are* the concert. Parrot Heads often span three generations, and all can be seen joining Jimmy at the same show. Sixteen to sixty is the age group he appeals to, and the festivities rival Mardi Gras on Fat Tuesday. Fans are dressed in the wildest imaginable parrot-phanalia having tailgate parties around their shark-finned Winnebagos in the parking lot.

Backstage, things are a lot less exciting than you may think. The band members usually spend time warming up their instruments, playing basketball, or just



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watching a movie. Whatever they're doing, they are some of the nicest people I've ever met. I've had many opportunities to talk with Michael Utley, the second longest reigning member of the Coral Reefers (next to Greg "Fingers" Taylor). He's a quiet, unassuming family man unaffected by fame and fortune.

Time and again I heard not only of the respect the band members have for Jimmy, but also of their gratitude for having the opportunity to perform with him. In fact, the only way I knew about the food poisoning incident was over hearing the guys discussing "what a pro Jimmy was" by going on with the show that night. They were amazed, and so was I.

The night of the St. Louis show, I went into the audience to watch from out front. I didn't know when I'd get the chance again, and I wanted to enjoy every second of it. As I watched Jimmy "work" before 25,000 fans, my whole perspective changed. He was no longer just my hero, he was also a friend. I will never forget rush that came over me as he sang "A Pirate Looks at Forty."

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I consider myself extremely fortunate to know Jimmy Buffett on a personal level. I've been an avid fan since 1975. Jimmy represents the alter ego in most of us under-paid, over-stressed souls who spend too much time working and not enough time living. His words and music help us unwind. If you've listened to his music, then you've got a good idea of the man.

As I watched the St. Louis show come to a close, I started feeling pretty good about all that had happened. No doubt about it, I was very lucky to have this experience. As Jimmy and the band took their bows and thanked the roaring crowd, all I could think was, "You're welcome"...

...and I'd better hurry or I'll miss the bus!

BUSH PILOT EXPEDITION

TOM CLAYTOR'S GLOBAL VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY CONTINUES...



December, 1990, Tom Claytor departs Wings Field in Philadelphia beginning an around the world adventure.

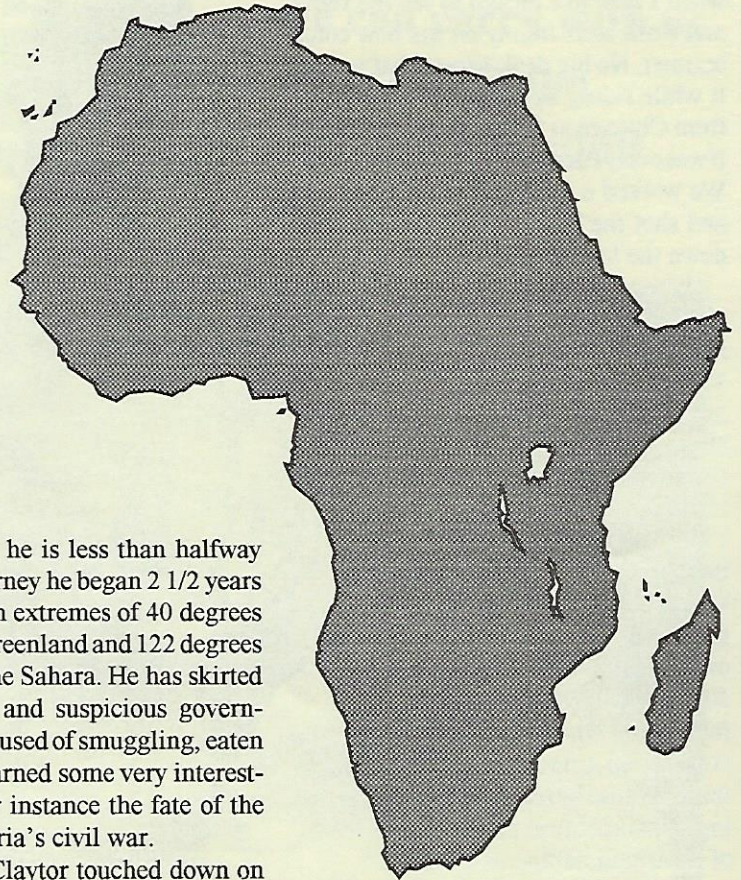
Tom's journey was reported earlier this year after his letter prompted an envious response from Jimmy, "I wish you the best of luck on your adventure and I must say that I am jealous..." And then to me, "Put this guy in the Coconut Telegraph."

Bush pilots operate across the deserts, jungles, mountains and ice caps of our world. They are in contact with native cultures and the wilderness. They are doctors, missionaries, conservationists, scientists and businessmen. Many have spent their lives in a particular area and can provide a unique perspective on these changing frontiers.

Tom Claytor's goal is to fly a small single-engine plane around the world, living and working with bush pilots on all seven continents. If successful, the flight will establish records for the N.A.A. (USA), F.A.I. (France), and Guinness (UK).

When we last heard from Tom he was in Nigeria, a country on Africa's Ivory Coast, having passed through Greenland, Iceland, the U.K., and parts of western Europe. The Coconut Telegraph's travel expense is somewhat limited, so even though we intended to follow Tom, we weren't quite sure how. That is until one of our resourceful readers picked up on the story and sent a copy of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* containing Barbara Whitaker's update on Tom Claytor's travels.

This piece borrows heavily from Barbara Whitaker's interview conducted at Lanseria Airport in Johannesburg, South Africa, April, 1993.



"Although he is less than halfway through the journey he began 2 1/2 years ago, he has seen extremes of 40 degrees below zero in Greenland and 122 degrees above zero in the Sahara. He has skirted military coups and suspicious governments, been accused of smuggling, eaten bush rat and learned some very interesting lessons; for instance the fate of the victims of Liberia's civil war.

When Tom Claytor touched down on the small remote airstrip in Liberia, he wasn't surprised to see soldiers. It was the skulls at the end of the runway that troubled him. About 200 were showing, but a United Nation's bulldozer had recently buried many victims, and the soldiers claimed there had been nearly 20,000 skulls on the ground. 'Tom, you know during the war we ate people ... not because we were hungry, but because we were scared, and to eat your enemy makes you strong.'

'You're not quite prepared mentally or emotionally for what you see.'

In Africa, he's been in 22 countries, and if it looks like a fairly direct journey on a map, in reality the travel has been erratic. Those stops have actually enhanced the trip since, 'the whole point of this exercise is to go to remote areas and share what life is like.' (Continued next page)

Charles Lindbergh saw the need for a balance between technology and what he called "the wisdom of wilderness."

Claytor is traveling as a fellow of the Explorers Club and has received donations from more than 300 sponsors, half at home and the other half good-hearted people along the way. Initially, he thought the trip would cost about \$70,000, but now he predicts it will cost at least \$130,000. He has been amazed by the generosity of the people he has met.

In the Ivory Coast, a villager helping to refuel the plane saw his sponsor list, which is tacked in the window of the plane. He pulled out the equivalent of four dollars and offered it up. 'I'm sorry that I'm poor - I have two wives and twelve children - but your job seems very hard, and I want to help you.' Claytor said it's that type of support that gives him the most encouragement.

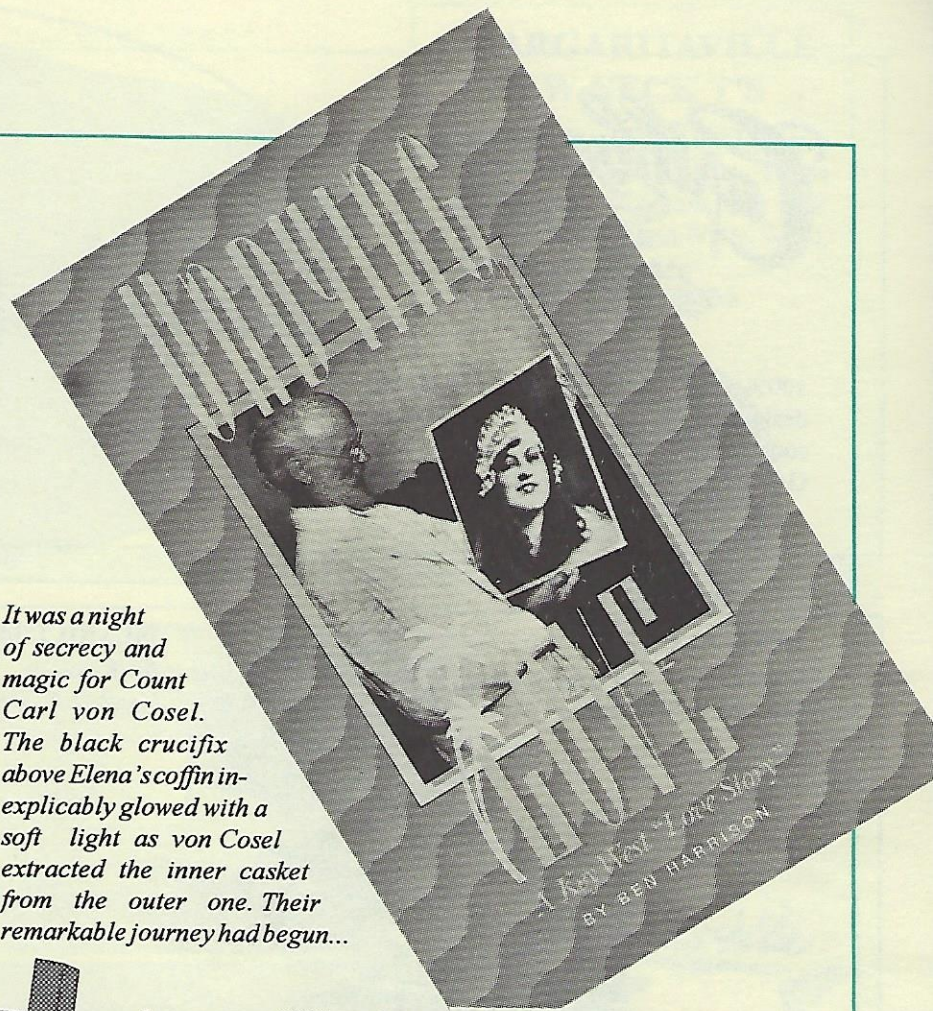
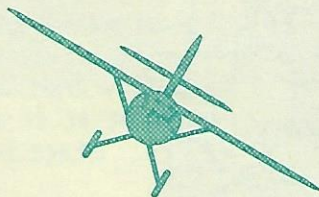
There was also the problem of keeping up with local politics, which can be particularly challenging in Africa. One of the most important lessons he learned is that in Africa, 'it's a lot easier to get pardoned than it is to get permission. I've only had three flight clearances in 22 countries...it's not for lack of trying.'

'My trick is bush pilots, they teach me how to fly through these areas safely. I have experience, but I don't have local knowledge and you need both to fly safely.'

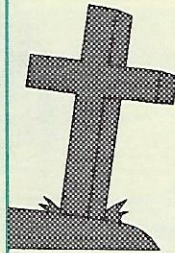
On a trip like this you can either make it or you'll crash and be just another guy that tried and failed. That's what it's reduced down to. All I have to do is to get home.'"

The Explorers Club in New York has given the expedition its highest level of sponsorship and has presented Tom with flag #101 to be carried on the journey.

Tax-deductible contributions to the project are essential. They can be made to The Explorers Club (reference: Bush Pilot Expedition) 46 E. 70th St., New York, NY 10021, U.S.A. All contributions are highly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the author's book.



It was a night of secrecy and magic for Count Carl von Cosel. The black crucifix above Elena's coffin inexplicably glowed with a soft light as von Cosel extracted the inner casket from the outer one. Their remarkable journey had begun...



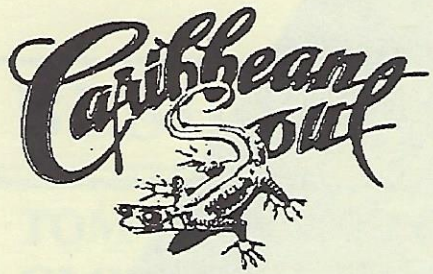
he year was 1940, and a truly bizarre love affair had come to light in the already infamous town of Key West, Florida. Ninety miles north of Cuba and 100 miles south of the "Real World", this languid, laid-back, subtropical island was brought into the international spotlight when journalists caught wind of a story that is as unbelievable today as it was then.

Half a century later, this same story caught the imagination of Key West singer/songwriter Ben Harrison and he began to compose a musical play about the would-be "Count" and his undying love for Elena Milagro Hoyos. In the sun-drenched afternoons of that slow-paced, still-exotic climate which even now pervades Key West, Ben worked to refinish the deck of a thirty-eight-foot sailboat, and puzzled over the mystery of Count Carl (Tanzler) von Cosel.

What strange twist of reasoning had driven von Cosel to do what he did? Was he *really* out of his mind, or had the heat just gone to his head? Ben's desire to piece the story back together was fueled by his own, admittedly "off-beat" sense of humor, but the hook had been set. This book now, is the result and the reward of his passion to untangle the thread of intrigue woven through a tale of obsessive love and unexpected madness - a tale of *Undying Love*.

Ben Harrison was born and raised in south Texas. He and his wife, Helen, have two children, Ben and Cole. They reside in Key West, Florida, where Ben is an entertainer and Helen operates Harrison Gallery and Music.

Undying Love: paperback book is available for \$12.95.



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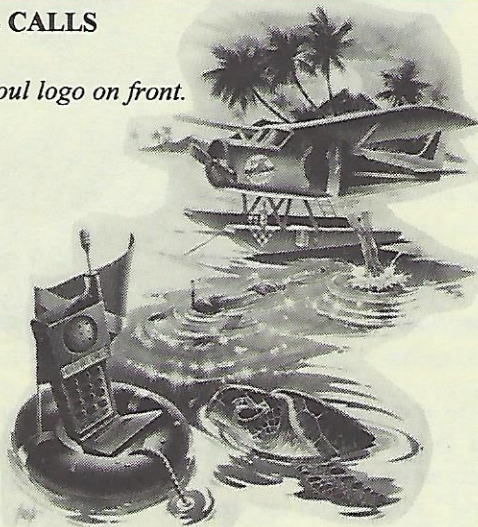
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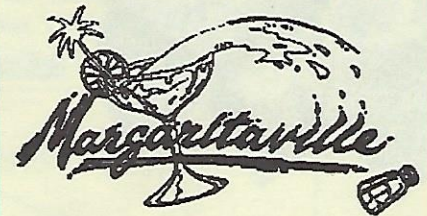
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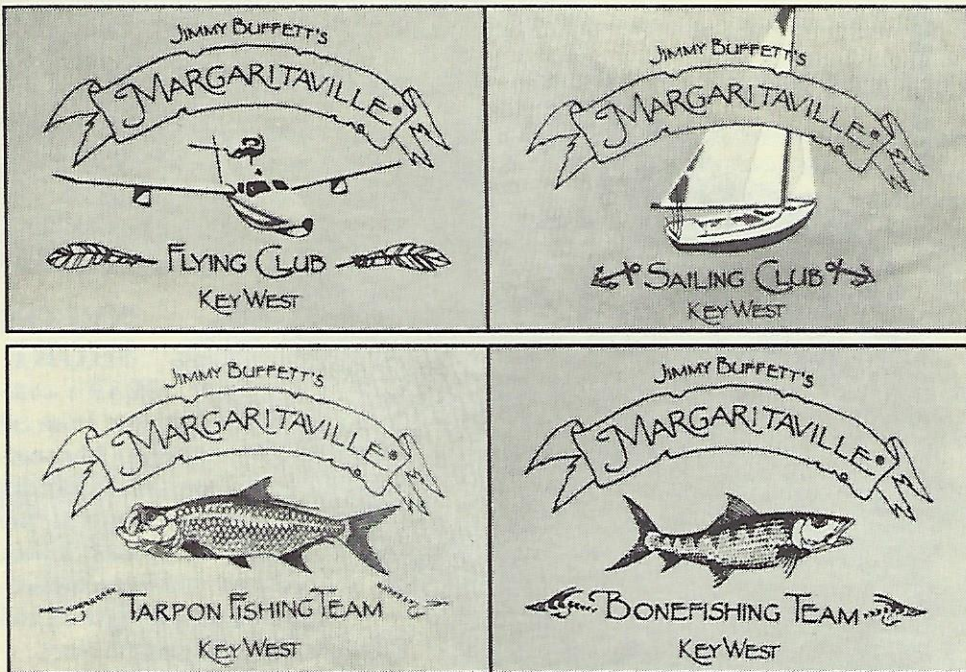
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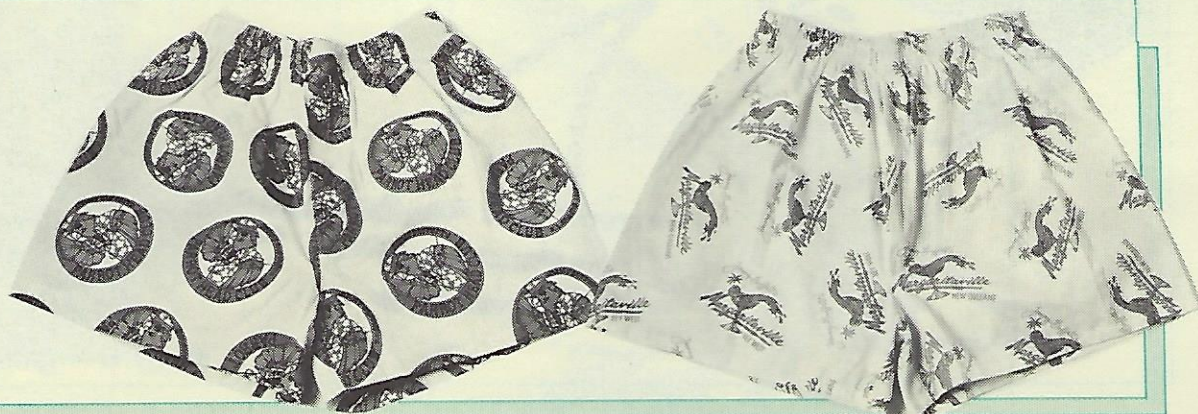


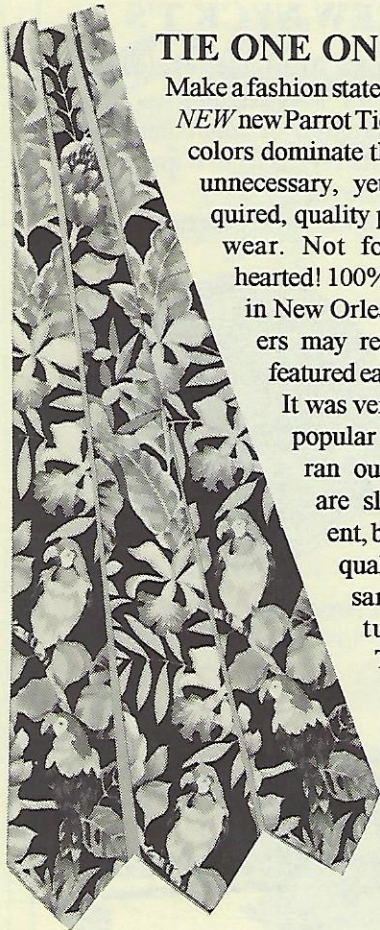
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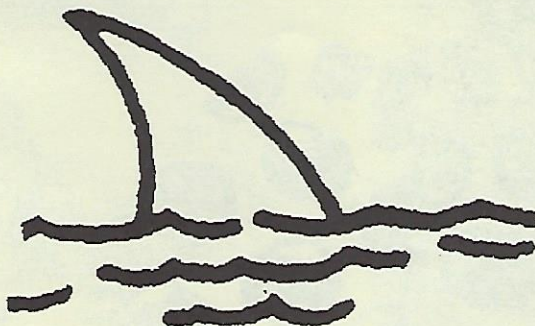
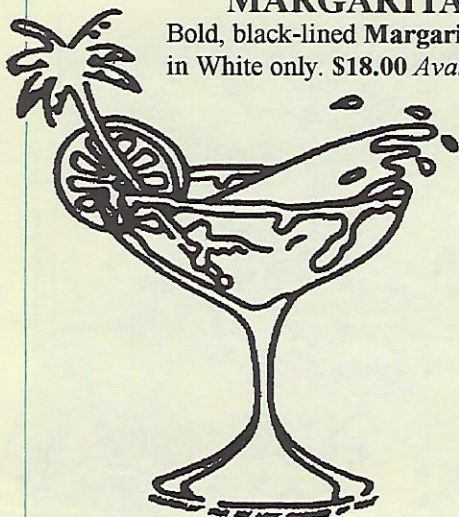


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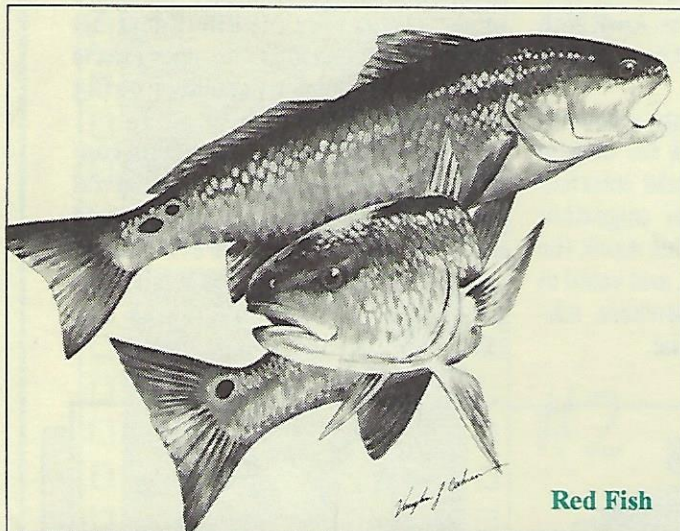
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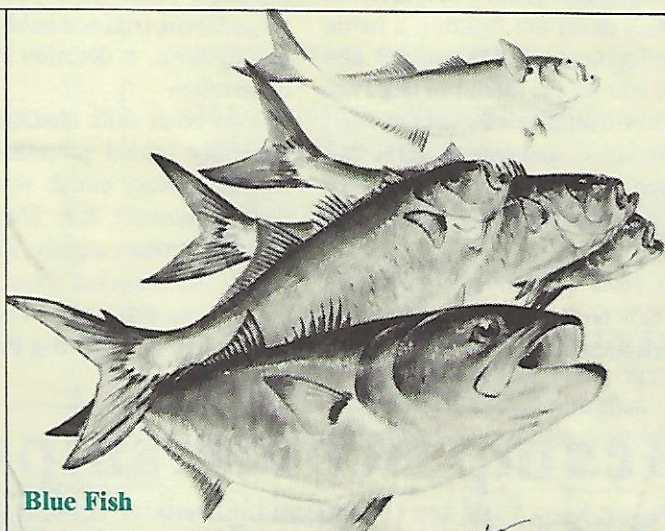
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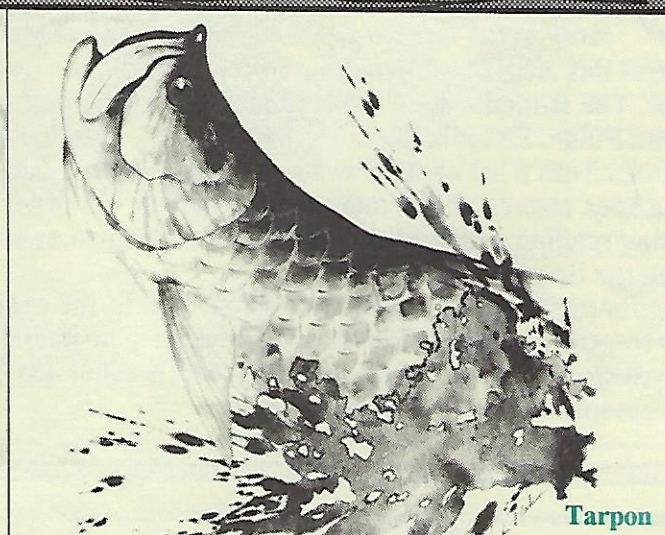
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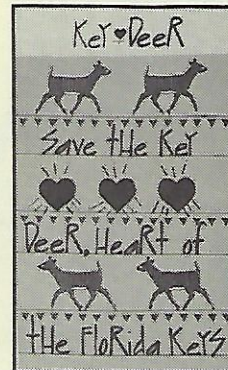
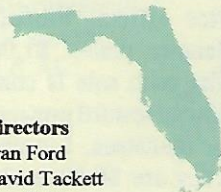
Friends of Florida

LEGAL BATTLES GAIN GROUND AS KEY DEER DEATHS MOUNT

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Fund. Thank you.*

In the four front war being funded by Friends of Florida to help save the endangered Key Deer from extinction, encouraging results in the courts have been tempered by the unprecedented deaths of 11 deer in 15 days this spring.

The last remaining 250 Key Deer (a unique and endangered subspecies of white-tailed deer) are fighting a battle over development of 3000 vacant and buildable lots on the island of Big Pine Key. Efforts to establish the deer in other areas have failed, and experts agree that if this area is developed, the deer will have little choice of survival as a species in the wild.

With costs funded by Friends of Florida, pro bono wildlife lawyer and FOF board member Hank Morgenstern

has filed five lawsuits on behalf of the Key Deer. The first resulted in a federal injunction against a new road through Key Deer habitat. Four more are pending.

In one suit, Hank is challenging the issuance of federal flood insurance as an incentive to development in critical habitat areas. After three years of government delays, trial was held on April 26th in Key West. A decision is expected by September.

Two other suits challenge a new elementary school proposed for central Big Pine Key, which would interfere with important Key Deer migration routes and water supply. This April, the school board backed down, and voted to build more classrooms elsewhere, taking the pressure off Big Pine.

Finally, Hank also represents the deer as an intervenor in a challenge to the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan. Recently, the state adopted Hank's recommendations limiting development in Key Deer habitat, which now will hopefully be enacted into law.

Despite the good news, however, in a grim reminder of the gravity of the deer's plight, 11 deer were killed in 15 days this spring, from road kills and other effects of the growing human population on Big Pine Key.

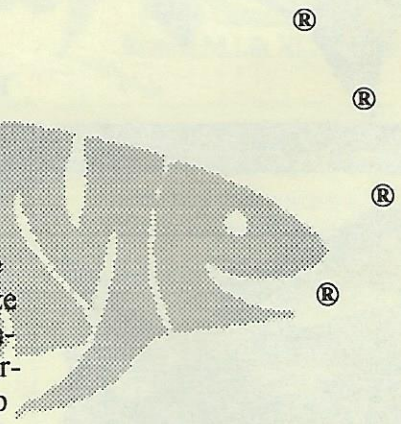
FOF's endangered species fund continues to be the single most powerful voice for the Key Deer. The deer need Friends like you more than ever. Please send in your contribution to the Endangered Species Fund and buy your Key Deer Defense Fund T-shirts today!

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Seacamp Scholarships

On May 13th, ten Cincinnati high school students were identified as the winners of the Jimmy Buffett Seacamp Scholarships. Seacamp is a non-profit marine science camp in the Florida Keys where the winners will spend two weeks this August participating in recreational and classroom activities. The students were selected in a reading contest held in the Cincinnati Public Schools. Each student chose to read and summarize three books from a list chosen by Jimmy. All students' papers demonstrated a keen interest in the marine environment. In order to encourage further reading and study, all entrants received an award; the top ten being the Seacamp Scholarships.

This is Jimmy's way of giving something back to the community that has fervently supported him over the years. The intent here is to inspire young people to share Jimmy's love of reading; his favorite form of escapism.



Seacamp Association, Inc.
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Big Pine Key, FL 33043
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David DeNoma seems to pop up when least expected, and perhaps when least desired. His appearances, however, are by and large a welcome relief from the mundane. It's this ability that has placed him in the mouth of a killer whale, a golf course with Bill Clinton, camera-lens-to-breast with a Hell's Angel "Mama", and of course backstage with Jimmy Buffett. David's photos have appeared numerous times in the Cincinnati press and national newspapers, as well as on the Tonight Show and Saturday Night Live. And most importantly to Parrot Heads, on the **Feeding Frenzy** cover and in the handbook included in **Boats, Beaches, Bars & Ballads**.

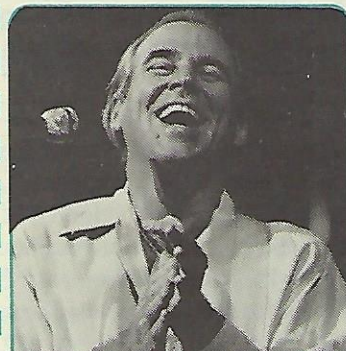
David has offered several of his best photos of Jimmy to us, and we in turn offer them to you. But there's no free lunch, and no free Jimmy Buffett photo. The pictures offered are David DeNoma's original color photos.
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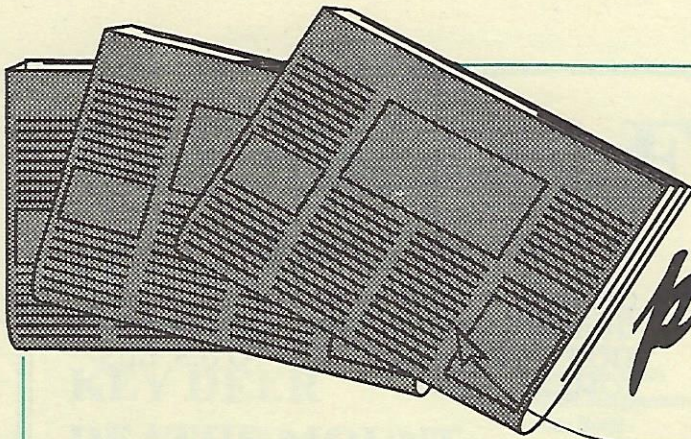
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local parrot head clubs

Attention Parrot Heads. There is now a fan club for Jimmy Buffett fans. Work on local and environmental concerns. Get together socially!

jimmy Buffett fans come in a wide variety of styles and colors. The majority are those who enjoy his music, own an album or 2, attend a summer concert if it's convenient, and go on about their lives.

Then there are those who, thankfully, follow the big guy a bit closer. They have many, if not all of the albums, make sure to attend at least one summer concert, subscribe to the Coconut Telegraph and perhaps even make a purchase from our fine line of Margaritaville Merchandise.

The Buffett "Hierarchy of Needs" continues with those who have every album, single, video, cassette tape, compact disc, taped televised appearance, or police line-up picture Jimmy Buffett has appeared in. They plan vacations, weddings and funerals around Jimmy Buffett concerts. They camp out for a book signing. Their credit card is on file at Margaritaville, "Anytime you get something new, send me one!"

Radio Shack store clerks cower as hordes of newly computer-literate Parrot Heads demand ever-increasing modem speeds

and software upgrades to access computer bulletin boards; be it Prodigy, Compuserve, Genie, Delphi, Telnet, Sailing Information Center, etc., etc. Buffett fun-facts traverse phone lines at amazing speeds bringing the gospel from coast to coast.

Then there are those truly in need of intense psychological intervention; Local Parrot Head Club Presidents. These are people for whom "enough is enough" is not enough. Fortunately, their hearts are in the right place, and, if membership roles are any indication, they're providing a much-needed service. Groups of civic minded Parrot Heads in cities across the country decide how they can best serve their community, largely through volunteer efforts.

The Atlanta Club, the oldest known local club in existence, recently held a fourth anniversary party. Admission to the party? At least 2 canned goods to benefit the Atlanta Food Bank. They also recently made the evening news following a Chattahoochee River Clean-Up Project.

Following Atlanta's lead, local Parrot Head Clubs from Tulsa to New York City have joined in local social and environmental causes. Red Cross blood drives, food drives, clothing drives, river, lake and highway cleanups, local contributions too numerous to mention.

All clubs subscribe to the same premise: Organizations whose focus is providing volunteer support for local and environmental concerns, as well as offering a variety of social activities to attract people with similar tastes and interests.

These folks are to be applauded for their efforts. All work is voluntary, all in the name of Jimmy Buffett. It's a sign of the times I suppose, when "Why don't we get drunk and screw?" is interpreted as "Why don't we get together and help the homeless?"

The Second Annual "Meeting of the Minds" Parrot Head Convention is scheduled to be held in New Orleans, LA. Thursday, 10/21 thru Sunday 10/24. Loosely referred to as a general information exchange, each club will have a chance to discuss their respective activities and achievements. For more information call Lesley Smith at New Orleans Connection, (504) 527-0047 or Scott Nickerson at (404) 840-0531.

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