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# COCONUT TELEGRAPH

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# Don't Stop T

Jimmy Buffett has long been a master of the wistful, witty, three-minute musical short story. Now 50, Buffett's middle aged craziness - a time when many other guys merely cheat on their wives or chuck secure careers to scratch some harebrained itch - made him fall hard for the siren song of musical theater.

The result, "Don't Stop the Carnival", the Buffett-Herman Wouk musical that had its world premiere at Miami's Coconut Grove Playhouse, proves that certain kinds of insanity can be good for you.

What "Don't Stop the Carnival" already has going for it are an engaging story, melodies that will rumble pleasurably in your head for days; lyrics both wry and wrenching a great cast, a scorching band in Iko-Iko and loads of visual flash.





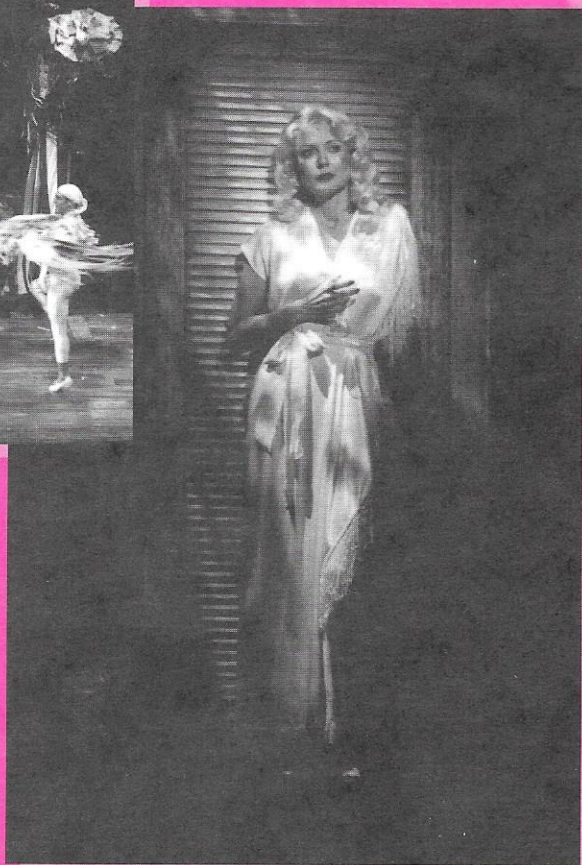
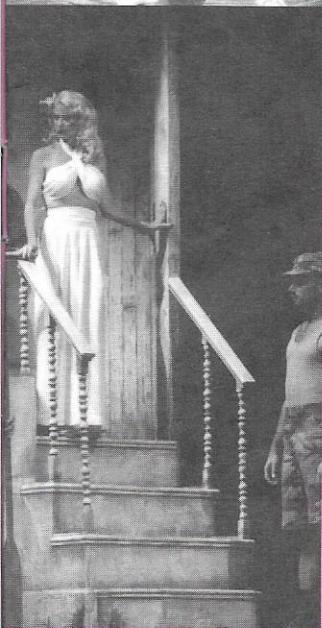
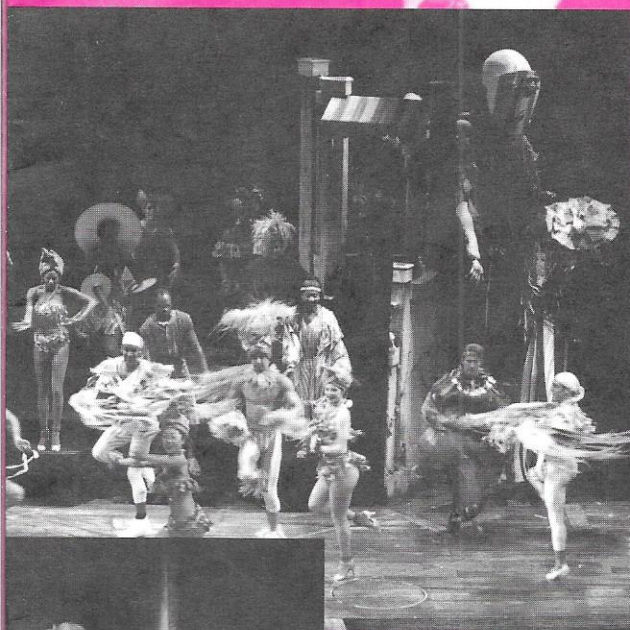
# his Carnival!

By Christine Dolen *Miami Herald Theater Critic*

On the flip side, this "Carnival" is as jam-packed and overstimulating as the real thing. Director-choreographer David Bell and the show's creators have tried to cram 24 hours worth of entertainment and story into a three-hour show.

Buffett, Wouk and company shouldn't make Broadway-bound travel arrangements just yet. "Carnival" needs more work, and lots of it. But that's what first productions are for.

"Carnival" relates the "legend" of Norman Paperman, a theatrical press agent who decides to retire at 49 to run a cozy tropical hotel on the Caribbean island of Kinja. When the very married Norman isn't chasing the beautiful and bitter ex-actress who lives at his Gulf Reef Club, he's dealing with disasters that are as plentiful as palm fronds.





# Behind the Counter

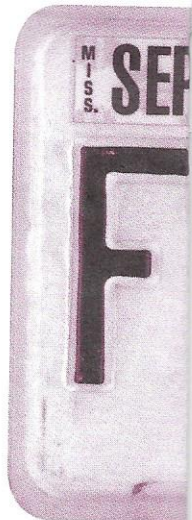
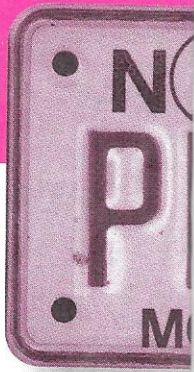
**T**he Margaritaville Store in Key West spent a couple of days in rehab this June. Not that kind of rehab, the cleaning, moving, painting, remodeling kind of rehab. The Miami Vice pastels were as old as the stubble on Don Johnson's chin, it was time for some hip, new millennium colors. The store looks great.

It's almost like moving day, but nothing ever leaves, it just gets shifted around and you end up moving the same stuff several times. Somehow during the move, a couple of boxes full of sweatshirts from last Christmas turned up. We're not sure where these were, but now we have to get rid of them. Then, believe it or not, Spring Break '97 T-shirts and ball caps were found! Perhaps we should rearrange the store more often. We had to put all the stuff on sale in the store, but you could order through the Coconut Telegraph I'm sure. Even if you weren't here for Christmas or Spring Break, you can claim you were. All three items are 45% off, give the Coconut Telegraph a call if you're interested.

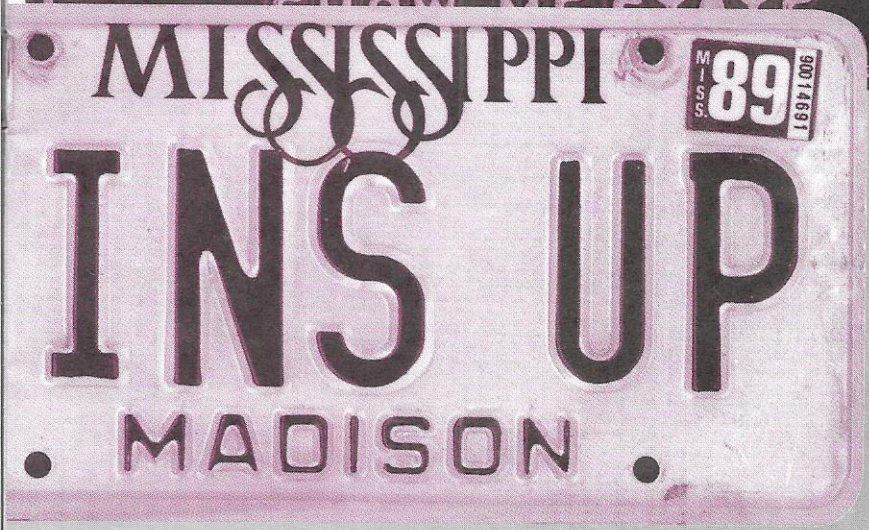
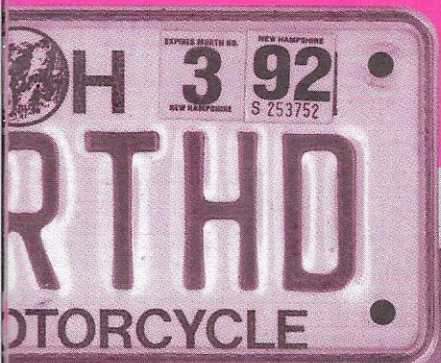
Taking plaques and pictures off the wall and going through storage closets was like going through your grandparents attic. Long forgotten items that bring back memories. Photos from when the store first opened in Land's End Village, and even more when we moved to Duval St. Jimmy drinking champagne with us, and even a few tourists who managed to sneak in. Pictures from the Last Mango in Paris cruise with 5 couples who won a trip to Key West and a party on a private island with Jimmy. That was over ten years ago! There was also the couple who got married in the store with Sharon acting as the Maid of Honor. Sharon didn't wear white.

Some of the neatest stuff is sent in by fans. License plates in particular. People are pretty clever, I can't believe how many different arrangements they come up with for Buffett related license plates. A lot of repeats or different ways of the same phrase - FINZ or FINS2L, FINS2R, the MANA-T or MANATE. There were many, many different ways to state Parrot Head. One was PYRIT and another PYRIT 40 - from 2 separate states. Some were thinking of Key West when they chose DUVAL ST or MILE 0. Our two favorites though were 3QTRTYM and GO2CJB.

Next issue - Behind The Counter goes to the Big Apple — Look out NYC.









When most travelers picture Jamaica, they envision a tropical paradise of sun, surf, and sand. Sadly, the Blue Mountain Mecca has numerous resorts that physically isolate the visitor from the island. Vast walled compounds that present a sanitized for your protection version of this beautiful Caribbean island. One can picture a sunburned North American shouting from his exclusive balcony, "Ich bin ein Jamaican!"

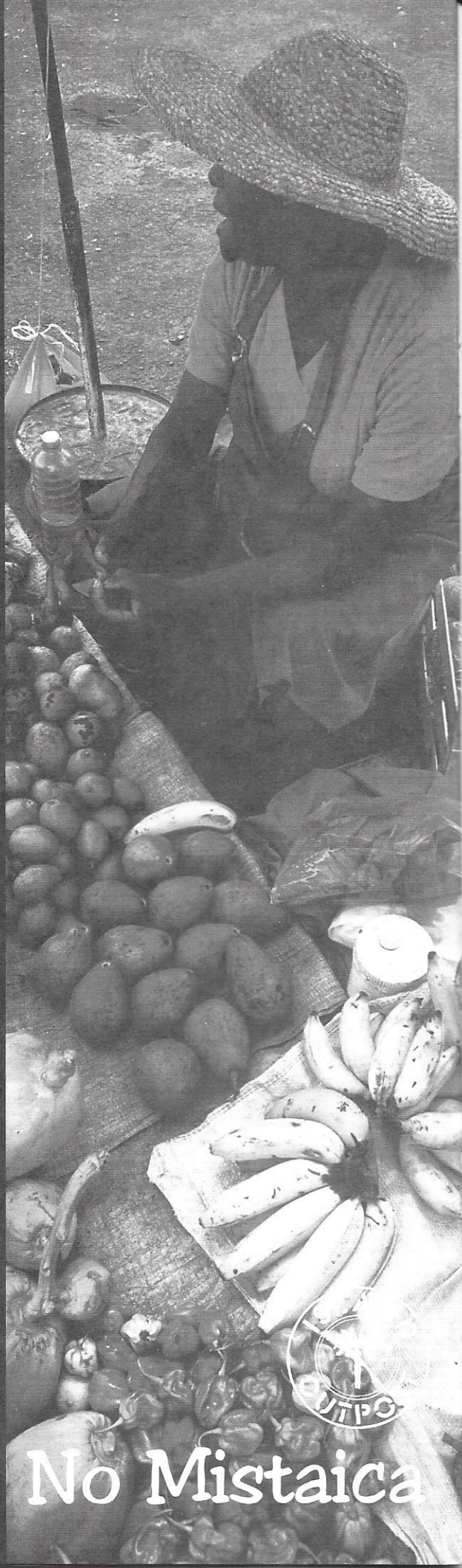
Another side of Jamaica exists for the off-the-beaten-path traveler. Organizations such as the Touring Society of Jamaica is enthusiastic about offering visitors encounters with the seldom seen side of the island.

Jamaica has numerous 18th and 19th century homes, worthy of architectural interest. Some renovated and well preserved, while others sit abandoned; deteriorating remnants of another era when sugar rather than tourism dominated life. It's possible to take an architectural tour of these houses, and a few, such as Good Hope in Falmouth (a working plantation) are available to overnight guests.

Another gem is Jake's Place, located on the undeveloped southwest coast at Treasure Beach near a small fishing village. Jake's has managed to remain true to Jamaican simplicity. The seaside cottages and rooms are cooled by ceiling fans and natural breezes, yet each is equipped with the modern convenience of a CD player. From the private beach cove, you can go on a fishing, canoe or snorkeling trip, or trek on a mountain bike trail to view the waterfalls.

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Summer - Fall is the value season; the most economical time to experience Jamaica's cultural and physical diversity. Any questions mon? Call Island Outpost Travel at 1-800-644-6544.



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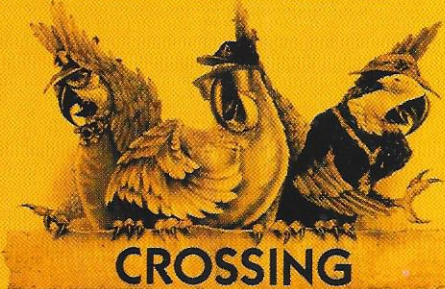
Arrive alive. Post this sign near your favorite PHlocking sites.

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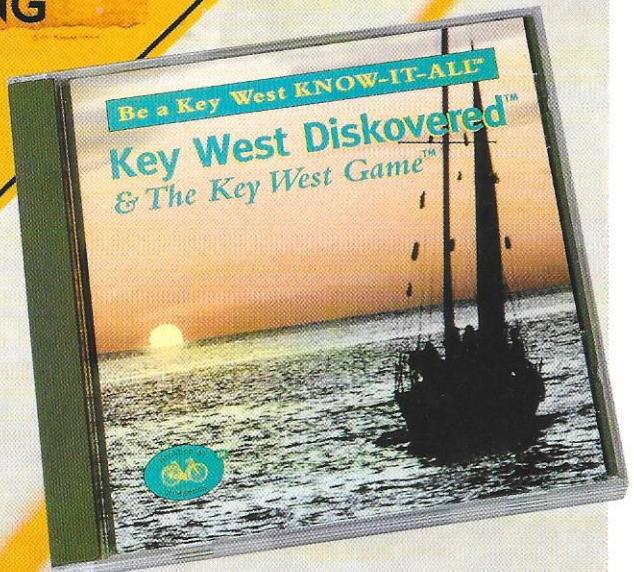
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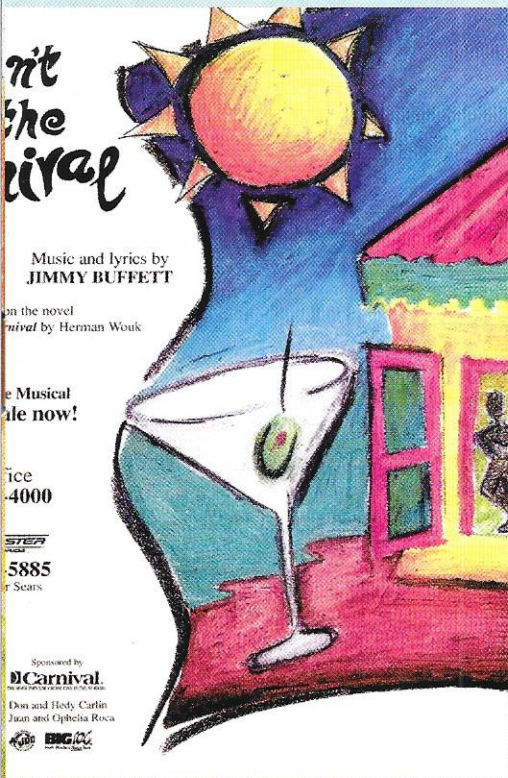
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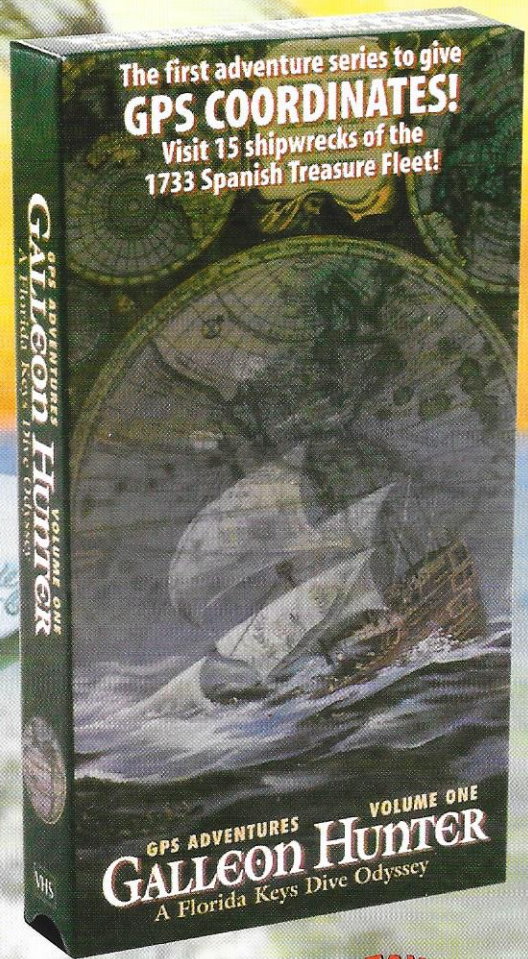
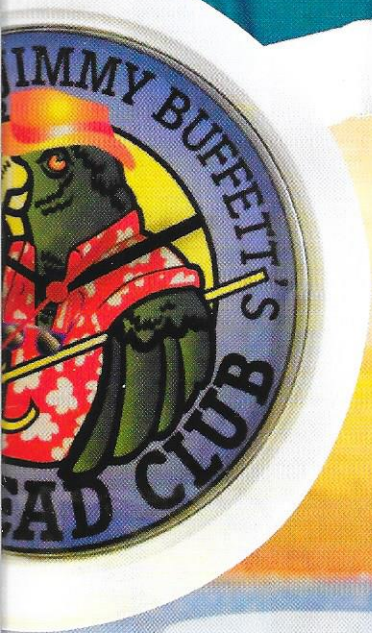
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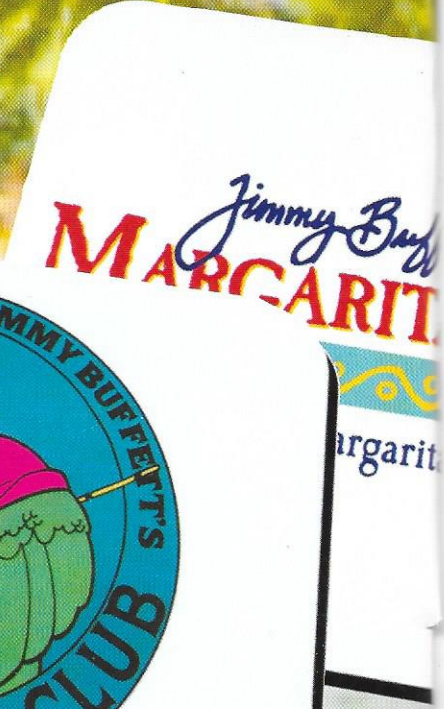
**Galleon Hunter** *A Florida Keys Dive Odyssey*  
Step back in time to July 15, 1733. Galleon Hunter reveals the history and GPS coordinates of 15 documented wrecksites associated with the 1733 Spanish Armada. **#VIHUNTER \$24.95**





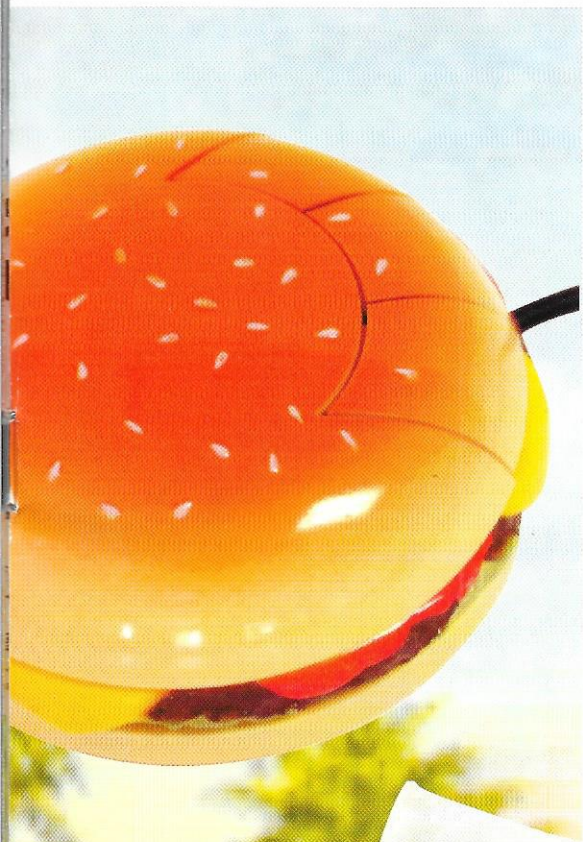






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**Parrot Head Peripherals  
Colorful Monitor Frame**

Includes velcro tabs for easy installation, and punch out center for notes, memos, etc.  
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**Cheeseburger Mouse**

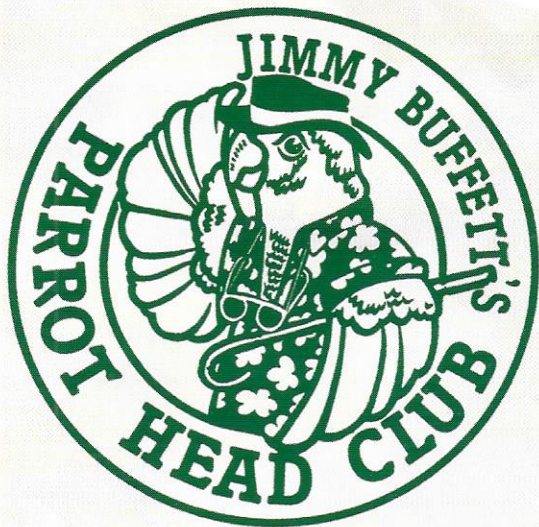
Serial mouse for PC/XT/AT and compatible. 3-button cheeseburger mouse and system diskette. Comes with a two-year warranty.  
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**Mousepads**

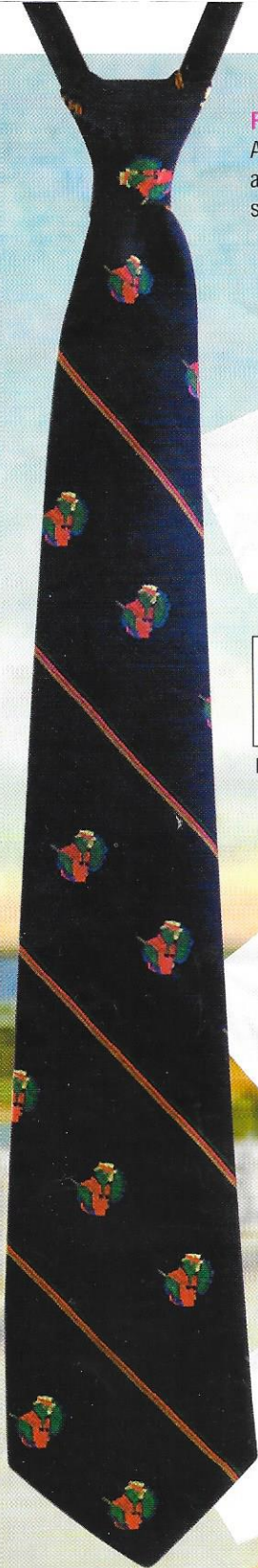
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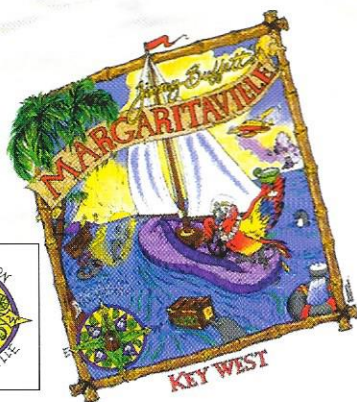
Another blast from the past. Original Parrot Head tie available in Navy Blue only. Parrot Head logo embroidered on silk / polyester blend. #NVPHTIE \$27.00



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**Destination Margaritaville** Pocket T

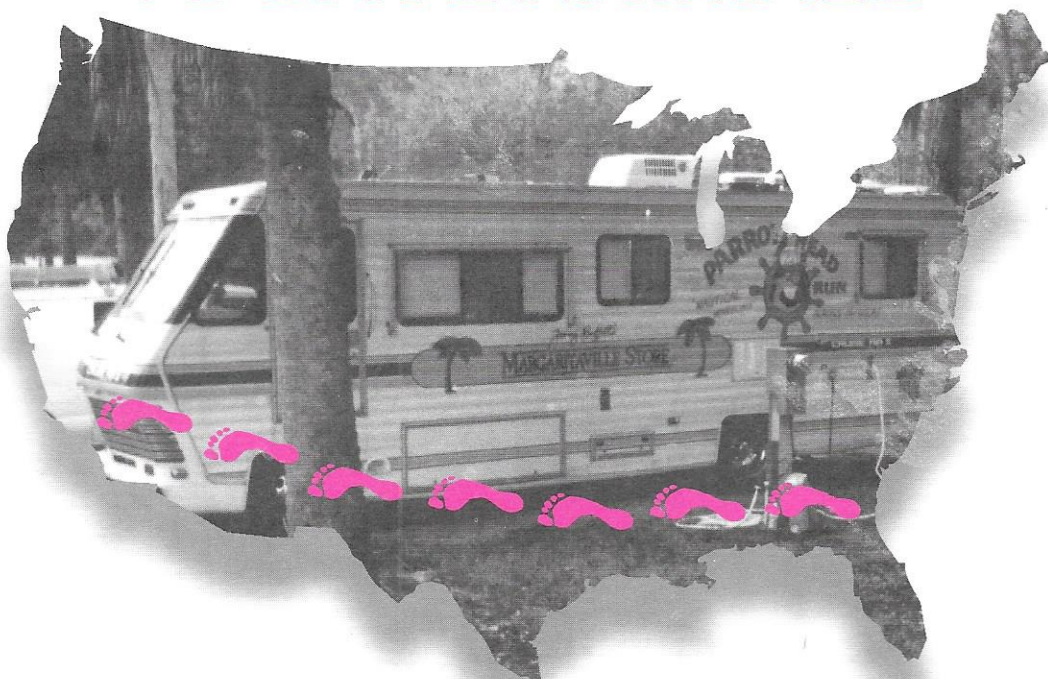
Sail Away On a Flip-Flop

Size: M,L,XL & XXL. #CRSP1DEST \$15.95





# X-COUNTRY RUN TO SAVE ANIMALS



Joe Nolfo of Oldsmar, FL holds a world record in distance swimming, is an avid golfer, has raised thousands of dollars for charities, and this summer plans to travel from Florida to California raising money for the Associated Humane Society. Joe Nolfo has guts, determination, a big heart and one leg.

A victim of a late night hit and run along U.S. 41, Joe spent 5 weeks in a coma, and another 6 months recovering. When many would still be in the denial phase, Joe went way past acceptance and drew courage from stories of others who chose to follow their dreams. When the hospital moved Joe to its rehab unit, he was told he couldn't leave until he learned to walk with crutches, a six to eight week undertaking. It took him a couple of days. He was fitted with an artificial limb, but gets around quicker on his crutches.

Joe ran his own business for many years, but had changed his views on what was important to him. "I wanted to do something exciting and different with my life. I have always been athletic, so I decided to use this to show people that not all physically challenged people are 'disabled'."

"I decided that I would cross the country in a racing wheelchair to raise funds for a charity." The next step was to locate a charity to dedicate the run to. Joe chose the Associated Humane Society, a group that supports all animals, domestic and wild. They also own the Popcorn Park Zoo, the only zoo in the country that welcomes elderly, sick, abandoned or handicapped wildlife. The Zoo's directors have complete faith in Joe Nolfo's integrity, high personal ability and strength of character, and are delighted he chose them.

Joe writes, "This is what I want to do with my life from now on. I chose to do the cross country to possibly inspire other people with handicaps to 're-start' their lives. So many of them have lost hope. After my swim I was called by organizations to speak to other handicapped people in hopes that they will see that they aren't limited to 'boring lives.'"

Margaritaville is helping Joe reach his goal, and we invite Parrot Heads across the country to get involved as well. Joe's route will be published in the Coconut Telegraph and on this web site. If he happens to come by your area, try and catch up with him and let him know you heard it on the Coconut Telegraph.

Joe's journey begins July 1 in Homasassa Springs, FL and proceeds north to Pensacola Beach, through Gulf Breeze and then begins his westward run for California. The following are some of the bigger cities Joe passes on his way. Check the date, find some time, and give him a Parrot Head pat on the back.

By August 1 Joe will be in Mobile, AL. Then on to Jackson, MS 8/6, New Orleans 8/15, Lake Charles, LA on 9/2 and into Beaumont, TX by 9/5. The city names become less familiar after Austin, TX on 9/18; Voca, Concho, Big Lake, Grand Falls and into Loving, NM on 10/16. White Sands National Monument on 10/24, Silver City on 11/5 and into Clifton, AZ on 11/7. Phoenix on 11/21 and across the California border at Blythe on 12/4. Joshua Tree on 12/12 and finally into Los Angeles on 12/20.



# HAVANA DAYDREAMIN'

Reports are drifting in from the road regarding this summer's tour. "The show was excellent, from the wild scene in the overgrown grass parking lot, to the cool Old Havana stage set, complete with Bubba in a flying red convertible.

The set list from Manassas, VA., June 13th

- 1) Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude
- 2) Cuban Crime of Passion
- 3) Cultural Infidel
- 4) Everybody's Got a Cousin in Miami
- 5) Calaloo - From Don't Stop the Carnival
- 6) Havana Daydreamin'
- 7) Come Monday
- 8) Bank of Bad Habits
- 9) They Don't Dance Like Carmen No More
- 10) A Pirate Looks at Forty
- 11) Cheeseburger in Paradise
- 12) Cowboy In the Jungle
- 13) Brown Eyed Girl

*Plugged in Parrot Heads are privy to an occasional message from on high. Jimmy prowls the various online services from time to time, and recently took a couple of minutes to post a note in Compuserve. Check out the library in the Parrot Head's section of Compuserve's Florida Forum.*

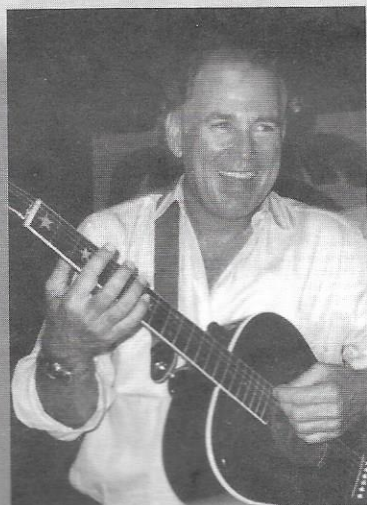
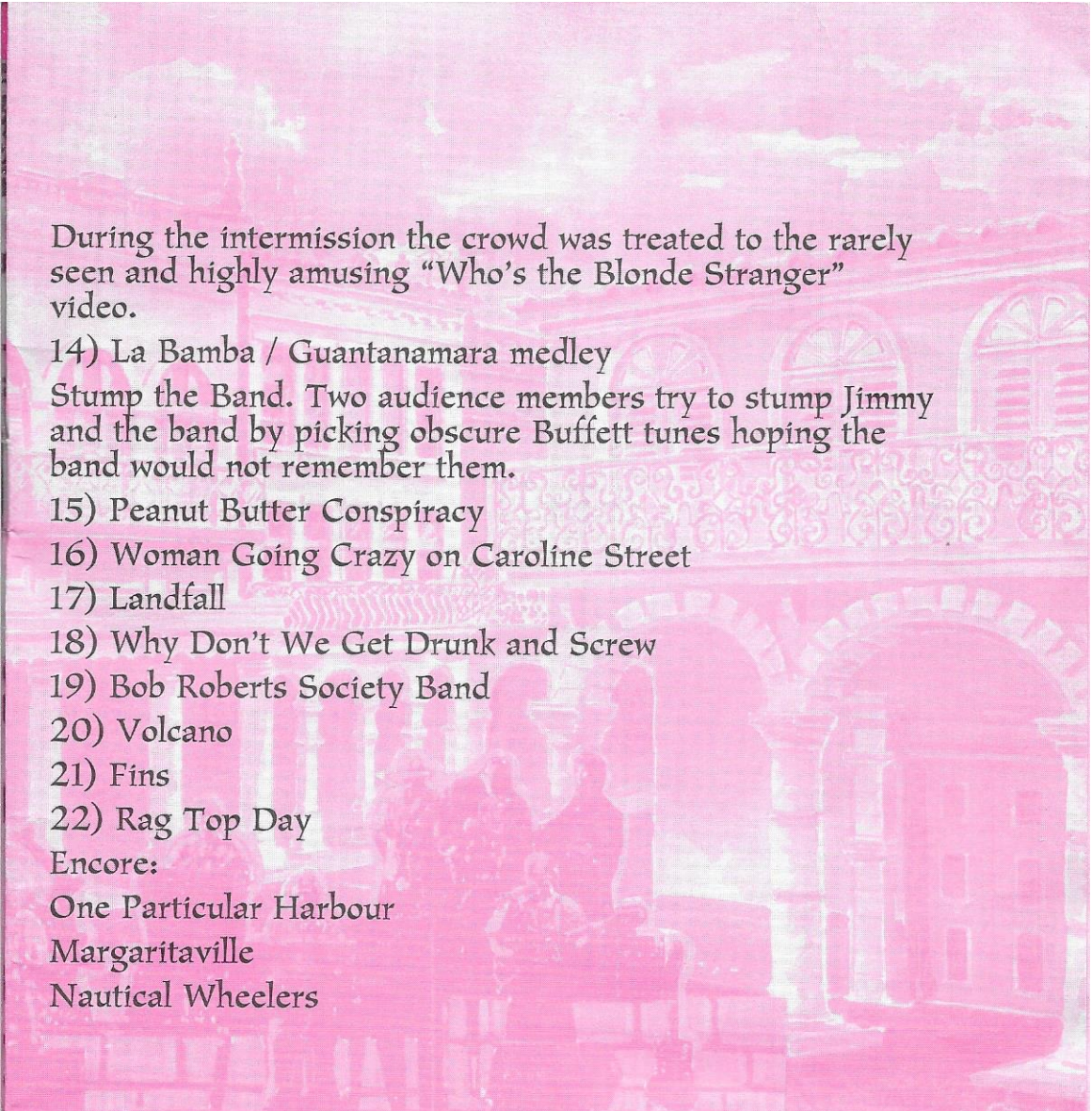


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During the intermission the crowd was treated to the rarely seen and highly amusing "Who's the Blonde Stranger" video.

14) La Bamba / Guantanamara medley

Stump the Band. Two audience members try to stump Jimmy and the band by picking obscure Buffett tunes hoping the band would not remember them.

15) Peanut Butter Conspiracy

16) Woman Going Crazy on Caroline Street

17) Landfall

18) Why Don't We Get Drunk and Screw

19) Bob Roberts Society Band

20) Volcano

21) Fins

22) Rag Top Day

Encore:

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Nautical Wheelers

Hello Parrot Heads,

Sorry I haven't been around lately, but between [Don't Stop the] Carnival, summer tour, Savannah's high school graduation, my mom's stroke - she's doing fine now - it has been quite hectic. We are on tour and I am in Washington this week heading for North Carolina tomorrow. Just wanted to say hi and thank everyone as usual for being there. I guess you all know more about me than I do, but I will throw in a few things you may not know.

We are assembling a collection of all of the videos with my comments on the usually absurd stories that accompanied the production.

I recorded the old song "One eyed, one horned, flying purple people eater" for the film Contact directed by my friend Bob Zemeckis.

We are starting to work on an album of the songs from Don't Stop the Carnival.

Fingers got married.

We may play Hawaii in October or December.

I am finishing up my book - it's a journal and hopefully will be done by the end of the year.

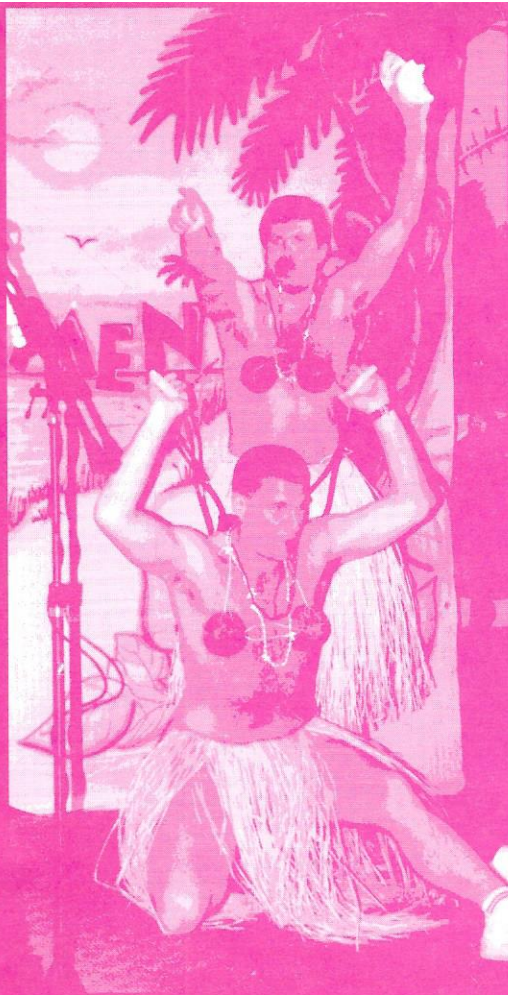
That's about it. Have a great summer and we will see you on the road.

Head Parrot.



# PHILLOCKINGS

Social activities for  
people with similar  
tastes and interests.



## Pennsylvania Parrot Heads took over Club Maui in Philadelphia

recently, transforming the bar into the Island of Margaritaville. Over 600 Buffett fans held a fundraiser for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Alzheimer's Association, raising \$6,000 for the Association's Memory Walk.

The day began early for 40 volunteers who changed the club into a Parrot Head

Paradise. The volunteers collected tickets at the door, coordinated the live auction of Jimmy Buffett and sports memorabilia as well as a silent auction. A consumer reporter from local WCAU-TV, chairperson of 1997's Memory Walk in Philadelphia spoke at the benefit.

A mini-concert was held complete with bands performing Buffett tunes and T-shirts flung into the crowd from a giant slingshot. John Creidler writes that, "we are very proud of our contribution to such a worthy cause, as we are of all the charitable and environmental projects we organize throughout the year. After all, this is what puts a purpose behind the fun, and what makes the pleasure worth all the pain."

## A NEW FAN OF BUFFETT'S AND KEY WEST

*Last summer I spent the worst weeks of my life. I was part of the salvage and recovery of TWA Flight 800. Right in the middle of all this mayhem, Jimmy Buffett took time out of his schedule to visit with us at the East Moriches Coast Guard Station. This was a much needed diversion from our assigned tasks. After his visit, I decided I would visit Key West in December. It was beautiful. I will be returning some day. Key West has a great ambassador in Jimmy Buffett.*







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## HAVANA DAYDREAMIN' TOUR

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August 9	Clarkson, MI	Pine Knob Music Theatre
August 12 & 13	Camden, NJ	Entertainment Center
August 15 & 16	Pittsburgh, PA	Star Lake
August 20	Wantagh, NY	Jones Beach
August 22 & 23	Columbia, MD	Merrweather Post Pavilion
August 27	Hartford, CT	The Meadows
August 28	Mansfield, MA	Great Woods
August 30 & 31	Mansfield, MA	Great Woods
October 17	Los Angeles, CA	Hollywood Bowl
October 18	Las Vegas, NV	MGM Grand
October 21	Phoenix, AZ	Desert Sky Pavilion
October 23	Mountain View, CA	Shoreline Amphitheatre
October 25	Irvine, CA	Irvine Amphitheatre
October 26	Irvine, CA	Irvine Amphitheatre

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