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FRIENDS OF THE "GOVERNOR STONE"

"At first I thought it was a joke. No one expects to answer the phone and hear Jimmy Buffett on the other end." Melody Bradley, Public Relations Chairman for the Jackson County Port Authority, was commenting on the call she received from Jimmy accepting the offer of honorary captain of THE GOVERNOR STONE.

Pascagoula, Mississippi lies in Jackson County, and it was here 110 years ago that THE GOVERNOR STONE came to life. She

is the oldest American cargo vessel still afloat. John Curry of Tarpon Springs, FL, owner since 1984, has donated the 63 ft. schooner to "serve as an inspiration to the Pascagoula shipbuilding industry."

"I would be pleased to accept your offer of honorary captain and feel that the Buffett family, whose

roots are deeply implanted in the sailing ship history of Pascagoula, may be of more help than you ever anticipated." Jimmy is of course referring to his grandfather, Capt. James Buffett, who came to Pascagoula in the early 20's. Capt. Buffett was master of a bark sailing from Pascagoula to Cuba when his son, J.D. was born. J.D. Buffett kept the sailing traditional alive, and has been named port captain and general manager of THE GOVERNOR STONE. He, along with Robert Payne and Joe Frederic, will supervise maintenance of the schooner. By naming Jimmy

honorary captain, the Buffett name has come full circle in Pascagoula shipbuilding tradition.

According to Robert Payne, "fund-raising work continues in hopes of restoring the vessel to her original state for use as a sailing educational example of our past shipbuilding heritage and pride." For more information write to "Friends of the Governor Stone," c/o Pascagoula Moss Point Bank, P.O. Drawer 1029, Pascagoula, MS. 39567

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNSOLICITED LETTER RECEIVED FROM MY NEW BEST FRIEND, MAT KAMASKI.

I am a regular customer of Margaritaville. I enjoy purchasing through The Coconut Telegraph because of the employees and the merchandise. The employees talk to you as a friend and not just a sale or a commission. They don't seem to get any credit for their fine service in the newsletter. I hear about Jimmy, the band, and their tours, but never about the people who outfit us in our Jimmy Buffett paraphrenalia. I hope the staff at The Coconut Telegraph will print this letter to show my appreciation and to say thank you.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE

Paper costs are up, postage costs are drastically up. Can you guess what's next? Unfortunately, it now costs more than \$3.00 per year to mail the Telegraph. In order to continue, The Coconut Telegraph is forced to raise the yearly subscription fee to \$5.00.

DEDICATION

This issue of The Coconut Telegraph is dedicated to Bob Larry; an avid Buffett fan and supporter of Jimmys' environmental causes. Bob died in January of Lou Gehrig's disease. Kim & Jeff Pierces' letter explaining Bob's last wish touched not only Jimmy, but all of us here at Margaritaville.



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HOT WATER

Jimmy Buffett's 16th MCA release, "Hot Water" will be available on June 1st. Two years in the making and well worth the wait, "Hot Water" is JB at his finest. Drawing from his vast personal and professional contacts, JB assembled some of the premier musicians in the business, spent time in recording studios from Trinidad to New York, and has put together another winner. Produced by Michael Utley and Ross Kunkel, (3 tracks were produced by Ralph McDonald) "Hot Water" represents Jimmy's most eclectic work to date. This album fea-

tures a wide diversity in musical styles; the rock & r/b guitar of Steve Cropper, legendary keyboardist Steve Winwood, and the sultry jazz sounds of the Philadelphia 76'ers greatest fan, Grover Washington, Jr. Although space prohibits me from listing all those who have contributed, Jimmy's new LP also features The Neville Brothers, James Taylor, Timothy B. Schmidt, and Rita Coolidge, among many others. "Hot Water" is sure to go gold, oh... what the hell, PLATINUM!

P.S. Look for a new JB video, "Home Made Music," a track from "Hot Water" to be produced by MCA.

