

Halloween has come and gone, and another edition of the Fantasy Fest poster hangs limply in store windows while "Official 1997 Call Of The Wild" T-shirts are placed on sale. Key West pulls out all the stops in this annual event and celebrates in a way that attracts national attention. Costumes are optional, bizarre behavior is not only condoned, but required, and all scruples are checked at the door - you know, kind of like the parking lot at a Buffett concert. Comparisons to New Orleans' Mardi Gras have been made by those engaging in these activities, and those who choose not to participate liken it to a week in a mental institution - albeit with better food. To the uninitiated it may seem an unorthodox way to celebrate the "hallowed" eve of All Saint's Day, but many Key West Sunday mornings have been greeted with the cry, "The dead have arisen!"

Fantasy Fest began two decades ago when there was still such a thing as a "season." Locals fighting the October doldrums threw parties to celebrate surviving the seasonal tourist onslaught. Eventually these parties would adopt themes requiring planning and costumes. The celebrating began days in advance and costume adornment was not confined to the parade. Bank tellers, store clerks, why even the owner of Fausto's Food Palace began "dressing" for work. Individuality promotes competition, and the creativity expressed in the costumes of the late 70's demanded to be displayed. Why dress up for only one night? Costumed conchs exhibited their outfits at parties

and in the streets, gravitating toward Duval where, after a time, expectant lawn-chaired locals lined the popular avenue.

Word soon spread about the fall festival in Key West, and visitors began packing costumes along with their suntan oil. Streets were blocked off for parties, hotels and guesthouses were topically garnished and businesses closed their doors to participate in the festivities. Fantasy Fest was born, nourished by tourists and locals alike and administered by revolving royalty - the Fantasy Fest King & Queen.

The party begins with a Bahamian Goombay Festival. Petronia Street strikes a third world pose, enticing



Jimmy and Captain Tony - Fantasy Fest '85

inquiring minds and appetites deep into Bahama Village. Everything from traditional conch and lobster to exotic Everglade alligator tail to what I suppose is meat, is marinated in an eye-watering home grown mélange stewing in a cast iron vessel charred by an eternal propane flame, then deep fried in boiling oil reminiscent of less cholesterol-conscious times.

Margaritaville's involvement with this yearly ritual began 10 years ago. We began as observers, curious transplants to the strange world thrilled to discover the anonymity of a mask. In 1985 Jimmy served as Captain Tony Tarracino's unofficial campaign manager in his run at the Key West mayoral position. The infamous captain lost the election that year, but had a helluva float. Several years later, Jimmy coaxed all second generation Margaritians into the bed of a rusty, hastily decorated pickup truck, and persuaded the then Key West rookie J.L. Jamison to drive in the parade. Jimmy's live album, Feeding Frenzy, released during 1990's Fantasy Fest, began with an early afternoon Smather's Beach concert and ended up on the main drag. Last years' Pencil Thin Mustache was a blast to put together and cheered along it's ill-fated attempt to complete the route.

The move to our present Duval Street location afforded Margaritians and their ballooning entourage an enviable view of the Grand Parade. We scramble to get a good seat at an open window, Jimmy chauvinistically assists the former Miss Slagsvol down an unsafe-at-any-speed ladder onto the roof, coolers of Corona - there's a plug for you guys at Barton Beers, how about a couple of cases next year? - are produced, and the judging begins.

Our rooftop location insists that we vocally convince the Fantasy Fest officials across the street that we are in a better position to judge than they, so they can split. The pageant proceeds down Duval, pelting the crowd with strands of beads, condoms, and the occasional unbalanced float participant. It's recycling at it's finest as tokens from an earlier float are flung back at late entries. The parade is historically dominated by our neighbors at Fast Buck Freddies, bi-annual float winners whose greatest claim to fame is a bigger-than-life size King Kong clutching a drag queen right out my office window. This was several years ago, but I'm still haunted by the memory. These miracle maché molders are also responsible for oversized Supremes, fire breathing dragons, a blood spewing Bride of Frankenstein, and one year some crazy Chinese New Year thing that was incredible.

Jimmy missed this years Call Of The Wild, but we continued judge-baiting, float-rating, stranger-mating rituals in his absence. Now if I could just find my car keys.





Marshall Chapman emerges after a five year abs Slave, her tribute to that vague emotion that runs a nore mature approach to rock ments on matters of the heart, combined with a more mature approach to rock n' roll music, make this a must-buy for blonde strangers everywhere.

It's a powerful record that proves a whisper really is louder than a scream. "As much as you try to make things simple, there will always be these layers you have to take into consideration." And it's from that consideration that the beautiful balladry of acceptance in The Fullness Of Time and the bluesy vampage on erotic denial/desire Just To Torture Myself come into being. These songs dig a little deeper into the psyche, offer a wider range of emotions and come from a much quieter place than those on it's freewheeling predecessor, but hit every bit as hard.

### /ist Marshall's web site @ http://www.taligik.com

Todd Snider played at Jerry Jeff Walker's First Annual Labor Fest, held appropriately on Labor Day, in Lukenbach, TX. Anyone having had the good fortune to see Todd perform in the past know that they missed a good time. Jerry Jeff accompanied Todd on several songs, notably the classic Mr. Bojangles. Step Right Up, Todd's 2nd Margaritaville Records release continues to do well. A second single, Late Last Night, will be released later this month.

> Last years' New Years Eve appearance in Key West made a lasting impression on Todd and the Nervous

> > Wrecks, who actually seemed quite calm in our legenadary laid-back atmosphere. They're returning this year for some fun, some sun and to get an album done. For information on Todd's 1997 New Year's Eve appearance call (305) 292-1435.

> > > From the historically harrassed half-island of Haiti comes the third world music of RAM. Richard Morse, descendant of a legendary Haitian singer and a Yale graduate fronts the latest band to sign with Margaritaville Records.

Kathy Burdick, a Memphis R&B singer, who's performed with Jimmy Buffett in the New Orleans' Margaritaville Cafe is also being groomed for stardom by the Nashville handlers.

# Carolina Beach Music

Ever wondered what kind of music Jimmy Buffett listens to? Well, you can take the boy out of the south... Two recent additions to his personal collection are Walking To New Orleans & Beach Music Anthology Box Set.

Walking To New Orleans contains 25 tracks, many of them rare and never before released. Beach Music Anthology is a collection of 90 great beach and R&B classics. The anthology also includes a number of rarities. We've included both in Margaritaville's Music Selections, check 'em out.

Behind the Counter



Photo: Carla James

This is a new feature of The Coconut Telegraph highlighting the crack management staff of the Margaritaville Store in Key West. Sharon & Gina have been with Margaritaville for well over a decade. They were rewarded for their loyalty with a trip to Compass Point in the Bahamas, and came home rested and rejuvenated, anxious to get back behind the Key West counter. This column will feature their observations of the customers, the comments, the questions of the curious cruisers.

The most asked question is if Jimmy really owns the store. We tell him yes, he does, and yes he does come in at times. Not as often as he used to, but those times are very special for the customers. He's always in a good mood when he comes, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

We should probably start with memories of the old store in Land's End Village. The store was much smaller then, but the cutomers were always excited to be there. Jimmy spent a lot more time in town in those days, and we'd see him out at bars and restaurants all the time. It was great because he would buy us a drink and come by and say Hi. But now we're off the topic...

Our cutomers come in all shapes and sizes, they come to Key West by boat, car

or plane. However they get here, they all know where Margaritaville is, whether they're buying something for themselves, or picking up a gift for someone back home. Many of our old customers will be pleased to find out we now have two registers. With one register and a store full of customers, the most common complaint was that, "the line at Margaritaville was longer than any at Disneyworld!" As funny as this was, it was also true. So we recently had another one installed. The customers really seem to appreciate it, and we all like being able to greet them while they're still in a good mood.

We do get some great questions. "What time is sunset celebration?" "Where's the buffet?" But our favorite had to be the guy from Wisconsin who asked, "Which beach is closest to the water?" We'll be keeping track of the questions and remarks of our customers for this column. In fact, we'd like to hear your comments. If you've been to Key West write and let us know what you thought of the store. If you plan to come in the future, write us with any questions you may have.

This column is for you, our customer. You can send questions, comments or suggestions to Sharon & Gina, Behind The Counter, 500 Duval St., Key West, FL 33040

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- E Quietly Making Noise Polo Shirt 100% cotton Outer Banks® polo shirt. Noisy character embroidered on left front chest. Features include 2 button placket & split tail. Available in White or Forest Green only. Size: M,L,XL #GS2N0ISE \$37.00 XXL #GS2N0ISEXX \$39.00
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# Caribbean Soul

100% cotton crew neck T-shirts featuring designs based on classic Jimmy Buffett song lyrics

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I am new on this bloody thing and I don't know what the hell I'm doing. Anyway in case anyone gets this, I just wanted to share an experience I had a couple of days ago. I met Jimmy and we went flying in his seaplane. He bought me lunch at a restaurant on a lake up north and he let me fly the plane home! The whole day was an adventure like you could never imagine. That guy is the nicest guy I ever met. He is so unbelieveably kind. I don't know where this is going, but if anyone on the other end gets this, send him my sincerest thanks for a day I will never forget.

There was no name attached to this message, so I couldn't verify it. It was received from Chalks Airlines, however, so I'm assuming it's true.

As a school teacher in southern California I play Jimmy Buffett music all the time in my classroom. My Junior High kids think I'm crazy, but it seems to get them to get their work finished and improves their grades.

Josh Lamont

Two summers ago I was a lifeguard on the island of Nantucket. It was late August, about 3:00PM when I received a call on the beach phone. "I want you to close the beach

right now and head over to Madaket Harbor. We have a report that a plane just crashed and chances are you can make it there before the fire department or the Coast Guard.

Within minutes we were looking at what appeared to be a plane upside down in the water about a half a mile out. There were several boats in the vicinity, but no sign of rescue crews. I dove off our boat into the gasolinefilled water not knowing what to expect. As I swam closer to the plane another boat approached and the passengers informed us that the pilot had escaped injury and had left the area. I was relieved that no one was hurt, but it was a letdown that no rescue was needed. Only later I found out the plane belonged to you, and that you were piloting the plane. I was a little disappointed because it would have been great to meet you, and it would have made a great story if I had actually rescued Jimmy Buffett.

Billy Burns - Parrot Head

Jimmy apologizes for any inconvenience his early departure from the accident may have caused, but sincerely appreciates your efforts.

**Toronto:** It's every Parrot Heads dream, the chance to

share the stage with Jimmy Buffett. Or even better, take the stage away from him. During Monday nights dress rehearsal for Buffett's annual summer trek the singer innocently asked for a volunteer from the lucky audience of 100 or so invitees in attendance to help out in the traditional audience-participation portion of the set, namely Buffett's notorious country anthem, Why Don't We Get Drunk And Screw.

Up bounds Glenn Feaver, a civil servant from Bracebridge. "Sing one verse and a chorus," Buffett tells him. Feaver has other ideas. "This is the thrill of my lifetime," he announces, and proceeds to sing the whole damn song, note and word perfect. Buffett, meanwhile, relegated himself to backup for a while then, realizing he wasn't going to get the mike back any time soon, simply went out to dance with the ladies in the crowd. Feaver finally finished with a bow, as Buffett fell to his knees, kowtowing and yelling, "I am not worthy!"

This article by John Sakamoto appeared on the Toronto Sun newspapers web page.



# SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc.

SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc. was created by Jimmy Buffett and was initially funded with contributions from his 1995 concert tour. SFC Charitable Foundation, Inc. offers competitive grants to non-profit organizations that address the root causes of societal or environmental problems. SFC is interested in funding projects that improve the quality of life for people, and empower individuals to effect positive change in their communities. Most likely to be considered are organizations that keep their overhead low, and that collaborate with other groups in their community to find innovative ways of solving common problems.

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Marga - READ - aville. Last school year the Livingston Saturday Nighters helped a local elementary school in a low income neighborhood find some new and not so new reading material for their library. With the help of a used book chain Half-Priced Books & Records we were able to accumulate over 200 books and magazines to stock their shelves both at school and at home. This year they will kickoff a similar, though expanded effort in the Dallas / Ft Worth area. We plan to have several book drives and fundraisers, and hope to get a few Parrot Head volunteers to read to children and help them understand where books can take them.

> Ron Allred Ft Worth Parrot Head

WHATISA PARROTHEAD? AND WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BE ONE?

To me being a Parrot Head is a state of mind. How one sees Buffett and how you relate to him depends on where you are in your own life, and your own mind. I don't think age has much to do with it. Through his music and writings Jimmy has allowed us to vicariously live his lifestyle. The partying, the sunshine, the ocean are all part of it. But I think it is the freedom that is portrayed by his lifestyle that appeals to most of us. The freedom to express our feelings and creativity in whatever way we want. To be able to leave the rat race, if only for a little while.

Most of us have been to a Buffett concert. While there you saw vocational counselors, customer service reps, doctors, nurses, lawyers, secretaries, grandparents and college students - an incredible gumbo of every type of person you can imagine. But you probably couldn't tell what these people were by looking at them. Because for that fast moving few hours, we're all Parrot Heads. And during that short time we're allowed the freedom to share in Jimmy Buffett's life and lifestyle, whatever we imagine that to be.

> Dennis Arnold St. Louis Parrot Head



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