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George Strait's crew was having a difficult time docking at the marina near Shrimp Boat Sound, the December winds and undersized space taxing their piloting skills. George meanwhile, was otherwise occupied with Jimmy in his state of the art



Steve Huntington interviews Will Kimbrough

recording studio working on songs for his upcoming album. They would be joined by the cream of country music's crop during the next two weeks, collaborating on Jimmy's new release. Kenny Chesney, Clint

Black, Nanci Griffith and many others, in Key West and Nashville, would contribute to what would evolve into "License to Chill".

One would predict that Alan Jackson's amazingly popular CMA Award winning and Grammy nominated "5 O'Clock Somewhere," featuring Jimmy on the song and the video had served as a catalyst for his "new found affection" for country music, but there's no cause and effect here. In an interview with Dave Hoekstra from the Chicago Sun-Times Jimmy said, "I know this looks like the most commercial kind of cash-in possibility. But it has been obvious I have been affecting the writing and performing of country music for the past several years. I figured, 'I can write Jimmy Buffett country songs as (good) as anybody.' This whole thing was on the drawing board."

And as for familiarity with Key West, Jimmy told the Windy City newshound. "These kids who are doing the songs today are fun. Toby Keith came to the studio and did something. Alan did something. I'm inviting other guys who if their schedule permits, will come do the new record with me."

I have a pretty flexible schedule, so one afternoon I picked up Radio Margaritaville's Steve Huntington and spent lunchtime at Shrimp Boat. Steve began doing interviews while I checked out the menu. Over sandwiches from Waterfront Market discussing all the hot shots planning to appear Jimmy casually remarked that they were already here, nodding his head toward the small crowd of musicians. "These are the real hot shots," he said. The recipients of Jimmy's tribute crowded together on the studio couch watching ESPN and debating over cheese & crackers or the fruit plate. Who were these guys and why was the Big Guy so thrilled to have them performing on the album?

Sonny Landreth grew up in Lafayette.

LA. schooled in Cajun music and its lifestyle.

He began playing guitar at 13 and 7 years

later quit college and moved his band to

Colorado where he developed his unique

slide technique, chording behind the steel at

the 12th fret, simultaneously playing slide

and fingering movements on the fret board. The now defunct **Blues Access Magazine** states that, "zydeco progenitor Clifton Chenier was an early mentor. Sonny was just 17 when he met Chenier, who pio-



neered the now-thriving zydeco genre by infusing traditional black Creole music with big-city soul, blues and R&B sounds. After Landreth sat in with Chenier's Red Hot Louisiana Band, Cllifton invited him to join, so the young slide guitarist became the

Jimmy and Sonny Landreth – Grammy Nominations Announced

first white member of the band. In the 1980s, Landreth became a sought-after session player for artists such as John Hiatt, John Mayall. Zachary Richard, Kenny Loggins. Beausoleil, and, more recently, Junior Wells. Knopfler and Steve Riley."



Glenn Worf

Sonny's "The Road We're On" was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Blues Recording, and he received the news here in Key West. "It was kind of funny because after the announcement in

the studio and after all the cheering Jimmy told me I'd have to buy the drinks that night. It wasn't until an hour later that we discovered Jimmy had also been nominated with Alan Jackson for 'It's Five O'Clock Somewhere.' We were both more than glad to have the opportunity to split the tab."

2003's Academy of Country Music Award winner for best instrumentalist (Bass) Glenn Worf played with a number of local bands while majoring in music at the University of Wisconsin. He left the band scene becoming a sort of mercenary (in a good sense) musician, hiring himself out to any band that needed a bass player; greedy not for money but for variety, for experience and for exposure to a wider variety of musical styles. Glenn relocated to Nashville and as an in-demand session player he's appeared on literally thousands of records, and has worked with Aaron Neville, Marty Robbins, Bob Seger and most notably Mark Knopfler; recording and touring with the Dire Straits founder.

Guitarist Will Kimbrough's impressive list

of songwriting and performing credits has its roots in the popular southeastern independent pop style of music he created as frontman for Will and the Bushmen nearly twenty years ago. Over the last two decades Will has worked with the introspective storyteller Todd Snider. Womack, and Rodney Crowell. Veteran Parrot Heads may recognize Rodney Crowell as author of Stars On the Water.

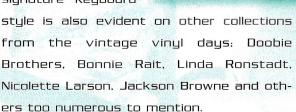
Will's web site has a great review of his second solo release Home Away. "It's a record about life...a collection of solidly crafted songs about the all-too-important stuff that makes up the daily life of a grownup – making a living, managing the family, seeing the kids, staying together." He be touring through Sweden and the U.K. supporting Rodney Crowell this April.

The late great Lowell George left Frank Zappa's avant garde Mothers Invention and along with Roy Estrada, Richie Hayward and Billy Payne founded the legendary 70's rock group Little Feat. Always more of a critical than commercial

success, Little Feat raised the musical bar with the now classic albums such Sailin' Shoes. Dixie Chicken, Time Loves a Hero.

Billy Payne is one of the finest rock keyboard players in the business. His signature keyboard

style is also evident on other collections from the vintage vinyl days; Doobie Brothers, Bonnie Rait, Linda Ronstadt, Nicolette Larson, Jackson Browne and oth-





Billy Payne

Next Issue: LISCENSE TO CHILL

On March 2, 1972 NASA's
Pioneer 10 spacecraft escaped
the terrestrial tug of Earth
on a mission to explore
Jupiter and beyond.
Along with an array of
sophisticated scientific instruments it carried a golden plaque designed
by Carl Sagan depicting the spacecraft,
our position in the solar system, a
hydrogen element among other signs
of life from the Milky Way.

Five years later, 2 Voyager
spacecrafts were launched carrying the Voyager Golden
Record; a 12-inch gold-plated copper disk containing sounds and images
selected to portray the diversity of life
and culture on Earth. Each record is
encased in a protective aluminum jacket,
together with a cartridge and a needle. Instruction,

in symbolic language, explain the origin of the spacecraft and indicate how the record is to be played. The Voyagers will take about 40,000 years to come close to another star, hence if the other beings do not come our way to meet them, it will take at least that long before the Golden Record is found.

Scientist, mutli-patent holder and veteran Parrot Head Joe Reznik spins a fanciful tale of modern day smuggling. "In the late 70's I worked for a big company that was a contractor on the Voyage 1&2 Space probes and I've done a bunch of stuff with NASA Well..I thought it only fitting that in addition to Kurt Waldheim's "Greetings from the People of Planet Earth" gold record that our "brother aliens" . . . or whomever or whatever finds that spacecraft might get tired of hearing Waldheim' stoic greeting and Bach's Vandenberg Concerto , so I slipped a copy of "Margaritaville" in behind the jacket/seal on the Voyager. I kept quiet about it for a long time, as I feared retribution. Voyager left our Solar System a few years ago and is now somewhere in deep space. I wrote Jimmy a letter and told him what I did . . . and we've been "cosmic buddies" ever since."

Read more about Joe at www.geocities.com/cosmicjoescorner/ Joe.

Thanks for sending me to the distant galaxies. It cost a lot less than that ride on the Russian rocket somebody tried to sell me the other day. I have my telescope up and working with all the good video attachments and a Tele Geek who lives in Jupiter (of course). Remember what Lindbergh said, 'we are of the stars".

Take care, JB

Here's an astronomical fun fact for your Jupiter bound Tele Geek Jimmy, and anyone else who may be interested. When viewing the night sky the dark clumps amid the bright star clusters are referred to as dark nebulae; clouds of opaque dust grains in space that block starlight from behind. A constellation consists of a number of fixed stars considered as a group. The Milky Way Galaxy... well, I'll assume you all know what that is. Those who have stayed with us this far are now in for the reason behind this quick astronomical lesson. Place yourself in a dark rural area with a good pair of binoculars or a small telescope. Locate the constellation Sagittarius in the Milky Way and key in on the dark areas. Many dark nebulae exhibit somewhat recognizable shapes, and are named for their perceived appearance, such as the Parrot Head Nebulae.

The most comprehensive list of dark nebulae was compiled by the famed astronomer E.E. Barnard. The Parrot Head Nebula is #87 is Barnard's Objects: RA 18 04.3, DEC -32 30, 4.5 degree south of cluster NGC 6520.

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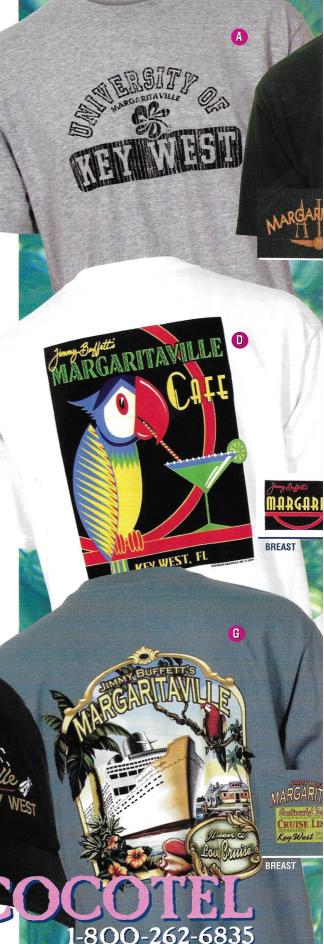
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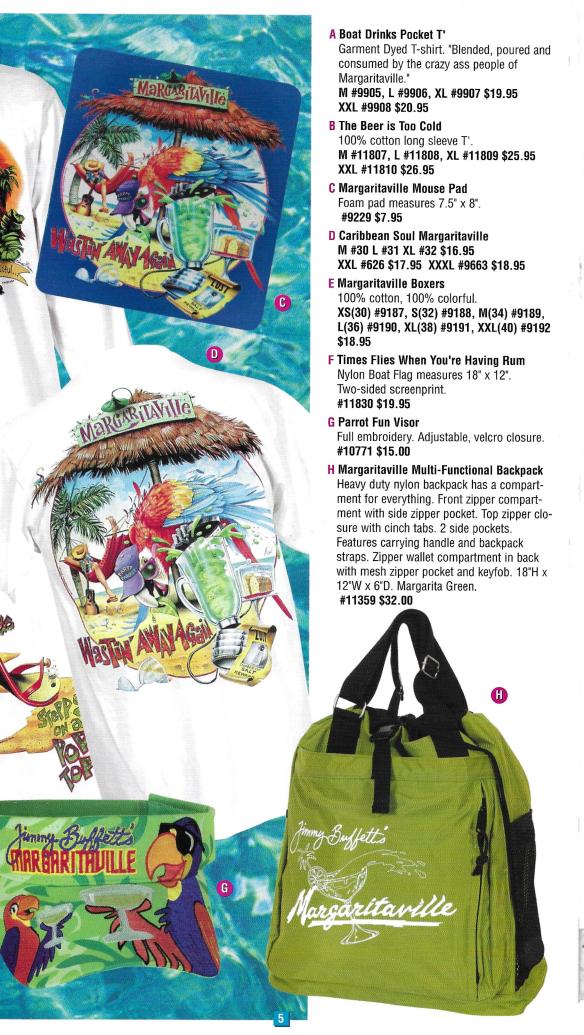
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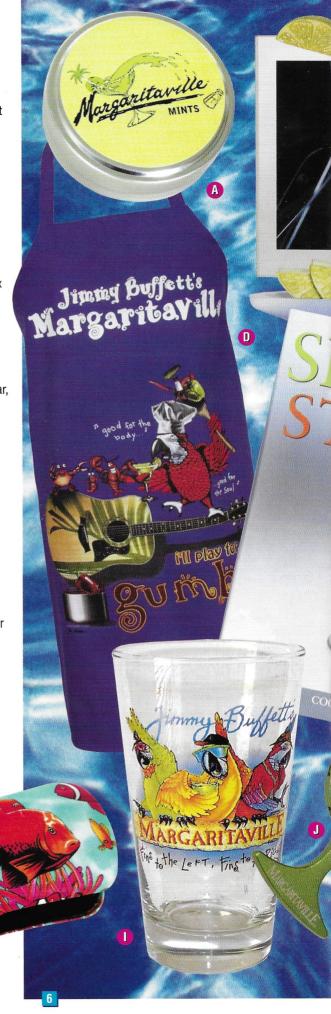
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Of course, the main attraction is the music. Along with all-things-Jimmy, Radio Margaritaville features the music of the very talented members of the Coral Reefer Band. 2004 looks to be a banner year for new sounds – including a new disc from the head Coral Reefer! Jimmy outdoes himself again with "License to Chill!" The CD will be released this spring and features an impressive variety of singers, players, and musical styles.

Radio Margaritaville listeners are now enjoying the new release from Ralph McDonald, "Home Grown," featuring world-renowned steel drum player (and Coral Reefer) Robert Greenidge, Fellow CRB member Nadirah Shakoor turns in some superb vocals as well.

We're also on top of Peter Mayer's upcoming release, "Music Box," with brother Jim Mayer and Roger Guth. And new releases from Robert Greenidge, Mac McAnnally, and Amy Lee are also on the horizon.

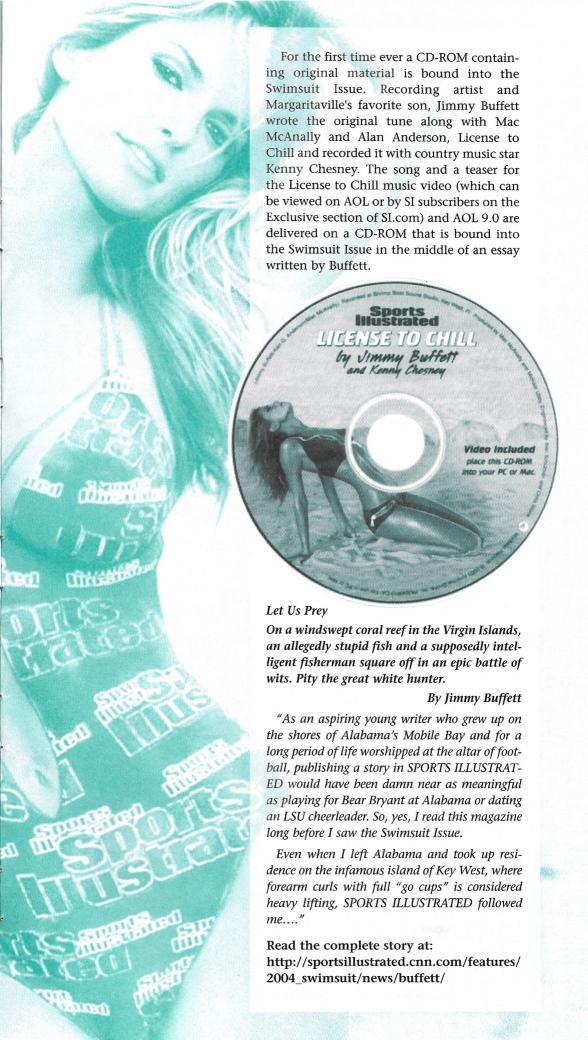
Speaking of Peter Mayer...

Radio Margaritaville listeners again got to enjoy a Christmas special as Peter performed Stars and Promises Alive. Other live concert events included performances by Sonny Landreth, Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks – and, of course, JIMMY'S shows, too.

Radio Margaritaville's Carson Cooper made tracks for
New Orleans in January to take part in Blonde
Strangers on Bourbon Street. Carson (and his
brown hair) welcomed the Sunny Jim Band and Jim
Morris on stage at the Margaritaville Cafe in the
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the stage fun and games -- all of this
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Ronald McDonald House of Springfield Suzanne Herlihy, Volunteer Coordinator

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