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featuring original artwork of the **HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND**





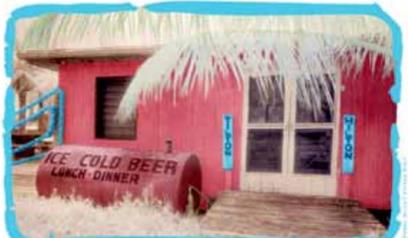
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DRI - FIT FISHING SHIRTS

SPF 50, long sleeve, fishing performance shirt in aluminum, blue mist or white.

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FRED'S TILTON HILTON - DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND ROAD

On the back of the shirt is Carol's original image of Fred's Place - the "Tilton Hilton." The restaurant, complete with slanting dance floor, blue crabs and cold beer, was located on the curve just across the Monroe County line, in the historic fishing village of Downtown Card Sound.

The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was home to 100 residents, some who had State issued leases for "fishing camps."

Hurricane destruction, along with the politics of environmental safety, ushered in clean-up crews and by 2010, just a few wooden docks, and Alabama Jacks remain in Downtown Card Sound.

ORIGINAL LOCAL ARTWORK BY

Little Salt by Carol Ellis PHOTOGRAPHY
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Memorial Service for our Homeless Neighbors

December 21 at noon at Old Settlers Park



For the past 15 years, the community has gathered in an interfaith service to remember those who have died homeless in the Upper Keys. Rev. Dr. Pam Feeser will officiate at the service, which includes a reading of the names of those to be memorialized followed by blessings, the Kaddish and placing of flowers in the water.

Due to improved record keeping by the County, this year's service will reflect an increasingly accurate rendering of those who were homeless at the time of their death.

This memorial service follows November's national Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week. In describing the service, Dr. Feeser reminded the community that, while we are roasting turkeys and baking pies, there are too many members of our community who go hungry. But, she added, "Everyone deserves that last memory. Everyone deserves someone to say their name in blessing when they've passed."

The public is invited to the service. If you have a family member that you would like to have included, please contact Dr. Feeser through Coral Isles Church at 305.852.5813.

"December 21st is the longest night of the year," Dr. Feeser said. "Many of us go to bed with worries on our minds, but we fall asleep pretty quickly because we have secure beds to sleep in. Those who live on the street, that's not a luxury they enjoy, and they live with those worries all night long."

Prior services included everyone who died homeless or indigent in the Keys without anyone to claim their remains.



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A CHRISTMAS TRADITION

A little story to start your season in the right spirit. When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the pre-Christmas pressure. Then, Mrs. Claus told Santa her mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa more. He went to harness the reindeer and found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where. When he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys scattered. The angel said very cheerfully, "Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?" And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree. Not a lot of people know this!

