



Ruby Stern known as "Miss Ruby", was the matriarch of Downtown Card Sound. She was a familiar site to travelers across Card Sound bridge.

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On the shirt back is Carol's image of Ruby Stern, matriarch of Downtown Card Sound Road, a place that doesn't exist on any map... yet was home to a community of free spirits, fishermen and independent thinkers who took up residence there. Located on the west side of the road south of Alabama Jack's, and the toll booth, the shack was originally built by workers who constructed the toll bridge around 1968. In 1972 Ruby moved in and lived there for 27 years. She'd sit on the steps of her shack, with an old Colt 44 daring anyone to throw her off the land. She stayed. Not even the destructive forces of hurricane Andrew and the county's condemnation of the shack could send her from her spot on the bay on Card Sound. She moved to a trailer alongside and lived there until 1999 when she had to leave due to illness, and died at age 90.

Dress like a Florida Keys local and be comfortable in the sun in our DRI-FIT shirt designed by Carol Ellis | Little Salt Photography featuring original artwork of the HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND



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SPF 50, long sleeve fishing performance shirt in aqua, limeade and white

Proposals Made to Cut the Monroe County Budget



10. Immediate change of bulbs in all desk lamps to next lowest wattage.
9. County air travel on Silver Airlines out of Key West.
8. Etch-a-Sketches instead of tablet devices at libraries.
7. Employee camping privileges at Ft. Zachary Taylor beach.
6. Parks & beaches crews no longer have to write love letters in the sand.
5. Medical personnel on all EMS crews will now be trainees in sexy nurse's costumes.
4. Employee bonus this year is a Bertie Higgins album of "Key Largo."
3. Cancel the Grinch's special detail at Christmas.
2. Collect bags of paper clips from all the bank drive thru windows, ask for pens too.
1. Skip the 6-foot key lime pie in Tallahassee next year - charge each of the politicians \$15 a slice - same as the residents get charged.

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