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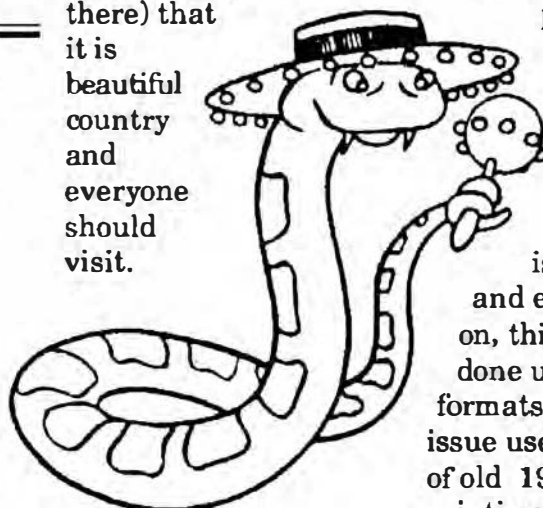
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Editorial

RG de Stolfe, Editor

The wild west was a place and time where everything was still being discovered and laws were fuzzy. Life was not easy nor glamorous. It was basically simple and partially isolated. The west was where outlaws hid and marshals watched over vast territories. Like now, they were still discovering many new things. Although I have never been out west, I

can say (from other people living there) that it is beautiful country and everyone should visit.



However, please avoid the tourist traps. This issue starts fresh

with a totally new version of the old journal. The paper is now divided into separate sections: features, education, amusement, issues, culture, and extras. From now on, this paper will be done using various formats. This particular issue uses a modern twist of old 19th century printing. Until the next issue, lucky 17, à bientôt!

Features

The Wild West

1803 - Louisiana Territory purchased by President Thomas Jefferson from France, it doubled the size of the US

1821 - William Becknell led a 780 mile trek from Independence, Missouri to Santa Fe opening the Santa Fe Trail, a vital trade route until displaced by the railroad in 1880

1841 - Settlers started moving westward on the Oregon Trail

1848 - James W. Marshall was the first to discover gold in the west

1852 - Henry Wells and William Fargo formed a stagecoach company to serve the west's gold and silver mines

1853 - Levi Strauss, a Bavarian immigrant and peddler, opened a wholesale clothing business in San Francisco

1859 - Henry Mc Carty (Billy the Kid), a cattle thief who claimed to have killed

21 men, was shot dead at the age of 22 by Sheriff Pat Garrett

1860 - First Pony Express riders left St. Joseph, Missouri to deliver mail to Sacramento, California that took 10 days. Twenty months later the Pony Express was "killed" by the telegraph

1862 - Congress enacted three landmark laws designed to open up the west:

1. The Homestead Act - offered free land to those who will live on it for 5 years and make certain improvements
2. The Morrill or Land-Grant Act provided public colleges throughout the country
3. The Pacific Railroad Act - made grants and loans to construct the first continental railroad with 174 million acres of public land

1866 - Jesse and Frank James, brothers who were the Old West's most famous outlaws, robbed their first bank and expanded their hit list to trains and stagecoaches. Jesse was shot dead in 1882

and Frank, cleared of criminal charges, died in 1915

1869 - Arriving from the west, the Central Pacific RR met the Union Pacific coming from Omaha at Promontory Point, Utah. A golden spike was tapped into the last tie and quickly replaced with an iron one to celebrate completion of America's first Transcontinental Railroad

1872 - Yellowstone became the first area in the world to be designated a national park

1873 - The world's first cable car introduced in San Francisco

1874 - Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis began

making work pants from a French fabric called denim (serge de Nîmes) that had served for decades as covering for conestoga wagons

1876 - James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot to death while holding what is now called the Dead Man's Poker Hand - two aces and two eights - in a saloon in Deadwood, South Dakota

1878 - Her nursing of smallpox victims in Deadwood, South Dakota made a heroine of Calamity Jane (née Martha Jane Cannary), a brawling alcoholic and sometimes prostitute claimed to be Wild Bill Hickok's widow. She asked to be buried beside him in Deadwood and in 1903, she was.

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1883 - "Buffalo Bill" Cody organized the first Wild West Show which was performed all over the US and Europe, the show influenced the public's perception of the west.

One of its main attractions was the sharpshooter Annie Oakley, who joined in 1885

1883 - Visiting the Leadville, Colorado casino, Irish writer Oscar Wilde noticed a sign: "Please do not shoot the pianist. He's doing his best."

1906 - San Francisco rocked by a massive earthquake - 3000 died and most of the city was destroyed.

1936 - Boulder Dam completed on the Colorado River

1955 - Walt Disney opened Disneyland on 180 acres in Anaheim, California. It draws 10 million visitors a year

1963 - California surpassed NY as the most populous state

The 10 Most Wanted

Billy the Kid
Murder

The James Gang
Bank Robbery

The Dalton Gang
Bank Robbery

Butch Cassidy and
The Sundance Kid
Train Robbery

Black Jack Ketchum
Train Robbery

John Wesley Hardin
Murder

Bill Langley
Murder

Clay Allison
Murder

Ben Thomson
Murder

Black Bart
Stagecoach Robbery

Doc Holiday
Murder

Cherokee Bill
Murder

The Rufus Buck Gang
Murder

Top Tens of South Florida End of 1992

Miami Herald, 12-31-92

Deco Colors

1. Carmen Miranda Pink
2. Quiet Refuge (light blue)
3. Pansy Violet
4. Madonna Blonde
5. Cotton Candy
6. Eerie Island (light green)
7. Apple Green
8. Candle Glow (light yellow)
9. Passion Purple
10. Lemon Chiffon

Movies

1. A Few Good Men
2. A League of Their Own
3. Cape Fear
4. Far and Away
5. Father of the Bride
6. Hear My Song
7. Patriot Games
8. Sister Act
9. Wayne's World
10. White Men Can't Jump

Home Depot Demands (after hurricane)

1. 5/8" exterior plywood
2. shingles
3. tar paper
4. roofing nails
5. plastic sheeting
6. 1/2" sheetrock
7. R-19 insulation
8. interior paint
9. wallpaper
10. light fixtures

Metrozoo's top animals (before hurricane)

1. chimps
2. white tigers
3. birds in walk-through aviary
4. giraffes
5. otters
6. koalas
7. siamangs (hollering apes)
8. elephants
9. flamingos
10. animals in wildlife show

Favorite destinations for foreign tourists

1. Key West
2. South Miami Beach
3. Coconut Grove
4. Everglades
5. Bayside
6. Sawgrass Mills
7. Seaquarium
8. Metrozoo
9. Vizcaya
10. Parrot Jungle

Top 10 condoms at Condomania

1. Contempo - Rough Rider
 2. Trojan - Magnum
 3. Kimono - Ultra thin plus w/ spermicide
 4. Contempo - Kiss of Mint
 5. Prime - Textured
 6. Kimono - Kimono max
 7. Contempo - Power play
 8. Trojan - ENZ
 9. Gold Circle Coin
 10. Pleasure Plus
- #1 Novelty - Glow in the Dark

Most obnoxious Florida critters

1. roaches
2. rodents
3. mosquitoes
4. ants
5. fleas
6. spiders
7. weevils
8. drywood + subterranean termites (tie)
9. ticks
10. snakes

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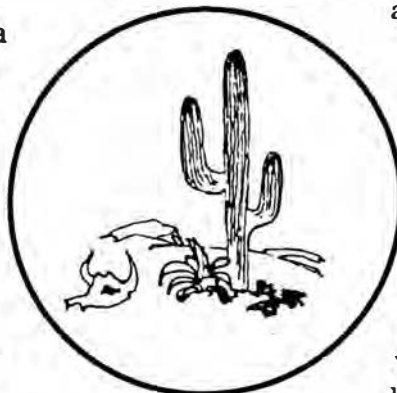
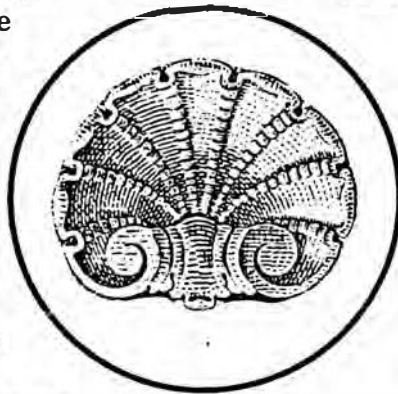
Scott Van Deman, In the Pink, The Florida Lottery

The first modern flock of Florida flamingos arrived in Hialeah in 1931. They were imported from the Cuban island of Moron by Philadelphia sportsman Joseph Widener to add a splash of color to the Hialeah racetrack's infield. The first flock flew away, presumably in search of food, so Widener tried again, clipping the second flocks' wings so the bright-hued fowl would hang around. They did, and since that time, new flocks have

popped up all over the Sunshine State. But the flamingo species has been around since prehistoric times. The second oldest bird known to science is a proto-flamingo which established itself on every continent except Antarctica.

Below are some fun facts about the flamingo.

- The flamingo's pink hue is the result of its diet, which is rich in *carotenes*. These are the substances that make carrots orange and tomatoes red.
- The bend in the flamingo's leg, which is often mistaken for a knee, is actually the ankle, or hock.
- There are six different species of flamingos in the world. They vary in size and color.
- The flamingo's natural habitat is salt plains and soda lakes where hot sun and drying winds are common.
- The average life span of a flamingo is 45 years, though they sometimes live longer.
- The flamingo's most unusual characteristic is the fact that it feeds with its head upside-down. The unique pump and filter mechanism in its distinctive bill makes this possible.



to have a huge impact overnight, but it does have a lot of long-term implications.

Amtrak announced the extension in 1991 [and reported in the *de Stolfe Journal*, issue 14], spawning competition for stations among towns along the existing CSX Transportation tracks that will be shared by Amtrak. Full-service depots with ticket offices were awarded to Pensacola, Tallahassee, and Jacksonville. Lake City, Madison, Crestview, and Chipley will have self-service stations. Reservations can be made through the Jacksonville station or travel agents.



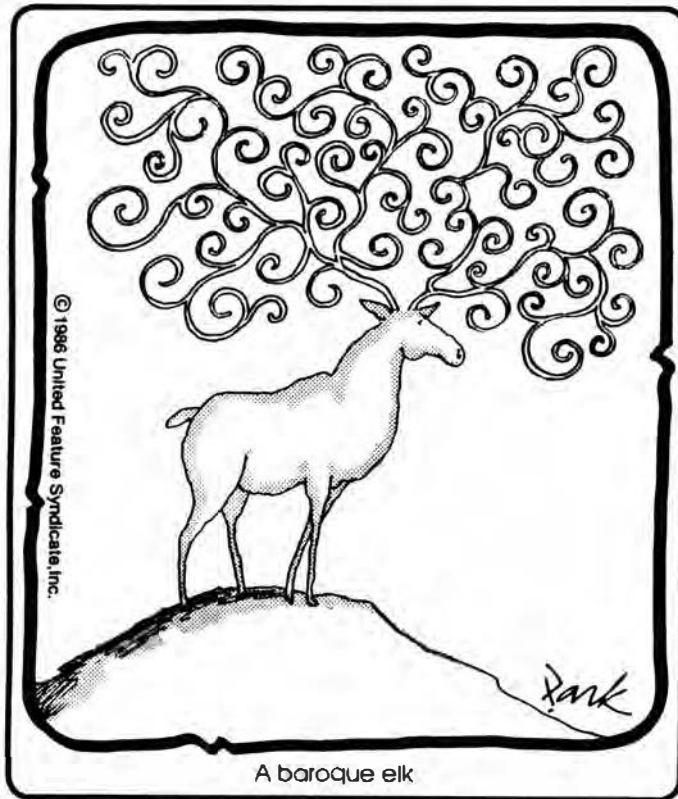
Preliminary discussions are under way to expand passenger rail service north through Georgia to Chicago.

Correction

Oops, I made a mistake (again?!). In issue 14, I mentioned about the change of host on *This Old House*. In issue 15, I made an addition to that article. The Greek Revival in Boston (of issue 15) refers to the historic house in Boston (of issue 14). Sorry for this confusion; I didn't realize it until this issue. Also, *This Old House*, since issue 15 has worked on yet another project. This one was a mediterranean style house in South Dade County. Fortunately, water damage and broken windows were all this house severely suffered from Hurricane Andrew. *This Old House* just finished a Shingle Style Victorian house in Belmont, Mass. There, they payed a lot of attention to classic Victorian stick-style details that otherwise were lost during past modernization and remodeling. Currently, They are in Hawaii working on an old Hawaiian "hut".

Amusement Clinton's Favorite Videos

Free Ticket
not good for anything, just free!



A baroque elk

VH1

Here are some of Bill Clinton's favorite videos which were shown on VH1.

- Bonnie Raitt - Not the Only One 1992
- Kenny G - Silhouette 1988
- Cutis Stigers - I Wonder Why 1992
- Michael Bolton - Love Is a Wonder Thing 1991
- Michael Jackson - Who Is It 1993
- Fleetwood Mac - Hold Me 1982
- Kenny G - Songbird 1987
- Whitney Houston - I Have Nothing 1993
- Michael Jackson - Heal the World 1992
- Michael Bolton - Time, Love and Tenderness 1991
- Fleetwood Mac - Gypsy 1982

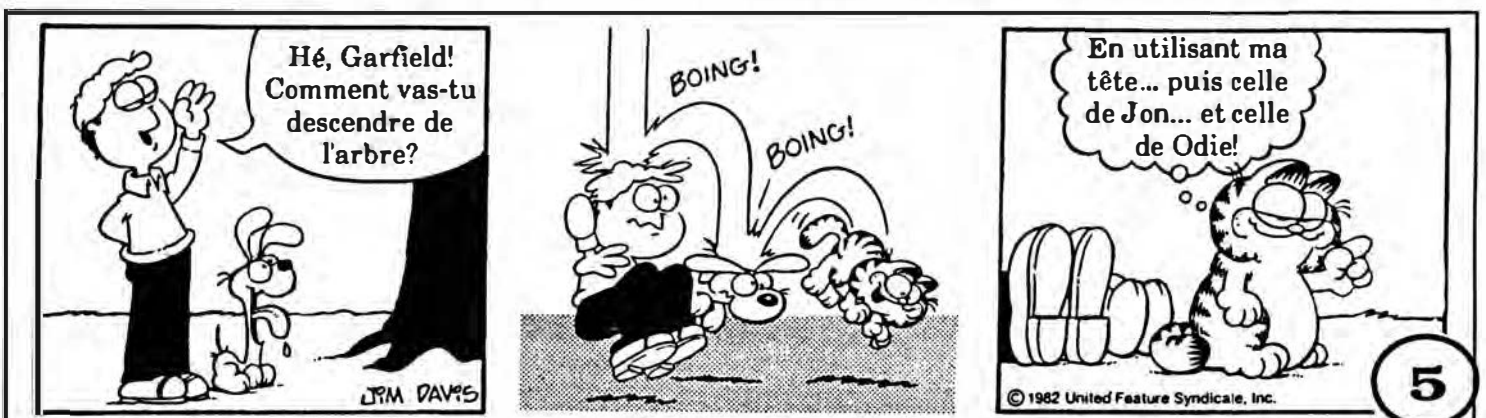
Jokes

These are jokes that my sociology teacher told my class during the course of the term.

How do you determine the sex of a chromosome?
You pull down its genes.

A person once performed mental experiments on a type of monkey called the rhesus monkeys. If you cut up the rhesus monkeys, don't you get rhesus pieces?

Garfield



Issues

World's Largest Metropolises

United Nations Dept of International Economic and Social Affairs, 1985, Sociology textbook

Gender Inequality

Sociology Textbook

- 1824 - Mississippi supreme court upholds the right of husbands to beat their wives
- 1848 - First woman's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, NY
- 1860 - NY becomes the first state to allow a married woman to own property in her own right, to make contracts (with husband's consent), and to become a joint legal guardian of her children
- 1869 - Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton form the National Women's Suffrage Association
- 1920 - 19th Amendment to US Constitution is ratified, giving women the right to vote.
- 1923 - An equal rights amendment for women is first introduced in Congress
- 1966 - The national Organization for Women (NOW) is formed
- 1972 - (ERA) passes congress but is failed to be ratified by 2/3 of the states
- 1981 - First woman Sandra Day O'Connor is appointed to the US Supreme Court.
- 1984 - First woman Geraldine Ferraro is selected as a candidate for vice president by a major political party

The Plan

Author Unknown

In the beginning was the plan
And then came the assumptions.
And the assumptions were without form.
And the plan was completely without substance.
And darkness was on the face of the workers.
And they spoke to their supervisor, saying: "It's a crock of shit and it stinks!"
And the supervisors went to their section managers and said: "It's a pail of dung and none may abide by the odor thereof."
And the section managers went to their managers and said to them: "It's a container of excrement and it is very strong, such that none may abide by it."
And the managers went to their general managers and said to them: "It contains that which aids plant growth, and it is very strong."
And the general manager went to the vice president and said to him: "It promotes growth and it is very powerful."
And the vice president went to the president and said to him: "This powerful new plan will actively promote the growth and efficiency of the department, and this area in particular."
And the president looked upon the plan;
And saw that it was good.
And the plan became policy.

Metropolitan area	1985	2000
Mexico City, Mexico	18.1	26.3
Tokyo/Yokohama, Japan	17.2	17.1
Sao Paulo, Brazil	15.9	24.0
NY/NE Jersey, US	15.3	15.5
Shanghai, China	11.8	13.5
Calcutta, India	11.0	16.6
Buenos Aires, Argentina	10.9	13.2
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	10.4	13.3
Seoul, Republic of Korea	10.2	13.5
Bombay, India	10.1	16.0

If Men Could Menstruate

Sociology textbook

Male human beings have built whole cultures around the idea that penis-envy is "natural" to women - though having such an unprotected organ might be said to make men vulnerable, and the power to give birth makes womb-envy at least as logical. In short, The characteristics of the powerful, whatever they may be, are thought to be better than the characteristics of the powerless - and logic has nothing to do with it.

What would happen if men could menstruate and women could not? Menstruation would become an enviable, boast-worthy, masculine event: Men would brag about how long and how much. Boys would mark that longed for proof of manhood, with religious ritual and stag parties. Sanitary supplies would be federally funded and free. Some men would still pay for commercial brands, such as John Wayne Tampons or Joe Namath Jock Shields - "for those light bachelor days."

Men would convince women that intercourse was more pleasurable at "that time of the month." Liberal males in every field would try to be kind: the fact that "these people" have no gift for measuring life or connecting to the universe should be punishment enough.

If men could menstruate, the power justifications would probably go on forever, if women let them.

Culture

Swedish Feast

The term smögåsbord literally means open sandwich table. The smörgåsbord array gained its present appearance in the 18th century. A separate table in the corner of the banquet room held brännvin or aquavit, marinated foods, bread, and strong cheeses. Guests stood and enjoyed samples of these favorite foods before taking their seats for dinner - somewhat like an eighteenth century version of a cocktail hour.

Today, the smörgåsbord ritual requires that you eat slowly, changing your plate frequently, and above all - never hurry! this fantastic array of swedish foods is as lavish as a table of French hor d'oeuvres and is one of the sources of modern buffet service now enjoyed across America.

The first half of a dozen or so trips to the table is for herring and firm, tasty cheese- with Swedish bread.

Then there is salmon and eel and unshelled crayfish. The next is for meat specialties like mutton and smoked deer. Salads accompany these, along with pickled cucumbers, beets, and tomatoes, followed by the småvarmt or hot buffet of fresh foods. The last trip to the smörgåsbord rounds off the meal with sweet refreshing flavors of fruit salad, pies, cookies, and coffee.

Mummies

Museums New York

Ancient Egyptians believed in eternal life, they wanted to make sure that people had everything they might need for the next life - including their bodies. First, priests took out the inner parts of the dead person's body. They started with the brain, which was removed through the nose. Then they removed vital organs, which were put into special preserving jars filled with a kind of salt called natron. The natron dried the organs, which were later stored

in the tomb with the mummy (who might need them). The heart, which egyptians believed was the seat of human intelligence, was kept inside the body. They threw the brain away. Embalmers stuffed the empty spaces inside the body with bags of spices and natron for the rich, or straw, reeds, and wood shavings for the poor. Finally, they covered the whole body with natron and left it to dry for 40 days. The last big job was the wrapping. As many as 20 layers of cloth were used. Jewels and good luck charms were stuffed inside the wrappings.

Poker

Ever wonder how to play poker? Below are the descriptions of the possible hands in ascending order of winning.

Two Pairs

Q Q 4 4 7

Two sets of two of the same

Three of a Kind

8 8 8 A 2

Three cards the same

Straight

5 6 7 8 9

Five cards in sequence

Flush

K Q 6 5 2

Five card of the same suit

Full House

7 7 7 J J

Three cards and two cards the same

Four of a Kind

6 6 6 6 3

Four cards the same

Five of a Kind

A A A A *

Five cards the same (one wild)

Straight Flush

7 8 9 10 J

Cards in sequence with the same suit

Royal Flush

10 J Q K A

Ten to ace with any suit

Morse Code

A	·-
B	····
C	·-·-
D	···
E	·
F	····
G	··-
H	····
I	··
J	··---
K	·-·-
L	····
M	--
N	·-
O	---
P	····
Q	··-·-
R	·-·
S	····
T	-
U	···
V	····
W	·-·-
X	·-·-
Y	·-·-
Z	····
0	-----
1	·-----
2	··-----
3	····-
4	·····-
5	······
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7	··-···
8	··-···
9	··-·-

Egyptian Animals

Museums New York

Egyptians loved their animals. Below are a couple of animals they worshipped. CATS - The egyptian word for cat was *miw*. large cemeteries filled with mummified cats tell us that cats were favorite pets in ancient Egypt. The goddess of happiness, Bastet, was represented by a cat.

IBISES - If you killed an ibis, even by accident, you could be arrested and severely punished. The ibis was considered sacred because it was connected to the most important Egyptian god, Thoth, who was in charge of the moon, wisdom, writing, language, and many others. Priests, though were allowed to make mummies of them as offerings to Thoth.

Natural Disaster to Change Florida to "Island Paradise"

Robert-George de Stolfe, The Traveller, May, 1991

According to world famous Psychic, Jean Dixon, a strong land moving hurricane is expected to transform Florida into a lush tropical island by 2000 AD. The details of this shocking event were given to The Traveller by Ms. Dixon via secret express letter. Her letter reads as follows:

*Dear Traveller,
I am writing to you because I predict your paper to be the most popular and widely read in the next few years. I would like you to print an unusual but true prediction.*

By about 2000 AD, a strong hurricane named Roger is going to move the peninsula of Florida to the center of the Caribbean. In the process, all the Caribbean islands around Florida will be destroyed. Any people trying to weather out the hurricane will be killed. About ten years later, in 2010 AD, all extinct animals (including dinosaurs) and all extinct plant life will reappear. No human life is expected to see this island or its contents because of the deadly Hydrogen-Methane cloud around the island.

I hope you will print this information, but I know you will.

This amazing story by Ms. Dixon can easily be compared to Alas Babylon.

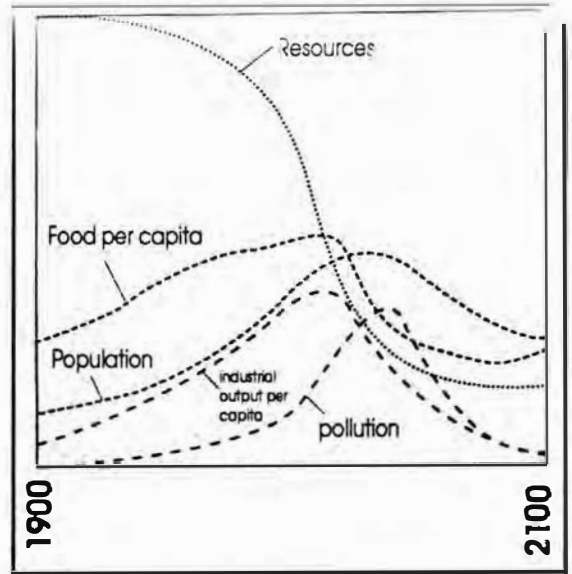
His "Other" Side

Susan Slone, The Traveler, May, 1991

Students here at Lee know him as Robert-George little d, big S de Stolfe, yet his Hispanic friends in Miami still call him "The Blade". Robert-George de Stolfe is an honor student and an example for all males at Lee to follow. What many people don't know is that he was in a gang in South Miami where he grew up.

He was notorious for his graffiti art and his machete that he never left home without.

Robert-George never had an occasion to use it, but he let everyone know that he would if forced to. No one crossed "The Blade's" path. He knew that everyone in his Junior High School feared him and for a long time he enjoyed it. When his parents found out about the gang and that the machete wasn't actually for clearing the weeds of neighbors, they began to worry. This led to the move to Jacksonville. Robert-George still visits his friends in Miami on a regular basis and he says he has no regrets about the past although he is heartbroken over the loss of his blade.



"... Keep this great wonder of nature as it now is ... You cannot improve on it; not a bit. The ages have been at work on it, and man can only mar it. What you can do is keep it for your children, your children's children and for all who come after you, as one of the great sights that every American, if they travel at all, should see. Keep the Grand Canyon as it is."

Theodore Roosevelt
May 6, 1903



And the spirit of the wild west is still alive.

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