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Race to the Heavens: The Changing Face & Skyline of Miami *Pieces of the Puzzle: A Chronological History of Miami Through the Years*

Miami's skyline changed dramatically in the late 1970's as the "glass canyon" of Brickell Avenue was becoming the wall street of South America.

But as much as it was new construction, nothing was new about the change, for in Miami, change is the constant norm.

Nicholas Patricios has studied the changes in Miami's architecture throughout the years. In his book, "Building Marvelous Miami" Patricios documents the Seminole thatched chickee to the intricate detail of the Giralda Tower of The Biltmore Hotel and Freedom Tower.

His talk will focus on Miami's changing architecture throughout the last century as well as a thought for the future.



Lauren Brown is a journalism major at The University of South Florida. She was the newspaper editor and yearbook writer at Miami Sunset Senior High School.

Brown was nominated for a Silver Knight Award in Journalism. She is editing The MIAMIAN from her home in Tampa.

Our Next Speaker

Nicholas Patricios

Professor of Architecture

University of Miami

Race to the Heavens: The Changing Face & Skyline of Miami

Saturday, October 26th, 1996

\$10 per person

Nicholas Patricios is a professor and associate dean for academic services in the School of Architecture at The University of Miami. He is the editor of International Handbook on Land Use Planning and has received three awards of merit from the Florida chapter of the American Planning Association. He is the author of "Building Marvelous Miami".



The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove

The Centennial of Miami Lecture Series is Proudly Sponsored by The Woman's Club of Coconut Grove

In 1891, Flora McFarlane and five other pioneer women of Dade County founded the Housekeepers Club for the purpose of companionship. Their first project was raising money for a new Sunday school building.

In 1897, on property donated by Ralph M. Munroe, the group built its own clubhouse. The present building of

pine, masonry and native rock was constructed in 1921.

Thirty-six years later, on March 17th, 1957, the Housekeepers Club became the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove.

**For membership info.
call 446-2909**

Pioneer Profiles

On August 7th, 1840, Dr. Henry Perrine was killed by Seminole Indians on a small island called Indian Key. If he survived the attack it is possible that the birth of Miami could've taken place around the mid-1800's. Henry Perrine, a doctor from Ripley, IL envisioned the cultivation of Sisal in the Everglades. His dream was never realized!

Places of Interest

by Mitchell Green

Fairchild Tropical Garden Pt. 5

About 700 people joined Montgomery, Fairchild and a long list of expert plant scientist, to dedicate Fairchild Tropical Garden to the world on March 23rd, 1938.

The crowd gathered in the southern part of the Palmetum as Montgomery began to explain the story of how he found the site for the garden.

The main address was given by David Fairchild who was clearly not worried about natural disasters and promised a future library and plant identification tags on every tree.

Aside from the devastation from Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the garden continues to delight visitors the world over!

Mitchell Green is no stranger to the journalism world, aside from numerous Miami history articles that have been printed in small publications, Mitchell oversees as much as twenty tons of newsprint a day as a veteran (16 years) Assistant Press Operator at The Miami Herald's pressroom. A native of New York, Mitchell became enchanted with the architecture and history of the area when his family moved down to Miami Beach in 1961. He has been collecting tidbits of Miami trivia ever since and is a monthly contributor of historical facts to The Presidential House Apartment's newsletter.



Collector's Corner

by Alan Crockwell

A weekly guide for amateur & professional Miami Memorabilia Collectors

A Postal Card continues

Last week I started with a transcript of a soldiers postal card going to the Spanish American War. We left off with the soldier writing to his brother to cheer his Mom up and also telling the family if he died the army would not send his body back! (good luck cheering Mom up) the card continues..

But I have no fear of anything happening. I was appointed squad leader yesterday and that means quite a little. I would have been appointed sooner if I had attended drill more regular while in Chicago and of course members of the drill team were given preference. I would rather

get a promotion in the field. A boat just pulled up with orders for the boats to get underway at once and anchor five miles out. There will be quite a fleet, our boat is number two and we are starting now. The bands are playing and everybody is cheering. Well I must get up on deck and take a last look before its too late. I will give this to the pilot to mail. He will go back when we are out of the harbor. Give my love to Ella, Mollie and all the rest. Address to Military Post Office No.1 Cuba.

Your brother, Jim ps.there is lots of cheering as we pass the other transports. Hurrah we are off. If this gets wet I'll bet

you won't be able to read this.

It was sent to George J. McCracken? Stubenville Ohio.

What is unusual about the card is the amount of words put on a standard 3 by 5 postal mailing card. I would love to find out what happened to Jim during the war. If you can find out, please let me know. I'm not sure about the third letter in the last name. Mc (C or ?)racken. The card gives us that mixed emotions of going into battle just like the troops to Desert Storm or Bosnia. Amidst all of the cheering and band playing there is a chance you might not come home.



Alan Crockwell, a Biology teacher at The Carolton School in Coconut Grove, moved from Buffalo to Miami after the great blizzard of 1977. He was disappointed in how little information existed about Miami at the local library so he began to collect items at local flea markets, garage sales and trash piles. Five years ago, Alan along with other collectors, founded The Miami Memorabilia Collector's Club. He has published numerous articles on Miami history and its collectibles and has donated major collections to The University of Miami. If you have any questions or comments about any Miami memorabilia please feel free to call him at (305) 386-8066.

The Miami Memorabilia Collector's Club meets the third Monday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at The Riviera Presbyterian Church, located at 5275 Sunset Drive in South Miami. For more information call 1 800-656-1896

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Amelia Earhart, the famous aviatrix, took off from Miami in 1937 on the first leg of a flight around the world? Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan took off from Opa-Locka Airport in June 1937 to fly around the entire world. They had planned the longest route possible which went around the equator. Well into their flight their last recorded message indicated that they were lost and in trouble. Their disappearance is still an unsolved mystery to this day. Amelia Earhart Park in Hialeah is named in her memory.

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October 26th, 1996
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1:00 PM at the WCCG
Cost is \$10 benefiting the
WCCG and the Miami
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Miami Youth Museum:
Cultural Kaleidoscope
Centennial Event
Town and Country Center
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
(305)672-2014
Admission is free

October 20th, 1996
Annual Fall Picnic
University of Miami
Gifford Arboretum
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
(305)284-5364
Admission is free

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