WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"The Stafford Family Scrapbook"

by

Ron Ulm, August 2023

MINI-ARCHIVE BACKGROUND NOTES

What follows are a selection of photographs and newspaper clippings giving a "slice-of-life" of the pioneer Stafford family of Wilton Manors.

These were curated from a larger collection of digital images and documents donated to WMHS by Nancy Stafford. The first collection consisted of unedited digital images, mostly photographs, given to WMHS in 2011/2012. These remained uncatalogued and unprocessed until August 2023, when Nancy donated a new collection of unscanned material--mainly documents and newspaper clippings.

That inspired this project, to enhance/curate both the original and new collections and make them available as an abridged "mini-archive" on our web site.

The first documents will provide you with an insight into the family history. The remaining pages are chronological—oldest to newest.

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City of Wilton Manors
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Official Newsletter for
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Remembering Wilton Manors First Councilwoman: Marcia Stafford

by Mary Ulm of the Wilton Manors Historical Society

Marcia Stafford with her then-all male colleagues in 1962.

Wilton Manors Pioneer Marcia Stafford passed away on January 15, 2011 at age 89. A fourth generation Floridian born in Miami, she served as a City of Wilton Manors elected official for over two decades, first as City Clerk for eight years and then as a Council Member for over 14 years. No other Wilton Manors elected official exceeds her tenure.

Marcia, her husband Leslie Stafford, and one-year old son Tracy moved to Wilton Manors in 1949 when the village was two years old. Leslie Stafford, an office manager with the Eli Witt Cigar and Tobacco Company, performed much of the construction on the family home on NE 25th Street. Marcia took great pride in her husband's handy work.

Village Mayor Dave Turner had donated land upon which to build an elementary school, but county school board officials balked at the idea that a school was needed in Wilton Manors. With other young mothers, Marcia persisted in trying to change that opinion, aided at times by the restless fidgeting and vocalizations of young toddler Tracy.

In 1952, at the urging of Mayor Dave Turner, Stafford ran and won a three-way race for City Clerk – a position she held until 1960. While Council meetings were held at the Village Hall, much of the rest of City business was conducted at the Stafford home until the first City Hall with real offices opened in 1957. Thus, daughter Nancy, born in 1954, and young Tracy spent their formative years amidst the constant comings-and-goings of Wilton Manors citizens and politicians.

In 1961, Marcia became the first woman to serve on the Wilton Manors City Council. An intelligent, witty, and charismatic public servant, she held the citizens' confidence for a record 14 years and 10 months. "I can think of no one who gathered as much good will for the City as Marcia Stafford," recalls long-time resident Nancy Sawallis. "Marcia was well liked by everyone." Wilton Manors Woman's Club President Gwen Thompson agrees, saying: "She was a wonderful inspiration and a long-time club member."

No doubt Marcia could have continued her long and successful run as the only female on the City Council had she not chosen a different course for her career. In 1975, she resigned as Councilwoman to support son Tracy's bid for a position on that body; a seat he ultimately won.

During her long tenure as an elected public official, Marcia Stafford participated in the addition of a water system, sewer system, roads, parks and recreation facilities as the city's population grew from 1,500 in 1952 to well over 10,000 in 1975. However, her "true claim to fame", as she wrote in a short biography in 1991, was her and Leslie's children, "...who reflect the home town atmosphere in which they grew up". Son Tracy has led a distinguished career as an attorney, Wilton Manors City Council Member and Mayor, and State Representative. Daughter Nancy was crowned Miss Florida in 1976. She is an accomplished actress, motivational speaker, and author.

Stafford Family at a 1976 Miss Florida event.

After leaving elected office, Marcia continued to enrich the Wilton Manors community by teaching kindergarten and reading to children in the Wilton Manors public library. Leslie Stafford retired in 1977 and Marcia joined him in retirement several years later. Leslie died in 1995.

Modest to the end, and ahead of her time in combining career and family, Marcia Stafford has left an indelible stamp on the city in which she resided for more than 60 years.

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39th Annual Pioneer Day

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TRACY EUGENE STAFFORD was born in Wilton Manors, Fla., in 1948, to Marcia and Leslie Stafford. He has a sister, Nancy Stafford Myers. He graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School and attended the University of Florida, receiving a bachelor's degree in English literature and a juris doctorate degree.

He was engaged in a private law practice and in 1981 became a council member of the City of Wilton Manors. In 1982, Stafford became the city administrator for Wilton Manors, later serving as its mayor, from 1986 to 1990. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000.

Stafford is a member of Phi Kappa Psi Florida Beta Chapter. His current commitments include chair of the House Juvenile Justice Committee, Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Florida Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations, and the House Judiciary Committee.

Stafford is a fifth-generation Floridian. His father, Leslie Stafford, worked for the Eli Witt Company, a tobacco and candy company. He performed much of the construction on the family home. His mother, Marcia Stafford, served as a kindergarten teacher and as a City of Wilton Manors elected official for more than two decades.

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As a youngster, he liked to ride his bicycle around town within the limits set by his parents, bounded by Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard. People around town, even people his mother barely knew, would call if they saw him somewhere outside his limits. Everyone looked out for one another's children in those days.

In 1964, while he was still in high school, he began selling Amway and did well, he thinks, because of the goodwill of his customers toward a young man such as himself. A special memory from his high school days involved long time Wilton Manors' resident, Millie Laughlin, who wanted to reward him for his industrious nature. He asked if Millie's sister, who was a secretary for President Truman, could get him an autograph from President Truman. Stafford received both an autographed picture and a letter signed by Harry Truman. The letter commended him for his hard work and love of history.

NANCY ELIZABETH STAFFORD, a fifth-generation Floridian, was born in Wilton Manors in 1954. She was raised in a household that was actively involved in the community. Her father, Leslie Stafford, worked for the Eli Witt Company and was a Wilton Manors political activist. Her mother, Marcia Stafford, served as a kindergarten teacher and as a City of Wilton Manors elected official for more than two decades, first as City Clerk for eight years and then as a council member for more than 14 years. Both Nancy and her brother, Tracy, grew up in a household bustling with the citizens and politicians of Wilton Manors.

Nancy Stafford, Miss Florida, 1985. Broward County Historical Commission, Hollywood, Sun-Tattler Collection.

Self-described as a gangly, shy and studious young girl, Nancy recalls that she lived at the Wilton Manors Public Library, located directly across from her family home. She attended Fort Lauderdale High School and graduated in 1972. From there, she attended the University of Florida where she earned a degree in journalism in 1975.

In 1976, she became Miss Florida. She competed in the 1977 Miss America pageant and began a career in New York City as a top model with the Ford Modeling Agency. She appeared in more than 250 commercials before beginning her 25-year acting career. Local audiences will remember her as the spokesperson for City Furniture.

Stafford has become a prolific character actress, speaker and author. Although she and her husband, Larry Myers, live in Southern California, she makes time to visit her childhood home several times a year. She has added her "star power" to numerous City of Wilton Manors events, including serving as a grand marshal for the city's 50th Anniversary celebration. In 2009, she was selected among an impressive field of actors as the "perfect match" to narrate The Stranahan House, a South Florida Public Television (WPBT2) documentary.

Wilton Manors 2011 Pioneers
Tracy and Nancy Stafford

Nancy Stafford represented by Fmr. Mayor Sandy Steen

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Marcia & Les Stafford Nov. 1949 before Tracy

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Les Tracy 1948 (8 mos)

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Les. Tracy Marcia

Les, Marcia & Tracy June 1948

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This Indenture.

Made this 17 th *day of* September *A. D.* 1948

Between DAVE TURNER and M. LOUISE TURNER, Husband and wife,

of the County of Broward *and State of* Florida *part ies of the first part, and* LESLIE W. STAFFORD and MARCIA S. STAFFORD, Husband and wife, whose mailing address is c/o 15 S. W. 1st Ave., Fort Lauderdale,
of the County of Broward *and State of* Florida *part ies of the second part,*

Witnesseth, *that the said part ies of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of* Ten Dollars and other valuable considerations-------x~~Dollars~~, *to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he vo granted, bargained, sold and transferred, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and transfer unto the said part ies of the second part and their heirs and assigns forever, all that certain parcel of land lying and being in the County of* Broward *, and State of Florida, more particularly described as follows:*

Lot One (1) and the West Half (W½) of Lot Two (2) of Block Fifty-five (55) of WILTON MANORS, Unit 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, page 2 of the public records of Broward County, Florida, and according to the re-amended plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 23, page 17, of the public records of Broward County, Florida; said lands situate, lying and being in Broward County, Florida.

Together *with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, with every privilege, right, title, interest and estate, dower and right of dower, reversion, remainder and easement thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining:*

To Have and To Hold *the same in fee simple forever.*

And the said part ies of the first part do covenant with the said part ies of the second part that they are lawfully seized of the said premises, that they are free from all incumbrances and that they have good right and lawful authority to sell the same; and the said part ies of the first part do hereby fully warrant the title to said land, and will defend the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, *the said part ies of the first part ha ve hereunto set their hand s and seal s the day and year above written.*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in our Presence:

W. J. Long — Dave Turner (SEAL)
Fred L. Gunsetts — M. Louise Turner (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

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State of Florida,
County of BROWARD

I Hereby Certify *That on this* 17th *day of* September *A. D.* 19 48 *, before me personally appeared* DAVE TURNER and M. LOUISE TURNER, Husband and wife

to me known to be the person s described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance to LESLIE W. STAFFORD and MARCIA S. STAFFORD, Husband and wife

and severally acknowledged the execution thereof to be their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned; and the said M. Louise Turner *the wife of the said* Dave Turner *, on a separate and private examination taken and made by and before me, and separately and apart from her said husband, did acknowledge that she made herself a party to the said Deed of Conveyance for the purpose of renouncing, relinquishing and conveying all her right, title and interest, whether of dower or of separate property, statutory or equitable, in and to the lands therein described, and that she executed said deed freely and voluntarily, and without any constraint, fear, apprehension or compulsion of or from her said husband.*

Witness *my signature and official seal at in the County of* Broward *and State of Florida, the day and year last aforesaid.*

Fort Lauderdale

Lawrence B. Adams
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Notary Public, State of Florida at Large, My Commission Expires February 25, 1951. Bonded by American Surety Co. of N. Y.

Warranty Deed
TO
Date
ABSTRACT OF DESCRIPTION

STATE OF FLORIDA,
County of
On this day of o'clock m., this instrument was filed for record, and being duly acknowledged and proven, I have recorded the same on pages of Book in the public records of said County.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court of the Judicial Circuit of said State, in and for said County.
Clerk
D. C.

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West 4th Sanitas

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BROWARD
This instrument filed for record 30 day Sept 1948 and recorded in Book 639 page 58 RECORD VERIFIED.
TED CARROL, Clerk of the Circuit Court
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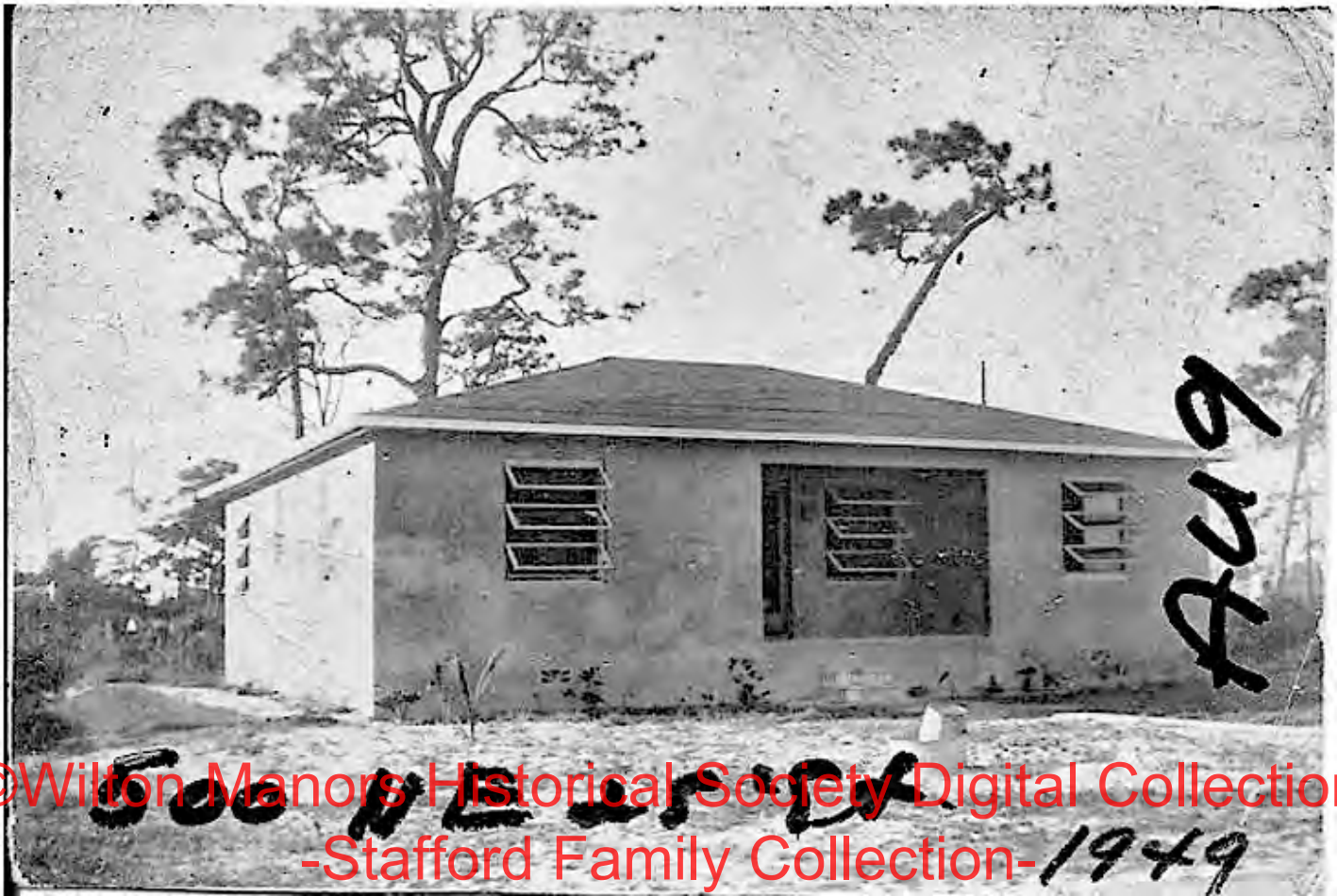

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FORT LAUDERDALE DAILY NEWS
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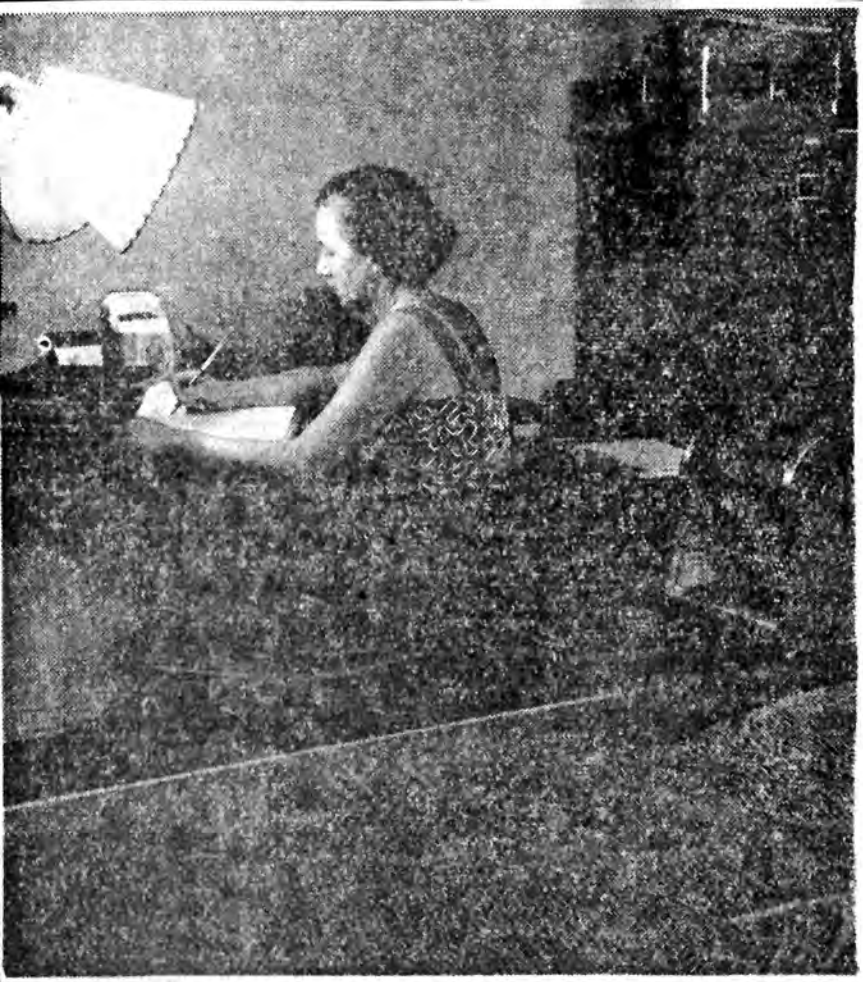

(Daily News photos by Dick Dillon)

CITY OFFICES HAVE HOMEY ATMOSPHERE — Having outgrown the municipal office on Wilton Dr. and without a source of revenue to finance erection of a new city hall, Wilton Manors city officials have been forced to conduct the town's business at home. At left, Mrs. J. E. Noonan, city accountant, works on the municipal books in her bedroom, where all financial records are kept. City Clerk Mrs. Marcia Stafford, right, has set up shop in her kitchen where the city charter and other records are now housed beside her refrigerator. The city has a population of 3,477 but no taxation.

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Mar. '55 Marcia

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Jan. '55

Wilton Drive @ 21st Court - South

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Wilton Drive @ 21st Court - North

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Bettie Sue Ewing

TEACHER 4TH GRADE

WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

1957 - 1958

M. Bryan Davis

PRINCIPAL

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Thomas M. Banks

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1959 — 1960

M. Bryant Davis

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WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

1960 — 1961

BRYAN DAVIS

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Mildred H. Hadnott

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WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

Robert W. Mallory

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WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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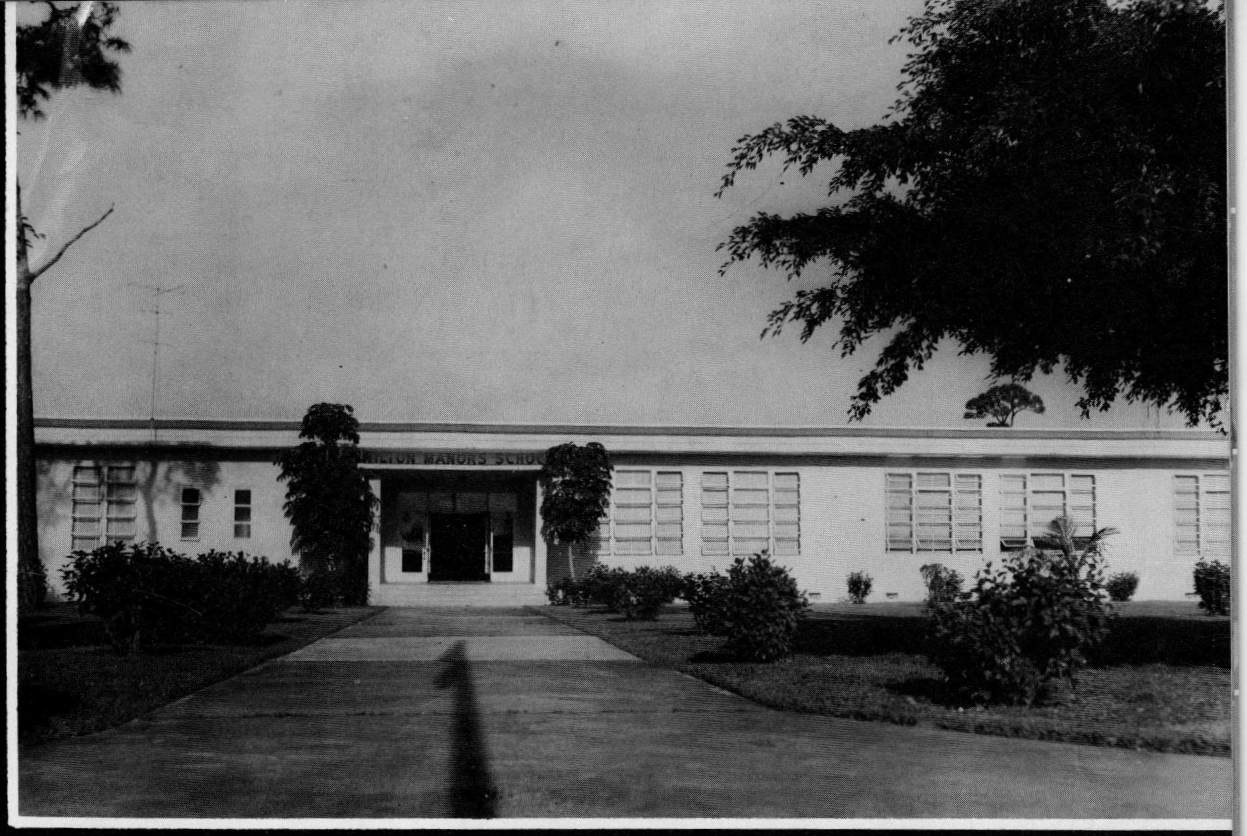

WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

1959-1960

THE GREEN OWL

Presented by

WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dada Dawn gave me this just before she died

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W. Bryan Davis, Principal

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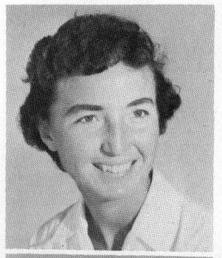

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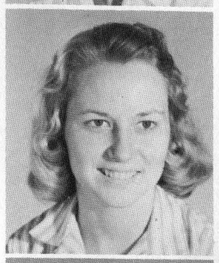

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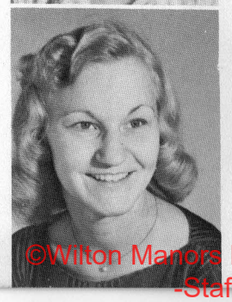

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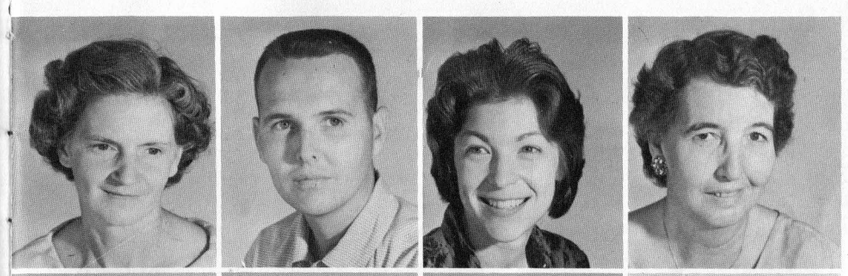

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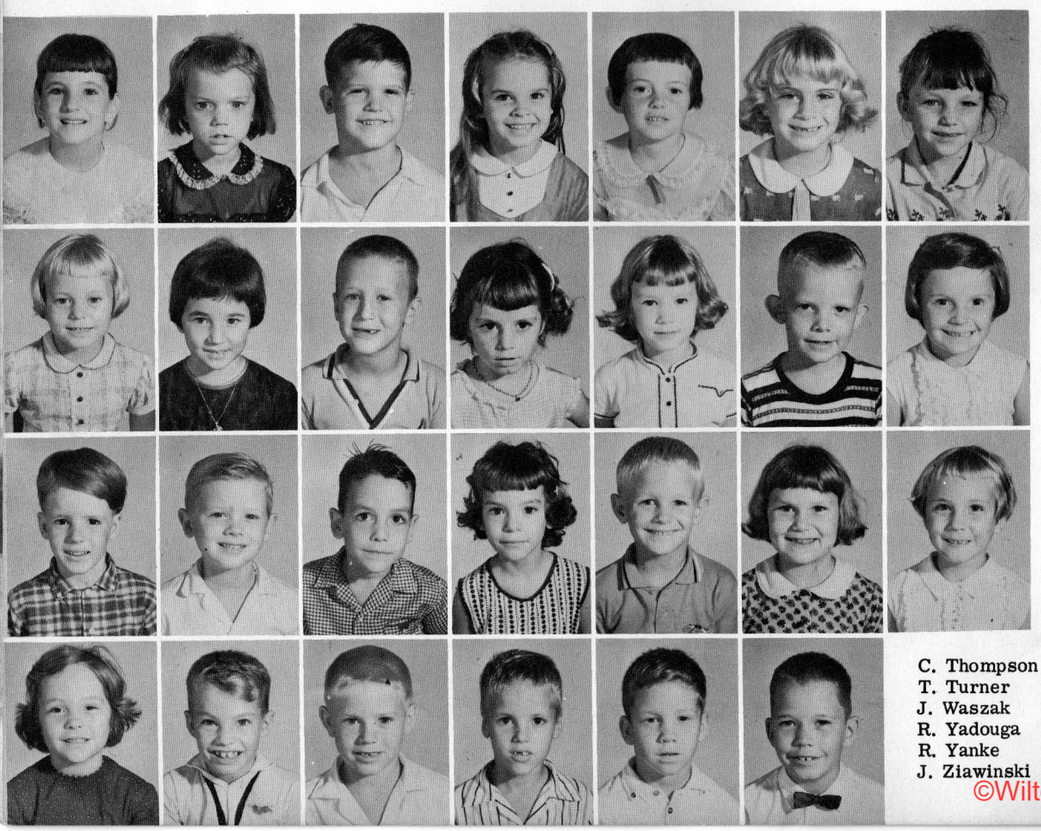

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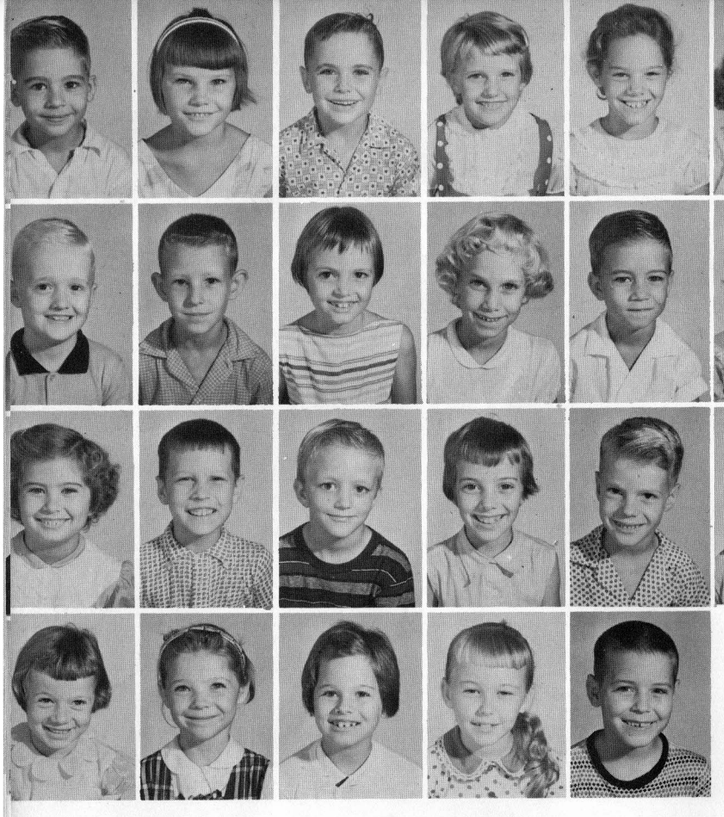

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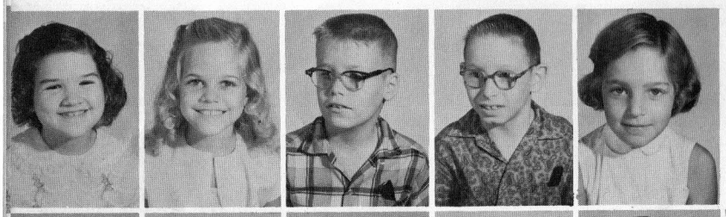

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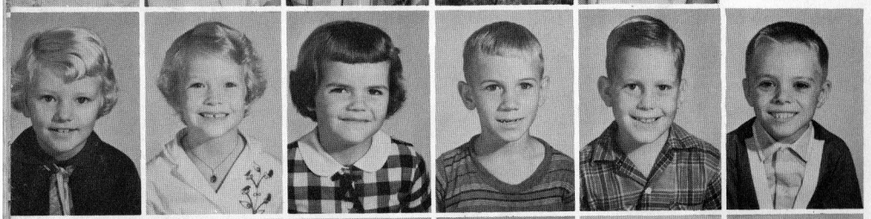

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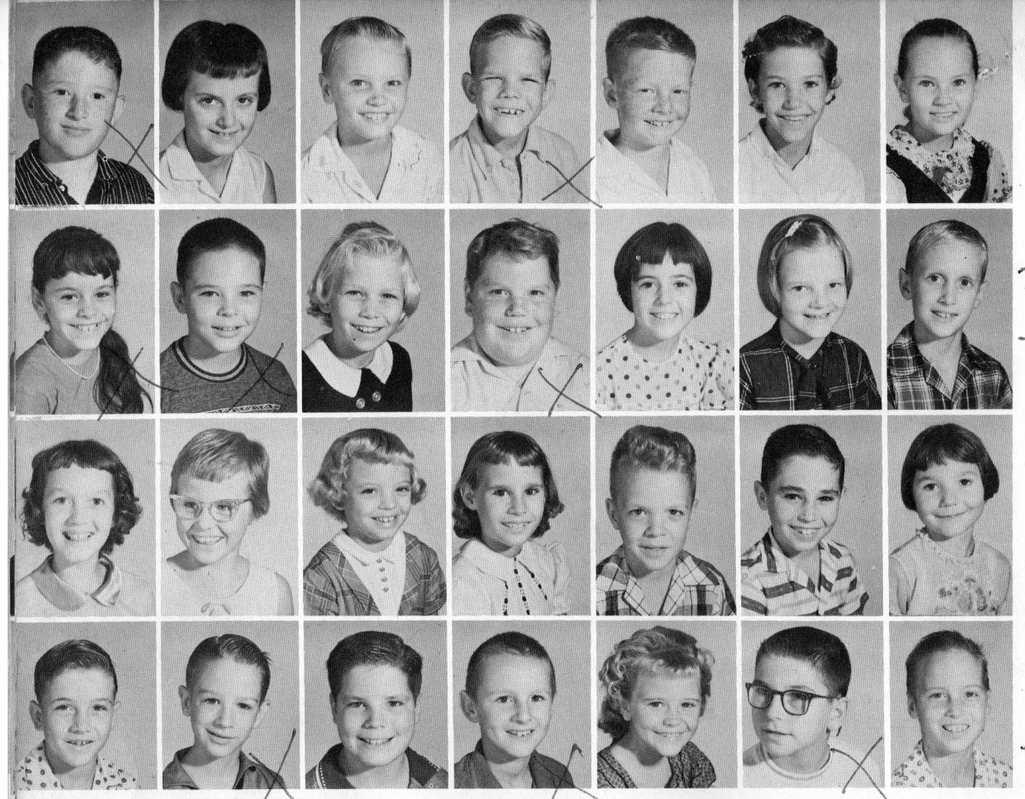

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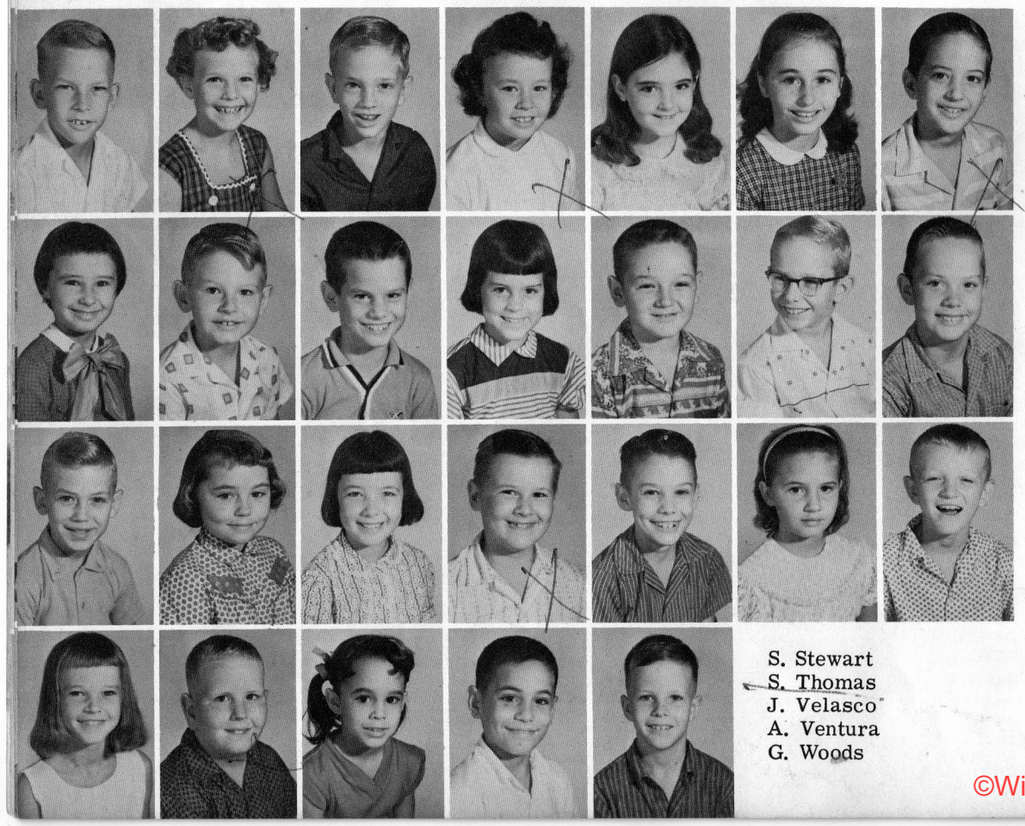

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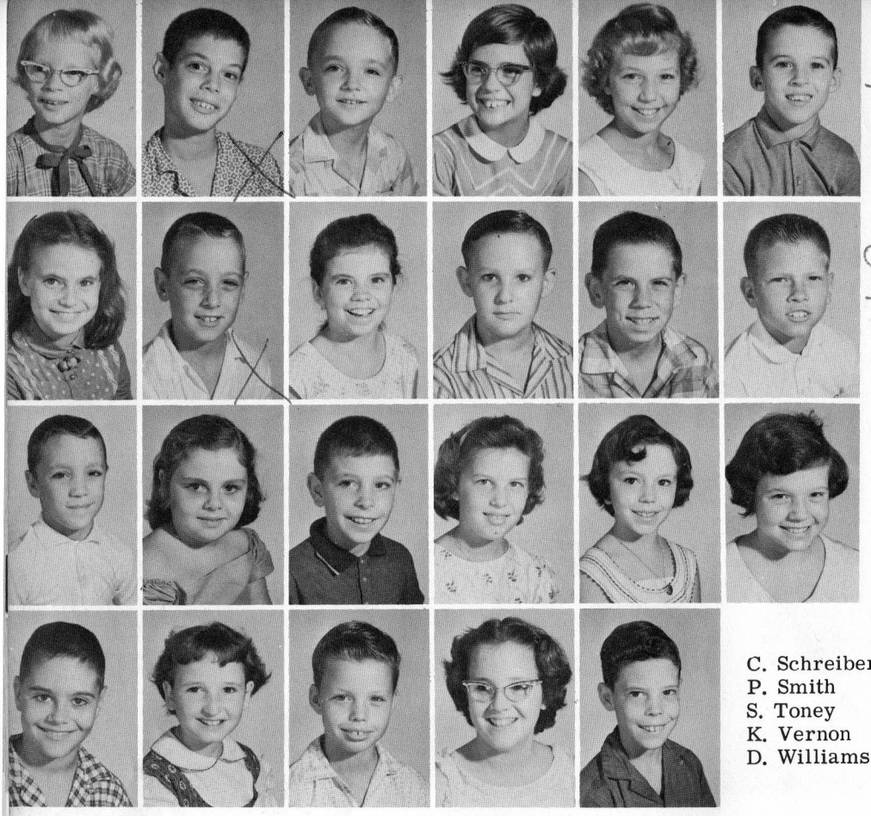

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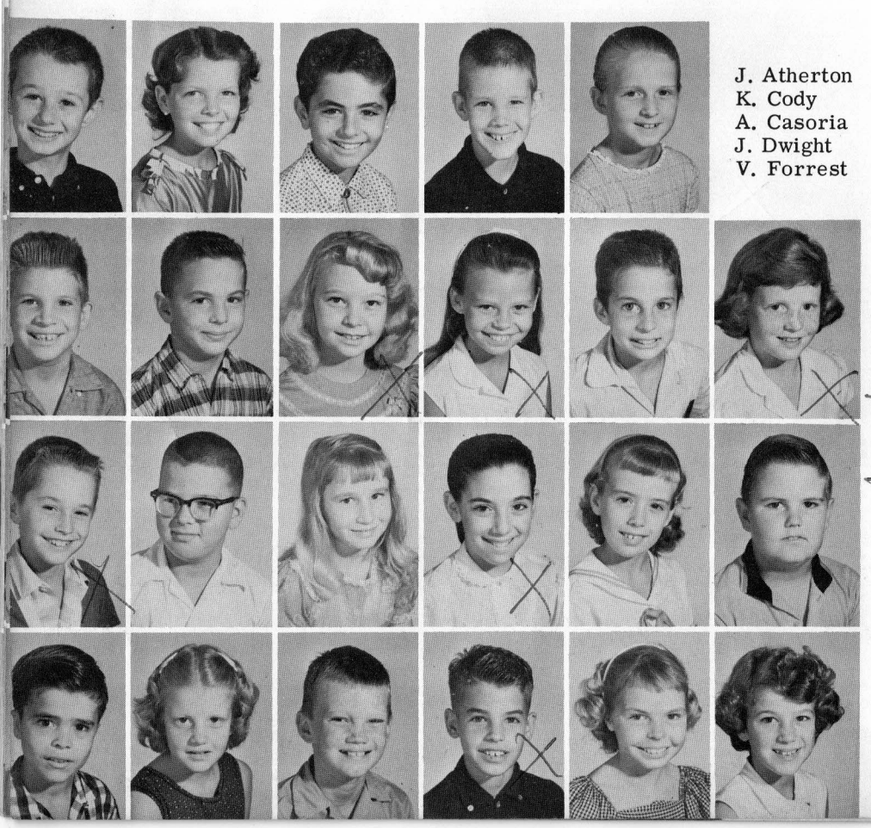

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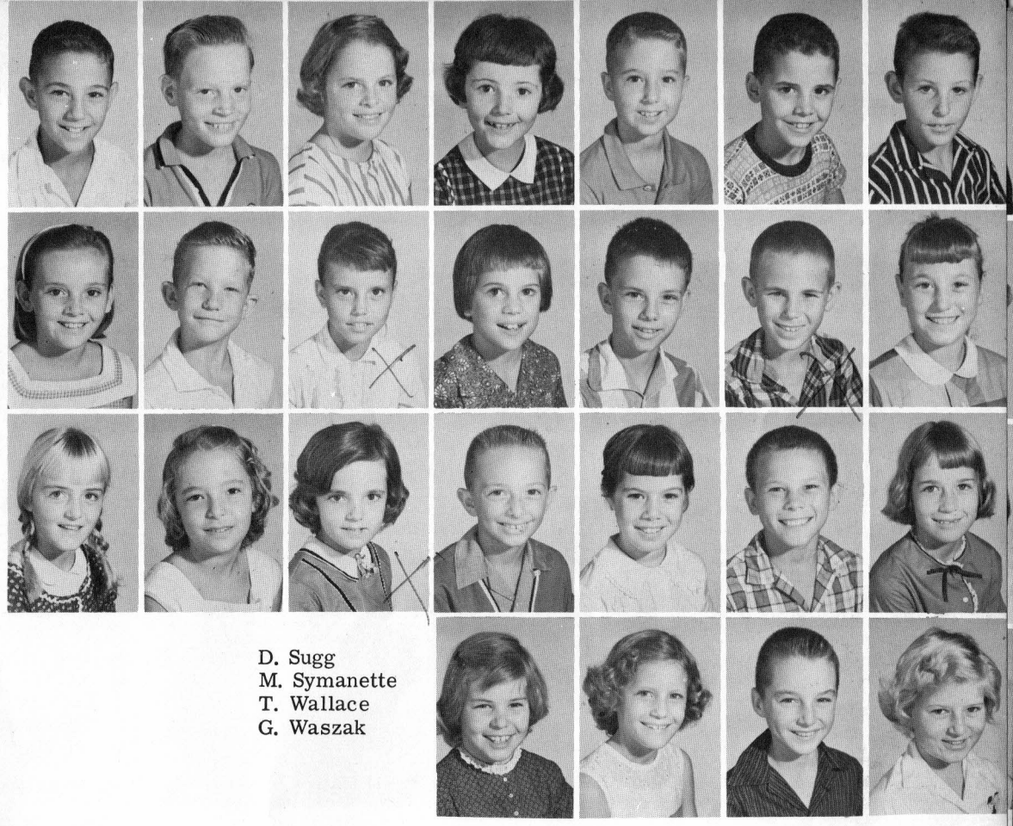

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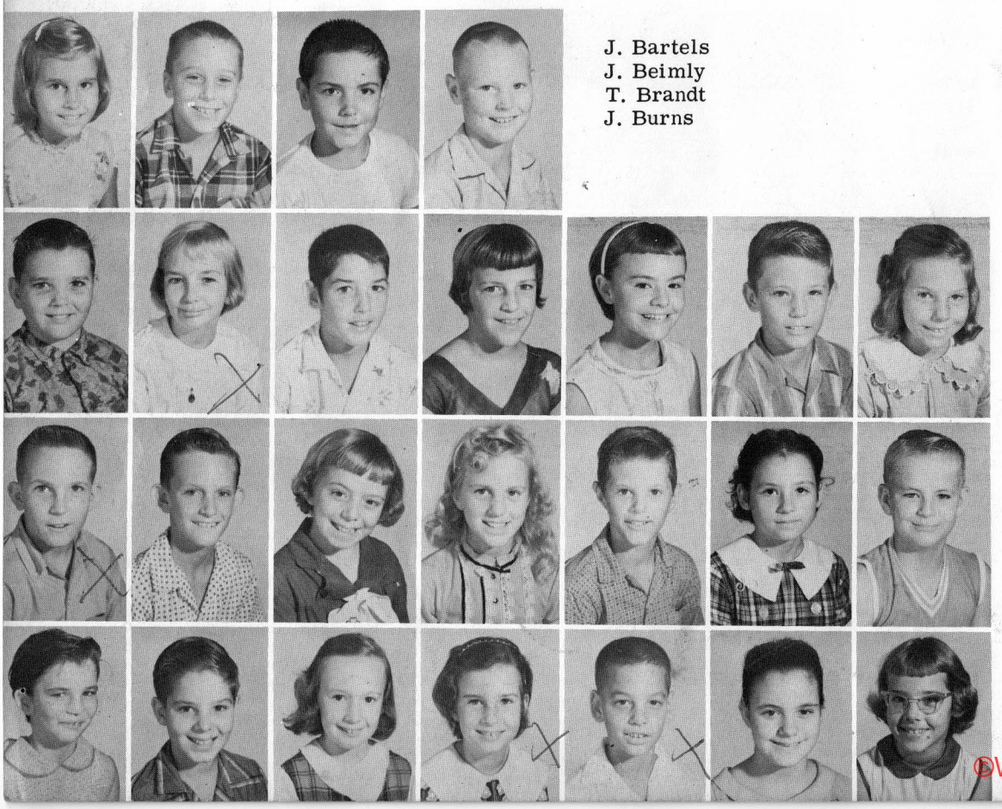

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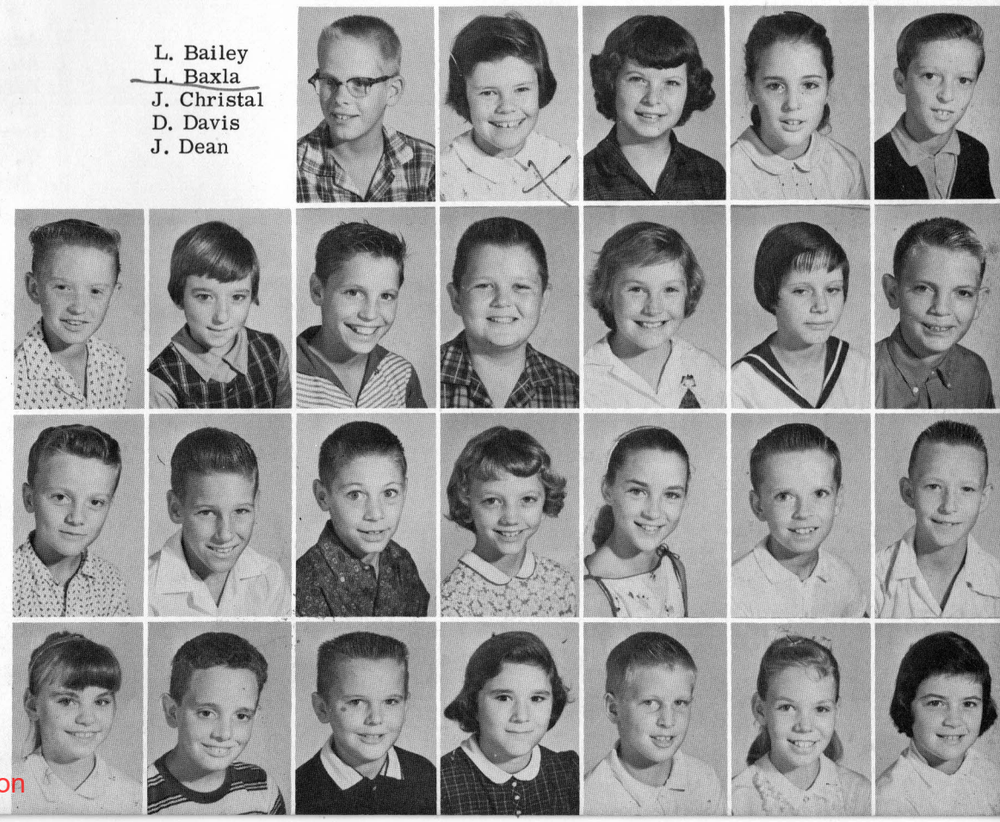

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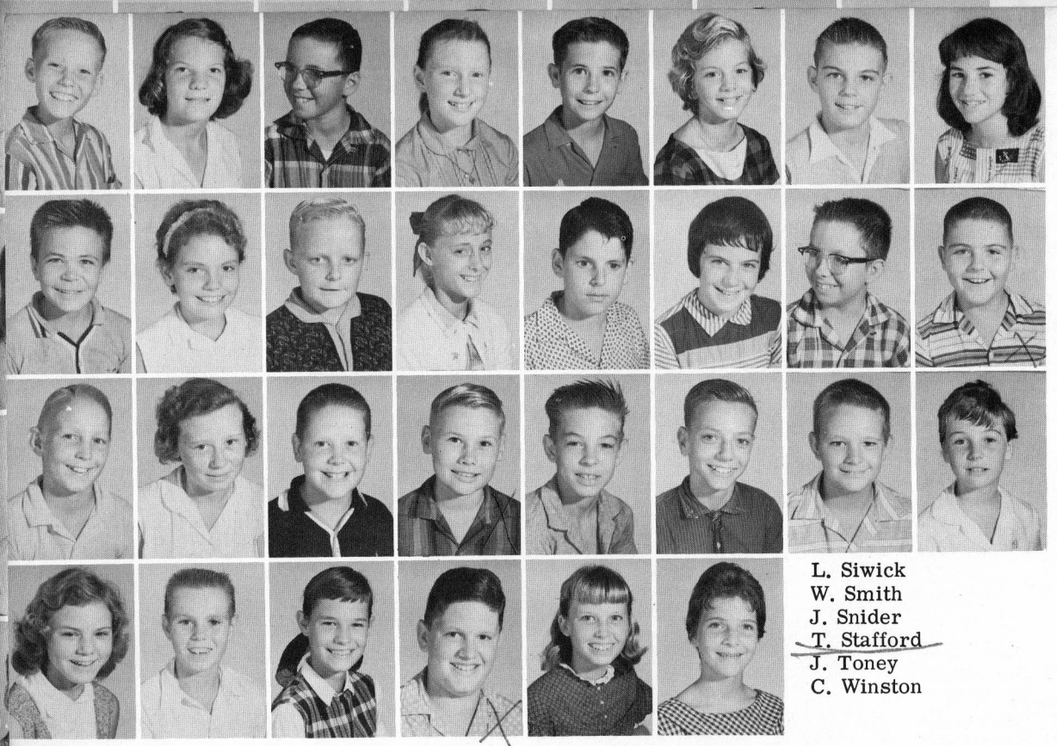

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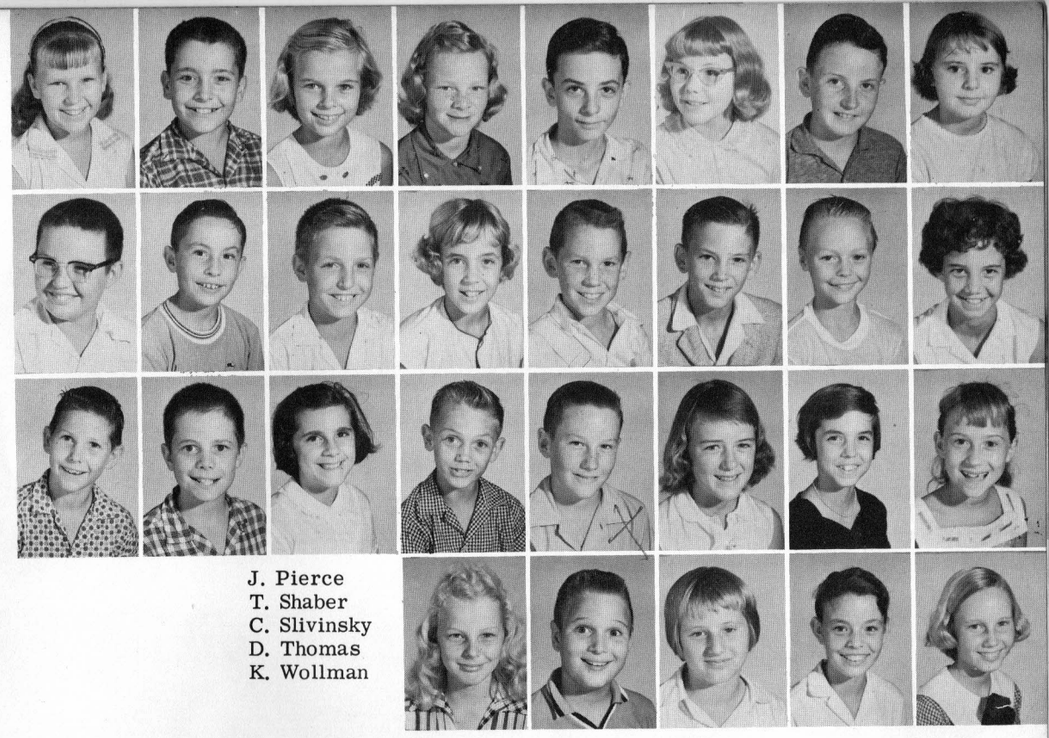

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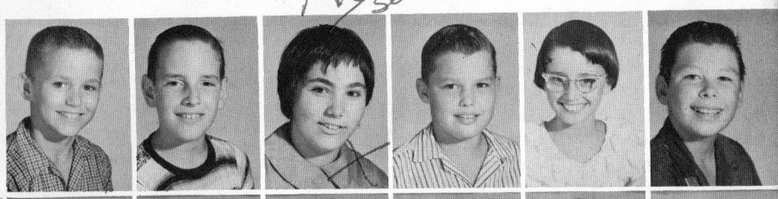

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School Patrol

Lets go to Geography.

A long way around the bases.

Three minutes to change classes.

This equipment is really strong.

That was the last class today.

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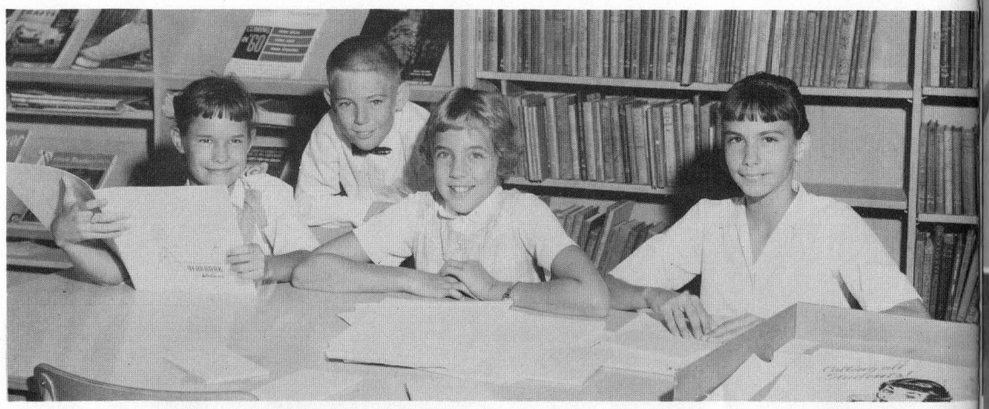
Memory Book Staff

Janet Snider, Rickey Smith, Janet Gottshall, Sandy Hoffman.



Mrs. Miller helps children select right book.

Newspaper Staff

Sixth Grade Gra Y Officers.

Fifth Grade Gra Y Officers.

Teachers of Tomorrow Club.

Sixth Grade Chorus.

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LUNCHROOM STAFF

Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Haberstich, Mrs. Silverberg, Mrs. Velasco, Mrs. Wulf, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Borowiak.

This is the way we eat our lunch.

Mrs. Haun leads the way.

Some of our Science projects.

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RESOLUTION NO._____

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARCIA STAFFORD, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS, AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION.

WHEREAS, MARCIA STAFFORD, City Clerk of the City of Wilton Manors, has served the City for a long period of time commencing March 10, 1951, and

WHEREAS, her duties have continued to expand and increase with the growth and development of the City and she has over a period of years assumed and undertaken these increased duties and responsibilities with great efficiency, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to express its deep appreciation for the manner in which the work and duties of the City Clerk's office have been performed, and does further desire to adjust the City Clerk's salary to more adequately reflect the services rendered by the said City Clerk to the City of Wilton Manors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS:

SECTION I

That the City Council does hereby express its deep appreciation to and does hereby commend the City Clerk for the manner in which she has over the years past conducted herself in office and performed the work and duties thereof.

SECTION II

That commencing with the next regular pay period, the City Clerk shall receive compensation of One hundred ten Dollars ($110.00) per week.

ADOPTED on this _____ day of October, A.D. 1958.

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President of Council

ATTEST: APPROVED:

_____ _____
City Clerk Mayor

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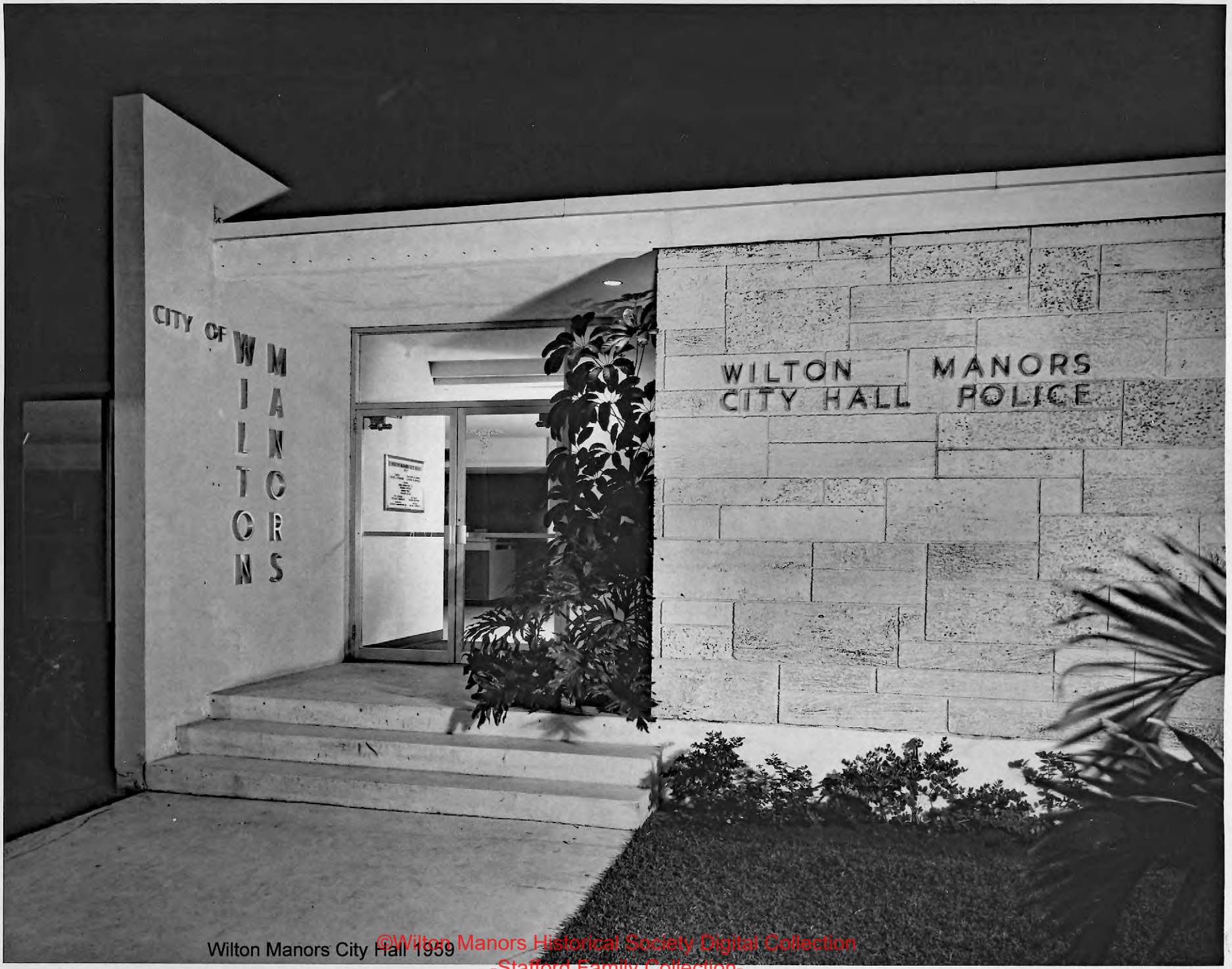

Wilton Manors City Hall 1959

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Earle Middleton, Vernon Burnell, Pat Myers, Kay Noonan, Virginia VanWinkle, Marge Walker, Marie Karsten, Felix Miller, Wally Wakeley, Frank Wolfe Marcia Stafford.

1958 Wilton Manors 1958

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January 13th, 1960

The City Council
City of Wilton Manors
Florida

Gentlemen:

It is with sincere regret that I leave my duties as Clerk of this little City which I love so much.

My ambitions for this City are the highest and if any good for Wilton Manors can come as a result of my removal from office I shall accept that decision with no malice toward anyone connected with my dismissal.

I consider it the highest honor to have been your City Clerk for the past seven years. You may rest assured that at all times I have conducted myself and my office with dignity and respect for my office.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia Stafford.

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Letters To The Editor

Jan 22, 1960

The News welcomes contributions from readers on all subjects.

All letters must bear the writers' signatures and addresses. However, upon request, names will be withheld from publication. They should not exceed 350 words.

In the interest of good taste and protection against libel, The News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Politics

Editor, The News:

Prior to the Wilton Manors election an article appeared in The News that a reporter from your paper had polled each candidate running for office of councilman regarding how he felt about retaining City Clerk Marcia Stafford in office. It was reported that each one felt she should be reappointed.

What happened?

After the new council was sworn in, the first order of business was a motion by one of these councilmen to remove Mrs. Stafford from the position of City Clerk and appoint the ex-mayor, J. Frank Starling.

Of these four men elected, only one, Mr. George C. Nichols, proved to be a man of his word and voted against the above motion. These new councilmen soon found out how those present at the meeting felt about how much the word of each new councilman amounted to. Not one of the four who voted to remove Mrs. Stafford would give one reason why they did so. We on the outside know why!

There is an old saying "There's something rotten in Denmark." Anyone at the Wilton Manors Council Meeting of January 13th found out that you don't have to go to Denmark to find something wrong.

Of the 3,073 qualified voters only 43 per cent cast their vote on election day and I know by now a large number of this 43 per cent (if they had known what was going to take place on Wednesday after election day) never would have cast their votes as they did.

What should be done is a poll of the 57 per cent who did not vote and form a Voters League. Include in this League the portion of the 43 per cent who now wish they had not voted as they did and, according to the charter, recall these four councilmen and the Mayor. This should be done—and without delay! These men have proven that their word is not worth too much and with this type to handle the money and affairs of the city I wonder what shape the city will be in at the end of two years.

In the old days a man elected to a public office was known as a public servant, but not so today. A man elected to public office has become NOT A PUBLIC SERVANT, BUT A PUBLIC NUISANCE!!

C. WILSON BROWN

Jan. 20, 1960

THE NORTH END shopper

ATTENTION WILTON MANORS RESIDENTS

The inhumane way in which the New City Council fired the Vetern City Clerk, Marcia Stafford, should be brought to the attention of all the people of Wilton Manors.

The Council retired to an Illegal Private Meeting leaving Mrs. Stafford at the citizens table facing a crowded roomof citizens, for a inhumanly long and embarrassing time.

On returning, they proceeded, in spite of a parade of Former Council Presidents, and Citizens who took their turn at the microphone to voice their objections and their opinions on the meager qualifications of the the Council's proposed new City Clerk, former Mayor Starling. These men Mc Cully, Beimly, and Hanrahan along with new Mayor Price did not have the courtesy to forwarn or notify Mrs. Stafford of their intended action, After being reported in the Press that they were satisfied with her long and Faithful service. Is this the type of Service they will give the people they represent. In fairness it must be stated that Councilman Nichols cast the lone objecting Vote.

THIS SPACE PAID FOR BY CITIZENS WHO BELIEVE IN FAIR PLAY

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Courthouse Comments

by

Frank Hogan

News Staff Writer

It's a great feeling to live in a wealthy town.

Wilton Manors bad a good reputation of solvency when I moved there in 1958 but I didn't learn until a few days ago just how rich the thriving community really is.

My eyes were shocked open when councilmen — excepting George Nichols — voted themselves 400 per cent pay raises. And, to keep the mayor in check, council members gave him a 240 per cent salary boost.

The raises themselves, from $300 to $1,200 for the councilmen and from $500 to $1,200 for Mayor Harold Price, are not so enormous even though the percentages are.

Last Legislature Changed Charter

Nevertheless, the manner in which the councilmen went about fattening their wallets shows they believe the city's treasury is so full of money that they can buck a long-standing policy without incurring the wrath of the city's taxpayers.

This policy, which was a part of the city charter until someone got the 1959 Legislature to take it out, was that councilmen would not vote themselves raises. Any raise would have to be approved at least two months ahead of an election and take effect after the balloting.

When these men sought and won council seats, they knew their pay would be $300 a year. Apparently they thought it enough to campaign for the positions.

But after only one month in office, they suddenly decided they are worth four times that much.

To questions raised by this high-handed disregard for policy, custom, habit or what-have-you, Councilman John Hanrahan replied that Wilton Manors offiicals should be paid at least as much as the councilmen of neighboring Oakland Park.

Now What About The People

One observer took this to mean that Wilton Manors intends to "keep up with the Joneses." If that is the case, can Wilton Manors residents look forward to a city beach, marina, auditorium,

PRICE

NICHOLS

STARLING

incinerator, city manager, free garbage collections, harbor patrol and a swimming pool?

Well, why not? Ft. Lauderdale, another neighbor, has them.

Council members also showed a complete disregard for tax money when they fired Mrs. Marcia Stafford as city clerk and hired Frank Starling, former mayor, in her place. Mrs. Stafford kept all the city records herself, including taking minutes at all official meetings.

Starling can't take the minutes. He doesn't know how.

Therefore, Council has to use a secretary to do that — a needless duplication which Council could have avoided had it had the business acumen to keep Mrs. Stafford on the payroll.

Another way in which the city shows its opulence is by having two auditors — a husband wife team — who apparently audit each other. She is paid $110 a week full-time and he gets $25 a day at least two days a week for auditing his wife's audit. Isn't that cozy?

Starling Wants A Raise

As city clerk, Starling makes $110 a week — the same amount as the full-time auditor. Observers report, however, that Starling is champing at the bit for a large raise although he snapped up the $110 job the first time it was offered. Now that he is safely ensconced in City Hall, the pay is too small for him, it is reported. Better he should quit!

Now that it's evident Wilton Manors has an over-abundance of money, city dwellers will be expecting a tax cut next year. A big cut.

And the Broward County Commission undoubtedly will be expecting Wilton Manors to withdraw its request for financial help in repaving NE 26th St. It isn't a county road, being entirely within the city limits, but Wilton Manors asked for help anyway.

With so much money lying around idle and with Council looking for ways to spend it, NE 26th St., a boulevard of bumps, would be a good place for them to start.

As I said at the beginning, it's a great feeling to live in a rich town.

I'd feel better, though, if the city fathers would use the money for us residents instead of themselves.

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1960 Stevens Market Construction
Marcia Stafford, Fritz Richter

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FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1961

PASS IN REVIEW

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By ORVILLE REVELLE

FOR MOST ADULTS a letter of condolence is a tedious, painstaking obligation, says Louise Dameron our Wilton Manors correspondent.

To a child who did not know the meaning of such a letter it meant expressing himself — quietly, unobtrusively and brought no confusion.

Recently when Norman Malcolm, often called the father of Wilton Manors, died, 13-year-old Tracy Stafford sat down and wrote a letter to the widow. Tracy is one of many children who treasured the friendship of the 82-year-old man's great wisdom and kindness.

REVELLE

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THE LETTER read:

"Dear Mrs. Malcohn,

"I will always remember the man who took me all over Fort Lauderdale in search of royal palm seed. I will remember that same man who took time to tell me how to make a feeder for painted buntings. I will make the feeder from a coconut like he told me to, and hang it in our yard and every time I look at the feeder I will be reminded of a very fine man.

"I am 13 years old and very strong and I would like to help you like Mr. Malcolm helped me. When you need help in your yard or something from the grocery store please call on me.

With Love,

Tracy Stafford"

★ ★ ★

WHAT A TRIBUTE to Mr. Malcolm who came to Wilton Manors when it was a village. He took his place among the leaders and organized a civic group.

There's hardly a yard in Wilton Manors belonging to the earlier residents where a plant, donated by the Malcolms, doesn't exist. Never too busy to call on newcomers, Mr. Malcolm brought his offering of friendship with an invitation to become a part of the city he loved so well.

He and his wife worked tirelessly to establish the city library. He was president of the Library Association until shortly before his death.

Always interested in the welfare of his community, county, state and country, he kept himself up-to-date on education and government, locally and nationally. He also was an active crusader against communism.

The home he and his wife shared for 59 years reflects their interest in books, art and beauty. An old-fashioned garden and bird sanctuary surround their home.

Tracy Stafford is indeed a fortunate boy—he knew Mr. Malcolm personally. Other children in that area might never know their benefactor but they will benefit from his having been here. Even in death his concern was for others — a memorial shelf is being established in the Wilton Manors City Library for the books requested in lieu of flowers.

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and
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MARCIA STAFFORD

For honesty and integrity, plus the vast experience gained in her eight years as City Clerk, elect

MARCIA STAFFORD

to your Wilton Manors City Council on January 10th

marcia Stafford

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Wilton Manors City Council 1962 Marcia Carmichael, Earl Stafford, Harold Price, George Nichols, Jack Hamilton, Bill Smith.

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Les, Nancy, Tracy, Marcia 1962

Dan Mills
Nov. 1962

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MEATS FOR PARTICULAR PEOPLE

THREE REAL OLD FASHIONED SERVICE MEAT MARKETS

TRACY STAFFORD WROTE . . .

"I bought some of your hamburger . . . that which you had advertised in The News on Wednesday, the 24th. We've never been disappointed in your meat yet, so when you said that your ground beef may even help dandruff, I tried it. And by gosh, it does! P.S. I wonder if you could tell me how to remove about a quarter of a pound of ground beef from my good boar-bristle, ivory handled, personalized hairbrush?" /s/ Tracy Stafford, 500 N.E. 25th St., Wilton Manors.

This unpaid, unsolicited testimonial caught us unprepared — we sort of had internal application in mind — but if any of our readers can help Tracy with his problem please contact him at the above address.

FRYERS The good meaty kind like Smitty always has — Ga. Sh. D. & D. — and no charge for cutting. . . . . LB. **29¢**

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FT LAUDERDALE FLO
MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON YOUR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.
THIS HONOR IS A CREDIT TO YOU, YOUR SCHOOL AND OUR NATION.
KEEP UP GOOD WORK
GEORGE A SMATHERS UNITED STATES SENATOR
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM
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MY WARM PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PRIZE WINNING ENTRY
IN THE DAR CONSTITUTION WEEK CONTEST. MAY YOUR PRESENT INTEREST
AND SUCCESS BE THE FOUNDATION OF A LIVELONG INTEREST IN OUR
CONSTITUTION, DEVOTION TO ITS PRINCIPLES. AND A CONTINUING
EFFORT TO SHARE THE GREATNESS YOU FIND IN IT WITH OTHERS. MY
BEST WISHES AND KINDEST REGARDS
SPESSARD L HOLLAND US SENATOR FLORIDA.

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 441 NORTHEAST 3 AVE FORT LAUDERDALE
FLO
CONTRATULATIONS ON YOUR FINE SHOWING IN THE CONSTITUTION WEEK
CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.
YOUR INTEREST IN AMERICAN FREEDOM AND OUR CONSTITUTION IS TO
BE HIGHLY COMMENDED
CONGRESSMAN PAUL ROGERS
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AT LAST! LUNDE TOWERS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Artist's rendering of Lunde Towers, to be located in Wilton Manors on South Fork of Middle River.

A scene at the "Ground Breaking" — church members and city dignitaries join for the exciting event.

GROUND BREAKING

The official "Ground Breaking" for Lunde Towers was held on Sunday, February 18, 1973. The site is one of the most attractive in Broward County, covered with magnificent cypress trees, wild orchids and beautiful birds. Located at the entrance to Town House Isle sequestered off from Wilton Drive, the arbor of trees guard the entry to this lovely spot.

Officiating at the "Ground Breaking" ceremony were Mr. William Passalaqua, Al Hagen, Worthy Seese, Dr. Lunde, Mayor Gerald Thompson and city council members Arthur Welling and Marsha Stafford. The apartment

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PRACTITIONERS are available for private consultations. See listing in Creative Thought magazine.

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1—Alumni 7:30 P.M.
March 7—Card Party 12:30 P.M.
March 9—Men of Religious Science 7 P.M.
March 14 and 28—Women of Religious Science 10:30 A.M.
March 22—Trustees Meeting 7:30 P.M.
March 30—$100 Per Plate Dinner, Governors' Club, 6:30 P.M.
April 4—Card Party 12:30 P.M.
April 5—Alumni 7:30 P.M.

Dr. Lunde listens to the excited description of the thirty pound tarpon Al Hagen had on his line for twenty minutes in the canal on the property. Mr. Peter Brandt, of Passalaqua Builders, and Mr. Worthington Seese, President of the Board of Trustees of the Church of Religious Science, give the accounting.

The "Ground Breaking Crew" from left to right, Mr. Arthur Welling, Councilman, Mr. Worthington Seese, Church Board President, Mayor Gerald Thompson, Dr. Lunde, Mr. William Passalaqua, Builder, Mrs. Marsha Stafford, Councilwoman, and Mr. Alvar Hagen, Board Member who made Lunde Towers possible.

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complex for adults will be ready for occupancy within a year. It will stand out as a landmark in the community, rising eleven stories into the beautiful Florida sky. There will be no obstructions of the view for miles in any direction. Designed as a luxury residence for New Thought people, it will take advantage of all the Florida assets making it the most desirable address in the area. Coordinator, Marty Sullivan, representing Passalaqua Builders, has assured us this new approach to leisure living will set a precedence and attract attention nationwide.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON LUNDE TOWERS

Since the first indication that Lunde Towers would be built, we have been flooded with questions from hundreds of people regarding specific information about the project.

1. HOW MUCH IS THE RENT?
   Rental rates will run from $215 to $330.
2. WHAT SIZE ARE THE APARTMENTS?
   The apartments will run from one bedroom, one bath, living room and kitchen to two bedrooms, two baths, living room and kitchen.
3. HOW LARGE ARE THEY?
   The one bedroom, one bath will be approximately 679 square feet. The average two bedroom will be somewhere around 900 square feet, while some two bedroom, two bath apartments will be 1,040 square feet.
4. WHAT FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE?
   The beautiful trees will all be left to create the park like front lawn running from the building to Middle River. There will be docks for boating and fishing, a heated swimming pool, putting green and shuffle board courts, a large meeting room on the first floor with a kitchenette attached for parties. It will also be available for lectures, motion pictures and special events. A craft room will be provided for painting, woodworking, etc.
5. TRANSPORTATION?
   Most of the parking will be covered (under the building). However, an automobile will be unnecessary. The location of Lunde Towers is adjacent to a shopping center that will meet all basic needs. A shuttle bus will be on duty with regular trips to larger shopping centers, theaters, the beach, church, etc.
6. MEDICAL CARE?
   All forms of medical care have been excluded because every type of facility is available in the vicinity from clinics to nursing homes and hospitals. Medical care provided in retirement homes usually is inadequate and increases the cost to such a degree that founder's fees are required. New Thought people have less need for this type of service than any other group. Those who are infirm should seek facilities that are so designed.
7. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.
   Storage lock bins are provided on every floor for each apartment as well as ample closet space in each apartment. Laundry facilities are also provided on every floor. A full time director will be on the premises twenty-four hours a day. Planned recreation will be available. Every apartment will be provided with a complete kitchen including a dishwasher. There are numerous restaurants nearby. Applications and complete brochures will be available in a few weeks. There will be luxurious carpeting throughout. The apartments are based on a one-year lease and are unfurnished because we cater to individual taste.

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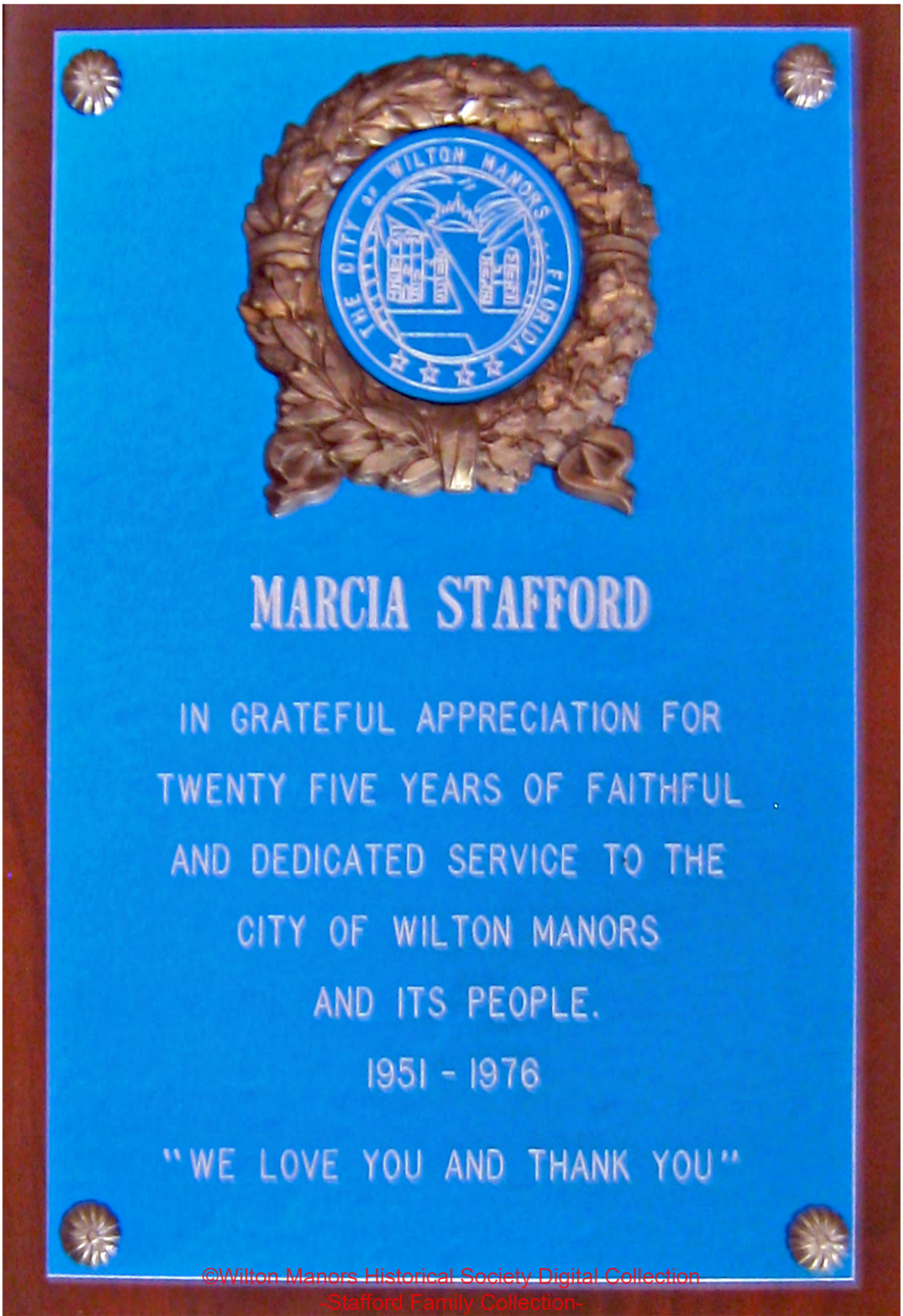

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Les, Marcia, Nancy "Miss Florida", Tracy 1977

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Governor Reubin Askew congratulates Nancy on becoming Official Hostess to The State of Florida.

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Miss Florida 1976-1977

Nancy, a lovely 22-year-old graduate of the University of Florida, is a sixth generation Floridian and a native of Fort Lauderdale. She is 5'9" tall, has blue eyes and light brown hair.

She completed her college education in three years, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations, with a minor in marketing. Consistently on the dean's list, Nancy graduated in the top 5% of her class and was tapped into Kappa Tau Alpha National Journalism Honor Society. Other college honors include Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman-Sophomore National Honor Society and Sigma Tau Sigma Tutoring Society. She is also a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Other experiences include membership to Chi Omega Sorority, University of Florida Choir, University of Florida Homecoming Queen candidate and Military Ball Queen first runner-up. Nancy served on the Broward County Bicentennial Committee and has been selected the State of Florida's Youth Chairman of the Arthritis Foundation.

Nancy is a pianist and enjoys both classical and popular music. Upon graduation from high school she received a music scholarship as the "outstanding senior." She has taught piano and been an accompanist for choirs, ensembles and musicals, as well as performing as a solo pianist.

Nancy's ambition is to obtain a Master's Degree in Marketing and eventually to establish her own public relations, advertising and marketing firm.

Her hobbies include modeling (she was a finalist in the 1976 Model of the Year Pageant in New York), gourmet cooking, needleworking, sewing and crocheting and antique collecting. Nancy has sky dived, is an avid racquet ball player and enjoys pocket billiards.

Miss Florida Sponsors

Nancy takes time out to enjoy a refreshing Pepsi. Pepsi Bottlers of Florida award a Scholarship to Miss Florida each year.

Nancy enjoying the pool at Howard Johnson Downtown. Pageant Headquarters for Pageant Week.

Time to eat at one of the Central Florida McDonald's.

Nancy chose the tunic separates as part of the $1,000 JC Penney Fashion Award wardrobe for Atlantic City and her year's reign given to her by Florida's JC Penney stores.

Have wheels—will roll with Starling Chevrolet, Inc. of Kissimmee Official Pageant Car.

HOW TO BOOK MISS FLORIDA

1. Booking requests should be received as far in advance as possible. At least two weeks is desirable in order to handle the appearance properly.

2. Include in your letter the date, time, place, how long you expect the appearance to last, and what "Miss Florida" will be expected to do.

3. A contract covering the appearance will be issued by Miss Florida's business manager. It should be executed in triplicate and all three copies returned to us. A copy will then be signed and returned by the business manager. This constitutes a firm commitment. The fee, plus expenses (these will be itemized), will be due and payable upon receipt of our statement following the completion of the appearance.

Neither Miss Florida nor her family can directly accept or reject a request for an appearance. All requests must be made through the Business Manager for Miss Florida.

4. Publicity photos are available upon request.

RULES FOR MISS FLORIDA APPEARANCE

1. Miss Florida has her own lovely wardrobe suitable for every type of public appearance.

2. Miss Florida's Chaperone always accompanies her, and should be included in all invitations and reservations.

3. Miss Florida can spend up to four hours before the public at any one time, but must be allowed time to keep herself well groomed and fresh looking. Please do not overlook rest periods.

4. Encourage your local press, radio and T.V. people to interview her if possible.

5. She is always introduced as: Nancy Stafford, "Miss Florida" of 1976-77, Florida's representative to the Miss America Pageant.

6. Miss Florida does not appear at events sponsored by alcoholic beverage concerns, and she will not endorse or sponsor merchandise or products which are in conflict with the following State or National sponsors: The Kellogg Company, the Gillette Co., the Pepsi Company, or the Campbell Soup Company.

FEES AND EXPENSES

The appearance fee is based on the following amounts per day. An itemized statement from the Miss Florida Pageant will follow a short time after completion of the appearance. The following is a breakdown of fees for Miss Florida's appearance.

Commercial	$125.00
Civic and Charitable Organizations	$ 75.00
Local Miss Florida Preliminary Pageants	$ 50.00
Official Sponsors of The Miss Florida Pageant	$ 50.00
Talent	$ 25.00
Mistress of Ceremonies	$ 50.00

The booking party will be responsible for any expenses incurred for Miss Florida and her traveling companion incurred for the appearance, such as meals, lodging, tips, tolls or parking. A charge of 15¢ a mile will be applied when Miss Florida travels.

A chaperone fee of $10.00 a day will be charged for appearances. This fee will be applied even though the appearance is complimentary. Please make all checks payable to: The Miss Florida Pageant of Orlando, Inc.

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The TRIBUNE Wednesday, September 30, 1981

Wilton Manors school celebrates 30th year

By Lori Alessi

"The thing I remember the most was the sand. The kids had to play in that dirt and sand because we didn't have grass around the school building," said apple-cheeked, white haired Susie Rae Meredith. Wilton Manors first, first-grade school teacher is getting ready to kick up her heels a little tomorrow (Thursday) evening when the town's first and only school celebrates its 30th birthday. She has seen a lot of changes with the growth of the town and the school.

"We started out in 1951 with eight rooms in a field," said the now-retired school marm. "And, I think the land at one time must have been a dumping ground because glass kept coming up through the sand. Nevertheless, you couldn't beat the pride of the residents," she recalls. "Those first few years the townspeople would drop everything to come and help out at the school."

That was a long time ago. As the town grew, so did the school. Residents and guests will be able to relish that growth Thursday at 7 p.m. when the PTA hosts a gala open house to celebrate the school's 30th year. Expected to attend are such notables as the school board members, the superintendents, the principal, Mrs. Mary Crum, and city officials

Susie Rae Meredith

including Mayor James E. Maurer. Of course, Miss Meredith and other ex-faculty members will be there.

Miss Meredith doesn't believe the basics of teaching have changed over the years, but she has seen a change in the kids.

"As far as teaching goes, I think teacher's today are well qualified. You have to treat a child like a person and children like limits. They need boundaries. You have to have a lot of patience, understanding and you have to love children. You also need a wealth of materials. These requirements don't change," Miss Meredith said. "The teachers who are in it just for the paycheck are the ones that don't make it," she says of the job that in her early days paid just $3,800 a year.

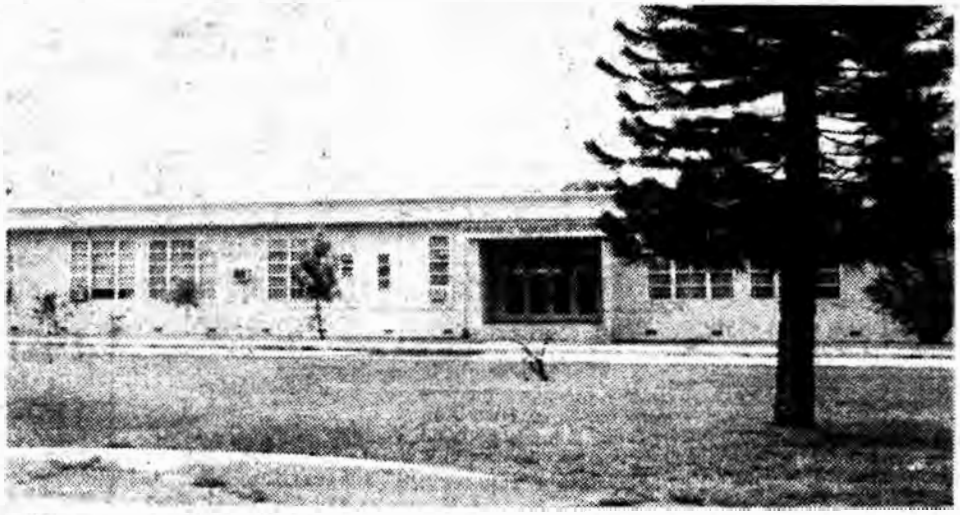
Admitting that teacher's jobs are tougher today, Miss Meredith points to the kids themselves and the legalitites of the job as the reasons.

"Everyone loses their temper now and then and I think it's important for kids to see that, but the legal limits of what a teacher can and can't do today are restraining. And, the kids are different now from when I was teaching. They aren't so respectful of authority figures, and they're smarter. I never had the discipline problems that exist now," Meredith said.

Even though she frequently visits the school since retiring, Miss Meredith doesn't believe she'd like teaching today. "I used to love every minute of it while I was doing it, but my patience has gone a little and I don't think I could do it anymore."

Still, Meredith's record of successes is up there with the best of them. She has seen some of her students go on to become doctors, lawyers, and Ph.D's. Some are today involved in politics (some still in Wilton Manors) and Miss Meredith has even seen one of her little girls grow up to become Miss Florida. But probably most rewarding for Miss Meredith was the one young lady who interned in her class. She is now a teacher at Wilton Manors Elementary School...a first grade teacher.

WILTON MANORS FIRST GRADE CLASS in 1951, the year the Elementary School opened. Teacher Susie Rae Meredith [right] will be among the guests at the School's celebration Thursday of its 30th anniversary.



TIME STANDS STILL. The entrance to the Wilton Manors Elementary School has not changed in the school's 30-year history. But everything else has. The growth of the school has radiated outward from the entrance to its present expanse off Northeast Third Avenue. The town is celebrating the school's 30th birthday with a gala open house Thursday evening. [Photo by Steve Patterson]

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Tracy Stafford is the most experienced candidate for Mayor

- 38 year Wilton Manors Resident.
- Mayor Since 1986.
- Wilton Manors City Councilman 1975-81.
- Council President 1977-78 and 1980-81.
- Wilton Manors City Administrator 1981-82.
- Assistant to Mayor - City of Lauderhill 1982-84
- Adminsitrative Consultant to Cities of Coral Springs and Tamarac.
- Chairman - Northwest Council of Mayors Task Force on Water Management - 1983-84.
- Broward County League of Cities - Legislative Committee and Board of Directors
- Florida League of Cities - Statewide Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Relations (former member).
- Currently employed as Administrative Assistant/Legal to the Broward County Property Appraiser.
- Attended Wilton Manors Elementary, Sunrise Middle, and Fort Lauderdale High Schools.
- Graduate - University of Florida College of Law (1973).
- Member Florida Bar
- Member - Wilton Manors Code Enforcement Board 1984-85.
- Certificate of Honor - Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.
- Past Director - Broward Association for Retarded Citizens.
- Board of Directors - South Florida Neurofibromatosis Association, Inc.

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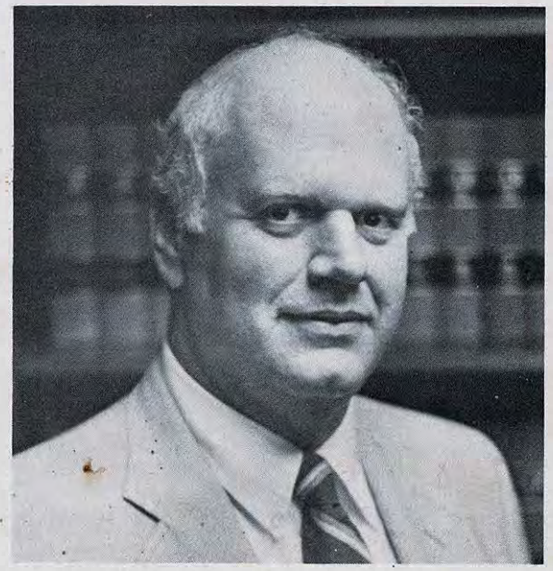

"Let's Keep Wilton Manors on Track"

Re-Elect Tracy Stafford Mayor March 8, 1988

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Holy Cross Hospital	771-8000
North Ridge Hospital	776-6000

WILTON MANORS

City Hall	390-2100
Police (Non-Emergency)	390-2150
Library	390-2195
Recreation	390-2130
Garbage & Bulk Pick-up	733-5455
Water & Sewer	390-2145

LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS

Congressman E. Clay Shaw	522-1800
State Senator Jim Scott	566-8600
State Rep. Tom Gustafson	462-6289
County Comm. Gerald Thompson	357-7001

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American Cable	942-0220
Southern Bell	780-7611
Florida Power & Light	765-3800

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GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Animal Control	765-5893
Auto Tag Information	765-5930
Broward County Information	357-7585
Child Abuse Hot-Line	1-800-342-9152
Consumer Affairs	357-6030
Drivers License Information	584-5923
Federal Information	522-8531
Health Department	765-1100
IRS Taxpayer Assistance	1-800-424-1040
Post Office (rates & fees)	527-2072
Property Appraiser William Markham	357-6830
Revenue Collector	765-4600
Social Security	463-1621
Supervisor of Elections Jane Carroll	357-7050
Veterans Information	357-7560
Wheelchair Transportation	357-6799

SCHOOLS

Wilton Manors Elementary	566-8648
Bennett Elementary	765-6757
St. Clements School	563-5608
Sunrise Middle School	765-6785
Ft. Lauderdale High School	765-6921
Broward School Board	765-6000

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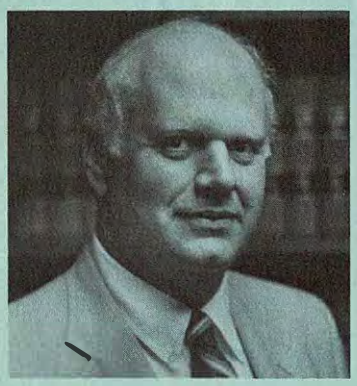

Tracy Stafford
for
Mayor

John Fiore
for
City Council

Sandy Steen
for
City Council

We encourage you to review their positions on the issues which effect our community. We believe these three candidates possess the qualities necessary to provide effective leadership for the betterment of our community.

Please join us in supporting these dedicated candidates and make **your** vote count.

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■ FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS/SUN-SENTINEL ■ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1989

NATURAL ALARM CLOCK

Parrots, characterized by their raucous behavior, are enjoyable, bird lover Kay Muser says. Despite the noise, Wilton Manors residents find flocks of wild, squawking parrots amusing.

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WILD BIRDS OF WILTON MANORS

Residents find the squawking parrots delightful and amusing.

By DOROTHY-ANNE FLOR
Staff Writer

"The person who imagines that a parrot is a parrot and nothing more will soon find that he or she has made a great mistake."
— W.T. Greene

Wilton Manors residents know this is true. For more than 20 years, this city's many hundreds of wild parrots have served their human neighbors as alarm clocks in early morning hours and,

■ Parrots flock **14**

in the evening, prepared them for sleep with a lullaby so raucus and out of tune, only mis-wired ears could abide it.

In Wilton Manors, not only are people willing to put up with this squawking chorus, they love it.

"They're a natural alarm clock all year long, waking us as it gets light," says council member Sandy Steen, whose 28 years in Wilton Manors include 21 years in Townhouse Isle, the section where many of the birds roost.

"They were here long before I got here. A lot of birdwatchers come with telescopes to observe them," she says. "They make a great deal of noise but no one seems to mind this. You get used to it. It's part of nature and they're so beautiful. They leave about 6:30 a.m. and return at the same time every evening. No one knows where all of them go but large numbers have been seen in Pompano Beach and on Las Olas Boulevard, in Victoria Park and particularly in Cooley Park on the Intracoastal near First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale."

"They are terribly raucus," says Ken Hendricks, a retired art teacher from Fort Lauderdale High School. "But, we think the noise is very delightful, even when we're awakened by it."

"When we first moved here 20 years ago, there might have been just one pair but over time they've multiplied into hundreds," he says. "They seem to like ancient cypress trees and we have a large one in our yard. We don't see nests but we do know some dwell in holes in the

"They're a natural alarm clock all year long, waking us as it gets light."
— Sandy Steen

trees. The cypress in front of our house has a large hole where they nest from time to time, singly or in groups of several. Maybe they like cypress trees partly because they're nut bearing. They break the nuts open, throw the hull down to the ground, pelting us. During the time trees are bearing the nuts, we see the parrots just sitting there. Occasionally they come all the way down to the ground and hop around looking for food. People don't put out food for them. The parrots fend for themselves."

"The parrots are built-in entertainment," says former Commissioner Marcia Stafford, the mother of the current mayor, Tracy Stafford. "Sometimes when I have people in to tea, we sit in my kitchen because the mango, avocado and poinciana trees in my yard are popular gathering spots for parrot socializing. The tree limbs are favorite seats for huge blocks of them and my guests hang over my kitchen sink watching them through the window."

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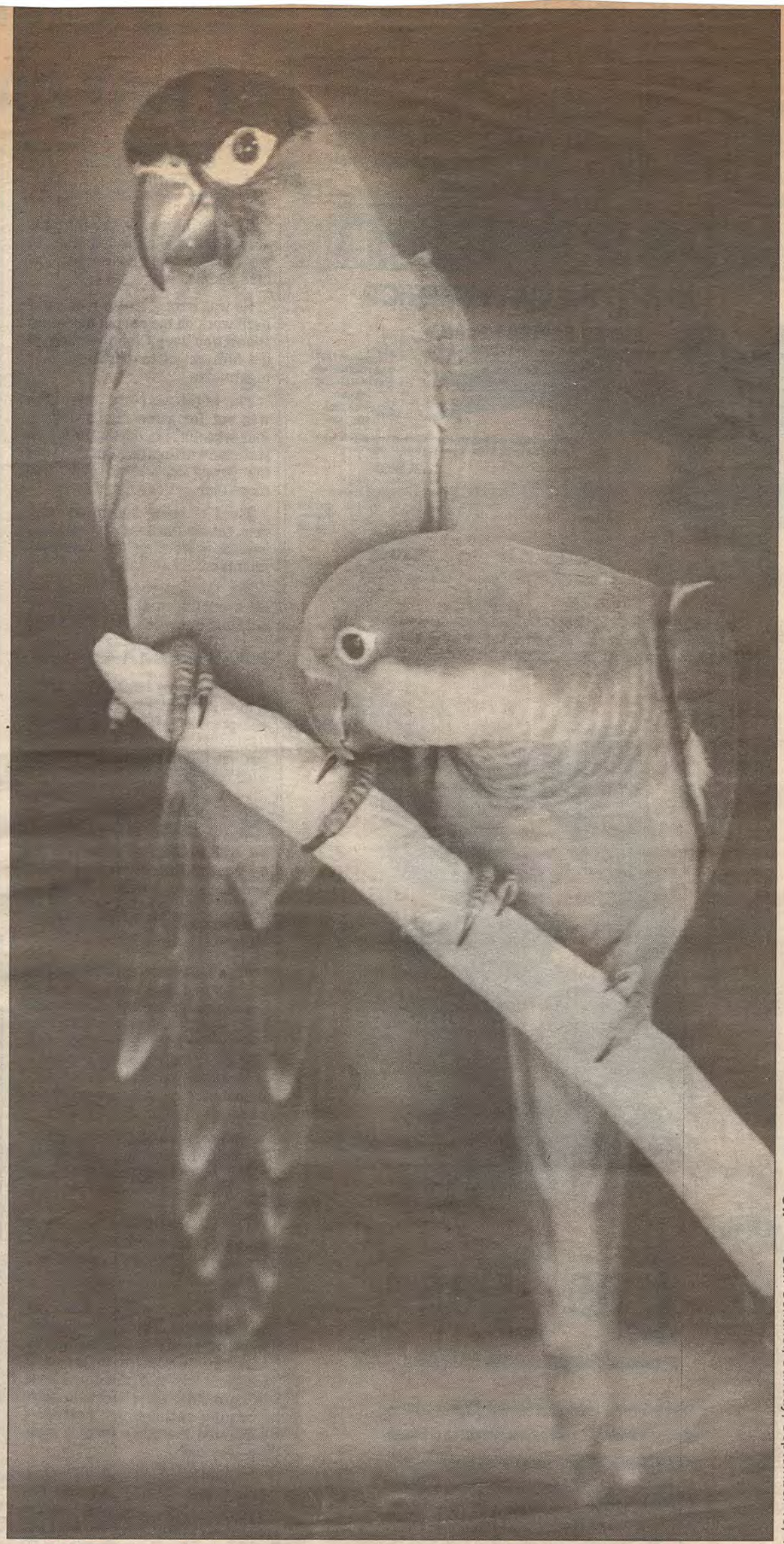

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Nanday conure, left, and a Quaker parakeet congregate in Wilton Manors.

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Residents are now accustomed to wild squawking of parrots

By DOROTHY-ANNE FLOR
Staff Writer

"The person who imagines that a parrot is a parrot and nothing more will soon find that he or she has made a great mistake."
— W.T. Greene

Wilton Manors residents know this is true. For more than 20 years this city's many hundreds of wild parrots have served their human neighbors as alarm clocks in early morning hours and, in the evening, prepared them for sleep with a lullaby so raucus and out of tune, only mis-wired ears could abide it.

In Wilton Manors, not only are people willing to put up with this squawking chorus, they love it.

"They're a natural alarm clock all year long, waking us as it gets light," says council member Sandy Steen, whose 28 years in Wilton Manors include 21 years in Townhouse Isle, the section where many of the birds roost.

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"They were here long before I got here. A lot of birdwatchers come with telescopes to observe them," she says. "They make a great deal of noise but no one seems to mind this. You get used to it. It's part of nature and they're so beautiful. They leave about 6:30 a.m. and return at the same time every evening. No one knows where all of them go but large numbers have been seen in Pompano Beach and on Las Olas Boulevard, in Victoria Park and particularly in Cooley Park on the Intracoastal near First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale."

"They are terribly raucus," says Ken Hendricks, a retired art teacher from Fort Lauderdale High School. "But, we think the noise is very delightful, even when we're awakened by it."

"When we first moved here 20 years ago, there might have been just one pair but over time they've multiplied into hundreds," he says. "They seem to like ancient cypress trees and we have a large one in our yard. We don't see nests but we do know some dwell in holes in the trees. The cypress in front of our house has a large hole where they nest from time to time, singly or in groups of several. Maybe they like

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Parrots may be escapees from a shipment in 1952

No one is absolutely sure how Wilton Manors' wild parrots got here in the first place. Although many years ago the United States had an indigenous parakeet population, is now extinct. Aside from this, parrots are not native to Florida.

"I understand one of the oldest flocks of our big parrots were part of a shipment which arrived in South Florida in 1952 from South America and escaped shortly thereafter. Others are believed to be escaped pets which have done well in our environment," says Kay Muser who, with Michael Moll, owns Everglades Aviaries Inc. on Old Dixie Highway. Both are considered by many residents to be experts on the subject.

According to Muser, Wilton Manors now has several flocks of Amazons and conures, also called cheeks or Mexican redheads. Both are large birds though the Amazon is short-tailed and heavy and the conure is more slender and has a long, pointy tail. Presently large flocks flourish here all the way from South Miami to Palm Beach. Part of the reason is the food supply provided by our variety of flowering shrubs and nut-bearing trees."

It helps, also, that with the exception of hawks, parrots really have no enemies, Muser says. "Neither do they offer any known threat to indigenous birds seeking food or nesting sites."

However, the hawk is enough and inspires bird-like vigilance. When a hawk flies by, the parrots become quiet and look up into the sky.

— *DOROTHY-ANNE FLOR*

News/Sun-Sentinel, Friday, October 27, 1989

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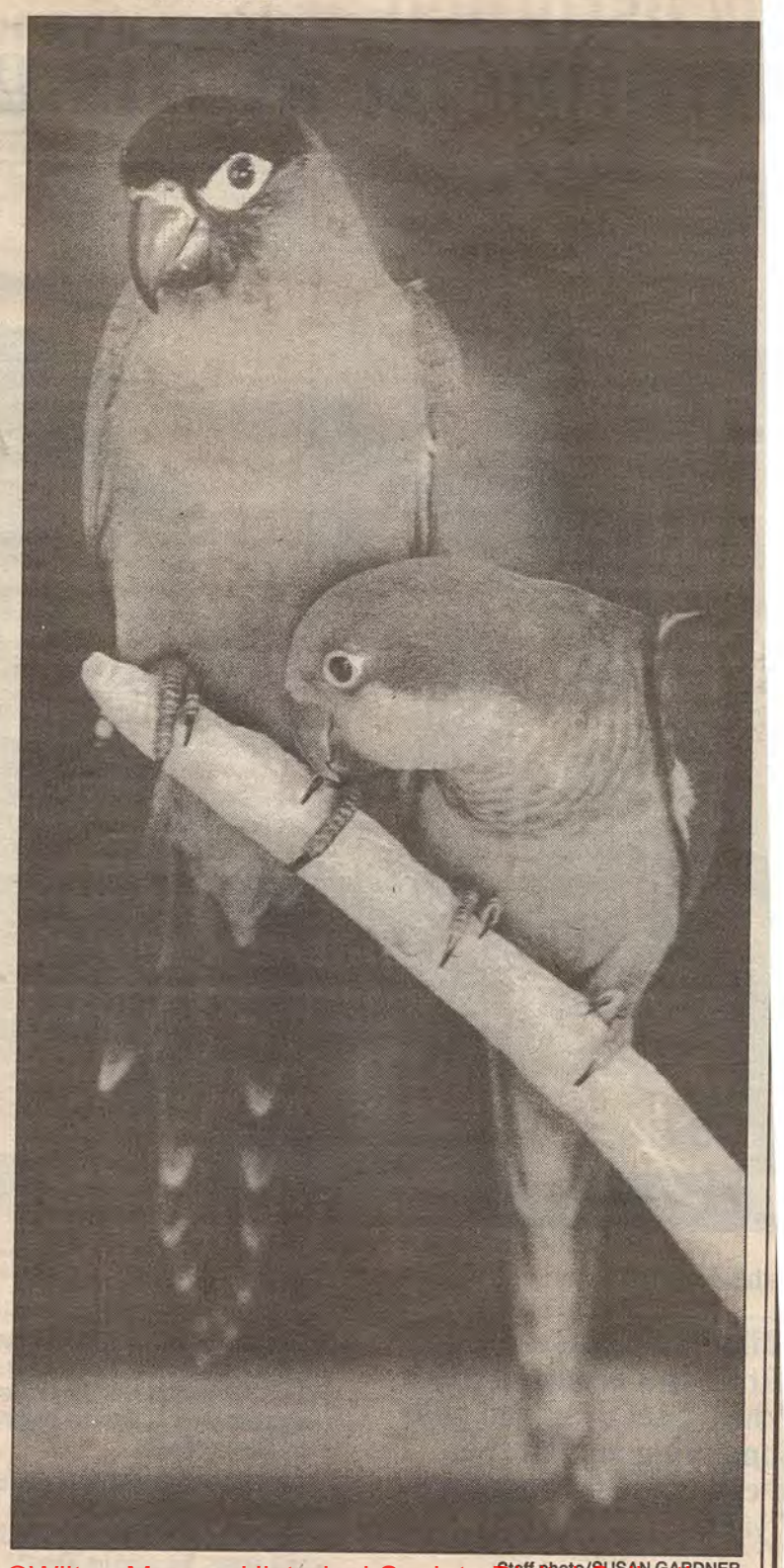

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BROWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PIONEER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM FOR 1989
year

PIONEER'S NAME LESLIE (first) WALTER (middle/maiden) STAFFORD (last)

MAILING ADDRESS 500 N.E. 25TH ST
street

WILTON MANORS, 33305
city zip 113

TELEPHONE 564-4947

SELECTED BY CITY OF WILTON MANORS
historical society

PLACE OF BIRTH BEAUMONT, TEXAS YEAR OF BIRTH OCT. 19, 1918

YEAR ARRIVED IN BROWARD COUNTY 1946 MONTH ARRIVED IN BROWARD APRIL

METHOD OF ARRIVAL AUTOMOBILE DESTINATION IN BROWARD FORT LAUDERDALE

PARENTS NAMES: LENA HALPIN STAFFORD
mother

MAYNOR STAFFORD
father

SPOUSE/S NAME/S MARCIA SAWYER STAFFORD

CHILD/REN NAME'S TRACY EUGENE STAFFORD
NANCY STAFFORD MYERS

BROTHER/S SISTER/S NAMES: DUANE STAFFORD
ROLAND STAFFORD (DECEASED)

EDUCATION: GRADUATED MIAMI ELSON HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDED SOUTHERN BROS. BUSINESS COLLEGE

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: NONE

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY: In 1925 my father, mother,
work/politics/community involvement/hobbies/other activities
two older brothers and I arrived by train to a quiet Miami, and settled in the Buena Vista area.
We arrived in good time for the infamous 1926 hurricane.

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In 1927, as a scared eight year old I was put alone on a train headed back to Houston, Texas. There was only enough money for one ticket and I was the one who needed surgery to improve damage from Polio. Each and every passenger kept me generously supplied with ice cream!

After surgery at the Shriners' Hospital and a short recuperation under the care of my Aunt I was again headed back to Miami alone by train.

I attended public schools in Miami, graduating from Miami Edison High in 1938. Following some courses at Southern Brothers College I settled into my first "real job", at Eli Witt Cigar and Tobacco Company.

Miami-born Marcia Sawyer and I met in 1942 and were married at her home in 1945.

A business transfer brought me to Fort Lauderdale in 1946. Tracy was born in 1948 and in 1949 we joyfully moved to Wilton Manor where we built the house in which we still live.

Marcia and I did much of the work ourselves and occupied the house long before it was completed.

Nancy joined our family in 1954.

In 1976, Eli Witt, having moved back to Miami, I retired as office manager after thirty-seven years.

Retirement gives me time for a long-neglected stamp and postcard collection and some woodworking.

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Leslie W. Stafford was born in Beaumont, Texas in 1918. He came to Miami in time to well remember the infamous 1926 hurricane.

Marcia Sawyer Stafford was born in December, 1921 in Miami and weathered the "Big One" too.

Les and Marcia were both educated in Miami and married there in 1945.

1947 found them in Fort Lauderdale, where Les' job transfer brought them.

Seeking a permanent home, the Staffords bought a lot in Wilton Manors from Dave Turner, who was Mayor at that time. The Stafford's choice of a lot was largely influenced by the fact that Mayor Turner had given to the School Board the property upon which Wilton Manors Elementary School is located.

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Marcia, with other young mothers, spent lots of hours at School Board Meetings urging the construction of the school. The usual response to their plea was "Wilton Manors will never need a school".

The school was finally constructed and then parents gathered regularly at the school ground to landscape and clear the property. Bushels and bushels and bushels of empty liquor bottles were removed from the Southeast Corner of the lot. Many of these were just under the surface of sugar sand. This accumulation was the result of a "house of ill repute", a gambling hall and a "gin mill", which had been located for years directly across the street from that corner of the school property. Later that building became a nursing home, but has now been demolished.

Les worked long hours as office manager of

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Eli Witt Cigar and Tobacco Company but did much of the actual Construction of his home.

As soon as the Staffords, who had been joined by son, Tracy, in 1948, were "settled-in" Marcia was encouraged to run for the elected office of City Clerk, which office she held from 1952 to 1960. Except for Council Meetings, which were held in a community building (this property donated to the City by Dave Turner also — and now the cite of the present library), business was conducted and records of the City were held in the Stafford home.

Marcia was City Clerk, Court Clerk, and the public's contact with the City government. Citizens registered to vote with Marcia also.

Many casual meetings were held in the Stafford living room while baby Nancy (born in 1954) looked on from her

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4/ playpen with wide blue eyes.

Grocery shopping was done on Wilton Drive at an open-air market, where peaches were nine cents a pound in 1952

Tropical Club Patio on Wilton Drive advertised in May, 1952 a "Monday Special" of Broiled Florida Lobster", a "Thursday Special" of Baked Virginia Ham, a "Saturday Special" of Roast Pork Loin - Each "Special" was 95¢ and included potato, salad bowl, vegetable, relish tray, hot rolls and pure butter!!

"Sunday Specials were Prime Rib, at $1.75 and Roast Leg of Lamb at $1.45. These meals included the same full dinner as the daily specials -

Fund raising barbeques were held in vacant lots on Wilton Drive. Tall bushel baskets furnished by the McLunkins provided seating. The men barbequed chicken and ribs and the women contributed washtub sized containers of Cole slaw and

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5/ baked beans. The Women's Club often provided the most hilarious skits and other entertainment.

The Staffords watched Covenent Presbyterian Church move from its temporary quarters at the "Fire Hall" on N.E. Sixth Lane in Highland Estates (Highland Estates not at that time part of Wilton Manors) to its first small sanctuary on 26" Street. The Sunday School Classes sang "We're Marching to Zion" as they marched from Sixth Lane to 26' Street. This was probably 1951. The present larger sanctuary came later.

The Staffords also watched a library bulge at the seams of a tiny Key Shop attached to Manor Market and finally to its present location.

Until the present City Hall was built in 1951 Council meeting were held in the

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6/ building which now houses the library. That building was also headquarters for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Women's Club, etc. Many a Council meeting was conducted while the room still smelled of glue, poster paint and peanut butter sandwiches — a little disconcerting if they were trying to impress a visiting State Official!!

Les retired in 1977 from Eli Witt. Marcia served as City Clerk from 1952 to 1960, then as a member of City Council from 1961 to 1975.

Tracy and Nancy both attended Wilton Manors Elementary School and local Junior and Senior High Schools. Both of them graduated from the University of Florida, Tracy with a law degree.

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7/ He inherited a love of government and public service and is now Mayor of Wilton Manors.

Nancy owns a home in Wilton Manors but her work as "Michelle" on "Matlock" keeps her in California.

Marcia, who taught Kindergarten for many years, is also retired and she and Les bask in the glory of a city they watched grow from no-city-water, no-sewers, no-city-Hall, no-school, etc. to a gracious, lovely place to live for the balance of their lives.

July 31, 1989

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BROWARD COUNTY'S PIONEER WOMEN: NURTURING TRADITION, FOSTERING CHANGE

Place: First United MEthodist Church, 101 SE Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale Florida 33301
Date: March 3, 1991
Time: 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Name of Pioneer Woman selected Marcia Sawyer Stafford

Address: 500 NE 25 Street, Wilton Manors, Fl 33305

Phone (305) 564-4947

Selected by CITY OF WILTON MANORS (historical society)

Place of Birth 12-3-21 in Miami, Florida

Year arrived in Broward County 1947 MARRIED Leslie Stafford in 1945

Family history: (parents, brothers/sisters, husband, children)

Son Tracy Stafford, graduated from Ft. Lauderdale High and UF law school- was on Council of Wilton Manors, Mayor of Wilton Manors and currently a State Representative

Daughter Nancy Stafford, graduated Ft. Lauderdale Hil and Univ. of Florida. Was Miss Florida and is currently female lead in "Matlock" .

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

Areas of significant achievement/recognition:

City of Wilton Manors Councilmember and City Clerk

1951 to 1976

Personal biography: PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

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BROWARD COUNTY PIONEER WOMAN 1991
MARCIA STAFFORD
CITY OF WILTON MANORS, FLORIDA

Family History:

Mother	Bertha Langley Sawyer	1898-1957
Father	Rodney Warren Sawyer	1894-1969
Sister	Elizabeth Sawyer	1915-1934
Brothers	Rodney Sawyer, Jr	1924-1989
	John Thomas Sawyer	1926-1980
	David E. Sawyer	1930-1968
	Donald Sawyer	1933-1984
Husband	Leslie Walter Stafford Resident of Florida since 1925	10-19-18
Son	Tracy Eugene Stafford Ft. Lauderdale High Univ. of Fl Law School Mayor of Wilton Manors State Representative	1-2-48
Daughter	Nancy Elizabeth Stafford Ft. Lauderdale High University of Florida Miss Florida Female lead on "Matlock" TV series Spokesperson for Waterbed City	6-5-54

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

In 1949 Les, Tracy and I moved into a quiet, warm and friendly Wilton Manors...no city water, no sewer system, no parks, no public school ... Wilton Manors was a babe!

Between 1951 and 1976 it was my honor and joy to be part of the government of Wilton Manors and to see a water system, sewer system, roads, parks and recreation facilities added. Due to outstanding efforts on the part of concerned citizens we saw churches, a library, civic association and Wilton Manors Elementary School developed and I was privileged to share in some of those accomplishments.

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For twenty years I taught kindergarten in Wilton Manors. Some of those children still live here and bring their children by to visit. There have certainly been physical changes but the residents have remained neighbors, caring about the City we proudly call home.

My true "claims to fame" are our children who reflect the solid home town atmosphere in which they grew up. Tracy is an attorney and State Legislator and Nancy has the female lead on "Matlock" as well as being the spokesperson for Waterbed City.

My being selected, especially this year, is an honor which I accept humbly since I know how many deserving women are in Wilton Manors. I am housebound (but emotionally and spiritually I'm great) and will be unable to attend the ceremony on March 3rd. Tracy, his father and Nancy will be in Tallahassee for the opening session of the Legislature but we will all be at the Broward County Historical Commission meeting in spirit.

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THE GREAT SOUTH FLORIDA FLOOD

Torrential rains, hurricanes and shaky water-control policies conspired to make the flood of 1947 the most devastating in state history

BY STUART McIVER

SOUTH FLORIDA WAS BEGINning to look like the Mojave Desert. In the Everglades, muck caught fire and blazed out of control, darkening the skies along the coast. Salt water moved inland through drainage canals and the underlying rock, threatening the precious drinking water of South Floridians.

Throughout much of 1944 and 1945, citrus growers and cattlemen looked at the skies and wondered: *Will it ever rain again?*

But by September 1947, they were asking: *Will the rain ever stop?*

That year, some 100 inches of rain fell on South Florida, more than tripling the region's total rainfall for 1945 and ending one of the worst droughts in Florida history. In a few weeks the rain had drenched farmland and filled lakes and canals.

Then, in the space of just 25 days, two hurricanes and a tropical disturbance dumped enough water on an already saturated area to inspire the return of Noah and his Ark.

When the sun finally broke through again in November, it shone down on an inland sea — 5 *million* acres of water stretching from Lake Okeechobee across the Everglades and the Big Cypress Swamp to Broward and Dade counties.

Ninety percent of eastern Florida, from Orlando to the Keys, was under water. In Davie, with its vast acreage in citrus groves and cattle lands, the water was waist-deep, and in Fort Lauderdale, waves were washing across Las Olas Boulevard. Weary horses and cattle stood forlornly on levees in western Broward and Palm Beach counties, sharing what little high ground remained with deer, wildcats, raccoons and rattlesnakes.

People whose property was threatened by water backed up by dams and locks attempted to dynamite them, but were faced down by people packing guns to guard the dams that were holding back the waters from *their* homes and farms.

In a primitive struggle for survival, neighbor confronted neighbor.

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Fort Lauderdale Historical Society

The New River, left, overflowed its banks near the Andrews Avenue Bridge on Sept. 17 when a hurricane hit South Florida following weeks of rainfall. While waves of water rolled across the state, destroying homes and businesses, customers at a bar in Hialeah, below, didn't let soggy conditions dampen their good times. Kids in Miami Beach, far left, surfed in the streets with the aid of a truck and towline.

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The Great Flood of 1947 started on March 1 when a squall line dumped a welcome six inches of water on the parched agricultural lands of the upper Everglades. Rain was plentiful in April and May, and then in June became so heavy that chairman Dewey Hilsabeck called an emergency meeting of the Everglades Drainage District (EDD), which had jurisdiction over a vast network of drainage canals, dams, levees, locks, water-control structures and hurricane gates.

By opening the hurricane gates at Lake Okeechobee, for example, the EDD could drain excess water from the upper Glades into the lake, purposely kept low for just such an emergency.

But when the torrential rains came in 1947, the EDD was starved for funds to pursue its flood control program, and chief engineer Lamar Johnson was a worried man when he learned that a hurricane had formed on Sept. 9 in the Atlantic. Slowly the hurricane worked its way across the Caribbean, battering Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, and then took direct aim at Florida.

Suddenly the huge storm swerved north, and South Florida breathed a sigh of relief. Out of the blue, however, the hurricane turned, came back, and on Sept. 17 smashed into the mainland. Its winds were clocked at 155 miles per hour at the Hillsboro Lighthouse.

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, ALL hell broke loose. In Fort Lauderdale, the New River overflowed its banks, and white-caps broke over downtown, flooding luxury homes on the finger isles. Salt water destroyed Dania's tomato crop and rain water drowned the orange groves of Davie and the beanfields of Pompano Beach. Migrant workers near Lake Okeechobee were evacuated to higher ground.

In West Palm Beach the National Guard was called out, and President Harry Truman declared a state of emergency.

Especially ominous was the head of water pouring into Lake Okeechobee from the Kissimmee River Valley. Because the lake was already full, the water had just one place to go — south to Fort Lauderdale and Miami through swollen canals.

Fears were especially high at Belle Glade, on Okeechobee's south shore, which was under water. A hurricane tidal wave had drowned nearly 2,000 people in the area in 1928, a tragedy still horrifyingly vivid to many living on the lakeside.

Already, farm dikes near the lake were crumbling. The levee at one farm collapsed completely, flooding 3,000 acres of beans and celery.

To help drain water on the lake's south shore, boards were removed from the South Bay locks. The released water then roared south down the North New River Canal, which would shortly deliver it to Davie.

That night a small group of men crept in and restored the boards. The Palm Beach County sheriff called them "vigilantes," assuming they came from Davie. The district removed the boards, but again the vigilantes replaced them.

"Somebody out there might get shot," the sheriff warned.

In Davie, things were already in bad shape. A local cattleman had asked the courts for an injunction to block the closing of a dike west of town because, though the closed dike would help citrus groves to the east, it would continue to flood his land.

This was the heart of the problem. Relief for the cattlemen meant disaster for the grove owners, and vice versa.

No quick solution was in sight — and then, unbelievably, things got worse.

A small tropical disturbance hit South Florida on Sept. 28, dropping seven inches of rain in a 24-hour period. Abnormally high tides backed up the water into rivers and canals.

"Fifty miles of water from the Everglades is moving this way," Sheriff Walter Clark warned a terrified Broward County, as he deputized armed guards to protect county dikes.

Water began pouring into Pompano Beach, flooding the section of town near Hammondville Road. And by Oct. 2, people were being evacuated from their flooded homes in Davie to the Naval Air Station at the Fort Lauderdale airport.

People still living in Davie listened in dismay to reports of a head of water, now 60 miles long, pushing its way south from the upper Glades.

Only one thing worked in their favor: A temporary dam near the State Road 84 bridge had been thrown up by the Army Corps of Engineers. This would ease the problem — or so everyone thought.

But as the water began to drop in Davie, it began to rise in Hacienda Flores, a housing development to the east. Hacienda developers asked the Corps of Engineers for permission to dynamite the new dam, and when the Corps refused, developer P.C. Collier called for a meeting of residents.

"If nothing has been done by meeting time," said Collier ominously, "we'll remove the dam by whatever means are necessary."

"No one is going to blow up the dam," retorted Sheriff Clark, trying to maintain calm. "If the dam should be removed, it will be done in an orderly manner and under the proper supervision."

CONFLICT AND CONFUSION WERE DEveloping everywhere.

Policy changes moved as swiftly as the flood currents. One day after approving the highway department's request to open the locks, the Broward Drainage District asked the state to close them again.

Just as quickly, the district reversed itself on the State Road 84 dam. Board members met at the dam in the rain and were greeted by 200 people carrying shovels and shouting, "Blow it up!" The board promptly voted to open the dam.

Later, P.C. Collier reported that the waters in his groves had dropped 11 inches in 12 hours. In Davie, however, water rose eight inches in the same period. Citrus man Harry Earle estimated that 700,000 trees had been lost in the flood.

People began consoling themselves with the thought that the situation could not possibly get worse.

They were wrong.

On Oct. 10, a headline in the *Fort*

South Florida Water Management District

A river of water washed down Andrews Avenue near Southwest Second Street when more than 100 inches of rain fell on Fort Lauderdale in 1947.

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City Power meeting 10-5-92

Wilton Manors Elementary

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Linda K. Marable, Principal Don Barrs, Assistant Principal
Be the Best You Can Be! Ready, Set, Learn!!

SEPTEMBER 30, 1992
TO: DAWN [redacted], 390-2189 for Stafford
FROM: LINDA K. MARABLE Linda K. Marable
RE: WILTON MANORS ELEMENTARY HISTORY

The land for the school was acquired in 1948. The school was built in 1951. The first structure now houses the administration offices and nine classrooms. Four additional permanent buildings were built - one building where first through second grade classes are located, a kindergarten and media wing, a cafeteria, and a kindergarten pod. Renovation was done in 1986-87 on the administration offices, the media center and four kindergarten classrooms. The front entrance was closed up and made into an area for the staff to meet. The main entrance became the breezeway area. There are five permanent buildings and twenty-one portables as of 9/92.

Land given by Dena Iverson who became mayor of W.M.

The move-in date on two buildings of the new school is 1994. Currently only a new cafeteria with four learning pods and a two story building with twelve classrooms have been funded. The State has approved the building of a new school, but all the funding has not been allocated. Building in the future will be done in stages as money is allocated. In the plans, an additional two story building containing twelve classrooms, a new media center, and a new administration building housing rooms for guidance, an education specialist, assistant principal, principal and books will be built.

W. Bryan Davis was principal until 1962.
(We have not verified this only by word of mouth - Bob Mallory was principal 1962-64.)
Mary Elizabeth Crum was principal from 1964 until 1983.
Linda Marable was appointed principal in 1983, and still currently serves in that position.

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Update

Now verified - Robert W. Mallory was principal between W. Brya
Davis and Mrs. Crum.

Citizens of the Community volunteered labor and some trees to landscape the school grounds -

M.S.

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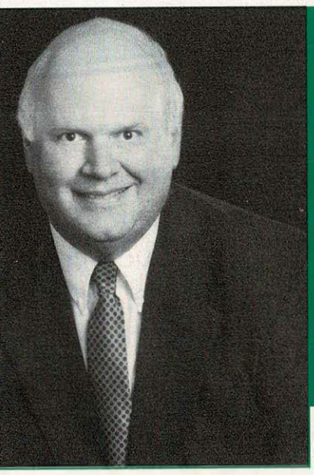

Tracy Stafford will fight to protect our right to privacy and a woman's "right to choose." He always has. He always will. On November 3rd, Choose Tracy Stafford, State Representative.

TRACY
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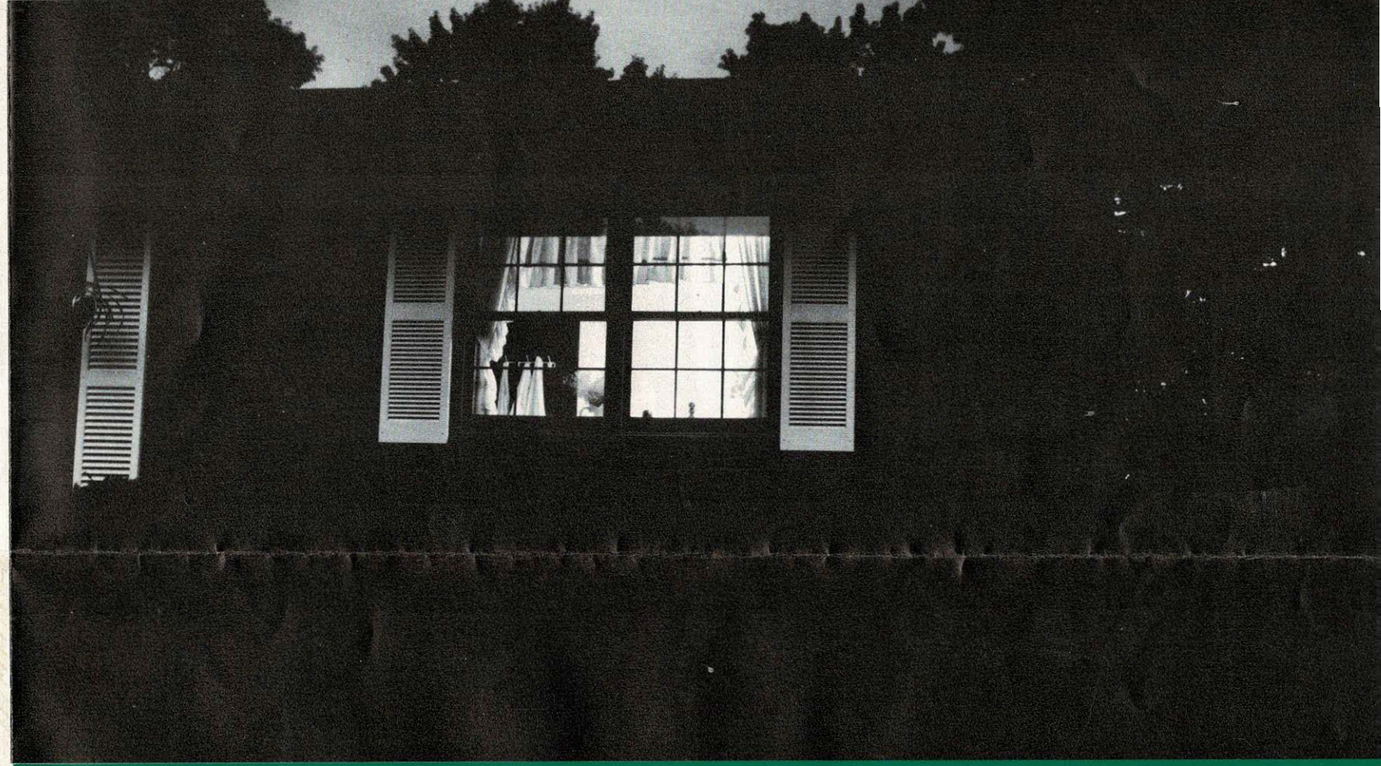

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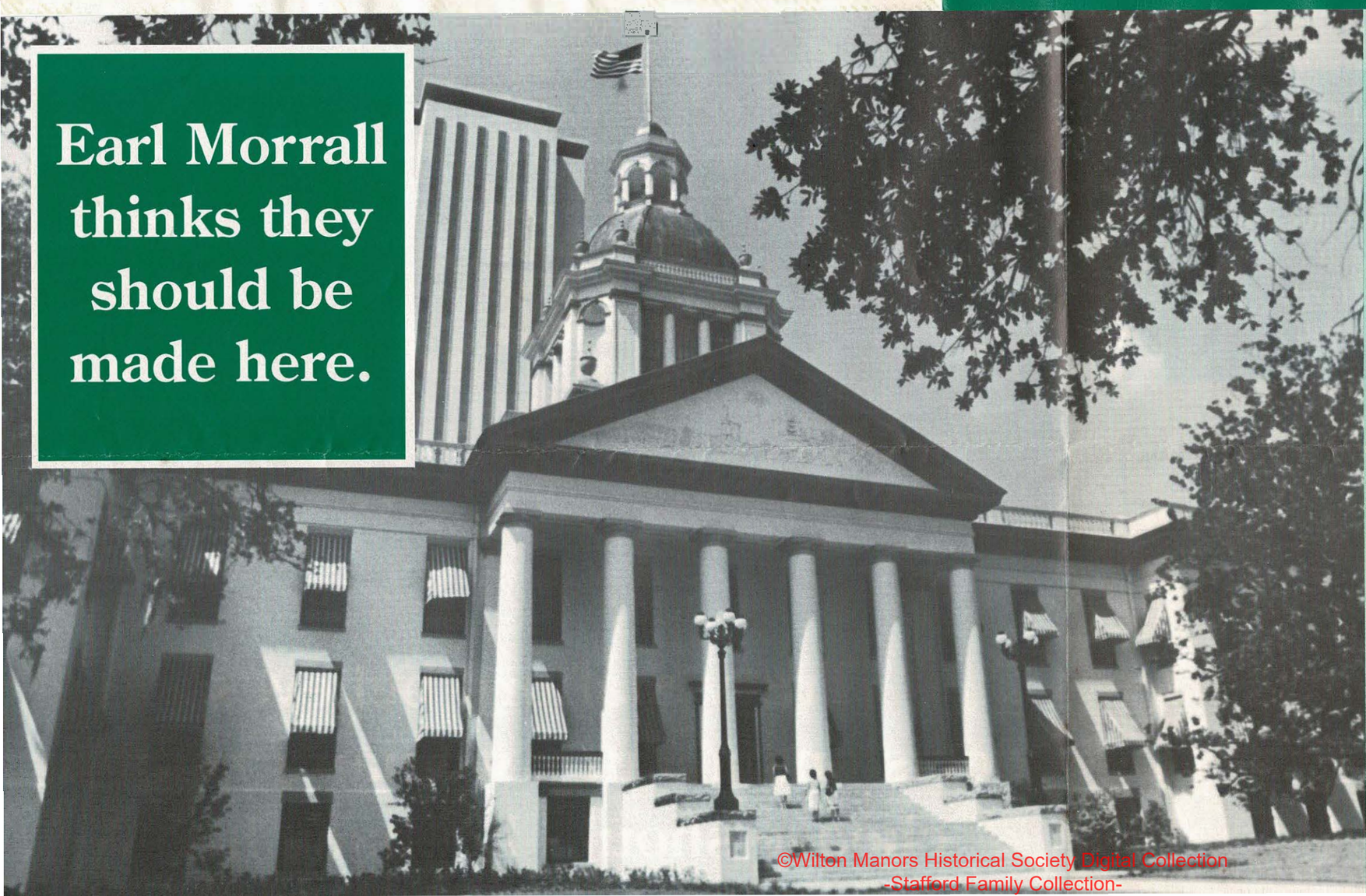

Earl Morrall thinks they should be made here.

Earl Morrall thinks HE should decide the issue of "choice" for the women of Florida. *Tracy Stafford* knows these decisions should be made in the privacy of our own homes, NOT in the legislature. Tracy will fight to protect our right to privacy.

Earl Morrall is fighting to take our rights away.

As the U.S. Supreme Court comes closer to taking away a woman's right to choose, it is even more critical we have leaders like *Tracy Stafford* fighting to protect our right to privacy here in Florida.

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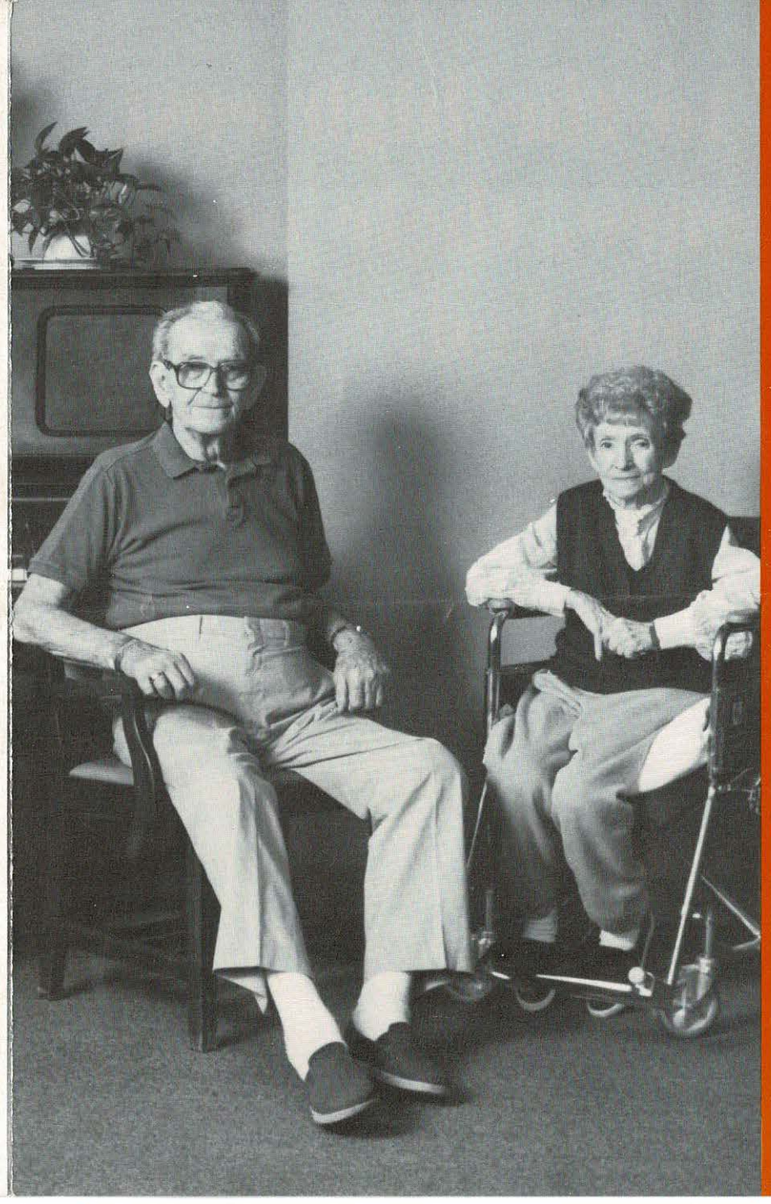


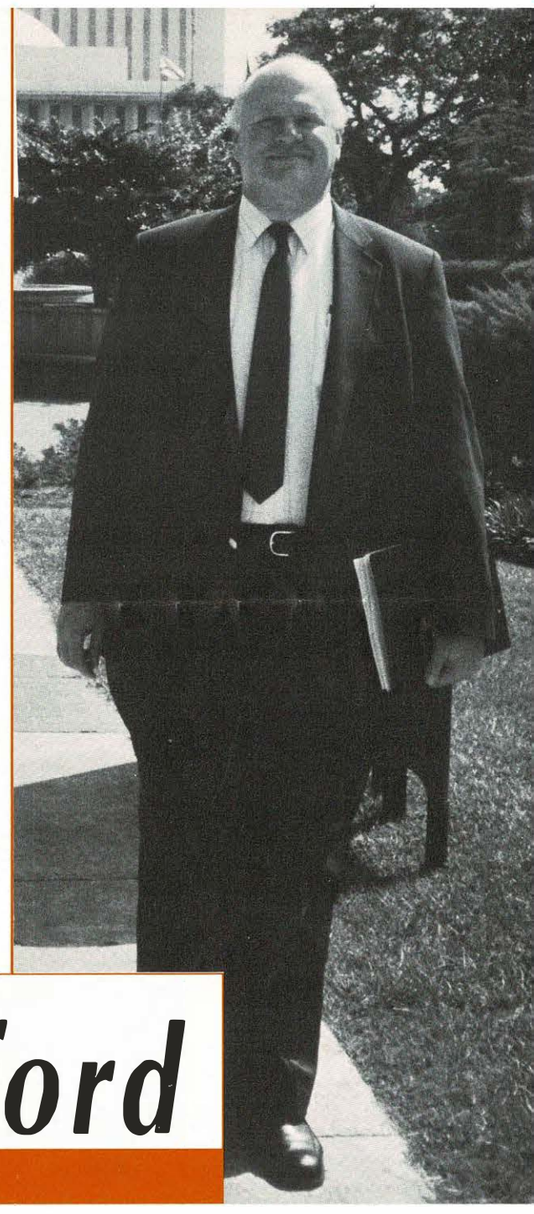
They saved all their life to build a nest-egg for their retirement.

But thanks to the high cost of health care, their egg just cracked.

Thanks to skyrocketing insurance and medical bills, many of us are just one illness away from losing our life savings. Tracy Stafford believes affordable health care is everyone's right and he will fight for it.

Tracy Stafford knows that we've worked hard for our savings. It shouldn't be taken away by greedy insurance companies and doctors who specialize in performing surgery on our bank accounts.

That's why we need Tracy Stafford as State Representative. He will fight in Tallahassee for affordable health insurance, catastrophic care that is fairly funded, and for long-term care that doesn't force us to use up all of our savings.



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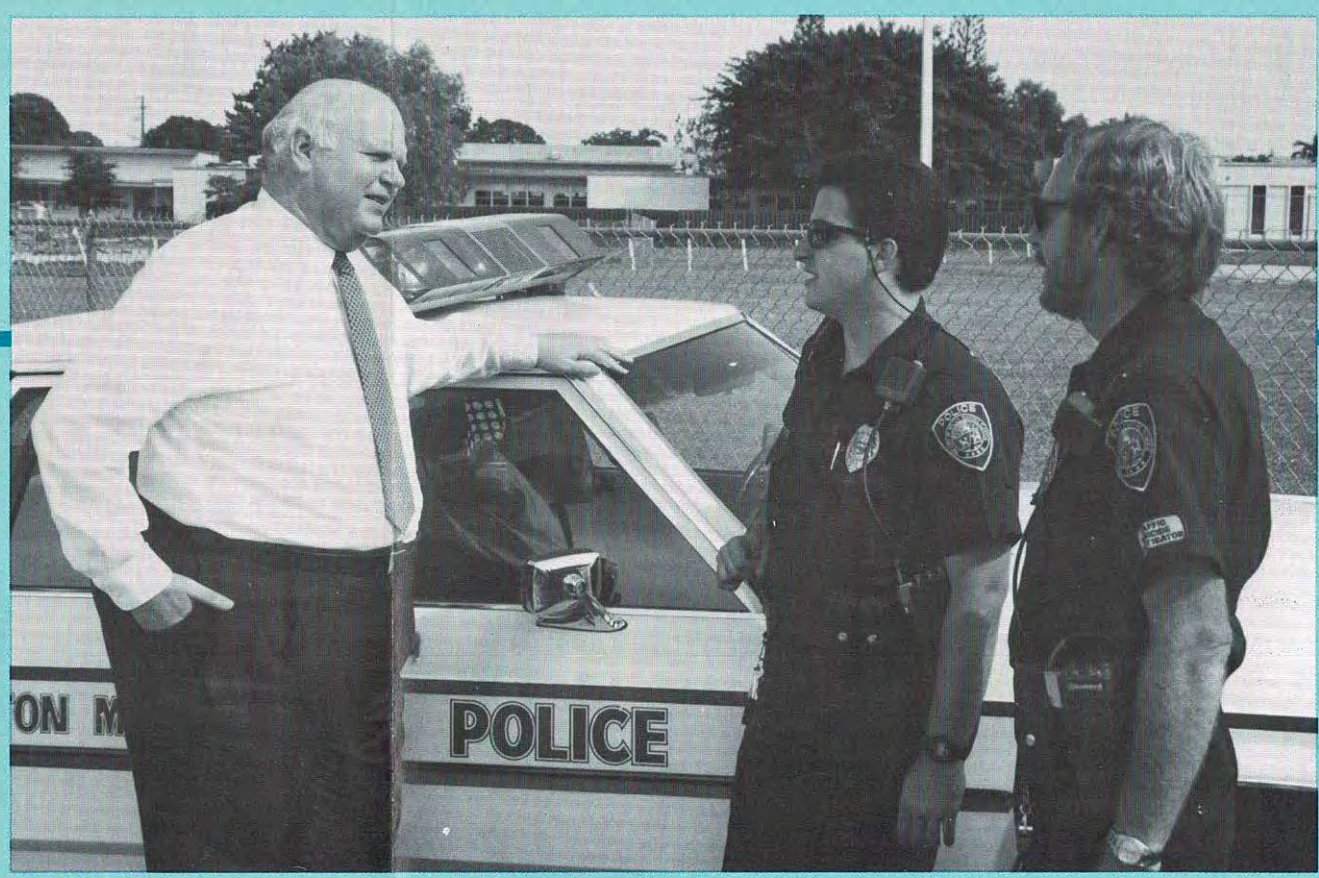
Stafford Is Tough On Criminals



The men and women on the front lines of the war against drugs and crime know who is on their side.

Police officers risk their lives every day to protect us. They make arrests knowing that behind every criminal's door may be a loaded weapon.

Cops know you can't win a war on crime with words. That's why the Broward County Police Benevolent Association and the Fort Lauderdale Fraternal Order of Police support Tracy Stafford for State Representative.

Tracy isn't like a lot of politicians who read public opinion polls and make speeches up in Tallahassee. As Mayor of Wilton Manors, he kept in close contact with the police who are on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

Tracy knows the best way to understand what's really needed to keep our streets safe — learn first hand from those who do it every day. That way Tracy can fight for the laws and programs that will be most effective — not ones that may sound good at a press conference. *This November, keep up the fight to keep our streets safe for us.*

Elect Tracy Stafford our State Representative.

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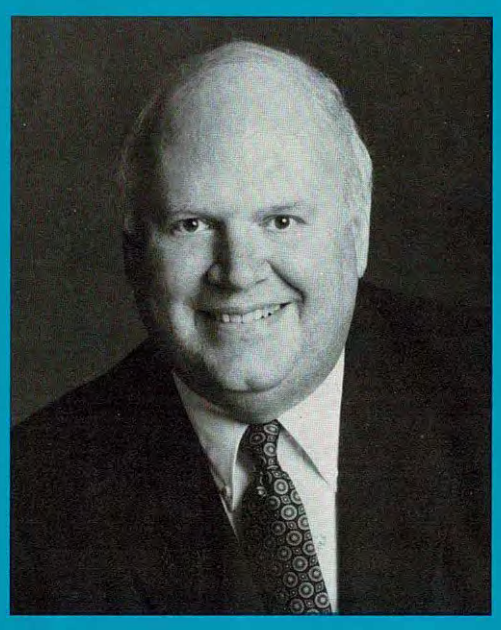

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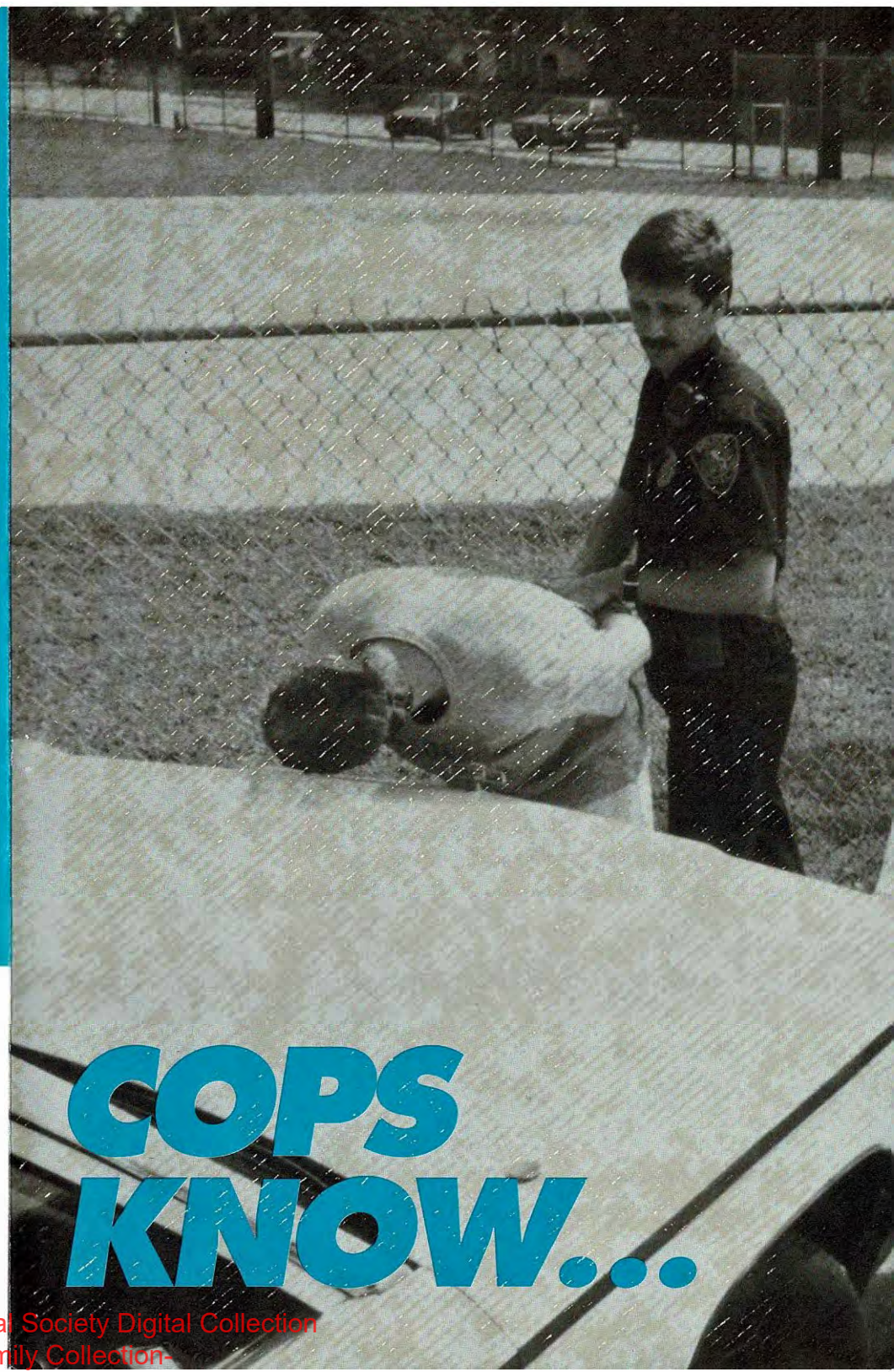

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TIME: 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Veteran's Park
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"My brother really cares about the people here in Broward County. All my life I have seen his dedication to our community. Please join me on October 10th. I am looking forward to meeting you."

Sincerely,

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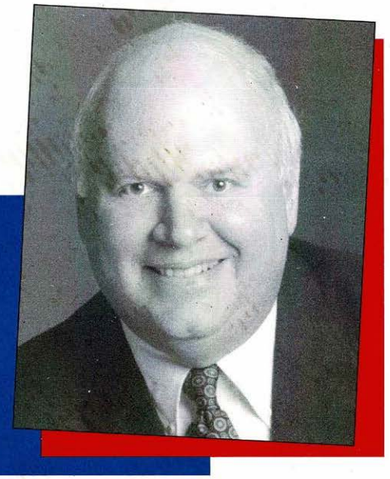

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Representative Tracy Stafford

A Leader and a Fighter for Us!

Dear Friend,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you in Tallahassee as your State Representative.

As a native of Ft. Lauderdale and product of the public school system, life has taught me the importance of living in a community where people are safe, well educated, and have every opportunity to enjoy prosperity and pursue their dreams.

My volunteers and I will be knocking on doors in your neighborhood in the next few days, and I want to hear your concerns and ideas for my next term in the legislature.

I look forward to meeting with you personally, so that together, we can turn your ideas into results.

If I miss you, please feel free to call me at home at 565-5311.

Very Truly Yours,

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By Nancy Stafford

In the spirit: the author with her mother.

As I decorate our Christmas tree, I'm flooded with sweet memories. Every ornament holds significance and is infused with love because it was made by my mother, Marcia Sawyer Stafford. Each one is unique, sparkling, elegant—just like mom—encrusted with glimmering jewels, pearls and beads. The tree is luminous with the soft glow of faceted gems, gold braid, satin and velvet. No Fabergé egg in any museum could compare with her ornaments.

The tradition began the year I was born, and year by year the collection grows. The journey of my life can be traced through my mother's ornaments like a road map. At age eight, when I got my first pair of little blue eyeglasses, she made a blue ornament with an intricate design of iridescent stones.

Actress Nancy Stafford is the host of "Main Floor."

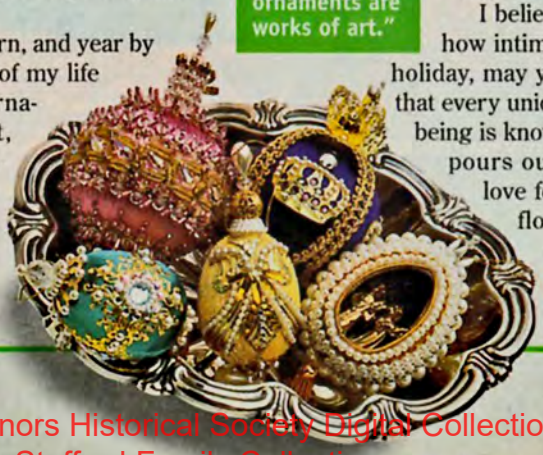
A shiny crystal-beaded ornament, swagged and crisscrossed in a spiderweb of orthodontia-looking silver braid, marked the year I got my braces. The purple satin ball with the triumphant gold crown on top was made the year I was Miss Florida. A rainbow-colored fan of jewels and peacock feathers marked my first NBC-TV series. The oval, rose-colored satin bell covered in seed pearls and lace snipped from my wedding gown celebrated the year I was married.

But my most treasured ornament is the one my mother gave me last year—white and gold, the bottom tassel made from the pendant of her favorite gold necklace. It is the same necklace I played with every night as a child when she'd rock me in her lap at bedtime, softly singing "I Come to the Garden Alone."

Mom's ornaments are beautiful. Truly works of art. But more, they are expressions of her life, her creativity and her love, invaluable treasures that remind me of our life together and how well she knows me.

"My mother's ornaments are works of art."

I believe they're also a picture of how intimately God knows us. This holiday, may you rest in the knowledge that every unique detail and facet of your being is known by a caring Father who pours out His life, creativity and love for you. And as that reality floods your heart, may you radiate with a rich and luminous glow—like Mom's ornaments.



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by NANCY STAFFORD

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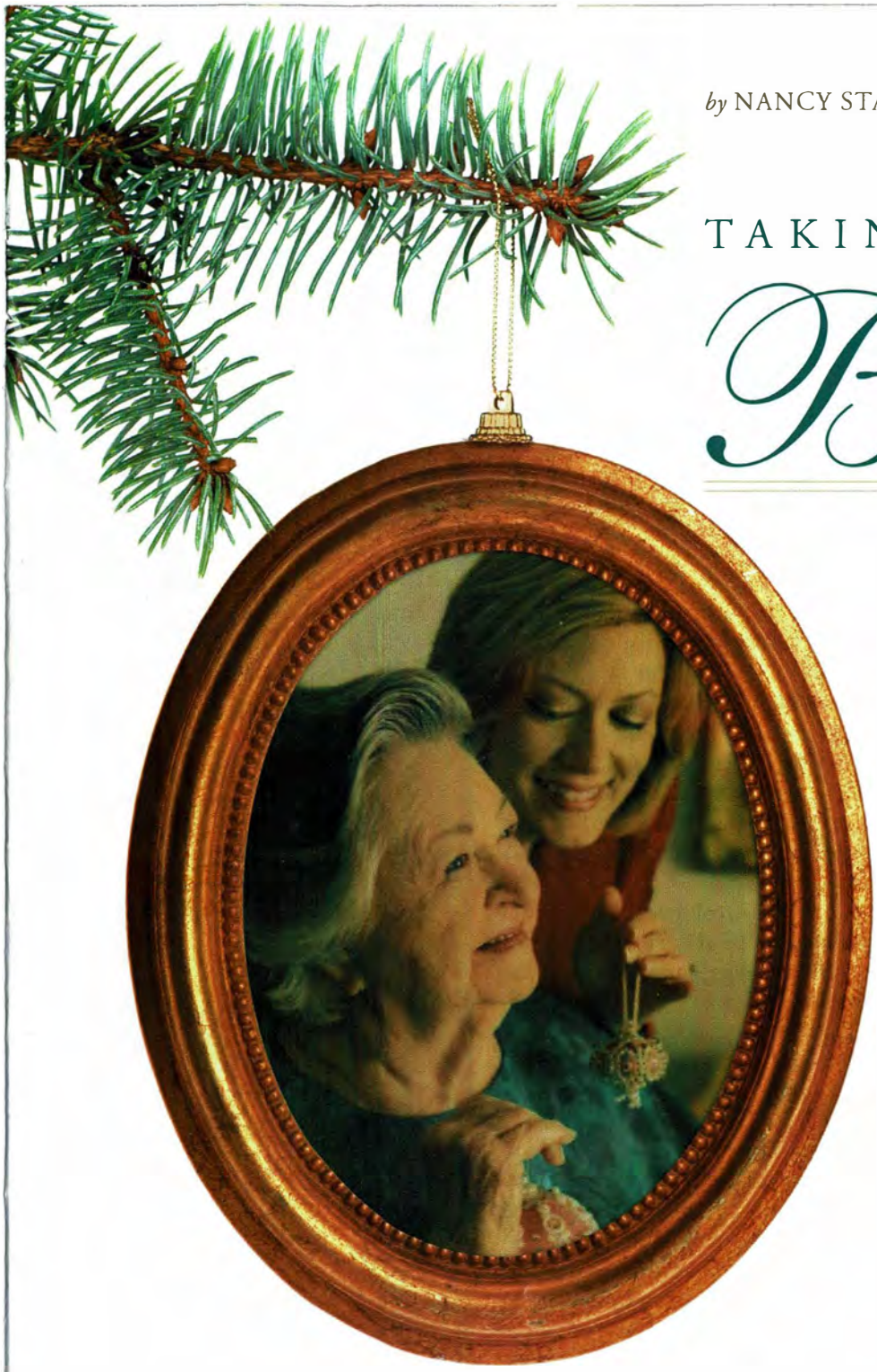

ACTRESS NANCY STAFFORD TREASURES HER MOTHER'S HANDCRAFTED ORNAMENTS FOR THEIR MESSAGE OF LOVE AND LESSONS ABOUT *faith*.

ACTRESS NANCY STAFFORD is used to the spotlight, but one of the brightest moments in her Christmas season is the joy she feels as she decorates the branches of her tree with cherished handmade ornaments—each lovingly created by her mom.

My ornaments are my favorite tradition. Each Christmas, as I "dress" our tree, I'm flooded with sweet memories. Every ornament holds significance. Every ornament is infused with love. Every ornament was made by my mother. Each one is unique, sparkling, and elegant . . . like my mom.

Encrusted with glimmering jewels and pearls and beads, the tree is luminous with the soft glow of faceted gems, gold braid, satin and velvet. Not even Fabergé eggs in a museum could compare to my mom's lovingly crafted ornaments.

The tradition of making handmade ornaments began the year I was born, and year-by-year, the collection grew. The journey of my life can be traced through mom's ornaments like a roadmap.

The year I was eight was the year I got my first pair of little blue eyeglasses. To commemorate this event, mom made a blue ornament with an intricate design of iridescent stones. Another year, a shiny silver beaded ornament, swagged and crisscrossed with a spiderweb of orthodontia-inspired wire and braid, marked the year I got braces.

By 1976, I had emerged from adolescence and was crowned Miss Florida. Mom remembered this special time

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"WHATEVER YOU ARE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW, YOU MUST *trust* THAT GOD IS WITH YOU."

by creating a purple satin ball topped with the triumphant gold crown of the "King of Kings"—a reminder that there is more to life than my tiara.

When I began my television-acting career with a part on the NBC soap opera *The Doctors*, mom's annual ornament was a rainbow-colored fan of jewels and peacock feathers in homage to the "peacock network."

In 1983, when I joined the cast of the Emmy-winning hospital drama *St Elsewhere*, mom fashioned an oblong gold ornament that looked suspiciously like the Emmy statuette.

And, when I became *Matlock's* law partner in 1986, mom created a silvery blue ball that looked strikingly similar to my co-star Andy Griffith's gray seersucker suit!

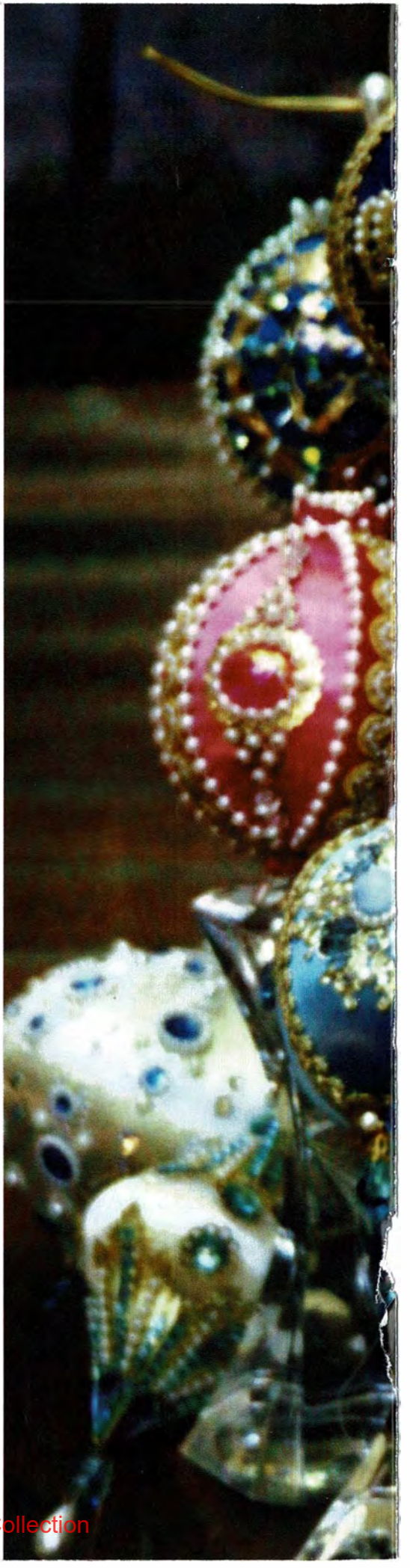
Later, when I became an author, a beautiful ball encircled with mirrors reflected the theme of my first title, *Beauty by the Book: Seeing Yourself as God Sees You*—my reminder to readers to look in the true mirror of God's Word for beauty and worth and to see themselves as He does. And, when *The Wonder of His Love: A Journey into the Heart of God* was published, mom made a heart-shaped ball, echoing my invitation to readers to journey deeper into the heart of God's infinite love.

In addition to marking professional milestones in my life, mom's ornaments also celebrated personal ones. Throughout the years, mom's ornaments have chronicled events in my life both big and small, joyous and heartbreaking—just like life itself.

An oval rose-colored satin ball covered in seed pearls and lace snipped from my wedding gown celebrated the year I was married.

The year my daddy died, mom covered an ornament with a swatch of his favorite plaid work shirt. It still smells like Old Spice, and every year when I unwrap it, I hold that ornament close to my face, breathe in his memory, the loving fragrance of his life, and thank God for allowing me to be his daughter.

Mom's angel ornament was especially significant: I never had the blessing of children of my own. After two devastating and heart-crushing miscarriages, mom made an angel ornament that gave me a glimpse beyond the realm of earth, the assurance and comforting reminder that I have two babies in the



(Opposite) The beautiful ornaments that grace Nancy's tree are special reminders of her mom's love for her, but they also remind her of God's love for her. She says, "God knows our fears and delights, every pain, joy, and dream. He knows us completely and accepts us unconditionally."

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arms of Jesus—and I will one day hold them in heaven.

The year that followed the miscarriages was equally painful, with two failed adoption attempts. At the time, I was co-starring in a TV movie called *A Child Too Many*, about an infertile couple who hire a surrogate to have their baby, and then lose the child in a custody battle. The movie theme mirrored my pain. But mom's ornament helped soothe my wounded heart. She covered a ball with canvas tent fabric and circled it with tiny hand-hewn wooden tent pegs. I recognized it immediately—Isaiah 54: "Sing O barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy . . . more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband . . . Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide . . . for you will spread out to the right and to the left."

This ornament reminds me that I do have the blessing of many children in my life—spiritual children, women I'm privileged to minister to around the country through my speaking and books, a slew of incredible godchildren, a beautiful stepdaughter, and a 9-year-old grandson. God *has* enlarged the place of my tent!

Though I've been blessed to experience success as an actress, speaker, and writer, I have also faced crushing circumstances and painful disappointments: financial crisis, unemployment, health challenges, and a huge forest fire, followed by mud slides the following winter, that left the ranch retreat center my husband and I had built scorched and decimated.

But in the midst of those difficult circumstances, mom made what is perhaps the most beautiful ornament of all: a ball covered in rough, gritty sandpaper and scattered with beautiful pearls. It serves as a reminder to me that the beauty of a pearl is produced through pain. As a grain of sand invades its shell, the oyster releases a healing fluid until finally the irritant is covered—creating a pearl. Without the irritant, it's just an oyster. No pain—no pearl. No trial and testing—no treasure.

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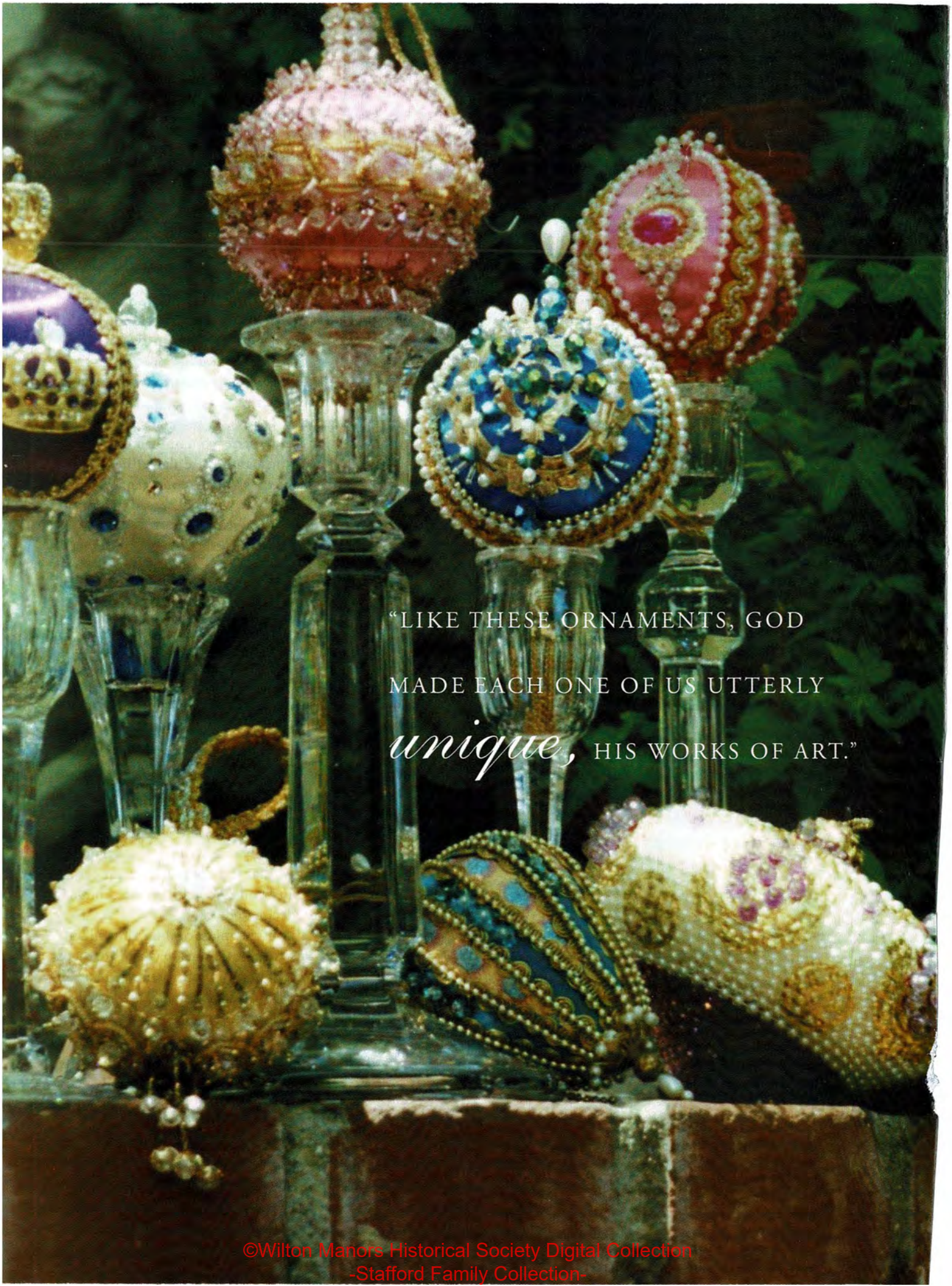

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So the deeper meaning I see in mom's sandpaper and pearl ornament is that whatever you're going through right now, you must trust that God is with you through all your difficult circumstances. He is grinding you, polishing you, and preparing you to be his luminous pearl and sparkling jewel.

Mom is 90 now, in a nursing home, and nearly blind—macular degeneration has stolen her vision. A few years ago, she gave me the last ornament she was able to make. It's my favorite—white and gold with a bottom tassel made of the pendant from mom's favorite gold necklace. I played with it every night as a child as she rocked me in her lap at bedtime, softly singing her favorite hymn, "I Come to the Garden Alone." I wrote about this in my book *The Wonder of His Love*, in a chapter called "Comforting Love."

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But more than that, I believe, the ornaments are also a "picture," intended to provide a glimpse of how intimately God knows us. He knows our entire lives, from beginning to end, since before we were ever born, before the earth was ever created. Like these ornaments, He made each one of us utterly unique, His exclusive works of art.

This Christmas, my wish is that you might rest in the knowledge that every unique detail and "facet" of your life is known by a loving Father, who pours out His life and love for you. As that reality floods your heart, may you shine with a rich and luminous glow—just like mom's ornaments!

For more information about actress, author, and speaker Nancy Stafford visit www.nancystafford.com.

(Above) Nancy's tree shines brightly and its glow is reflected in a nearby mirror. (Opposite) Whether hanging on the tree or gracing a mantel, these ornaments become a lasting legacy of love between mother and daughter.

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REMEMBERING WILTON MANORS FIRST COUNCILWOMAN

by Mary Ulm
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Wilton Manors Pioneer Marcia Stafford died on January 15, 2011 at age 89. A fourth generation Floridian born in Miami, she served as a City of Wilton Manors elected official for over two decades, first as City Clerk for eight years and then as a Council Member for over 14 years. No other Wilton Manors elected official exceeds her tenure.

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The school board relented and Wilton Manors Elementary School opened in 1951. Marcia enjoyed telling the story of her and other parents preparing the school ground for opening. At one point during their landscaping they began unearthing hundreds of empty liquor bottles. These were apparently the legacy of what early residents politely called a "gentlemen's club" of questionable repute, that had once operated across the street.

The Stafford family at a Miss Florida event during the year of Nancy's reign
Photo courtesy of Wilton Manors Historical Society

In 1952, at the urging of Mayor Dave Turner, Stafford ran and won a three-way race for City Clerk – a position she held until 1960. While Council meetings were held at the Village Hall, much of the rest of City business was conducted at the Stafford home until the first City Hall with real offices opened in 1957. Thus, daughter Nancy, born in 1954, and young Tracy spent their formative years amidst the constant comings-and-goings of Wilton Manors citizens and politicians.

Marcia and her first-term, all-male City Council colleagues.
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In 1961, Marcia became the first woman to serve on the Wilton Manors City Council. An intelligent, witty, and charismatic public servant, she held the citizens' confidence for a record 14 years and 10 months. "I can think of no one who gathered as much good will for the City as Marcia Stafford," recalls long-time resident Nancy Sawallis. "Marcia was well liked by everyone." Wilton Manors Woman's Club President Gwen Thompson agrees, saying: "She was a wonderful inspiration and a long-time club member."

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During her long tenure as an elected public official, Marcia Stafford participated in the addition of a water system, sewer system, roads, parks and recreation facilities as the city's population grew from 1,500 in 1952 to well over 10,000 in 1975. However, her "true claim to fame", as she wrote in a short biography in 1991, was her and Leslie's children, "...who reflect the home town atmosphere in which they grew up". Son Tracy has led a distinguished career as an attorney, Wilton Manors City Council Member and Mayor, and State Representative. Daughter Nancy was crowned Miss Florida in 1976. She is an accomplished actress, motivational speaker, and author.

After leaving elected office, Marcia continued to enrich the Wilton Manors community by teaching kindergarten and reading to children in the Wilton Manors public library. Leslie Stafford retired in 1977 and Marcia joined him in retirement several years later. Leslie died in 1995.

Modest to the end, and ahead of her time in combining career and family, Marcia Stafford has left an indelible stamp on the city in which she resided for more than 60 years.

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A memorial service is planned for Feb. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m., at Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28 St. ,Wilton Manors.

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