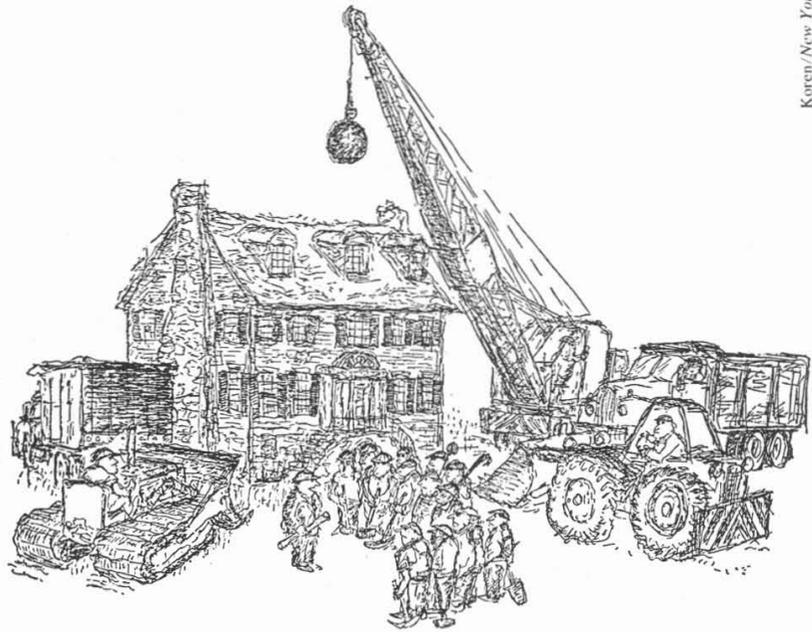


FINAL WORDS

FROM THE EDITOR

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In a recent issue of the respected journal, *Smithsonian*, the president of The Nature Conservancy is asked about land-use decisions, developers, and the problems they pose in the effort to save our natural heritage. "We are in a conflict-avoidance situation," says Mr. Noonan. "Ignorance is the enemy, not the developers. If we can pinpoint those . . . significant regions that remain in this country *before* a developer or industry wades in, we can save them. And we can do so advantageously to both parties, the future generations of Americans *and* the business interests involved."



"Be gentle with it, men. It's a historic landmark."

This issue of *Broward Legacy* is filled with articles for those who wish to become better informed about south Florida's historic sites and structures, and what is being done to protect them. From the "Historical Society News Update" to the "*Ferdinand Magellan*" to "Peace Camp Chronicle" to "County Recycles Old Church" to "The Grand Central Case" to "The (H-) 1 and Only" the reader will learn that our region has a fine, diverse heritage which thousands of people are working to save each day. Their success or failure will have a material affect on the quality of the environment we and our children live in during the coming decades.

Let me direct your special attention to Frank Gilbert's article on the Grand Central decision. Mr. Gilbert, an attorney for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, explains in clear terms the meaning of the Supreme Court's opinion that historic districts and landmark conservation ordinances are a constitutional means of regulating the alteration or demolition of our country's architectural patrimony. As many Florida communities begin to consider preservation laws, this decision will no doubt be used to quiet fears that such controls represent an "unfair taking" of property rights. Our thanks to Mr. Gilbert and the Trust for their permission to use the article.

Bill McGoun's short history of Broward County also deserves close reading. Known to many as the author of a series of local history articles in the *Miami Herald*, Mr. McGoun has neatly summarized nearly four thousand years of human endeavor into an episodic piece which stresses the changes man has wrought in his environment. For those who wish to obtain additional copies of this article, you can write or call the Broward County Historical Commission office; it is now available in pamphlet form.

As another volume of *Broward Legacy* draws to a close, I would like to extend on the behalf of the journal staff our heartfelt thanks for your continued support for this experiment in local historical journalism. The public's interest simply proves what many of us knew all along: *Legacy* is not just another magazine; it's *our* history.

Ralph Jamieson Megna, Editor