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them out before starting to tie his or her own flies, Carr says.

"There's as many different rules as there are guys that fish 'em," Carr concludes.

A first time visit to a shop like The Caddis Fly might leave the uninitiated with the impression they had entered a supply house for crafts people and conjurers if the rods and waders didn't give the place away. Peacock plumes

and colored yarn, bucktails and an assortment of rooster feathers fill the bins and adorn the walls.

The issue of whether to use materials like rubber, synthetic threads and simulated animal fur is tossed about in the fly-fishing world, also. Guard says some people think synthetic materials don't make as good a fly, but he says the point could be argued well by both sides.

"In many cases synthetics float better," Holbert says.

Drew Spanogle wrote in the fall 1986 "American Fly Tye" that a fly made of synthetic materials is "as out of place as an aluminum beer can on the bottom of our favorite pool."

Guard also says animals aren't killed to provide materials for flytys. "We get scraps from other industries."

Flytys sometimes gather their own materials. In his book, "Professional Fly Tying, Spinning and Tackle Making," George Leonard Herter says the best time to gather hackle from chickens is in the fall and winter months. Hackle is the fuzzy hairlike bristle around the heads of most flies. It's supposed to represent the insect's legs and the front fins of a minnow on streamer flies.

Herter states, "A large



Photo by Jackie Barry

A fly-tying bench is not complete without feathers, hooks, thread, glue and other fly-tying paraphernalia.

percentage of roosters never develop dry fly hackles regardless of how long they are kept. If after eight months the hackles are soft and not glossy,

the bird will never change, and he should be headed as quickly as possible for the stewpot."

— JACKIE BARRY

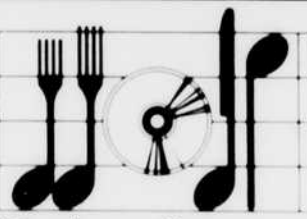


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Race and skin color make no difference to a true Rastaman. Sequoia says, "A Rasta, black or white, he just see the truth... A Rastaman is a Rastaman."

"I judge no man. I don't want to be no judge. I want to be who I am. Whoever that you are, wherever that you come from doesn't matter to me. I love you still," Alton says.

And while marijuana is crucial to the Rasta culture, Sequoia says not all Rastas smoke it. "In the Catholic Church they use bread and wine. We use herb for meditation reasons, so we all get in the same frame of mind, more or less, and we worship Jah."

"It's not something we want

to turn kids on to. As adults we do it. If the kids want to do it later on when they grow up, that's their thing. Herb is crucial to us. It's a sacrament, actually, like Holy Communion," Sequoia says.

Alton says that "smoking chalice is a blessing unto Jah," so to praise Jah with respect, "you pull your tam off; just give thanks to the most high."

Rasta women, on the other hand, cover their heads when either smoking herb or when reading Scripture, also as a show of respect.

Women command a high respect in Rastafari as the mother of creation, Suz-I says. "Some people perceive it to be an oppressive thing because they think of the (Rasta) women as so submissive and subservient." But, she says, "for I-self and for the sistren (the female of 'bredren') I know," they love being a mother and a wife. She says she believes that her purpose is to lay a good foundation for her children. "It's important that the youth know the truth." She says she doesn't care so much if her children go to college, "I'd rather they go to Zion," the promised land.

"Ladies are beautiful and are really strong and should be really respect, mon," Alton agrees. "Yeah, I hand it to them. Ladies are such a dynamic people. Wherever they are, I-man give

thanks all the time," he says.

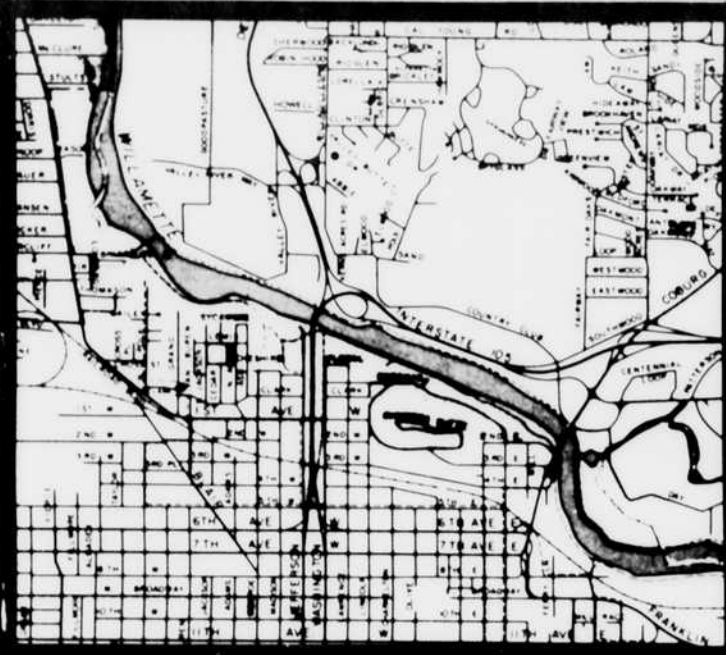
The relatively laid-back life for Rastas in Eugene, Alton says, is a sharp contrast to life in Jamaica, where people are often killed in the streets. The government, he says, often is involved in the violence rather than trying to prevent it. Even given that atmosphere, he says, Rastas try to stay away from "politricks."

"The Rasta no fight against politricks because they know it's Babylon (the opposite of Zion), and Babylon only do this politricks system to capture the people," he says.

"You see, the Jamaican is not like American," Alton says. "There are weird things happen, mon. When them say, 'This is bullshit,' them say, 'bullshit.' Them no partial. None of this little peaceful business like you see them walk out here with pickets or demonstrating signs. They don't do that. They will just come out and burn down your building, blood. They will kill you inside there. Them no joke. If they mean that they want to get you out that house, then it's like one vote. That's it," he says.

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