

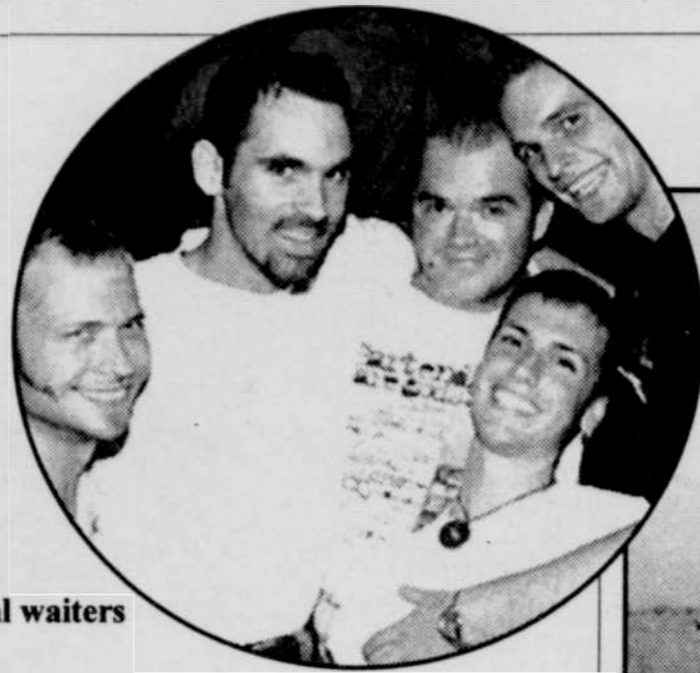


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friendly British feel. The Royal Pub offers plenty of live entertainment including drag shows, male strippers and the occasional singer. After an evening out on the town, this is an excellent place for that one last drink before calling it a night.

Rooms are reasonable at \$99 with private bath and \$79 with semiprivate bath. Those rates



The Royal waiters

are slightly higher in the summer: \$139 and \$109, respectively. All rates are in Canadian dollars, and \$1 U.S. equals \$1.50 Canadian, so you get lotsa bang for your buck!

The hotel has a helpful Internet site,

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Richard Bray (left) and pals in Key West

www.attheroyal.com, and friendly staff on call at 877-685-5337.

Southern exposure

A few years back, six old friends decided to adventure somewhere none of us had been—Key West, Fla. Of course, we had heard about that mystical place in the East where palms sway, the temperature never leaves the 70s and rainbow flags are everywhere.

We previously had rented a villa together in

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, so we knew we'd enjoy one another's company. The key to our successful trip was advance planning—seven months of planning for our one-week stay.

The Key West Chamber of Commerce was predictably helpful, sending lots of brochures and listings for accommodations. Our interest lay specifically with houses. With seven people, we required four bedrooms and a pool within easy walking distance of central Key West. Once there, we wanted little to do with our rental car, although it was an absolute necessity.

The Advocate has a Key West section at the

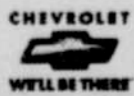
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