

Extra, Extra—get your foreign headlines here

By Kenneth D. MacHarg

As a news junkie who can barely pass by a newspaper stand without putting in a few quarters, imagine my excitement upon moving to Miami a year ago to discover a number of stores that help to feed my addiction.

While not quite as extensive as the outlet in Montreal where I unwittingly dropped \$50 on papers from the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe several years back, I have discovered several special treasures here.

The first is Worldwide News on NE 163rd Street in North Miami Beach. The proprietor is Narendra Brahmhatt, a transplanted Indian, born in South Africa with British citizenship. He features papers of interest to neighborhood clientele, including a host of Jamaican dailies and weeklies, plus Arabic language newspapers from Egypt and Saudi Arabia. I was interested in his selection of British papers, along with others from Brazil, Spain, France and Germany. He told me that he used to stock Chinese, Japanese and African newspapers, but there wasn't enough demand to make it worth while.

Up in Broward County is Clark's Out of Town News where owner Jim Nosse says he carries an unbelievable selection of papers from around the world including Australia, New Zealand and all around Europe. He indicated that his newspaper customers come from two categories; expatriates who are on vacation, business or stay here part of the year and those who are relocating elsewhere and want to check out jobs and houses for sale. As a newspaper addict, I probably form a minority third category.

My only regret with these two stores is having to wade through so much so-called adult, sexually oriented material to find the international newspapers I am interested in. At least Worldwide News segregates them into a special section that I can ignore.

Having lived in three Latin American countries and traveled to most of the others, I was excited to find two newspaper stands in Miami that are loaded with papers from that region.

Tucked away among South American restaurants and shops in the Tropical Shopping Center on Bird Road is Libreria Revistas & Periodicos. Owner Eduardo Durán hails from Bogotá, Colombia and offers 42 different newspapers from 15 countries. It's here that I go when I want to read El Comercio from Quito (or Lima), El Mercurio from Santiago or La Nacion from San José. Eduardo tells me that he receives all of his papers direct from the publisher, some even arriving the day of publication.

Downtown I am fascinated by Juan Canal's News Stand. He has held down a portion of the sidewalk and open-air storefront on SE 1st Street for 25 years and says he has 200 titles from "around the world." With so many Brazilian stores as neighbors he has a good selection of Rio and Sao Paulo papers along with many from Spanish-speaking Latin America.

I enjoy stopping at one or two (maybe three?) of these stores ahead of a lazy, rainy weekend. Ah, so many newspapers, so little time.

Worldwide News

1629 NE 163rd Street
North Miami Beach

Clarks Out of Town News
303 S. Andrews Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale

Libreria Revistas & Periodicos
7971 SW 40th Street (Bird Road)
Miami

Juan Canal News Stand
165 SE 1st Street
Miami

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