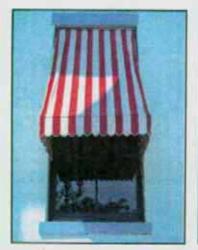
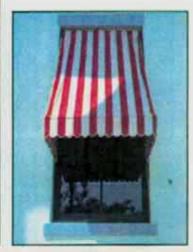
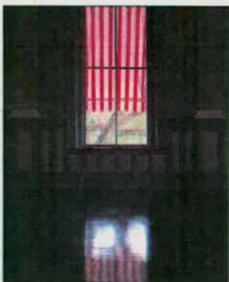
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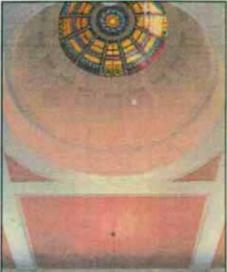












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ome compared it to a beautiful woman, aging with dignity.

The not-so-kind insisted it was an ugly, dilapidated, obtrusive eyesore, fit only for demolition.

It had some mighty enemies, the big political guns of the day: Governor Reubin Askew, state Senate President Lew Brantley, state House Speaker Don Tucker, state Senators Dempsey Barron and George Firestone.

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The Florida public was divided. The media were mixed. A Tallahassee newspaper editor concluded simply: "Blow it up."

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