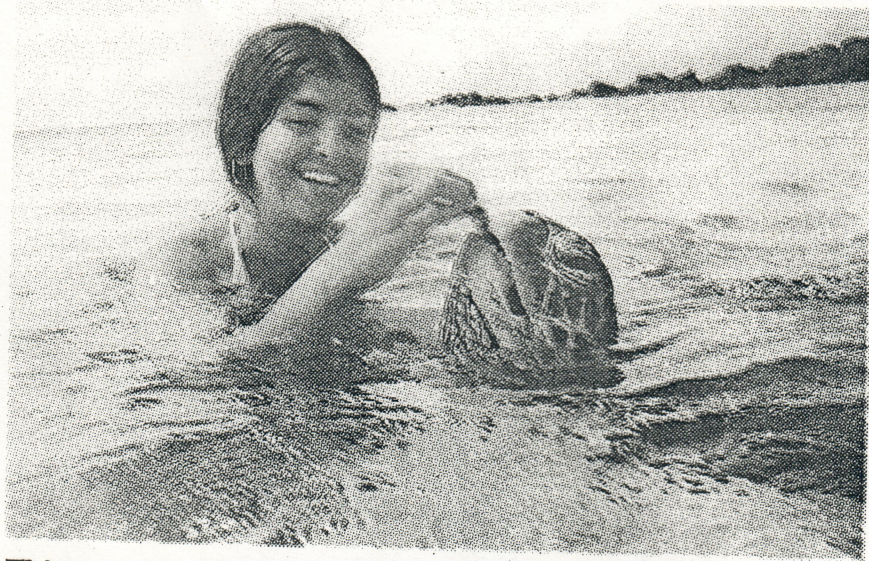




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Thirty years ago these turtles were rare and on the verge of extinction, fleeing at the sight of man. Now they wade along the shoreline, swim up to people such as Aviana Gutierrez, and nudge them, begging to be fed limu. These animals are unaware of Federal regulations limiting human interaction with them.

2002 vision

A PICTURE IS WORTH a thousand words, the adage goes, and editors and page designers take that quite literally. With space in daily newspapers at a premium, photographers generally have one shot at summing up a news event. But what about the quiet or funny moments behind the scenes, the out-takes? The pictures that, for whatever reason, got left on a computer hard drive the way movie extras get cut from a film? Or the photos that were not rendered with the proper gravitas?

At year's end, the photographers strike back. Here are the photos that are their favorites or the ones they simply wanted you to see in 2002.