

Jolly Green 'Theys'

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To hear him tell it, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison is a man much to be pitied.

It seems Mr. Garrison has a hopelessly chronic case of the Jolly Green "theys."

Not that Mr. Garrison appears jolly about his predicament, which must be something like the hives, because he is always scratching the theys.

The DA is not the least bit abashed about scratching the theys in public, no matter who the audience. In fact, the DA apparently thinks his scratching is a big crowd-pleaser.

Wednesday he gave them a fearsome going over while addressing the New Orleans Academy of Trial Lawyers at Ye Olde College Inn Restaurant.

As he has done in front of so many other audiences, Mr. Garrison told the listening trial lawyers Wednesday that the theys are out to get him.

The theys, in this case, are very big. Lumping them together, the DA identified the theys as the federal government and the national news media.

These two "theys" are always itching him, said Mr. Garrison, and he even predicted they would continue to itch him, both at the same

time, in a kind of plot.

When the federal theys were Democrats, the DA scratched them mightily. And now that they are Republicans, he is still scratching them. It makes no difference to him; *they all itch*.

Mr. Garrison has been known to scratch the CIA theys, the FBI theys, the Havana theys, the "military-industrial complex" theys, and an assortment of other theys.

Now that he is up for re-election, however, he is concentrating on the really big federal and national theys.

He has been so busy scratching the big theys that he hardly has had time for such small local matters as organized crime and the collection of bail bond forfeitures. Mr. Garrison has blamed his former chief assistant for not seeing to proper collection of bond forfeitures.

And so, Mr. Garrison scratches the big theys. And it is safe to predict that he'll keep on scratching them.

He seems to think that if he scratches hard enough and long enough the contagion will spread, and he'll get enough other people scratching until nobody will pay much attention to the "little" local irritants on his body politic.