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Santa came to town on Friday, December 19, and was greeted by the Mayor who had organized his visit.

Parents and children waited patiently in the Community Center as the gifts were given out. Some of the presents were larger than their recipients.

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Little Gator Clinic

You don't have to be sick to visit the clinic but you do have to be young!

Dr. Barnard told the *Rapper* that he welcomes visits from children up to 18 years old (and not pregnant) so he can get to know them and watch them grow on his chart. Although he does not keep drugs on the premises, he can prescribe when necessary.

G.B. Barnard graduated from the University of Tennessee and completed his residency at the University of South Florida. He practiced in Lakeland for 32 years as a board-certified pediatrician and has recently semi-retired. He is registered with license #ME24955.

He and his wife Kathy, a retired Registered Nurse, have been coming to this area for fishing & wildlife for 20 years and have a home at ORA.

Hours are posted in the Clinic window (next to the Thrift Shop) and will be on the *Rapper* calendar. There is *no charge* for consultations, thanks to the generosity the Barnards. Come along to meet them for a chat!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See our Review of 2008 in the center spread.

Copeland Baptist Performs

by Helen Bryan

An outdoor theater, with a CNN-TV Studio, was the setting at the Copeland Baptist Church on December 14 when Children's Director, Carol Sylvest along with ten children gave a wonderful performance of "PRIME TIME NEWS". This Play was first directed & performed at Everglades First Baptist church some 12-15 years ago by Director Carol, who had to again research the music and practice material with CNN news of the birth of Jesus, reviving it for today's youth. The Copeland area became alive with the fabulous hip music which we enjoyed throughout the program along with seeing the famous CNN characters: Rush Rathers played by Client Walls, Bonnie Chum played by Haley Sylvest, Kay Sera Weather Wonder by Kayla Grala, six foreign correspondents and reporters: Tawny Woods, Linzy Fails, Emily Brown, Natalie Thompson, Tyus Fails and Hector Roldan and Technical Director Wesley Syvest. Never before has there been a performance of equal enjoyment in my opinion. Our thanks to Carol for working so diligently with our youth. Immediately after their program a spread of refreshments was served by the Church. Rev. John Gilmore extends an invitation to each one to visit with them at Copeland Baptist.

If you have *news, photos, announcements,* or *articles ...* email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2397.

JANUARY 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
21 **Christmas Play** Chokoloskee Church of God 6:30 pm	22 **Hour of Prayer** Everglades Community Church 7 pm	23	24 **Ladies Coffee** Pat Rinkevich's Home 8 am **Christmas Eve Service** Comm. Church 7 pm	25 ***Christmas*** 	26 **Miccosukee Art Festival** see p. 3	new moon ○ 27 **Pancake Fly-In** Airport, see p.3
28	29 **Hour of Prayer** Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	30	31 **Ladies Coffee** Havana Cafe 8 am **New Year's Eve Service** Comm. Church 7 pm	JAN 1 ***Happy New Year !***	2	3 **Kids' Clinic** 9 am - noon see p.1
4	5 **Hour of Prayer** Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	6 **Museum Talk** 2 pm, see p.9 **Barton Visit** 3 pm, see p.3 **Coletta Visit** 3 pm, see p.3 **Kids' Clinic** 5-8 pm, see p.1 **City Council** City Hall, 5:30 pm	7 **Ladies Coffee** Pat Rinkevich's Home 8 am	8 **Great Gators** School, 9:30 am	9	10 **Mobile Pet Vet** see p.3 **Sons of Confederate Veterans** Seafood Depot 6 pm
full moon ● 11 **Mobile Pet Vet** see p.3	12 **Hour of Prayer** Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm **OFCD Bd** Fire Sta, 6 pm	13	14 **Ladies Coffee** Linda Williams' Home, DuPont 8 am	15	16	17 **Art-in-the-Glades**, see p.3
18	19 **Hour of Prayer** Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	20 **Reach Out** Comm Church 8:30 am **Big Cypress ORV Meeting**	21 **Ladies Coffee** Backcountry Cafe 8 am	22 **SAC** School Media Center, 3 pm	23	24 **Big Cypress Comments** see p.11

Jan 31: Kids' Clinic

Feb 2: Kids' Clinic **Feb 7/8: Seafood Festival** **Feb 23-26: MSD Festival** **Mar 24: BigC ORV**

THRIFT SHOP: daily except Sun, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

MUSEUM: Tues-Fri, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church

SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

SMALLWOOD STORE: daily; 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tues, 12/30 (1-2 pm), dates for January will be posted outside the office

HOLIDAY HOURS

City Hall, the Library, and the Museum will be closed on **December 25 & 26** and on **January 1.**

COLETTA VISIT

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in Everglades City on **Tuesday, January 6,** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with constituents at City Hall and attend the Everglades City Council Meeting that evening at 5:30 p.m. Residents are invited to join him for dinner at the Seafood Depot following the meeting. For info, phone 252-8097.

BARTON VISIT

George Barton, Congressional Aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, January 6,** at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

CITY COUNCIL

Everglades City Council will meet on **Tuesday, January 6,** at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Members of the public are welcome and may speak during the Public Comment session if they sign up before the meeting starts.

Public Announcements are now on cable Channel 98.

PANCAKE FLY-IN

The first pancake breakfast hosted by Wings 10,000 Island Tours for the winter season will take place at Everglades Airpark on **Saturday, December 27,** from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome.

MICCOSUKEE
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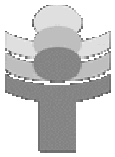
INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL

The Miccosukee Tribe hold their 34th Annual Festival from **Friday, December 26,** though **Monday, January 4,** every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Indian Village on Tamiami Trail (about 40 miles east of SR-29).

For info, phone (305) 480-1924 or see www.miccosukee.com.

Substance Abuse Program



First Assembly Ministries' Campus of Care is sponsoring a new Outpatient Substance Abuse Program beginning in January. It will be a 13-week session. Call 695-2646 for times, dates, and registration details.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

12/10/08: Brush Fire, 77m I-75
12/12/08: Possible Vehicle Accident, Monument Lake on US-41
12/12/08: Vehicle Accident, 60m I-75
12/13/08: Structure Fire, Everglades City
12/14/08: Unknown Medical Problem, Monument Lake
12/14/08: Unknown Medical Problem, 59m I-75
12/14/08: Breathing Problems, Plantation Island
12/15/08: Brush Fire, 1m North of I-75 on SR-29
12/16/08: Call Box Activation, 66m I-75
12/16/08: Chest Pains, Everglades City
12/17/08: Vehicle Fire, 50m I-75
12/18/08: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 & I-75
12/18/08: Plane Crash, SE of US-41 at 6L's
12/20/08: Vehicle Accident, US-41 at Oasis Visitor Center
12/20/08: Vehicle Accident, Midway Campground on US-41
12/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 62m I-75
12/21/08: Vehicle in Water, 68m I-75
12/21/08: Vehicle Rollover, 72m I-75
12/22/08: Vehicle Fire, 75m I-75
12/23/08: Unknown Medical Problem, Copeland
12/23/08: Possible Structure Fire, Port of the Islands

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on Saturday, January 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, Everglades City, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. She will also be here for surgery on Sunday, January 11, by previous appointment only. Phone her at 777-PETS (7387).

ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

The next Art-in-the-Glades will be held on **Saturday, January 17**. Vendors are welcome. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

INFORMATION FROM http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV

12/26/2008	Fri	12:45AM	2.8	H	09:06AM	-0.3	L	03:01PM	2.1	H	08:58PM	0.8	L
12/27/2008	Sat	01:20AM	2.8	H	09:43AM	-0.3	L	03:26PM	2.2	H	09:33PM	0.8	L
12/28/2008	Sun	01:53AM	2.8	H	10:18AM	-0.3	L	03:57PM	2.2	H	10:06PM	0.7	L
12/29/2008	Mon	02:25AM	2.8	H	10:53AM	-0.3	L	04:32PM	2.2	H	10:41PM	0.7	L
12/30/2008	Tue	02:58AM	2.7	H	11:27AM	-0.3	L	05:09PM	2.3	H	11:19PM	0.6	L
12/31/2008	Wed	03:34AM	2.6	H	12:00PM	-0.2	L	05:45PM	2.3	H			
01/01/2009	Thu	04:19AM	2.5	H	12:30PM	0.0	L	06:12PM	2.4	H			
01/02/2009	Fri	12:53AM	0.5	L	05:16AM	2.2	H	01:04PM	0.2	L	06:44PM	2.4	H
01/03/2009	Sat	01:57AM	0.4	L	06:33AM	2.0	H	01:41PM	0.4	L	07:15PM	2.5	H
01/04/2009	Sun	03:09AM	0.3	L	08:09AM	1.8	H	02:26PM	0.5	L	07:49PM	2.5	H
01/05/2009	Mon	04:20AM	0.1	L	09:52AM	1.7	H	03:31PM	0.7	L	08:34PM	2.6	H
01/06/2009	Tue	05:24AM	-0.1	L	11:30AM	1.8	H	04:49PM	0.8	L	09:33PM	2.7	H
01/07/2009	Wed	06:23AM	-0.3	L	12:45PM	2.0	H	05:59PM	0.8	L	10:39PM	2.9	H
01/08/2009	Thu	07:18AM	-0.5	L	01:38PM	2.1	H	07:02PM	0.8	L	11:39PM	3.1	H
01/09/2009	Fri	08:11AM	-0.6	L	02:20PM	2.2	H	07:59PM	0.7	L			

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IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, Dec 22 - Tues, Jan 6:	Winter Recess
Fri, Jan 9:	Report Cards (K-12)
Mon, Jan 19:	Martin Luther King Day
Thurs, Jan 22:	SAC, Media Center, 3:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 4:	Early Release Day

From Savannah's Eyes

Oh boy! I am so glad I am out of school because now I get to spend time with my family and friends. Also my sister LaShaun is coming down from Sebring to celebrate Christmas with us. And, after Christmas, the New Year is sprouting out before our very eyes. Before you know it, it will already be 2009. On New Years Day everyone has a resolution and a wish. My wish is for world peace because we really need it right now. And my resolution is to ace that FCAT test at school. Because, ohhh, I want to ace that FCAT sooo bad! I hope everyone's wish and resolution comes true. Happy New Year to all!

With Love, Joy, and Peace,
Savannah O.

Savannah Oglesby is in the 6th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

THANKS to Tawny Wood, Jillian Campbell-Salorina, Sierra Dungan, Tori Wells, Logan Foss, and Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo for donating their artwork for the Reach Out holiday cards this year. And, a big Thank You to Mr Tribble for inspiring them to create such wonderful designs.

There was a good turnout for the School Play on Monday, December 15.

REVIEW OF THE RAPPER, 2008

Brandy Stiltner, Natasha Johnson, and Luther Dyer lost their lives in an accident on January 25.

The sun was shining for Seafood Festival on February 2/3.

David Keiser passed away suddenly on February 11.

A tornado struck Everglades City on February 12, damaging the Airport, Rod & Gun Lodge, School, and Camellia Street Grill. No one was injured.

Vivan Brown left the area at the end of February after working for the City almost 20 years.

Robert Robinson celebrated his 80TH birthday on March 29.

The buildings at the abandoned development near the airport were torn down in April.

Marty Bowen passed away suddenly on April 7.

Senior Mothers Margaret Webb and Bea Rogers were honored at the 95th Anniversary of Chokoloskee Church of God on April 27.

The Tamiami Trail 80TH Anniversary on April 26 featured Barron Gift Collier, III, reading his grandfather's speech.

The 2-day Tamiami-80 celebration on April 26/27 included a parade, live music, arts & crafts and food vendors, and free birthday cake.

The annual "Diamonds of the Everglades" tea on May 3 recognized senior women in our area.

Firemen, emergency medical staff, and Sheriff's deputies were thanked at a community fish fry dedicated to them on May 10.

REVIEW OF THE RAPPER, 2008

Walt & Sunny Burke celebrated their 50TH Wedding Anniversary on May 17.

David Bozzard passed away in hospital on May 27.

The Community Church got a facelift during restoration which took several months, beginning in June.

Summer Camp was held from June 16 to July 18. It was sponsored by Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S. Association, our neighborhood charity, and kept kids stimulated during the school recess.

The Sons of the Confederate Veterans opened the Independence Day celebrations on July 6 with a blast from their canon.

The ECity School Class of 1968 held a reunion at the Depot on June 28.

Tropical Storm "Fay" brought flooding on August 19.

Students returned to school in their new uniforms on August 20.

Pastor Dantin of Chokoloskee Church of God and Sue Gentry of CCSO load up hurricane relief supplies which the Dantins took to Louisiana in September.

A large crowd gathered to bid farewell to Larry Wood who passed away suddenly on October 2.

Friends and relatives paid tribute to Helena Brookbank who had a fatal accident on October 6.

Carol Moseman Lawry passed away on October 28 after a brief struggle with cancer.

Virginia Klotz celebrated her 88TH birthday on November 21.

ECity School students sent holiday cards to Recovering Heroes. They also designed the Reach Out cards which were on sale around town.

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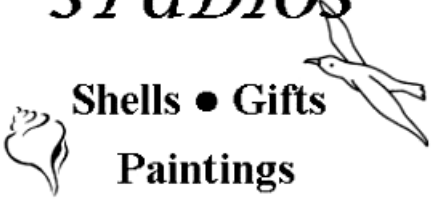

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MUSEUM NEWS

Members of the Friends of the Museum had their annual luncheon and meeting on Monday, December 15. New directors were announced: Myrna Baier, Jan Brock, Helen Bryan, Nathan Goff, Patty Huff, Virginia Kanning, Renee Rau, and Winnie Thomas. After the brief business meeting, CCM Volunteer Coordinator Mary Margaret Gruszka spoke about the extraordinary pride that our Friends have in their local Museum.

The highlight of the event was a tribute to Carol Moseman, formerly president of FME and an energetic worker. Patty Huff showed photos of Carol, including some from her childhood. Jane Rackley fondly and humorously remembered Carol as a majorette when they both attended Boca Ciega High School in St. Pete. Carol's memory will be perpetuated by the naming of the little theater at the back of the Museum after her.

The special exhibit in January is "Plume Hunters" and there will be a lecture by David Southall of Collier County Museums entitled ***"Plume Hunting from 1880 to 1910"*** at 2:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 6**. The talk is followed by a guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings at 3:00 p.m. To make reservations for either, phone the Museum at 695-0008.

LOCAL HISTORY

We were sorry to read that Lucy House Storter passed away on December 20. She was born in 1920 in Chokoloskee and married Lem Storter (son of Rob) who died in 2005. She was the granddaughter of G.C. McKinney, the "sage of Chokoloskee".

For a full obituary, see the Naples Daily News, 12/23/08, and sign the guest book at www.naplesnews.com.

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Fishing Report

by Capt. Bill Lindsay

January and February are the two hardest months to produce tarpon and snook for me. Cold fronts blast through and drop water temperatures and stir up the water with strong winds. Having said that, I have had great fishing days when the weather is good. When we get bad weather, you just have to find protected spots and fish deep & slow. If you like to catch sheepshead and black drum, you should have no trouble. Trout fishing can also be excellent. Capt. Bruce Hitchcock caught all he wanted on the outside points this week. When it's warm, snook and redfish will also feed. Tarpon will move into the back bays and rivers when it's nice. Offshore mackerel, bluefish, cobia, and grouper can be caught on the shallow Gulf wrecks. Many anglers count on live shrimp at this time of year. They can be used whole or in small pieces to tip jigs.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for 27 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament.

ROOKERY BAY LECTURES

The first of the "Amazing Adventures" series will be an illustrated talk about bicycling through Spain and Portugal on **January 2**. The lectures are held on the first Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For more info, phone 417-6310 or see www.rookerybay.org.

Thanks to Teresa Schneider who sent us these photos of the boat parade on December 13. The event was organized by Capt. Bob & Debbie Bergin and other owners in the Estuary.

VIP Report

by Shirley Leonard

I'm back. And does it ever feel good!

For readers who don't know who I am or that I was even gone, this will be my second winter working as a volunteer for Everglades National Park. Off season I spend in Massachusetts where I've resided for 38 years.

My job as an Everglades National Park VIP (Volunteer-In-Parks Program) includes reporting events in the Gulf Coast portion of the park for the *Rapper*. Sometimes other areas of the park become my focus. Last season, for example, First Lady Laura Bush visited the park for a day and spoke at the Royal Palm visitor center. She helped launch a conservation essay contest for students nationwide. Miami-Dade County fifth grade students spent the day with Mrs. Bush. I was honored to be able to attend when she spoke and to write about it for the *Rapper*.

As this new tourist/visitor season begins, the park has many new employees: law enforcement officers, seasonal rangers and volunteers. This is true for all sections of the park. They've come from all over the country, some from other national parks where they worked this summer. For many this is their first time in the Everglades. I urge residents to be patient with them as they explore around town and pepper everyone with questions about the area.

As I write this, it is a few days before Christmas and our visitor center is *very, very* quiet. As far as out-of-towners, tourists, and visitors go, Everglades City is quiet, too. This lull happens to a certain extent every year. Once Christmas Day arrives, the pace will pick up. Last year the increase was dramatic. Just how dramatic this time around remains to be seen.

The park keeps track of the number of visitors to its centers. Last year when it decreased in other parts of the park, it increased here. Overall, however, tourists did not come in the numbers they did the year before. Given the poor state of the economy worldwide this year, many expect the numbers to decline again. I will report about that as the season progresses.

Visitors to our center often ask what facilities, such as restaurants, motels, campgrounds, air boat rides, attractions, museums, etc., are available. The center has lists of these, but they may be out of date. We need to know if new businesses have opened and if others have closed since last year and would appreciate it if residents would let us know of any changes. We don't want to favor any one business over another and want our information to be accurate. To contact the center call, 239-695-3311 or drop in for a visit.

Shirley Leonard was a journalist in Quincy, Massachusetts, on* The Patriot Ledger *for over 20 years and a regular contributor to the* Rapper *last winter while she was a volunteer at the Park.

RESTAURANT NEWS

Backcountry Cafe:
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; Mon - Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm.; Fri, Sat, Sun

Camellia Street Grill:
Noon - 8:00 pm; Mon - Thurs
Noon - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
Noon - 6:00 pm; Sunday

City Seafood:
11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
4:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs - Sun

Everglades Scoop:
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Mon- Sat

Glades Haven Deli:
6:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri - Sat

Grimm's Stone Crab (takeout):
8 am - 6 pm; Mon - Sat

Havana Cafe:
8:00 am - 3:00 pm; daily

Ivey House:
7:00 - 9:30 am; daily

Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe, Ochopee:
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Wed - Mon
Live Music on weekends

JT's Cafe & Gallery, Chokoloskee:
9 am - 3 pm; Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs
9 am - 5 pm; Fri, Sat

Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:
4:00 pm; Mon - Sat
noon; Sunday

Oyster House Restaurant:
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat

Right Choice Pizzeria (takeout):
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs - Mon

Rod & Gun:
7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Seafood Depot:
Breakfast: 5:30 - 10:30 am; Fri - Sun
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily
Cabana Bash: 4 - 7 pm, Sat

Subway:
10:00 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Susie's Station:
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood:
10:30 am - 3:00 pm; Mon - Thurs
10:30 am - 6:00 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun

For a list of CHURCH SERVICES, see www.evergladesmulletrapper.com or phone us for a copy. A current list is also on the Notice Board outside the Captain's Table.

There was a "live nativity" at the Everglades Community Church on Christmas Eve. The people are real; the animals are statues.

Connie Ledbetter & Sue Gentry, both Crime Prevention Officers at Collier County Sheriff, are active with PAL (the Police Activities League) and bring us goodies all the time. They are seen here on December 19 with gifts for local children but returned after that with supplies for the Food Pantry and items for the Thrift Shop. The toys in the photo were donated by local stores or bought with funds raised by PAL.

WinCar
OPEN ON SUNDAY

You will be able to buy almost anything (fishing tackle, clothing, books, gifts, household goods, tools, nuts & bolts & screws, plumbing supplies, gardening requisites, and much more) on Sunday at WinCar True Value Hardware. The new Sunday hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during January, February, March, and April. The store is open during the rest of the week on Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Big Cypress Plans

An Environmental Assessment for Commercial Services in Big Cypress National Preserve is available for public comment until January 24. For a copy, phone Christine Clark at 695-1153 or see the official website http://parkplanning.nps.gov.

Chokoloskee Celebrates Birth of Jesus

Lisa Daffin directed the children in the "Birth of Jesus" play at Chokoloskee Church of God on December 21. She thanks Susie Chunat, Pastor Dantin, and all the participants for their hard work preparing the production in practical ways (props, costumes, helping out with rehearsals).

Joseph on the donkey was played by Alex Thompson with Mary (Sierra Dungan) in blue. Other participants were Tori Wells, Natalie Thompson, Cody Potter, Caleb Morris, Savannah Humphries, Haleigh Ellington, Natalie Thompson, Savannah Weeks, Houston Brown, Samantha Bruscini, Morgan Campbell, Destiny Vanleeuwen, Jill Campbell, and Brandon Buscini.

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USED INK CARTRIDGES

Drop off computer or photocopier cartridges at City Hall or the Thrift Shop to benefit Reach Out's subsidiary that helps stray animals. For info, phone Barbara at 695-3167 or see www.recycle4charity.com.

It was "all go" at Everglades Community Church on Saturday, December 20, when Reach Out allowed parents or grandparents to select over 500 gifts for their children. The donated clothes and toys came from locals and St. Finbarr's Catholic congregation. The event was spearheaded by Carol Foss and Helen Bryan. "Angel Wrappers" made sure the gifts were colorfully presented and correctly labeled.

JOBS VACANT

Everglades Isle Motor Coach Retreat is hiring restaurant, bar, maintenance, housekeeping, and concierge staff. Stop by at the lighthouse for an application.

The Census Bureau is hiring for the 2010 census. There will be full & part-time jobs in an office or in the field. For info, see www.2010censusjobs.gov where you can download an application or phone 1-866-861-2010.

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