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Vin Mannix

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Cortez village origin story tells 'Finest' past

Interested in a fascinating read about the origins of the village of Cortez?

"Finest Kind, a Celebration of a Florida Fishing Village," Ben Green's award-winning nonfiction about its early days and its people, is available again. Published in 1985, it was out of print for years. Green revised it to cover the past two decades, including the controversial fish net ban and its impact on Cortez.

Green is an instructor at Florida State University and won a Broadleaf Fellowship for "Finest Kind." It can be purchased at the Florida Maritime Museum in the old Cortez schoolhouse, or online at www.cortezvillage.org.

- Oh, no! James Drao hit the Big 3-0! Dylan is amused.
- Saint Stephen's School's new faculty includes Leo Calleja, Kim Earley, John Flatt, Melissa Gay, Dominique Gunst, Deirdre Mercier, Sue Mills, Lori Noall, Christina Pommer, Stephanie Travis, Charlotte Vaughn, Cathy Willard and Marlene Yanelli.
- Registration forms for Challenger Baseball, for physically and mentally challenged youths ages 5 through 18, will be available at all Manatee County Little League fields during fall baseball registration. Call Norma Lloyd at 747-4996.
- Cameron Stockton got shut out in Fox 13's Tampa Bay Idol finals last Friday and then the "American Idol" tryouts Wednesday in Miami, where thousands flocked to the American Airlines Arena.
But he's not jumping off any bridges.
"You have to realize, it's a TV show," said 7 o'clock Shadow's lead vocalist and Bradenton medical tech. "It's not talent value; it's entertainment value."
- Say it ain't so! Marilyn Vreugdenhil, a Bradenton Christian teacher for 29 years who wants to be remembered as "stunning, eccentric and exquisite," hit the Big 5-0! Cheers from Ashley, Katie, Nick and Emma Swaagman.
- Props to Royal Construction, Men's B-Division Summer Softball champs at G.T. Bray. They are Brian Basista, Trevor Basista, Jim Kiwacz, Andy Kutz, Justin Kutz, Victor Martinez, David Vasquez, Johnny Vasquez, Raul Vasquez, Bill Orendorff and Robby Stinton.
- Rachele Studer got her Ph.D. in physical therapy from the University of St. Augustine. Her proud family are Jimmy and Cis Paulsen, Tom and Joanne Studer, Jean Aldrich, MaryAnne Paulsen, Ruth Ann Patten and Shelley DeZiel.

- The 10th reunion for Manatee High's Class of 1997 is Oct. 12 and 13. Call Marcie Wakeman at (941) 518-5267 or e-mail mhs_97reunion@yahoo.com.
- Ray Gokel, who returned Pickle the parrotlet to its rightful owners, got his own from BP Pets. Store owner Roger Young made good with Gokel, after inadvertently selling him the parrotlet Brad and Bernice Bosman had left for boarding. Gokel hasn't decided on a name for his parrotlet yet.
- And the inimitable Sally Leland is 39. Again.

Vin's People runs Friday. Have a column item? Please call Vin Mannix at 745-7055 or write him at the Bradenton Herald, P.O. Box 921, Bradenton, FL 34206. Please include a phone number for verification.

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