

# Island Journal

## Wednesday

Saw an interesting article about how the tropical fruit industry has been affected by Charley hitting Pine Island after Andrew hit Homestead.

## Friday

Today was the golf game. Actually, no one was any good, so I needn't have worried.

## Sunday

Nemo was up to his old tricks, chasing lizards down on the docks. Now if the otters would just make an appearance!

## Tuesday

S and I went for a beach walk on Captiva's south end. Still looks pretty different tree-wise, but the beach is as nice as ever. Stayed for sunset, then walked to the Lazy for a snack.

## Friday

Saw a falling star from the front porch. Hooray for dark skies!

## Sunday

M drove up from Naples. We sat on the back porch and "Scrabbled" for hours. A perfect island day—cool, dry, and fun.

## Saturday

I am missing the avocado tree that used to shade my office. NOTE TO SELF: find fastest-growing native shade tree.

## Tuesday

Got invited to play golf at Beachview. Apparently these people have never seen me play.

## Thursday

I hear South Seas IS DOING a lot of work. Eager to go up and see for myself.

## Friday

Saw Willard Scott at Bailey's. It's nice that some things don't change.

## Sunday

Rented a boat on Captiva to run up to Cabbage Key and Useppa for the day. Felt great to be out on the water.

## Monday

Still getting e-mails wondering what the islands are like. I just write back, "Send leaves!" Actually, stuff is growing pretty quickly, as always.

## Thursday

S and I have decided to throw a huge party for the end of hurricane season, November 30.

## Friday

Nemo came looking for me during a thunderstorm. I think he might still have residual storm fear from Charley. We never would have left him on island if we'd known that a category 2 was turning into a 4!

## Saturday

Still feels strange on Periwinkle Way without all the pine trees. And I still don't recognize the Sanibel post office turn-in!

## Sunday

Working on a Christmas letter: evacuations, hurricanes, repairs, resiliency, lessons learned. 1) Don't stock the freezer from August to October. 2) Buy refundable airline tickets August through October.

## Monday

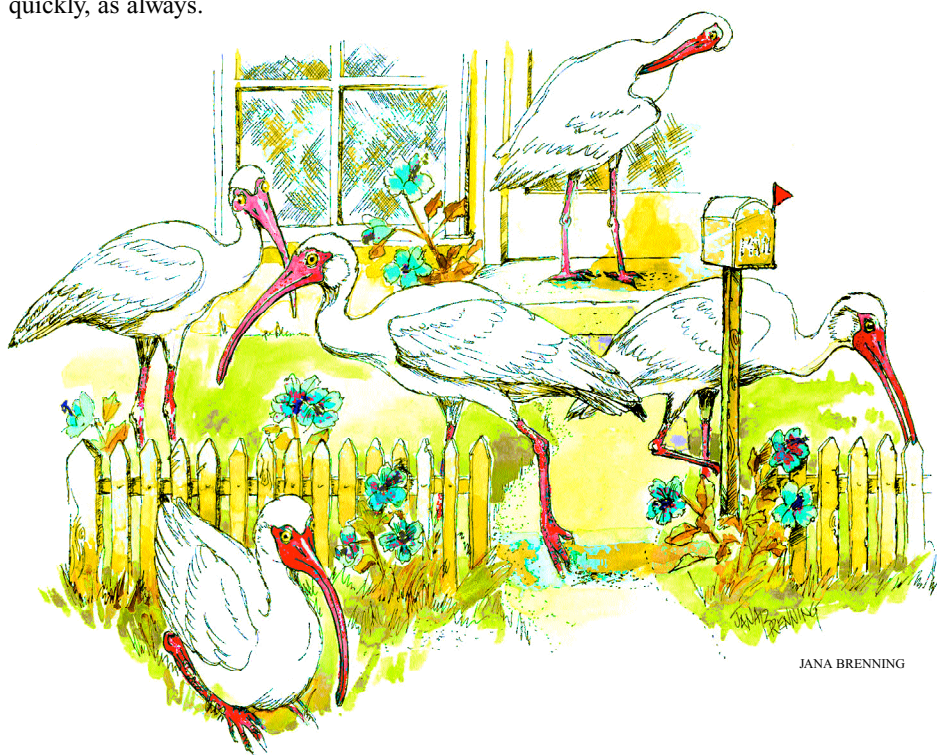
Ibis flock has started to reappear on a regular basis. Another sign that wildlife is getting back to normal.

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Early tennis with S and M and L. Courts were all full!

## Friday

Funny cartoon by the Hortons in this week's paper. They always make me laugh. Gotta stop and see their new office.



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