

# VELADOR

Protecting Sea Turtles and their Habitats since 1959

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## Lawsuit bans sea turtle killing in Costa Rica

In a landmark victory for sea turtle conservation, Costa Rica's Constitutional Court in February revoked a 1983 law that allowed the legal killing of up to 1,800 green sea turtles each year in that country. The decision was in response to a lawsuit brought by the Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC), several Costa Rican citizens and business owners, and a coalition of Costa Rican conservation organizations. CCC joined the case in 1998 at the urging of the Socio-Environmental Commission of Pococí-Guácimo, a grassroots environmental group in Tortuguero that had tried unsuccessfully to stop the legal hunt in 1997.

CCC and 12 co-plaintiffs filed the lawsuit in May of 1998. The Center for Environmental and Natural Resource Law prepared the case for CCC and the other co-plaintiffs. The case attacked the annual turtle harvest on the grounds that it (1) violates the fundamental right of Costa Ricans to a healthy and ecologically balanced environment as guaranteed in Article 50 of the Constitution; (2) violates several international agreements that are in force and take precedence over national laws (e.g. the Convention on Flora, Fauna and Natural Scenic Beauty of the American Nations of 1976, the Convention for the Conservation of Biodiversity and the Protection of Priority Central American Wildlands, and the Convention on



Archie Carr

Green turtles, like this female returning to the sea after nesting on Tortuguero beach, can no longer be hunted legally for their meat in Costa Rica.

Biological Diversity); and, (3) was never adequately enforced by the Costa Rican fishery institute INCOPECSA and provided cover for a much larger illegal harvest of sea turtles. CCC provided convincing scientific evidence on the illegal take, and argued against the harvesting of reproductively-active adult turtles that migrate to Costa Rican waters during nesting season.

As a result of this recent victory, it is no longer legal to kill any sea turtles in Costa Rica. Now the issue becomes how to prevent illegal turtle hunting.

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## Florida Cabinet Honors CCC for its Forty Years of Sea Turtle Conservation and Designates "Sea Turtle Protection Months"

The Governor and Cabinet of Florida recently passed a resolution honoring the Caribbean Conservation Corporation "for its outstanding contributions to Florida in conserving, protecting and defending Florida's sea turtle populations." Noting that 1999 marks CCC's 40th Anniversary, the resolution acknowledged

CCC's accomplishments and activities from its founding in 1959 until today.

The Cabinet, led by Treasurer Bill Nelson, unanimously commended CCC's state, national and international efforts at sea turtle protection, research, and education. The resolution specifically praised CCC's efforts in support of Florida's Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, "the most important nesting site for loggerhead turtles in the Western hemisphere," and in the establishment of Florida's new sea turtle license plate program. And in praising its education efforts, the Cabinet specifically noted CCC's Internet web site, which "provides a unique education program for schoolchildren which now reaches over 150,000 students in 25 countries."


In a companion resolution endorsed by CCC, the Governor and Cabinet also recognized the significant role Florida's beaches play in the protection of threatened and endangered sea turtle populations around the world. Noting that over 90% of all sea turtle nesting in the Continental U.S. takes place on Florida beaches, the Governor and Cabinet designated the months of "June, July, and August as Sea Turtle Protection Months." During these months sea turtle nesting in Florida is at its peak. The Cabinet, in noting that "actions



CCC staff and supporters receive the resolution from Governor Bush, Bill Nelson and other Cabinet members.

taken in Florida to protect sea turtles and their habitats will profoundly affect the global survival of the species," encouraged all state agencies to "provide a heightened protection for sea turtles during these months, and implored the citizens of Florida to be aware of the increased vulnerability of sea turtles nesting on Florida beaches at this time."

In addressing the Cabinet, CCC Executive Director David Godfrey stated, "While it is an honor to be recognized for our many years of hard work, the real value in these two resolutions will be heightened awareness of the need to protect sea turtles and their nesting beaches. It is critical for people to recognize that their actions, both individually and through the decisions of their elected officials, directly impact sea turtle survival. Floridians have a national and international responsibility to protect sea turtles."

Both Cabinet resolutions were initiated by Treasurer Bill Nelson, who as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1989, introduced the House bill that established the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. A full copy of the resolutions can be viewed on CCC's web site. 

### VELADOR {bel.a.dor}

In Caribbean cultures, *Velador* translates as "one who stands vigil" — originally referring to turtle and egg harvesters who waited at night for turtles to come ashore. Now CCC claims this title for its newsletter, and in Tortuguero, CCC's researchers and volunteers are replacing poachers as the new veladors.

*Velador* is published quarterly for members and supporters of the nonprofit **Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC)** and its **Sea Turtle Survival League (STSL)** program.

CCC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of sea turtles through research, training, advocacy, education and the protection of natural areas.

STSL is the US-based public awareness, advocacy and education program of the CCC.

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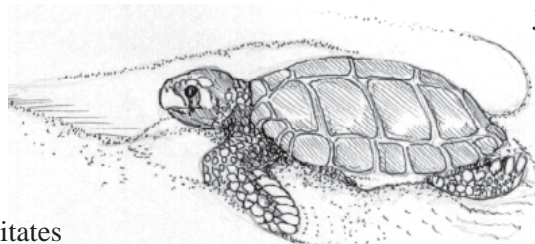
## Participant Programs

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### Green sea turtles & CCC participants head to Tortuguero, Costa Rica

Each year thousands of female green turtles travel to the beaches of Tortuguero, Costa Rica and return to the land to complete the nesting ritual they have performed for eons. And each year, turtle-lovers like yourself migrate to this tropical paradise to join our hands-on research program at the edge of the Costa Rican rainforest. By joining CCC's 1999 green turtle monitoring project in Tortuguero, you can be a part of CCC's efforts to conserve these ancient nomads by participating in a one- or two-week field program.

CCC studies have solved many of the mysteries of green turtle reproductive ecology and behavior. Long-term tagging at Tortuguero facilitates monitoring of the nesting population to evaluate the survival status of the species. You will work with nesting turtles weighing up to 350 pounds and measuring 3 to 4 feet in length. Participants will work in teams with researchers to help tag and record data about the nesting turtles.



Your days can be filled with viewing tropical creatures along the intricate waterways and trails of Tortuguero National Park. Macaws, monkeys, boas, sloths, morpho butterflies, peccaries ... one never knows what will pop up next. And Tortuguero village — a remote enclave of 'costeña' culture — delights visitors with its colorful eateries, shops and cantinas.

Programs are run every Saturday from June 26th until October 9th, 1999.

Costs include first and last night hotel accommodations in San Jose; land and boat transport to Tortuguero; all meals and accommodations at the Field Station in Tortuguero; return flight to San Jose by small plane; and all scheduled in-country transfers.

Contact CCC today for more information on how you can go wild in Costa Rica! Call 1-800-678-7853 or check out the new Visual Tour of the program, with lots of photos from past participants, online at <http://www.cccturtle.org>.

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## International Updates

### *U.S. Court of International Trade upholds sea turtle protections*

Last year, a World Trade Organization appeals panel issued its ruling that the U.S. ban on the import of shrimp from countries not using Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) was an arbitrary and unjustifiable barrier to trade. The State Department proposed measures to comply with the WTO decision by adopting "shipment-by-shipment importation" standards. However, on April 8, the U.S. Court of International Trade ruled that the U.S. government's adjustment of shrimp import regulations does not comply with U.S. environmental laws.

U.S. law allows shrimp imports only from nations that have policies requiring TEDs on all boats and whose compliance has been certified. Some environmentalists feel that without certification, there is no incentive for nations to require the installation of the inexpensive devices, and shrimpers would be able to make false statements about harvest methods.

On May 1, the Department of State certified 37 nations that meet national requirements for the export of shrimp to the United States. The nations included Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.


Panama and Costa Rica were not found to be in compliance, and were not re-certified, but these nations are working to ensure that their sea turtle protection programs are brought into compliance quickly.

### *Tripartite Agreement implementation meeting held*

On the occasion of the Third Inter-American Dialogue on Water Management in Panama City, a side meeting was organized on March 24 to discuss the steps needed to implement the cooperative agreement for the conservation of Caribbean sea turtles (the Tripartite Agreement), recently signed by Costa Rica and Panama. Members from the working group that developed the tripartite agreement, key stakeholder/specialist groups and interested observers were

invited to attend the meeting. Erasmo Vallester, National Director of Protected Areas and Wildlife in Panama, convened the meeting in the Hotel El Panamá. Financial support for the meeting was provided by the MacArthur Foundation through attorney Tom Ankersen of the Mesoamerican Environmental Law Program at the University of Florida, and by CCC.

The group agreed to establish an Ad Hoc Regional Commission for the Conservation of Sea Turtles, comprised of one national coordinator from each of the signatory nations — Erasmo Vallester for Panama, and Edwin Cyrus for Costa Rica.

In recognition of its leadership role in promoting the tripartite agreement, CCC was asked to fill the role of Ad Hoc Executive Secretariat, which it agreed to do. It was also agreed that Nicaragua's signature would be vigorously pursued by the commission with assistance from the ministers of the environment of both Panama and Costa Rica. 

# Sea turtles benefit from two recent victories!

Two recent victories improve protection of sea turtles and their nesting beaches in Florida. All species of sea turtles are federally listed as either threatened or endangered, and over 90% of all sea turtle nesting in the continental United States takes place on Florida beaches. Consequently, efforts to protect sea turtles in Florida have a significant effect on the global survival of various species, in particular loggerheads and green turtles.

The first achievement involves the CCC's Sea Turtle Survival League (STSL) and its efforts to discourage the use of coastal armoring in important sea turtle nesting areas. Sea walls, built to protect upland property from erosion, are typically erected right on the area of the beach where sea turtles nest. Once installed, the walls prevent turtles from reaching suitable nesting habitat, and the walls often lead to the erosion of additional nesting habitat down the beach.

In Indian River County, Florida, STSL filed a lawsuit to stop the construction of several highly damaging sea walls that it claimed had been illegally authorized by the county. STSL also claimed the walls were causing an illegal "take" of marine turtle habitat. After STSL filed its case, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection sided with STSL and ordered all work on the walls halted. After a series of negotiations between affected homeowners, STSL, the county and the state, a settlement was reached. Through the agreement, the partially constructed walls will remain in place while Indian River County develops a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for sea turtles.

If the plan is approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the existing walls will be permitted under an Incidental Take Permit and the county will then mitigate for any damage these and other sea walls cause to nesting turtles. Mitigation will likely involve beach renourishment projects, acquisition of beachfront properties that would otherwise be developed, and far more stringent regulations on the construction of armoring. STSL hails the agreement as a victory because it forces the state and county to address the cumulative impacts that armoring has on sea turtles. The HCP may also serve as the model for all other nesting beaches in Florida.

The second recent achievement involves efforts to protect hatchling sea turtles from the disorienting effects of artificial lights. Each year in Volusia County, Florida, a thousand or more federally protected sea turtle hatchlings emerge from their nests on the beach, and are promptly led astray of the ocean by the glare of artificial lights. Instead of heading toward the sea, which on an undeveloped beach would be the brightest horizon, these newly hatched turtles are disoriented by lights coming from beachfront homes, businesses and the street. Their fate is typically death caused by predation, dehydration or the weight of a passing car.

In many parts of Florida, lighting ordinances have been passed that require beachfront lights to be dimmed, redirected or turned off during the nesting season. In an effort to force the county to enforce a county-wide lighting ordinance, two local environmentalists filed an Endangered Species Act

lawsuit against the county. With freezers full of dead turtle hatchlings, crushed on

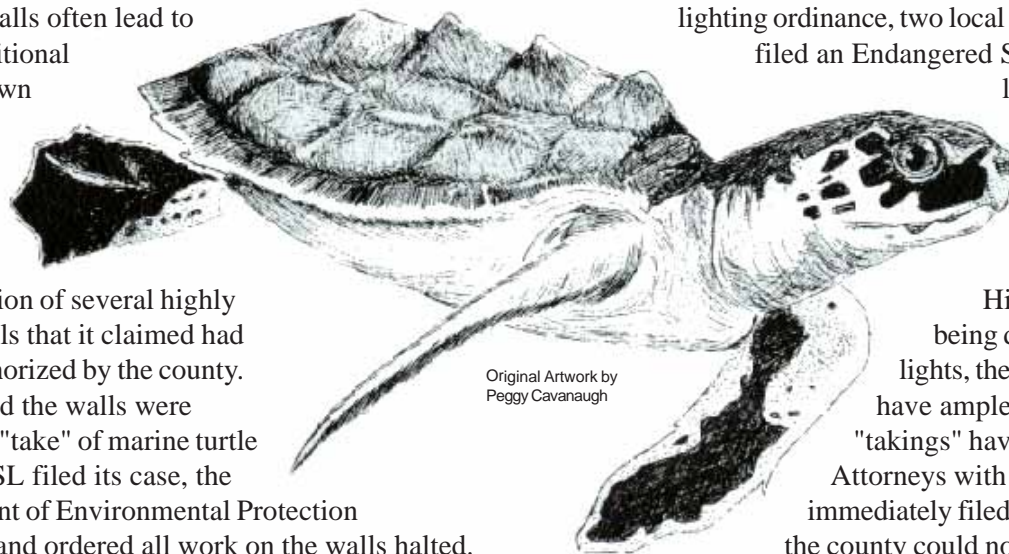
Highway A1A after being disoriented by lights, the environmentalists have ample evidence that "takings" have occurred.

Attorneys with the county immediately filed a brief claiming the county could not be held liable for

failing to protect the turtles. After a federal district judge agreed with the county, the plaintiffs convinced an appeals court that the county could be held liable. The county then took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Without comment, the court denied the county's appeal, and the original case is set to proceed.

This case is important for many reasons. First, it will likely force Volusia County to either enact a strong lighting ordinance or develop a Habitat Conservation Plan. In either case, sea turtles should be better protected. Perhaps more importantly, the Supreme Court decision establishes that local governments can indeed be held responsible for failing to take precautions that protect federally listed species of any sort.

For more information about these recent achievements or about sea turtles in general, visit the CCC web site at <http://www.cccturtle.org> or call us at (352) 373-6441.



# Sea Turtle Issues Addressed by Florida Legislature

## *New Agency Responsible for Sea Turtle Protection*

In November 1998, Florida voters approved Amendment 5 to the Florida Constitution. The amendment requires that all wildlife management and protection in Florida be carried out under a single, agency to be called the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. While the stated intent of the amendment was to improve wildlife protection in Florida, it was left up to the 1999 Florida Legislature to lay out the details and structure of the new Commission.

The creation of this new mega-agency will have a major impact on Florida's efforts to protect its sea turtle populations and nesting habitat. STSL monitored and intervened in the legislative process. The League kept other sea turtle groups in Florida and around the country informed and active throughout the process.

The new Conservation Commission will be created by merging together the Marine Fisheries Commission, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Florida Marine Research Institute and the Bureau of Protected Species, which includes the Marine Turtle Protection Program. All of the sea turtle staff positions will remain intact, and revenues generated by the Sea Turtle License Plate will continue to fund the Marine Turtle Protection Program. More importantly, all current regulations protecting sea turtles and their habitats are left intact.

While there is certainly cause for some celebration, the news is not all good. One of STSL's greatest objections to the bill was left unresolved. While Constitutional Amendment 5 states that the Conservation Commission *shall exercise regulatory and executive powers of the state with respect to wild animal life and also with respect to marine life*, the final merger bill, now awaiting signature by Governor Bush, states that the Conservation Commission *shall have full constitutional rulemaking authority over marine life, except for endangered and threatened marine species!* This exclusion is a clear violation of Florida's Constitution, and if not overturned, it would seriously limit the Conservation Commission's ability to protect sea turtles, manatees, whales and other forms of protected marine life.

This language was most likely inserted at the urging of special interests, such as coastal developers and the boating industry, who worry that an independent Conservation Commission would likely pass stronger protections that would cost them money. As the bill currently stands, however, the Commission would not be allowed to pass stronger protections for sea turtles without approval by the Legislature, which has been slowly chipping away at sea turtle protection, and/or the Governor and Cabinet. The battle to protect Florida's sea turtles is not over.


The League and other conservation groups are now in

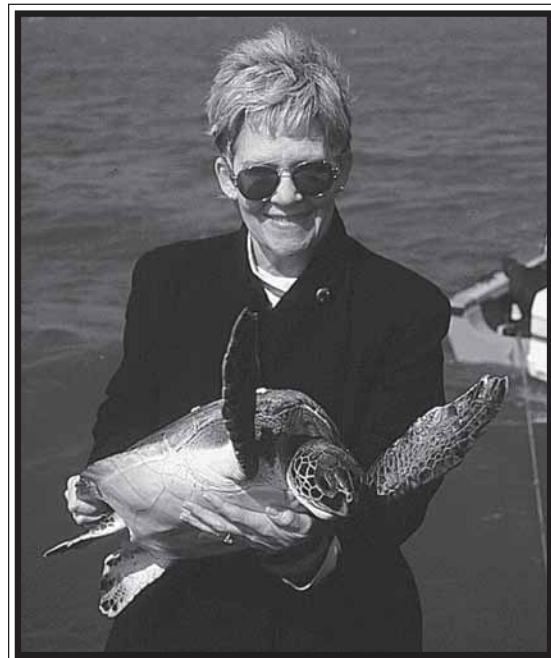
the process of preparing a legal challenge of the language excluding the constitutional protection for threatened and endangered marine life. It appears to be a clear violation of the revised Florida Constitution, and it seems likely that a court will overturn this portion of the bill.

## *Sea Turtle License Plate Funding Remains Intact*

The STSL was also keeping a close eye out during the Legislative Session to make sure that funding generated from the sale of Sea Turtle Specialty License Plates was not "raided" for special-interest projects. This year, as in recent years, funds generated from the sale of specialty license plates, such as the Manatee and Panther License Plates, have been diverted by the Legislature to inappropriate local pet projects. In some cases private research institutes and other powerful nonprofit groups have successfully lobbied to divert license plate funds to finance their own private programs. Many times, these diversions were for projects inconsistent with the original intent behind the various specialty plates.

The League expects that as the Sea Turtle Plate continues to grow in popularity, these same groups will have a hard time resisting the urge to feed from the trough of the turtle plate's success. Fortunately, none of the turtle plate's \$300,000 in revenue was diverted to private projects this year. If any private groups attempt to raid these funds, they will face a well-coordinated and highly publicized battle.

For more information on these issues, contact Gary Appelson or David Godfrey at (352) 373-6441 or by email at [ccc@cccturtle.org](mailto:ccc@cccturtle.org). 



CCC Board Member Peggy Cavanaugh prepares to release a green turtle. Board members and supporters took a field trip to observe Dr. Llew Ehrhart and his students as they study juvenile turtles found in Florida's Indian River Lagoon.

Dan Evans

## Protecting the nesting beach at Tortuguero

In spite of the previously legal turtle hunt, CCC, the government of Costa Rica, and the villagers of Tortuguero have made great strides in protecting Tortuguero's nesting population of turtles, largely through measures to protect their nesting habitat in Tortuguero National Park, and to protect both the nests and the animals themselves. Villagers now say that sea turtles are more valuable to them alive than cooked up in the stewpot. Tourists pay considerable fees to local guides in order to watch sea turtles nest on Tortuguero Beach. Some 50,000 tourists visit Tortuguero annually to see nesting turtles and visit the tropical rainforests of Tortuguero National Park.

In 1996 and 1997, controls during turtle nesting season were weak to non-existent on the beach. In 1997, CCC documented the illegal taking of at least 1,700 green turtles in the park, and it is estimated that thousands more were captured and butchered illegally. During the 1998 nesting season, in response to intensive lobbying by CCC and other Tortuguero activists, the government of Costa Rica prioritized protection for Tortuguero. Eduardo Chamorro, Tortuguero Conservation Area administrator and long-time Tortuguero resident, headed up a highly successful protection program, reducing poaching more than 80% over 1997 levels, even though more turtles were returning to the beach to nest.


A new commission made up of public and private stakeholders, including CCC, now exists to address environmental issues in Tortuguero. A priority for the commission is the development and implementation of a sea turtle protection plan for the 1999 nesting season. CCC will again play a major role in assisting the national park's effort to prevent illegal turtle hunting.

## Turtle ban spawns fishermen-conservationist partnership

Poaching of early arriving green turtles has already been occurring in Tortuguero National Park this season, and it is anticipated that some turtle hunters will continue to take turtles despite the ban. A few individuals are suspected of using turtle fishing as a "legitimate" cover for illicit drug-running activities along the Caribbean coast. A market for turtle meat and eggs still exists around Limón, a port city just south of Tortuguero, because the use of turtle products has had a long tradition in the area. However, environmental education efforts there over the past few years have had an effect. An awareness has been created among local children about the need to conserve sea turtles, to the extent that many are now refusing to eat turtle meat at home.

The fishermen of Limón are not numerous, nor have they been organized to have their interests represented.

Surprisingly, in response to the successful lawsuit, they have now formed the Limón Fishing Association, and have approached the Central American Network of Sea Turtle Specialists, of which CCC is a member, to seek alternative sources of income and to ensure the continued recovery of the green turtle population. The fishermen conceded that turtle hunting was out of control, and that the influx of illegal meat into the market, in two to three times the quantity of "legal" meat, had driven down the price.

CCC and other sea turtle specialists working in the region have held several meetings with the Limón Fishing Association, the fishery institute INCOPECA, other NGOs, the environmental ministry MINAE, and public security and health officials, to seek appropriate solutions for the fishermen and to meet the enforcement challenge of the new ban. Among the proposed solutions are: compensation of the affected fishermen in exchange for their collaboration in capturing poachers; training and financing for other jobs; and, involvement in turtle tourism activities at a nesting beach close to Limón. More environmental education programs are also being planned for Limón. 

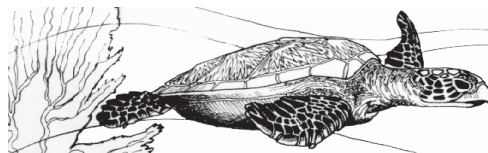
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Sara Balint  
Melissa Balling  
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Patricia Barbeau  
Ms. Barbera's Class  
Norma Bard  
Jennifer Batchelder, Mt.  
Horeb Middle School  
Allison Bathgate  
Michael Bauer  
Miriam Dellheim Baumel  
Mrs. Baynai's 3rd & 4th Grade  
Harriet Beaudet  
Zachary Becker  
Peter Beel  
Sylvia Benitez  
Amy Bennington  
Jason Benthall  
Danielle Berard  
Richard Berkley  
Herman Bernstein  
Colleen & Norman Besman  
Big Island Tattoo  
Jen Bildersee  
Patrick Bissett  
Kelvin Blair  
Janet Blanks  
Brent Blythe  
Jared Boley  
Monika Bolster  
Winter Bonnin  
Lorraine Boris  
Barbara Bowden, Firebird Team  
Morgan Bowling  
Ann Bown  
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Sonnihild Brückner  
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Cathryn Douris  
Gerry DuBay  
Christine Duffy  
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Miriam Eberly  
Tammy Eby  
David Eddy  
Thorbjörn Edlund  
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Lisa Florence  
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Phil Freeman  
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Judy Hyde  
Alex Hyman  
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Jo Ickler  
Antonella Ippolito  
Norma Irwin  
Marybeth Isley  
Ryan Jackson  
Dawn Jacobs  
Helen Jady  
Patricia Janda  
Adam Jansen  
Nikki Jaspersen  
Cecilia Lunder &  
Ola Johannesson  
Zachary Johnson  
Jeremiah Johnson  
Page Johnston  
Diane Kaiser  
Kaleidoscope Class  
Jennifer Kath  
Sigmund Katz  
Bill Keenan  
Margaret Keenan  
Carol Keenan  
Carole Keister  
Priscilla B. Keller  
Jill Keller  
Debbi Kelly  
Austin Kelly  
Bob Kerstetter  
Kenneth Kester  
Scott Kidd  
Cheryl King  
Lucy Kinne  
Alyssa Kircher  
Kristina Klamer  
Elaine Klucken  
Mr. Knezek's Art Class  
Sharon Knick  
Corey Knox

Dakota Koenigsberg  
Forest Koenigsberg  
Amanda & Jessica Kramer  
Kathryn Kutis  
Jorjann Kuypers,  
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