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MAYOR'S LETTER

Mayor Sammy Hamilton has given us an update on some of his recent activities on behalf of the City. He's certainly been busy this summer!

Before he could get a large State grant for our new water plant, he had to persuade the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to give the City a smaller amount. Both together are \$3million.

The result is that we should have a new water plant in 13 to 15 months.

Modern lines from the new wells are replacing the old clay pipes which date from the mid-1940s. With the new wells, lines, and water plant, we'll be able to "bottle the water, the best in Southwest Florida, and sell it as souvenirs".

The old bond loans from the 1970s with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have finally been paid off. The Mayor is working with USDA on a program to loan funds to small businesses to create new jobs or keep old ones.

Finally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State have both approved the City's Flood Plain Ordinance, the first in Collier County to be approved.



Farewell to Fran

Fran Tiftt, 85, formerly of Everglades City, passed away in peace on July 25 surrounded by family in Ocean Springs, MS, after a long illness. She was born on March 26, 1927, in Pensacola and was proud to be a "Florida Cracker".

Fran and husband John Tiftt (the original JT after whom the store in Chokoloskee is named) moved to this area in 1983. She became involved in real estate and in the community: Reach Out and the Thrift Shop (which she founded), the annual Independence Day celebration, the Lions Club, the Ochopee Fire Control District Board, Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (she was a founding member), and Everglades Community Church (especially the Missions Committee).

In October, 2009, Mayor Sammy Hamilton named her "Citizen of the Year" and crowned her "Queen for a Day". A packed council chamber gave her a standing ovation.

There is no question that this 'matriarch of Everglades City' was deeply loved and will be deeply missed. Her fire-cracker spirit and deep devotion to God, Country, Family, and Friends created a legacy that lives on through the hearts of many.

Fran is survived by her sister, Marion Elizabeth (Betty) Clay of Cottondale, AL, seven children: CWO William Pond of Ocean Springs, MS, Mr. John (Georgetta) Pond of Waterbury, CT, Mrs. Susan (Doug) DeGrasse of Westbrook, Ct, The Rev. Dr. Lisa (Lee) Marteeny of Everglades City, FL, Mr. George (Sharon) Tiftt of New Britain, CT, Mrs. Tyra Lee (Ron) Minear of Ocean Springs, MS, and Colonel David (Lt Col Sheri Hemby) Pond of Alexandria VA, eleven grand children, and seven great-grand children.

There will be a memorial service on **Saturday, August 4**, at 3:00 p.m. in Everglades Community Church followed by fellowship in the Jinkins Hall hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

In lieu of flowers, Fran asked that donations be made to www.woundedwarriors.org in honor of her grandson, Michael Vernon, who is boldly moving forward from injuries sustained in a gun-truck roll-over accident in Iraq in September, 2010.

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AUGUST 2012

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Sept 1-3: Butcher Muck-About

Oct 9: Voter Registration Deadline

Nov 6: General Election

Dec 8: Art-in-the-Glades

THRIFT SHOP: Closed for August

DR DEMARTINO: By appointment only, call office

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

AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, Community Church

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

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat; 7-10 pm

LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Closed for the Summer

AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church

NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)

SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 11 am to 4 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 8//2 (10-11 am) Tues, 8/7 (4:30-5:30 pm) Thurs, 8/9 (10-11 am)
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Sales Tax Holiday

The annual sales tax holiday is scheduled for **Friday, August 3, though Sunday, August 5**. During this period, no Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$75 or less per item, or on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item. See www.myflorida.com/dor.

TENNIS CAMP

For the 4th straight year, our youth are being offered free tennis lessons at McLeod Park in ECity, thanks to Dennis Rager of the Players' Club & Spa at Lely Resorts. Tennis Camp starts **Monday, August 6**, for ages 6 to 15. Registration ended June 25. For info, contact Helen at 695-3298.

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Monica Aranegui, the District Representative in Collier County at the office of Congressman David Riviera, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, August 7**, at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

COLETTA VISIT

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in Everglades City on **Tuesday, August 7**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with constituents at City Hall. He will attend the City Council meeting and then have dinner at the Seafood Depot. To make an appointment, phone 252- 8097.

CITY COUNCIL

The first meeting after the summer recess will be held on **Tuesday, August 7**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. If you would like to speak during Public Comments, you can sign up before the meeting starts.

National Night Out

Residents are encouraged to put on an outside light on **Tuesday, August 7**, in a show of support in the fight against crime
 Events planned by CCSO are:
 11:00 am-noon – Lemonade Stand in front of Chokoloskee Church of God
 4:30-5:30 Lemonade Stand at ECity Hall
 5:30-6:00 Special video at City Council
 6:30-8:30 Cook Out at Lee Cypress - Copeland
 There will be prizes at all locations.



Fran Tiff with McGruff the CCSO dog at the Independence Day Celebration on July 3, 2010. There will be a memorial service for Fran on Saturday, August 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Church. Photo courtesy of Sue Gentry.

FOOD BANK VISIT

The Harry Chapin Food Bank Mobile Pantry will distribute groceries at McLeod Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Thursday, August 9**.

BigC Hunting Plans

The National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), has released a revised draft Hunting Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment for Big Cypress National Preserve.

The agencies will host a public meeting from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, August 9**, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, Florida.

Written comments are requested by **Friday, August 24**. For details, see <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bicy>.

PRIMARY VOTING

Early voting takes place through **Saturday, August 11**, in City Hall. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Bring a picture ID such as a driver's license.

If you do not vote early, the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot through the mail is **Wednesday, August 8**. When you mail in the ballot, the signature on the outside envelope must match the one you used to register to vote; do not print.

The official date of the primary is **Tuesday, August 14**. Voting takes place in the Community Center, behind the fire station, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For info, see www.colliervotes.com or call 252.8450.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT


- 07/17/12: Vehicle Accident, 55 MM I-75
- 07/19/12: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/19/12: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/19/12: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/20/12: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 07/20/12: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
- 07/21/12: Emergency Medical, 65 MM I-75
- 07/21/12: Drowning, Oyster Bay
- 07/21/12: Fuel Leak, Port of the Islands
- 07/22/12: Emergency Medical, Plantation Isl.
- 07/22/12: Vehicle Fire, 76 MM I-75
- 07/22/12: Vehicle Accident, 76 MM I-75
- 07/23/12: Vehicle Accident, 72 MM I-75
- 07/23/12: Vehicle Accident, 53 MM I-75
- 07/25/12: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/25/12: Emergency Medical, SR-29 & US-41
- 07/25/12: Commercial Vehicle Fire, SR-29
- 07/25/12: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 07/26/12: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
- 07/27/12: Emergency Medical, 61 MM I-75
- 07/27/12: Emergency Medical, US-41 & SR-29
- 07/28/12: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/28/12: Emergency Medical, 54 MM I-75
- 07/30/12: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, August 13** at Port of the Islands at 4:00 p.m.


OFCD Vacancy

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee has one vacancy to fill a term that expires on December 31, representing the Port of the Islands area. This five-member committee advises the Board of County Commissioners on the budget and operation of the OFCD. Members must reside within the taxing district. Terms are two years. To apply, visit www.colliergov.net and click on "I want To", then on "Apply For" and then on "Advisory Boards & Committees".

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will see patients on Fridays by appointment only. You can contact him at (239) 642-5552. 

MOBILE PET VET

Dr. Lopez will not be visiting in August but will return on **September 11**. Residents may take their pets to his office in Naples. For more information and appointments, please phone him at 777-PETS (7387) or visit www.naplesmobilepetvet.com. 

LIONS CLUB MEETS

The Lions Club will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot. The next meeting is on **Thursday, August 9**. For info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

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SUMMER VACATION & SCHOOL NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, Aug 17: Walk-Thru, 4:00 p.m.

Mon, Aug 20: Students Return to School

Mon, Sept 3: Labor Day, No School



From Savannah's Eyes

I can't believe it's already August! It's been so hot lately! I've been at the pool or on the boat almost every day. But that's what summer is all about anyway, having fun and going to the beach or swimming!

The Olympics have started and I've been rooting on Team USA! I recently watched the Women's Swimming and also the Women Gymnastics and they are amazing! In the Gymnastics there are 5 girls for the USA and they are the best gymnasts I've ever seen! They are called the Fab 5 and I actually look up to them. They have done Gymnastics ever since they were little and have trained so hard for this and it really has inspired me that you can do anything you set your mind to do and that you want to do. I hope to meet them one day (The Fab 5) because I would love to do an article about them! Watching Team USA in all the categories is really inspirational because all the men and women are chasing their dreams and wanting to win that Gold Medal for America (and themselves). It makes me want to go and try to win a Gold Medal myself and be Victorious!

Hope everyone is having an amazing summer ... I know I am!

With love,
Savannah

Savannah Oglesby is entering the 10th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.



PeeWee Basketball

Come along on Saturday morning to see our young ones on the court at the school. You'll be amazed at how these cute little kids (ages 5-12) shoot balls into regulation-height baskets. There is even a cheerleading team to encourage them!

Games start at 10:00 a.m. and end around noon; there is no entry fee to the gym. This is good experience and training for our future school teams. PeeWee Basketball is organized by the Booster Club who, along with the parents, have done a great job.

Welcome Back Walk-Through

Please plan on joining us for our Welcome-Back Walk-Through the afternoon of **Friday, August 17**. Students and parents will be able to pick up their schedules and visit classrooms from 4:00 to 5:30pm. After that, we will meet in the Cafeteria for a brief welcome from Mr. Spano where we will introduce new staff members and enjoy refreshments. Your involvement is important to us and we look forward to seeing you on August 17!

New Assistant Principal

Mr. James (Jim) Ragusa is the new Assistant Principal at Everglades City School. Raised in Homestead, Mr. Ragusa met his wife in high school and have just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Kim is a math teacher at Golden Gate High School, and they have one son, Mike, age 18, who is attending University of South Florida in Tampa and majoring in Chemical Engineering. Mr. Ragusa graduated from Florida International University.



After Hurricane Andrew hit south Florida, he and his family moved to Lee County and eventually to Collier County in 1996. He has always been interested in student government since his first visit in High School to the Capitol in Washington, D.C. He has taught American Government and Economics and will now be handling the curriculum and discipline as Assistant Principal at ECity School. Mr. Ragusa is also interested in initiating other programs.



Summer Campers enjoyed a day out at King Richards thanks to CCSO. Photo by Sue Gentry.



They also visited Naples Zoo with CCSO. No, the big cat is not real! Photos by Sue Gentry.



Spish, Splash – there were plenty of ways to keep cool during Hot Summer Nights, hosted for the community by CCSO. Photos by Sue Gentry.

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Florida Tales

"Not So Fast, Son"

by Chester Keene



Watermelon season is here and they are being harvested. Reminds me of when my Grandfather had a small patch of them growing on the farm in Arcadia, FL. He had what we called Georgia Rattlesnakes long with a zig-zag stripe running from one end to the other. I decided I was going to get me one and had my eye on it since it started growing. It looked large enough and I didn't think Granddad would miss one. I was in the patch and was going to pick it when I heard someone shout "Not so fast, son". My Granddad was watching me and came over there and told me that there were a few things I needed to know before I picked one.

First, he said it not always ready by thumping it; also don't think if the vine is brown it's ready. A watermelon is 92% water. He turned it over to show me the underside of it; it was white. He said it's not ready yet, look for one that has a butter yellow on the bottom, then it's ready to pick. We found one that was just right to pick. He told me when he started to pick them he would go down each row and find the ones ready to pick and would place them on their back so it would be easy to spot in a field of green. With melon under arm, we took it to the creek to cool down before we headed back to the house after pulling weeds from a few more rows of vegetables growing.

When we got it home, it was a wonderful sound to hear when the knife started to cut into it, it just made a ripping sound and the inside went from a light pink to a dark red sweet looking color that appeared. Granny, my Grandmother, said "save them rinds, I want to make some pickled watermelon rinds for this winter".

What a wonderful way to spend your days on summer vacation from school. We were also having fried chicken for supper and the way she smiled at me, might even have some Watermelon Ice Cream if I churned it.

Chester Keene is a retired law enforcement officer and Florida native. He retains the copyright to this article.

Recipe for Good Eating

Braised Scallions with Maggi Sauce

submitted by Marya Repko



Heat up enough olive oil to cover the bottom of a frying pan. Gently sauté the scallions (trim first, cut in half if too large). When they are soft, turn up heat and dash in some Maggi sauce. Turn off heat, serve.

I had this dish as a first course in a Mexican restaurant in a village outside San Diego two years ago and insisted on going back again when I was visiting my cousin this year. It's so simple and so tasty. I've since made it as a side dish with steak or chops or even fish. And, I've experimented by adding some chopped yellow bell pepper or fresh mushrooms.

Maggi sauce is in a small square bottle and is used as an additive for soups or as a substitute for soy sauce. It is made entirely of vegetables. I couldn't find any locally so I used my old standby, Kikkoman Teriyaki Marinade which is available at Right Choice Supermarket in Everglades City.



If you have a favorite recipe to share, please phone or email us. Patty Huff



Off the Shelf – Florida Fiction

reviewed by Marya Repko

I've been reading books by some of the authors I discovered in the collection of short stories I reviewed in the last *Rapper* (7/20/12).

In *Mama Sees Stars* by Deborah Sharp, Hollywood comes to cracker cow country, somewhere north of Lake Okeechobee, and brings with it the internal rivalries of the cast and crew who try to kill each other while they make a movie. This is the fourth in a series in which daughter Mace solves the crimes while flamboyant Mama lends humor to the proceedings; romantic interest is provided by the handsome police detective.

From the steamy swamp to sophisticated Palm Beach and the world of art galleries, posh parties, extravagant wardrobes of designer clothes, and murder, of course. *Cover Up* by Dagmar Lowe features elderly Molly Miller who is always proper but inquisitive (shades of Miss Marple) as she solves the crimes.

Imagine a mansion on 55-acres outside Sarasota – that's the subject of *Killer Listing* by Vicki Doudera. Estate agent Darby Farr visits an old friend and solves the death of the previous agent selling the property while getting involved in politics, smuggling, and the cut-throat rivalry among colleagues in the realty business. The author herself is a successful real estate agent in Maine where her first Darby Farr book is based.

These books are light summer reading so if you are not in Florida now, save the titles for poolside relaxation this winter. They are available from Collier County Public Library.

PARK RULES – Did You Know?

In order to preserve the natural, cultural, and archeological resources, the National Park Service prohibits the collection of shells, plants, animals, or any cultural or archeological items. It is also illegal to possess, destroy, remove, or disturb from its natural state any living or dead wildlife, or the parts or products thereof, such as bones or nests. The maximum fine is \$5,000 and/or 6 months in jail. (36 CFR 2.1).

Some other rules in Everglades National Park that people may not be aware of:

The taking of wildlife, or the feeding, touching, teasing, frightening, or intentional disturbing of wildlife nesting, breeding, or other activities is prohibited. (36 CFR 2.2).

It is illegal to possess or use a metal detecting device in national parks (36 CFR 2.1).





Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Snook must be released for at least another year. Usually, the season opens September 1. Maybe another closed season will bring stocks up enough for an open season soon. Hopefully, the dog days of August will go by quickly. For some this month means great offshore fishing for Permit and Grouper. While you're out in the Gulf, Tripletail can be caught in good numbers. Trout move out to the shallow wrecks and can be taken 10 to 15 miles offshore. Inshore, we still have excellent Redfish action. Even though our Snook were hurt by the freeze, anglers are still catching some nice ones. For those who like to mix it up with the "Silver King" there are plenty around on the outside points and in the creeks in the backcountry. On strong falling tides they often move into the rivers and passes just before dark. Black Drum are all over the place at this time of year, and fish under 6 lbs and very good to eat. Yes, it's hot in the middle of the day and you often get blasted by the afternoon thunderstorms, but hardcore fishermen still get it done.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for over 30 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament. Telephone 695-0314.



FWC News

The recreational harvest season for greater amberjack in Gulf waters is from August 1 until it closes next year on June 1. Minimum size is 30 inches; daily limit is one fish per person.

FWC has announced the dates and bag limits for the 2012-2013 hunting season. For a full list, see www.myfwc.com and click on Hunting.

There is a special zone for recreational permit fishing in which the season and bag limits are different. The area is south of Cape Sable and around the Keys.

For wildlife info and regulations, see www.myfwc.com. Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922)

SAWFISH SIGHTINGS

The sawfish research team visit our area often to tag fish and report regularly in the *Rapper*.

If you see a sawfish, please report it to:

* Online at

www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sharks/sawfish

* By phone: (352) 392-2360 or (352) 871-8230

* By e-mail: sawfish@flmnh.ufl.edu

The smalltooth sawfish is a protected species.



RedSnook Dates

The annual RedSnook Catch & Release Charity Tournament will be held on **November 2-4**. It is organized by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and open to amateur anglers. Teams or individuals can register at www.conservancy.org/redsnook. For info, phone (239) 403-4219.

2012 Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey

by Dana M. Bethea

NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory Panama City, FL



It has been a busy summer for the smalltooth sawfish research team. Scientists traveled to Andros, Bahamas, in June to tag large juvenile and adult animals with satellite tags, aiming to determine what, if any, movement or genetic exchange occurs between animals in southwest Florida and the Bahamas. While no animals were seen on the week-long expedition, the team did find acres and acres of what could be suitable habitat for all life stages and plan to return in the next couple of years. Dr. R. Dean Grubbs at the Florida State University Coastal and Marine Laboratory headed up the team and operations were run from the M/Y Sinrenuse with help from the Flamingo Cay Rod & Gun Club. Ann Luskey and The Ocean Foundation provided funding.

Back in southwest Florida, researchers had an exciting few days at the end of June when they were able to tag several young-of-the-year smalltooth sawfish in Faka Union Bay, but the highlight of the trip came in the form of a recapture – a three-peat recapture. In August 2010, "Charlie" was captured for the first time on the east-side of the spoil island at the end of Faka Union Canal. He was 120 cm stretch-total length. In September 2011, he was captured in the same spot, growing to 175 cm stretch-total length. And on June 28, 2012, he was captured again in the same location and measured 227 cm stretch-total length. This animal might use the area continuously or could return year after year. Researchers hope to capture "Charlie" again in the coming months and outfit him with a satellite tag that will record continuous movement data for up to 3 months.

Last week in Everglades National Park, researchers captured and tagged several animals on the west-side of Chokoloskee Island. As is the case with the shallow mud flats in Turner River and Mud Bay, Chokoloskee Island is a "hot spot" – a specific location used by several animals over continuous years. The team is eager to go back in August and outfit animals with acoustic pingers. The smalltooth sawfish research team will be back in Everglades City August 25-31.

Please remember, acoustic monitoring stations are anchored on the east- and west-sides of Chokoloskee Island and along Turner River, Hurdles Creek, Mud Bay, Cross Bays, Crooked Creek and Lopez River. Stations are designated with a large white hard plastic float. Boaters, please exercise caution and stay clear of all acoustic stations. The acoustic tagging project will continue through December 2012 in the backcountry waters of Everglades National Park.

If you see or encounter a smalltooth sawfish, please contact the National Sawfish Encounter Database at (352) 392-2360. Input and cooperation from the general public is greatly valued and helps direct research expeditions. Remember, exercise caution when untangling an animal from fishing line and never remove the saw.

This research follows permits EVER-2012-SCI-0008, ESA-13330, and ESA-15802 and is funded through the NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL.

SHORT FIELD LANDINGS

by Mike Klein

Taxiway Extension Approved

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved grant application for extension of the south taxiway at the Everglades City airport.

At present, the taxiway does not extend to the end of the runway and this requires aircraft departing to the north to back taxi on the active runway for full length departure.

Initially, the taxiway extension was divided into two phases of the north end and south ends. There were some wetlands issues to be resolved on the south end and that portion of the project was combined with wetlands mitigation requirements at the Marco Island airport. Both were resolved last year with approval and acceptance of the Rookery Bay application. The Marco Island taxiway has been completed this year and it is anticipated that construction at Everglades will begin in the early part of 2013.

Bids for construction will be posted and upon determination of the most qualified and cost effective, a pre-construction conference and management program will be scheduled with the FAA.

Completion of the taxiway extension will greatly enhance safety and provide more efficient operations, especially during those very busy times of the year.



photo courtesy of John Apte

MUSEUM of the Everglades NEWS



August is the last month to see the students art work entitled in the Pauline Reeves Gallery.

This project entitled "Animals in our World" was painted by 6th graders Lizbeth Gonzalez, Bryan Sanders, Davonte' Detweiler, and Damian Strickland. There are black and white pencil drawings along with other interesting mixed media art work.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. For information, phone 695-0008.

See the Friends of the Museum website www.evergladesmuseum.org to join them and learn about the history of the Museum.

Marco Museum News



If you missed the interesting illustrated presentation by Bob DeGross of Big Cypress National Preserve about the Tamiami Trail in December 2011, he will give it again at the Rose History Auditorium at the Marco Historical Museum on **Tuesday, August 7**, at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a special awards ceremony during the evening. Everyone is invited. For info, call (239) 394-3917 or see www.theMIHS.com.

INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

by Darcie Guerin, CFP®

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Although the Federal Reserve stated it would keep interest rates low through 2014, bond owners wonder how portfolios may be affected when rates rise. Several factors influence bond prices including interest rates, supply and demand for an individual bond, and the financial health of bond issuers.

When interest rates rise, the principal values of bond portfolios typically decline. A shock analysis evaluates potential price volatility of fixed income investments if interest rates rise.

Investors hoping to minimize risk or to just have a better idea of what to expect, can use the results of a "shock analysis" to determine if they'd like to adjust their investments or not. Either way, running a "what if" scenario provides useful information to guide decisions.

A "shock analysis" report provides specific results for each individual bond holding, identifying estimated price changes, under distinct scenarios such as a hypothetical 1% increase in interest rates next year. The findings may be helpful in determining which securities an investor wishes to address if portfolio adjustments are necessary.

Principal values and interest rates move inversely (think of a seesaw); therefore, rising rates typically mean a decline in principal values. The results of a "shock analysis" are estimates. Just let us know if you would like a "shock analysis" of your bond portfolio. Stay focused and invest accordingly.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

A burglary was reported to a residence off of East Tamiami Trail that occurred sometime on July 19. Several firearms were reportedly stolen. Our Criminal Investigations Bureau is conducting the investigation into this burglary. If you are approached with an offer of firearms, please contact 252-9300.

The Carolina Skiff reported stolen on July 7-8 was found abandoned and stripped. If you want to help CCSO, phone Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477) where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000. See www.swflcrimestoppers.org to give tips online.

If you have any information concerning criminal or suspicious activity please notify the Collier County Sheriff's Office immediately at 252-9300 non-emergency or "911" for emergencies.

Drug Awareness Meeting

The CCSO will be hosting a Community Awareness Meeting on Synthetic Drugs, **August 30**, 12 noon to 1:30 pm and again at 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. in the Professional Building at 615 3rd Avenue South, Naples. This presentation is intended to help the public identify this emerging drug trend; offer prevention tips/resources and coordinate community efforts to address this issue. To reserve, call (239) 377-0535 or email: info@drugfreecollier.org.



FLORIDA FLORA

Purple Allamanda (*Allamanda Blanchetii*)

by Patricia Huff

When people think of the Allamanda bush, they usually think of the yellow flowering shrub which is more plentiful and in bloom year round. However, the Purple Allamanda is just as beautiful when in bloom although the trumpet-shaped flowers are somewhat smaller (4 inches compared to 5 inches of the yellow variety). All species contain a milky white sap that is considered poisonous if ingested. Also, be careful when handling since it may cause a rash. This shrub does well in warmer climates, blooming more as the temperature rises. The Allamanda is an evergreen with dark green shiny leaves. It is a nice border plant as a hedge or just as beautiful standing alone.



The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast* which is available at the Chamber Welcome Center and the Big Cypress Swamp Visitor Center

Kemp's Ridley Turtle (*Lepidochelys kempi*) Other names: bastard turtle / Status: FL=Endangered, IUCN=CR (critically endangered) / Length: 24 in. (60 cm) / Weight: 100 lb (45 kg) / Life span: to 50 years / Reproduces: lays multiple clutches along the coastal beaches during the summer / Found: SC, LC, coastal / Months found: **JFmamjjaSOND** (lower case indicates nesting season).

The Kemp's Ridley sea turtle may well be one of the rarest animals in the world. The last time one is known to have nested in Southwest Florida (on Sanibel) was in 1996. This is one of the smallest of the world's sea turtles, and its numbers have been drastically reduced since Richard Kemp, a fisherman from Key West, first submitted the species for identification in 1906. It is similar to the olive ridley, another seriously endangered sea turtle.



Predominantly a carnivore, the Kemp's Ridley survives on mollusks, crustaceans, jellyfish, algae, seaweed, and sea urchins. Because it is smaller than most sea turtles, a fair number of adult ridleys are taken by sharks, goliath grouper, and other large fish. One of the most unique aspects of the Kemp's Ridley turtle is a behavior called *arribada*, which is Spanish for *arrival*. At a certain time and date, determined by natural phenomena still not understood, hundreds of these turtles gather near a particular nesting beach near Rancho Nuevo, Mexico; then they all come ashore to nest at exactly the same time.

In Mexico, the skins of these turtles became a popular material for cowboy boots, resulting in tens of thousands of Kemp's Ridley turtles being taken during the past 70 years. In 1947 the number of nesting females at Rancho Nuevo was estimated at 89,000; by the mid-1980s that population had been reduced to fewer than 1,000. Fortunately, due to a shortage of raw materials, the turtle-skin boot business has disappeared.

Perhaps as a survival response to the slaughter of these turtles in Mexico, a few have begun to show up in new nesting locations. In 2007, Texas wildlife officials found 128 Kemp's Ridley sea turtles nesting near Corpus Christi, and in 2009 some 10,594 hatchlings were safely released along the Texas Gulf coast. Perhaps the few individuals that have crawled up to lay their clutches on Sanibel Island and other, nearby beaches, have done so in an effort to find a safe haven, but the future of this small reclusive turtle remains in serious question.

Photos courtesy of NOAA and FWC

Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island. To find out more about the author and his books, visit www.indigopress.net.

RESTAURANT NEWS



Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):
Closed for the summer

City Seafood (695-4700):
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open

Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):
10:30 am - 10:00 pm; daily

Everglades Scoop (695-0375):
Closed for the summer

Gator Express (695-3937):
7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
7:00 am – 7:00 pm; Fri, Sat
Subway closed for summer.

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat

Havana Café (695-2214):
Closed for the summer

Island Café (695-0003):
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (695-3299):
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Continental breakfast, box lunches

Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):
11:00 am – 4:00 pm; Thurs thru Mon

Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):
11:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sun thru Thurs
11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
4:30 -6:30 pm – Early Bird Specials

Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):
5:00 – 8:30 pm; Thurs- Sun (takeout)

Rod & Gun (695-2101):
7:00 – 10:00 am Breakfast; daily
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Susie's Station (719-0190):
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood (695-0722 or 695-2662):
Closed for the summer

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535)
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
10:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222)
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Loco's Produce
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A beautiful glow from the sunset, looking up the Barron River (taken by Alan Philliskirk of Weipa, Australia).

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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08/03	Fri	04:17am	2.6	H
08/03	Fri	11:05am	0.5	L
08/03	Fri	03:56pm	3.3	H
08/03	Fri	11:43pm	-0.1	L
08/04	Sat	04:48am	2.7	H
08/04	Sat	11:49am	0.4	L
08/04	Sat	04:40pm	3.1	H
08/05	Sun	12:20am	0.1	L
08/05	Sun	05:22am	2.7	H
08/05	Sun	12:33pm	0.4	L
08/05	Sun	05:26pm	2.9	H
08/06	Mon	12:56am	0.3	L
08/06	Mon	05:58am	2.7	H
08/06	Mon	01:19pm	0.4	L
08/06	Mon	06:17pm	2.6	H
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08/07	Tue	06:37am	2.7	H
08/07	Tue	02:11pm	0.4	L
08/07	Tue	07:13pm	2.3	H
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08/08	Wed	07:21am	2.7	H
08/08	Wed	03:11pm	0.4	L
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08/10	Fri	11:01pm	1.9	H
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08/16	Thu	02:26pm	3.3	H
08/16	Thu	10:10pm	0.0	L

WinCar August Hours

WinCar Hardware will be open in August but with shorter hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday.

AIRPORT BOARD

The Collier County Airport Advisory Board meets on **Monday, August 6**, at 1:00 p.m. at Immokalee Airport.

ROOKERY BAY FREE DAYS

Kids get in free at Rookery Bay on **Friday, August 3** and **August 10**. For more info, see www.rookerybay.org or phone 417-6310.

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