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Art-In-The-Glades Events Combine Local Art & Entertainment

If you have not been to one of the Art-In-The-Glades events, you're missing out! Local Artists, musicians and



entrepreneurs have made this a "must attend" for area residents and visitors. Booths are free so be sure to sign up for the next event taking place on Feb. 25th! For info call Marya @ 239-695-2905, for more details, see page 3.



2017 Everglades Seafood Festival Schedule of Events!



It's that time of year again! The annual Everglades Seafood Festival will roll into town for the weekend on Friday February 10th through Sunday the 12th. You can expect great foods, unique art, crafts and jewelry and carnival rides for the kids.

Music is always a feature, and this year won't disappoint. Mark your calendars and book your rooms so you don't miss one day of this great event.

Mayor Hamilton greets the crowd in 2016



There is something for everyone to enjoy



Rides for the kids or the "kid in you"



EVERGLADES SEAFOOD FESTIVAL - 2017 LINEUP

Friday, February 10

- 5:30 pm OPENING CEREMONY
- 5:45 pm Charlie Pace
- 6:30 pm The Lost Rodeo
- 7:30 pm Let's Hang On
- 9:00 pm Chappell & Chet
- 9:45 pm Tim Elliott

Saturday, February 11

- 10:00 am OPENING CEREMONY
- National Anthem - Sloan Wheeler
- 11:00 am Delbert Britton/Ronnie Goff and the Country Hustlers
- 12:00 pm Them Hamilton Boys
- 1:00 pm Gator Nate
- 2:00 pm Garrett Speer
- 3:15 pm A Thousand Horses
- 5:30 pm Tim Charron
- 7:00 pm Tim Elliott
- 8:30 pm Little Texas

Sunday, February 12

- 11:00 am OPENING CEREMONY
- National Anthem - Nadia Turner
- 12:00 pm Tim McGeary
- 1:15 pm Nadia Turner
- 2:30 pm Tim Elliott
- 4:00 pm Kentucky Head Hunters

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Saturday, February 11th:
Everglades Community Church
Breakfast, 7:00 am.
Volunteers wanted! Please contact
Chris at the Church for details.

Have news, photos, announcements, or articles? Email mulletrapper@gmail.com or call or text 954-662-7003.

JANUARY 29 - MARCH 3, 2017

 Indicates prime fishing time!

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
29  Antique Auto Show, see p. 3	30 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm	31	February 1 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	2	3 Movie Night 5:30 pm Butcher Open House, see p. 3	4 Community Sale, see p.3 Butcher Open House, see p. 3
5	6 Hour of Prayer Everglades Comm. Church, 7 pm ESHM Meeting, 8:30 am, City Hall	7  Congressional Aide Visit, 3:30 to 5:00 pm, City Hall City Council Mtg, 5:30 pm	8  Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe, 8 am	9  Lions Club Mtg.	10 full moon ●  Seafood Festival	<u>RAPPER 11</u>  Seafood Festival
12  Seafood Festival	13  Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	14 FME Board Meeting 3:30 pm City Hall	15 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe, 8 am	16 Book Club, see p.10	17	18 Pancake Fly-In, 10 am Picayune Fest, see p. 3
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26 new moon ○ 	27  Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm	28 	March 1 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	2	3	4

March 4 & 5: Turkey Shoot

March 10: Movie Night

March 18: Pancake Fly-in

March 25: Art-in-the-Glades

THRIFT SHOP: Tues., Thurs., Sat., 11 am-3 pm
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of Month, Oyster House, 6 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Friday's 2 to 5 pm
 DR MARTIN: *Not taking appointments at this time*
 AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Community Church
 WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP HR: Tues. 9:30-10:30 am, Copeland Baptist
 MUSEUM: Mon - Sat., 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat., 7-10 pm
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, City Hall
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Please check online edition for date
 FOOD PANTRY: Wed., 12 n to 2 pm, Community Church
 EVERGLADES AL-ANON: Thurs., 12noon, City Hall
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am, Com. Church
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 5 pm
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: 3/18, 4/22, 10 am

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 1st Tuesday (4:30 pm) Other Tuesdays (10-11 am)
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What's Happening

In and Around Town

ANTIQUÉ AUTO SHOW

Sunday, January 29th

Collier-Seminole State Park from 11AM-3PM. There will be several antique autos, live music, food, and various artisans for the entire family to enjoy. Admission to event is free. Please contact the park for further information: 239-394-3397.

MOVIE NIGHT!

February 3rd, 5:30 pm



"The Unseen Everglades; Inside a Legendary Wilderness" will be shown in

the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. It is free but reservations are required. Book your places by emailing ESHP@hotmail.com or call: 239-695-2905.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

February 4th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The sale will be held on Plantation Island!

GUIDED CANOE TRIPS

Now through March 27th

Collier-Seminole State Park - Day trips every Thursday – Monday from 9:30AM-12:30PM, \$25. Moonlight Trips (\$35 per person) are offered January 10th/11th, 2017, February 8th and 9th, 2017, and March 10th and 11th from 8:30PM – 10:30PM. Space is limited, so call for reservations, (239) 394-3397.

STAR GAZING PARTIES

February & March Dates

Collier-Seminole State Park February 18th, 2017 at 7:30PM, and March 18th, 2017 at 8:30PM. Bring your chairs and enjoy a relaxing night under the stars at Collier-Seminole State Park.

ARTIST EXHIBITION

February 3 & 4, 10 am to 5 pm

Internationally renowned landscape photographer and environmentalist **Clyde Butcher** will be exhibiting, for the first time, his new photographs taken in 2016 at his Big Cypress Gallery, nestled deep in the Florida Everglades located along the scenic Tamiami Trail (US41) mile marker 54. Butcher will attend a meet and greet for the public at the opening reception.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

BY LOCAL ARTIST, SANDEE HARRADEN

Now Through March 25th

"Journey Across the Greater Everglades"

Local wildlife photographer and digital artist, Sandee Harraden, has new solo photographic exhibit at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center and Oasis Visitors Center in Ochopee. For more information please contact Sandee at [239-250-4662](tel:239-250-4662) or SJHarraden@aol.com.



EVERGLADES SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

February 10 – 12, 2017

See lineup and event details on front page. For more information: call (239) 695-2277 or visit: evergladeseafoodfestival.org

PICAYUNE STRAND 2017 FESTIVAL IN THE WOODS

Saturday, February 18

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Hiking, biking & more. Call Melinda for more information (863) 612-0776.

13TH ANNUAL MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS FESTIVAL

February 21-25th

A full schedule of activities is scheduled to honor the Grand Dame of the Everglades. For more information, please call (239) 695-0008 (see p. 10 for details).

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION!

February 24, 5:30 PM

"Historic Snowbirds" is the title of an illustrated presentation on **Friday, February 24**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Island Café. It explores the topic of who lived here first, before the Calusa, and how the inhabitants have changed over the centuries. The speaker is Rachael Kangas, Public Archaeology Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Book your free spot @ : ESHP@hotmail.com or by calling: 239-695-2905.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Saturday, February 25th,

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the

Museum of the Everglades in conjunction

with Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival. There is no fee to host a booth for this event. For more information, call Marya: 239-695-2905.



ANNUAL O.R.A. BAZAAR

February 25th

The Annual ORA Bazaar will be held on Chokoloskee Island, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. The gates will open at 9:00. There will be fresh bakery and coffee. The bazaar will feature a HUGE White Elephant Sale, a "New 2 U Boutique" (featuring slightly used clothing, shoes, and jewelry). There will be local vendors and craft sales. Lunch and ice cream will be available starting at 11:00. Spaces are available for vendors and crafters to rent for \$10 each. A limited amount of spaces are available indoors, so please call early. For more information call Sherri Parsons at 239-695-2281.

Community services

DOCTOR'S CLINIC



Dr. Kirk DeMartino is currently seeing patients in Everglades City on Fridays from 2 to 5 pm.

You may also call his Marco Island office to schedule an appointment at: (239) 642-5552.

SPORTS & FAMILY MEDICAL CARE

Dr. John Martin is not taking new patients at this time. Please call Dr. DeMartino for adult needs, or Dr. Barnard for pediatrics. For x-rays or specific chiropractic care call Dr. Herb Golden in Naples @ 239-263-3600.

H & R BLOCK

INCOME TAX PICKUP SERVICE

H & R Block of Marco Island is running a new service this year. Twice a month Michele Huss – Owner/Tax Professional will meet with you and pick up and deliver your Tax Documentation. "We know how busy you are this time of season and hope to alleviate some of this stress. This is especially useful for boat captains and hospitality staff. Please call us for details (239) 394-5058."

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Small Town Taylor

by Taylor Mayberry



Today was one of the best days of my volleyball life! My team won first place in our first tournament!!!!!! We even won a medal.

But we had to work very hard to make it to the championship and get that medal.

First, we had to verse a team called Evo. Then the predators, steel, and then another Evo team again! We didn't lose one single match or even a set. We also had to listen very closely to our coaches because they gave us helpful tips during the game. At first it was confusing and scary because it was our first tournament but once we got the hang of it we were scoring points rapidly. We had to focus, control the ball, and follow the rules. My team practices a lot and we practice hard. For most of us on the team it was the first tournament we have ever played in. It was exciting to see all of the teams together in one building.

When I first started on the team I only knew two of the girls, Ella & Maddi. Maddi is one of my best friends who I met in Volleytots and I used to play soccer with Ella. But, now that we all know each other really well we are all like family and we have a lot of fun together. I am going to try my hardest in all of my practices so that we can do good again. I can't wait until our next tournament!

With lots of love,

Taylor

P.S. I want to thank everyone who supported me to help me join Naples Extreme Volleyball travel team. I couldn't have done it without all of you! Thank you SO, SOOOO MUCH!!!!!!

Taylor Mayberry is 10 years old and in the 5th grade attending Everglades City School.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES
Mar 13-17, 20: No School
Apr. 14, 17 No School

Visit: <http://www.evathletics.com/main/calendar> for a calendar of E-City school athletic events



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

One of the great things about our little paradise is our weather. We can grow so many different things. I love to grow plants from seed. I especially enjoy growing fruits, herbs and vegetables. Right now, my garden is starting to produce. Since I am still a "weekender" in Everglades City, the critters get to enjoy the fruits of my labor all week long...until we show up and harvest what is left.



I know the mocking birds love the cherry tomatoes. They sit right on the tomato stakes guarding "their" crop. When we come into town on Fridays, I will usually do a quick tour to see what is ripe for picking the next morning. This week we saw that there were 3 nice papaya, some peppers and oodles of everglades tomatoes (a small, sweet type of cherry tomato).

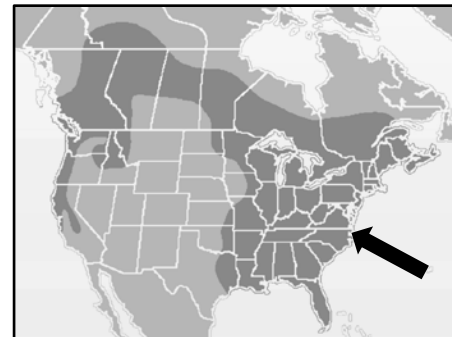
Saturday morning, we went out into the yard mid-morning and saw that the papayas were partially eaten. Rats, I thought (literally). We know there are rats around so we naturally blamed them, they really are an easy target.

Sunday, we were working in the yard and up flew the Pileated Woodpecker. You cannot miss them in flight, they have an undulating flight pattern that is very different from most birds. Anyway, when he flew up to the power pole, he started shimmying down towards the ground, which seemed odd. Then a few minutes

later, Tim told me he found the "rat" on the papaya...the pileated woodpecker!

Somehow, what seemed disgusting (a rat eating my fruits) suddenly became less so. It may offer a photo opportunity at some point, and certainly gives us more of an opportunity to see them up close.

Pileated woodpeckers are the largest woodpecker in North America (see territory map, right. Dark area = pileated territory). Their nest cavities are easy to identify as they bore a oval hole versus a round one. They prefer high places often 25 to 80 feet above the ground, and in our area, they often pick power poles.



The amazing thing about all woodpeckers is their ability to use their bill as a boring tool while not sustaining any brain injury. All woodys have an enlarged cranium or brain case and the brain sits within it above the level of their bill. They have special skull frontal bones that are folded at the base of their bill and muscles that act as a shock absorber. This is how they can pound away for 6 weeks building a new nest cavity with zero impact on the brain.

Pileated woodpecker's diets are comprised of ants, insect larvae, berries and fruit (my papayas!). They love carpenter ants and can reach them deep into a cavity due to their excessively long tongue. This "super" tongue is over three times the length of their bill and comes with sticky barbs on the end so slurping up ants and such is made easy.

Pileated woodpeckers are monogamous and mate for life. If they lose a mate, they will find another and will attempt to do so within their existing territory. In the Everglades area, we see them all the time, and if you cannot see one, you will certainly hear them. When they drum on a stump (or your house) it is to woo a mate or to tell an intruder to go away.

Pileated woodpeckers are very entertaining to watch...unless they are eating your favorite fruit, or boring into one of your prized trees. I especially enjoy watching them during nesting season. Watch for them hanging onto my papayas as you are cruising around town!

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TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

National Taxpayer Advocate Delivers Annual Report to Congress; Urges IRS Reform and Tax Reform IR-2017-02, Jan. 10, 2017

WASHINGTON — National Taxpayer Advocate Nina E. Olson today released her 2016 annual report to Congress, recommending that the IRS revamp its “Future State” plan to adopt a taxpayer-centric focus and urging Congress to emphasize simplification when it considers tax reform later this year.

The Taxpayer Advocate Service analyzed IRS data and determined that individuals and businesses spend about six billion hours a year complying with the code’s filing requirements “If tax compliance were an industry, it would be one of the largest in the United States,” the report says. Ms. Olson presents a series of proposals to improve tax administration, placing particular emphasis on changing the culture of the IRS. “This is not to say we should ignore those who are actively evading tax. Rather, it is to say we should *design* our tax system around the taxpayers who are trying to comply, instead of those who are actively trying not to.”

Simplifying the tax code requires difficult policy trade-offs. For example, the employer exclusion for medical insurance premiums and medical care is designed to encourage employers to provide health insurance coverage for their employees. The various tax breaks for retirement plan contributions and earnings, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs are designed to encourage retirement savings. The deduction for charitable contributions is designed to encourage greater financial support for nonprofit organizations. The deduction for mortgage interest is designed to encourage home ownership.

It has now been more than 30 years since Congress enacted the Tax Reform Act of 1986 to substantially simplify the tax code, instead, the code has grown more complex by the year

It is recommended that Congress provide the IRS with additional funding and conduct more rigorous oversight so it can be assured the funding is well spent.

Mike the Tax Guy provides tax services in Everglades City, he can be reached at 695-0595

Recipes for Good Eating

by Kathy Brock

Quick Homemade Pizza

- 1 fresh Publix pizza crust
- 1 lb. grated mozzarella cheese
- ½ onion chopped fine
- ½ green pepper cut into slices
- 1 small can mushrooms
- 1 small can sliced black olives
- 1 jar pizza sauce
- 1 fresh tomato cut into thin slices
- 25 slices pepperoni or other cooked meat



I buy the pre-rolled dough, it is easier to work with. You find this in the bread department. Open the dough and pat into shape. If you do not have a pizza pan, use any low sided pan and line the bottom with corn meal to prevent sticking. Add sauce, then layer on the veggies and meat and top with cheese. You may also put the cheese down first, whichever is preferred. If you are using fresh meats, make sure they are cooked prior to assembling the pie and baking.

Heat the oven to 500 degrees. Put pizza in middle of oven and set timer to 20 minutes. Slice and serve with a side salad.

Rapper Crossword

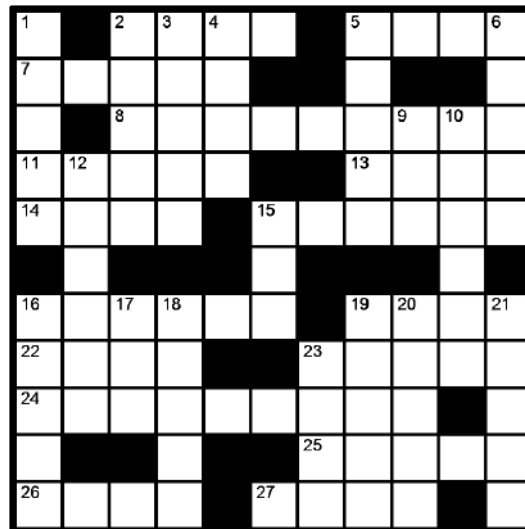
(Solution in next issue or visit www.mulletrapper.com/xword)

Across

- 2. Young 'un
- 5. Give the impression of
- 7. Excite
- 8. Protected from the weather
- 11. Article of bedding
- 13. Metal fastener
- 14. Pucker up
- 15. Unit of paper currency
- 16. Take up (Chemistry)
- 19. Changed the color of
- 22. Type of red meat
- 23. Female name
- 24. Analyse minutely
- 25. Thaws
- 26. Religious song
- 27. You do it with an email

Down

- 1. Quick and active
- 2. Public transportation vehicles
- 3. Type of plant
- 4. Red as a _ _ _ _
- 5. Part of a play
- 6. Insanely
- 9. Operated
- 10. One or the other of two
- 12. Obscured
- 15. You may bathe in it



1/28/17

(Down Continued)

- 16. Cause to feel self-conscious
- 17. Crabbers fish on it
- 18. Frequently
- 19. Typical carton of eggs
- 20. Yellow street sign
- 21. Flower
- 23. Silent actor with a white face

Our Amazing Bodies

The Circulatory System

By Dr. John Martin

This article will look at our heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins. Of course, what they carry is the life blood, literally, for the body. Blood is the ultimate connective tissue because it connects every living cell in your body with every other.

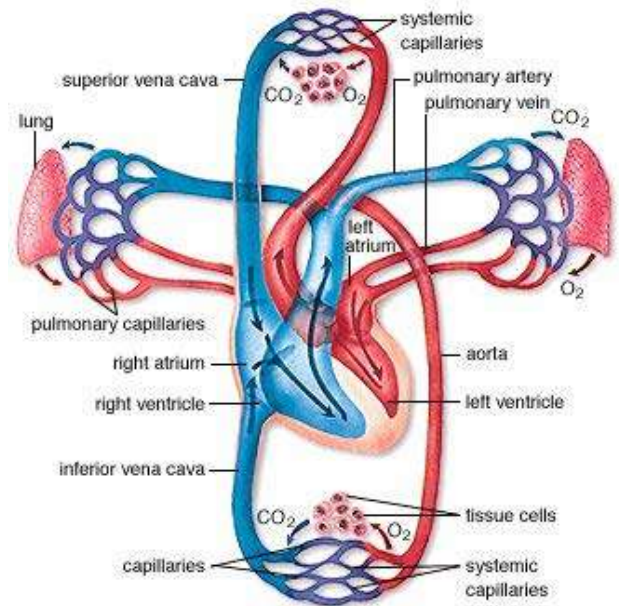
On an average, the heart beats 103,000 times per day. That's a lot of work! So it must be special. And it is. The heart (cardiac muscle) is self-stimulating (most of the time, and under normal circumstances). There are approximately five pints of blood in the human body. How many miles of blood vessels do we have? Here's a number to remember - for every extra ten pounds of fat we carry - some two miles of extra blood vessels are necessary to keep it alive. Considering the number of beats the heart performs each day let's review briefly another number effecting all of us, blood pressure.

Blood Pressure (BP): When a medical professional "takes" your BP, what do they actually listen for? The top number of your BP reading is referred to as the "systolic". This is the amount of pressure that is required to pump the blood through your circulatory system and out to the cells all over the body. The lower number is the "diastolic", the amount of pressure remaining in your vessels in a relaxed state between heart beats. A normal reading for an adult North American would be in the range of 120/72 to 130/80. While the upper number is interesting and important to help define limits, the lower number is probably more important for monitoring. The amount of pressure in a relaxed state should not remain too high (and won't, without consequences).

The heart has four chambers. Two auricles at the "top" of the heart receive blood from the body ("used" - i.e. deoxygenated) into the right auricle and from the lungs (re-oxygenated) into the left auricle. The ventricles (bottom half) are a bit larger and operate as the more forceful "pumps" that push the (Oxygen-poor) blood into the lungs, and then the (Oxygen-rich) blood out into the body. The largest vessels leaving and entering the heart are the aorta, and the superior and inferior venicava, respectively. Arteries are lined with smooth muscle that assists in the rhythmic pumping of blood to the extremes of distal body parts. Larger veins have simple valves assisting in preventing back-flow. There are very sophisticated valves between the chambers of the heart and leading to the largest vessels to prevent backflow when the heart beats (pumps).

If we were starting our "voyage" just returning from the body, we would be entering the right auricle. From there we would enter the right ventricle and proceed to the lungs where we would be refreshed with molecular Oxygen. While in the lungs, we would give up the Carbon Dioxide we exchanged for the Oxygen in the individual cells all over the body. We would then return to the heart into the left auricle, continue into the left ventricle and out through the aorta. Some of the Oxygen-rich blood is diverted to the heart itself for its continued activity. At this point numerous chemicals (nutrients, Calcium, Glucose, hormones, metabolites, toxins) and antigens(including bacteria and viruses) also find ready exchange to hitch a ride into the blood from the outer body regions. Many of these chemicals and critters are filtered, modified, or destroyed in the liver or kidneys before returning to the heart. Striated (voluntary) muscle contraction also assists in returning blood to the heart.

Once the exchanges are complete, however many individual heart beats it takes to get the materials to and from the heart or various filtering organs, the journey back to the heart begins. This leads



from the tiny capillaries into larger and larger veins for the return trip.

With 103,000 beats crammed into each day, it evidently doesn't take much time to circulate the blood volume through the body. Newer adopted CPR numbers used in medical emergencies reflect the importance of reinstating circulation over even breathing.

Another number to consider is 90. That is, the average time for one's body to make new cells and essentially "replace" all your parts. RBC's last 120 days. Most skin, and some respiratory and some alimentary canal cells turn over in 24 to 72 hours. Some nerves may take up to one full year to repair or replace themselves. But the average is 90 days. And there's no substitute for conditioning. So, no matter what shape you're in - give yourself at least 90 days of doing the good stuff to improve your fitness and resultant health status.

Blood chemical composition is quite similar to seawater. Many of the same chemicals are in both. While seawater can and does exhibit a wide range of salinity and pH and suspended material, the human bloodstream tolerates very rigid limits of fluctuation without manifesting grave consequences. However, the living components of blood are also vitally important. The blood of fish, deep diving mammals, and birds, too, vary from one species to the next. One of the major variances is the Oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood (in humans, the hemoglobin in the Red Blood Cells), providing different capacities to "hold one's breath" for varying amounts of time. And then there is the rest of the (human) blood cell count - the WBC's and Platelets - White Blood Cells, and their roles in fighting off infection, stopping excessive bleeding, and healing in general (more on this with the Immune System).

Blood serum also carries a broad spectrum of chemical indicators of normalcy (or not). These are the measurements of parameters analyzed with a blood sample. Certain levels of organ hormones or enzymes, for example, are supposed to be circulating regularly to maintain a healthy balance between activity, diet, environmental and social interactions, and against degeneration and disease.

By the way, Heart Dis-ease remains the number one killer of Americans. Treat yours special. Because it is. FYI: It's been documented that it's not salt or fat that's the culprit, here. It's SUGAR. **Next time, the Immune System**



Fishing the 10,000 Islands

by Mike Merritt

Well, January sure brought us some unusual conditions! We had warmer than normal water temps. We had Gumbo grass come in and make some areas unfishable, and then leave a bad odor all around. We had whales beaching themselves to die. But, despite all these things we have managed to catch fish.

Seatrout started biting good on the flats and this should continue



to get better throughout the month of February. Fishing with the DOA shrimp under a popping cork has out fished live shrimp for me all month. Fishing in 3-5' of water with the shrimp rigged 18-24" under the cork.

Redfish got a little harder to catch in

January after the front we had come thru. Fishing high outgoing water or the incoming tide is the best bet on the outside. Most of the fish being caught are undersized but there are plenty of keeper size fish still around. Large schools are not around so catching 8-10 Reds a day is good. Live shrimp fished under a cork will work best right now. Rig this about 12" under a cork and fish along the islands on the rising tide. This allows you to cast around an area without getting hooked up on bottom. Bigger Reds have been in the back country and you can catch them the same way.

Mangrove Snapper continue to bite all over the back country and the majority are under size but there are keeper size fish mixed in. Black Drum did not show up in big numbers in January so maybe there will be more of them this February. Sheepshead should also be here in larger numbers as we have been catching them in the deeper holes. Shrimp are the only way to go to catch both of these. Try fishing a knocker rig in the deep holes. Tarpon have shown back up thanks to warmer water and this may continue in February.



If it is Snook you are after then the back country is your best bet. Soft plastics fished along the edges will produce. I like the DOA shrimp for this also. 1/4 oz. to 1/2 oz. work. Fishing lighter leader in the cleaner water is a must. I have also had some really productive days fishing live shrimp rigged with a 1/4 oz. knocker rig. Whatever you decide to target this month it is a great month to fish. Getting your back-country slam is a definite possibility this month! Good luck fishing this month!

~Capt. Mike Merritt (www.everglade-angler.com)



Living Gulf Coast

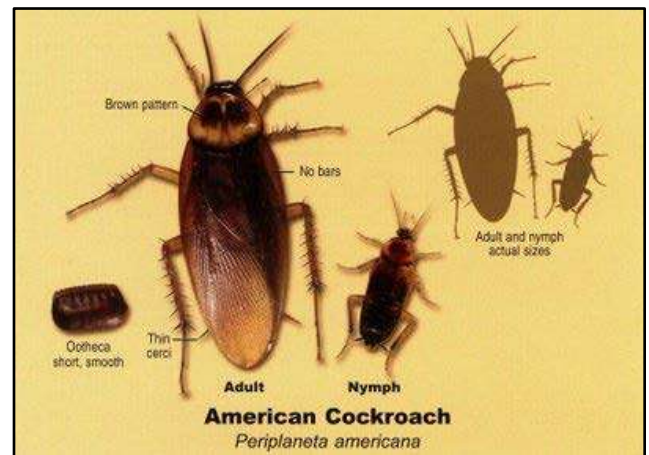
by Charles Sobczak

American Cockroach (*Periplaneta americana*) Other names: palmetto bug, water bug / Status: FL=thriving, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 1 year / Length: 1.2-1.6 in. (30-40 mm) / Reproduces in the damp under story, sabal palms and the crawl spaces of

our homes, condominiums and businesses / Found: Just about everywhere, including Southwest Florida.

While this common insect has an American name, its origins are believed to be rooted in Western Africa, arriving to North America as a stowaway as early as 1625. Most entomologists think that it crossed the Atlantic during the era of slave ships where the wretched conditions provided ample food for an insect whose dining preferences include carrion and raw sewage.

The cockroach is a survivor. Ancestors of today's cockroaches



date back to the Carboniferous period, originating some 360 million years ago. Their ability to withstand lethal doses of radiation, toxic levels of chemicals and a host of other conditions that would kill most other living things, makes the future of this enduring insect secure well into the distant future.

In Florida, the American cockroach is kindly referred to as the "palmetto bug." In New York, where it is common inside of buildings, they refer to it as a "water bug." The adage, "a rose by any other name is still a rose," applies equally well to roaches, but it's easier on everyone concerned to say your house has a palmetto bug infestation than to admit your house is full of roaches.

Cockroaches are common in the wild where they feed in garbage bins, rotting wood piles and in the thick under story of the wetlands. The American cockroach is not cold tolerant and will retreat into homes during excessive cold snaps during the winter months. In the north they compensate for this by spending most of their lives in sewers, basements and wall cavities. A female cockroach will produce an average of 150 offspring during her one year life cycle.

Although a scourge on humans, cockroaches are a favorite food of many birds, mammals and lizards. Fire ants prey upon them all the time, biting them en masse, killing, then devouring all but the exoskeleton. Although they appear to be able to run at twenty miles per hour when you are chasing them with a newspaper, it is only an illusion. The University of California at Berkeley registered a record speed of a mere 3.4 mph. The illusion is created because that equates to 50 body lengths per second. If an Olympic athlete could match that number, they would be running at 205 miles per hour.

LOCAL NEWS

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival, February 21-25



Marjory Stoneman Douglas (1890-1998) was an author, a journalist and environmental activist. Her best-known work *Everglades: River of Grass* was published in 1947. It drew attention to the fact that water is the key to the Everglades and introduced the concept that the Everglades was not simply a swamp to be drained for homes and businesses, but a vital part of

the ecosystem of South Florida.

In the 1960s at the age of 78, Marjory became actively involved in environmental issues when she opposed a planned jetport along the Tamiami Trail. She established Friends of the Everglades and began speaking on their behalf to public and private entities across the state. In doing so, she was able to focus attention on the importance of protecting the Everglades as a vital national treasure.

Although Marjory Stoneman Douglas died in 1998 at 108 years of age, her power of observation and skillful use of the written word lives on. Her legacy serves as a challenge to succeeding generations, not only to persevere in the fight to save the Everglades, but to discover for themselves the incredible beauty of the natural wonder we now call the "River of Grass."

All activities begin at the Museum of the Everglades 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City (except Tuesday's luncheon). For the complete event schedule visit: <http://www.colliermuseums.com/events>. Please note that reservations are required for many activities. For more information, please call (239) 695-0008.

STAR TREKKER REPORT

Reported by Chris Herlovich

Night Sky Viewing Dates Schedule

Big Cypress is an official "Dark Sky" area. What this means is there is very little or no ambient light to interfere with star gazing. In fact, Big Cypress has some of the darkest skies in all of Florida. You will not want to miss out on the last two viewing dates this season.

Available program dates are **February 10 and March 25th**. Night sky viewing programs start at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found online by visiting:

<https://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/astronomy-programs.htm>

Programs will be conducted at the southern end of Sea Grape Drive, where the Welcome Center is located (east of SR 29, between MM 73 and 74 on US41).

Editor's Note: The Loco's Market operator was reportedly in serious car accident. The vegetable stand is temporarily suspended next to the E-City post office. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Bike Club Invites New Members



The Everglades City Bike Club members recently toured Shark Valley and enjoyed perfect weather and great comradery. Here Marlene Sassaman, Patty Huff and Carol Gowing take a rest before continuing on their journey. If anyone would like to join them for their next adventure, contact Patty Huff at 239-695-2397 or Marlene at 321-682-6288.



Book Club Meeting Update

The January book club meeting was hosted by Mary Ford on Plantation Island and 12 members were in attendance. A breakfast platter filled with fresh fruits and snacks was served with, what we are told, is the finest coffee around.



Immokalee's Fields of Hope opened our eyes to the hardships endured by immigrants and our need to see people as individuals, and led to a resolve to help one of our locals pursue higher education by funding her books.

If anyone is interested in joining the book club, contact: Diann Lock: dlock333@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING READING SCHEDULE

February 16- meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. and hosted at ORA. The book being discussed is "Leap of Faith" by Queen Noor of Jordan

Mar. 16 - "All the Light You Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr

Apr. 6 - "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus

Everyone is welcome!

MUSEUM NEWS

"Reflections of Florida" Photographic Exhibit on Display



"Reflections of Florida" by John Brady will be showing in the Pauline Reeves Gallery of the museum during the month of February.

John Brady is an award-winning photographer, as well as real estate agent, in southwest Florida. Originally from New York, Brady has chosen Florida landscape as his primary body of work in his career as a landscape photographer. He has exhibited his work throughout the country, winning numerous awards each year. Through photographing the wet jungles, creeks and prairies of Florida's remote wilderness, it is his goal that others will see the beauty and become passionate about the need to protect of the region for the experience and enjoyment of future generations.

For more information about this or any other exhibit, please contact 239-695-0008. The Museum of the Everglades is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, Florida 34139.



**EATERIES, MARKETS
& AREA WORSHIP**

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands

(642-1025): Tuesday thru Sunday,

Noon - 9 pm; closed Monday

Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):

12 noon - 9:00 pm; daily

City Seafood (695-4700):

6:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily

Supper Upstairs 6-9 pm ;

Thursday-Sunday

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):

6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Daily

Havana Café (695-2214):

7:00 am to 3:00 pm; Sun thru Thurs

7:00 am to 8:00 pm; Fri & Sat

Island Café (695-0003):

6:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (695-3299):

6:30 - 9:30 am; daily

Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):

11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fri thru Tues

closed Wed and Thurs

Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):

11:00 am - 9 pm; Sun thru Thurs

11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat

Rod & Gun (695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Subway at Gator Express (695-3937):

7:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily

Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092):

9 am-4 pm; Tues thru Sat

Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)

11 am - 8 pm; daily

Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):

Monday-Thurs, Sunday 10:30-6

Friday & Saturday 10:30 - 7

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):

9:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily

Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):

8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon thru Sat

Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050)

Friday & Sat. by EC Post Office

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Church of God

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

11 am Sunday Worship, Sun. School 9:45 am

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship

6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study

Holy Family Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples

Phone: 239-417-2084

San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

Phone: 239-394-5181

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TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

1/28	Sat	2:04 AM	2.8	H
1/28	Sat	10:07 AM	-0.4	L
1/28	Sat	3:35 PM	2.3	H
1/28	Sat	10:05 PM	0.5	L
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1/29	Sun	10:42 AM	-0.4	L
1/29	Sun	4:10 PM	2.3	H
1/29	Sun	10:45 PM	0.4	L
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Off the Shelf - Book Review

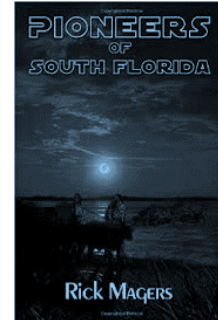
"Pioneers of South Florida"

by Rick Magers

reviewed by Marya Repko

If you've been to the Smallwood Store, you'll know Rick who sits next to old Ted and has piles of his books for sale. He is always ready to chat about his interesting life growing up 80 years ago, in Miami where he played with the Seminoles at Musa Isle and has had many adventures since.

This new book is fiction, according to the introduction, but has some good historical snippets to give background to



the dialogues he's created about local events long ago. Read about the Weeks family, one of the first to settle here, and Rick's contemporary

Mama Dot who was famous for her burgers in the

Everglades Inn until that burnt down. And, explore further to Immokalee where the Roberts family raised cattle; their homestead is now the Roberts Ranch Museum.

Of course, any Chokoloskee history would not be complete without mention of C. G. McKinney, the Santinis, Ted Smallwood, and Edgar Watson. The author's inventive prose brings them to life.

Pioneers of South Florida is available at the Smallwood Store or on amazon.com but to learn more, visit Rick's website www.GrizzlyBookz.com. By the way, he donates the profits to local worthy causes.

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