



The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area



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ORA Bazaar a Huge Success!

No matter what you may have been looking for chances are you found it at the annual ORA Bazaar! Bargain hunters found everything from quality clothing to art, and shoppers could be seen loading up their cars with their "treasures".



"Heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who attended the ORA Bazaar, on Chokoloskee Island, on Saturday, February 25th. It was a great success. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Next year this event will be held Saturday, February 24th," said Sherri Parsons.

Sherri helps organize these events, so we would like to thank Sandy too!



Above, the crowd waits to hear if they are one of the lucky lottery winners.

Oh Baby! Great Horned Owllet in E-City!



The great horned owls have returned to the same nesting spot again this year atop the transformers at the corner of Begonia and Camellia Street in Everglades City. Once the owllets hatch (this year it seems there is only one), they will stay in the nest for 6 to 9 weeks...so hurry over to see the family. You will want to bring some binoculars with you to get a really good look at them.

Here are some great horned owl facts: Great horned owls mate for life and can live up to 25 years. They do not build their nest, rather they take over some other bird's nest, in this case it was once the nest site for a pair of osprey. The female is larger than the male and weighs about 4 pounds, the male about 3.5 pounds. They can be up to 2 feet tall. Their familiar hoot can be heard in town at night. The male's hoot is lower pitched than the female's. If you listen carefully, you can hear them communicating with each other. Great horned owls prey on small mammals, frogs and other birds.

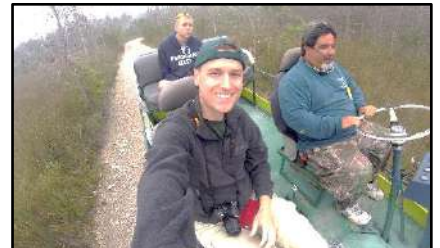
Hopefully, they will return to nest again next year so we can enjoy them. Thank you to professional nature photographer Sandee Harraden for allowing us to publish this beautiful photo she took of them. Sandee lives in Everglades City during the winter months. To contact Sandee about workshops, outings or her work, email; sjharraden@aol.com, or visit her website: www.sandeeharraden.com.

Man Visits Big Cypress National Preserve in Record-Setting Quest

Big Cypress National Preserve welcomed Mikah Meyer as part of his three-year quest to visit every national park in the United States. His stop at Big Cypress is his 115th national park visit along his non-stop journey to be the youngest person to experience all of America's national parks- in a single continuous trip.

"I hope my journey will encourage other young and diverse people to visit national parks as well as inspire everyone to get out and live their dreams. Life is short," said Meyer.

Meyer's inspiring journey honors his father who loved to travel and passed away from cancer at the age of 58 when Meyer was only 19. Meyer, who is thirty years old, brings another message with him as well. "Whatever their unique diversity is, the national parks tell their stories," said Meyer. He hopes that his trip will inspire visitors to explore their national parks.



Mikah Meyer Front Left

"Visitors will miss a lot if they only look along Highway 41. My favorite experience in the Preserve was getting to go on a swamp buggy tour with Ozzie from Everglades Nature Tours," said Meyer. While on the tour, Meyer was able to see areas that had been recently burned with prescribed fire. Within just a week of the burn, spring green shoots were emerging from the fire-treated vegetation. Meyer added, "I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy their national parks. Big Cypress plays a critical role in our water resources and protects important habitat."

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












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MARCH 11- MARCH 18, 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>
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April 16: Easter Sunday

April 22: Pancake Fly-in

May 4: National Day of Prayer

April 18: Income Tax Filing Day

May 14: Mother's Day

THRIFT SHOP: Tues., Thurs., Sat., 11 am–3 pm
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 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: Not seeing patients at this time
 FOOD PANTRY: Wed., 12 n to 2 pm, Community Church
 EVERGLADES AL-ANON: Thurs., 12noon, City Hall
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 PANCAKE FLY-IN: 3/18, 4/22, 10 am

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What's Happening

In and Around Town

STAR GAZING PARTY

March 18th

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 March 18th, 2017 at 8:30 PM.
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PANCAKE FLY-IN

March 18th

Start the day with a breakfast "fly-in" at Everglades Airpark from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Enjoy great pancakes and sausages provided by Wings 10,000 Islands Aero Tours – call 239-695-3296.

CALUSA DAYS / ISLAND FEST

March 18th

Marjory Stoneman Douglas wrote "There are no other Everglades in the world." It is only 100 years in the long history of this special area since preservation started but earlier humans respected it and used its natural resources wisely.



Join us on Saturday, March 18, to hear how the early Native Americans, the new Seminole tribes, and eventual white settlers regarded the Everglades. Local historian Marya Repko will talk at 1:00 p.m. in the Chickee Hut at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station of Everglades National Park during Islandfest, formerly known as "Calusa Days".

There are more interesting events during the day for all the family. Join us on the fringe of Everglades City for a fun festival! For more info: www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/ or call: (239) 695-3311.



ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Saturday, March 25th
 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

at McLeod Park. There is no fee to host a booth for this event. For more information please call Marya at: 239-695-2905.

ENJOY THE RIDE!

April 2, 7:30 a.m.



The 10th Annual Everglades Bike Ride will be held on Sunday, April 2, and cyclists will have an opportunity to experience the ride of their choice, at their own pace. There is a 15-mile route, a 27-mile route and a 62-mile paved route to choose from.

In addition to the bicycle ride, all participants will be provided a continental breakfast beginning at 7:30 am, free bike repairs compliments of Bikes for Tykes of Naples, SAG support for the ride, tour of the historic Smallwood Store Museum in Chokoloskee, a seafood lunch with a special treat of homemade desserts including calamondin cake.

To register online or for more information: www.evergladesrogg.org, or call Patricia Huff @ (239) 695-2397.

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.



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PLEASE PROTECT PELICANS FROM FISH CARCASSES

What You Don't Know Can Kill Birds

By Kitty Greenleaf

Let's face it: pelicans are moochers. They have the annoying habit of following behind fishing boats, hoping to grab a handout or swallow a fish snagged on a line. They also have the irritating tendency to gather in large groups around fish fileting stations at boat docks and beg for food. However, you should know that feeding fish carcasses can result in a slow and agonizing death for pelicans.

Why is this? Pelicans are accustomed to eating small-sized whole fish. A pelican's trachea, esophagus and stomach are not designed to accommodate larger fish. Tossing out a fileted fish with the spine and bones exposed often results in those bones getting stuck inside the pelican's throat or stomach – resulting in fatal internal hemorrhaging.

Despite repeated warnings from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, fishermen (mostly from out of state) still seem to be unaware they are 'killing pelicans with kindness.' Perhaps it's because they don't see the immediate effects of their misguided acts of benevolence. The internal hemorrhaging often begins hours after feeding, once the bones have repeatedly pierced the internal lining of the throat and stomach. At this point, they have already flown away to an isolated area, and usually die unseen by humans.

In other instances, the bones may not cause fatal hemorrhaging, but can unfortunately become lodged in the throat so completely the pelican can no longer swallow fish. A pelican can survive for perhaps another two weeks before succumbing to extreme starvation – a cruel way to die for any living being.

According to Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission spokeswoman Diane Hirth, feeding pelicans is against the law (Florida Statute 68A-4.001). Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission officers routinely patrol boat docks to enforce this law.

If you see an injured pelican, please call the FWC hotline at 1-888-404-3922. You can also call your local wildlife rehabilitator, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida in Naples at 239-262-2273, extension #1.

Kitty Greenleaf has been rescuing and rehabilitating injured wild birds for fifteen years. She also likes to write about wildlife. She and her husband Tony live in New Hampshire but travel to Everglades City every winter to escape the snow.

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Small Town Taylor by Taylor Mayberry

Have you ever been in a moment when everyone is staring at you and they are depending on what you do? I was in this position during my second volleyball

tournament. I was serving and my friends, and the crowd, were staring at me. I couldn't take the pressure so I served the ball into the net. Everyone sighed.

I have learned that losing isn't that bad for a few different reasons. Playing against a team that is better than you can show you your strengths and weaknesses.

If you win all the time you wouldn't appreciate it as much as you would if you lose some. So, if you are ever playing a game or having a contest make sure that you're not doing it for the win but you are doing it for the fun and to improve yourself.

*Lots of Love,
Taylor*



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for a calendar of E-City school athletic events

A Blast from the Past Creates Fun During Break Time Board Games Teach Valuable Social Skills

Board games help to teach a wide range of skills applicable to all ages. They teach simple things like learning how to take turns and having the fine motor skills to pick up and roll dice. They also help introduce abstract concepts like probability, long-term planning, and teamwork.

Board games also help reinforce emotional concepts like fair play, how to deal with being attacked, and understanding the difference between a friendly competition and the real world. They help us learn how to lose gracefully and, more importantly, how to win with grace.

While there's nothing inherently wrong with electronic devices, they are mostly designed for single users. Board games are, by design, social activities which require multiple people to come together around a table and work together to have fun.

Whether breaking out a quick game before bedtime or a pre-set weekly session, family game nights can become a household tradition that even cousins and in-laws can get in on. If game nights are a hit, they can become a relatively inexpensive way for you to relax and unwind without even leaving the house. You can even have some grown-ups only sessions to explore games that kids aren't yet ready to play. During spring break, give games a try!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

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



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

My life with dogs started as far back as I can remember. There has never been a time in my life that I was without a dog or dreaming of having (another) one. Even when I met the man of my dreams, and we agreed that we should spend the rest of our lives together, I had to ask just one more question (well, really two more, but more on that later), "Are you OK having a dog or dogs?" He gave the right answer, so the rest is history!

Dogs are very unique creatures, and I am totally fascinated with them, particularly their behaviors. I have read almost everything I can find on my favorite, non-human animals. Dogs are descendants of wolves (canids) and share almost 99% of the same DNA. The 1% that is different is what makes dogs the way they are today.

What makes dogs so fascinating is that they are the one creature most connected to humans. They totally "get" us. They have been bred over the centuries to help us do things and to do things for us. They are the only animal, including chimps and apes, that can read our eyes.

Researchers have been studying dogs for decades (or longer) to find out the why and how they are so connected to us, and what they have concluded is that they can read our faces. In controlled studies, it was proven that dogs read their owner's faces by watching their eyes. One such study had an owner tell their dog to fetch something with their eyes closed. The dog could not find the object. When she opened her eyes, and looked towards the location of the item with only her eyes, the dog was able to find it without delay. This type of study has been repeated multiple times with similar conclusions.

Another trait I love about dogs is that they genuinely want to please their human counterparts. Anyone who has had a dog understands this. Telling a dog they are "bad" elicits the "hang-dog" look. When you tell them they are "good" all is right with the world again.

Dogs can provide many valuable services. They are the "eyes" for those that cannot see. Their amazing ability to track scents can help us find a lost child or survivors in a catastrophic event. There are dogs who perform unsolicited heroic acts like saving a drowning person. Some dogs can even detect the onset of an epileptic seizure well before it actually happens. Dogs can even be trained to identify the scent of certain cancer cells before they can be detected by even the most sophisticated machinery.

I have shared my life with Gaylord, Rex, Snoopy, Tiger, TK, Maxx, Annie, Tank and Butchie, add in Angel too, who was my dad's dog. None of these dogs were the highly-trained type, performing amazing acts. But they all did something quite wonderful. They were a big part of my life, and our lives together. With all of the great things and sad things that happen in life, mine would not be as complete without these beings in it too. It must be a part of *my* DNA.

A few more things worth noting...Shed happens. Yes, I do use dog hair as a fashion accessory! And, back to the "other" question my better half was asked to respond to before we got hitched...Do you like the Dolphins, that is the Miami Dolphins? No split family here. We are in this thing together...dog hair and all.

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*Off the Shelf -
Book Review*
CAXAMBAS KID
by Maria Stone
reviewed by Marya Repko

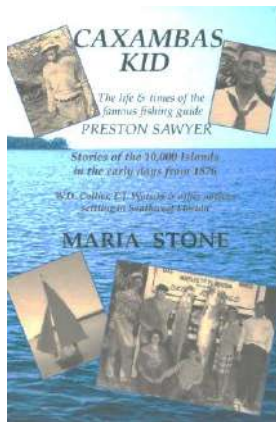
What was it like to live in the Ten Thousand Islands over 100 years ago? Preston Sawyer tells us in his own words, which were recorded by Maria Stone, in a delightful book titled "Caxambas Kid".

He was born in 1901 on Marco and spent his early life on the water, fishing and clamming, and visited his grandmother on Dismal Key. It was not an easy life but they all survived, despite the mosquitoes and the remoteness. And, he recalls vividly as a child the hurricane in 1910 which destroyed so much around his home on Marco Island.

His stories remind me of Rob Storter with tales of snakes and panthers swimming between the islands. Sawyer says of his visits to Chokoloskee, chatting with Ted Smallwood, "I'd rather spend an hour with him than I would to go see the best show in New York." Like many others, he also hunted in the flapper era of the 1920s when raccoon coats were all the rage and skins were in demand.

After serving in the Coast Guard during World War II around the ECity area (where everyone knew where the key was to the Courthouse), Preston finally moved to Naples where he was a fishing guide and tells us about the expansion of that city.

This important historical book about our area is available at the Collier County Public Library and at local outlets around town. For info and to order online, see www.ecity-publishing.com or phone (239) 695-2905.



Recipes for Good Eating

Submitted by Bonnie Woodward

Bonnie's Jezabel Spread



- 1 block or whipped Cream Cheese (the spread is poured over the top of this)
- 1- 18 oz. jar Pineapple Preserves
- 1- 18 oz. Apply Jelly
- 2 Tbsp. Dry Mustard
- 4 oz. Horseradish
- 1 Tbsp. cracked black pepper

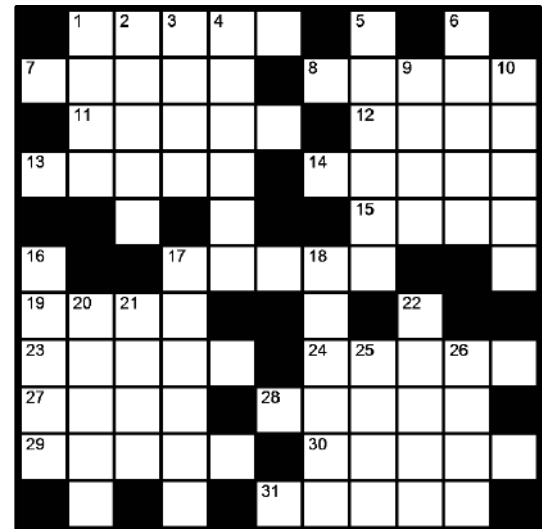
Mix all ingredients together, except the Cream Cheese, with a beater and refrigerate. Serve over a block of cream cheese or whipped cream cheese and spread on crackers as an hors d'oeuvre. This is also great as a condiment served with pork, chicken or turkey. Keeps for months in the fridge (keep the mix separate from the cream cheese).

Rapper Crossword

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

Across

- 1. Group of lions
- 7. Instrument with keys
- 8. Having a hemispherical vault
- 11. Convict for ever
- 12. Expensive
- 13. Cuban money
- 14. Of very poor quality
- 15. Explosive detonator
- 17. The three bears is one
- 19. Guy on a ranch
- 23. Say "Hi!"
- 24. Metalworker
- 27. Declines
- 28. Your sister's daughter
- 29. Lucifer
- 30. Intelligent
- 31. A nor-Easter is one



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Down

- 1. Stack
- 2. You may get one at work
- 3. Data
- 4. Does not
- 5. Change
- 6. Denim pants
- 9. List of options
- 10. Less moist

(Down Continued)

- 16. Borders
- 17. Teeter-totter
- 18. Defy
- 20. Citified
- 21. Monetary obligation
- 22. Cleric
- 25. Short note
- 26. Another word for semester

Our Amazing Bodies The Immune System, Part II

by Dr. John Martin

In *Part I* we revealed that the human immune system is not a structural bodily system in the anatomical sense. There are structures that contribute to the immune response and these include, but are not necessarily limited to the: Lymph vessels, Thymus Gland, Spleen, Lymph Nodes, Tonsils, Appendix, and the Peyer's Patches in the intestines. The system is designed, however, to respond to insult and injury all over the body, not just in any particular location or region. There is a functional aspect to the immune system that responds to an attack at the chemical level and at the cellular level. We also took a brief look at the cascade of events leading to the inflammatory response. All blood cells are manufactured in the bone marrow from hematopoietic stem cells. The Red Blood Cells (RBC's) lose their nuclei early on and become true corpuscles. The transport mechanism for the immune system for both cells and chemical responses is the blood stream out to the body tissues, and the lymph collection network back to the heart and other organs. A variety of White Blood Cells (WBC's, mostly Lymphocytes) further differentiate into ever more sophisticated specialty cells as needed.

There are Innate Defenses. These include: Surface Barriers (Skin and Mucosa Linings). And Internal Innate Defenses. These include: Cells and Chemicals. The next response level incorporates Adaptive Defense including the interaction of Antigens (pathogens or chemicals that can mobilize the adaptive defenses and provoke an immune response), differentiated WBC's, and the Humoral response (special chemicals released into blood and lymph) released in various locations in the body and by the specialized WBC's.

When the Adaptive immune system works effectively, it protects us from a wide variety of infectious agents, as well as from abnormal body cells. When it fails, or is disabled, devastating diseases such as cancer and AIDS can result. The Adaptive response is much more *specific* and takes a longer response time than Innate defenses and is programmed to work body-wide (aka is *systemic*). Antibodies are what we refer to as those protective proteins that have "*memory*" about having been exposed to a particular pathogen/antigen in the past. Anti-body mediated immunity (aka Humoral – referring to fluids in the body) is then initiated. Produced by Lymphocytes, anti-bodies circulate freely through the body and effect extracellular targets (e.g. invading bacteria, bacterial toxins, free viruses) temporarily deactivating them and marking them for destruction. Cell-mediated immunity is when the lymphocytes themselves provide the protection by destroying virus-infected or parasite infected tissue cells, cancer cells, and cells of foreign grafts.

Depending upon the nature and character of the antigen involved, the immune system can respond to the "invasion" at various levels. These would include hypersensitivity, allergy, immunogenicity, and reactivity, each a more serious and potentially deleterious reaction. Hypersensitivities can be realized as immediate, sub-acute, or delayed.

When the immune system loses its ability to distinguish between "self" and "non-self", auto-immune disease conditions can result. This is when the body uses all the artillery of the immune system to actually attack itself and destroy its own tissues. Some common conditions include; Multiple sclerosis, Lupus, Rheumatoid arthritis, Myasthenia gravis, Type I Diabetes, and Graves' disease.

Each of our body tissue cells have thousands of macromolecules (mostly proteins) on their surfaces, each is for a specific type of anti-body production. When "foreign" (e.g. almost any solid food) protein is introduced to children before six months of age, the basis for a food allergy can be generated. Babies thrive best simply with mother's milk for the first six months. Many of these food allergy conditions, even in adults, can be neutralized or eliminated with homeopathies and acupuncture. Much of the severity of these other auto-immune disease conditions can be, in most cases, reduced or greatly diminished.

While the ability of the immune system to recognize foreign substances is genetically determined - certain lifestyle practices, including being aware of one's environment and the food selections we make, can make significant impacts on the performance of our individual immune systems. Additionally, the nervous system plays an important role in regulating immune responses. SPECIAL NOTE: Emotional stress impairs immune function. With aging, the immune system becomes less responsive. The elderly more often suffers from immune deficiency, autoimmune diseases, and cancer.

Next time – The Integumentary System

Taxing Things

by Mike the Tax Guy

Get Credit for Making a Home More Energy Efficient



Taxpayers who made certain energy efficient improvements to their home last year may qualify for a tax credit this year.

Non-Business Property Energy Credit

Qualified improvements include adding insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows and doors, and certain roofs. They do not include the cost to install these items.

The other part of the credit is a percentage of the cost. It includes the installation costs of certain high-efficiency heating and air-conditioning systems, high-efficiency water heaters and stoves that burn biomass fuel.

This credit has a maximum lifetime limit of \$500. Taxpayers may only use \$200 of this limit for windows. Be sure to have the written certification from the manufacturer that their product qualifies for this tax credit.

Energy Efficient Property Credit

This tax credit is 30 percent of the cost of alternative energy equipment installed on or in a home.

Qualified equipment includes solar hot water heaters, solar electric equipment, wind turbines and fuel cell property.

There is no dollar limit on the credit for most types of property. If the credit is more than the tax owed, carry forward the unused portion of this credit to next year's tax return.

Mike "the tax guy" is a local tax expert that provides tax services to individuals and businesses in the Everglades area.

To contact Mike: Call 695-0595 or 239-595-4203 to set an appointment. You may also mail: nfn19842@naples.net for more information.

Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak



No-See-Ums (Family *Ceratopogonidae*) Other names: sand flea, no-see-em, sand gnats, granny nippers, chitras, punkie, flying teeth, biting midges / Status: FL=thriving / Life span: 6 weeks or less / Length: 0.06 in. (1-2 mm) / Reproduces around salt-marsh and mangrove swamps, as well as along the intertidal zone of the beach, rivers, ponds and mud puddles. / Found: All SW Florida counties, very common.

There are more than 4,000 species of biting midges worldwide. In Florida alone, there are 47 different species. Since their behavior, size and feeding habits are very similar, knowing exactly which species is taking a bite out of you is all but impossible. No-see-ums are the smallest blood-sucking insects on earth and, like the mosquito, only the females bite. They require the proteins from blood to make their eggs.

While the amount of blood no-see-ums take is insignificant, many people have an allergic reaction to the anti-coagulant these insects inject into their victim to prevent the blood from clotting and gumming up their microscopic beaks. It's the reaction to these chemicals that causes the itchy, painful welts that can last for days. Over a prolonged period of time, which varies among individuals, the body's immune system builds up a tolerance to these bites and the welts stop forming. Knowing this offers little comfort to a visitor who is staying on the islands for a week or less.

Because their life span is so short and their habitat so varied, Municipal City Mosquito Control is unable to offer any kind of widespread control for biting midges. Attempting to control no-see-ums would result in almost daily spraying and the environmental harm that resulted would far outweigh the benefits.

There are several preventative measures to avoid getting bit in the first place. The first is to wear long sleeves, long pants, gloves, shoes and socks. The chemical DEET, which is also effective for mosquitoes, in a concentration of at least 30 percent, seems to help. Another local preventative is applying the beauty product, *Skin So Soft* (or any Baby Oil), which effectively traps the no-see-um in the oil, thereby preventing the tiny midge from being able to bite in the first place. Whatever you decide, be very careful not to use sun screen and DEET together as it both increases the absorption of the DEET into the person's bloodstream (which isn't good!) and breaks down the protective ingredients in sun screen, rendering it ineffective.

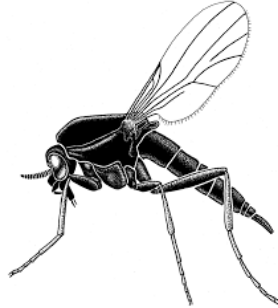
For people who want to avoid the use of chemicals, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) also recommends the use of oil of lemon eucalyptus, which is almost as effective as DEET.

Consumer Reports recommends a product called

Repel Lemon Eucalyptus, which does contain a minute amount of biochemical pesticide but is far less toxic than DEET. Another effective and less toxic remedy is cactus juice. Available at many retailers it seems to deter the little flying teeth from landing on you. Another one of the simplest, and easiest ways to prevent getting bit by no-see-ums is wind. A ceiling fan, small house fan or an afternoon breeze will suffice to keep down the no-see-ums since they are so tiny that almost any breeze, natural or otherwise, keeps them from getting aloft.

Once bitten, the remedies for dealing with the ensuing welts are all over the map. One suggested remedy is to take a cotton Q-tip, dip it in boiling water and apply it to the welt as soon as possible. In this case the cure might well be worse than the bite! Other remedies include various patches, sprays and gels including Ibuprofen Gel, Hydrocortisone Cream and Xylocaine Gel.

Luckily there are many other insects that feed on the tiny no-see-ums and their larvae and, although troublesome, the local no-see-ums do not carry some of the diseases found in flying midges in other tropical regions, including a serious skin infection called leishmaniasis.



Meet Charles Sobczak at the Everglades Wonder Gardens on March 23rd @ 7:30 p.m.



Mr. Sobczak will discuss "The Changing Face of Nature." This entertaining program will look at how wildlife is wrapping itself around and adapting to our dramatic alterations of the natural world.

BYOB ~ Bring your own book or buy one from us! This special program takes place Thursday, March 23rd. Please call (239) 992-2591 or send an email to: info@evergladeswondergardens.com to reserve your seat today. A donation of \$25 per person or \$15 for members is recommended to help the Gardens underwrite environmental education programming. The program starts at 7:30 for the meet and greet with the speaker and author, beer and ceviche from Coastal Peruvian Seafood & Grill beginning at 6:30 pm within the Gardens, with Mr. Sobczak's lecture and program starting promptly at **7:30 pm in the Everglades Wonder Garden's Environmental Learning Center.**

Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island, Florida. His first novel, *Six Mornings on Sanibel*, was originally published in 1999 and is currently in its seventh printing. In 2007 Sobczak turned his attention to non-fiction and published *Alligators, Sharks & Panthers: Deadly Encounters with Florida's Top Predator-Man*. The book went on to win several awards and continues to sell well in academic circles. In 2010 he published a nature guide titled, *Living Sanibel - A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands*. The book quickly became the best-selling book on Sanibel and rose to #34 national for nature guide sales on Amazon.com during the winter of 2011.

Excerpts from his books have appeared in *The Florida Weekly*, *The Islander*, *The Mullet Rapper* and *The Cape Coral Breeze*.

To get to the event: 27180 Old 41 Road in Bonita Springs, FL, or call: 239-992-2591 for more information.

LOCAL NEWS

BIG RIGS ON THE MOVE!



These big sanitation trucks were loaded on a massive barge and sent over to Outward Bound to do some work. The truck drove on the barge platform just south of the school on the Barron River.

STAR TREKKER REPORT

Reported by Chris Herlovich



Night Sky Viewing – March 25th, 7 pm

Big Cypress has some of the darkest skies in all of Florida. You will not want to miss out on the last viewing date this season on **March 25th**. The viewing program starts at 7:00 p.m. More information can be found online by visiting:

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

The program 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).

Lyrids Meteor Shower, April 21st: The Lyrid Meteor Shower is usually active between April 16 and April 25 every year. It tends to peak around April 22 or April 23. The best time to watch it is after midnight and before dawn.



Book Club Meeting Dates & Locations

March 16: All the Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Kearney, 304 Allen Ave.

April 6: One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus
9:30 a.m. at the home of Diann Lock, 498 Collier Ave.

VETERAN'S MONUMENT FOR THOSE WHO DIED SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Did Someone Die Serving In Your Family? Contact Us



Was anyone in your family killed serving in the armed forces? We should have a memorial monument to honor them. The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation is trying to find names of service men and women to list on a plaque for all to see. If you can help, phone Elaine at 695-2695 or email ESHP@hotmail.com.

MUSEUM NEWS

Reception Held for Photographer, Barbara Simpson



The Museum of the Everglades is proud to present the exhibit "Mysterious Everglades" featuring the wonderful photographic work of Toronto native Barbara Simpson. The exhibit will be shown in the Pauline Reeves Gallery of the museum during the month of March 2017. An Artist's Reception was held by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades on Saturday, March 4, 2017 where Barbara was able to mingle with Museum patrons to discuss her work.

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

Local Historian to Give Talk on Women of the Everglades

Local historian and author Marya Repko will give a free illustrated presentation about "Women of the Everglades; Pioneers & Early Environmentalists" **Wednesday, March 22nd, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Collier County Museum, Government Center, 3331 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, 34112.

Back in the 1880s it was difficult living and very lonely on both the east and west coasts of the state. Besides the mosquitoes and the summer heat, women cooked on open fires and foraged for food. As the railroads approached this remote territory, life got easier so they became concerned about their natural surroundings and joined together to protect it from too much development. The struggle continues to stop "paving paradise" but it was instigated by women who nurtured nature. For information, call Joy Murphy (239) 252-8242.

MANATEE UPDATE



The Florida Wildlife Commission has completed their analysis of the manatee population and there is good news. The population has been confirmed for a third consecutive year to exceed 6000 in Florida waters, with this year's count at 6620. Counting is very difficult and the number is based on the commissions efforts this year from January 20th-February 2nd.

The Commission must wait for specific conditions before attempting a count. The temperature must be forecast to be 49 degrees or lower and the water temperature around 68 degrees or less. In these conditions, manatees congregate by the warm waters from natural hot springs or the water that is heated by power plants. This makes the job a bit easier as their locations are quite predictable...manatee do not like cold water.

Boating accidents are still the number one cause of manatee injuries and deaths, and Lee County leads the state with 19 reported boat deaths in 2016. Even though it is fun to "open it up" when boating, please be aware of the manatees in our area. They move very slowly and cannot get out of the way of a fast-moving boat. Taking precaution can help preserve one of Florida's most beloved treasures. If you see a sick or injured manatee, please report it to FWC: Call, 888-404-3922, or text: tip@myfwc.com



**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 10:30-6

Friday & Sat. 10:30 - 7, Sun. 10:30-5

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, 7 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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and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

3/11	Sat	1:21 AM	2.8	H
3/11	Sat	8:55 AM	-0.3	L
3/11	Sat	2:12 PM	2.4	H
3/11	Sat	9:07 PM	0.2	L
3/12	Sun	3:02 AM	2.8	H
3/12	Sun	10:34 AM	-0.2	L
3/12	Sun	3:37 PM	2.5	H
3/12	Sun	10:48 PM	0.1	L
3/13	Mon	3:40 AM	2.7	H
3/13	Mon	11:10 AM	-0.1	L
3/13	Mon	4:04 PM	2.5	H
3/13	Mon	11:27 PM	0	L
3/14	Tue	4:19 AM	2.6	H
3/14	Tue	11:45 AM	0.1	L
3/14	Tue	4:33 PM	2.6	H
3/15	Wed	12:06 AM	0	L
3/15	Wed	5:00 AM	2.4	H
3/15	Wed	12:17 PM	0.2	L
3/15	Wed	5:02 PM	2.6	H
3/16	Thu	12:45 AM	0	L
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3/19	Sun	1:33 PM	0.8	L
3/19	Sun	7:45 PM	2.2	H
3/20	Mon	4:27 AM	0.2	L
3/20	Mon	10:05 AM	1.7	H
3/20	Mon	1:56 PM	0.9	L
3/20	Mon	9:10 PM	2.2	H
3/21	Tue	5:36 AM	0.1	L
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3/22	Wed	6:35 AM	0.1	L
3/22	Wed	12:35 PM	1.9	H
3/22	Wed	6:51 PM	0.8	L
3/22	Wed	11:41 PM	2.3	H
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3/23	Thu	1:15 PM	2.1	H
3/23	Thu	7:40 PM	0.7	L
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3/24	Fri	8:11 AM	-0.1	L
3/24	Fri	1:48 PM	2.3	H
3/24	Fri	8:24 PM	0.5	L
3/25	Sat	1:23 AM	2.6	H
3/25	Sat	8:53 AM	-0.1	L
3/25	Sat	2:18 PM	2.4	H
3/25	Sat	9:05 PM	0.4	L

Obituaries

Gaston E. Giguere died March 5, 2017. He was born March 26, 1932 in Arthabaska, Quebec. He proudly served our country in the United States Armed Forces. A former resident of ORA, and resident of



Okeechobee for over ten years, he was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He enjoyed fishing and playing pool.

Gaston is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marielle D. Giguere; children, and many grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the VA Hospice Center, 7305 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach FL 33410, or Sacred Heart Church, 901 SW 6th St., Okeechobee, FL 34974. Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

Susan G Langner passed away on



March 3 after a year-long bout with cancer. She will always be remembered for her kind and loving warmth, her tenacious spirit and deep

seated need to help others.

Susan was a Springfield, Mo. native who graduated from Glendale high school and Missouri State University with Magna Cum Laude honors. She first experienced the wonders of the Everglades living and working in Flamingo and later returned to the area many times before moving to Chokoloskee in 2011.

She returned to the Missouri Ozarks to enjoy its peace and serenity one last time. She is survived by her husband Dennis, her son Shea, one sister, two brothers and many nieces, nephews cousins and friends. Her beautiful presence will be missed by all.

In Memory

Elton Tullie March, 17, 2016



Dad, it has been a year since you passed, but a day does not pass without thinking about you. We were so fortunate to have you with us for so many years, but it still did not seem long enough. Say, "Hi" to mom for me. Love, Kathy

RAPPER CLASSIFIEDS

RV HOOKUPS, Everglades City. Two Sites, 30 and 50 amps. Service, water, no sewage. Rent nightly or weekly. Rough boat ramp, 100 ft. dock. Private & secure. Contact Capt. Wayne of Fish Hunt Charters at 239-695-2445.

FOR SALE: 1 Bed/1 Bath Cabin in Glades Haven Resort w/ Deeded Boat Dock - \$119K - Hardwood floors, Home and Dock recently re-stained. Renee Hahn 239-287-2576. (MLS 2170003431)

FOR SALE: Waterfront 3br/2ba mobile home, 2 1/2 lots, dock and boat ramp, one lot off Halfway Creek, wood and vinyl floors, 10'x40' screened porch, shed. Furnished \$225,000 More info 239-340-4770.

MUST SELL Waterfront RV lot at the ORA Resort on Chokoloskee Island. Full hook-up, lot in a well maintained, secure park. No reasonable offer refused. Trades will be considered as well. Please call Terry (239) 774-6234.

KAYAKS FOR SALE: Two -14-foot Wilderness Systems Tarpon 140 kayaks, molded plastic, sits on top; included-2 paddles. \$300 ea. Trailer for both kayaks @ \$75.00 if you buy the kayaks. Contact Harriet: 239-860-2849.

FOR SALE: 2 stilt houses EC: \$249K, 5/4; \$349K, 4/3. Available dock, new appliances, paint, etc. Possible owner financing. Call Steve at 910-599-2698.

FOR RENT. Condo #320 in Captain's Table Villas, 1bed/1bath, fully furnished including washer/dryer, carport, use of pool & dock, \$900/mon plus utilities, long-term lease, available April 1. Call Dave at (612) 282-2443.

PET PICS

"Jolene" is a beautiful Standard Poodle that lives with her "dog mom", Karen, at ORA. Jolene is sporting her cute "puppy cut"



RAPPER CLASSIFIEDS

FOR LEASE: Deep water commercial dock and lot on Barron River at 909 DuPont St. in Everglades City. Perfect for airboat business, eco-tour business, commercial fishing or restaurant with chickee bar and tourist gift shop attraction, \$1500 / month. Contact: Rancho T Properties LLC. (727) 480-1640.

HOME FOR SALE: Corner lot home. Two bdrm, 1.5 bath, garage, large fenced yard, river view, huge screened porch, beautiful kitchen cabinets and fixtures, oak floors, tin roof, deeded dock, partially furnished. Call or text for appt: (954) 662-7003. Possible financing.

FOR SALE or RENT: Cabins #7 & #8 at Glades Haven. Call (239) 695-9142 or email at fishnw.mykee55@live.com.

FOR SALE: RV Lots with docks. Please call Bob Wells Real Estate @ 239-695-2660 for more information.

FOR SALE. Condo #418 in Captain's Table Villas, 1bed/1bath, appliances, carport, pool, \$75k or best offer. Call Dave at (612) 282-2443.

FOR RENT: Cozy furnished 2/1 house. Seasonal at \$900/week or \$3,200/month. Call (508) 677-5136

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