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What's Happening in the Everglades

JULY 1 – JULY 14, 2017



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Event Schedule Saturday, July 1st:

- 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
- 10:30 a.m. Parade: The Theme This Year is "The Star Spangled Banner"
- 11:00 a.m. Booths Open, Food & Music
- 11:00 a.m. Parade Winners Announced
- 11:30 a.m. Kiddie's Contest
- 12:30 a.m. Raffle Winners Announced
- 9:00 p.m. Fireworks Display in E-City, East Side by Seaboard Villas

Free Dental Screenings –All Ages July 6th, 9 am to 2 pm

The Ronald McDonald Caremobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on July 6th from 9 am to 2 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental health screenings. You can also schedule an appointment for cleanings, fillings, extractions and x-rays. For more information or to make an appointment call 239-658-3013.



Bus Location: 203 Buckner Avenue N., Everglades City

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FEATURE: TRIBUTE P. 10

Heavy Rains in June Causing Big Trouble for the Everglades

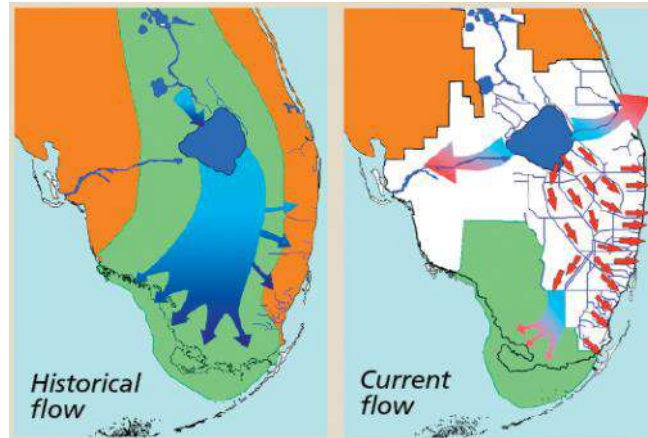
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Heavy rains earlier this month caused water to rise so high that the Everglades could be irreparably damaged, says a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission official. "We have the highest water level ever since records were kept going into the rainy season," said Ron Bergeron, of Weston, who is an FWC commissioner. "This event, if it's not addressed properly, will have the greatest impact to our wildlife, the environment, the habitat and the plant life that we've ever seen." Bergeron, who is the FWC's point man on Everglades issues, said he has been on the phone repeatedly with Gov. Rick Scott over the past 10 days and the governor is "totally involved" in the matter.

In addition, he's had emergency meetings with state and federal agencies, including the FWC, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The latter two regulate the level and movement of water in the region and have "been on top of the situation," according to Bergeron.

Bergeron said Scott issued an emergency order on Friday to move water out of the Everglades' water conservation areas, which extend from southwestern Palm Beach County to Tamiami Trail and west to the Big Cypress National Preserve. That water would flow into the L-29 Canal along Tamiami Trail, under the roadway's one-mile bridge and through spillways and culverts into Everglades National Park and Florida Bay, which need fresh water. That's known as a deviation from the operational schedule of the Corps and the district, which move water at certain times and certain flow rates to maintain specific levels for the time of year. Bergeron said he is confident the Corps should start moving water under the bridge and through several of the other structures early this week.

"The only way you can deviate from normal operations is when you have a catastrophic event, whether it's a 100-year act of God or a man-made event, to minimize the impact to the global Everglades," Bergeron said. "Some areas of the conservation areas received 20 inches of rain through a seven-day period. That's an act of God. But on top of that, the tri-county (Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) area received 15 inches and that is being pumped into the conservation areas."



He said some water is currently being moved south through a couple of water control structures, but not enough. According to Bergeron, water is flowing into the conservation areas at the rate of 10,000 cubic feet per second and going out at a little more than 3,000 cubic feet per second. He added that all but a few of the

tree islands in the Everglades, which are used by white-tailed deer and other wildlife, including several endangered turtles and snakes, are under water, and the water is too deep for wading birds.

"It's very scary, inflows that are three times greater than the outflows," Bergeron said. "The level of the water conservation areas will rise close to one inch a day with those kinds of inflows and no rain. The water is so high above [where it should be at this time of the year] that if the inflows matched the outflows, and there was hardly any rain, it would take until December to get back to regulation."

Factor in the average rainfall over the past 25 years for the rainy season, which Bergeron said is seven to eight inches a month, and water might need to be moved for quite some time, which could delay work on Everglades restoration projects for several months. Bergeron said if the water isn't moved, there might not be an Everglades to restore.

Last year, when record rainfall in January elevated the water levels in the conservation areas, Bergeron, Scott and the other agencies implemented an emergency plan that moved 110 billion gallons of water south of Tamiami Trail in 90 days.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is concerned that moving water through the S-12A and S-12B spillways could impact the endangered Cape Sable seaside sparrow. Bergeron said agency personnel told him they would like to keep those spillways closed until July 15 to keep water out of the birds' nesting area in Everglades National Park, but they will evaluate the situation.

If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email us at: mulletrapper@gmail.com or call us at: 954-662-7003.



JULY 2 – AUGUST 5, 2017



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
2	3 Hr. of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	4	5 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	6 Dental Bus 9 am - 2pm, See front pg.	7	8
9 full moon ☉	10 Hr. of Prayer Chok. Church Of God ,7 pm	11	12 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	13	14	<u>JULY 15 RAPPER</u>
16	17 Hr. of Prayer Holy Fam. Catholic Church, 7 pm	18	19 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	20	21 Hot Summer Nights 6-9 pm, see p.3	22
23 new moon ●	24 Hr. of Prayer Evg Comm. Church, 7 pm	25	26 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am Build A Chair, see p. 3	27 Build A Chair, see p. 3	28	<u>JULY 29 RAPPER</u>
30	31 Hr. of Prayer Copeland Baptist ,7 pm VBS, see p.3	AUG 1 City Council, 5:30 VBS, see p.3	2 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am VBS, see p.3	3 VBS, see p.3	4 VBS, see p.3	5

August 16: Back to School
September 9: Museum Reception

September 1: Snook Season Re-opens
September 10: Everglades Bike Ride
October 15: Stone Crab Season Opens

September 4: Labor Day
September 30: Blessing of the Fleet

THRIFT SHOP: Sat., 11 am–3 pm
LIONS CLUB: Meetings resume in September
DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.
DR MARTIN: Mon. & Wed 10-n, 3 – 6 pm, call 813-787-9738
AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Community Church
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: Not seeing patients at this time
VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4rd Wed. of month, noon—2 pm
COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: Wednesday noon—2 pm
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In and Around Town



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BUILD-A-CHAIR-SUMMER ACTIVITY July 26 & 27 - Ages 10-13

Kids love to learn and this event was a huge success last year. Sign up now to reserve your child's spot! Event is tentatively scheduled at the Evg City Rec. Center, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Call the Youth Relations Bureau for more information: 239-252-0144.



VACATION BIBLE STUDY July 31 - August 4th 6:30 to 8:30 PM

The Chokoloskee Church of God is holding its annual Vacation Bible School on evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you would like your child to attend or if you need more information, please contact Hazel at 239-695-4566.

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT "ART BY E- CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS" On Display July 2017



The Friends of Museum of the Everglades are proud to once again welcome the artistic works of our local students. Their work will be on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery during the month of July.

As the only K-12 public school in the state of Florida we are proud of the talent that exudes from our students. Mr. Tribble, their art teacher, is to be commended for his ability to enhance the artistic ability of our youth while encouraging everyone to appreciate the visual arts.

The picture above is just a sample of the impressive student art that will be on display throughout June and July. We hope to see you at the museum!

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A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF KINGMAN SCHULDt

The week of June 18-24 was the National Fire Service Safety Stand Down; a joint initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council. The purpose of the event, is for all emergency personnel to focus on education and training about critical safety, health, and survival issues facing our firefighters. This year's Stand Down placed a spotlight on Firefighter Safety, Health, and Survival. Safety; a primary focus for all fire service professionals every day.

Ten years ago, the Charleston Sofa Super Store fire occurred on the evening of June 18, 2007 in Charleston, South Carolina, claiming the lives of nine firefighters. This week I had the honor to once again visit the memorial site of that horrific event that was the greatest single loss of firefighters in the United States since 343 firefighters were killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Also, while in Charleston I visited the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church where nine people attending a prayer service were killed by a gunman. All of these tragic events emphasize the challenges we face as a society, and great dedication and sacrifices our firefighters make each day they report for duty, responding to a variety of emergency situations with little advance warning as to the dangers that lay ahead, and that sometimes result in them paying the ultimate sacrifice.

Please keep our firefighters, emergency medical services, and other first responders in your thoughts as they stand ready to respond to the community's needs and the great sacrifices made every day they report for duty. Whether the Sofa Super Store fire, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church massacre, or the recent wildfires that adversely impacted Collier County, our firefighters place their lives on the line, and our support personnel work tirelessly to support operations each and every day.

MEET CHIEF SCHULDt July 26th


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Small Town Taylor
by Taylor Mayberry

This week we got to meet Miss Sue (Susan Gentry) at the Community Center to start our butterfly garden. When we got there, Miss Sue had all the supplies that we needed to help us grow our butterflies. She brought us containers to grow the butterflies in, milkweed plant, water containers, mesh so they can't get out, and she also got us little plastic butterflies to put on our bucket for decoration.



First, we got to pick what color lid for our bucket. Then we got a paper towel and folded it so that it would fit in the bottom of the bucket. After that we got a little container filled it with water so that we could put the milkweed plant in it.





The eggs live on the milkweed plant so we need to keep the plant alive. Miss Sue gave the bigger kids the eggs

and the little kids got the caterpillars that were already hatched. The eggs were as tiny as a grain of salt. My egg hatched two days after I brought it home. Today I looked at it and it got bigger than it was only yesterday. It grew two times bigger in just one day!

I love watching my caterpillar grow every day. It eats so much. Its name is Chomper. I can't wait to see what it looks like when it turns into a butterfly! 🦋 Love, Taylor

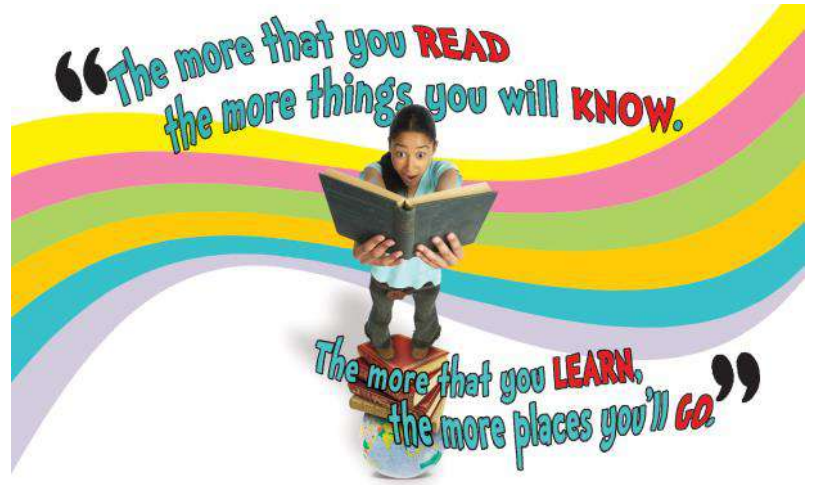


Taylor Mayberry is 11 years old and attends Everglades City School
Group photo by Sue Gentry


ATTENTION ALL READERS!

 Beginning with the September 9th issue, all proceeds from the sales of the print addition of the Mullet Rapper, sold in all Everglades City and Chokoloskee locations, will be donated to the Everglades City School athletic department. We look forward to this and many other future partnerships and events to help our school and our community.

 ~The Mullet Rapper~


Building 'Reading Stamina' Pays Dividends for Students

Tips from ReadingRockets.com



Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Reading stamina is something that parents can help students develop. Here's how:

Vary the way the reading is done. Parents can think about this in terms of having their child "read to himself, read to someone, and listen to reading." Some combination of the three should make up the reading time, especially for new or struggling readers.

Choose "just right" books. If your child is at a stage of being able to read alone, help him choose books that he is able to read independently. This means he should be able to decode almost every word in the book correctly. In this situation, avoid using books that are too difficult to read alone. If your child will be reading with you, choose books that are lively and engaging.

Set reasonable goals. Most toddlers and preschoolers find it difficult to sit for long periods of time, even with the most engaging book! When starting out, limit book time to just a few minutes and work up from there. For elementary aged readers, consider starting with 10-15 minutes of reading time, and work up from there. Add a few minutes to your reading time every week or so.


Celebrate progress. Without getting too caught up on the number of minutes spent reading, celebrate the time that is spent reading. Share your favorite parts of books read, plan the next visit to the library, and share progress with other family members.

Spending longer periods of time reading means fewer interruptions and more time reading what you love. As your child moves into higher grades, having reading stamina will help your child navigate the longer texts and assignments. Using these tips can help develop more stamina in your reader.

The most important thing is to get your child reading, so do not get too hung up on *what* they are reading during the summer. Use this time to develop the *habit of reading* and making it fun is key, especially for resistant readers. Remember:

- Comic books count as reading. If you cannot agree on a book, try a comic book that your child is interested in.
- Ask the librarian what the most popular titles are for your child's age group.
- Ask other parents what their children are interested in. You can establish "reading play dates" so your child can discuss the book with someone their age.
- Offer a reward "book club money" that can be redeemed to buy books or magazines your child likes to read.
- Let your kids stay up late to read...breaking the rules can be fun and motivating!
- Set time aside to discuss what your child is reading to reinforce your interest in their reading success.

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**IRS Tax Scams Surge
Robo-Calls & Agent Impersonators are Trying
to Scare You Out of Your Money**
by Kathy Brock

For the past two weeks I have been receiving phone calls from people claiming to be IRS investigators and recorded messages from the "IRS" telling me I am going to get arrested unless I pay them money right now! If you get these types of calls too, you are one of millions who are getting inundated every day.

According to the IRS, "Taxpayers across the nation face a deluge of these aggressive phone scams. Don't be fooled by callers pretending to be from the IRS in an attempt to steal your money," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "We continue to say if you are surprised to be hearing from us, then you're not hearing from us."

"There are many variations. The caller may threaten you with arrest or court action to trick you into making a payment," Koskinen added. "Some schemes may say you're entitled to a huge refund. These all add up to trouble. Some simple tips can help protect you."

In January, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) announced they have received reports of roughly 896,000 contacts since October 2013 and have become aware of over 5,000 victims who have collectively paid over \$26.5 million as a result of the scam.

"The IRS continues working to warn taxpayers about phone scams and other schemes," Koskinen said. "We especially want to thank the law-enforcement community, tax professionals, consumer advocates, the states, other government agencies and particularly the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration for helping us in this battle against these persistent phone scams."

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call 800-366-4484.
- Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Recipes for Good Eating
by Kathy Brock
Barley Greek Salad



Ingredients:

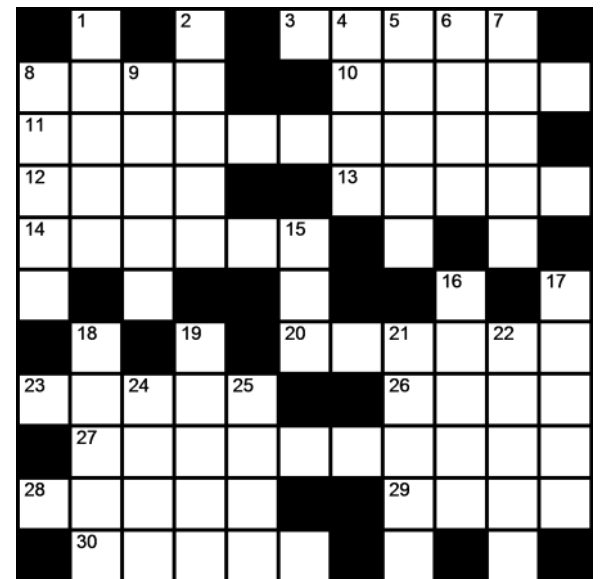
- 1 cup uncooked barley
- Sea Salt
- 2 cups diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup sliced black olives
- 1/2 cup feta cheese
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 shallot, diced
- 3 tbs. chopped fresh mint
- 3 tbs. red wine vinegar
- 2 tbs. extra virgin olive oil
- Black pepper (to taste)

Directions: Cook the barley, approximately 45 minutes, set aside and cool. Prepare all of the fresh vegetables and toss together adding salt and pepper to taste. Mix together the vinegar and oil, then add mixed ingredients to the cooled barley. Mix in crumbled feta. Refrigerate at least 3 hours prior to serving to let all of the flavors blend together.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 3. Floor divisions in a hospital
- 8. Rhythm
- 10. Large inside
- 11. Undecipherable
- 12. To a greater extent
- 13. Jimmy Carter's brother
- 14. Correct
- 20. Subject to a penalty
- 23. Company symbols
- 26. No more than
- 27. Type of water control system
- 28. Small drum
- 29. Unable to speak
- 30. Gators have big ones



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Down

- 1. Male singing voice
- 2. Exorbitant
- 4. Sheiks are usually this
- 5. Batman's sidekick
- 6. Barbie or Ken
- 7. Aroma
- 8. Uneven
- 9. Useful with a bow

Down Continued

- 15. Type of music
- 16. Religion of India
- 17. Many poems do this
- 18. Automaton
- 19. Scoundrel
- 21. Sally Fields played her
- 22. Pool table foundation
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Opening for a coin





My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock



The Gumbo Limbo tree is fairly common in the Everglades City area. There are several large trees on Chokoloskee, and other scattered around Everglades City and Plantation Islands. If you go out boating, you will see some trees on some of the outer islands as well.

Bursera simaruba, commonly known as **gumbo-limbo**, **copperwood**, **chaca**,

and **turpentine tree**, is a tree species in the family Burseraceae, native to tropical regions of the Americas from the southeasternmost United States (South Florida), through Mexico and the Caribbean to Brazil, Jinotega and Venezuela.¹

Many refer to the tree as “the tourist tree” because of its red peeling bark... reminiscent of a tourist who forgot the sunscreen on a sunny day!

Besides being a great looking tree in the landscape, this tree provides food for birds (fruit) and its root system helps prevent erosion on shore banks. The Gumbo has a unique history because it was also quite useful back when we looked for solutions that did not necessarily come from a pharmacy.

Back in “the day” natural healers once used the Gumbo Limbo to treat a number of issues...and please do not confuse this article as medical advice, it is not! The Gumbo produces a resin that was once used to treat gout by applying it to the affected area(s). The leaves of the Gumbo contain hexane, a hydrocarbon that possesses anti-inflammatory properties making it an option for strains and sprains.

The bark of the tree can neutralize some toxins and was used to treat poisonous stings and bites common in tropical climates. The leaves were brewed into a tea to help increase urine flow, repel insects and to detoxify the blood. The tea is also said to help settle an upset stomach.

Native healers have used parts of the tree to treat back aches, measles and sun stroke. The bark is known to have an anti-bacterial property as well so it was applied to wounds to help them heal faster. In short, the tree was looked at as more of a necessity versus something pretty in the landscape.

Gumbo Limbos can grow to 40 or more feet and typically have 4 or more main branches that form the canopy. Gumbos grow very fast and with that, form a soft wood not suitable for building, but suitable for model planes and other hobby carvings. History states that the wood was once used to make carousel horses. Even though the wood is considered weak, Gumbo Limbos can survive a hurricane and grow back quickly even when heavily damaged.

When planted from a seed, Gumbo's will set a significant taproot anchoring it well into the ground. The softness of the wood actually helps it to be more pliable and more capable of withstanding high winds.

The Gumbo Limbo will also readily root from cuttings but it is said that a cutting rooted tree will not have a taproot and thus not as wind resistant.

Since 2009, the Gumbo Limbo has been negatively impacted by the Spiraling Whitefly (hate these!). These are the tiny insects that cause the black soot all over the leaves, your driveway, cars, literally anything under the canopy. There are systemic treatments to apply that can control this, and we have treated our trees two years in a row to get it under control.

All in all, the Gumbo Limbo is a great choice if you are looking to plant something that is both attractive and native to our area.

¹ From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bursera_simaruba

Photo: Top, mature Gumbo Limbo, Center-right, the bark of the Gumbo.



Our Amazing Bodies

by Dr. John Martin

Human Reproductive System – Part III Fertilization & Implantation



The sperm has been developing for 64-72 days and arrives 20 million to 150 million strong. Only several will attempt and maybe facilitate. But only one will participate. The sperm contains the genetic compliment of the father (i.e. ½ of the chromosomes (=23)), a source of motility (the

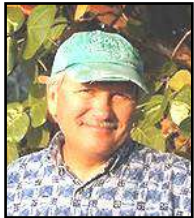
tail), and specific metabolic acids (enzymes) with which to gain access (or actually enter) the ovum. The ovum has been developing for 10+ months, has undergone meiosis resulting in 23 chromosomes (½ compliment of the mother, and is suspended mid-division), is ovulated (been released from the ovary into the peritoneal cavity), and has begun its trek back toward the uterus along the fallopian tubes. Should the timing and environment be right - about midway through the menstrual cycle of the female – many, many viable sperm arrive at the outer surface of the ovum.

Over a period of several hours the sperms become activated and one sperm will enter the outer wall. The tail of the sperm degenerates and the genetic components fuse and become a single new nucleus now with 46 chromosomes. Technically, actual fertilization does not occur until this match-up and combining of the chromosomes (23+23=46) is complete. At this point the conceptus is called the zygote. Further divisions of the zygote now revert back to mitosis (where the 46 chromosomes are replicated at each cell division). The zygote divides into two, then four, then eight, then sixteen, etc., until a ball of cells (the morula) forms. A differentiation and continued multiplication continues resulting in the trophoblast and then the blastocyst. It is the blastocyst that on about the seventh day post-fertilization enters the uterus and implants in the endometrium of the uterus.

From about the 11th day post-fertilization to about day 14, a number of membranes and cavities form that will serve to support and nourish the embryo/fetus. A three-layered disc (called germ layers) forms which will further differentiate into the multiple body parts. From the ectoderm forms the skin, and related glands, nervous system, hypophysis, lens of the eye, and inner ear. From the mesoderm comes the bones, muscles, connective tissues, lymphoid organs, blood, the urogenital system, and serous membranes. From the endoderm forms the epithelial part of the gastrointestinal system, and the respiratory system, as well as the epithelia of the pharynx, and thyroid. By day 24 the embryo has a definitive head and tail. By the end of 3-weeks post-fertilization, the gastrointestinal tract, the brain, and the heart have begun their development.

To say that the human female breast is only important – in this culture - during gestation and for six months after birth – would be a stretch. A word about the female mammary gland...

The breast (in both males and females) is an area of fatty fibrous tissue, and associated nerves, and lymphatic vessels, in the subcutaneous fascia overlying the pectoralis major muscle on the anterior chest wall. Milk production begins as the alveolar glands mature in the latter stages of pregnancy, and is guided by the interaction of numerous hormones, the resultant development of the laciferous and lymphatic vessels and tissues, and is stimulated by a neuroendocrine reflex mechanism that is initiated by breastfeeding the baby.



Living Gulf Coast
by Charles Sobczak

Brazilian Pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*) Other names: Florida holly, Florida folly, rose pepper / Status: Invasive, thriving / Life span: more than 30 years / Height: 15-30 ft. (4.5-9 m) / Reproduces through a bright red seed that is a favorite food of dozens of species of birds / Found: Brazilian pepper is one of the most common shrub-like trees in Southwest Florida.



Introduced into Florida around 1891, Brazilian pepper represents a classic and costly example of the tremendous amount of damage a single species can do to an environment. Florida has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in an endless battle to rid the state of this troublesome shrub. Because the bright red berries are a prized food for robins, starlings, mockingbirds and a host of passerines, the seeds contained

within are relentlessly spread across the landscape.

As an example, the City of Sanibel has been working since 1998 to eradicate all Brazilian pepper plants from the island. This task is tantamount to the myth of Sisyphus, wherein the Greek King is punished by being cursed to roll a huge boulder up a hill only to watch it roll back down again. Like this Sisyphian myth the job of getting all the pepper off of Sanibel and Captiva is an endless task. To help manage the problem the City of Sanibel has divided the island into six zones, and they are currently working on the fourth zone, with the final two zones hopefully completed within the next few years. All of the preserve lands on the island have been cleared of pepper and annual maintenance, because of the spreading of the seeds by birds, is conducted in all of these preserves. With some of these preserves, such as the Sanibel Garden Preserve, covering 265 acres alone, the task is enormous.

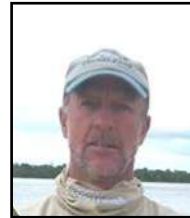
A mature Brazilian pepper forest is an ecological nightmare. The plants form a continuous mono-cultures of growth, shading out almost every living thing in the under story. The trunks and branches twist and tangle making the forest equally useless for most wildlife. In Brazil, where the plant originated, there are ample natural controls for the plant. In Florida none of these exist and controlling its rampant spread is left to us. There are sections of Lee County where Brazilian forests cover tens of thousands of acres and there is no financially viable method of eradicating these massive pepper forests.



In South America the berries of this plant are dried and sold as pink peppercorns. These in turn are used as a cooking spice, adding a pepper-like taste to food. If you crush a pepper tree leaf in your hand and smell it, the scent is distinctively pepper-like. You should be aware of the fact that some people are allergic to Brazilian pepper and have a reaction not dissimilar to that of contact with poison ivy. The treatment and remedies for pepper dermatitis are virtually identical.

Sadly, it is still all too easy to find Brazilian pepper plants all over southwest Florida. Look for them on vacant lots, near beach access locations or just about anywhere. The bright red berries, which are most obvious around December, make them easy to identify. The species is legally prohibited from sale, transport or planting anywhere in Florida and it is not available in any nursery in the state.

Charles Sobczak is a writer from Sanibel Island
Photos by Charles Sobczak



Fishing the 10,000 Islands
In July
by Captain Mike Merritt

July is hot and the Snook fishing continues to be good. The Snook bite is best on the incoming tide and fishing the outside islands will be your best bet. Top water in the early mornings is a great way to stir up some action.

Fishing the shallow troughs on the incoming tide is a good place to start. Fish will lay out off the banks on low water and long casts will help you cover a lot of area. Redfish are also best on the incoming and jigs tipped with shrimp or Gulps will do the trick.

Reds are small this time of year but there are still some nice fish to be caught. Live bait or cut baits also work great. If it's Seatrout you're after they will also be smaller this time of year but plentiful on the grass flats. Jigs will also work for the Trout and the popping cork with a DOA shrimp is still tops.



There will be Tarpon around all summer throughout the islands. Offshore fishing is always good in the summer. Fishing the wrecks or Grouper fishing will provide lots of action.

Permit and Cobia will be easier to see with calm winds and there are some big Snook on some of the wrecks.

Sharks are everywhere and they will ruin a good spot at times. I generally move on when the big sharks show up. If you want to tussle with one of these beasts there are plenty of 8-10 footers around.

Whatever you decide to target just remember the afternoon storms so you don't get caught in bad lightning. Always be safe so you can fish another day! Good luck fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt



Fishing Regulations Snapshot
Collier County*

- Cobia:** 33" at fork, 1/day/license. 6/vessel/day max
 - Drum, Black:** 14-24" slot, 5/day/license 1 over 24" permitted per day
 - Drum, Red:** 18-27" slot, 1/day/license
 - Flounder:** 12", 10/day/license
 - Grouper, Black:** 24" min., 4/day/license
 - Grouper, Gag:** 24" min., 2/day/license (open June-Dec.)
 - Grouper, Red:** 20" min., 2/day/license
 - NOTE: 4 of any/combo grouper/day/license limit**
 - Mangrove Snapper:** 10" min., 5/day/license
 - Florida Pompano:** 11" at fork
 - Seatrout:** 15-20" slot, 5/day/license. 1 over 20" permitted per day/vessel
 - Snook:** Season closed until Sept. 1
- *Please refer to the official regulations for your guidance at: <http://myfwc.com/media/4219696/QuickChart.pdf>



Local News

TRIBUTE TO JUANITA WELDON

by Marya Repko

First Baptist Church in Everglades City was packed on June 24



when friends, neighbors, and relatives gathered to pay tribute to Juanita Clifford Weldon. Pastor Cathey (photo middle right), introduced Eric Weldon, former pastor who said it is unusual for the surviving spouse to lead the service but he wanted to read her formal obituary (see Rapper, 6/17/17) and add some personal recollections. He described the day on

December 29, 1953, when he wanted to go to the beach. He had been in the area working as a state trooper only a few months but had supper one night at the Clifton home in Deep Lake. He asked young Juanita if she would go with him to Marco Island, which was undeveloped, and they had the long strip of sand to themselves. She showed some "passive resistance" when he tried to kiss her but they were married six months later. Obviously, she did not heed her own advice to "never marry a preacher or a cop" because in Eric she did both.



He described Juanita as his "second self" in a marriage that lasted 63 years. It was full of adventures, moves to distant places, and some funny incidents. For example, she was trying to learn the piano but when Eric was asked to take the service at Jerome Methodist Church (which was eventually moved to become First Baptist), all that



Juanita could play during the offering was "I Surrender All". She was active in church affairs when they returned to Everglades City and organized Vacation Bible School, a great success thanks to her efforts with 65 children there on the first day and more to follow during the week. Eric said he has also been reading her notes and found that she had written down birthdays so she could say a special prayer for each of the celebrants on their day.



Pastor Cathey commented that a pastor's wife shares her husband with everyone in the congregation and is really part of the ministry. She was a "virtuous woman".

Area News

Goliath Grouper Workshops Scheduled August through October; FWC Needs Your Input (Meeting in Naples is October 18th)

Media contact: Amanda Nalley, 850-410-4943 or Amanda.Nalley@MyFWC.com

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) needs your input on goliath grouper management, including the possibility of a limited harvest in Florida state waters.

The FWC is hosting several goliath grouper public workshops throughout the state in August and October. Share your input and learn more about the current status of goliath grouper by attending one of these workshops.

Workshops will be from 5 to 8 p.m. local time:

- Aug. 1:** Key West, Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
- Aug. 2:** Marathon, Hyatt Place Marathon/Florida Keys, 1996 Overseas Highway.
- Aug. 3:** Key Largo, Murray Nelson Government Center, 102050 Overseas Highway.
- Aug. 8:** Crystal River, Plantation on Crystal River, 9301 W. Fort Island Trail.
- Aug. 9:** Carrabelle, Franklin County Senior Citizens Center, 201 NW Ave. F.
- Aug 16:** Pensacola, Sanders Beach – Corinne Jones Resource Center, 913 S. I St.
- Aug. 17:** Panama City, Bland Conference Center, 4750 Collegiate Drive.
- Oct. 9:** Jacksonville, Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Blvd.
- Oct. 10:** Titusville, American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, 6350 Horizon Drive.
- Oct. 11:** Stuart, Flagler Place, 201 SW Flagler Ave.
- Oct. 12:** Davie, Old Davie School Historical Museum, 6650 Griffin Road.
- Oct. 16:** Pinellas Park, Bill Jackson's Shop for Adventure, 9501 U.S. Highway 19 N.
- Oct. 17:** Port Charlotte, The Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St.
- Oct. 18:** Naples, Collier County Public Library - South Regional, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway.

If you cannot attend an in-person meeting, submit comments online by visiting MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments. Staff is working on a virtual workshop that should be available online in the near future. Additional details and updates to these meetings will be posted at MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Rulemaking" and "Workshops.")

The Museum is Looking for Old Photos of the Chokoloskee Bridge!

Do you have an old photo of the Chokoloskee bridge you would be willing to share? Cars crossing it, family fishing from it, a view from the water, etc.. We would love to include anything you can find to help us tell this story in our tribute to the historic structure that brought our community closer together.

Please call the Museum at 239-695-0008 if you can help.



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP



EVERGLADES CITY TIDES

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Check: www.weather.gov for conditions

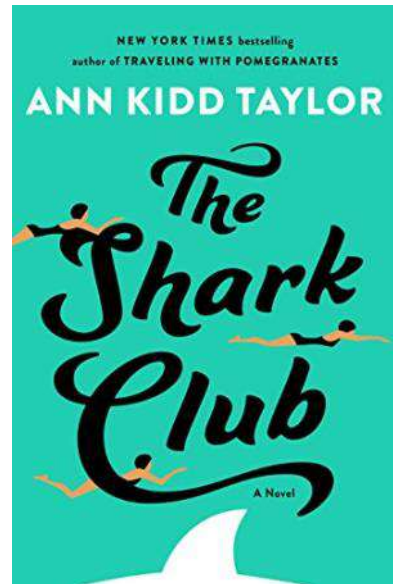
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Off the Shelf - Book Review

The Shark Club

by Ann Kidd Taylor
reviewed by Marya Repko

Maeve, “the shark whisperer” lives on an island off the Florida Southwest coast where her lively grandmother has a literary hotel - books in all the rooms which are named after



authors, talks in the lobby. The narrator has been obsessed with sharks since she was bitten on the leg by one as a child but believes that her attacker let go when she looked it in the eye.

As an adult, she has travelled the world doing research on sharks. However, that is not conducive to family life and she has already decided once between the man she loves and her career.

This novel has a heavy romantic undercurrent along the some marine science. The dialog and local color are well done and flow easily although the narrative flips from the present to the past at times.

The book is available at Collier County Public Library but there might be a waiting list because it has only recently been published.



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