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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands

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Museum to Feature Work of Jürg "George" Furrer



September 1st -November 11th Museum of the Everglades

Jürg "George" Furrer was a painter, illustrator and cartoonist. His satirical style always evoked a smile. For over a decade, George focused his art on Florida. When he first visited the Everglades City area, he immediately felt a connection to the area. In 2005, he received an honorary citizenship of Everglades City from Mayor Sammy Hamilton. Jürg passed away in May 2014, but his legacy lives on in his work. There will be an opening reception at the museum on Sept. 9 from 1 to 3 pm, and a closing reception Nov. 11 from 4 to 6 pm.

Rev Up Your Engine...Snook Season Opens September 1st Prized Fish Good Food & Good for the Economy *Fish Makes a Comeback After 2010 Cold-Snap*

Florida is considered one of the top fishing locations in the world. Targeted species by anglers are abundant on both coasts. The fishing industry in Florida generates more than \$8.6 Billion in revenue and supports more than 80,000 jobs across the state.

It is estimated that over 3 million anglers regularly fish our Florida waters, and one in three of these anglers are from out-of-state. In short, fishing is big business and is a big part of tourism in our state.

In a study conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2009 and published by the Everglades Trust, 17% of all fishing in Florida is done in the Everglades Region (by residents). It is estimated that the percentage of tourists fishing in our area is even higher. The long-lasting cold-wave in 2010 almost changed all of it...

The devastating cold-snap in 2010 killed an estimated 2 million snook. The 5 day chill also killed manatee, sea turtles, catfish, pompano, puffer fish and countless other warm-water residents.

In the Everglades City area, residents that ventured out after the chill saw dead or dying fish floating everywhere they looked. One friend who whet out on Chokoloskee Bay told me that they saw a dead fish every 12 inches. It was a scary and very sad time.

The FWC immediately imposed a ban on keeping snook until they could get a handle on the scope of the kill off, and that ban stayed into effect until September 1, 2013. They also closely monitored the effect on other species known to be sensitive to the cold.

Since that time, anglers across the state have reported that snook fishing is improving each year and the population is now considered to be at healthy numbers once again.

When fishing for snook, please note that there is a size slot and daily bag limit on the species. A snook must be between 28" and 33." There is a limit of 1 per day per angler. You must also purchase a "snook permit" in addition to having a saltwater license to legally keep a snook.

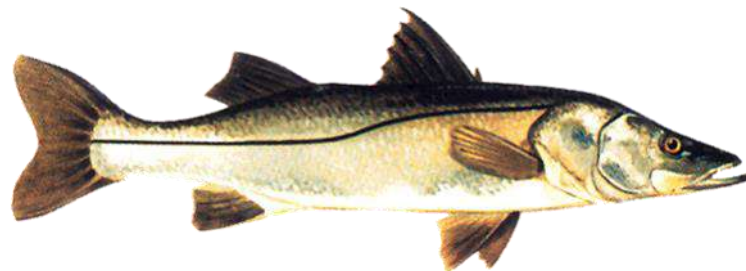
Snook are excellent eating. Grilling, fried or broiled will bring the flavor out. Serve snook with a slice of lemon or lime and a side of tartar sauce. Ritz Cracker crumbs make a fantastic coating for snook (and any fish). Just add a little bit of garlic powder and Old Bay and you will have your own gourmet fish dinner! For a quick, easy and delicious recipe try this:

Ingredients:

- 1 legal snook filet with skin on or off, your preference
- Blackening spice, Chef Paul's or Old Bay Blackened are both excellent
- Garlic powder
- Lemon cut into wedges
- 1/4 cup olive oil

Directions:

Rub blackening spice & garlic powder on each side of the filet. Heat skillet to 400° (hot). Add in 1/4 cup olive oil. Cook fillets each side about 3 to 5 minutes. Do not let it char. When each side is blackened, if the fish is not completely cooked, put it in the oven at 400° until it is cooked through. Serve this with a lemon wedge and a side dish of your choice.



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AUG 27 – SEPT 30, 2017



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
27	28	29	30 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	31	SEPT 1  OPEN!	2
3	4 Labor Day (no school)	5 City Council Mtg 5:30 pm	6 full moon ○ Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	7 Mobile Dentist, see p. 3	8	SEPT 9 RAPPER Museum Reception 1-3 PM
10 Everglades Bike Ride, see p. 3	11 ESHP Mtg. City Hall, 8:30 am	12	13 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am City Council Mtg 5:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 new moon ● Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am Early Dismissal from school	21	22	SEPT 23 RAPPER
24	25	26	27 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	28	29	30 Blessing of the Fleet

October 14: Hook 'Em Fishing Tourney

October 15: Stone Crab Season Opens

October 28: Halloween Celebration

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., 5:30-8:30 PM
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, City Hall
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Not seeing patients at this time
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm
 COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: Wednesday noon—2 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 5 pm
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for the summer

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What's Happening

In and Around Town



CYCLE TOURS THROUGH EVERGLADES

Starting September 10th

These tours can be taken on your own or with organized group rides on the second Sunday of each month beginning **September 10**. This first scheduled ride will start at 9:00 a.m. at McLeod Park in Everglades City. For information about the individual tours, visit website <https://evergladesrogg.org/events> or call Patty Huff at 239-695-2397.

MONDAY PRAYER MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Prayer meetings typically held on Monday's at 7 PM have been cancelled until further notice. We will put the meetings back on the calendar when they begin again.

HOOK 'EM FISHING TOURNAMENT Proceeds Benefit E-City Athletics October 14th



Save the date as on Oct. 14 the athletic department is excited to announce the inaugural *Hook' em in the Glades* family friendly fishing tournament. This tournament is powered by Island Café. To participate please visit www.hookemintheglades.com to register, or call our Athletic Director, Coach Jill Whitcomb at 239-377-9800.

2nd ANNUAL E-CITY ORCHID & PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER December 2, 9 am to 3 pm

The *Mullet Rapper* will host the 2nd Annual Everglades City Orchid & Plant Sale benefiting **Everglades City School's athletic department** on Saturday, December 2nd. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at McLeod Park. In addition to orchids and tropical plants, this year's event will also feature art, crafts and gift items with a local flair.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for the event should contact the Mullet Rapper to sign up. Contact Kathy Brock for more information: at mulletrapper@gmail.com or by phone at 954-662-7003. **Thank you!**

GOLIATH GROUPEL WORKSHOPS COMING TO NAPLES, OCTOBER 18TH



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. Additional details and updates to these meetings will be posted at MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Rulemaking" and "Workshops.").

You can attend in person: Naples, Collier County Public Library - South Regional, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. For more information, contact: Amanda.Nalley@MyFWC.com.

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The Ronald McDonald Caremobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on September 7th 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.



A MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF KINGMAN SCHULDT

Back to School Safety

For many this week summer will draw to a close, back-to-school season will be in full effect, and your mornings will be a hectic time. Remember to safely share the road with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe at school.

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle, or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they - and the motorists around them - take proper safety precautions.

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location, according to the National Safe Routes to School program.

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in Florida to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

For those teens driving, crashes spike in September as they head back to school and happen more often during hours when school begins and lets out. Half of all teens will be involved in a car crash before graduating from high school.

If you haven't discussed back to school safety tips please consider doing so. By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely during this very busy time of the school year.

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District 13th Annual Sneaker Drive

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District is collecting NEW sneakers that will be distributed to Collier County students in elementary & middle school to help make a difference in their lives.


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*~What to do If You Encounter a Sawfish~
Sawfish Handling & Releasing Guidelines
by Tonya Wiley*

Smalltooth sawfish are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act which makes it illegal to target, harm, harass or handle them in any way. While it is illegal to capture a smalltooth sawfish, captures do occur while fishing for other species. Any sawfish caught while fishing must be released as quickly as possible.

The guidelines below were developed to aid anglers in quickly and safely releasing accidentally caught sawfish. These guidelines take into account the safety of both the endangered sawfish and the angler. Sawfish are large, powerful animals that can cause serious injury, so use caution if you do catch one.

The number one rule to remember when handling and releasing a sawfish is to leave it in the water at all times. Do not lift it out of the water on to your boat or a pier, and do not drag it on to shore.

General release guidelines:

- ◆ Leave the sawfish in the water
- ◆ Do not remove the saw (rostrum) or injure the animal in any way.
- ◆ Remove as much fishing gear (from the fish) as safely possible.
- ◆ Use extreme caution while handling the fish as the saw can thrash violently from side to side.
- ◆ Never use a gaff or drag the sawfish on a boat or on to shore.

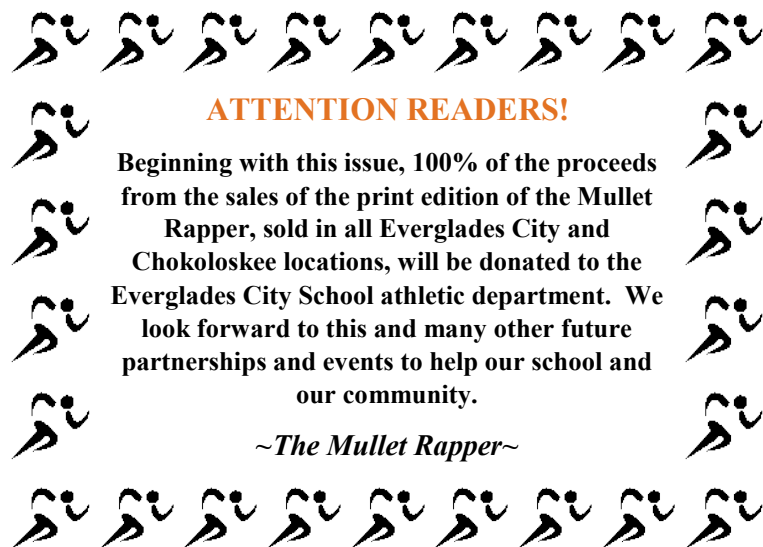
If hooked:

- ◆ Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water.
- ◆ If it can be done safely, untangle any line wrapped around the saw.
- ◆ Cut the line as close to the hook as possible.
- ◆ If hooked internally, do NOT attempt to remove the hook, remove as much line as possible and cut the line close to the hook.

If tangled in a cast net:

- ◆ Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water.
- ◆ Untangle and cut the net removing as much of it as possible from the animal.
- ◆ Release the sawfish quickly.

Rachel Scharer, a sawfish biologist with the FWC Charlotte Harbor Field Laboratory said, "lately we have been getting numerous public reports of an encounter with a sawfish missing its rostrum, and we have seen several sawfish without a rostrum during our research." Sawfish use their rostrum for catching food so in addition to being illegal, removal of the rostrum likely severely limits the animals chance to find enough food to survive.



ATTENTION READERS!

Beginning with this issue, 100% of the proceeds from the sales of the print edition 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~

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**Activities Update
From Coach Jill Whitcomb**

We are firing up for Gator Athletics! Our girls' volleyball teams have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming season. Come out to our home games and support our Lady Gators! Gator cross country is just getting started. We have a great group of runners this year! Senior Ashlyn Goff has set her sights on matching and hopefully surpassing last year's advancement to the Regional Competition! Our middle school runners team has a tremendous turnout! We are super excited about our Gator Runners!

Everglades City School is putting on our 1st Annual Hook'em in the Glades Fishing Fundraiser/Silent Auction to raise much needed funds for our students and programs. This family friendly event will take place on Oct. 14, 2017 at Port of the Islands. Anglers will fish the 10,000 Islands for a chance to catch the biggest Snook, Redfish, and Seatrout. First place prizes will be awarded to the individual top Adult Angler and top Junior Angler (18yrs. & under) in all three categories. The cost is only \$150 per boat which includes 2 captain's dinner tickets and 2 t-shirts. CCPS students who own their own boat can enter for only \$50 which includes 1 captains dinner ticket and 1 t-shirt. Extra dinner tickets and t-shirts can be purchased. Check out our website and register online at www.hookemintheglades.com. We are still looking for sponsors and silent auction items. If you would like to donate, contact Jill Whitcomb @ 239-377-9827 or whitej2@collierschools.com.

Last but not least, we are excited to introduce this year's Gator Gear! We are selling t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, royal blue hats, camo hats, camo visors, and duffle bags! Prices range from \$15-\$35. The front will say "Gator Athletics" and the back will say "Attacks Happen!" Check out our school website for pictures and more athletic information. www.collierschools.com/EVG


Stay Calm and Fish On,
Mrs. Jill Whitcomb, Activities Coordinator

Volleyball Home Schedule:

- 8/22 Seacrest @ EVG 4:30 & 5:30pm
 - 9/7 ECS @ EVG 5:00 & 6:00pm
 - 9/14 SFCA @ EVG 5:00 & 6:00pm
 - 9/15 Canterbury @ EVG 5:00 & 6:00pm
 - 9/18 FBA @ EVG 5:00 & 6:30pm
 - 9/28 Ahfachkee @ EVG JV only 4pm
 - 10/3 Marco @ EVG 5pm Varsity only
 - 10/5 Moore Haven @ EVG 5:00 & 6:30pm
 - 10/10 Ahfachkee @ EVG 4pm Varsity only SENIOR NIGHT after the game
 - 10/16 Volleyball District Quarter Finals @ the higher seeds school (TBA)
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My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock
Giving Back to the Community

There comes a time in life (at least for me) when you start to focus on things that are more important...less frivolous, perhaps. Simplify, de-clutter and purge! This is what Tim & I have been doing for the past year in our preparation to finally escape to Everglades City full-time!

Most of you know (or maybe not) that we have been "weekenders" since 1993. Well, we play hooky as often as possible, so we are here for many extra days, but Tim still working on the "other coast," and me, I am on the road a lot, so our days in our paradise are fewer than we would like...for now.

The Mullet Rapper is one of those "more important" things for me, which is why I took it on last year. It is also why I have pledged to donate the printed edition proceeds to the Everglades City School athletic department. Why? Because it is important that the school has the community's support and the Mullet Rapper is a part of the community. After all, Everglades City School is the ONLY Public K-12 school in Florida, and without it our students would have to be bused over 40 miles each way to Naples every school day. We would also lose some very good jobs in the community.

Here are some things you may not know about our very unique school. The school has produced some very high achievers over the years. Last year's class certainly included some future leaders. The teachers at the school are amazing and very dedicated. Most of them commute from outside of the city so their drive to work is quite a distance. The principal, Jim Ragusa is phenomenal. He absolutely loves the kids and is totally focused on doing what is right for the kids. He also has the student's and staff's support which is testimony to his leadership skills. The support staff is equally devoted. Bottom line, this is a tremendous asset to the community and it is also why we must do what we can to support them.

Not everyone has the time or ability to do a lot, **but there is something you can do.** When you pick up the Mullet Rapper, please deposit your 25 cents into the new coin receptacles you will see around town. You see, for all of the issues we have printed, only about 25% of the people are actually paying for the paper when they pick it up. Many simply take it without paying, and each printed copy costs 60 cents to print!

Starting with this issue, taking the paper without paying for it will be equivalent to taking money away from our school, from our students, and the devoted staff at the school. In addition, it is important that we all set an example to the students by doing the right thing even when no one is looking...by displaying honor through our actions (it is why this type of collecting is called "the honor system"). It may seem like a small thing, but it is these tiny little things that can make a very big difference.

In spite of all of the differences of opinion in society, we can all agree on one thing; the health, welfare and education of our children is of paramount importance. Supporting our youth through their developmental years will help produce a generation of leaders and good citizens. Showing youth that we care about them helps them stay motivated and on track. Athletic programs are proven to be effective ways to teach teamwork skills, dedication and cooperation. Athletic programs are a path that some of our students will use to earn scholarship funds for college.

The Mullet Rapper is proud to be a part of our community and very excited to begin this new chapter by working with the community to support our Gators! Thank you!



Recipes for Good Eating
by Kathy Brock
Cabbage With Bacon



Ingredients:

- 1 head of green cabbage
- ½ pound bacon (more if you love bacon)
- 1 stick of butter or margarine
- Salt & pepper to taste



This is a very easy recipe with just a few ingredients...but it is delicious! Try it as a side dish with beef or pork.

Directions:

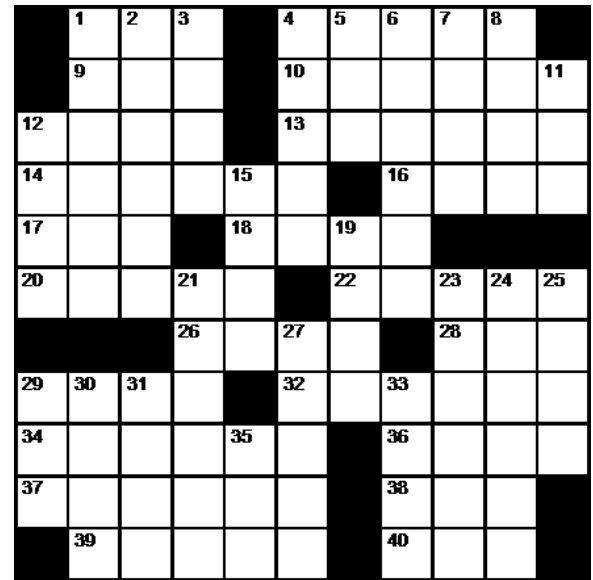
Cut out core from the cabbage and slice into small pieces. Steam the cabbage until cooked but not soggy. Set aside. Cook the bacon until crisp. Cooking it on the stove (not the microwave) is better but not mandatory. Crumble bacon and add to cooked and fully drained cabbage, then add the butter. Reheat, stirring so that it will not burn, until hot and serve immediately. Salt and pepper to taste. This makes 6-8 servings.



MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 " --- now or never"
- 4 Hard on the nose
- 9 The Caribbean is one
- 10 Arranged for voices
- 12 Pie-crust ingredient
- 13 Only state with two official languages
- 14 Puncture
- 16 Caltech, for ex.
- 17 Vehicle fuel
- 18 Lying is _ _ _ _
- 20 A freckle past ---
- 22 Once more
- 26 Exultation
- 28 Attempt
- 29 Rivers of comedy
- 32 Commuter computer
- 34 Taking the place of
- 36 Outer orange covering
- 37 Softened
- 38 "Halt, -- - will fire!"
- 39 Prolonged blockade
- 40 Advent mo.



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Down

- 1 Prophetic Bible book
- 2 Blessed Mother
- 3 --- City (Baghdad district)
- 4 Pains
- 5 Half a dance, perhaps
- 6 Team on the water
- 7 Pakistan neighbor
- 8 Politician's stand?
- 11 Intoxicated
- 12 Where to find golfer Michelle Wie
- 19 UN nuclear watchdog
- 21 Set on fire
- 23 One type is formal
- 24 Subtly sarcastic
- 25 Big Apple police force
- 27 Cleverly avoid
- 29 Beef stick Slim _ _ _
- 30 Singles
- 31 _ _ _ _ want for Christmas
- 33 Urge along
- 35 Brain test



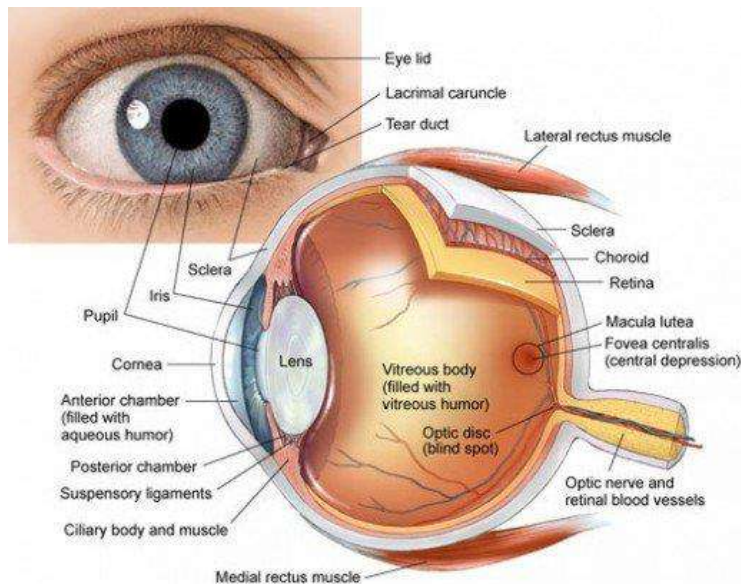
Our Amazing Bodies by Dr. John Martin

The Special Senses - Vision Part II

In **Part I** we reviewed briefly the basic anatomy of the human eyeball. In this installment we will take a closer look at the **fluids of the eye** and their function. And then **vision** itself.

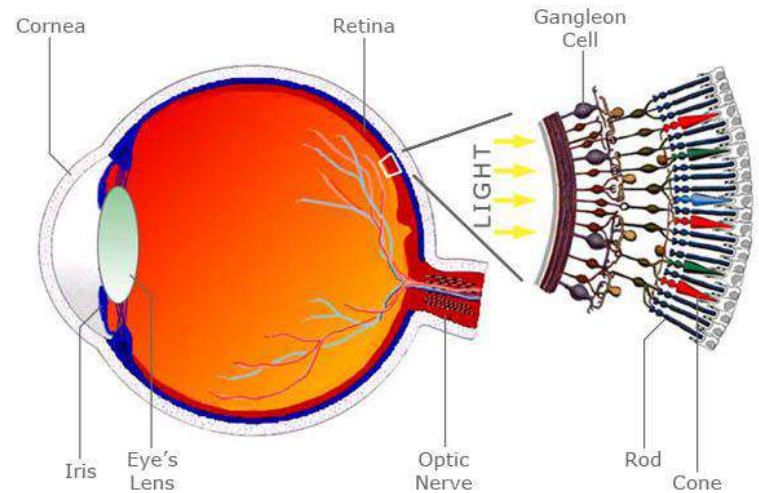
In the front region of the eye, just inside the cornea anterior to the lens and flowing around the iris an **aqueous humor** (watery-like nutritional/protective fluid) lies in the anterior portion of the eye. This anterior portion is further identified as the anterior and posterior segments (or chambers), the anterior chamber being in front of the iris and the posterior chamber behind the iris, in front of the lens. Behind/posterior to the iris and lens is the **vitreous humor** (making up about 80% of the volume of the eyeball). The lens and the humors all act to refract light and help focus light as well as maintain the global shape of the eyeball. Additionally, the constant secretion and drainage of **tears** protects the cornea and sclera (the "whites of the eyes") from injury due to friction. Regular and frequent blinking of the eyelids/palpebra (up to 400 million times in a lifetime) keeps this protective fluid across the cornea and sclera maintaining a moist condition and delivering an anti-bacterial rinse. The cornea itself (the clear anterior portion of the sclera lying in front of the iris) is the only tissue in the body that is without a circulatory connection. The bad news is that means it is cut off from the immune system. The good news is that the cornea can be transplanted into another individual without the risk of an auto-immune rejection of "foreign" tissue.

Tears and **aqueous humor** are continually secreted and drained from the front of the eye, while **vitreous humor** is formed in the embryo and is maintained for life. **Tears** are produced by the **lacrimal glands** located at



the upper outside (temporal) region of the eye orbit. Other sources of **tears** are the **unicellular (goblet) glands** of the conjunctiva and the **tarsal glands** of the lids.

The **aqueous humor** is secreted by the cells of the ciliary processes and filtered through the canal of Schlemm, located at the lower nose-side of the eye fissure. This is where fluid and debris build up referred to as the "Sandman's" doing. Fluid from the canal drains into nearby veins. Obstruction of this drainage is one cause for an increase in intraocular pressure (IOP) which can lead to very painful symptoms, retina damage and even blindness. **Tears** also function as a vehicle for removing epithelial debris and microorganisms from the corneal surface and undersurface of the eyelids into the nasal cavity via the **lacrimal apparatus**. This helps explain, anatomically, why we often need to blow our nose after a good cry.



Tears are routinely drained through the **lacrimal puncta** into the **lacrimal sac**, into the **nasolacrimal duct** which drains into the **inferior meatus of the nasal cavity**.

The miracle of **vision** is a result of ingeniously placed **photosensitive cells** that relay electrical potentials through specialized transition cells along the (Optic nerve/CNII) on to the back of the brain (Occipital region) for interpretation. The images captured for delivery to the brain for recognition and response are made possible by the coordination of **extraocular muscles** providing for the spanning our field of vision, and **intrinsic muscles** constricting and dilating the iris and shaping the lens. All this innervated by no fewer than three different, additional, yet interacting Cranial Nerves: (oculomotor/CNIII, trochlear/CNIV, and abducens/ CNVI). Opening and closing the eyelids (including blinking) is facilitated by the Trigeminal/CN V and Facial/CNVII, Cranial Nerves.

It's interesting that these **photosensitive cells** (120 million **rod cells** (mostly for black and white) and 7 million **cone cells** (mostly for color)) are oriented *away* from the incoming light. In fact, the image is produced by being projected and captured right to left, upside down, and as just noted, backwards. Night vision in other animals is enhanced by having a greater proportion of reflective tissue within the eyeball. This accounts for the "glare" in an animal's eyes when we encounter them staring into our headlights. The human eye can distinguish over a million different tones of color.

As discussed in some detail in the next **Our Amazing Bodies** installment, if any of the above listed "parts" of the eyeball were not present, **vision** would not be present. That is, all of these various types of cells/tissues need to be present from the start – or **vision** will not happen. Take away any of the functioning components, and **sight/vision** is impossible. "Natural selection" cannot account for this phenomenon. The **Thalamus** of the brain functions as a *visual relay center*, informing multiple memory centers of the incoming light stimulus. The superior colliculi of the brain are *visual reflex centers*, making possible rapid head and body movements in response to a visual threat.

Next time: Intelligent Design vs. Darwinism – Vision as an example.
Dr. John aka Doc Martin

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Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Snook (*Centropomus undecimalis*) Other names: linesiders, robalo, sergeant fish / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: to 7 years / Length: 12-40 in. (30-101 cm) / Weight: 2-25 lb (.90-11.3 kg); Florida record: 44 lb 3 oz, IGFA: 53 lb 10 oz / Spawns: in the inshore waters / Found: In all inshore and near shore waters of Southwest Florida.

A magnificent game fish, the snook is not only exciting to catch, but also beautiful in design. It has a long, thin body with a distinctive black stripe running along the lateral line the length of its body. This solitary line gives it the nicknames: sergeant fish and linesider. Its lower jaw has a clear underbite, allowing the snook to feed on surface minnows and lures.



In the late spring and summer, the large female snook moves into the passes to spawn. Some of these fish top 40 pounds and are all but impossible to land in the tangled root system of the tidal creeks. When hooked, the snook is just about as frenetic as the tarpon. It jumps, twists, and dives, but it is most famous for heading straight toward the oyster-covered roots of the mangroves, which can cut fishing line faster than a razor blade.

The snook ranges from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to North Carolina. A good time to spot a large snook is during a strong winter cold front. It is a tropical species and cannot tolerate cold water. When the water temperature drops below 56 degrees Fahrenheit, snook begin to expire. Severe cold snaps have been known to kill thousands of snook locally. During these cold snaps the snook seeks shelter in the warmer canal systems and under boats and docks in marinas, where it lies dormant. Before it became a game fish, islanders used to scoop snook up with large nets for dinner.

The snook is predominantly an inshore fish, although very large specimens have been caught on the nearshore reefs located in less than 40 feet of water. It feeds on threadfin herrings, scaled sardines, pinfish, grunts, shrimp, and crabs. It readily takes surface lures such as Zara Spook® and slow-sinking MirrOlure®, as well as silver and gold spoons. There is possibly no more exciting strike than a 20-pound snook inhaling a surface lure on a calm summer evening in the back bay.

Bottlenose dolphins, sharks, and cobia prey upon the snook. Immature snook are taken by ospreys, herons, and egrets. Because of declining stocks of this much-desired game fish, strict regulations govern its harvesting, including a special snook stamp. Before targeting this exciting game fish, check for the latest updates at www.myfwc.com/RULESANDREGS/SaltwaterRules.

Charles Sobczak is a writer & photographer from Sanibel Island



Fishing the 10,000 Islands

With Captain Mike Merritt

Snook season is here! September marks the opening of Snook season and the Snook are done spawning. The big females have deposited all those eggs and they are hungry! Fishing has remained solid for the Snook all summer and September should produce some great action. I like to use top water early in the morning then switching to a jig as it heats up. Live bait will work anytime.

The key to a successful day is moving water. Good tides are the key to a good bite. Fishing the outside islands will produce the best action but there are some good fish in the back country this time of year. Water temperatures in the backcountry can get too hot for the fish. You also have to deal with fresh water flowing from the rains and these factors can determine what area the fish will feed in. Backcountry fishing can be more productive with artificial lures than live bait.



The great thing about fishing in the islands this time of year is the Redfish bite. Schools of Reds have moved in and you can catch the Reds while Snook fishing. These fish will eat any bait they see this time of year. Of course, there are certain methods that will produce better. The best thing to remember is the Reds have a keen sense of smell so scented baits or live, and even cut bait on the bottom will work. You never know when you will come across a huge school of feeding fish and they can be highly visible sometimes.

A lot of guys like to use the Cajun Thunder popping corks to draw the fish up. This can work great and it can also help you stay just off the bottom. There are some Seatrout biting on the grass flats too. Tarpon are coming back by us so you will see them this month too. Of course, if you fish offshore the Grouper, Snapper, Permit and Cobia are all available to catch this month. Fall fishing is always good! So, get a plan together and enjoy some great fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt



Fishing Regulations Snapshot Southwest Gulf Coast*

-  **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, 4/day/license. 1 over 20" permitted per day/vessel
 - **Snook:** Season opens Sept. 1. 28" to 33" slot, 1/day. Permit + saltwater license required.
- *Please refer to the official regulations for your guidance at: <http://myfwc.com/media/4219696/QuickChart.pdf>



Local & Area News

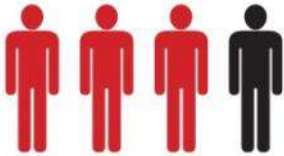
Chokoloskee Bridge Project Progressing



The Chokoloskee bridge project is progressing. The first concrete pour has been completed and the bridge is starting to take shape. The project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2018.

CDC Recommends Hepatitis C Screening for “Boomers”

More than 75 percent of American adults with hepatitis C are baby boomers



The Center's for Disease Control has issued a recommendation for Hepatitis C virus screenings for people born between 1945 and 1965. Hepatitis C is a viral infection that affects the liver, and can become a chronic condition for a percentage of those affected. There are

effective treatments for the disease.

Hepatitis C Virus is not transmitted by casual contact. This is not a disease that can be transmitted by kissing or touching someone with the disease. Prior to 1992 before all blood was screened for Hepatitis C and HIV, it is possible that many came into contact with the virus during surgery where blood products were needed.

There are other ways you can or could have come into contact with the virus:

- Currently injecting drugs, ever injected drugs, including those who injected once or a few times many years ago
- Have certain medical conditions, including persons:
 - who received clotting factor concentrates produced before 1987
 - who were ever on long-term hemodialysis
 - with persistently abnormal alanine aminotransferase levels (ALT)
 - who have HIV infection

Were prior recipients of transfusions or organ transplants, including persons who:

- were notified that they received blood from a donor who later tested positive for HCV infection
- received a transfusion of blood, blood components, or an organ transplant before July 1992

Casual contact from a person like a food server or flight attendant will not expose you to Hepatitis C. Personal contact with body-fluid transfer (blood) or sexual contact can expose you to the virus. Symptoms at onset mirror flu-type symptoms. Many do not know they have the disease. To find out more information, visit the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/guidelinesc.htm>

Park News

Dry Tortugas and Everglades National Parks Awarded Funding for Maintenance Projects

Last month, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced that the National Park Service is teaming up with park partners across the nation to distribute more than \$50 million in support of high priority maintenance and infrastructure projects at 42 parks in 29 states, including \$237,637 for Dry Tortugas National Park, and \$720,000 for Everglades National Park.

Congress provided \$20 million for the projects as part of its Centennial Challenge program which encourages national parks to work with philanthropic partners to generate matching contributions. The program will raise at least \$33 million from more than 50 park partners to improve trails, restore buildings, and increase visitor access to parks across the nation.

“Our national parks attract more than 330 million visitors every year. This puts an incredible stress on the aging infrastructure at our parks and thanks to Centennial Challenge Grants and the generosity of public-private partners, we are able to distribute funds to rebuild our parks,” said Secretary Zinke. “Using public-private partnerships to help address the deferred maintenance backlog remains a priority for the Department and this Administration. Park infrastructure includes trails, signage, restrooms, lodges, roads, bridges and water lines. These funds will help us continue to provide a world-class experience to visitors and ensure that these amazing places are around for future generations.”

At Everglades National Park, the matching funds will be used to help remodel the interior of the historic Flamingo restaurant into a visitor center and meeting space named for Guy Bradley, a game warden who was killed protecting wading bird rookeries in Florida Bay in 1905. The Flamingo restaurant has been closed since 2005 due to damage cause by both hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. As a result of this support, work on the Guy Bradley Visitor Center should be completed at about the same time new lodging and a new restaurant are planned in Flamingo.

For a complete list of centennial challenge projects and partners please visit <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial/nps-centennial-challenge-projects.htm>

Help Sea Turtle Hatchlings Home by Leaving Them Alone

From now through the end of October, sea turtle hatchlings are breaking out of their eggs, digging out of nests and making their way across beaches to begin their lives in the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico. They usually emerge from their nests at night.

“Sea turtle hatchlings are biologically programmed to look for the brightest horizon and walk toward the water,” said Trindell. “Any interference or disturbance by people, such as getting too close or taking flash photos, increases the chances the hatchlings will get confused, go in the wrong direction and not reach the ocean quickly. That makes them vulnerable to dehydration, exhaustion and predators. Remember, you need a special permit from the FWC to interact with sea turtle hatchlings. Beachgoers should never handle or interact with hatchlings on their own.”

Important things that people can do to help sea turtle hatchlings survive:

- Do not try to help hatchlings crawling toward the water.
- Leave hatchlings undisturbed and watch them from a distance.
- Remove chairs, canopies and boats and other obstacles from the beach at night, and fill up holes in the sand so hatchlings can make their way unobstructed to the water.
- Refrain from taking flash photos of hatchlings, whether with a cellphone or camera. Do not shine flashlights on hatchlings or their nests.
- Minimize artificial lighting on the beach at night, or at least keep lights shielded.
- Report any hatchlings that are stranded, wandering in a road or parking lot, heading away from the water or dead to the FWC's 24-hour Wildlife Alert Hotline, **888-404-FWCC (3922)**.



EATERIES & 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; Thurs-Sunday

City Seafood (695-4700):

9:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily
Supper Upstairs is Closed
Until Next Season

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):

6:00 am - 4:00 pm Mon-Thurs
6:00 am–8:00 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun

Havana Café (695-2214):

Closed for Summer

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

**NEW! Right Choice Pizza (695-0102)
Local Delivery!**

11 am to 9 pm Wed - Sat, 3 pm. - 8 pm Sun

Rod & Gun (695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092):

Closed until Further Notice

Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)

Closed for the Summer

Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):

Closed for Summer
See you in October!

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):

9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily

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

Closed for Summer

Fresh Produce

Next to Post Office– Closed for Summer

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

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

Closed Until December 3, 2017

St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples

Phone: 239-417-2084

San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

Phone: 239-394-5181

EVERGLADES CITY TIDES

LAT: 25.87° N LONG: 81.37°W

Check: www.weather.gov for conditions

8/26	Sat	1:16 AM	0.4	L
8/26	Sat	6:14 AM	2.8	H
8/26	Sat	1:41 PM	0.4	L
8/26	Sat	6:48 PM	2.6	H
8/27	Sun	1:55 AM	0.6	L
8/27	Sun	6:59 AM	2.7	H
8/27	Sun	2:37 PM	0.4	L
8/27	Sun	7:48 PM	2.4	H
8/28	Mon	2:40 AM	0.8	L
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Obituary

George G. Hartman

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George Hartman, 91, Winter resident of ORA in Chokoloskee since 2000, passed away at their Mio, Michigan home on August 13th. His wife, Beverly Hartman, preceded him in death in August 2008. The funeral was held at Lashley Funeral Home-at Big Creek township Cemetery, with Military Honors, on August 16th. Our Condolences to son Tim (Diane) Hartman and family.

Python Hunters Making Progress

Over the past 5 months, Florida snake hunters have caught and killed 500 invasive Burmese pythons, according to a recent report from the South Florida Water Management District.

"The speed with which hunters are finding and eliminating these destructive snakes showcases not only their dedication to the effort, but also the enormity of this invasive predator problem in the Everglades," said governing board chairman Dan O'Keefe in a statement. "Every one of these 500 snakes killed helps ensure the lives of hundreds of native species essential to the Everglades ecosystem."

The state's first ever "snake hunters for hire" program was launched back in March, and has attracted quite a bit of attention. Last month, celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay joined a hunt and caught, cooked and ate three large snakes for his show The F-Word.



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Non-Denominational

101 South Copeland Avenue

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(239) 695-4787

The Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace, Pastor

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Sunday School October – April, 9:45 A.M.

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FOR SALE: 2001 Cobia CC 194 Boat. 115 Yamaha 2-stroke, low hrs., well maintained. New 2015 Continental alum trailer tandem, never used boat cover, accessories. See at ORA lot 214. Call: 239-695-2160, inquire at Lot 205.

HELP WANTED: Full time cook. Joanie's Blue Crab Café. Please call Joanie: 239-695-2682.

EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER: Providing companionship, shopping & errands, light housekeeping, dog or cat sitting. Home checks & hurricane prep. References. Call Chris: 954-589-7220.

REDUCED! 2 stilt houses EC: NOW \$239,900 for 408 Buckner; NOW 339,900 for 309 S. Storter. GREAT shape! Call Steve 910-599-2698. Available dock.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR LEASE: Deep water commercial dock and lot on Barron River at 909 DuPont St. in Everglades City. Perfect for business, commercial fishing or restaurant with chickee bar and tourist gift shop attraction, \$1000 / month. Contact: Rancho T Properties LLC, (727) 480-1640.

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.

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