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June 1 is the Start of Hurricane Season Make Preparations Early

June marks the beginning of the dreaded hurricane season and none of us in SW Florida need a reminder about what that can mean...we are just now recovering from the wallop we received last year!

Last year's experience taught us some things we can carry into this year and beyond, and now is a good time to put that knowledge into action.

Less is more. Getting rid of clutter in the "flood plain" is a good idea. If it cannot get wet, move it to a place where it shouldn't get wet. If you really do not need it sell it or give it away.

Shutters & tie-downs. Everything needs a secure location. Make sure you have a way to cover your windows, doors and vulnerable areas. Also, a method of securing outdoor items is a must. Remember all of the boats that floated around? It is essential to secure them so they cannot move freely in the event of a storm with a flood.

Batteries & lights. We lost power for 2 weeks. Batteries are critical to keep things going. Another great item to have are the small LED lights and candles. They last a long time and keep things illuminated.

Solar lighting. Outdoor solar lights can be brought inside. Having a few is a great way to keep something renewable if an emergency happens that knocks out your electric.

Water. When the electric is out, so is our water. Make sure you have some on hand.

Hope. Hope is not a strategy but we sure hope it does not happen again this year!

Note: June 1 through 7 are tax-free days for hurricane preparedness items! Go to: www.floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep for qualifying item details!

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Wildfires Bring Smoke to Area Rain in Forecast May Help

So far, May has been a very active month for wildfires. On some days the wind has brought in the smoke making visibility lower and making the outdoors less enjoyable.

If you have breathing conditions, the smoke can become a health hazard. Some domestic animals are also affected, so please keep an eye on them to see if the smoky conditions are making them sick too.

The haze you see is caused by particles and particulate that's burning from the trees and organic matter in the Everglades fires. Experts say wildfire smoke hangs in the air and can get into our lungs, and our nasal cavity and cause problems.

The falling flecks of ash get lodged in our eyes and nose and cause irritating symptoms like itchy eyes, sore throat, headaches — even a little nausea. But it's the fine particles— particles, those that are 2.5 microns or less in diameter — that are the biggest health hazard, according to experts.

It is these really small particles, smaller than a few microns, that cause the most respiratory symptoms. They can even pass into your bloodstream.

For most people, the risk of any serious complications, like chest pain, irregular heartbeat or even a heart attack, is minimal. But for people who have underlying heart conditions or respiratory illnesses, such as asthma or chronic lung disease, exposure to wildfire smoke can be serious. Other high-risk groups include people over 65, children (whose lungs are still developing) and pregnant women, because of the risk to the fetus.

The best way for everyone to minimize the risk when skies are smoky is to stay inside as much as possible.

Close all windows and doors to minimize the amount of smoke that gets into your home. Keep the air-conditioning on. When you are in your vehicle, use the recirculating setting so you are not bringing outside air into the vehicle.

Also, do not be tempted to go near a wildfire to observe it. Winds can shift suddenly and change the movement of a fire rapidly putting you in harms way. Stay a safe distance at all times.

With May & June rains coming, we expect some relief. Until then, stay safe!

High Number of Manatees Perish Due to Red-Tide in Lee County

There have been 40 manatee deaths caused by the red tide in 2018, 35 of them have been in Lee county, the other 5 deaths occurred in northern Collier County.

The tide, caused by the algae *Karena brevis* (see April 21 issue of the Mullet Rapper), can be a health hazard to humans and sea life. Manatee can develop respiratory problems that can lead to death. They may also consume food that has been contaminated with the algae.

Some experts believe that the extra run-off from the rains and flooding from Hurricane Irma have actually "fed" the tide with a nutrient load keeping it lingering off of Lee and Collier Counties.

In 2006, over 100 manatee died due to adverse affects from red tide.

There is no way to accurately predict how long the red-tide will be around, but there is some positive news. The most recent round of testing shows the tide numbers are actually getting better, so scientists hope this is a sign that the tide is starting to ease up.

If you see a sick or injured manatee, call the FWC hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Everglades City School Graduation is May 25th!



Graduation for Everglades City School's eleven graduating seniors is on May 25th. The ceremony will be held at 7 pm in the newly renovated Gym.

Principal Ragusa encourages everyone to attend the ceremony to show their support for this year's graduating class that endured a difficult year...interrupted by the Hurricane and resulting damage to the school.

Today, the effects are hardly noticeable at the campus.. The grounds are back to normal and the Gym looks fantastic and is 100% ready for the big celebration.

If you will be attending the graduation, please arrive approximately 15 minutes early so you may get to your seat before the ceremony begins.

We hope to see you there to show your support for our graduating seniors. Look for a Graduation Celebration in the next Rapper!

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

MAY 20, 2018 – JUNE 23, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
20	21	22 Reach Out Mtg, 4 pm Dental Bus, see p. 3	23 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	24	25 Graduation! See p. 5	26
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17 Father's Day	18	19	20 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	21	22	23

June 30: Independence Day Celebration

July 4: Independence Day (National)

September 29: Blessing of the Fleet

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm
 COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: See p. 3
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: Meetings suspended for summer.
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer.
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice
 SMALLWOOD STORE: 10 am to 5 pm
 THRIFT SHOP: Reopened on March 24, 11 am to 3, see p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 17TH

Special days are not just for moms! Father's day is coming up so don't forget to plan something special for your dad!

According to some accounts, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Washington state on June 19, 1910. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd came up with the idea of honoring and celebrating her father while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at church in 1909.

Dads all across the US should thank Sonora Smart Dodd while getting pampered on June 17th! She was a woman ahead of her time!

BE A PART OF THE ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

The planning has already started for the annual Independence Day Celebration in Everglades City that will take place on Saturday, June 30th.



The parade will not be complete without your participation so please plan on decorating your golf cart, swamp buggy or whatever you can think of to join in on the fun.

Donations are appreciated and help fund the day's event that includes the amazing fireworks, the parade, and celebration at McLeod Park that features contests for kids and a raffle!

To contribute to the celebration, please send a check to: Everglades City Fireworks Fund, PO Box 110, Everglades City FL 34139. For more info, call Dottie at 239-695-3781. Thank you for your participation!

"Seven Model T's, One Elcar, and a Truck – Trailblazing the Tamiami Trail" Exhibit Museum of the Everglades Now through May 31, 2018

"Seven Model T's, One Elcar, and a Truck – Trailblazing the Tamiami Trail" tells the story of a group of men who drove across the Everglades in their automobiles back in 1923 - before there was a road.

Conceived as a publicity stunt to draw public support for the construction of the Tamiami Trail, this group of businessmen and entrepreneurs not only succeeded in reaching their intended goal, but ultimately convinced Barron Collier to finance the building of this highway across the state. The exhibit features a collection of images and artifacts that bring this fascinating chapter of South Florida history to life. The Museum of the Everglades is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm.

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE & DIABETES SCREENINGS, PLUS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL AGES

May 22nd, 9 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus is scheduled to be in Everglades City on May 22nd from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental, diabetes, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information. For more information or an appt: call 239-986-7323.

Clyde Butcher "America the Beautiful" May 25th through August 15th

Enjoy the amazing photography of black & white nature photographer, Clyde Butcher of the most beautiful National Parks in the United States. These iconic photos have been on museum display for 10 years and have now returned to their "home". For more information and the location of this gallery show, please see the article on page 10.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN! Wednesdays noon to 2pm

Everglades Community Pantry, a proud partner agency of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, is open every Wednesday from noon to 2 in Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino is seeing patients in his Marco Island Office. You may call his office to schedule an appointment to see him there: (239) 642-5552.

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NEW THRIFT SHOP

The new thrift shop is open! Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Come see the new store! Please do not leave donations on the porch outside where they can get wet or damaged! Please do not drop off damaged items.



HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY "AUNT BEA" ROGERS!

Best wishes to "Aunt Bea" Rogers who turns 99 on May 31 this year.

She was born in 1919 at Punta Rassa (the port at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee) and then moved to Chokoloskee. She married Walter Brown in 1934.



For a time, she worked as a secretary in Everglades City School. Of her six children, only three are now living but there are numerous "grands" to help her celebrate this wonderful milestone.

Phoenix Awards Ceremony to Recognize Responders Who Successfully Resuscitated Patients from Cardiac Arrest Wednesday, May 23, 9 a.m.

Collier County Emergency Medical Services Department (EMS) will hold a Phoenix Awards Ceremony for emergency response personnel at 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 23, at the Emergency Services Center, 8075 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, Florida 34113.

The Phoenix was a mythological bird who died and rose renewed from its own ashes. Collier County EMS has adopted the PHOENIX AWARD, to recognize persons from Collier County EMS, the Collier County Sheriff's Office, and all fire districts within the county who responded to and contributed to the successful resuscitation of a victim of cardiac arrest. These patients were clinically dead, with no heartbeat or breathing, and brought back to life through the highly trained efforts of these responders.

More than 170 emergency response personnel will be receiving an award for the 25 patients resuscitated over a six-month period. While only five out of 100 people in most large cities survive a cardiac arrest, Collier County far exceeds the national average.

Collier County EMS encourages members of the public to partner with civic and other community groups to learn CPR and basic first aid to provide a support structure to assist the skilled responders of the County to save even more people.

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Our Amazing Bodies

By Dr. John Martin
Hearing and Balance

Frequently, people comment that they just don't think that they are wired to "multi- task". That is, to do more than one thing at a time, and have to think about each of the tasks without mixing them up or doing one task as desired, but doing the other one (or more) not so well. Well, guess what. Did you know that we all are "multi-tasking" all the time? Your eighth Cranial Nerve (CN VIII) does that for you.

The eighth (8th) Cranial Nerve (aka Vestibulocochlear) is the hearing (aka auditory or cochlear) and balance (aka vestibular or equilibrium) nerve. Cranial Nerves are, by definition, nerves that branch off the brain stem while still in the cranium (skull) and then exit through a variety of special holes or windows in the bottom of the skull. Many of them serve the special senses. CN VIII is for hearing. And balance.

The anatomy of the ear as an organ of hearing includes the external or outer ear, the middle ear, and the inner ear. The external ear includes the auricle, the part that we usually see and refer to as the "ear" (that acts as a collector of sound energy), and the external auditory meatus or canal (a narrow passageway conducting sound energy to the "eardrum", the tympanic membrane). This membrane converts sound energy into mechanical energy by resonating in response to incoming sound waves.

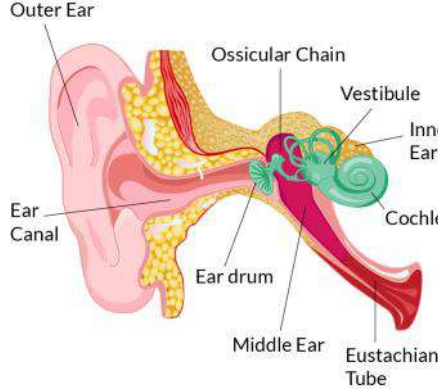
The middle ear contains three small bones that are shaped and connected together in such a way to help in amplifying the mechanical waves on their way to becoming electrical impulses our brains then interpret. This middle ear area is supposed to remain water tight but is most frequently the site of an "ear ache" (Otitis media/a bacterial infection of the middle ear). The middle ear connects to the nasopharynx via the "Eustachian tube" or auditory tube. This provides for the equalization when necessary of pressure between the middle ear and the ambient outside pressure.

The inner ear, housed within the temporal bone of the skull contains, in addition to multiple boney-walled interconnecting chambers, the semi-circular canals for balance, and the cochlea for hearing. Within the coiled cochlea are fluids and membranes with varying heights and sensitivities of hair cells and supporting cells that convert the mechanical sound waves into electrical energy. These impulses are then relayed to the brain via CN VIII.

The semi-circular canals are oriented in such a way (one vertical, one posterior, and one lateral – 90 degrees to one another) to be able to detect movement in three dimensions when the head rotates, tilts, or accelerates/decelerates in various directions. Electrochemical impulses generated in these structures with their own brand of fluids and sensitive membranes are transmitted along another portion of CN VIII back to the brain and here interact with the cerebrum of the posterior brain for interpretation.

While it is well known that many animals have much keener hearing than we humans, detecting sound waves much higher and/or lower than our audible range, no other specie has produced a poem, speech, ballad, or symphony for the sheer enjoyment of listening. To watch our young (recreational as well as Olympian) athletes or witness the first steps of our own newborns - just a hint of developing a future dance, soccer field or basketball court maneuver, snowboard or gymnastic feat or perhaps high wire act – is surely an amazing experience. And we can do both, at the same time, without even thinking about it.

Next time, Taste and Olfactory Senses.
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A Message from Principal Ragusa
Gators on the Go



Our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 participated in an excellent program this year under the direction of Mrs. Melissa Owen. Mrs. Owen sponsored the 95210 Kids on the Go Club to encourage students to be active and healthy. The club has flourished under her direction with students walking and running at lunch weekly. Students tracked their own progress and it was amazing to see how the students were excited to reach the goals they set for increasing their activity. We are blessed to have Mrs. Owen as our media specialist and she also has a number of other assignments that make a tremendous difference for our students. Thank you Mrs. Owen for all you do!

The program celebrated the achievement of students from all over Collier County on May 8th at Golden Gate High School. Students from each school completed one last mile for the year and two of our Gators received special recognition for their determination, enthusiasm, and commitment to exercise each week. Third grade student, Jalen Mayberry-Escubi, was selected along with Fourth grade student Dionisio Ramos Valle for their individual excellence. Both received a trophy for this accomplishment. Congratulations to our students and Mrs. Owen for their great accomplishment! Graduation for the Class of 2018 will be held on Friday May 25th at 7pm in the gym. We would love to have as many members of our community with us to celebrate this accomplishment as these students have truly faced a challenging year with grace and class. We hope you can join us for this special day.

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!

School Schedule:

- May 25.....Early Dismissal
- May 25.....Graduation, 7:00 pm, School Gym
- May 28.....Memorial Day, No School
- May 30 & 31.....Early Dismissal
- May 31.....Last Day of School

For school info, visit <http://www.collierschools.com/EVG>

Mullet Rapper Donations to Date

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Thank you to everyone who buys the Mullet Rapper every two weeks. Remember, the Mullet Rapper donates 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the print edition of the paper to the Everglades City School Athletic Department! When you see the coin receptacle, please put your quarter (or more) into the slot!

Every time you buy the paper you are helping students achieve their goals. Athletic accomplishments help students receive grants and scholarships and being involved in sports is also shown to help keep students more focused and on track with their studies!

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Kids on the Go Program Keeps Students Fit & Focused

The 95210 Kids on the Go program is a collaborative effort between the Collier school district, the NCH Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition and several key sponsors, such as the University of Florida IFAS Extension. The goal is to keep kids active and to help prevent childhood obesity.

The program, which was established in 2012, continues today across the 15 participating Collier schools. Everglades City School led by Principal James Ragusa, is one of those schools.

After all their hard work put in by the kids, educators gave out medals to each child. Golden sneaker awards were given to a boy and girl from each school, who showed leadership and dedication the past 13 weeks. Shown below left, Jalen Mayberry-Escubi and right, Dionisio Ramos from Everglades City School receive their Golden Sneaker awards!

It takes a combined effort to steer our children towards a healthier lifestyle. The healthy choices start at home and must be supported during school hours as well. Together it is a powerful message and the children are responding.

Children work on endurance by running and learn how to make better food and beverage choices. Seeing other schools children and their peers makes kids far more receptive to the program.

We are proud of our Everglades City School Elementary class for participating this year! Great job to all of the students!



Below, kids from schools across the county participate in the 95210 Kids on the Go Program.



The Next Edition of the Mullet Rapper Will Feature the Graduating Class of 2018!

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What? Panty Hose Caused a Riot?
(From National Day Calendar)

National Nylon Stocking Day is observed across the country each year on May 15.

Stockings first started appearing after the invention of the knitting machine in 1589 by Rev William Lee. In the early days they were known as hose and **worn mainly by men.**

Stockings worn before the 1890s were made of woven cloth such as cotton, linen, wool or silk.

As hemlines of women's dresses rose in the 1920s, women began to wear stockings over their exposed legs. These 1920s stockings were sheer, made first of silk or rayon, followed by nylon after 1940.

Chemical company DuPont's introduction of nylon in 1939 began a high demand for stockings in the United States.

As nylon stockings were inexpensive, durable and sheer, up to 4 million pairs would be purchased each day.

On February 11, 1942, as America entered World War II, DuPont ceased production of nylon stockings and switching their focus to the manufacture of parachutes, airplane cords and rope.

WW II created a mass shortage followed by a black market for stockings. Nylon stockings became increasingly popular on the black market, and sold for up to \$20 per pair.

During times of wartime shortage, women would sometimes draw a black line up the back of their bare legs to simulate the seam effect of a stocking.

At the end of World War II, DuPont resumed production of the stockings but could not meet the demand leading to "nylon riots" in American stores.

The riots occurred between August 1945 and March 1946, when the War Production Board announced that the creation of Du Pont's nylon would shift its manufacturing from wartime material to nylon stockings, at the same time launching a promotional campaign. In one of the worst disturbances, in Pittsburgh, 40,000 women queued up for 13,000 pairs of stockings, leading to fights breaking out.




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Solution to May 5, 2018 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock
Ode to Tanker

Sometimes "my little slice" doesn't feel much like paradise. When I awoke today, the sun was shining, and the birds were chirping but there was a light missing in my home.

I am a "dog mom". Never having "human" kids of my own, dogs are the "other" beings that share my life, our lives.

Tim & I have raised 3 generations of dogs together. Our first, TK was our college pup. He was super smart, high energy and very protective. We were inexperienced dog parents but didn't know it at the time.

Our next generation was Maxx...and then came Annie (as a stray). This duo filled our home with laughter and love. Maxx passed at 14 when Annie was 11. That is when Tanker came into the picture.

Tanker was an imposing dog. A Husky. A strapping 85 pound, blue-eyed beauty. He scared me in the beginning. We took him in when he was 5 years old. I was worried about Annie with Tank around, but soon I found out he was fine with her, me and everyone else. He liked all people but did not want to be harassed by small kids. That was no problem for us, so we became a family.

Every dog is different and that was true of my Tanker. He commanded the room. He was animated. He had an amazing personality. He was fun, loving, and loyal. He looked "wolfie" but had zero guard dog in him. He protected us by looking the part. I used to joke that he looked like "Tarzan" but protected like "Jane".

Before we adopted Tanker, he had some health issues and I was always worried about what this would mean for his longevity. You see, for us, dogs lives are simply way too short. They come into your life, take a piece of your heart, and then exit the earth with that piece.

In June of 2017 we learned that Tanker had three large tumors in his chest. We were devastated. We did not know if this meant that he had one month or more. Fortunately we had 11 more months together, and but for the last 2 weeks, they were all pretty great.

They were great because of Tanker. He made the day a bit brighter, and the laughter a bit louder. He sang! He would croon to songs with certain sounds. Steve Miller's "The Joker" was "his song". I don't know what will happen to me when that song comes on the radio now, but for the last 8 years it made me smile, laugh and reach for the camera!

Tank loved a routine (as most dogs do). He kept us on schedule. He graciously accepted his "brother" Butchie when my dad passed away and we had to take him in. We'd say they tolerated each other. When Butch first showed up, Tank was upset, refused to play with his toys and messed in the house for 3 days. Then that passed, he accepted him, and life returned to "normal". The new normal.

On May 7th at 11:00 am our beloved Tanker went to the "bridge" to wait for us. He is joined there by Rex, Snoopy, Tiger, TK, Angel, Maxx and Annie. The house feels so empty. The light in my home feels a bit dimmer. My heart is so heavy and feels broken in two. My beautiful blue-eyed boy is gone. Life will never be the same.

My life, our lives, were better because Tanker was in it. Now we move on heavy-hearted. Soon the sadness will lift, and we will be able to reflect on our days with him with a smile. Today, I have tears.

We found a beautiful statue that reminded us of him and brought it home. It will sit on our front porch as a reminder of him, where we sat with him watching the sunset together.

Good-bye to my beautiful boy. We will see you again for treats and our walk. **RIP Tanker.**

Recipes for Good Eating
By Kathy Brock
Fresh Fruit Angel Food Cake Delight

Ingredients:

- 3 cups sliced fresh fruit
- 16 ounces vanilla yogurt
- Zest of one lemon
- 1 angel food cake
- 1 5-quart glass bowl (must be deep)

Directions:

Mix the sliced fresh fruit with the lemon zest and set aside. Reserve 1/2 cup of the fruit. Cut the angel food cake into small squares. Layer the ingredients as follows: Put the cake on the bottom of the dish, top it with slices of fruit and then top with yogurt. Repeat until all ingredients are used up. Top with the remaining fresh fruit and serve cold. This is best with juicy fruits like sliced peaches, strawberries or pineapple. You can also use a mixture of fruits to your own taste...like strawberries and a few blueberries for Independence Day! Enjoy this easy, tasty desert!

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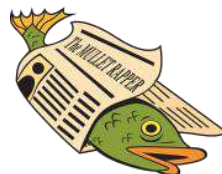
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Poetry Street
By Katherine Tullie



Music can be a healing force for us all. In our hectic days music can lift us and heal us. That is the inspiration for my poem "Musical Energy."

Musical Energy

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Moving Around In Every
Corner Of The World Of Ours
With A Healing Force
Pulsating Each And Every Hour
For Positive And Uplifting Music
Is A Healing Force
It May Help Our Ship Move
On A Different Course
Floating On Waters Of The Unknown
Songs Singing With Variety In Its Tone
Hear The Angels Singing Of
Happiness And Joy Up Above
They Are Also Trying To Bring Back Love
For Love Is An Answer
Singing In The Clouds Above
Cascading Downward
To Us To Bring Back Love
The Positive Musical Energy
We May Hear Everyday
Will Strike Up The Band Of Life
In Our Lives In A Special Way!



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Water Disappearing in Corkscrew Swamp Researchers Say
Excerpts from Naples Daily News Online

It started right around 2000. Nothing had much changed before then. Even through all the decades of new houses, even as canals were sloppily dug and roads hastily built by high-pressure property salesmen, even as agriculture grew and wetlands were steadily paved over, nothing seemed to greatly change the water levels in the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.



But in 2000 and 2001, the water began disappearing, researchers Shawn Clem and Mike Duever found. Over the past 18 years, the swamp has been getting the same amount of rainfall as it always has. It fills to its capacity during the wet months.

But as soon as the rains stop during the dry season, the standing water and ponds that should be receding slowly are instead sucked away rapidly. In most recent years, the swamp has been completely dry for months.

Researchers at Corkscrew now are racing to find out what is causing the water loss, and what the dry spells mean for the future of the wildlife, environment and aquifers there, and in Collier County as a whole.

"If it's happening here, it's not the only place it's happening," Duever said. "And I think when you look at the fires we've had, even with the amount of rain we've been getting, it could be more widespread. We just have the data here to show it."

Part of what makes the Corkscrew sanctuary valuable to researchers is that Audubon has been tracking daily water levels and rainfall totals there since 1957. That trove of information dates to before Immokalee Road was built, before the canals dried out the land that would become Golden Gate Estates, and before electricity and telephone lines were brought to the Corkscrew area.

The measurements are taken at the swamp's Lettuce Lake, the site of the deepest standing water and a popular stop on the Corkscrew boardwalk. There, alligators are easy to spot, and it's not far from where increasingly rare wood storks try to nest.

Duever, a biologist, led the sanctuary's research for more than 20 years, starting in the 1970s. Clem, a wetlands and aquatics ecologist, now leads the sanctuary's research team. Together they mapped out the 60 years of daily water level and rainfall data from the swamp. The numbers show there had been a stable pattern before something upset it around the turn of the 21st century.

For at least 50 years, the standing water in the Lettuce Lake would reach its peak at about 1.2 meters deep near the end of the rainy season in October. Then the water levels would slowly fall over the winter before bottoming out in June with about .2 meters of standing water. The lakes are 4.6 meters above sea level, so when there is standing water there is also groundwater in the muck and swamps under the lakes.

Starting around 2000, the lakes still filled just about every year to their peak at 1.2 meters deep. But the water levels started drastically falling in March and the lakes were completely dry by late May or early June. Historically, dry outs would happen periodically after a particularly dry season. But since 2000 and 2001, the swamp is drying out as a matter of course, Clem said. No one thing changed that year, Clem said.

"We don't know what's causing it," she said. "I don't think it's one thing. My best guess is that there are four big possibilities that stressed and stressed the system until in the late '90s it hit a breaking point."

Clem and Duever believe the water loss is due to some combination of increasing human use, with more wells and more homes demanding more water; agricultural water demand; canals that are flushing water out of the system; and changing vegetation, where drier conditions are causing the thriving of more leafy plants like willow, which hold less and lose more water, encouraging drier conditions.

The researchers are presenting their findings to other scientists and ecologists, to authorities like the South Florida Water Management District and to the public in the hope that studies can be done to find specific causes and to see whether the trend may be true outside of the boundaries of Corkscrew.

Water Management District spokesman Randy Smith said he had heard of the Corkscrew findings but declined to comment on them.

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Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

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The establishment of this 110,000 acre aquatic preserve goes back to 1965 when the Collier County Conservancy was formed. Now formally called the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, in 1978 Rookery Bay National Estuarine Preserve became self sufficient and in 2003, the preserve was expanded to its current size. Unusual in that the majority of this preserve is water (70,000 acres) while the remaining acreage is comprised of mangroves, marshes and a variety of upland habitats.

Rookery Bay itself, along with the Ten Thousand Islands, are one of Florida's most pristine estuarine environments. These estuaries are identified as shallow mixing grounds where the fresh water flowing down from the Big Cypress Preserve and the Everglades National Park meet the salt water of the Gulf of Mexico. The average depth of the entire preserve is only one meter deep. This ever changing dynamic of brackish waters, coupled with the constant nutrient loading produced by the red, black and white mangrove detritus, is considered to be one of the richest ecosystems on earth, rivaled only by coral reefs and tropical rain forests. The estuaries in and around Rookery Bay are home to scores of fish species, including the world's best juvenile habitat for the endangered goliath grouper as well as juvenile nurse, bonnethead and bull sharks to mention but a handful.

Any visit to Rookery Bay should begin with a trip to the learning center, located on Tower Road just south of Highway 41 on County Road 951. Completed in 2004, this 16,500 square foot facility is the ideal place to get a better understanding of the size of the preserve as well as the research that is being conducted there. Exhibits include a 2,300 gallon aquarium teeming with a variety of fish species found within the preserve. A short film is on hand displaying the natural beauty of the region as well as showing the research biologists at work in the backwaters. There are also numerous displays on the effects of global warming, the history of the estuary dating back to the Calusa Indians, microscope viewing and interactive exhibits. While at the learning center it is important to take a journey over the newly completed (2009) Henderson Creek pedestrian bridge. While the bridge leads to a half-mile nature walk through pine flatwoods, the view overlooking the tidal Henderson Creek is amazing. Look for black striped mullet, snook, tarpon and manatees, all of which are known to frequent this stretch of the creek.

Of course, the best way to see a preserve that is mostly made up of water is to get out on Rookery Bay itself. There are a number of guided kayak tours offered during the winter months and a sandy boat ramp is located just a few miles south of the learning center off of Shell Island Road. Once launched you can enjoy the well-marked Shell Point Canoe Trail. The trail takes you through a water maze of mangrove tunnels, mud flats, oyster beds and actual rookery islands inhabited by ibis, pelicans and other species. An excursion like this should always include a pair of polarized glasses, allowing you to see beneath the glare and into the tidal flats and oyster bars beneath you. The world just below the surface is alive with pastures of manatee, shoal and turtle grasses. Blue crabs and bottom feeding horseshoe crabs search for food while passing shoals of minnows dance across the surface.

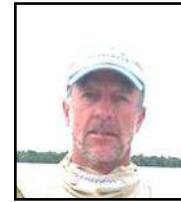
Be on the lookout for mangrove tree crabs, hermit and stone crabs as well as the dozens of various species birds that nest and live in the red mangrove forest surrounding you. These might include the elusive mangrove cuckoo, anhinga, belted kingfisher, magnificent frigatebird, osprey, roseate spoonbill and the yellow-crowned night heron. Mammals as well enjoy the estuarine environment. The most commonly seen is the bottle-nosed dolphin, followed by the manatee and the ever-present raccoons that scour the tangled mangrove forest in search of coon oysters, bird eggs and various crab species. Take a fishing pole along with you since fishing is allowed throughout the entire preserve. Remember, anglers must comply with all local, state and federal laws.

Another boaters-only access point located in the preserve is Keewaydin Island. Stretching for eight miles along the coastline, this pristine barrier island has been a popular destination for Marco Island and Naples boaters for years. Today, more than 85% of this 1,300 acre island is preserved. Working with state and federal grants, much of the non-native Australian pine, Brazilian pepper and invasive melaleuca trees have been removed from Keewaydin. There is a small primitive camping area on the island but most people simply anchor up their boats, wade ashore and enjoy Florida the way it was 1,000 years ago.

Rookery Bay has partnerships with several important groups such as the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, Greenscape Alliance and various state and national Universities. Student programs are offered throughout the year for regional middle and high schools, all of which encourage better stewardship and appreciation of the wonderful world of marine estuaries. With its state of the art interpretive center, nature as well as canoe trails, Rookery Bay is an ideal place for naturalists who don't mind getting their feet wet.

This article is an excerpt from *Living Sanibel* by Charles Sobczak. Charles is a writer and photographer that resides in Sanibel.

Photos: Kenny Krysko of University of Florida



Fishing in the 10,000 Islands

by Capt. Mike Merritt

Fishing this month should be pleasant after all the winds we put up with since March. Tarpon showed up on schedule this

month even after a good run of them in February. I am seeing a lot of fish in the passes to the north. Seems the best bite has been on the very low incoming tide before the water is moving too fast. There should also be plenty of fish along the coast and with low winds you will see rolling fish and some free jumpers. Smaller baits have been working for me but Tarpon can be either finicky or some days they will eat anything.

Snook season is closed but this month will be a good time to catch some really nice size fish. My favorite way these next 2 months is top water lures in the morning. It's hard to beat that hit on top water. Jigs will also produce on the outside islands and there should be plenty of live bait around if that's what you prefer. Moving water along the mangroves at the river mouths or the islands adjacent to them is a good place to start. Of course, the bars on all the islands that have the current running over them can hold fish too. Snook will lay out off the bank in low water so start out away from your spots first and work your way in. Just remember to be careful to release with care as they are going to be spawning this summer and we want them to be released healthy! Don't keep them out of the water too long for those pictures!

Redfish have been tough to catch with any consistency. I have been catching some nice ones with a 36" fish being the biggest in the past 3 months. Fishing with jigs has produced my best results but we have also taken fish on live shrimp and live baits will work great too! The same areas that hold Snook can hold the Reds, and the oyster bars are a good place to hunt for them. There are some good fish around but the major schools are not here yet.

Seatrout have continued to bite good for me with some of the biggest Trout I have seen in a while. Most of the fish seemed to be out off the edges of the points and some on the grass flats. I have also been catching plenty in the passes on the first 30 minutes of the incoming tide. Live Shrimp have definitely been the best way to go. Jigs worked slow have also been producing and tipping with shrimp helps.

This is the month we can typically get offshore due to lower winds. Grouper, Snapper, Cobia, and Permit can all be found this month if you venture out offshore. Fishing is heating up along with the temperatures so get in on the action! Good luck fishing, Capt. Mike Merritt

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Local News

First Responders Fish Fry A Big & Tasty Success

Many in the community turned out to thank our first responders...and enjoy a free, fresh fish dinner.

The fried fish was served with cole-slaw and love...and there were smiles all around. This annual event is a tribute to the men and women who work tirelessly to keep us safe.



Photo courtesy Lynnette Morris

We also want to recognize how much time our responders devoted during and after last year's hurricane. In the days following the storm, it was they who stepped up and donated their time and energy helping us get back on our feet...even though some of the responders suffered damage of their own.

The entire community thanks you all for dedication and professionalism. We look forward to honoring you again next year.

Donation Boxes Now Around Town for the Fireworks Fund

Help your favorite local business win the trophy for having the most donations to the Fireworks Fund. Collection boxes are around town near the cash register. Please put in your spare change and small (or large) notes.

The winner will be announced at our annual celebration on Saturday, June 30, in McLeod Park after the parade.

If you are not in the area, you can send a check to the Everglades Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

For info phone Marya at 239-695-2905.

"Good" Stone Crab Season Wraps Up

Considering the season started with a Hurricane, a "good" rating for stone crab season is a positive. According to some local crabbers, the season started strong, had a mid-point lull, and finished strong, closing on May 15th.

We are already looking forward to October 15th! Thank you to all of our crabbers for another great season!

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Park News

Bears Are Active this Time of Year In Big Cypress

As spring temperatures warm, bears are becoming more active. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds Florida residents and visitors they can take steps to reduce negative interactions with bears and other wildlife.

"Bears are starting to come out of their winter dens and they're searching for food," said Dave Telesco, who directs the FWC's Bear Management Program. "Don't give a bear a reason to hang around in your neighborhood. Remove anything that might attract a bear. If they can't find food, they'll move on."

Female bears that gave birth to cubs that weighed only 12 ounces by the end of January are beginning to move around more with their young, which may now weigh 5 to 10 pounds. As the cubs continue to grow, the family unit will roam and will likely be more visible to people.

While black bears generally are not aggressive, they have injured people in Florida. Never intentionally approach any bear. When walking dogs, keep them close to you – preferably on a non-retractable leash – and be aware of your surroundings. Dogs can trigger defensive behaviors from bears, especially females with cubs.

To keep bears away from your home and neighborhood, follow these simple tips:

- Secure household garbage in a sturdy shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.
- Put household garbage out on morning of pickup rather than the night before.
- Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters.
- Protect gardens, beehives, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
- Encourage your homeowner's association or local government to institute bylaws or ordinances to require trash be kept secure from bears.
- Feed pets indoors or bring in leftover food and dishes after feeding outdoors.
- Clean grills and store them in a secure place.
- Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant.
- Pick ripe fruit from trees and bushes and remove fallen fruit from the ground.

It is illegal in Florida to intentionally feed bears or leave out food or garbage that will attract bears and cause human-bear conflicts.

As bears increase their movements this time of year, they also increase the number of roads they cross. For the safety of yourself and bears, remember to slow down when driving, particularly on rural highways at dawn or dusk. Each year in Florida, an average of 240 Florida bears are killed after being hit by vehicles.

If you feel threatened by a bear call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Regional News

Florida Boasts 8 of the Top 15 Beaches in the World

According to Trip Advisor, if you want to go to a beach you should come to Florida.

In their annual survey of the top beaches in the world (yes...*the world*), Florida had 8 beaches make the list in the top fifteen.

This is quite a feat considering are we are up against all of the Hawaiian islands, the Caribbean and amazing spots across the globe...but Floridians already knew this! If you want sand, fun, and sun, this is clearly the place to be.

While you are here, you can find great foods, shopping and nightlife as well, so come to Florida!

Here are the Florida beaches chosen in the Trip Advisor's List of the Worlds Best Beaches:

Clearwater Beach: This beach on the northwest coast was chosen as the number 1 beach in the world!

Siesta Key Beach: Just south of Sarasota, Siesta Key ranked number 2 on the list.

South Beach: This famous beach in Miami ranked number 4 on the list.

Ft. Lauderdale Beach: Once known as the spring break capital of the world, Ft. Lauderdale is now considered the number 6 beach in the world.

St. Pete Beach: Saint Petersburg is known for it's stunning white sand and is now considered the 7th best beach in the world.

Hollywood Beach: The amazing thing about Hollywood beach is the boardwalk. This beach was preserved by the city for the people and it helped rank the beach as the 8th best in the world.

Panama City Beach: This "not so famous" beach is ranked as the 11th best in the world.

Ft. Myers Beach: Finally, a beach in the southwestern part of Florida! Ft. Myers beach ranked 14th on the list of best beaches in the world!

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Glades Haven Deli (695-2091): Deli Closed for Repairs Live bait available at marina
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5/31/18	Thu	11:29 AM	0.79	L
5/31/18	Thu	3:46 PM	2.89	H
6/1/18	Fri	12:14 AM	-0.15	L
6/1/18	Fri	5:53 AM	2.23	H
6/1/18	Fri	12:06 PM	0.83	L
6/1/18	Fri	4:19 PM	2.8	H
6/2/18	Sat	12:54 AM	-0.09	L
6/2/18	Sat	6:40 AM	2.21	H
6/2/18	Sat	12:43 PM	0.88	L
6/2/18	Sat	4:56 PM	2.68	H

Rains Mean More Mosquitoes. Be Sure Your Pets are Protected Too

We needed the rain...and we are sure to get more of it as the summer ensues. With it, mosquitoes are bound to show up. When they do, they can expose your pets to mosquito borne diseases like heartworms.

Heartworm is fatal to dogs and cats if left untreated, and the treatment is difficult and expensive. The best way to protect your pet is to prevent an infection from occurring in the first place.

There is prevention medication available to keep your pet protected. Speak to your pet's veterinarian about heartworm protection, and the best method to protect your animals.

Heartworm is present in all 50 states and is more prevalent in the south, especially during the wet summer months.

New Website Features Area Attractions, Accommodations & More!!



The publisher of the *Mullet Rapper* launched a new website that highlights Everglades City, Chokoloskee and the surrounding area, parks and activities.

The site, www.SWFLGO.com, will serve as a hub for visitors to our area and an easy place for them to go to find everything about the area on their mobile device or laptop while they are here including a weather feed, fishing regulations, food, accommodations, activities and more.

We look forward to building SWFLGO into a great community and visitor resource and look forward to your input and feedback! Please let your friends and visitors know about SWFLGO and look for us on Facebook too @SWFLGO.

Get Your Business Listed on www.SWFLGO.com. Contact us: info@swflgo.com



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

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OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Two office spaces for rent in the Glades Building across from the Rod & Gun club. For more information or to set an appointment call: 239 293 3033.

FOR SALE: 2005 3 Bdrm., 2 Bath concrete stilt home with additional Deeded adjoining lot. @ 233 Worley St Chokoloskee. Asking \$269,000. View by appointment only. Call 813 763 1944.

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

FULL TIME JOB: Restaurant manager. Must be honest, reliable and a good problem solver. Candidate must have an understanding of the restaurant business, inventory and leadership skills. Great opportunity for the right person to learn and grow. Historic Joanie's Blue Crab in Ochopee. Call Joanie for an interview: 239-695-2682.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Become an election worker for the 2018 elections. Qualifications: Be a registered voter in Collier County. Be able to read and write English. Complete the orientation and training. You must be available to work a 12-14 hour shift. Get started today! Complete your application at www.CollierVotes.com. Call us if you have questions. By email at: ElectionWorker@colliergov.net. Or by phone: (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

FOR SALE: Like new 5th wheel, 2008, 35', mint condition, The camper has 3 slide outs and many extras inside. Can deliver to you. Located in E-city. Call 317-696-2628.

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