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Summerize Your Garden Beds and Return to No Weeds/Pests

Weeds are difficult to control in Florida.

However, there is a method that you can use that gives you a natural, proven way to get rid of weeds and soil pests naturally.

The process does require a few steps, black sheeting (plastic) and traditional garden tools to get the job done. For this article we will assume you already have a vegetable garden area.

Step 1: Prepare your soil by removing any visible weeds, stumps and plants.

Step 2: Add nutrients into your soil. This can be done with fertilizer, organic matter like cow manure, and rich top soils. If you have a soil tester use it! If you do not, you can never go wrong with organic matter. Till the Soil well.

Step 3: In the old days, you would cover the garden with newspaper but if you do not have that, not to worry. You can use a thin layer of mulch.

Step 3: Water the area VERY well. You want it wet. Maybe run the sprinkler on it for an extended period to saturate the soil.

Step 4: Using a strong, black plastic sheeting, cover the area completely. Be sure to overlap areas so everything is covered.

Next, you need to secure the plastic so it does not blow off. Strong storms will easily lift it up and blow it around, so you need garden stakes, bricks or another sturdy method to secure the plastic down. I have read about other methods that use clear plastic. I have tried that, but what I found was that weeds grew under the plastic fed by the light. So use the black and be sure it is a high-grade thickness (6 mil.).

You can also use soil on the edges and corners to secure it down.

Step 5: Wait. Now, let heat and time do the work for you. You will return to richer, weed & pest free soil.

As Season Winds Down Storms Blow In
By Kathy Brock

As the dry winter season is coming to a close, some strong storms came across the area Sunday night (April 11) causing local flooding, high winds and some minor tree limb damage.

Local meteorologists have been reminding viewers that conditions in the area were very dry and ripe for wildfires. Hopefully the 2-plus inches of rain will help moisten the area lowering wildfire probability.

May 15 is the "official" start of the rainy season in southwest Florida, but that does not mean that it will be dry until that date, nor does it guarantee wet weather afterwards.

Historically, the afternoon thunderstorms south Florida is known for start to boil up over the Everglades and drift in whatever direction the winds are blowing once the afternoon temperatures reach and surpass 85 degrees.

When the wind pattern is out of the east, southwest Florida will experience storms. When winds blow from west to east, the east coast of Florida has to brace for the afternoon boomers.

After a strong storm blows in, be sure to check for any loose limbs or tree damage that may have occurred.

In the storms on Sunday, Three large fronds were ripped off of our Royal Palms. One, unfortunately, was the home to some nesting ring-neck doves.

In the morning, the two tiny doves were on the ground, alive and unharmed, but without a nest or parents to care for them.

We scooped up the babies in a makeshift nest and placed them by a tree. After it was obvious that the parents left the area, we contacted Von Arx Wildlife Hospital in Naples and they told us to bring the babies in.

The young doves survived the trip and are being cared for at the center. Thank you to Tim Brock who drove them to the center.

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April 24, 2021
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Tamiami Trail Celebration
Museum of the Everglades
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
See page 8 for details

Community Yard Sale
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Independence Day
Celebration

Saturday, June 26th, 10 am
Mark the date, the parade will be back this year!

After a one-year hiatus, the Independence Day festivities will take place on June 29th in Everglades City.

The day starts off at City Hall where the now, almost famous, parade of golf carts will wow the crowd!

Later in the evening at 9 pm, the unbelievable fireworks display will light up our SWFL skies.

As we draw closer to the date, the full day's agenda will be published in the Mullet Rapper.

Before You Leave to Go Back Home

Please donate any unused or unwanted canned goods to the food pantry. Don't forget to shut off you water at the meter before you go!

COMMUNITY SERVICES
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Stop in the Everglades Area Visitor Center to learn about all of the things to do around the area. At the center we also have maps, brochures, art and crafts by area artists, photography and more. We hope to see you there! We are located at 207 Broadway West in Everglades City, FL.

Yard Debris Pick Up

Yard debris is picked up on Thursdays. Debris must be cut into pieces 4 ft or less and tied together, or put into paper bags (not plastic). Set them in the same area as your trash bins. If you put out unbound debris, they will not pick it up.

Everglades City Hall Contact Info:
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Sky High Water Bill Reminds Us to
Keep an Eye on the Meter

At the most recent City Council meeting in Everglades City, a resident who spoke told those in attendance (in person and via Zoom) that he had a water pipe break on "his" side of the water meter. The break in the pipe let 450,000 gallons of water run into the water behind the Estuary running up a bill over \$5000.

This is a good reminder for anyone, that breaks on the customer side of the meter cannot be monitored by the Utility. The customer is responsible for the pipes, leaks and water loss that result from issues on the customer side of the meter.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to make sure this does not happen to you.

One way is to make sure you turn the water off at the meter when you leave your home for any extended period of time.

While you are in your home, you can still run the risk of an undetectable leak, like in the example above.

For protection while you are in your home, there are home water monitor systems that operate by a gadget you attach to your meter (very easy installation) which functions by an application you install on your smartphone.

When abnormal activity is detected the system alerts you to the problem. These types of systems range from \$145 and up, and can be found on online.

Here are some of the brand names to look for to start your research.

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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
ESA listing anniversary for smalltooth sawfish in the U.S.**

The population of smalltooth sawfish in the United States experienced a significant decrease in numbers and distribution during the 20th century due to overfishing, habitat loss, and limited reproduction. Given the decline, NOAA Fisheries listed the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act eighteen years ago on April 1, 2003. The smalltooth sawfish became the first fully marine fish and first elasmobranch (sharks, skates, and rays) protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

The goal of the Endangered Species Act listing is to recover the population to the point that it no longer needs the protections afforded by the Act. A recovery plan for smalltooth sawfish in the U.S. was published in 2009 and recommends specific steps to recover the population, focusing on (1) educating the public to minimize human interactions with sawfish and any associated injury and mortality, (2) protecting and/or restoring important sawfish habitats, and (3) ensuring sawfish abundance and distribution increase. For smalltooth sawfish recovery means ensuring the long-term viability of the species in the wild through substantial increases in both abundance and range.



At the time of the listing in 2003 scientists knew little about the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of smalltooth sawfish. The recovery plan identified actions and research goals aimed at gaining a better understanding of the species and the population. Over the last 18 years, scientists from multiple agencies, universities, and organizations have collaborated to research the smalltooth sawfish population in the United States. We now know more about their size and age at maturity, the

number of young they give birth to, the food they eat, their large- and small-scale movement patterns and habitat use, and their response to a variety of stressors. This research greatly improved our understanding of the species and helped us prioritize the actions needed to reach recovery as quickly as possible.

One of the best ways to monitor the population and track recovery progress is analyzing public sawfish encounters. If you catch or see a sawfish, please share the information with scientists by calling 1-844-4-SAWFISH (1-844-472-9347), visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, or emailing sawfish@myfwc.com.

Sawfish recovery documents are available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/smalltooth-sawfish>. A video looking at smalltooth sawfish conservation and recovery in the United States is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSRWUjVU3e8&t=3s>.

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Swallow-tailed Kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) Other names: none / Status: FL=stable, but endangered in South Carolina, IUCN=LC / Length: 19-25 in. (46-64 cm) / Wingspan: 48 in. (122 cm) / Weight: 13-21 oz (.37-.60 kg) / Life span: to 12 years / Nests: throughout Florida and southern Alabama and Mississippi during the summer / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFmamjJASOND (lower case indicates nesting season) Note: The swallow-tailed kite visits South America from November through February.

The swallow-tailed kite, like the magnificent frigatebird, is an impressive bird to witness in flight. In fact, you are most likely to spot and identify this bird when it is soaring high above. With its pure white body, large black-tipped wings and deeply forked black tail, this bird resembles an enormous, snowy barn swallow.

Unlike most of the migratory birds that arrive in Florida, the swallow-tailed kite comes up from Central

and South America during the summer. In effect, Florida is its northern breeding grounds. Once a common nesting bird as far north as Minnesota, the swallow-tailed kite has suffered from extensive habitat loss

There is a small resident nesting population at Corkscrew Swamp on the mainland, and more than likely some of the birds found flying over Lee County originate from there. They predominantly eat flying insects including dragonflies, bees, and beetles but while in flight will also pick off snakes, crickets, cicadas, and small birds from the canopy top. A skilled flyer, the swallow-tailed kite can turn its tail feathers almost 90 degrees, allowing it to make sharp turns and quick dives. Its only long-term threat is habitat loss, although some efforts are under way to reintroduce the kite into its former northernmost ranges.

Charles Sobczak is an author and photographer that lives on Sanibel Island. His books are available on Amazon, and other online booksellers.



FWC: Manatees are on the move! Go slow, look out below!



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding anyone on the water to slow down and look out for manatees while boating in Florida this spring. As water temperatures warm, manatees naturally disperse from their winter habitats, traveling to other areas of the state and beyond.

Manatees are leaving their winter refuges and are more likely to be in rivers, canals and nearshore waters. Florida boaters are also enjoying the season, so it is crucial to stay alert and avoid manatees while traveling through Florida's waterways.

"This year, especially along the east coast, it is critical that people watch for manatees when on the water," said Ron Mezich, Imperiled Species Management section leader. "With warmer weather, manatees will begin to disperse into open water, heading to a variety of coastal and freshwater habitats containing more ample food sources."

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees in their summer habitats from being injured or killed by motorboats or personal watercrafts. Boat strikes continue to be a major threat to Florida manatees. In 2020, FWC and partners rescued 29 manatees injured from watercraft collisions, and more died because of watercraft impacts. FWC law enforcement officers are on patrol in state waters to inform boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take appropriate enforcement actions. Boaters are reminded to abide by the regulatory signs they see on the water.


Manatees can be difficult to detect when they are underwater, so it is important for operators of boats and personal watercrafts to be vigilant. You can help protect manatees by following these simple guidelines:

- **Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.**
- **Avoid boating in shallow areas to prevent damaging seagrass and to avoid resting and grazing manatees.**
- **Look for large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.**
- **Look for a snout sticking up out of the water.**
- **Follow posted manatee zones while boating.**

Physically helping a stranded manatee may cause it more harm. Instead, report injured, distressed, sick or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or by dialing #FWC or *FWC on a cellphone so trained responders can assist.

Resources for boaters, educators and other interested members of the public are available at MyFWC.com/Manatee.mammals.

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Everglades City School News

A Message From Principal Dr. Cherie Allison



Building a Community of Kindness is a great slogan but what does it actually mean? We all know we should be kinder towards others and ourselves but how does that play out in a school community? As a Leader in Me School we strive to instill the 7 Habits into each of our students. The Leader in Me Program helps to create a common language built on the leadership skills found in Steven R. Covey's book, The 7 Habits of highly effective people. The 7 Habits are as follows;

- **Habit1: Be Proactive® • You're in Charge**
- **Habit2: Begin With the End in Mind® • Have a Plan**
- **Habit3: Put First Things First® • Work First, Then Play**
- **Habit4: Think Win-Win® • Everyone Can Win**
- **Habit5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood® • Listen Before You Talk**
- **Habit6: Synergize® • Together Is Better**
- **Habit7: Sharpen the Saw® • Balance Feels Best**

What we have found though is none of these strategies are possible if we do not focus on being kinder to ourselves and to others and here at EVG it has become contagious!

Last month Everglades City, 45 year teaching veteran, Mr. Tribble worked with his Everglades City art classes and painted a heart in the middle of the school courtyard. Every student dabbed their palms in paint and then put their hand print in the heart. Mr. Tribble talks a lot to the students about kindness and having a big heart for each other. Soon enough, chalk sayings started to appear near the heart saying things like, "Be kind to everyone, even meanies because they need it more." Soon after 5th grade student Jada Stokes was seen with sticky notes posting kind sayings on campus. Her notes would say things like, "Be you because you are great!" Next thing you know the students at the afterschool program worked with Ms. Skylar Rosas (afterschool director) playing "kindness ball" where students played catch with each other and before throwing the ball said something kind to the recipient. The students made sure everyone heard and said something kind. EVG thanks Mr. Tribble, Jada Stokes, Ms. Rosas and the students and teachers of Everglades for making kindness contagious. But it doesn't end there. Even the smallest of our kids has gotten in on the act.



Their smiles beam through their masks as the Pre-K class completed their Kindness Chain! They are holding 100 links to the chain. Each one represents an act of kindness done by one of the students, whose name is written on that link. All classmates participated, so they learned how to build a kinder community with simple tasks. What a great lesson to learn at a young age! Ms. Clark has done an amazing job teaching these character traits to our littlest gators. It is true the Leader in Me program is thriving one student at a time at EVG!

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**"Average" Atlantic Hurricane Season to Reflect More Storms
Higher Average Based on Newest 30 Year Trend
By NOAA.gov**

Beginning with this year's hurricane season outlooks, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center (CPC) will use 1991-2020 as the new 30-year period of record. The updated averages for the Atlantic hurricane season have increased with 14 named storms and 7 hurricanes. The average for major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5) remains unchanged at 3. The previous Atlantic storm averages, based on the period from 1981 to 2010, were 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. NOAA is updating the set of statistics used to determine when hurricane seasons are above-, near-, or below-average relative to the climate record. This update process occurs once every decade.

"This update allows our meteorologists to make forecasts for the hurricane season with the most relevant climate statistics taken into consideration," said Michael Farrar, director of NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Prediction. "Our work illustrates the value of NOAA's investments in next-generation technologies to capture the data that underpins our outlooks and other forecast products. These products are essential to providing the public and local emergency managers with advance information to prepare for storms, and achieving NOAA's mission of protecting life and property."

The increase in the averages may be attributed to the overall improvement in observing platforms, including NOAA's fleet of next-generation environmental satellites and continued hurricane reconnaissance. It may also be due to the warming ocean and atmosphere which are influenced by climate change. The update also reflects a very busy period over the last 30 years, which includes many years of a positive Atlantic Multi-decadal Oscillation, which can increase Atlantic hurricane activity.

"These updated averages better reflect our collective experience of the past 10 years, which included some very active hurricane seasons," said Matt Rosencrans, seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. "NOAA scientists have evaluated the impacts of climate change on tropical cyclones and determined that it can influence storm intensity. Further research is needed to better understand and attribute the impacts of anthropogenic forcings and natural variability on tropical storm activity."

For the Eastern Pacific and Central Pacific basins the averages over the 1991 - 2020 period do not change. The Eastern Pacific basin will remain at 15 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes. The Central Pacific basin will maintain an average of 4 named storms, 3 hurricanes and 2 major hurricanes.

NOAA will issue its initial seasonal outlook for the 2021 hurricane season in late May. The Atlantic hurricane season officially runs from June 1 through Nov. 30.

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It's a Real Challenge to Live With All the New Gadgets These Days

By Pastor Bob Wallace



Last Saturday after I had gone to bed and turned the lights out, my wife turned to me and said, "Honey, did you remember to set the clocks forward?" "Of course not," said I.

So, I turned the bedside light back on and got up to re-set all of our clocks ahead one hour to daylight-saving time. I did remember to "Spring Forward!" What a trip! There isn't one clock in our house on which you can change the time in the same manner. Every digital clock has a different button, or buttons, which you hold down for different reasons in order to make the time change. One of the clocks you even have to turn backward in order to set it forward!

And how about trying to re-set the digital clock on the dashboard of your car? I still have to pull the Owner's Manual out of the glove compartment and read how to do it. The only timepiece I can set without getting hyper is my good, old-fashioned wristwatch, although it no longer has a spring drive. Its battery driven.



So, everything seems to change in this day as I age.

How about the typewriter? Remember those? There aren't too many around these days. I remember in my high school, typing classes were just for girls. Metal shop was for boys! Boys didn't learn that sort of thing. But now, what businessman doesn't have a computer or cell phone on his desk for communication by typing email? He may not have taken a typing class, but he sure can make his two forefingers fly over the keyboard as he hunts and pecks his way through daily business and bill preparation.

How about "snail mail"? You know, the U.S. Postal Service. It has become a secondary way of communication after fax, email and Messenger on your cellphone. What used to take a few days mailing business forms and receiving answers is now accomplished in just a few minutes by asking, "What's your FAX number?" Or your email address? If you can't do business like this, you're accused of doing business in the horse and buggy days.

And what about computers? Not only are businesses utilizing computers, but individuals as well. I'm writing this on my personal computer. My PC! All you have to do is type it, save it and send it. It's as easy as that!

But computers are used for a lot of other things. There are lots of people using their personal computers at home to invest their personal funds and profit around the clock from stock quotes. A lot of these are seniors who don't require as much sleep as they once did, so they are getting up in the middle of the night to play long-distance computer games or chat with people around the world who share their same interests. It's quite exciting what's happening in the computer world.

How about electronic gadgets? Can you keep up with all the new-fangled things people think of to astonish you with and make you want to buy their invention? I love to walk into electronic stores and see what's new. Telephones now have cameras better than cameras! Camcorders are the size of your hand. And cars have computer systems to help you find your way around. It's called GPS. In fact, they have driverless cars on the road and deliveries being made from the air by robot helicopters called drones.



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Homes are being wired so that lights turn on and off, doors lock and unlock, audio and video systems may be operated by remote control from outside the home. It's truly amazing what's happening in our world through modern technology when you stop and think it was only on December 17, 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first controlled and sustained flight in a power-driven airplane in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

And just six years later in 1909, Henry Ford designed the first Model T Ford automobile, the forerunner of the car you drive today.

We've walked on the moon. We fly in jet airplanes at 500 miles an hour to go anywhere in the world. What an age! Think about what you've seen and been a part of during your lifetime.

But it's still a challenge when your wife asks you after you've turned the lights out if you've set the clocks ahead for daylight saving time. It's enough to make a body yearn for the good ole days, whatever and whenever they were.

MUSEUM NEWS

*Museum of the Everglades
 Everglades Oasis: Plumbing the
 Depths of Deep Lake's History
 Exhibit on Display Through May 29th*



This exhibit explores the fascinating history of the area surrounding Deep Lake—a geological anomaly situated nineteen miles north of Everglades City. Once the home of Seminole Chief Billy Bowlegs (who would die in battle there during the Third Seminole War), it was later the site of a commercial grapefruit enterprise, complete with its own narrow-gauge railroad carrying the fruit to port in Everglades for transport.

It was the first southwest Florida real estate purchased by Barron Gift Collier in what would eventually become Collier County. Now a part of the Big Cypress National Preserve, only traces of the railway as well as ruins of a road prison and Collier's luxurious hunting lodge remain, but the region's rich history lives on.

**93RD Annual
 Tamiami Trail Celebration
 & Museum Birthday
 Museum of the Everglades • April 24
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

On April 26, 1928, Miami and Tampa were joined when the 284-mile Tamiami Trail opened. Plans for the road began around 1915 and took more than a decade to see the fruition of a great idea come to life.

The last section of the highway, running through the Everglades, came to a stop due to lack of funding. But Barron Collier saved the day and offered to fund the completion of the highway in exchange for the county bearing his name.

Join us for this annual event that includes speakers on the steps of City Hall, a convergence of car clubs (including both vintage and contemporary models) in the median of Broadway, the annual laundry cart races in front of the museum ("the Old Laundry Building"), live music, and lunch in the park.

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Due to Covid-19 safety protocols, the museum must limit attendance for some events and reservations are required to reserve your seat.

Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. Thank You.

Thank You Luncheon for Covid19 Team Members
by Chris Ammerman



March 11th, and again on April 7th, our community joined together to thank the group who arranged to have the Covid 19 vaccination brought here to our community. Everglades City Mayor Howie Grimm and Sheriff Rambosk worked with City Clerk Dottie Joiner to make this happen.

Dottie put together a team that was outstanding. Our community was not only thankful but impressed with the efficiency and personal care these people put into making sure everyone who was eligible was vaccinated or at least on the waiting list.

The community donated not only enough to have a thank you lunch for the immediate local people involved, but when the whole group was here from Naples, we were able to provide lunch to them on site.

The onsite lunch featured foods from various area restaurants and home baked goods. Our community would like each one to know how much we appreciate their efforts. We wish them all the best. From a grateful community.

Editors note: The onsite lunch was outstanding. It featured foods from area eateries and some homemade specialties including, delicious cookies, pineapple upside down cake (Yum, Hazel Mitchell), banana pudding and other goodies.



Photos: Top: the group enjoys lunch. Bottom: Hazel's delicious pineapple upside-down cake.

A Taste for Trout
By Kathy Brock



The osprey chicks have flown the coop! On February 10th, the first of two surviving chicks took their first flight. The next day, the second chick took flight but high winds pushed him away from the nest and onto a nearby home's roof.

After about an hour, the baby regained some strength (or courage) and took off, this time successfully navigating back to the nest.

The adult osprey are better "fishermen" than we are! Locals have been saying the trout are a bit scarce, but not for this pair!

Trout is often on the menu, and this time he landed so that I could get a good photo of the day's dinner fare.

Osprey chicks spend 60 days at the nest after hatching. We "assumed" the chicks hatched between February 7-9 because of the change in the adults behavior, it appears we were correct.

This devoted pair gave us, and our neighbors, countless hours of great birdwatching, and a few tense moments too.

Prior to taking flight, the chicks practice flying at the nest often lifting up then floating back down onto the nest. Sometimes, they come very close to missing the mark, which gave us some tense moments... Now they must learn to hunt!

Taxing Things
by Mike "the tax guy: Klein
IRS to recalculate taxes on
unemployment benefits;
refunds to start in May

WASHINGTON – To help taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service announced today that it will take steps to automatically refund money to people who filed their tax return reporting unemployment compensation. The legislation, signed on March 11, excludes only 2020 unemployment benefits from taxes.

Because the change occurred after some people filed their taxes, the IRS will take steps to make the appropriate change to their return, which may result in a refund.

For those taxpayers who already have filed and figured their tax based on the full amount of unemployment compensation, the IRS will determine the correct taxable amount of unemployment compensation and tax. Any resulting overpayment of tax will be either refunded or applied to other outstanding taxes owed.

There is no need for taxpayers to file an amended return unless the calculations make the taxpayer newly eligible for additional federal credits and deductions not already included on the original tax return.

For example, the IRS can adjust returns for those taxpayers who claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and, because the exclusion changed the income level, may now be eligible for an increase in the EITC amount which may result in a larger refund. However, taxpayers would have to file an amended return if they did not originally claim the EITC or other credits but now are eligible because the exclusion changed their income.

Third Round of Stimulus Payment Status Tracker With Online Tool

Find out when your third Economic Impact Payment is scheduled to be sent, or when and how we sent it with the **Get My Payment** application. Get My Payment updates once a day, usually overnight: www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment

Do not call the IRS. Our phone assistants don't have information beyond what's available on IRS.gov.

Get help with this application in Get My Payment Frequently Asked Questions. Previous payment information is no longer available in Get My Payment.

For general information call the IRS at 800-829-1040. The IRS does not answer stimulus check questions at this number. For those questions, use the aforementioned tool.

Note: The filing deadline has been extended to May 17.

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The Island Life Recipes

Apple Crisp by Elaine Middelstaedt

Ingredients:

- 2-3 lbs. apples
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- Cinnamon
- Nutmeg
- 1 egg
- 7/8 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 stick butter
- Powdered sugar for topping



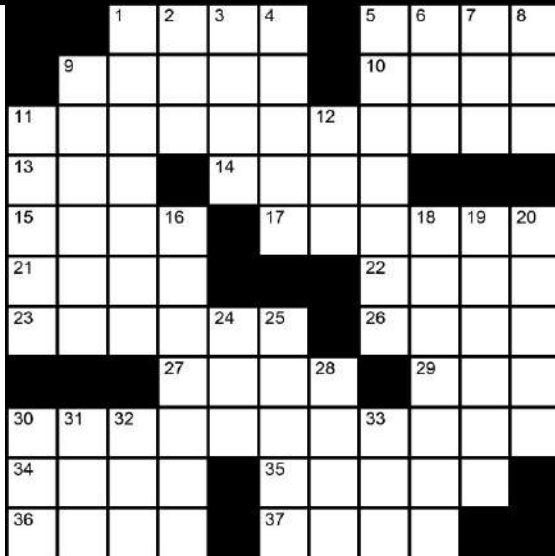
Directions: Peel, core and slice apples into a square or rectangular glass pan. Add chopped walnuts, and sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Make the crumb topping: blend the egg and sugar, add the flour and baking powder. Mix well and crumble on top of the apples and nuts. Melt the stick of butter, and pour on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until the crumble is dry and browned.

Once removed from the oven, sprinkle some powdered sugar on top for a garnish. The apple crisp is delicious served warm and topped with vanilla ice cream. It is delicious cold too. YUM!!!

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Melt
- 5 Voucher
- 9 Riyadh resident
- 10 Tex-Mex munchie
- 11 CD player?
- 13 Finish first
- 14 Blueprint detail, briefly
- 15 Crafts partner
- 17 Involuntary movements
- 21 Encounter
- 22 Young of CSNY
- 23 Powers a bicycle
- 26 Clear-thinking
- 27 Easily split mineral
- 29 Flexer's pride
- 30 Fin
- 34 Related by blood
- 35 Heed the dentist's advice
- 36 Agents, for short
- 37 Seizures



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Down

- 1 Mocked
- 2 Wanton destroyer of beauty
- 3 Has sum fun
- 4 Filmy fragments
- 5 Sources of inside information?
- 6 Bowler or bonnet
- 7 Drink chiller
- 8 GOAT QB
- 9 After-dinner party
- 11 Slough
- 12 I reckon
- 16 Pollen producers
- 18 Chilean food fish
- 19 Under 18 types
- 20 Iditarod lineup
- 24 Cover
- 25 Mock
- 28 "And --- ask is a tall ship ..." (John Masefield)
- 30 At a great distance
- 31 He separated Harry and Jack
- 32 Bigwig
- 33 Vacant land parcel



My Little Slice of Paradise by Kathy Brock

Have you noticed the increase in tourism in our area? If you go out fishing it's impossible not to notice the increase in boat traffic. The weekends are especially busy.

I find myself muttering under my breath sometimes when I am inconvenienced by the visitors. Even saying that sounds like I am referring to alien invaders, "visitors".

When my mind starts to go there I quickly remind myself that tourism is the lifeblood of the community, and we need the empty houses and lots to become occupied and improved so that our City can sustain itself and thrive.

The pandemic drove people out of the cities and into rural areas and small towns. We can attest to that.

Shortly after Dade & Broward County closed public boat ramps, our little area was filled with visitors trying to find a place to park their boat trailers (Uh, no. You cannot leave it on the median in front of my house).

Many of the people who came here for the first time discovered how nice it is here, and have decided to buy property here. Those "visitors" become newcomers.

Soon, the newcomers will be mixing among us just like I started to do back in the 1990's.

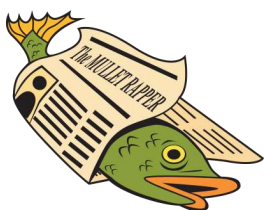
Eventually, the newcomers become "residents" who watch the cycle happen again and again. Who, ironically, will fear the days when our streets our busy and our real estate selling like hotcakes, which is how they got here in the first place many years ago.

Many here are natives of this area, but many are long-time residents like Tim & I. It's natural for all of us to resist change and to fear what growth may bring.

When I get that pang of fear, I will remind myself that I am fearing an earlier version of myself. The one that came here after Hurricane Andrew looking to see what this little town was all about.

I recall how we passed by the exit on 84, then did an illegal U-turn after we both expressed curiosity. Then we drove into town and straight to Jan Brock's office to inquire about real estate.

I don't know. Maybe *we were* different? I know one thing for sure, we never, ever fished on top of anyone or played loud music in our boat out in the islands. But, we were the visitors who became newcomers, and then residents...





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Island Café (239-695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
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Right Choice Supermarket
See listing under "markets"
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
Chokoloskee Family Church Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 8
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church Mass at 10:30 am
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES

4/17/2021	Sat	1:51 AM	0.01	L
4/17/2021	Sat	7:37 AM	1.92	H
4/17/2021	Sat	12:26 PM	0.87	L
4/17/2021	Sat	5:20 PM	2.51	H
4/18/2021	Sun	2:46 AM	0.07	L
4/18/2021	Sun	8:52 AM	1.86	H
4/18/2021	Sun	12:48 PM	0.95	L
4/18/2021	Sun	5:59 PM	2.42	H
4/19/2021	Mon	3:54 AM	0.11	L
4/19/2021	Mon	10:09 AM	1.89	H
4/19/2021	Mon	1:25 PM	1.03	L
4/19/2021	Mon	6:57 PM	2.32	H
4/20/2021	Tue	5:02 AM	0.11	L
4/20/2021	Tue	11:18 AM	1.99	H
4/20/2021	Tue	5:14 PM	1.05	L
4/20/2021	Tue	9:29 PM	2.27	H
4/21/2021	Wed	6:01 AM	0.09	L
4/21/2021	Wed	12:10 PM	2.14	H
4/21/2021	Wed	6:24 PM	0.93	L
4/21/2021	Wed	11:02 PM	2.38	H
4/22/2021	Thu	6:55 AM	0.07	L
4/22/2021	Thu	12:48 PM	2.31	H
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4/23/2021	Fri	12:12 AM	2.55	H
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4/23/2021	Fri	1:18 PM	2.49	H
4/23/2021	Fri	8:04 PM	0.5	L
4/24/2021	Sat	1:11 AM	2.72	H
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4/24/2021	Sat	8:49 PM	0.23	L
4/25/2021	Sun	2:02 AM	2.86	H
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4/26/2021	Mon	2:51 AM	2.9	H
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4/26/2021	Mon	10:19 PM	-0.24	L
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4/27/2021	Tue	10:32 AM	0.43	L
4/27/2021	Tue	3:03 PM	3.12	H
4/27/2021	Tue	11:07 PM	-0.4	L
4/28/2021	Wed	4:38 AM	2.67	H
4/28/2021	Wed	11:13 AM	0.57	L
4/28/2021	Wed	3:33 PM	3.19	H
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4/29/2021	Thu	5:39 AM	2.46	H
4/29/2021	Thu	11:54 AM	0.7	L
4/29/2021	Thu	4:08 PM	3.17	H
4/30/2021	Fri	12:49 AM	-0.44	L
4/30/2021	Fri	6:45 AM	2.25	H
4/30/2021	Fri	12:36 PM	0.82	L
4/30/2021	Fri	4:52 PM	3.07	H

Do Women Experience More Side Effects From the Covid Vaccine? The Answer May Surprise You

According to a report put out by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), of the 7000+ reports they have received reporting side effects, 77% are from women.

That number may seem unusually high but not so if you look a bit deeper.

Women, in general, are far more likely to report side effects than men. But that doesn't explain the gap fully.

Women's physiological makeup has a lot to do with it too. Women experience a greater immune response to vaccines than men do,

Hormones can also play a role according to Dr. Daniel Saban, an immunologist scientist at Duke University School of Medicine. Some immune cells have estrogen receptors on them. Women produce more estrogen than men, which may affect how the immune cells work inside the bodies of men and women.


Gender bias also plays a role. Women were mostly excluded from clinical research prior to 1993. Historically, "the standard" for research was a male of a specific age, weight and white (age appropriate for the specific medication being tested).

Many of the medications on the market today were approved based on clinical research that excluded them.

In children, weight is what determines dosage. However in adults, there is no such adjusting so men and women receive the same dose.

In one 2008 study, women were shown to have an adequate immune response to the flu vaccine at half the normal dose.

This does not mean that the current dosing is unsafe for women, but does suggest that it may be time to establish a range of "standards" based on weight for adults.



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