



Gulf Coast REC

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Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not. Thomas Jefferson

July Birthdays

- 3.....Armando Ayala, Jr.
- 13....Cora Sanders
- 17....Rosa Ayala
- 23....Pat Jones
- 29....Natalia Peres



Congratulations, Sarah!

Sarah Smith, graduate assistant for Dr. Jay Scott, won 2nd place in the student competition for her presentation at Florida State Hort Society meeting in June. Her presentation was titled *The Effect of Time After Harvest on Stem Scar Water Infiltration in Tomato*. Congratulations,

Sarah!

Dr. Jack Rechcigl attended the 52nd Meeting of the Central America Food Crops and Livestock Society held in Nicaragua. A "Letter of Intent" was signed with the Minister of Agriculture and the Executive Director of the Nicaraguan Institute for Agricultural Research. This "letter" seeks to establish cooperative research efforts. While there, Jack had the opportunity to also meet the President of Nicaragua, Mr. Enrique Bolanos Geyer, and express his purpose there and the importance of finding common ground for research and extension activities between Florida and Central America.



*Work like you don't need money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like no one's watching!*

Celebrate life! Celebrate freedom!



He's back...

We welcome back Dr. Arie Markus from Beer-Sheva, Israel for the summer. This is Arie's fourth year in cooperative research with David Schuster's Entomology program.

Know Your Veggies!...

Just for fun, see if you can unscramble the various vegetables listed below.

HUIZCNIC	CROIBLOC	ILWAFUCEROL
SAAGPRUSA	TENGPALG	BRAHRUB
MOATOT	TAOPTO	GUARTBAA
CHAUSTOCS	PNIASHC	BURMCEUC
DIRHAS	PREEPP	YECLER
AHSSUO	HALROBIK	SINNOO
CLUETET	LACROESE	ROAK



SEARSWCETR	AMIRNOE	TRACOR
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Sr. Agriculture Assistant for Plant Pathology and Citrus Research. Must be able to obtain Pesticide License, drive tractor, and use respirator. Responsibilities will be field & greenhouse work with strawberries and maintenance of new citrus grove. Contact tseijo@ufl.edu for more detailed information.

Biological Scientist - Nutrient Runoff/Landscape Research. Emphasis of the research will be in the area of nutrient management to minimize surface and subsurface water degradation in an urban environment. The employee will also be responsible for statistical analysis, summarization of data, preparation of reports and manuscripts. Minimum qualifications are a BS degree with major course work in soils and/or horticulture with one year appropriate field and laboratory experience. Competency with MS Excel and Word is preferred. Experience with SAS or Minitab statistical software is preferred.

 <p>New Babies on Board!</p>	<p><i>Congratulations to Fahrettin Goktepe on the birth of his 3rd son, Adem Fahrettin on May 30th.</i></p>	<p><i>(left)</i> Rick Kelly is a new Grandpa! Maxwell Xavier Moore was born June 13th to daughter, Jenna, and son-in-law, Troy.</p>
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June 15th the Center hosted a Tomato Mini-Field Day for growers and cooperators. Dr. Jay Scott gave a brief overview of two new varieties, Flora-Lee and Fruity/Floral before the group went to the field to view the hybrid observation trial, advanced inbred trial and TYLCV resistant hybrids.



***The University of Florida and Gulf Coast REC
will be operating with a minimal staff for
Monday, July 3rd and will be closed
on July 4th for the holiday.***

In Memory...



The strawberry industry lost a good friend May 10, 2006 (75 yrs). Anne (Annie) Turgeau, was a central figure of the Dover Strawberry Research Center of Gulf Coast REC for 30 years. You never knew where you'd find Annie - she worked where needed, whether it be in the office "taking



care of business" or helping in the field. Annie came naturally to her interest in the strawberry industry, since her father George Strickland, also worked for the lab from 1948 until retiring in 1971. She is survived by her three children, Michelle, Karen, and Maurice. Michelle and Maurice are carrying on the family tradition -- Michelle (Williamson) as the Director of Human Resources for G&F Farms, LLC and Dover Fresh Produce, LLC, and Maurice as the managing partner of Berry Bay Farm of Wimauma. Granddaughter, Samantha (daughter of Michelle Williamson) is a Strawberry Ambassador for the Florida Strawberry Growers Association. For those of us who worked with Annie over the years, she will be remembered for her open and friendly nature and willingness to pitch in where and when needed. If you met her once, you had a friend. She will be missed.



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