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From Your President

By John Spiegel

Remember when pretty much everyone smoked? I sure do. Cigarette machines everywhere it seemed, even in truck stop men’s rooms. The foul smell was so common that it didn’t become really foul until smoking bans started, and you could actually experience the difference between smoke and smoke-free spaces. I admit that I, too, smoked for a few years, and quit at age 22. Cold turkey. There are, however, enough smokers still around to bring us back to the aroma.

Some years ago, in my ambulance chasing days, I showed up in a federal court to try a case. My client was an older lady struck by a postal truck while crossing a street. Because the lawsuit was against the U.S. government, there was no jury, these “Federal Tort Claim Act” cases are tried to a federal judge.

I was all ready to go, but as usual, you never know what will happen. Upon hearing “all rise,” into the courtroom

strides a judge I’d never seen before. A fellow we’ll call Judge McGillicutty, who looked every bit his 87 years. Appointed by President Eisenhower, his honor was from the Midwest, spending much of the winter in Florida, presiding over matters the local federal judges didn’t want to handle.

“Do you mind if I smoke?” When a judge, especially a federal judge who will determine whether you get paid, asks a question that starts with “Do you mind,” the answer is always, “Of course not, your honor.” Heck, if I had matches in my pocket I would have happily lit the cigarette for him.

So light up he did, right there in the federal courthouse, one nasty smelling Chesterfield after another. I’m toiling away, putting on expensive witnesses, e.g., doctors, accident reconstructionist, rehabilitation experts, etc., arguing back and forth with an assistant U.S. Attorney, trying to be persuasive, but Judge McGillicutty was far more interested in his cigarettes, coffee (at least I think

it was coffee), and his *Wall Street Journal* than he was in what was going on in front of him. After a number of interruptions of his newspaper reading when he was asked to rule on an objection, he told us lawyers that we should try harder to not object so much. I got the message.

This went on for three days, at the end of each my clothes smelled like I’d spent several hours, including last call, at Big Daddy’s Lounge. When the trial ended – we told the judge we were done, he didn’t notice – his honor said, “Very well, I’ll take it under advisement.” He then stood up to leave looking like he was about to deplane after a long overseas flight in coach.

I waited and waited for a ruling, none came, so a year later, I called and learned that Judge McGillicutty had returned for another winter in Florida, so I requested a “status conference.” Instead, I was faxed an order. “Verdict for the United States.” Darn. Time to head to Big Daddy’s, smoke and all.

Who’s New In The Neighborhood?

By Arlene Cabai Schuetz

Teresa G. Ariza moved into her lovely home on Eagles Flight Lane in December 2017. Originally from Cuba, she, her husband and children fled the Castro political regime in the 1960s and settled in Los Angeles.

Teresa recently settled in Florida due to the fact that her children, a son, Manuel, and a daughter, Tecky, are living in this area. Wanting to be near her children and grandchildren, Teresa began scouring the Internet in search of the perfect home in the perfect area. After viewing 40 to 50 properties and with the help of her son and her Realtor, she decided on Eagle Ridge, with the spaciousness of her home and the community as the influencing factors.

Teresa is a woman of many talents, and thus has many hobbies. She knits, crochets, and embroiders. She writes poems (in Spanish, she adds!). She sews ... no, not just sews ... she made her daughter’s wedding dress! Teresa also paints, and pictured here is just a sampling of her artwork.

As you enter Teresa’s home you may be greeted with a “welcome” from Winston. Winston is Teresa’s 36-year-old



Some of Teresa’s paintings

orange-winged Amazon parrot, who, by the way, was very polite during our visit.

Join us in extending a warm welcome to Teresa, one of our newest multitalented residents!



Teresa’s Amazon parrot Winston

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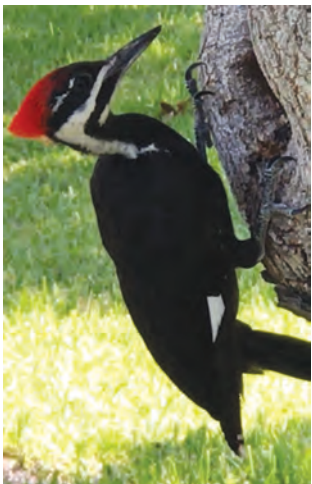
Do you have any pictures you would like to share? Post them in the Caught on Camera spot. Submit your photos, with a brief description, to rontlougan@gmail.com.

Southern Pileated Woodpecker

Picture and Narrative by Doug Albers

I took an **amazing** video of the “very elusive” southern pileated woodpecker, in my backyard in late May. I was within 10 feet of him, and he was way too busy eating ants from the hole in a tree to care. This guy is the second largest woodpecker in North America. He was well over 10 inches tall.

You may be asking yourself, “Why pileated?” Well, according to Wikipedia, the word “pileated” refers to its prominent red crest, with the term from the Latin “pileatus” meaning “capped.” Now you know, “The Rest of the Story.”



Holy Catfish Batman!

Picture and Narrative by Peggy Watts and Ed Schuler

On the very rainy evening of July 4, Peggy Watts of Twin Eagle Lane snapped this picture from her car. There were two or more “walking catfish” crossing Aeries Way Drive from the lake and heading toward the Six Mile Cypress preserve.

After a Google search we were able to identify them as an invasive fish species introduced in Florida during the 1960s. According to a Florida website: “These fish like to move from one body of water to another in search of food or a better living space, and they do this by wiggling across land. They use their pectoral fins to stay upright, and wriggle similar to a snake’s movement to flop across land, usually during wet weather. They have a special gill structure that allows them to breathe atmospheric air.”



Eagle Ridge Residents

Jogging, bicycling, walking and other nongolfing activities or unregistered golf play are not permitted on the golf course.

Are You Receiving E-mail From Eagle Ridge?

Each month the Eagle Ridge Property Owners Association sends out an email with reminders of activities at the Ridge. If this image looks unfamiliar to you, you are not on our email list.

To correct this, send an email to info@EagleRidge33912.com along with your name and street address.

We will add your name to the list, which you may opt out of at any time. We are stressing the use of email as it is faster, easier and cheaper than USPS. You may send email addresses for all members of your household.

The Board of Directors



Local Foundation Gives The Gift Of Music

The Lewis P. Tabarrini Children’s Music Foundation is a local, nonprofit organization in Southwest Florida whose mission is to provide guitars and guitar lessons to children who want to play music, but do not have the means or resources to do so on their own. The late Lew Tabarrini believed that a child with a musical instrument in their hands is less likely to get into trouble, and personally provided more than one child with their very first musical instrument.



Sidney & Berne — Davis Art Center

Sounds Of Summer Featuring Roots Almighty And The Regulars

Friday, Aug. 10, Music: 8 p.m., Doors: 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$5 (FSW and FGCU students BOGO with Student ID at box office)

The Sounds of Summer concerts feature exciting original musicians! Both emerging and well-known artists perform during Sounds of Summer. On Friday, Aug. 10, experience one of the area’s best reggae bands, Roots Almighty! This original act hails from Bonita Springs, and has been featured in the acclaimed Sugarshack Sessions. See them live, with opening act The Regulars. The Regulars were the winners of last year’s Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition. Take a listen to what they’ve been writing since then!

Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition 2018
Friday, Aug. 24, Music: 8 p.m., Doors: 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$5 (FSW and FGCU students BOGO with Student ID at box office)

Join SBDAC and the Beaches of Fort Myers and Sanibel for the Second Annual Summer Singer-Songwriter Competition! This annual event draws in original singer-songwriters from around the country to participate in winning recording time at Six Fingers Studios and a spot at the Island Hopper Songwriter Fest.

Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, FL 33901, (239) 333-1933.

Regular hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open additional times for various events.



The Tabarrini Foundation was founded in 2010 by Lew’s children, including local personality, “Sideshow” Bob Tabarrini of the band A200 and Sideshow Bob’s Electric Circus. “When my father passed away, my heart broke. My world felt so empty,” said Bob. “As I sat and reflected upon my dad, I realized that even though he was not a musician, he truly loved music. So, as a tribute to him, my siblings and I established the Tabarrini Foundation to continue the heart and spirit of our wonderful father. He simply loved kids and he loved music.”

Over the years, the local community has shown much love and support for the Tabarrini Foundation, by



continuing to support fundraising efforts, donating their time, musical instruments and equipment. All this helps the foundation to continue to provide free guitar lessons and instruments to deserving children in Southwest Florida. Our summer group class is in full swing, and we will be gearing up for our fall session soon! Classes are for boys and girls ages 8 to 18, with scholarships (to continue through our program) available to those students who exhibit exceptional skill and determination. The need for continued support is great, and is ever present. If you would like to give of your time or monetary donation, or if your child would like to learn to play guitar, please contact us at tabarrinifoundation.org.



Junk In The Trunk Fest

Turn Your Stuff Into Cash!

Get ready to **sell** your treasures at one of the biggest events in Fort Myers! Junk in the Trunk Fest is the area’s largest community yard sale and will be held at the Alliance for the Arts on Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You’ll find housewares, furniture, kids’ stuff, antiques, memorabilia, jewelry, collectibles, and all kinds of treasures! Grab a friend and head on down for a fun day of shopping and bargain hunting!

Can’t have a garage sale in your community? Got stuff you don’t use or want anymore? Need to clear out a room? Updating your decor? Maybe you’re a crafter; own a home-based company or a retail business and you want to be in front of **tons** of shoppers. The Junk in the Trunk Fest is the place to do it! Sell as much as you want, and **you** keep all of the money you make!



More Details Coming Soon!

We are currently seeking yardsalers, crafters, vintage resellers, vendors, food trucks and businesses of all kinds to join us for the event. If you are interested in learning more, email us at events@helloswfl.com.

Last Quarter
August 4

New Moon
August 11

Moon Phases

First Quarter
August 18

Full Moon
August 26

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Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1. Distorts
- 6. Against
- 10. Recreational area
- 14. On the up and up
- 15. Smut

- 16. Black, in poetry
- 17. Sorry
- 19. Debauchee
- 20. Casual eatery
- 21. Actress Lupino
- 22. Give as an example
- 23. Draw forth

- 25. Metalwares
- 26. Remove, as a hat
- 30. Available to lease
- 32. Including everything
- 35. Type of marmoset
- 39. Lampoon
- 40. Hit the sack
- 41. Melancholy
- 43. Timely
- 44. Revere
- 46. Lease
- 47. Flat floating vessels
- 50. Panache
- 53. Double-reed woodwind
- 54. Cap
- 55. Scoop shovel
- 60. Brought into existence
- 61. Not arrogant
- 63. Border
- 64. Guns an engine
- 65. Egyptian peninsula
- 66. Sow
- 67. Tall woody plant
- 68. Seethes

Down

- 1. Generous slice of the pie
- 2. Yachting cap
- 3. Prima donna problems
- 4. Droop
- 5. Shop
- 6. Mandrill
- 7. Become aware
- 8. A spear with three prongs
- 9. Ancient Peruvian
- 10. Coffeepot
- 11. Agitated
- 12. Way to go



- 13. Leg joints
- 18. Deity
- 24. Website address
- 25. Sometimes, works with lions
- 26. An amount of medicine
- 27. Egg-shaped
- 28. Celebration
- 29. Scared
- 31. Canvas
- 33. Operatic solos
- 34. Loyal (archaic)
- 36. Fully developed
- 37. Press
- 38. Where a bird lives
- 42. Janitor
- 43. Hole-making tool
- 45. A musical interval of eight tones
- 47. Gowns
- 48. Dwelling
- 49. Make a counterfeit
- 51. Commercials
- 52. A framework of beams
- 54. Offended
- 56. Send forth
- 57. Eat
- 58. Chew
- 59. Auspices
- 62. South southeast

Crossword Solution in this issue



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By Connie Hope

August in Florida is hot and humid and each day so far has not disappointed us this year. The month of August is known for what? It is International Beer Day on Aug. 1. National Chocolate Day on Aug. 4 and National Oyster Day on Aug. 5. All would be fun to cook something using them, but I'm going to go with National Goat Cheese Month. I do so love cooking with goat cheese or just using it by itself on crackers. Here is an appetizer that is quick and very tasty for you to try.

Goat Cheese, Fig And Bacon Flatbreads

Ingredients:

- 1 package of two flatbreads from the market (I use oval ones, but your choice)
- 6 slices bacon, fried until crispy and chopped, I use pre-cooked bacon
- 1 small log soft goat cheese
- 3 or 4 fresh figs, sliced in half then in half again or use fig jelly or jam
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 large bunch arugula
- Sprinkle of sea salt



If you have an announcement, we will include it in this column. Email rontlougan@gmail.com with your request.

The Greeters Club
Meeting information not available

Continental Women's Club Of Fort Myers

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 2, when our guest speaker will be Mark Tesoro, injury prevention educator/analyst with Lee Health Trauma Center. Mark's program will be on balance, fall and injury prevention.

Continental Women's Club monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at The Hideaway Country Club, 5670 Trailwinds Drive, Fort Myers 33907. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$22. Please call (239) 691-7561 for additional information.

Fort Myers Republican Women's Club

Congressman Francis Rooney will be the featured speaker at the monthly Fort Myers Republican Women's luncheon on Tuesday, Aug. 21. He will provide a legislative update and current events facing Congress. A question-and-answer session will be held following Rooney's presentation.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and the speaker's presentation being held at The Helm Club, The Landings, South Fort Myers. A social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. The noon lunch will be followed by the business meeting and program.

The luncheon cost is \$20. Reservations are required by Thursday, Aug. 16, and may be made by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701. Attendees may write their checks to the Republican candidate of their choice and the club will pay for the luncheon.

Future meetings will include a presentation about The School Board of Lee County's proposal for a special tax in September and a review of all the amendments that will appear on the November election ballot in October.

Directions:

Top the flatbread with goat cheese crumbles or spread evenly on the flatbreads. (I use a microwave to warm the goat cheese.) Add bacon crumbles and several slices of figs or I use fig jam from a jar that spreads. Drizzle just a little olive oil over each.

Place flatbreads on a microwave-safe flat plate and cook for about one to two minutes or until the goat cheese has softened a little and is warm. After baking, top with arugula, another drizzle of olive oil and a sprinkle of sea salt. Cut with a sharp knife longwise and then into smaller bite-size pieces and serve warm to your guests.

Connie Hope has written two cookbooks: In Addition...to the Entrée (\$15) and Soups and Stews...Comfort by the Spoonful (\$20). If you would like to purchase either, please contact her at conniehope@comcast.net or call at (215) 527-1217 for copies. Her website is www.thebonnieneuktearoom.com.

Additional information about the club may be obtained by contacting Tina Laurie, 489-4701.

Dining In Club

If you live in Eagle Ridge, maybe you have heard of the Dining In Club where people in our community get together to meet, talk and have fun. Everyone who attends these parties really loves them.

We meet monthly from November to April. If you would like more information about Dining In, please call Connie Hope at (239) 225-6609.

The Florida Yards & Neighborhood (FYN)

Join us at a Florida Yards & Neighborhoods class and learn the nine principles that guide Florida-friendly landscaping in Lee County. The class is given under the auspices of University of Florida IFAS Extension Lee County.

Each principle is explored in class so you can apply what you learn to your own yard. Plant selection and placement, efficient irrigation, proper mulching, and techniques to obtain a beautiful and healthy yard will be discussed. To learn more, visit <http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Volunteer In Your Eagle Ridge Community

If you are interested in serving on the Eagle Ridge Board of Directors, or would like to serve on one of the committees, please contact one of the following: **Hewitt B. McCloskey Jr., John Spiegel, Peter Van Leeuwen, Ed Schuler,** or **Rick Herman** through the Eagle Ridge website: www.eagleridge33912.com.

Your *Eye Of The Eagle*

If you are not receiving your *Eye of The Eagle* newspaper, please contact Ed Schuler, (267) 513-0800.

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Are you looking for an odd job? Want to be included in the Eagle Ridge Job Spot? Email your information to rontlougan@gmail.com. Baby-sitters, pet sitters, yard work and more.

Emily Barnes, (239) 247-3090. Pet sitting and babysitting. I am a resident on Bald Eagle Drive, working as a veterinarian’s assistant at a local veterinarian office. I have been pet sitting as well as babysitting for many years. If you have any questions you are more than welcome to give me a call or text. I will even come by for a meeting, if preferred.

Jenni Caves, (239) 336-4282. Marketing professional. Offering services in branding, website development, management, social media, public relations, etc. I have over 15 years’ experience in marketing and public relations in the public and private sectors. I have lived in Eagle Ridge over seven years.

Nancy Crook, (239) 220-0396. Need assistance in your home, meals, grocery shopping, doctor/dentist appointments, light housekeeping, and personal care? I live on American Eagle Court. I have many years of experience with in-home assistance. How can I help you?

Patty Fajardo, (239) 208-9956. Are you looking for some help? I am a permanent resident at Eagle Ridge and am available for a variety of jobs – housecleaning, running errands, yard work, planting, pulling weeds, grocery shopping, etc. Please call – home (239) 208-9956 or cell (757) 449-9823.

Karleen Halfmann, (239) 292-6302. Karleen’s Coastal Home Watch. Licensed Realtor and competitive pricing. Eagle Ridge resident. Email: karleensellsswfl@aol.com. Call or email for information.

Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609. Absentee Homeowner Services: “While you’re away” I can check your home or condo. (Weekly/biweekly/monthly). I can validate yard maintenance and irrigation, pick up parcels and mail, check water, check appliances, arrange for repairs and services and much more. I am in the community. Call or email conniehope@comcast.net.

Connie Hope, (239) 225-6609. Secretarial work, outreach office work, write your letters, answer your email, also light accounting, prepare things for taxes. I have been a Florida notary for the last 10 years.

Crystal Jozsa, (419) 460-3866. Photography. I am a professional photographer who specializes in family, children, weddings and high school senior portraiture. I can come to your home or go on location. My work can be seen at www.crystaljozsaphotography.com.

Andrew Kirksey, (239) 768-0335. Pressure washing: roofs, driveways, rain gutter cleaning, lanais and cages. No job too small.

Kathie McDonough, (239) 478-0060. A resident on Triple Eagle Court, Kathie does pet sitting and home watch.

Diane Nichols, (239) 825-5861. Notary Public State of Florida since 1986. I will pet sit, house sit, and babysit.

Marlin D. Rott, (239) 986-1589. Computer training – Retired career computer professional can help you learn computer technology and software programs like Excel, Word, or other programs of your choice. If your interest is in how to subscribe, learn and manipulate social networks like Facebook, call now. Improve your understanding about computer literacy. One-hour lessons are available at reasonable rates. Marlin is a resident of the Eagle Ridge community.

Ginny Schuler, (215) 542-9474. College Applications. I provide assistance in all aspects of the process. I have 30-plus years’ experience in helping students gain entrance into the most competitive colleges and universities in the nation. By the time your child completes his or her sophomore year, the process of college selection should be underway. This requires timely scheduling of PSATs, SATs and ACT tests, organizing activity sheets and selecting reasonable college choices (reach, average and safety). My additional specialty is assisting students in writing excellent personal essays and short supplements.

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The “Ridge” Rack

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Deadline: Submission of articles for the *Eye of the Eagle* must be received no later than the **6th** of each month. Email articles, pictures or information for the Bulletin Board, to rontlougan@gmail.com.

Articles can be submitted attached to or contained in an email. Photos should also be emailed as attachments. If you have any questions, please call Ron Tlougan at (651) 764-4438.

Eye of the Eagle: If for any reason you do not receive your *Eye of the Eagle* or if you need extra copies, the paper is also available at the golf clubhouse.

Flagpole Holders and Damaged Mailbox Repairs and Painting: For mailbox repairs, including doors, springs or broken parts and painting, call Dennis Shelley, (239) 887-1042.

Replacement of lamppost bulbs and light sensors: Please call Joe Foster at (239) 218-7714 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

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NOTICE



Please clean up after your dog

Deed of Restrictions Section A-15: Pets must be on a leash at all times when being walked outside of the owner’s property boundaries. The pet owner is responsible for picking up all animal waste from their pet at all times. This includes the common areas! Violators are subject to fining.

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Architectural Control Information

Please remember that any exterior changes you plan to make to your home need to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

For example, this includes reroofing, exterior painting, landscape changes, swing set installations, etc. We live in a deed-restricted community and these controls have been put into place for the good of each homeowner so as to maintain our beautiful community. Please contact Bill Simons (239) 565-4343 or erArchitecture@aol.com so that your changes can be reviewed and approved.

A form is available for download from the Eagle Ridge website: www.EagleRidge33912.com on the **Resources** tab.

We plan to work hard for you to keep our community – the one you all moved into – please help us do that!

The Board of Directors

What’s Blooming At Edison & Ford Winter Estates? ———

By Debbie Hughes, Senior Horticulturist at Edison & Ford Winter Estates

Buying new plants and flowers is always exciting for gardeners. Mina Edison, Thomas Edison’s wife, was an avid gardener and filled her Fort Myers home with a multitude of blossoms. Most people love plants with beautiful blooms, but you can get wonderful color from foliage as well, and some of those plants can thrive in Southwest Florida’s hot, humid summer climate.



gardeners have the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map to use as a guide when selecting plants for their region. All plants have a cold hardiness zone and a temperature that a plant can withstand before becoming damaged or killed. Northern Florida is Zone 8 and has weather conditions that can dip below freezing temperatures. South Florida is mostly Zone 10,



Siam tulip

Pinecone ginger



Costus barbatus



Hedychium flower



White caladium called Moonlight



Caladiums

Many plants, including annuals and perennials struggle when the weather gets hot, but some, such as caladiums flourish! What’s surprising is that the heart-shaped leaves look delicate, with attention-grabbing patterns and colors of pink, red, white, lime green and orange. These plants emerge from tubers, kind of like a potato and are dormant for part of the year – just like bulbs.

After visiting the 1887 World’s Columbian Exposition staged in Chicago, Dr. Henry Nehrling returned with caladiums. He grew the Brazilian plants in his greenhouse until he moved to Gotha, Fla., north of Orlando. His assignment was to grow tropical plants for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). He later moved to Naples where the growing conditions are considered tropical.

Like Nehrling, many gardeners learn the hard way that tropical plants cannot survive in Central Florida. Today,

but inland it drops to Zone 9 where residents can experience some cold spells during the winter months.

While there have been plants lost due to freezing temperatures in South Florida, it’s rare that gardeners experience weather that cold. One plant that is perfect for Zone 10 is the caladium. They like South Florida’s hot and humid weather and thrive with heavy summer rain. Plus, in Zone 10, gardeners are able to leave tubers in the ground all year long, whereas residents in Central Florida have to dig them up and store them during the winter months.

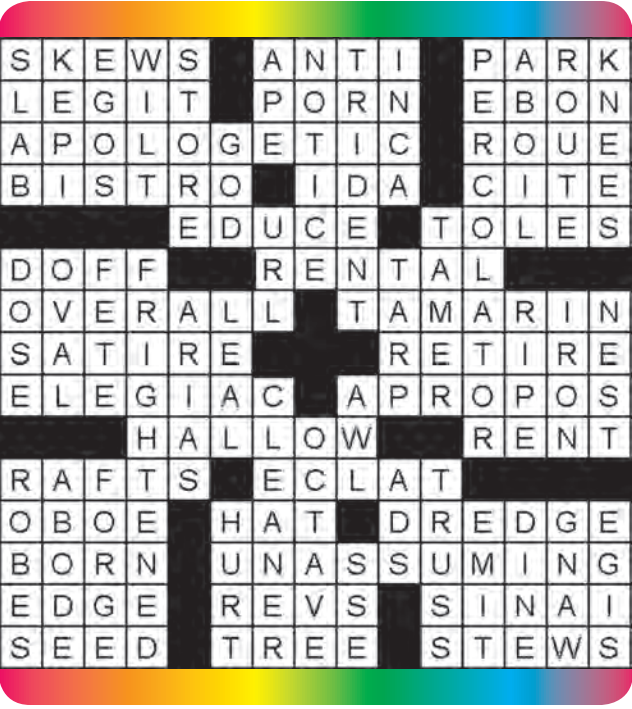
Each year at the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, more tubers are added to established plantings and new beds of caladiums are added for interest and color. The moonlight garden on the Edison estate includes an appropriately named white caladium called “Moonlight.” There are many varieties of caladiums with striking color variations, such as Red Flash, Frog in a Blender or Creamsicle. As a general rule, thin-leaved caladiums require less sun, while thick-leaved varieties such as Red Flash can handle more sunlight.

If you’d like to introduce caladiums to your garden, plant the tubers 2 inches deep and about 6 inches apart. In frost-free climates, they can be planted anytime during the summer through fall months. Caladium plant leaves will pop up from the bulbs once the temperature climbs above 80 degrees and continue producing fresh new growth throughout August and into fall. After that, they will start to decline, but don’t worry; they will reappear once again to lead the garden in their glory.

If you are interested in other plants that do well in our hot, steamy summer weather, try growing ginger, or plants in the Zingiberaceae or Costaceae families. Not all ginger is edible; many of the plants are grown for unusual blooms that are popular in the floral industry. Like caladiums, ginger also goes dormant during cold, winter months and in colder climates, gardeners must dig them up each year.

It’s important to provide a spot where the plants will receive some shade during the hot summer afternoon hours. Ginger plants work great under canopies of large trees like oak or mahogany. Their spectacular blooms add bright color to otherwise plain areas. Depending on the cultivar, many ginger blooms last more than two months, so they make up for the time spent dormant.

Some blooming specimens include *Curcuma* (Siam tulips), *Hedychiums* (fragrant ginger lily), *Costus* (crepe ginger), *Zingiber* (pinecone or shampoo ginger), *Globbas* (dancing lady ginger) and *Kaempferia* (peacock ginger). If you enjoy spending time outdoors in the summer, and want to impress your friends, these are just a few of the plants that you might want to try in your garden. Both caladiums and ginger plants are growing in the gardens at Edison & Ford Winter Estates for visitors to see. There also are some varieties available for sale in the Garden Shoppe for anyone looking to start a bulb garden this year.



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Catch The Action

August On The Water

By Capt. Bill Russell

The ability to overcome challenging or changing conditions on the water is a key factor to successful fishing. While you might have the perfect plan, all mapped out the day before your fishing trip, conditions can change quickly, the good angler learns how to adapt with the conditions.

This summer, Southwest Florida has experienced both fresh water releases from Lake Okeechobee and bouts of red tide along the coast. The water releases generally affect areas near or adjacent to the Caloosahatchee River the most, and red tide can occur anywhere. However, generally red tide is more dominant near the coastline. If your favorite fishing areas are affected it may be necessary to hunt for some new or alternate locations to find the better water and hungry fish.

Weather plays a factor in our fishing, it's not something we can control, but we can learn to use whatever conditions it throws at us to our advantage. It may be too windy to run offshore, however the inshore waters are often better in the summer with a little wind. Winds from the south or west, coupled with an incoming tide are great times to target inshore species.

Tides play a huge role in our fishing success and everyone's not lucky enough to plan fishing trips around the optimal tides. On those days with little to no tide movement and no breeze to move the water it can be a real



struggle to entice a bite. During these tides, fishing around the gulf passes and bridges or areas in the immediate vicinity can pay off big. The current is often way too strong to correctly fish these areas, but on the slow tide days you can target them and often with good results. This is a great time and place to catch some tasty mangrove snapper.

On a side note, if you are fishing live bait in the backwaters, keep a real close eye on your live well, often you will stop to fish an area with poor water quality over the summer months only to find all your bait turning belly up. I know how hard we often work to fill the well with

bait, losing them in this matter is hard to swallow. If your bait isn't looking good, get the boat moving to a different area, and quickly.

While it's good to have an action plan for your day of fishing, it's more important to learn to alter it for changing conditions. You might plan on tarpon fishing the beaches only to wake up to 15-knot westerly winds, or the area you planned on fishing inshore looks like a mud puddle that someone just mowed the grass over. When conditions change keep an open mind, look at your options and adjust your plans accordingly. If there is one thing I have learned over the years, if you want to have routine success you need to be able to adjust on the fly.

For charter information, please contact us at Gulf Coast Guide Service and "Catch the Action" with Capt. Bill Russell, phone: (239) 283-7960, website: www.fishpineisland.com, email: gcl2fish@live.com.



Capt. Bill Russell is a native and lifelong resident of Pine Island who has spent his entire life fishing the waters surrounding Pine Island and Southwest Florida. For the past 21 years Bill has been a professional fishing guide who takes pride in customizing each trip to ensure everyone on board has a great time and will return again. Come join us and "Catch the Action."

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Security Central

By Connie Hope

I'm not going to say this too loud, but it has been a quiet month. We had one disturbance reported in late May and the police came out. But the problem was gone by the time the police arrived on the scene of the disturbance. We also had someone going door to door soliciting. Soliciting is not allowed in our community. The person called the nonemergency number and was patched through to the 911 line. She asked for a police car to come and drive

around the neighborhood and check for this person.

It is all of our responsibility to keep our eyes and ears open and report problems to the nonemergency number, (239) 477-1000 or if it is a critical problem the 911 number.

The teenagers are out from school and sometimes they create small disturbances. We all can watch and call the nonemergency number if we see a problem. Have a safe and peaceful summer.

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