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IFAS Events

15th International Symposium on Trace Elements in Man and Animals (TEMA 15)

International Symposium on Tomato Diseases & U.S. Annual Tomato Disease Workshop

Field Corn Variety Tour

Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference 2013

Awards & Announcements

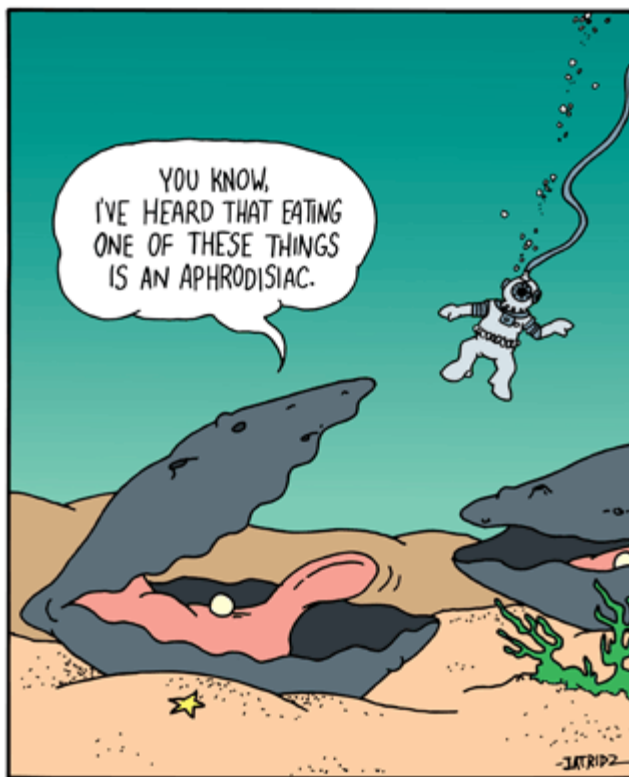
Alachua County water conservation program wins national award

Two UF/IFAS faculty earn place on list of top women

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**“Why, then the world’s mine oyster,
Which I with sword will open.”**

— William Shakespeare, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*

I know both writers and Madmen who would kill or die to have Shakespeare’s skill of coining a phrase. Indeed, he coined so many commonly used words and phrases, you’ve probably

Multimedia

Florida Sea Grant Highlights



This short video highlights Florida Sea Grant’s research and outreach achievements during 2011 and 2012.

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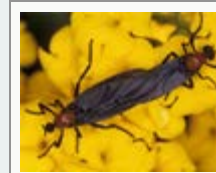
Bug Week



Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman discusses entomology with TV20.

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Lovebugs



UF/IFAS researchers are working on a lovebug trap.

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scientists in Florida

UF older adults specialist awarded for research at national conference

already quoted Shakespeare today and you didn't even know it. Seriously, there are at least 1,500 different words and phrases that don't appear anywhere prior to the Bard of Avon putting them on paper.

We can thank Shakespeare for the word "alligator." In the last act of *Romeo and Juliet*, Romeo plans his own suicide by securing poison from a nearby apothecary who keeps "...in his needy shop a tortoise hung, / An alligator stuff'd, and other skins..." Alligator became part of the English language in 1677 and the short form, "gator," was first recorded in the nineteenth century. Of course, gator now forms the cornerstone of UF's brand and the battle cry of loyal fans.

Another universally used phrase attributable to Will Shakespeare is, "The world's my oyster," a saying that declares that the earth's abundance is ours to leisurely pluck from the shell. But don't tell that to the crashing oyster population of Apalachicola Bay, which accounts for 90 percent of Florida's oyster harvest and 10 percent of the nation's yield. After decades of reduced river-supply flows, overharvesting and drought, and despite restoration efforts, there is not enough fresh water for the oysters to rebound.

Perhaps "To be, or not to be," the famous opening phrase of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, might be a more apt pearl of wisdom for our Gulf oysters?

Go Gators!

-Jack

Features



Apalachicola Oysters

Science and support needed in Gulf Coast restoration. [Read more...](#)



Research Awards

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Smart Phone Irrigation

Smartphone apps help manage irrigation systems. [Read more...](#)

Florida Peaches



Acreage growing in response to citrus greening. [Watch Video>>](#)

Articles

New UF Vet School Dean



Michigan State associate dean named dean of UF vet school. [Read Article>>](#)

Poisonous Mushrooms



Florida expert: Keep pets, livestock away from false parasol mushrooms. [Read Article>>](#)

Potato School



UF/IFAS Chef David Bearl serves up delicious, nutritious dishes during recent potato seminar. [Read Article>>](#)

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