



Doves were released at the Peace Fair in Immokalee on Monday. The event, which was hosted by the Shelter for Abused Women and Children, offered food, music and games for families while also raising awareness about domestic violence. LIAM JAMES DOYLE/NAPLES DAILY NEWS

## Peace Fair: 'Love, equality and freedom'

Shelter wraps up Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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At its 18th annual Peace Fair in Immokalee, the Shelter for Abused Women and Children asked attendees what peace means to them.

Some wrote on Post-It notes that family and their children were their peace. Others wrote love, equality and freedom. One person wrote that there was peace in wishing well for others.

These messages were placed on posters hanging from fences at the Immokalee Sports Complex during Monday afternoon's event, which was organized by

the shelter.

The Peace Fair rounded out the shelter's events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Peace starts at home," said Linda Oberhaus, the shelter's executive director and CEO. "If you're not safe in your own home, no one in the community will be safe."

Children played on a bounce house and pet a miniature pony. Students from area schools painted pumpkins and did other crafts. A dozen white doves were released at the event.

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Gov. Rick Scott, at podium: "This funding includes historic investments in our iconic springs, world-renowned Everglades, award-winning state parks and beautiful beaches." PHOTOS BY LIAM JAMES DOYLE/USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

# Gov wants nature to be nurtured

Scott wants \$1.7B for conservation projects across Fla.

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Gov. Rick Scott was in Southwest Florida on Monday to tout his eighth and final budget, one that includes \$1.7 billion for environmental programs.

"This funding includes historic investments in our iconic springs, world-renowned Everglades, award-winning state parks and beautiful beaches, which is especially important following impacts by Hurricane Irma," Scott said.

"I am also proud to be recommending \$100 million to preserve and protect our natural lands, including \$50 million for Florida Forever.

"Our natural treasures are so important to Florida's economy and tourism industry and the many families that rely on them."

The budget, which will be considered by the state House and Senate next year, includes \$355 million for Everglades restoration projects, as well as \$50 million for Florida's parks.

Scott's plan also includes a significant investment in the Caloosahatchee River reservoir, called C-43.

The project is designed to capture about 55 billion gallons of stormwater runoff from lands north and south of the river, store that water and then release it during dry conditions.

Stormwater runs off the landscape

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Gov. Rick Scott went to the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary east of Bonita Springs on Monday to announce his budget recommendation of a \$1.7 billion investment in Florida's environment.



Watch a video of Gov. Scott making a pitch for federal funding to help Lake

Okeechobee. [naplesnews.com](http://naplesnews.com)

## Barge sinks in Gulf off Naples

No one hurt; wood load collected from water

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A commercial barge sank in the Gulf off Naples on Monday afternoon, forcing two on board to swim to shore, officials said.

Naples Fire Rescue and police marine units responded to the scene near the 4500 block of Gulf Shore Boulevard after the barge began to sink about 300 yards off shore about 1:30 p.m., said Lt. Seth Finman, a Naples police spokesman.

The two people who swam to shore did not need to be hospitalized, Finman said.

"They're fine," he said.

The barge was carrying mostly wood, which floated and was collected by first responders, said Naples Harbormaster Roger Jacobson.

"No debris was left in the water," he said.

No environmentally hazardous material or liquids had been released as of Monday afternoon, Jacobson said.

"No shoen at all," he said.

The barge, which belongs to a marine contractor and is about 14-by-35 feet

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## A better way to do council's pay raise



BRENT BATTEN

Politicians make promises.

Some are explicit, such as "Vote for me and I'll cut taxes."

Others are implicit.

Understood in the electoral process is the unspoken promise that the candidate agrees to the terms and conditions of the office sought.

That holds true for Naples City Council members who ran for office knowing that the four-year job pays \$23,500 per year plus a \$200-a-month stipend.

The mayor ran knowing the job pays \$30,000 per year plus a \$400-a-month stipend.

They all took an oath swearing to perform the duties of the office.

Now the council and mayor are considering granting themselves hefty pay raises. They voted 4-3 in favor of the

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Siblings Keylin, left, and Cesar Zapata play on an inflatable slide during the Peace Fair at the Sports Complex in Immokalee on Monday. Pony rides also were made available to young attendees. LIAM JAMES DOYLE/NAPLES DAILY NEWS

## Peace Fair

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Shelter representatives told attendees that sometimes people think finding peace is dependent on other people or factors outside of our control.

They encouraged people to think about what makes them feel at peace and make the changes around them that are necessary to achieve that goal.

Several community partners, including the PACE Center for Girls and the Southwest Florida Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse, were at the event to teach people about their resources.

The bikers act as guardians for abused children.

They form friendships with kids who might be afraid to testify in court against their abusers.

And they show up when a kid calls, even if it's at 3 a.m. because the child had a nightmare.

"Our goal is to empower children to

not be afraid of the world in which they live and to give them a sense of security after experiencing abuse," said Chico, president of the bikers' Southwest Florida chapter. For their safety and that of the kids they work with, members don't provide their real names, he said.

The shelter helps children and women who experienced domestic violence or human trafficking.

A new domestic violence shelter is set to break ground in Immokalee in summer 2018.

Shelter spokeswoman Kaydee Tuff said they are about halfway to their fundraising goals.

The new shelter will have an entire wing dedicated to helping human trafficking victims, she said.

The shelter opened its Immokalee office in 1997.

"It's important for us to be here and for people in this community to know the resources that are available for them if they need help," Oberhaus said.

Anyone who is experiencing domestic violence and needs help can call the Shelter for Abused Women and Children at 1-800-500-1119.

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too quickly now in an unnatural process that can lead to bacteria blooms, fish and marine mammal kills, and no-swimming advisories at beaches.

The runoff, combined with Lake Okeechobee releases, have turned coastal waters brown since Hurricane Irma struck Sept. 10.

Scott is proposing \$105 million for the reservoir, which, if matched by the federal government, would provide more than one-third of the money needed for the \$600 million project.

"I think the C-43 reservoir is probably the biggest winner in this because that's going to retain a lot of water in the wet season and also put the water back into the Caloosahatchee during the dry season," said Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon of Florida.

Eric Eikenberg, with the Everglades Foundation in Miami, also praised early details of the governor's budget, saying the federal government should be ready to match money for Everglades restoration and other cost-sharing agreements.

"We need this same type of number out of the White House," Eikenberg said. "And when the president begins to develop his budget, and I know there's a good relationship between the governor's mansion and the White House, he needs to match it. The state is going first and putting up a tremendous amount of mon-



Gov. Rick Scott, at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary east of Bonita Springs on Monday, announces his budget proposals for environmental conservation. More details of Scott's budget are expected in the next few weeks. LIAM JAMES DOYLE/USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

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The \$1.7 billion for environmental projects and programs in the 2018-19 budget is up from \$1.4 billion this year.

"We also have a lot of damage with our beaches in regard to Irma, so my budget will have \$100 million for our beaches," Scott said. "We got hit last year with our beaches on the east coast, and this year most of the damage with (Hurricane) Irma was on our west coast, but we still did see some damage on the east coast."

More details of Scott's budget are expected to be released in the next few weeks.

## Barge

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with a crane on board, "was taking in water due to rough seas" and eventually capsized, said Jerry Pecar, a battalion chief for Naples Fire Rescue.

"They lose their balance and just go over," Pecar said, referring to barges.

The barge was on its way from Vanderbilt Beach to Doctors Pass, Pecar said.

Units from the North Collier Fire Control and Rescue District and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission also responded.

Jacobson said he wasn't sure how long it would take to have the barge removed. But he said a cool front forecast for this

week could produce rough seas and delay recovery into the coming weeks.

"There's not a lot of companies that can do this kind of lifting," Jacobson said. "It's a heavy barge."

The barge weighs about 13 tons, Pecar said.

Jacobson estimated it would cost "tens of thousands of dollars" to remove the vessel.

"You need a specialized crane," he said.

Jacobson said the owner is foremost responsible for removing the barge, but he added the U.S. Coast Guard might be needed to help lift it.

The city would help coordinate the removal, Jacobson said. He would like to have the barge taken out within 30 days, he said.

"It's not in anybody's way," Jacobson said. "(But) you want it removed."

### NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION MEETING

Petition PUDA-PL20170000425, Creekside Commerce Park Planned Unit Development (PUD)

The public is invited to attend a neighborhood meeting held by D. Wayne Arnold, AICP, of Q. Grady Minor and Associates, P.A. and Richard D. Yovanovich, Esq. of Coleman, Yovanovich and Koester, P.A., representing Arthrex, Inc. on:

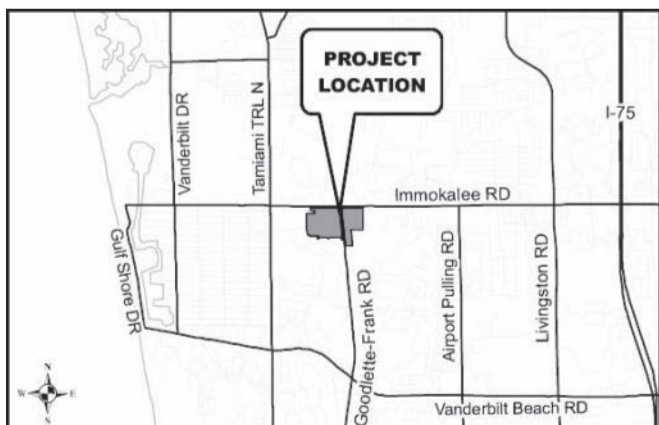
Monday, November 13, 2017, 5:30 pm

at

Arthrex Inc., 1370 Creekside Blvd., Naples, Florida 34108

Arthrex, Inc. is asking the County to approve an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) application, which proposes to add one additional hotel on the west side of Goodlette-Frank Road and increase the maximum number of hotel rooms from 180 to 349. These modifications are made to both the I/C and B Districts within the PUD. The maximum vehicular trip generation figure in Section 2.16.L remains the same due to a corresponding reduction in medical office space. A minor change to the Conceptual PUD Master Plan is proposed to add a note on Tract 6 and southern portion of Tract 3 regarding the Architectural Standards Deviation. The PUD amendment also makes provisions for recreational facilities associated with permitted uses in the PUD.

The subject property is comprised of approximately 106± acres and is located on the Southwest and Southeast quadrant of Immokalee Road and Goodlette-Frank Road in Section 27, Township 48 South, Range 25 East, Collier County, Florida.



Business and property owners, residents and visitors are welcome to attend the presentation. The Neighborhood Information Meeting is for informational purposes only, it is not a public hearing. Project information is posted online at [www.gradyminor.com/planning](http://www.gradyminor.com/planning). If you have questions or comments, they can be directed by mail, phone, fax or e-mail to:

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