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News in briefs

Heart Ball 'An Evening in Paris'

The Clewiston Lions Club is sponsoring a Heart Ball on Valentines Day, Feb. 14. Tickets are \$37.50 per person. Live performances by the Juke Box Band and a Silent Auction for a Hendry County Student Scholarship. For further information please call Jeff Barwick at 863-983-7542.

School closing

There will be no school on Feb. 16, in observance of President's Day.

Hookers Point

Community meeting

There will be a community meeting held on Saturday, Jan. 31 beginning at 12 p.m. This meeting will take place at Quality Electric located on 1377 Evercane Rd. in Clewiston. For more information on topics discussed or directions please call Karson Turner at 863-228-4356.

Clewiston Youth

Baseball

Clewiston baseball and softball registration will be held on Friday, Feb. 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Beardsley Room behind the John Boy Auditorium. Cost is \$55 and a copy of birth certificate is required for all new and returning players.

Sugar Pageant

Applications are now available for the Miss Sugar 2009 Pageant at the following locations: Clewiston High School, Clewiston Public Library and the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce. A mandatory meeting will be held January 29 for both parents and contestants at the Clewiston Inn upper porch at 7 p.m. Please bring your application, entry fee and copy of birth certificate to this meeting. A \$4,000 scholarship is awarded to the new Miss Sugar.

Volunteer's needed

CREW is still helping Hendry and Glades county residents recover from Hurricane Wilma.

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 13.48 feet above sea level

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S.O. sergeant dies suddenly

By Patty Brant
INI Florida

LABELLE -- Wearing black bands and somber hearts members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office are coping with the shock of Sgt. Michael Lee Horne's death. The 45-year-old veteran lawman died as he was ending his shift about 6 a.m. Tuesday morning.

For unknown reasons, his patrol vehicle rammed through the locked gate at his home and into the side of a utility building.



Sgt. Michael Horne.

Medical personnel's attempts to resuscitate him failed and he was pronounced dead at the scene. All the details are not known at

this time, but Sheriff Steve Whidden said the previous night's shift had been a busy one.

Florida Highway Patrol officers are investigating the crash.

As officers learned of their friend and colleague's death, they filed into the sheriff's office for a debriefing by professionals - an attempt to help them deal with the tragedy.

Sgt. Horne had been with the HCSO since 1998, beginning as a corrections officer. He became a road deputy in 2001. He was a midnight shift supervisor and

had been promoted to sergeant just three weeks ago.

Sgt. Marian J. Bryant recalls working many shifts with Sgt. Horne.

"He was the ultimate type of cop you'd want," she said, "he was by the book, a professional. He was an all-round great guy and a wonderful father."

Her sentiments echoed those of many of Sgt. Horne's fellow officers.

Named Officer of the Year for 2001-02 by the Clewiston Elks Lodge #1853, Sgt. Horne had

earned the respect of the community as well as his peers.

Sheriff Steve Whidden was a close personal friend of Sgt. Horne's. He said, "Mike worked hard for this community and he was dedicated to serving and protecting the residents or those that passed through Hendry County and died doing what he loved." He added, "I loved him like a brother."

Sgt. Horne leaves two daughters, ages 9 and 11.

Funeral arrangements were unknown as of presstime.

A thrill: Skydiving on the weekend



INI/Ashley Smith

These skydivers were just a few of many who participated in last weekend's skydive event in Clewiston.



INI/Ashley Smith

Event goes enjoyed barbecue, tandem jumps and many more activities at the Air Adventures Skydive event in Clewiston.

Twin Lakes shooting injures two

Three charged in violent confrontation

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- One of the victims was shot in the ankle with a single bullet wound.

The other was not as fortunate, and suffered a gunshot wound to the stomach, while

a life-threatening shotgun blast decimated his chest.

According to the official police report, the attack was a grisly one, with several subjects involved.

Most were believed to have targeted the victim who suffered the most serious injuries.

It is the latest in an ongoing gang conflict between warring criminal organizations in Clewiston, police say.

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Hendry/Glades Task Force to tackle gang issue

Local agencies band to address issue

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

Even before last Friday's fateful shooting in Clewiston, community members had had it.

The signs of gang activity are evident throughout the community. In some areas, the disagreement among the various gangs has spilled over to hurting, or nearly hurting, residents who have nothing to do with the vicious conflicts.

On streets and on buildings, graffiti notes the presence of groups of criminals who seem-

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John Davis promoted to General

Hometown resident achieves high rank

Clewiston native John A. Davis was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in a recent ceremony held in the Washington, DC area.

In reaching this high level of achievement, Davis joins the elite status of the Army officer corps where the General Officer ranks comprise less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the entire officer population.

John is currently assigned as the Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force - Global Network Operations in Arlington, Va.

The Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations directs the operation and defense of the Global Information Grid across strategic, operational, and tactical boundaries in support of the Department of Defense's full spectrum of war fighting, intelligence, and business operations.

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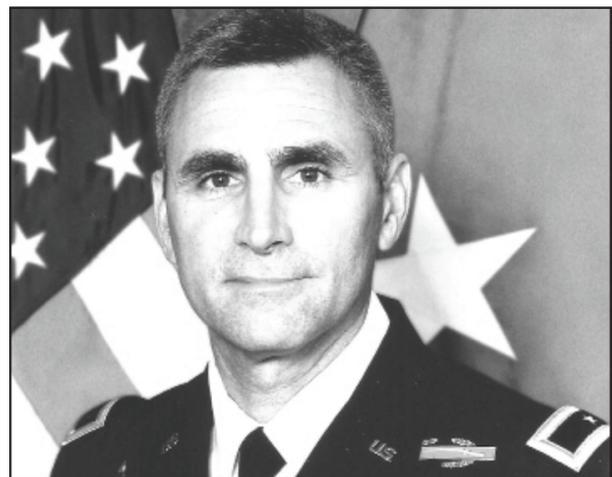
also extends outside the Department of Defense and supports other National Defense and other government intelligence and security systems.

A graduate of Clewiston High School, John also graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1980.

He served in combat in both Grenada and Panama, was awarded two Bronze Star Medals and is a Master Parachutist.

He has also seen extensive duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

John is the son of Mrs. Irene Davis of Clewiston, and the late Jack Davis. He is married with three children.



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John Davis, a Clewiston native, was recently promoted to Brigadier General.

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Arrest Report

This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty, or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

Armando C. Espinoza, 22



- Belle Glade
- Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Jan. 23
- Released Jan. 24

Ernest Brown, 47



- Belle Glade
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 26

Jarvis Williams, 30



- Belle Glade
- Battery second or subsequent offense
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 25 on \$5,000 bond

Jeremy Sparkman, 21



- Belle Glade
- Battery - felony battery by strangulation
- Kidnap - false imprisonment - adult
- Arrested Jan. 23
- No bond has been set

Josie M. Perry, 63



- Belle Glade
- Trespassing - structure or conveyance
- Possession with intent to sell or deliver schedule
- Arrested Jan. 20
- Released Jan. 20 on \$3,000 bond

Juvenal Mendoza, 23



- Belle Glade
- Destroying, tamper with or fabricate physical evidence
- Resist officer - without violence
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Bond has been set to \$3,000

Isaac Willis, 25



- Belle Glade
- Evidence - destroying, tamper with or fabricate physical evidence
- Possession of marijuana
- Arrested Jan. 23
- Released Jan. 23 on \$3,000 bond

Jonathan Gadsden, 25



- Belle Glade
- Possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams
- Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 22
- Released Jan. 23 on \$3,010.00 bond

Miguel Morales, 34



- Belle Glade
- Battery felony battery or domestic battery by strangulation
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Released Jan. 26

Rafael FerenandezTorres, 24



- Belle Glade
- Carrying a concealed weapon - firearm
- Firing weapon - discharge firearm in public
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Bond has been set for \$3,000

Raul Merino, 35



- Belle Glade
- Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Released Jan. 25

Rodney Joiner, 18



- Belle Glade
- Robbery with a firearm
- Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
- Arrested Jan. 25
- No bond set

Torrance Mathis, 18



- Belle Glade
- Possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver schedule
- Possession of narcotic equipment
- Arrested Jan. 23
- Released Jan. 24 on \$500 bond

Alexander Gonzalez, 26



- Belle Glade
- Out of county warrant
- Principle in the 1st degree
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 24 to Hendry Co. Sheriff's Office

Sade Atkins, 20



- Pahokee
- Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon
- Cruelty toward child - abuse without great harm
- Arrested Jan. 25
- Released Jan. 26

Tyrone Hill, 18



- Pahokee
- Aggravated battery - offender knew/should have known victim pregnant
- Arrested Jan. 22
- Released Jan. 23

Markeus Hickman, 34



- Pahokee
- Out of county warrant
- Grand theft third degree
- Arrested Jan. 26
- No bond set booked for Hillsborough Co. Sheriff's Office

Ozell Polk, 37



- South Bay
- Resist officer - flee elude LEO
- Traffic violation - drive while license suspended habitual offender
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 24 on \$3,000 bond

Reginald McKelvin, 36



- South Bay
- TCATS operating while driver license revoked for habitual traffic offender
- Arrested Jan. 22
- No bond set

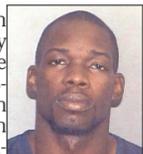
Rodney Dunson, 37



- South Bay
- Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000
- Arrested Jan. 24
- Released Jan. 24 on \$3,000 bond

Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of January 22.



Donte Thompson, age 27, also known as Douglas Thompson, is a black male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds. He has tattoos on both arms.

Thompson's last known address is listed as S.W. 7th St., Belle Glade.

He is wanted on felony charges violation of probation: resisting police officer with violence, and misdemeanor offense violation of probation: criminal mischief.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of this wanted fugitive is asked to contact the Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestopperspbcc.com.

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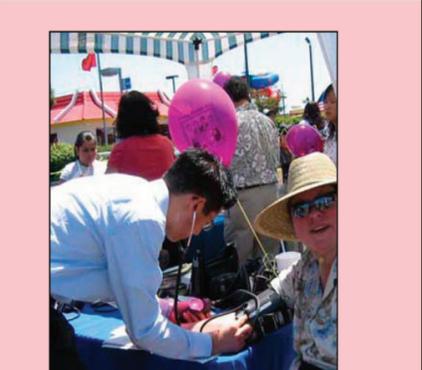
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What is an Inguinal Hernia? Could you have one?

By Dr. Dayares Mobed
HRMC General Surgeon

Most people have known or heard about someone who has had hernia surgery.

Hernia surgeries are the most common surgeries performed today.

Would you be able to recognize a hernia or be familiar with the signs and symptoms caused by a hernia?

What is a hernia?
A hernia, in general terms, is a weakness or tear, by nature or iatrogenic (induced), causing protrusion of bowel and fat through the weakness.

Hernias are classified by their location.

They can occur at all ages, and can be congenital (noticed at birth) or developed later in life.

What is an inguinal hernia? An inguinal hernia is an abnormal bulge or protrusion that develops in the groin area (between the abdomen and the thigh).

This type of hernia is by far the most common hernia.
A mother may notice swelling



Submitted photo
Dr. Darayes Mobed.

in her infant son's scrotum, when her baby is crying; this is a typical example of an infant hernia.

An inguinal hernia can also develop when a portion of an internal organ such as the intestine, along with fluid, bulges through a weakened area in the muscle wall of the abdomen.

Who is at risk for an inguinal hernia?

There are certain risk factors, which may predispose a person to an inguinal hernia.

Though some patients do not fall into these categories, the most common risk factors include:

- Gender – Inguinal hernias are more common in males than in females.

- Prostate enlargement – Prostate enlargement can cause straining during urination.

- Family history - Your risk of inguinal hernia increases if you have a close relative, such as a parent or sibling, with the condition.

- Certain medical conditions - Having cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening disorder that causes severe lung damage and often a chronic cough.

- Chronic cough from smoking- A chronic cough, such as one

which occurs from smoking.

- Chronic constipation - This leads to straining during bowel movements — a common cause of inguinal hernias.

- Excess weight - Being moderately to severely overweight can put extra pressure on your abdomen.

- Multiple Pregnancies – Multiple pregnancies can weaken the abdominal muscles and cause increased pressure inside your abdomen.

- Certain occupations - Having a job that requires standing for long periods or doing heavy lifting and physical labor increases your risk.

- Premature birth - Infants who are born sooner than normal.

- History of prior hernia surgeries – If you've had one inguinal hernia, it's much more likely that you'll eventually develop another

one – usually on the opposite side.

What are the symptoms of inguinal hernia?

Inguinal hernias are characterized by pain or a bulge in the groin area when coughing, sneezing, lifting or straining.

The swelling may be reduced or even disappear when lying down. In an infant, the hernia is noticed as a swelling in the scrotum, when the baby is crying.

How is an inguinal hernia treated?

There are various methods and timings for hernia treatment or repair.

If the hernia can be reduced or pushed back and the symptoms disappear, the surgery can be performed electively.

If the hernia continues to be painful and cannot be reduced, there is a potential for bowel strangulation, and hernia surgery becomes an emergency.

Hernia repair in an infant or child is done by surgically closing the defect of the hernia. In an adult, however, a synthetic inert

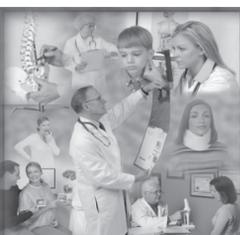
mesh is overlaid on the defect for a stronger repair.

Inguinal hernia surgery can be performed by a small incision in the groin or laparoscopically through multiple tiny incisions and the use of a camera.

Recovering from surgery – Hernia surgeries are performed on an outpatient basis, whereby the patient is able to walk soon after the procedure.

There are no dietary restrictions, and patients can resume their regular activities within a few days.

An inguinal hernia is one of the many types of hernias. Other types include: femoral, ventral, umbilical, hiatal, and intra-abdominal hernias. I will elaborate on these types of hernias at a later date.



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Submitted photo

Big Read Kickoff

At the Big Read Kickoff, Mayor Mali Chamness and Jeff Klinkenberg of the St. Petersburg Times share the proclamation with Clewiston firefighters and fire explorers.



Submitted photo

RAK blesses Palm Terrace

The Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Club started off the new year with a project to bless the residents of Palm Terrace Nursing Home. This past week the RAK Club members got together to cut out and paint designs on 16 lap blankets of various colors and sizes. The students worked together to add words of encouragement and pretty pictures to each of the fleece blankets. Additionally, some students made bird feeders out of pine cones covered with peanut butter and bird seed for placement in the patio areas of the nursing home.

After school on Friday, an entourage which included 24 students and six parent chaperones made the presentation to the staff at Palm Terrace. The students personally presented their handmade gifts and then were given a brief tour of the facility.

Local Weather Forecast

Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

Clewiston and surrounding areas:

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind around 11 mph becoming west.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 58. Northwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Extended Forecast:

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 13 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. Windy, with a northwest wind between 17 and 21 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Breezy, with a north wind between 17 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 73.

Clubs and organizations

CTST meeting planned

The Hendry County Community Traffic Safety Team meeting is held at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Hendry County Fire Station in LaBelle. Meetings are set for 2009 with the next meeting planned for Feb. 5.

CHS Project Graduation Fish Fry

There will be a Fish Fry on Jan. 30 at the Elks Lodge from 6 to 9 p.m. You can eat out or eat in. Tickets will be presold at Glades Gas. You can purchase tickets the day of the Fish Fry but there will be a limited amount. Plates will include: Fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, baked beans and a drink.

There will also be a Project Graduation meeting for all senior student's parents on Feb. 2 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Bird-Watching Tours

Through a partnership with Hendry-Glades Audubon, the South Florida Water Management District will offer to the public escorted birding tours at the South Florida Birding Trail Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) south of Clewiston in eastern Hendry County. Tours are open to anyone, but participants must regis-

ter to reserve a space on the trips. Meet at the STA5 gate at 8:30 a.m. To sign up for the STA-5 Birding Tour: Send an e-mail to Margaret England, at: sta5birding@embarqmail.com with your name and contact information including an emergency cell number for the tour day, the date you want to go, and the number in your party. You may also leave a message at: 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Website: <http://www.orgsites.com/fl/hgaudubon/>

2008 Schedule
January 31
Great Backyard Bird Count Fun Weekend: Everyone Welcome Feb. 14-16.

Feb. 14 a.m. and p.m., Feb. 15 a.m., Feb. 16 a.m.,

Feb. 28, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, May 9 (North American Migration Count: Teams) June 20, July 11, Aug. 15, Sept. 19 (North American Migration Count: Teams), Oct. 17.

Youth ball registration

Baseball and softball registration will be held at the Clewiston Youth Center Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until February or further notice.

A.A. and N.A. Meetings

A.A. and N.A. meetings are being held regularly on Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 7

p.m. These meetings will be held at the Clewiston Gospel Ministries on 6800 Flaghole Rd. For further information please contact Gene at 863-983-4437.

Guardian ad Litem needed

You're the only one who ever listened to me or asked my opinion. -Andrea, 8, said that during her GAL's monthly visit

Are you flexible, open-minded and interested in advocating for a child? Only 65 percent of Hendry County children taken from their homes due to allegations of abuse or neglect have a volunteer Guardian ad Litem (GAL) to protect their interests.

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Volunteer opportunities

Hope Hospice and Community Services seeks opportunities to speak to civic groups, clubs and churches about services provided and volunteer opportunities.

Speaker topics include:

- Volunteering for Good Health
- 25 ways to Support Someone Facing a Serious Illness
- Advance Directives
- Hospice 101 and Volunteering

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Providing companionship to patients
 - Driving patients to the doctor, store and taking them on errands
 - Spanish speaking volunteers to talk to people in the language they are most comfortable with
 - Volunteers to sit with children so family can visit
- For more information, call Jean Best at 863-983-7771.

General News and Information

Sponsor a pet

People who love pets but cannot adopt one for one reason or another now have another way to help. Caloosa Humane Society has just added a feature to its pet list on Petfinder.com called Sponsor a Pet.

With a simple click of a button, a visitor can make a donation to a pet's care. To see pets

available to sponsor, visit www.dogcat.petfinder.com.

Addiction recovery help

Narconon reminds parents that during the summer months, children are more apt to let boredom set in and drugs and alcohol can work into their lives. To help

your child this summer, learn to recognize the signs of drug and alcohol addiction and get the help they need.

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Women take action against cervical cancer

INI Florida - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) has recognized January as Cervical Health Awareness Month, a time to educate, encourage and empower women to visit their health care provider for information and screening for cervical cancer.

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Cervical cancer once claimed the lives of more American women than any other type of cancer but is now nearly 100 percent preventable and treatable with timely interventions. Over the last 40 years, widespread cervical cancer screening using the Pap test and treatment of pre-cancerous cervical conditions have resulted in a marked reduction of the incidence and deaths due to cervical cancer in the United States.

Approximately 99 percent of cervical cancer is attributed to a virus known as human papillomavirus (HPV). The virus is spread through sexual contact, and women can be infected with HPV and not know it. A new HPV vaccine prevents some types of cervical cancer. This immunization may reduce the incidence of cervical cancer even more over time.

Ways to prevent or treat cervical cancer include:

Have regular Pap tests which can find early cell changes in the cervix.

Females should start getting regular Pap tests about three years after they begin sexual activity. All women should have a Pap test by the age of 21 regardless of sexual activity.

Follow up promptly on any abnormal Pap test results.

Discuss HPV vaccinations with your health care provider. Studies also suggest that smoking, a weakened immune system, and multiple sexual partners increases your risk of cervical cancer.

In Florida during 2005, 910 new cases of cervical cancer were diagnosed, and 291 Floridians died of cervical cancer. The number of cases and deaths are higher in Florida than many other states.

DOH promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Florida. The DOH Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is available statewide. This program provides assistance to women ages 50-64, who are uninsured and are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. By offering information and support, as well as the critical screening services that women need, the program has helped to remove barriers that prevent women from being screened. Since the program began, over 44,189 women have received Pap

tests through this program. There are 16 sites in Florida that serve the state. For more information on enrolling in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, visit www.doh.state.fl.us/family/bcc or call the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345.

To learn more about cervical cancer, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at: www.cdc.gov, the American Cancer Society at: www.cancer.org.

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With the president
Anne Haskell and husband, Fred Brockman, pose with "President Barack Obama" at the Inaugural Dinner Dance, sponsored by the local NAACP branch and held at Devon's Bistro, Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Belle Glade.



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Enjoying the event
Enjoying the NAACP's Inaugural event were Martha Soriano and Eleanor Bentley, who celebrated the historic day with dinner, dancing and recollections of the earlier Presidential Inauguration events. Inauguration Day also was Mrs. Bentley's birthday, which added dimension to the enjoyable evening.

Date for Lamb Referendum

INI Florida -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it will offer lamb producers, feeders, and first handlers the opportunity to vote in a nationwide referendum on whether to continue or terminate the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, authorized under the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The referendum will be held Feb. 2 to Feb. 27. The referendum will be conducted at USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices. To be eligible to vote, persons must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, which shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs during the period, January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008. Beginning Feb. 2 and continuing through Feb. 27, persons eli-

gible to vote should obtain form LS-86 from a county FSA office either in person, by mail, fax, or via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms>. Persons must vote in the referendum at the County FSA office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For those persons not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will be provided at the County FSA office where the person owns or rents land. Form LS-86 and supporting documentation must be returned in person, by mail, or by fax to the appropriate county FSA office. The form and documentation returned in person or by fax must be received in the appropriate county office prior to the close of business on Feb. 27. The form and documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight on Feb. 27 and received in the county FSA-

office by March 6. USDA monitors activities of the American Lamb Board. The mandatory program is financed by producers, seed-stock producers (breeders), feeders, and exporters who are assessed one-half cent (\$.005) per pound when live ovine animals are sold. The first handler, primarily packers, pays an additional 30 cents per head on ovine animals purchased for slaughter. Notice of the referendum will be published in the December 16, 2008, Federal Register. Copies of the Final Rule and Notice are available from the Marketing Programs Branch; Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, USDA; STOP 0251 - Room 2628-S; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW; Washington, D.C. 20250-0251; tel. (202) 720-1115; or via the Internet at www.ams.usda.gov/lsmarketingprograms.

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A Historical Perspective on Spanish Florida

Missions in South Florida

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

The lone, scholarly priest stood at the edge of the lagoon, staring across the sparkling, tropical waters until sea and sky merged as one on the blue horizon.

The gaze remained fixed for several minutes, as his mind and spirit breached all earthly obstacles and rose to terrestrial heights.

The heavenly journey eluded him when a slight noise awakened him to a beautiful, but cruel world.

The dreamy, sedated look was replaced with an anguished expression that crept across his face.

Ocean borne winds had carried the strange, muffled sound across the water's edge, alerting him to danger.

Tranquil eyes recoiled in horror at the sight of murderous men emerging from dugouts, moving swiftly to block his escape route to the fort.

He stood mesmerized, paralyzed by a cold, ruthless fear that coiled around his body, rendering him immobile.

The dreadful shock was brief, and primeval instincts overpowered the fear.

In seconds, a will to live focused his entire being on the fort, so close and yet so far.

Arms flew and legs raced, kicking up puffs of sand as he sprinted for his life.

Cries of anger echoed across the Island, when the Indians realized he was escaping.

Entering the fort, he collapsed in a daze, gasping for air, while alerted soldiers manned the fort walls.

This fictitious tall tale reveals the harsh life that men of the cloth endured in "La Florida."

It is time to take "A Walk in The Past" and read about the early Spanish missions in south Florida.

In 1566, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the newly appointed governor of Florida, met with King Carlos, the Calusa cacique, in the province of Calus.

He rescued our ole friend Fontanedo, several female mestizos (Indian and European mix) and one female black.

Menendez negotiated and established a temporary peace between the Spanish and Calusa, but it came at a high price.

Carlos demanded he marry his sister, and Menendez capitulated to his demands because he hoped the marriage would help consolidate a peaceful truce.

He returned to Cuba with his bride and the castaways.

The marriage was only a politi-

cal arrangement, so he made arrangements for her to get housing and religious training.

Menendez didn't return immediately, but sent an expedition, under the command of Captain Reinoso, to build a fort and settlement at King Carlos's village, called St. Anthony, near present day Charlotte Harbor.

Captain Reinoso was also instructed to explore Lake Mayaimis, known today as Lake Okeechobee.

Menendez was hoping there was a natural waterway crossing south Florida, so that ships could avoid the treacherous Florida Straits.

In 1567, Menendez returned to the province of Calus and found an unhappy alliance between the Spanish and Calusa.

The truce was further threatened when Menendez insisted that king Carlos make peace with the Calusa's long time enemies, the Tocobaga Indians of Tampa Bay.

The real threat to peace came from a Jesuit priest called Father Juan Rogel.

King Phillip II had requested priests for "La Florida," and Menendez complied.

Father Rogel told the Calusa Indians that it was wrong to worship graven images and practice polygamy.

Centuries of tradition and religion were now being challenged

by a strange Spaniard and a stranger religion.

King Carlos and the Calusa people were furious when told they must give up their idols.

The Calusa men got down right testy when told they could have only one wife.

Tensions were running high between the Spaniards and Indians, so Menendez relocated the fort to a neighboring island before he returned to Cuba.

Casique Carlos's hate for the Jesuit priest increased. Father Rogel wrote in his journal, "Carlos had a great hate against me especially because I discredited and spoke evil about his idols."

"I did not go out more than once each day for a thing that could not be avoided and did not go further than a stone's throw from the fort."

Father Rogel wasn't winning souls and feared his own might soon soar from its earthly bonds. He had lived at the fort for one month, when a ship arrived with supplies.

The ship's captain told Father Rogel that the Spanish garrison at Tampa Bay was in dire need of supplies.

Father Rogel elected to return to Cuba and help organize relief for the beleaguered garrison.

Captain Reinoso reportedly discovered (three days after Father Rogel took leave for Cuba) that Cacique Carlos was plotting

to massacre the Spanish.

The Spaniards claimed some of the Calusa weren't happy with Cacique Carlos and divulged his plan to them.

Reinoso invited Carlos to the fort.

Carlos came with two village headmen, and Reinoso executed all three.

The Spaniards selected a Calusa rebel leader called Felipe to be the next Cacique.

Felipe was a high ranking Calusa, who claimed that he was the rightful heir to the title Cacique.

The Spaniards reported that the transfer of Calusa power to Cacique Felipe made life easier for them.

Cacique Felipe experienced a harder transition. Several Calusa chiefs were unhappy with his coronation and made new alliances with the Togobagos Indians.

Apparently, no one was happy with the new Cacique except the Spaniards.

Captain Reinoso took a short visit to Cuba in 1567, and returned to find Cacique Felipe holding a celebration.

Cacique Felipe's followers were dancing with the heads of four beheaded Calusa Indian leaders that disapproved Cacique Felipe's new title.

During his reign, Felipe killed more than 15 Calusa leaders to protect his position and life.

Captain Reinoso knew his

decision to appoint Felipe as the new Cacique wasn't popular with the Calusa.

He said, "Because matters in that province have come to such a pass and have been so disposed that the reign and life of that cacique depends on the Christians not withdrawing their support from him because he is so disliked by so many caciques and captains among his vassals that, were it not for the favor and support that he enjoys among the Christians, they would have killed him quite a while ago."

There will be more "Tale Tales" in next week's edition "A Walk in The Past" when Spanish missions and priest clash with the Calusa culture.

I hope you have enjoyed this story.

Contact the Clewiston Museum if you have questions, artifacts, pictures, or a "Whale of a Tale" that you would like to share. The Museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Butch Wilson is the Clewiston Museum Director. He can be reached at clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com, or by phone at 863-983-2870.

Annual National Signing Day coming on February 4

Well over 15 area seniors set to commit on Super Wednesday

By Najj Tobias
INI Florida

SOUTH LAKE REGION - In just six days, a slew of high school football athletes will sign their letters of intent.

Known as National Signing Day, four of five area school will be set to participate in this extravaganza.

Unfortunately for Moore Haven, none of its seniors have been offered by colleges as of yet.

Xavier Fagan, who, according to MaxPreps.com, led the state with 1,117 receiving yards to end the regular season last year, surprisingly has only a few small schools even taking a look at him at this time.

Jason Bond, the Terriers head coach, was tight lipped on what those schools were.

Hopefully, Fagan and his fellow outgoing seniors can pick up offers at some point down the line.

That's not bad news at all, given the fact that some of the Class of 2008's best athletes received exactly zero offers before signing day.

One could look no further than Kardell Dunning, who graduated from Glades Central High School in 2008.

Arguably one of the best cornerbacks in the state during his senior season, Dunning didn't receive any offers before the big day.

Nevertheless, his patience more than paid off when last spring, Michigan and Louisville were fighting hard for his services.

Thanks to Henry Cook, Glades Central's athletic director, Dunning's game film was put on YouTube and Rivals.com, generating thousands of hits.

It did happen after signing day, but the premise of all that is just one thing.

Colleges will find a talented athlete, no matter what it takes. After taking visits to Louisville and Michigan during the spring, Dunning was amazed by how the college coaches treated him.

But in the end, Dunning chose Louisville over Michigan partly because he was promised an opportunity to start at cornerback there.

Dunning, working his way into Louisville's starting rotation, made the possibility a reality, when he made his debut against West Virginia last season.

Firmly poised to make a bigger impact for the Cardinals in his next three seasons, Dunning may be able to look at the disappointment and use it as a prime opportunity to make it to the NFL, possibly in 2012.

Big day ahead at Glades Central

It could be argued that almost all of the excitement on Super Wednesday will come from Glades Central.

Given the fact that no less than 20 Division I-caliber athletes are on the team, only three of them seem firmly committed to their

college choices at this time.

During this time last year, Rivals.com four-star offensive lineman Henry Orelus committed to LSU, which seemingly ended any suspense for the prospect.

But in the summer, Orelus, for reasons unknown, de-committed from LSU and switched to Florida State University.

It's a known fact that players are only orally committed until signing day, so making a de-commit will not bring any consequences for a college prospect in question.

This also applied for fellow teammate Rantavious Wooten, a Rivals.com four-star wideout who's rated as the No. 30 overall player in the state.

While Wooten announced his oral commitment to LSU - just hours before Glades Central's Aug. 29 Kickoff Classic game against Dillard - he later switched his allegiance to the University of Georgia.

Again, it's not uncommon for a top flight athlete to do such a thing.

In the end, Wooten, Orelus and others are just making sure that they're making the best college decision for them.

That's too bad for LSU, who just lost two of the nation's top prospects.

Outgoing senior James Melton, a backup running back to fellow classmate Antonio McCloude, quietly made his college commitment to Alabama State University back in the fall.

Though it was Melton's only official offer, he quickly accepted the scholarship and hasn't looked back since.

Quite a few other Glades Central seniors have a great chance of signing letters of intent next Wednesday.

It won't be a surprise if these athletes make official commitments on Feb. 4:

- Antonio McCloude
- Rupert Bryan
- Jim Knowles
- Vincent Harper
- Emmanuel Rackard
- Robert Ferguson
- Artavious Dowdell
- Cartavious Baldwin

There could be even more Glades Central signees, though it won't be absolutely certain until the big day.

Clewiston and Glades Day seem set

Over at Tiger Country, it's looking like there will be just one player on track to sign the papers next week.

Joe Roth, Clewiston's head coach, said Darris Hughes, the Tigers first ever 2,000-yard rusher, will likely commit to Georgia State University.

It's actually surprising that Hughes had just one offer, considering the record-breaking season he had.

With that being said, the Clewiston coaching staff took a deliberate approach in how they'll showcase their seniors to colleges nationwide.

Hard at work since the Oct. 17 bye week, Roth and his coaches started taking the time out to make game film for each of their seniors.

The coaching staff, assigned to

conduct searches on each college from Division I, II, III and JUCO (junior college), has recently sent off tapes, hoping that more outgoing seniors can obtain offers down the line.

"The kids have worked very hard for me all season long," Roth said.

"Now, it's my time to pay them back, I owe it to them."

As for Glades Day, it looks to be busier than last year.

Jimbo Arnold, who currently plays for Troy University, was the only one who committed on signing day.

Jarrett Swaby (UCF) has left for college earlier this month, while Bo Schlechter recently made an oral commitment to Georgia State.

If everything goes as planned, Hughes and Schlechter will be teammates at Georgia State in the future.

Interestingly, Georgia State will not be fielding a football team until the 2010 season.

In essence, academics will be the key focus for both of them as they become college freshmen.

De'Andres Jackson, who scored a 29 on his ACT exam and has a 3.5 grade point average (GPA), received several college offers to date.

The all-around athlete, who took a college visit to Georgetown University earlier this month, has also been offered by Brown University and Air Force, among others.

No one will know where Jackson will go until signing day.

Cody Dionne and Josh Cuthbert are the two others who may officially commit for Glades Day next week.

"Any college will be happy that they land kids of their caliber," Glades Day Gators coach Pete Walker said of his seniors.

"All of them are great athletes and are men of character."

Pahokee prospects are already set

Brandin Hawthorne and Vincent Smith, both Michigan commits, will sign their letter of intents in Ann Arbor, Mich., according to Pahokee head coach Blaze Thompson.

The duo made their oral commitments on Aug. 29, just one day before their Kickoff Classic game against Olive Branch, Miss.

The fateful news conference, along with Nu'Keese Richardson May 29 commitment to Florida, proved to be among the state's most exciting college announcements in recent memory.

Later in the fall, Jacquan Bentley, the Blue Devils former center, made a commitment to Alabama St.

Bentley will be joining Melton as teammates for the next four years, making for what's yet another Glades Central-Pahokee connection in college.

That's somewhat akin to what Deonte Thompson (Glades Central) and Janoris Jenkins (Pahokee) accomplished, as both currently play for national champion Florida.

Jarvis Byrd, a four-star cornerback who is Rivals.com's No. 41 player in the state, committed to North Carolina State in the fall, as well.

After taking a visit there recently, he reportedly liked the campus so much, that not even offers from Wake Forest or Florida State will change his mind.

Carlos Lammons, a defensive back, recently announced that he'll be going to the University of Buffalo.

That leaves Willie Hickman, who may choose Florida Atlantic University next week as he continues to play cornerback on the next level.

"There are a number of boys that should be going to Division

I, but scholarship offers haven't come in yet," Thompson said of the remaining seniors.

Considering the fact that Pahokee had 26 seniors on the 2008 team, it's somewhat surprising that players such as Dexter Holmes, Fontaine Hopson, Curtis Daley, Tim Baker and Donald Hester haven't been given a serious look.

As for Richardson, he'll likely join Byrd, Lammons, Hickman and Bentley on the signing table next week at Pahokee High School.

Car Club visits local area

Event to be held in LaBelle to support local crisis center

The South Central Florida Car Club will present it's 3rd Annual Legends of the Road Super Cruise on Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic downtown LaBelle Fla.

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Margie A. (Stephens) Bennett, 81

PALM BEACH — Margie A. Bennett, passed away Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, after a lengthy illness. She was 81.

Margie was born on Oct. 23, 1927, in Alamo, Ga. She was a 1945 graduate of Pahokee High School, where she loved to dance, was a member of the Glee Club, and a cheerleader for the Pahokee Blue Devil football team.

Her professional life was spent in the medical field most recently working for Orthopedic Care Specialists for the past 14 years.

Margie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Tom.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Pamela Kelley (Clint) and Tracy Gilbert (Charles); grandchildren James, Natalie, Reade, Tiffany and Michelle; four great-grandchildren; her sister, Grace Maxson; her niece and nephew, Patricia Nason and Mike Maxson; her great-nephew, Nat Nason; and her father-in-law, Austin Bennett.

"Nana" will be lovingly remembered by her family and friends for her delicious southern cooking to include fried chicken, homemade gravy, biscuits and collard greens. Nana's tender care and generous love for her family and friends will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Margie's memory to Hospice of Palm Beach County, Inc., 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

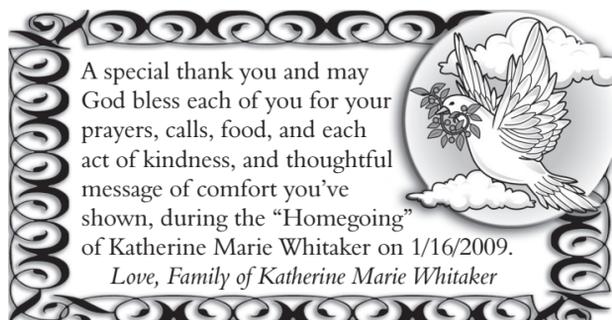
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City Manager
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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper DATE: 2/24/09
SUBJECT AREA: 230 Injury or Illness in Line of Duty (with compensation)
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for injury or illness in line of duty (with compensation).

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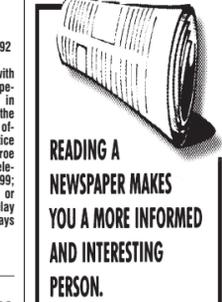
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School briefs

Central Elementary School

CES Spelling Bee
 Congratulations to our recent Spelling Bee winners! First place goes to Alyssa Avant, Second place goes to Kenny Mejia-Ruiz, and Third place goes to Jade Bryan. These students will be going to the Hendry County Spelling Bee in LaBelle on Feb. 17. Thank

you to all the judges and staff who helped out with this event.
CES 2009 Yearbooks are on sale now!
 Buy yours today for \$15. 2009 Yearbook Advertisements are as follows:
 Full Page: \$100
 Half Page: \$60
 Quarter Page: \$45
 Business Card: \$20
 If you will be submitting your own pictures for the ad layout,

please send your pictures along with the payment, and the message for the ad. Alternatively, you could choose the Yearbook staff to design the ad layout. Please contact Central Elementary School at 863-983-1550 if you have any questions. Our school address is 1000 S. Deane Duff Ave. Clewiston, Fla.
Our upcoming schedule:
Hendry County Fair - Feb. 6 to Feb. 14 - be sure to check out

the excellent CES Art Exhibit at the fair!
FCAT Writing - begins Feb. 10 - Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a good breakfast prior to testing, as this will help your child do his or her best!
Spring Pictures (Class and Individual) - Feb. 13
President's Holiday - Feb. 16
Progress Reports - Feb. 18

Westside Elementary Library

Valentine Mother/Daughter Tea
 Feb. 10 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join us for the fun! Have some punch and cookies while you shop for that special jewelry for Valentine's Day. There will be sterling and fashion jewelry and also jewelry for your special little girl.

The prices are \$10 to \$150. Students! There will be special drawings for door prizes. You must be present to win. For the teachers who will not be able to come back at 4 p.m., you can shop early at 3 p.m. "Photos by Rene" will be available at a reasonable price. Package deals will be offered.

Central Elementary School Honor Roll

"A" Honor Roll

KG: (E Honor Roll)
 Ms. Berner: Joanna Paredez, Dulcemaria Toledo.
 Ms. Brown: Lauren Berry, Anya Brown, Rondareontae Hunter.
 Ms. Crawford: Marcus Barnes, D'Juan Canty, Ismael Claro, Calixto Delacruz, Michael Johnson, Melina Martinez, Carlos Perez, Jayleen Rodriguez.
 Ms. M. Jones: Asia Horne, Z'Terria Mann, Patricia Pereyra, Dylan Sandaire, Sierra Spitzer, Ezequiel Vanegas.
 Ms. Owens: Mia Mazzina, Michael Stevens, Brianna Taunton, Makayla Wallace.

First Grade
 Ms. Burkhour: Hensy Santiesteban, Christopher Vanegas.
 Ms. Gooch: Elizabeth Chavero, Aracely Hurtado.
 Ms. A. Jones: Gustavo Morales, Taiyla Mozoul, Roberto Perez, Henry Santiesteban, Justin Whitehead.
 Ms. Morrell: Haile Barraza, Michael Crum, Tommy Darden, Noah McCray, Rey Paniagua, Nicole Roth, Kylie Tarter.
 Ms. Pearson: Isai DeLeon, Freddy DeSantiago, Betty Sanchez, Brandon Shamsundar.
 Ms. Scruggs: Crystal Carmona, Jeisson Crespo, Harlee Whitehead.

Second Grade
 Ms. Gary: Martin Paredes, Jasmine Ruiz, Cassandra Whitehead.
 Ms. Meadows: Alejandro Rodriguez.
 Mr. Mountain: Breeanna Graham, Michael Ison, Donshamar Wagner, Randy Williams.
 Ms. Shelton: Normalinda Chairez, Ashana Etwzweiler, Francisco Pardo, Gloria Salmeron, Jocelyn Soto.
 Ms. Walendzik: Jon Basquin, Grayson Brooks, Camryn Curry, Kale Knaack, Dania Toledo, Aileen Valdez.

Third Grade
 Ms. Carter: Adamali Delacruz, Guadalupe Lopez, Soraya Martinez.
 Ms. Cool: Jade Bryan.

Ms. Nara: Mary Crum, Fourth Grade
 Ms. Burroughs/Mr. Gay: Javier Hurtado.
 Ms. Carlson: Robyn Basquin, Carley Morrell, Katherine Mosely, Ashley Roth, Jose Velazques-Olvera, Trever Wilcher.
 Ms. Rodriguez: Hannah Baraza, Tylyn Tarter.
Fifth Grade
 Mr. Burlison: Alyssa Avant, Fernando Guillen, Kyle Knaack, Savannah Martinez, Alayna Pereiro.

"A/B" Honor Roll

KG: (E/S Honor Roll)
 Ms. Berner: Cameron Bailey, Madison Nodal, Julian Phillips, Manny Valdes, Jesus Vega.
 Ms. Brown: Madai Almarez, Johanna Gonzalez.
 Ms. Crawford: Marcos DeSantiago, Sidney Torres, Joseph Valdes.
 Ms. M. Jones: Desirae Minns, Alberto Morales, Isaias Raya, Pablo Raymundo-Lopez, Anahi Santiago.
 Ms. Owens: Fabian Bocanegra, Zeus Carranza, Christian Gonzalez, Pedro Guevera, Cody Hatfield, Demetris Holligan, Ashley Perez, Emilio Rico, Otis Wagner, Ramsey Witt.

First Grade
 Ms. Burkhour: Kharee Adderley, Alfredo Aviles, Solmari Gonzalez, Thania Olvera, Juan Vera.
 Ms. Gooch: Daniel Frey, Juana Paniagua, Dulce Ruiz.
 Ms. A. Jones: David Bocanegra, Christian Brady, Cesar DePaz, Kalei Peele, Kayla Nieto, Christopher Perez, Dawnya Washington.
 Ms. Morrell: Caleb Frey.
 Ms. Pearson: John Flores, Juan Galvan Jr, Norma Olvera.
 Ms. Scruggs: James Davis, Jazmin Garcia, Jylia Jackson, Gilbert Romero.

Second Grade
 Ms. Gary: Katharine Carmona, Nagianna Gary, Quintin Griffin, Jasmian Hoopes, Elizabeth Morales, Juvenal Velazques.
 Ms. Meadows: Tariana Dhliwayo, Michael Jones, Jasmine Palacios, William Ramirez, Do-

navon Taylor.
 Mr. Mountain: Brandon Benavidez, Kenya Coring, Tatiana Martinez, Shenaka McCullough, Xavier Pearson, Isabel Rodriguez, Troy Wilcher.
 Ms. Shelton: Hector Chavez, Kenya Gutierrez, Juan Hernandez Jr, Derricka Ingram, Melissa Lopez, Shawna Platt.
 Ms. Walendzik: Susana Garcia, Hannah Hayes, Marcelina Mendoza, Shynisha Richardson, Jesus Torres-Loza.

Third Grade
 Mr. Borghese: Kelly Amaya, Jacqueline Cazares, Veronica Rodriguez, Jhovani Trejo-Contreras.
 Ms. Carter: Adam Atkinson, Jaden Bryan, Marco Figueroa, Zachary Hall, Simon Hester, Alexis Johnson, Vincent Leiba, Niyah Logan, Sandra Raya.
 Ms. Cool: Khamari Adderley, Shaige Brissett, Ramiro DeSantiago, Shakur Gibbons, Amanda Periero, Jennifer Ornelas.
 Ms. Nara: Jay Brooks, Eduardo Fox, Selenia Gonzalez, Edgar Lopez, Adriana Sierra.

Fourth Grade
 Ms. Burroughs/Mr. Gay: Diana Amaya, Silvia Raya, Devyn Taylor.
 Ms. Carlson: Marcos Artola, Amber Cornelius, Maya Denson, Harley Edwards, Quintavis Griffin, Pe'ri Henderson, Jah-reece Murphy, Diandra Odum, Keithavius Pass, Joanna Villalobos.
 Ms. McCorvey: Joel McCray, Troy (TJ) McLendon, Diaz, Brittney Shelton.
 Ms. Rodriguez: Tamara Carter, Maria Gonzalez, Elton Perez, Jose Rios.

Fifth Grade
 Mr. Burlison: Emry Denson, Kyle Mann, Julio Valdez, Davis Witt.
 Ms. Nicholls: Deryan Baltazar, Isis Knight, Karen Velasquez, Elgar Zuniga.
 Ms. Richardson: Stannira Butler, Katherine Chang, Randy Paniagua.
 Ms. Vaughan: Maurice Murphy Jr, Jenna Powell, Samuel Rivera, Esmeralda (Maria) Sierra, Flavie Thivierge.

AYSO participates in State Games

Four teams represented Clewiston at the AYSO Section 14 State Games 2009 held Jan. 17 to Jan. 19 in Wellington. The teams were: U-10 Girls, U-10 Boys, U-12 Girls, and U-12 Boys. The U-10 Girls coaches were Jenny McManus and Gracie Davilla, U-10 Boys were coached by Heather Hess and Denise Hatton, the U-12 Girls coaches were Valentine Leyva and Lucinda Cohran, and the U-12 Boys were coached by Steve Flynn and Brooke Flynn.
 All of the team members were selected from the regular season players as All-Stars and came together to represent Clewiston at the State Games. Team members began practicing as soon as the regular season was finished.

Clewiston's U-10 Boys were in the Semi-Finals and came in 4th out of 16 teams. This team also received the distinction of Sportsmanship Champions for U-10 Boys division.
 AYSO stands for American Youth Soccer Association and is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to youth soccer that began in 1964. Clewiston AYSO soccer is available to youth ages 4-18. Registration for the fall soccer leagues will take place Saturday, May 16 and Saturday, May 23 at the Clewiston Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, there will be a Soccer Camp June 6-12, 2009 in Clewiston. Interested parents can get more information on the camp at www.challengersports.com.



Submitted photo
Pictured here are members of the Clewiston U-10 Boys soccer team that placed 4th at the AYSO Section 14 State Games while also winning the Good Sportsmanship Award: (Front row) Jesse Paniagua, Jay Brooks, Jonathan Hatton, Marcos Olvera, and Jaxon Moss. (Back row) Assistant Coach Denise Hatton, Alex Mata, Brandyn Cavazos, Holden Crawford, DJ Adams, Quintavius Griffin and Head Coach Heather Hess.

CHS Students of the Month

CHS Students of the Month are students who work hard, put forth great effort in all that they do, are honest, reliable and dependable. Great job to Damion Smith - Eleventh grade and Aurea Perera - Tenth grade. Damion and Aurea also set a good example for the rest of the student body.
 Our Athletes of the Month for December 2008 are Hurley Johnson - Eleventh grade and Sarah Espinoza - Eleventh grade. These hardworking athletes always try their best and always put forth extra effort in both practices and events. Hurley and Sarah are definitely team leaders who are also honest, reliable and dependable. Congratulations to these athletes!



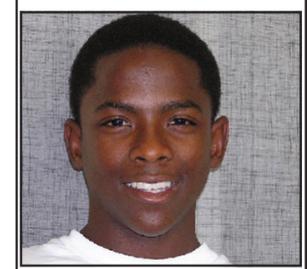
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Aurea Perera.



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Hurley Johnson.

CHS Senior signs softball scholarship

Clewiston's Courtney Moore has signed with Indian River State College to play softball. Courtney has played four years on the varsity in softball, four years on varsity soccer, and three years on the varsity volleyball team. She would like to thank all her coaches at

Clewiston High School for their guidance and support. She would also like to thank her travel ball coaches from Gold Coast Hurricane, Plantation Pressure, and the Palm Beach Pride/Alleycats. Most of all she would like to thank everyone that has sponsored her

and participated in the fundraising that gave her the opportunity to travel and play the sport she loves. We are very proud of Courtney's hardwork and dedication to softball and hope she enjoys her future playing softball at Indian River State College.



Submitted photo
Pictured sitting is Father Arnold Moore, Courtney Moore, Mother Angie Moore. Pictured standing is CHS Assistant Softball Coach - Joe Whitehead, Clewiston High School Head Softball Coach - Melissa Whitehead, Clewiston High School Athletic Director - Joe Roth.

Lunch menu

Hendry County District Schools lunch menu for the week of **Jan. 29-Feb. 5**
Clewiston area schools
Primary grades
Thursday, Jan. 29: Nachos, green beans, pineapple, choice of milk
Friday, Jan. 30: Cheese pizza, tossed salad, corn, apple sauce, choice of milk
Monday, Feb. 2: Chicken nuggets, baked beans, pineapple, dinner roll, choice of milk
Tuesday, Feb. 3: Tacos, corn, lettuce and tomato, orange juice, choice of milk
Wednesday, Feb. 4: Pop-corn chicken, mac and cheese, broccoli, cherry jello, choice of milk
Thursday, Feb. 5: Chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, diced peaches, choice of milk
Secondary grades
Thursday, Jan. 29: Manager's choice
Friday, Jan. 30: Hoagie

sandwich, lettuce and tomato, Sunchips, cherry slush, carrot sticks, choice of milk
Monday, Feb. 2: Chicken sandwich, baked potato chips, corn, cherry slush, choice of milk
Tuesday, Feb. 3: Chili dog, French fries, diced pears, choice of milk
Wednesday, Feb. 4: Spaghetti, tossed salad, dinner roll, choice of milk
Thursday, Feb. 5: Barbecue chicken sandwich, French fries, California blend, orange juice, choice of milk

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Eat the frog first thing in the morning

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church
A minister wrote in his weekly column in the church newsletter that he was setting goals for the new year.
One of his goals was to clean up his desk. Another of his goals was to find last year's goals.
Someone once shared, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."
The problem is that many of us get so busy taking breaths that we miss out on breath taking moments.

Focusing on and organizing parts of our jobs and life can help us gain the time we need for those special moments and people in our lives.
I recently received five strategies that might help us make the most of our time and thus the most of our lives.
They're too good not to share.
First, "Eat the Frog."
Mark Twain said if you eat a frog first thing in the morning that will probably be the worst thing you will do all day.
So, if we start our day by tackling an important task, especially if it is a task we aren't crazy about, then the worst will be behind us,

and we realize a sense of freedom.
Second, "Con-crastinate."
If pro-crastinating means putting things off, con-crastinating should be doing things immediately.
Work in 15 minute increments. If there is a task you don't like, set a timer and do it for 15 minutes.
At the end of 15 minutes, you will be amazed at how much you've accomplished.
At that point, either stop or if you have built up some momentum, keep going.
Third, nix the multi-tasking. We pride ourselves on being able to do two, three, or four things at

once, and that is fine if the activities are fairly simple, like stuffing envelopes while on a conference call or eating lunch while reading e-mail.
But if at least one of the tasks is more complicated, like putting together a PowerPoint presentation or writing a report, then it deserves our full attention.
We would be best served to set aside a period of time that we can devote to that one task without interruption.
People tend to make fewer mistakes and get more done in less time when they do this.
Fourth, "Buddy Up."
We don't always have to do

everything ourselves. Many hands make light work and share the load.
In addition, the support and companionship is an added blessing that enables more work get done in less amount of time.
Furthermore, science has shown we need the equivalent of 17 good affirmations a day through appropriate hugs, handshakes, or verbal encouragements in order to thrive.
We do that through teamwork and connecting with people.
Fifth, plan it out.
A few minutes of planning can save us hours of time. First thing in the morning or at the end of the

day, take a few minutes to plan.
It doesn't have to be a long formal process, all we need to do is just jot down the things we want to do that day or the next. It's amazing how much we can accomplish when we do this.
Let me close with another shared insight.
The key to a better life: Complain less, appreciate more. Whine less, laugh more. Talk less, listen more. Want less, give more. Hate less, love more. Scold less, praise more. Fear less, hope more. Trust God, be blessed.

It is said that there are two roads to eternity

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist

First Christian Church
Christ, who is all knowing, tells us that many people are going to be lost, but only few are going to be saved.
In Matthew 7:13-14 He says, "Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Now this gets my attention. According to the Bible the majority of people will be lost. We must take this warning from God at face value.
There are only two roads to eternity and we are on one or the other. According to what the Lord says, only few will make it to Heaven, but the vast majority will be lost in eternal punishment.
This is both frightening and sad. I don't consider myself selfish, but I certainly want to be among the few who are saved, don't you?
We make the choice ourselves

as to where we will spend eternity. We are free moral agents. This is how we differ from animals. We have been made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God said let Us make man in Our image".
Also in Genesis 2:7 we read, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."
Yes, we possess a soul that will live forever in one of two places.
God does not want anyone to be lost, but the choice is ours. In

II Peter 3:9 we read, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance".
God does not want us to go into eternal punishment. He is not going to force us to serve Him, otherwise we would be mere robots. I Timothy 2:4 says concerning God, "Who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
It is God's will that all be saved, but we know that is not going to happen. We have already seen

that only few are going to be saved and the majority are going to be lost.
What is your eternal destiny? If you miss Heaven, you will be thrown into the eternal fires of Hell.
One of the saddest things about going to Hell is the fact that it could have been avoided. The majority of people will be lost in spite of what the Lord has done.
A person who goes to Hell is his own worst enemy. Hell is not what God does to us, but Hell is what we do to ourselves. If one ends up in Hell, he only has him-

self to blame.
Also, as the verse says, before we can be saved, we must "come to the knowledge of the truth."
Jesus says in John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
What is the truth that will make us free? In John 17:17 Jesus says, "Sanctify them by your truth."
Your word is truth." So the word of God is the truth that will make us free so that we can go to Heaven."

The No "Domestic Violence Theory" of religion

By The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D.+

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston
Jesus said "Small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life and only a few find it (Matthew 7:14)."
Jesus also said "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matthew 11:28-30)."
Which is it?
The first passage is intimidating, fear-provoking, scary and leaves people with the idea that their greatest chance is they won't make it.
The second says "Aha, the Lord understands and we've got a great shot at making it."
There are those who dwell on the first passages and others like it (usually drawing heavily from the Old Testament without reading it in a New Testament context.)
It's usually about scaring people into "doing it my way, or else!"
It as if a "God will get you"

attitude will bring people in and teach them about God's love for them.
There is no understanding of God-given human nature. Can you imagine scaring somebody into loving you?
I guess this is a "domestic violence theory" of religion! You don't beat up on somebody until they love you.
It lacks a respect for persons as who they are, who God made them to be with all of their imperfections and faults, in spite of their "pushing your buttons, in spite of their getting on your nerves, but you love them anyway.
That's what Jesus understood. This is Christian love, healing love, the love that casts out fears.
Jesus healed ten lepers, only one returns to give thanks (Luke 17:11ff).
Does He say to the other nine "You're going to be sick again!?" Of course not!
This is an outpouring act of love with no expectation of return and no threats that "God'll getcha if you don't shape up."
What is done is done selflessly and with an understanding of

what may or may not come afterward.
Religion that harangues, belittles, scares, makes veiled or not-so-veiled threats doesn't show any understanding or respect for the human condition or what the incarnation was all about.
Such an approach will have some impact in the short run but eventually will lead to people turning off and ignoring what is being said.
The gospel message is "What

can I do to help?" and then doing it.
It is rooted in why the Lord came in the first place; to save and to heal.
One of the journals for clergy shared an account of a minister who preached "hellfire and damnation" and had a young couple come to him after they found themselves in a difficult situation.
As he was berating and lecturing, he said that something crossed his mind.
"What if it was my daughter across the desk from me? What would I want for her?"
He began to re-think what he was doing, had done, and asked himself seriously 'What's wrong with this picture?'
After much soul-searching and exploring, he began to find other answers, other ways to really be of help.
He changed his message, and then something really great happened.

He was happier in his ministry, he felt good about what he was doing, people responded differently to him and he was more effective in his calling.
In all of our ministries, both clergy and lay, ask "Are we healing or damaging; are we bringing good news or threats, are we showing love or making others afraid?"
Choose well.
Seek the Lord and He surely will be found, and so will our

Religion briefs

International Food Festival to be held in Belle Glade

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church is hosting their annual International Food Festival on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church is located on 710 South Main Street in Belle Glade.
Lots of food from various nationalities will be served! From Haitian, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.
There will also be music, raffles, jewelry, books, vegetables and free health screenings. Please come out and join us.

Evangelist performs at local function

Dan Schall Ministries will be performing at locally, at Billy Swindle's barn, 7500 W. Highway 27, 7.5 miles west of Clewiston.
The event is provided free of charge, and will be held Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.
For more information, please contact Judy Swindle, 863-983-7256.

Thrift shop open at Church of God

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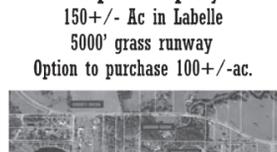
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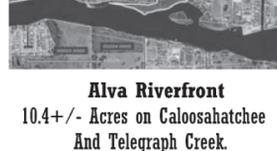
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ingly have nothing better to do with their time than to mark their ground.

Sgt. Justin Spence is no stranger to it. That much is clear in the fact that Sgt. Spence was one of the responding officers to last week's shooting at Twin Lakes in Clewiston.

In discussing the problem, he does not mince words.

"We do have a heavy gang problem in this area. It's a violent problem and it's a problem that's destroying our juveniles," he said. "We're seeing a more steady increase in gang activity, recruitment and organization," said Sgt. Spence. "These individuals are a corrupt organization. They are out to show that they are serious and they're violent, and they mean to commit criminal acts."

Sgt. Spence is the chair of the local chapter of the attorney general's gang reduction task force,

a newly created board whose mission is to stamp out gang activity. The task force has separate groups set up in Charlotte, Manatee and Lee counties.

The group held its first meeting earlier this month, outlining the basic premise. Members hope to identify the specific areas that will be targeted within the next few months, outlining specific goals going forward.

It represents, according to the sergeant, the first real chance locals have at eliminating an admittedly nasty situation before it gets any uglier.

Karson Turner, a Hendry County commissioner, serves as the co-chair.

"We have to change our vocabulary," said Commissioner Turner. "There is no such thing as a want-to-be gangster. You either recognize someone as a gang member, or you do not."

The real turnaround will come in the form of a multi-pronged attack, they said. Yes, law enforcement will be required to find and arrest the individuals involved in

the criminal organizations, but so, too, will schools be required to work more closely with law enforcement to stamp out and identify who those members are.

Attacking the issue simply from a law enforcement standpoint fails to address the root causes of gangs in the community. Perhaps incarceration alone will not convince most of the criminals to turn their lives around, members of the group theorize.

"I hear adults in our community say, 'There's nothing for our young people to do.' Then what is 4-H? What is football, track, soccer? There are so many programs out there. We have to assess what our problems are."

Commissioner Turner believes that the more people who are involved, the better the chances that Hendry and Glades counties can recover those teenagers who have lost their way.

According to Sgt. Spence, it is difficult to disrupt the gang system when it is so ingrained in the lives of the gang members.

"We got gang members of all

different ages; they go from generation to generation," said Sgt. Spence. "We have 11-year-olds being supervised by parents who are gang members, who are supervised by their parents, who are gang members."

Members understood that working closely with the neighboring county of Glades County opens up more avenues to success. The two task forces have joined and will be holding joint meetings.

During the first meeting, the task force noted the presence of local health departments, lo-

cal representatives, and several Glades County representatives. It is a pool of knowledge the group hopes to tap in coming up with concrete solutions to the problems facing the community today.

One of those answers is the implementation of a countywide curfew for anyone under the age of 18. Though the specifics of the plan are not finalized, keeping teenagers away from the streets by 10 or 11 p.m. is a step in the right direction, the sergeant and commissioner agree.

Such a plan would have to be

presented to the county board of commissioners, though both officials say early review of the idea has been met favorably.

"With the assistance of the community, I feel we can gain control and get our community back," said Sgt. Spence.

Facing the fact that a problem exists is the first step.

"And I think we do have a gang problem in Hendry County," Commissioner Turner said.

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Fast food visit lands two in jail

Suspects charged for burglary, credit card fraud

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Clewiston News

CLEWISTON -- Had it not been for an \$8 hankering for fast food

... Police made an arrest in a credit card theft case after a bank official found that the card had been used at the local Popeye's Fried Chicken restaurant.

Wary cashiers there led police to two suspects, who now face credit card fraud charges.

Had it not been because the credit card was declined when the suspects couldn't come up with the right pin number, deputies may have never made an arrest in the case.

The victim of the crime said her purse had been stolen from the front seat of her vehicle on

Jan. 21 in Harlem, according to an arrest report released by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office.

The purse contained, along with the victim's drivers license, two debit cards and six credit cards.

After calling her bank to cancel the cards, the woman was told by bank representatives that her card had been used to make purchases at Suzie B. Liquor Store, and Popeye's.

Investigators talked to the employees of the restaurant.

Cashiers there told deputies that a man and woman at the drive-thru window presented a credit card to pay for an \$8.55 meal they had placed.

When the card was rejected, the suspects tried to enter a pin number, but the card was again rejected.

Deputies were able to review surveillance video of the transaction, and tracked one of the suspects, Jomeka Brown, 22. Brown reportedly denied having been

involved. When officers asked whether she knew the second suspect, Demaster Arthur, 28, she told them she had not seen him all day.

Two minutes later, Arthur exited the residence. A check of his criminal background revealed an active warrant for probation violation, and he was placed under arrest.

When presented with the additional charges of burglary, theft and fraud, Arthur reportedly told deputies that he could "get the purse back if he could use the phone."

His mother took the purse and its contents to the Clewiston substation, where Arthur and Brown were officially charged with burglary and theft and credit card fraud.

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Shooting

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The incident happened on Friday, Jan. 23.

Witnesses at Twin Lakes told police that at least three subjects, perhaps more, poured out of a tan- or cream-colored Lincoln Navigator, ambushing 20-year-old victim Victor Najera, who was standing in a yard at the time.

Investigators said that several subjects shot at Najera, and believe that one of the wayward shots hit the second victim, Richarado Lara, in the left ankle.

Witnesses report seeing one of the suspects wielding a sawed-off

shotgun.

After the gunfire, the suspects reportedly jumped back in the vehicle and sped away.

Emergency workers arrived shortly after the incident to treat the two victims for injuries, transporting them to the hospital due to the severity of the wounds.

According to Lt. Susan Harrelle with the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, neither of the victims sustained fatal injuries.

During the follow-up investigation, deputies learned that bullets strayed dangerously close to hitting more subjects.

Bullets passed through the wall of one home, passing through a bedroom and becoming lodged

in the wall of a kitchen.

The home was occupied at the time.

In the hysteria following the shooting, officers had to maneuver around a heavy traffic of pedestrians, including children.

Investigators arrested Alexander Gonzalez, 26, Ulisses Diaz, 19, and Alfredo Hernandez, 20, in connection with the shooting.

The suspects face charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, as well as principal in the first degree.

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INI/Ashley Smith

Seconds before landfall

This jumper calculates the last few maneuvers before touching down on the ground. He participated in the Air Adventure's Skydive event last weekend.

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Tropical Storm Ernesto and Tropical Storm Faye.

We need skill volunteers to do home repairs. Material donations are also needed. Call Renee at 863-983-2390 to volunteer.

Visit the Downtown City Market

The City Market, sponsored by the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce and the City of Clewiston Recreation Department, is lo-

cated at the Civic Park right in the middle of town.

The City Market will be held on Feb. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

We invite you to come to the City Market to visit with your neighbors, meet our local farmers and businesses, and enjoy a morning of food, fun and friendship.

If your pet is friendly, so are we! Bring your furry well-behaved and leashed best friend for a visit to the Market.

For vendor information please contact the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce at 863-983-7979 or the Youth Center at 863-983-1492.

Ladies VFW Dinners

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 4185 has Wednesday Night Dinners to eat in or take out, open to the public.

The menu is different each week and dinners are available from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a \$7 donation.

You can call the Post at 863-983-9748 to get the menu and to place your order. The Post is located at 501 S. Francisco St., Clewiston.

Money to Lend

Although, it's hard to miss the bad news about housing and mortgages these days, it is actually one of the best times to buy a home. Interest rates are the lowest they've been in decades, home prices are the lowest in years and Seacoast National Bank is open for business and making residential mortgage loans.

In fact, we've been in business for over 80 years. We did not participate in payment-option ARMs (adjustable rate mortgages), sub-prime loans or other 'exotic' mortgage loans you read about today and which so many other mortgage lenders are struggling with. Instead, we sat out the irrational lending frenzy and built our internal resources to better serve our customers and home buyers today and in the future.

ARM(ed) But Not Dangerous

The events of the last few years have created the perception that all ARMs (Adjustable Rate Mortgages) are dangerous - they're not. There are times when an ARM is the right loan for the situation. For instance, a couple purchasing a home that plans to sell and upgrade in a few years would most likely benefit from a shorter term ARM loan. It's a matter of applying common sense lending practices and selecting the right loan to fit the needs of the borrower.

New Lock & Shop Service

We recently introduced our "Lock and Shop" service at Seacoast that allows prospective home buyers to be pre-approved for a mortgage and lock in the rate on an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) at the time of

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