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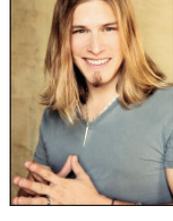
Catch!
T-ball players Rachel and Aliana practicing catching and pitching with other team mates on Tuesday in Clewiston. Good job girls!

Save the Date: Sugar Festival

24th festival to be held April 24

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

Although Clewiston's annual Sugar Festival is a few weeks away -- just shy of one month, to be exact -- the various members of the festival board, who toil and spend so much of their time volunteering to ensure a wonderful event for all, are hoping that the community will recognize their work and reciprocate.



Jason Carroll.

No, they don't propose that you take on the responsibilities of a full committee; you're only asked to help.

Pam Kelley is the president of the Sugar Festival Committee, which in preparation for the April event started meeting in December to formalize plans.

She has been involved in the festival in one way or another almost as long as the festival has existed, and offers that on the day of the festival she can be found riding around the festival grounds making sure that everything goes off without a hitch.

"I check on things and put out any fires that may be burning," she jokes.

A lot has changed in the 24 years since the festival first started. She still remembers how the committee relied on the back of a semi as its main stage area.

Generally, anywhere between 8,000 to 11,000 people attend the

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County moves on new building on Olympia

Facility to serve as a "one-stop shop" for county services

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza
Clewiston News

Hendry County hopes to construct a "one-stop shop" facility in Clewiston to house a number of critical county offices and departments. While the timeline is uncertain -- county officers made the decision to build just weeks ago -- the project is expected to cost \$1.7 million and will be located on county-owned land near the health department offices on Olympia.

The city of Clewiston had eyed the development, but at the final hour backed off from entering

into a partnership in the county's plans.

Among the largest departments to be housed at the new building is the Clewiston side of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office. Other offices will include the tax collector, property appraiser, clerk and supervisor of elections. Administration offices, building licenses, code enforcement and SHIP will also be moved to the new 11,200 square foot building.

Many of these offices now operate at the Clewiston Town Center, also known as the K-Mart Plaza.

"We've been working toward this, and we have quite a bit of work to do," said Judi Kennington-Korf, Hendry County administrator.

The city of Clewiston early on approached the county with a

partnership possibility: to expand the facility only slightly more to house a centralized dispatch center that would not only route emergency calls to the EMS, Fire and the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, but also to the Clewiston Police Department.

According to the county administrator, the idea of assigning an additional 4,500 square feet of space to accommodate the centralized operations seemed an excellent one.

"From a budgeting standpoint, you can use the same equipment, radio systems, phone systems," said Ms. Kennington-Korf. "From a case perspective, this would allow more of an opportunity to have the same information shared across the departments."

number of meetings on the subject, including a workshop, but ultimately decided not to pursue the partnership.

"They met and they decided that although it sounded like a really great idea, the timing for them just did not work," said Ms. Kennington-Korf.

Clewiston city officials did not immediately return calls for comment.

For their part, the county will continue moving forward with the construction job.

Ms. Korf is happy to report that the construction of the facility will be paid for almost entirely through existing funds, including \$622,000 from excess insurance paid to the county for the former Clewiston

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Local Weather

Weather Forecast for Hendry County from the National Weather Service.

Clewiston and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Southeast wind between 5 and 7 mph.



Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. South wind between 5 and 7 mph.



Extended Forecast:

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. West wind between 6 and 11 mph.



Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60. West wind around 6 mph.



Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming west between 5 and 8 mph.



Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.



Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85.



Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.



Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82.



Letter to the editor

A great success

Thank you citizens of Clewiston and the surrounding areas for helping to make the First Annual Susan G. Komen Rally for Cure Golf Tournament a tremendous success. On Saturday, March 6, 120 golfers participated in a golf scramble to help raise awareness and funds for the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Men and women including families, friends, business associates and new acquaintances made up the teams of foursomes. The day began at 11:30 with registration and lunch, followed by shotgun starts at 1 pm. Golfers and dinner guests

were served hors d'oeuvres at the Clewiston Country Club followed by a buffet dinner for 165 people and awarding of prizes. Over two hundred fifty pink ribbons decorated a tree in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those who have lost their life to cancer. It was truly a wonderful day for a good cause and the event far exceeded all of our expectations. Thank you business sponsors, individual sponsors, participants, donors and volunteers. We are proud to report that through your participation and generosity we were able to raise \$12,500. These proceeds will go to the Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Affiliate. The Southwest

Florida Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure was established in November of 2002 and is charged with the purpose of furthering the Komen mission in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. Up to 75 percent of the net proceeds raised by the Affiliate will remain at the local level to fund a variety of community-based breast health education and breast cancer screening and treatment projects for the medically underserved. Thank you again for your help in the fight against breast cancer. Working together we can make a difference.

Sincerely,
Clewiston Ladies Golf Association

Clubs and organizations

Babysitting Course

The American Red Cross will be holding a babysitter course for ages 12-15 on May 8, 2010 at the Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All participants need to bring their own lunch. Space is limited, so please pre-register by May 4, 2010. For more information or to register please call 863-983-1492.

Sweet Taste of Sugar Contest

Recipes are now being accepted for the 2010 Sweet Taste of Sugar contest! Located in the Sugar and Spice Room of the Clewiston Inn on Sugar Festival Day, (Saturday, April 24), the Sweet Taste of Sugar contest is a yearly competition where cooks from around the lake compete using recipes that contain the focus of our harvest celebration – sugar! This year, contestants will be competing for over \$1500 in cash and prizes in five different categories: cakes, cookies/brownies, pies, sweet creations (any recipe with sugar), and youth. There is no limit to the number of entries each contestant can enter. All entries will be available for public sampling starting at 10 a.m. on the day of the festival. More information and entry forms can be picked up at the Clewiston Library, the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, by downloading from the Events & Festivals listing on www.Clewiston.org, or by emailing SweetTaste@embarqmail.com.

for Mother's Day event

Looking for vendors and crafters interested in setting up a booth at Barron Park in Labelle for a Mother's Day Breakfast Event to benefit the Hendry Glades Homeless Coalition on Saturday May 8, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Vendors are required to donate an item or items from their inventory with a value of \$15 or more for a \$1 raffle with proceeds going to the homeless coalition. A \$15 donation can be substituted as a fee. The raffle hopes to ensure ample visitation to your booth to view your raffle items and wares. We are looking for vendors with items that reflect Mother's Day gifts such as flowers, jewelry, hats, scarves, photos, purses, sweets etcetera. Also, any business or person wanting to donate a new or slightly used item for the raffle can do so in support of the homeless coalition. If interested please call Anna at 863-675-5356 daytime or 863-674-0098 nights. Looking for a great event!

Museum program and dessert auction at museum

Don't miss the special speaker program on the Everglades at the Clewiston Museum on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. In conjunction with the final speaker program, the Friends of the Museum will hold a silent auction of special desserts created by some of our city's best bakers.

The desserts will be on display in the museum conference room beginning at 6

p.m. with open bidding until the start of the program. When the program ends at 8 p.m., there will be a short time for final bids at the close of which the desserts will be awarded to those with the highest bid.

All proceeds go to help support the programs and operation of our museum. The whole community is invited and encouraged to participate. For more information, call museum director Butch Wilson at 863-983-2870.

The museum is located at 109 Central Avenue. Come check out the program. Come check out the desserts! Come help support the museum!

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For details, e-mail okcirc@strato.net or call Janet at 863-634 1188.

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Glades-area boxers not ready to throw in the towel



Submitted/Mike LeStrange

Boxers with the PAL program continued representing their hometowns of Belle Glade and Pahokee, the latest event in the successful program's story.



Submitted/Mike LeStrange

Nicholas Sanchez, left, and Xavior Cuff, right, are just two of the boxers in the Glades area PAL Boxing program facilitated by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The South Florida Golden Gloves Boxing Championship was held in Hollywood on March 19 and 20.

Youths from the Palm Beach County Police Athletic League had a strong showing. In the 112-pound weight class, Nicholas Sanchez, 16, from the Pahokee PAL boxing program stopped Juan Miguel, 15, from Miami Dade in the second round.

Sanchez got Miguel against the ropes and

was able to unload a volley of punches that caused the referee to stop the one-sided contest. Sanchez was declared the winner and South Florida Golden Gloves Champion.

In the 65-pound weight class, Michael Guerrier, 10, also from the Pahokee PAL boxing program won his boxing match by winning a 3-round decision over Zackery Bram 11 from Royal Palm Beach.

Guerrier was declared the Golden Gloves

Junior Olympic Champion. Belle Glade PAL boxing program member Verbain Curry, 18, made it to the finals and won a 3-round decision against Harold Caldron from the Davie PAL and was defeated in the championship bout by Frank Giddion 20 from Hollywood (via) 3-round decision.

In the heavyweigh class, Steve Giffard, 18, from the Boca Raton PAL won a 3-round decision against Kevin Baker, 17, from Belle

Glade.

The unopposed winners are xavior Cuff, 14, from Belle Glade and undefeated Deonte Altman, 8.

The winners will advance to the Florida State Golden Gloves in May. For further information about the PAL boxing program call 561-254-7773.



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Birding TV Host to address local birdwatchers

Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Australia, Clewiston. Clewiston? Yes, Clewiston! Birding Adventures TV Host James Currie, who has traveled the world on birding adventures, is coming to Clewiston as the keynote speaker during the Big O Birding Festival March 25-18. Birding Adventures is the first birding TV program that focuses on destination and adventure bird-watching. The informative, passionate - and sometimes crazy! - host, James Currie, portrays a unique blend of information and adventure, making

bird-watching refreshing, contemporary, interesting and exciting. And he'll be engaging festival goes on Saturday, March 27.

A life-long birder and native of South Africa, James Currie has many years experience in the birding and wildlife tourism arenas. Currie's passion for birding and remote cultures has taken him to far corners of the earth from the Amazon and Australia to Africa and Madagascar. Currie's enthusiasm, energy, and passion breathe a whole new excitement into the world of birding.

During the Big "O" Festival, tickets will be on sale for a chance to dine with him at the Key-note Dinner. An all-inclusive four-day festival pass is available. While the all-inclusive pass excludes accommodations, it does afford the festival-goer four full days of birding activities, scheduled meals, and transportation to and from the guided tour sites. For registration and detailed information, visit the web site www.bigobirdingfestival.com and download a registration form, or call Hendry County Tourism at 863-612-4783.

"We have a full schedule of activities planned, but people can still find time to bird on their own by foot, car, canoe, boat or bike," says Papinaw. "Single day passes and single tour passes are also for sale. We are very grateful to our planning partners and financial sponsors for helping make this event affordable. We're happy to showcase our natural reserves for the great birding hot spots that they are."



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Lakeside Med offers potentially life-saving screenings

Lakeside Medical Center, Palm Beach County's newest hospital, wants residents in the rural western communities to know that potentially life-saving colorectal cancer screenings are available close to home. According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States for men and women combined. Each year, about 150,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer and about 50,000 die from the disease. Regular screening through colonoscopy can prevent colorectal cancer. Lakeside Medical Center offers colonoscopy screenings as an outpatient service.

"The problem with colon cancer is that you could have it for years before symptoms appear," said Daniel B. Kairys, MD, a surgeon who performs colonoscopy screenings at Lakeside Medical Center. "By the time colon cancer shows up on its own, it could be too late. The ability to test, look for polyps and remove them right then is critical in prevent-

ing this kind of cancer."

Colorectal cancer can result from the presence of polyps, or growths, in the large intestine that can become cancerous. Colonoscopy screenings detect precancerous polyps so they can be removed before they have a chance to develop into cancer. Since it may take ten to fifteen years for polyps to become cancerous, regular cancer screenings will detect colorectal cancers at an earlier stage when the disease is easier to treat.

The procedure itself takes only about 20 minutes. Patients are sedated so they are comfortable and asleep during the procedure. A thin, flexible tube called a colonoscope is inserted through the body into the colon. A video camera on the end of the colonoscope is connected to a display monitor so the physician can closely examine the inside of the colon. If detected, growths like polyps can be removed. The patient wakes up right after the procedure and is ready to

go home shortly afterwards.

"We make it as easy for the patient as possible," said Dr. Kairys. "Most patients don't even remember the procedure when they wake up."

Regular screening can, in many cases, prevent colorectal cancer altogether. People who have no identified risk factors should begin regular screening at age 50, according to the American Cancer Society. If the test is normal, then another screening should follow in 10 years. Those with a family history of colorectal cancer, such as a mother, father, brother or sister who has had the disease, should speak with their primary care physician about screening at a younger age and/or getting screened more frequently. March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. To schedule a colonoscopy at Lakeside Medical Center, consult with your primary care physician, who will provide the necessary referrals.

Nikerson Geneve, DO, is a primary care

physician and the newest member of Lakeside Medical Center's growing physician staff. As a family medicine practitioner, Dr. Geneve partners with other medical professionals who provide specialty care, including preventive screenings like colonoscopies, to oversee all aspects of his patients' health.

"As a primary care physician, I'm at the helm of my patients' medical care," said Dr. Geneve. "I have a relationship not only with my patients, but also with the specialist who is taking care of them. It's a team effort to ensure and promote the well-being of the patient."

Dr. Geneve's practice is located at 941 S.E. 1st Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430. To make an appointment, call 561-992-9477. For more information about Lakeside Medical Center, visit our website at www.lakesidemedical.org.



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BobiJo Clark Adams, 40

CAPE CORAL — BobiJo Clark Adams, 40, passed away on March 16, 2010, in Hope Hospice in Cape Coral.

She was born in Clewiston and attended the Clewiston Schools and has been employed in the area. BobiJo loved life and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, two daughters, Sapphire and Ashley; and one son, Austin; her mother, Kristy Cochran; and father, Patrick Clark; sister, Lisa Kaye Clark; brother, Robert Cochran (Bridgette); nephew, Robert Jr.; and niece, Alisa Kaye; brother, Kristopher Clark; maternal grandmother, Helen Endicott; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A visitation was held from 10:30 to 11:30 and service was at 11:30 a.m. in First United Methodist Church on Friday, March 19, 2010, with Pastor John Hicks officiating the service.

In lieu of flowers, on behalf of BobiJo, please make donations to the First United Methodist Church for a fund set up for BobiJo's children.



John Earnest White Jr., 67

CLEWISTON — John Earnest White Jr., age 67, of Clewiston, passed away March 12, 2010, in Clewiston.

He was born Oct. 27, 1942, in Belle Glade, the son of the late John E. White Sr. and the late Juanita (Johnson) White.

Survivors include his wife, Vernetta Gay (Parson) White; son, John White III (Charlotte); daughters, Michelle Mathis (Delbert), Nicole White, Erin W. Jones (Richard), all of Clewiston; brother, Rhied White (Becky) of Belle Glade; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral Services were held Wed. March 17, 2010, 11 a.m. at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston with Rev. Jim Yates officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Military Honors were conducted by the Glades County Sheriff's Office

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Shawna Rayette Whitney, 38

CULLMAN, Ala. — Shawna Rayette Whitney, passed away Friday, March 19, 2010. She was 38.

She was born May 5, 1971 in Pahokee, daughter of Judy Irene (Stewart) Pilon and the late Gary Ray Pilon. She was a former, longtime resident of Clewiston and lived in Cullman for the past seven years. She was a member of Day Star Church in Cullman, Ala.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Alexander Whitney Jr.; son, Kristopher Alexander Whitney and wife Betty of Cullman, Ala.; mother, Judy Irene Pilon of Alabama; brothers, Keith Pilon of Alabama, Billy Pilon of Florida and Jimmy Pilon of Florida; sisters, Jean Pilon of Florida, Chrissy Pilon of Florida and Sue Crane of Tennessee; and grandchildren, Destini Whitney, Kresley Whitney, Kelli Danks and Dreshawn Danks.

Funeral services were 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston, with Pastor Gary Corley officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Glen Howard Carrick, 81

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. — Glen Howard Carrick, passed away Sunday, March 14, 2010, in Harton Regional Medical Center. He was 81.

He was a native of Manchester, Tenn. and the son of the late Lillard Carrick and Flora Mash Carrick. He was a self-employed mechanic in Florida for 40 years and was a member of the College Street Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annis Kennedy Carrick in 2006.

He is survived by one brother, Lester (Donna) Carrick of Tullahoma, Tenn.; three sisters, Betty (John) Riddle of Winchester, Tenn., Nancy (Billy Wayne) Keele of Manchester, Tenn. and Dorothy (Orville) Foster of Manchester, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of Tullahoma Funeral Home, with Bro. Bill Smith officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Tommy Lowe, Rick Carrick, Shane Yocum, JB Grenier, Terry Rainey and Thomas Austell.

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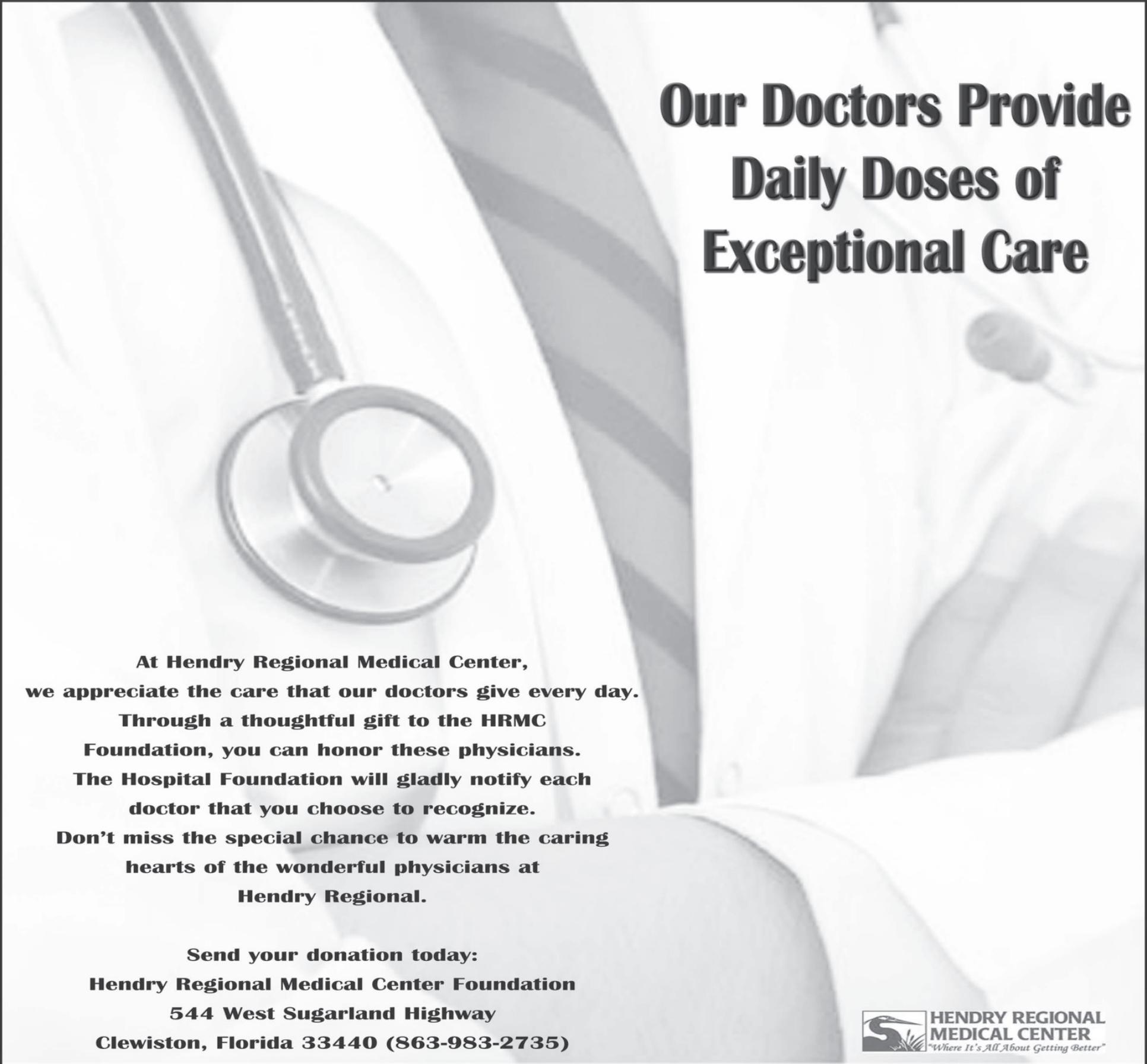
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Jesup: Outmanned and Outgunned

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

On February 8, 1838, General Jesup met with several Seminole leaders near Fort Jupiter and negotiated peace terms. The Seminoles asked only that they be allowed to live on reservation lands in the Everglades. Jesup agreed to write a letter to Washington officials, if the Seminoles would agree to set up camps adjacent to the Army encampment and wait patiently and peacefully for word from Washington.

A letter arrived from Washington on March 16, 1838, from the Secretary of War, Poinsett, denying the Seminole's request. In the letter, Poinsett instructed General Jesup to continue the war until all Seminoles were shipped west. General Jesup requested a meeting with the Seminole leaders, so he could review Poinsett's decision, but got no response.

Jesup now felt the Seminoles were acting "gun shy" and might somehow be privy to Poinsett's decision, so he immediately dispatched Colonel David E. Twiggs and the Second Dragoons to capture the Indians before they could slip away into the trackless Everglades.

Twiggs brought back 513 Seminoles, of whom 151 were warriors. It was the largest capture in the Second Seminole Indian War, but raises a perplexing question by historians today.

How did a group of Seminoles that large get caught napping by General Jesup, whose reputation as a truce breaker preceded him in the Everglades?

Shortly after this episode, General Jesup asked to be relieved of his command because the Washington bureaucrats had refused to grant the Seminoles, reservation lands in the Everglades.

Jesup was very unhappy about this decision because the Everglades were swamplands that no Americans desired, yet lands

A good corporate bean counter could easily surmise that based on these figures, there were approximately 1,800 hostile Seminoles remaining in Florida.

On the other hand, an anthropologist would quickly note an error in this figure, stipulating that it failed to exclude the women, children and elderly, who weren't combatants.

All this speculation brings us to the

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question, how many Seminole warriors remained in Florida after General Taylor took command in 1838?

Using a simple formula, we can derive a rough, but somewhat inaccurate figure that still reveals a startling statistic. Let's assume that the average size Seminole family consisted of four children, two parents and two grandparents.

This formula would equate to one able bodied male warrior per eight Seminoles. Divide the number eight into 1,800 and we have 225 warriors. Again, this figure is a rough estimate, so let's compensate and raise the number to 300, which is probably an overestimate.

A shocking revelation; the highest possible estimate shows only 300 Seminole warriors were challenging the United States in 1838!

The 300 Seminole warriors are reminiscent of an event that occurred thousands of years earlier in ancient Greece, when 300 Spartan warriors challenged the entire Persian Army at the Battle of Thermopylae. History repeats itself, so it is fair to say that the

They were literally fighting for their lives in a war that affected every facet of their life. The Seminoles had become a beleaguered people, fighting a war they could never win.

This life style was very stressing to the Seminoles, whose culture, prior to the war was sedentary, living in villages, subsisting on crops they grew and the livestock they raised. Now they were a hunted people, refugees in their own homeland that were

forced to flee each time someone cried "wolf."

Many of the Seminoles began to starve because of the relentless chase. Soldiers saw this terrible plight, while the Seminoles were camping at Fort Jupiter and waiting on word from Washington. The women wore ragged clothes that scarcely covered their nakedness, while those that had nothing, were forced to wear the discarded corn sacks that soldiers threw away.

Seminole women were observed picking up the kernels of corn dropped by the horses, so great was their starvation. This wasn't an isolated story, but a phenomenon that would repeat itself again in the South during the Civil War, when Northern Armies invaded.

Years ago, a college friend of mine told me how his great- great grandparents survived a Tennessee winter by following a Northern Army's mule train and living off the undigested kernels of corn they dug from the mule manure.

The Seminole war, like all other wars, had a great impact on the children. No doubt many died from starvation or were weakened and fell victim to diseases that took their lives.

There were also the orphans that lost their fathers, mothers and sometimes entire families. A Seminole told me about a skirmish that took place near to present day Immokalee during the war.

Soldiers surprised a small band of Seminoles and attacked. A little girl was grabbed and carried by a relative into the safety of the Everglades. The girl's mother was never found or heard from again.

I hope you have enjoyed this story. Please contact the Clewiston Museum if you have questions, artifacts, pictures, or a "Whale of a Tale" that you would like to share.

The museum provides an interesting fossil display of prehistoric animals that once roamed the Glades thousands of years ago and artifacts that reflect the heritage of Clewiston.

Its theater has a 65-seat capacity and presents movies on the history of Clewiston, sugar cane harvesting, and the orange industry. Stop by and enjoy a 45- minute group-tour for only \$2.00 per person.

The Museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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that would appease the Seminoles and end the war. On May 15, 1838, a disgusted General Jesup turned his command over to General Zachary Taylor.

The retiring General Jesup had been very successful during his 18-month campaign. Statistics show 2,900 Indians were captured and 100 killed during that period of time. Commanders before Jesup had been very unsuccessful, but they too had captured or killed Seminoles.

At the beginning of the Second Seminole Indian War, military analysts estimated there were approximately 5,000 Seminoles living in Florida. This estimate included the Seminoles living on the Apalachicola reservations (200) that had elected not to fight, but chose to move west.

Seminole warriors were like their prototype, the Spartans, who fought to preserve their homelands against a nation that wished to deprive them of land and liberty.

The Seminoles were not only outmanned, but also outgunned because they had other logistical problems to overcome.

The American soldiers were supplied with arms, food, clothing, and medical attention.

Their sole mission was "search and destroy." Unlike the soldiers, the Seminole men not only fought, but in between battles, hunted and foraged to support the families they kept hidden away.

While on the run the Seminoles lost articles that they couldn't replace. Something as simple as a knife was irreplaceable because the Seminoles had few places to trade.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Commission of the City of South Bay, Florida will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the 6th day of April, 2010, on all matters concerning the possible adoption of Ordinance 2-2010, providing for the adoption of a construction permit fee schedule and providing for an effective date. Call to order will be at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at 355 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida.

Anyone having any questions regarding this proposal may submit them in writing or at the time of the scheduled public hearing as noted above. Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk, City of South Bay, at 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue South Bay, Florida.

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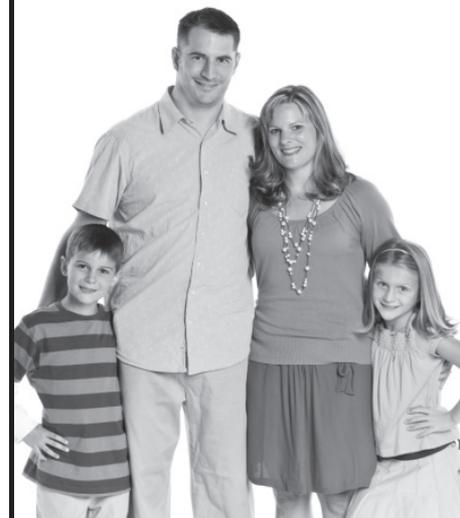
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Religious columns

Choices

By Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

Every day of our lives we are confronted with choices. Every choice we make, big or small, has consequences. For better or for worse, we have to live with those consequences. Some choices we make determine the quality of our lives and the quality of our relationships. Some of the choices we make determine our destiny and have eternal consequences.

Edwin Thomas was a master on stage. In 1863, he was with his actor brother John in the play Julius Caesar. It was a foreshadowing of things to come that Edwin's brother who played the assassin in Julius Caesar is the same John who took the role of assassin in Ford's Theatre on an April night in 1865, when he stole into the rear of the box in the Washington Theater and shot Abraham Lincoln.

As you may have guessed, the last name of the brothers was Booth: Edwin Thomas Booth and John Wilkes Booth. Edwin was never the same after that night. Shame from his brothers' crime drove him into retirement. He might never have returned to stage had it not been for what happened at a New Jersey train station. Edwin was awaiting his coach when a well dressed young man, pressed by the crowd, lost his footing and fell in front of an oncoming train.

Without hesitation, Edwin locked a leg around a railing, grabbed the man and pulled him to safety.

Edwin did not recognize the young man he'd rescued. The knowledge came weeks later in a letter he carried in his pocket to the grave, thanking Edwin for saving the life of Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln.

Edwin and James Booth. Same father, mother, profession, and passion. Yet one chose life, the other death. How could it happen? I don't know, but the story is not unique.

Look at the two criminals on the crosses on either side of Jesus. The two criminals have much in common. Convicted by the same system, condemned to the same death, surrounded by the same crowd. Equally close to the same Jesus.

How can two men see the same Jesus and one choose to mock Him and the other choose to pray to Him? I don't know, but they did. And when one prayed, Jesus loved him enough to save him. When the other mocked, Jesus loved him enough to let him go - even though it probably tore at His heart.

God allowed them the choice. He does the same for us.

God's heart for each of us is to make choices that lead to abundant life. He says to His people through Moses, "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him." (Gen.30:19-20)

To choose Jesus is to choose life.

Good Friday; What to do in the darkest of moments

By The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D. +
Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

The next ten days recount the darkest and most joyful days in this world. Sunday is Palm Sunday, a moment of the Lord's triumphal entry, then celebration of the Last Supper with His disciples, arrest, trial, crucifixion and death; all to be overshadowed by Easter. We see the worst that the world can do overcome by what God can do. It is a witness to us all that good will triumph over evil, right over wrong, life over death.

Much of the New Testament was written during times of persecution, intolerance, corruption and human tragedies of one sort or another. Good Friday is the culmination of what the world has to dish out; unfairness, humiliation, persecution, the death of an innocent, tragedy equal to any we have seen before or since. With it, we regard the responses of the central character in it all; Jesus of Nazareth.

His last words convey to us a message about our own tragedies and bad times, too. Some are very human: "I thirst" or "Woman behold your son..." Some are messages of hope; "This day you will be with me in Paradise." At the darkest of moments there is still hope; Jesus makes this plain to those who rate themselves as unworthy but whom He will take with Him. When the end comes, Jesus says simply "It is finished!" and gives

up His spirit (Luke 19:30). I hear Him saying that the world has done its worst and now that is over; from henceforth things will be different for God's people. There is another passage that some interpret as seeing this dark day so affecting Jesus that He feels forsaken by God.

During these darkest of moments, Jesus is quoted "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me (Matthew 27:46)" It would be easy to think the Lord felt forsaken by God; but that wouldn't be like God to forsake His son, nor for the Son to be forsaken by the Father. What then? These words are also found elsewhere in Scripture. They are from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 22:1. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?..." Psalms ends with the reminder that "My soul shall live for him, they shall be known as the Lord's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that He has done. (Psalm 22:29-30)" Jesus was reciting from the Psalter! He was worshipping, saying the prayers from the great Prayer Book of the Old Testament - the Book of Psalms! Feeling forsaken? No, worshipping! A Psalm being recited is an appropriate act of worship for this particular moment. Jesus, even at the worst of moments in history, makes His spiritual offering to the Father. That's the message of Good Friday to us all: in the darkest of times, God is still ready to hear, our prayers aren't in vain!

The Psalms also remind us God shall help, "...and that right early." "The Lord Almighty is with us"- always.

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If you represent a local sports organization that offers youth or recreational sports or activities, feel free to contact Renee Hawley at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or call 1-888-853-7904, ext. 323, to register your program.



INI/Ashley Smith

T-ball practice

T-ball season is officially underway in Clewiston. Dozens and dozens of children were signed up by their doting parents to participate in one of the more popular sports of the Spring.



INI/Ashley Smith

Warm-ups

Players warmed up by pitching to each other at a recent practice earlier this week.

Sports briefs

Cougar signups

The Clewiston Cougars will be having signups this Saturday, March 27 at the Cougars locker room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are still looking for a cheer coordinator. For more information please contact Al Gary at 863-233-9996 or April White at 863-228-7887.

Sugar Festival Bass Tournament

The 11th Annual Sugar Festival Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Roland and Mary Ann Martin's Marina. Anglers will meet at the public boat ramp at 5 a.m. and weigh in at 3 p.m. For more information on fees or to register please call Tim at 863-228-7662 or Asa at 863-677-0162.

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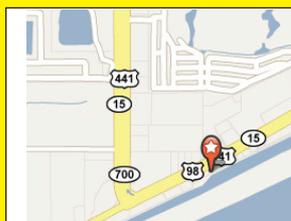
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Career Day at Clewiston High

Clewiston High School is hosting its Career Day on April 21. Please help us empower our students and consider participating in this program to impart your knowledge on our future leaders.

This event will be held at Clewiston High School from 7:45 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. Businesses may set up a booth any time after 7:20 a.m. Presenters will be provided a light lunch. The primary objective of Career Day is to acquaint students with the various opportunities available for their consideration. You are encouraged to discuss the types of careers available within

your organization and the qualifications for those positions. These opportunities will allow students to glimpse the tremendous array of career opportunities open to them and to better understand the process of considering prospective career choices.

We hope that you will consider participating in Career Day. It is truly a worthwhile event that offers you the opportunity to shape the future of our youth.

If you can assist us on April 21, please contact Greg Korean or Bianca Robinson at 863-983-1520. Thanks for your time and consideration of this exciting event.

CHS students and athletes of the month

Clewiston High School has chosen their students and athletes of the month for February 2010!

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 Clinton Drake – 12th grade and Yamilet Garcia – 12th grade.

Clinton and Yamilet also set a good ex-

ample for the rest of the student body.

Our athletes of the month for February 2010 are Carlton Baucum - 12th grade and Katharine Whidden – 12th grade. These hardworking athletes always try their best and always put forth extra effort in both practices and events. Carlton and Katharine are definitely team leaders who are also honest, reliable and dependable. Congratulations to these athletes!



Clinton Drake.

Yamilet Garcia.

Carlton Baucum.

Katharine Whidden.



Submitted photo/Don Munch

Fourth-graders enjoy the outdoors

Fourth-grade students from Central Elementary School enjoy a recent sunny afternoon outside!



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CES Fourth-grade Spelling Bee

Pictured are the Fourth grade students from Central Elementary who participated in this year's spelling bee. Congratulations to all of the students!



Submitted photos/Denise Hatton

Random Acts of Kindness

Students from the Random Acts of Kindness Club at Clewiston Christian School were joined by members of the Youth Group from First United Methodist Church as they harvested fresh broccoli that was donated by a local farmer. The broccoli was then donated to the Food Pantry at the Methodist Church in Clewiston. Sarah McKowan, Bailyn Mills and Cassidy Lee, members of the RAK Club, worked as a team to harvest broccoli to donate to the First United Methodist Church of Clewiston.



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Farm fresh produce

Elvin Canales and Youth Pastor, Nathan Koetje carry one of many garbage cans filled with broccoli to their vehicle to be transported to the First United Methodist church for distribution through the food pantry.

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LOST CAT
Smoky gray. He is a Big cat. 5 yrs. old. His name Moose. Last seen in Clewiston off Hwy. 27. **\$500 Reward!** Please call (863)677-4707 with any info. Dearly missed.

Employment

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Employment Full Time

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All shifts available
Call 786-879-6478

Auctions

Employment Full Time

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
Central County Water Control District is seeking a heavy equipment operator. This individual must have a high school diploma or general education degree and a clean driving record, CDL class B required. Must have experience on excavator, loader, dump trucks and farm equipment. Grader experience a plus. This is a drug free workplace and a equal opportunity employer. Apply in person at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates. Monday - Thursday, 7am -4pm. Position will be open until filled.

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Employment Medical

Front Desk - Computer exp. needed. Healthcare exp and bilingual pref'd. Competitive salary & excl benefits. Fax resume to (863) 983-9604 or apply at FL Community Health Center, 315 South W. C. Owen Ave. Clewiston, FL. e-mail hr@fchcinc.org EOE/DFWP.

Employment Part Time

CITY OF CLEWISTON Dispatcher
Temporary Position Police Department
Receive complaints and dispatch police, fire and animal control officers to calls. Maintain various logs and reports; provide assistance in records as necessary. Experience is preferred but will train. Must be willing to work shifts, weekends and holidays. A detailed job description and application may be obtained at City Hall, Human Resources, 115 West Ventura Avenue. Position is open til filled. EOE/DFWP

Employment Part Time

HELP WANTED
Harlem Library seeks Library Assistant. Position is PT with some evening hours. Must enjoy assisting customers of all ages. Applications are available at the Clewiston Sub-Office, 710 El Paso and Administrative Services 165 Lee St, LaBelle. Open until filled. Vet Pref. EEO. Drug free. Applicants needing assistance in the application process should contact HR.

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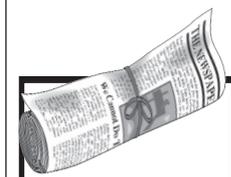
- 417 E. Trinidad, 3/1, \$700/mo. \$550 sec., NO inside pets, Call Shirley (561)996-3744

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- 3BR, 2BA, 1600 sq. ft. w/gar. & W/D. \$900 mo. + sec. 863-227-3333

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PARK MODEL - 34X12 w/FL room, 1.5ba, carpet, furnished, w/direct lake okee access (no locks) \$45,000 neg. 618-558-0274

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NOTICE OF MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL BE HELD AT 5:00 P.M., APRIL 13, 2010, AT THE HARLEM ACADEMY, 10103 HARLEM ACADEMY AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FLORIDA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Henry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

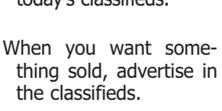
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NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MARY E. RADCLIFFE; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s) Whose residence are/is unknown.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-000049 HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff, VS. MARY E. RADCLIFFE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY E. RADCLIFFE; HELEN G. BUCK; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELAINE GREENBURG; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2010-CA-001147 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, VS. NEIL T. LITTLE AS PERSON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF RITA JEAN LITTLE A/K/A RITA J. LITTLE; NEIL T. LITTLE, HEIR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NEIL T. LITTLE, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); TANGLEWOOD OAKS, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2008-CA-001359 CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. NOEL DE ARMAS, et al, Defendant(s).

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2008-CA-001359 CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. NOEL DE ARMAS, et al, Defendant(s).

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case #: 2009-CA-001111 CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Julio W. Castillo and Melissa A. Castillo, Husband and Wife; Defendant s

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2008-CA-001320 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAPB LLC TRUST 2007-AB1, Plaintiff, vs. JULIANA PIZ, et al, Defendant(s).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2008-121-CA

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF16, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF16, Plaintiff,
vs.
JEAN L. FOX, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 22, 2010 and entered in Case No. 2008-121-CA of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF16, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF16, is the Plaintiff and JEAN L. FOX; TENANT #1 N/K/A MARY COLE; are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA, at 11:00AM, on the 31st day of March, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 16 AND 17, BLOCK 171, GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 71, THROUGH 78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 214E ESPERANZA AVENUE, CLEWISTON, FL 34440

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 5, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F0706038

****See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8777 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.**
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Public Notice

1. INVITATION TO BID

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON NW EUCALYPTUS
#M# 416231-1-58-01
Bid No. 2010-12

Opening Date and Time: April 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida at the Hendry County Complex, Clerk of Circuit Court, Attn. Barbara Butler, C.E. Hall Building, Administration Wing, 2nd Floor, Room A-226, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida 33935 for Construction of Sidewalk Improvements on NW Eucalyptus from Collingswood Avenue to Cowboy Way. We invite you to respond. All bids must be received and time/dates stamped by said Clerk of Courts or designee no later than Thursday, April 8th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Copies of plans, specifications and bid documents may be obtained from the Hendry County Engineer's Office located at 99-A East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida, telephone number (863) 675-5222. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the package.

Bidders must be prequalified with FDOT to be considered.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 31st, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineer's Office in LaBelle. Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

All Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 8th, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at the County Complex, C. E. Hall Building, Administrative Wing, Second Floor, Clerk's Office, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

The County reserves the right to waive informalities in any bids; to reject any or all bids with or without cause; and/or to accept the bid that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the County.

Board of County Commissioners
Janet Taylor, Chairwoman

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2008-117-CA

DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARIA SALINAS A/K/A MARIA G. SALINAS, et al, Defendant(s).

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LOT 11, BLOCK 2087, UNIT 2, PORT LABELLE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3007 SOUTH BALSAM CIRCLE, BELLE FL 33935

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLADES COUNTY FLORIDA CASE NO.: 10CA39

MARY IDA CROMWELL, Plaintiff,
vs.
FLORIDA HENDRY LAND, INC., and any unknown party, natural or corporate, including any unknown natural person, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any unknown person, not known to be dead or alive, and any unknown corporation or other legal entity, dissolved or existing, foreign or domestic, including corporations not known to be dissolved or existing, and the unknown assigns, successors in interest trustees, or any other party claiming by, through, under or against FLORIDA HENDRY LAND, INC., and any group, firm, entity, or persons who operate or do business, or have operated or done business, in Florida, and all claimants under any of such parties, Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION (F.S. §49.08)

TO: FLORIDA HENDRY LAND, INC. c/o its registered agent, Joel B. Hendry
1585 NE Danlich Avenue
Jensen Beach, FL 34957 and
3389 Sheridan Street #438
Hollywood, FL 33021

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for reformation of deeds has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on William R.H. Broome, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Suite 207, 2465 Mercer Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, on or before April 9, 2010, and file the original with the clerk of this court, either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED on March 8, 2010.

Joe Flint
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jennifer Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

348474 GCD 3/18,25/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 10-176 DR

George Edward Anderson Martin
Petitioner
and
Cynthia Diane Martin
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Cynthia Diane Martin

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on George Edward Anderson Martin whose address is 420 Holiday Isle Lot 162, Clewiston, FL 33440 on or before April 20, 2010, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 1760, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33975, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: Feb. 26, 2010.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: L. Hammond
Deputy Clerk

349253 CGS 3/25;4/1,8/10

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000040

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
ISABEL RIPOLL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 12, 2010 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000040 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and ISABEL RIPOLL; JESUS CRUZ; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 2nd day of June, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 5, WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 1 AND 2, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 757 WOODLAND BOULEVARD, CLEWISTON, FL 33400006

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 15, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F08114890

****See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8777 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.**
349436 CN 03/25;04/01/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution, issued in the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, on the 17th day of September, 2008, in the cause wherein Surf Consultants, Inc., as successor in interest to Direct Merchant Bank, N.A. is plaintiff and Barbara Freedland is defendant, being Case number 2008-164CC, in said Court, I, Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Barbara Freedland, and to the following described property, to-wit:

2007 Jeep Compass,
Vehicle Number
118F74W97D219540,
Title Number 97750198.

And on the 15th day of April, 2010 at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, LaBelle, Florida, at the hour of 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as possible, I will offer for sale all the said defendant's, Barbara Freedland, right, title and interest in the aforesaid property, at public auction and will sell the same, subject to taxes, all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of the costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Steve Whidden
Sheriff

Hendry County, Florida

By: Lieutenant Andy Lewis
348294 CN/CB 3/11,18,25;4/1/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000870

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL PIOTROWSKI, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 22, 2010 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000870 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and DANIEL PIOTROWSKI; KENNETH R. ALFORD; WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION; A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION; are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 2nd day of June, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 23, IN BLOCK E OF RIDGVIEW ESTATES ADDITION NO. 1 A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 85 AND 86 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 720 W. AVENIDA DEL RIO, CLEWISTON, FL 33440

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 15, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ D. Hammond
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09077289

****See Americans with Disabilities Act - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8777 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding.**
349457 CN 03/25;04/01/10

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND QA TESTING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH NW EUCALYPTUS FROM COLLINGSWOOD PARKWAY TO COWBOY WAY IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Fm# 416231-1
RFQ # 2010-10
OPENING DATE: APRIL 8, 2010 AT 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in connection with the construction of sidewalks on NW Eucalyptus from Collingswood Parkway to Cowboy Way. Firms submitting must have expertise in construction administration, quality assurance testing, and compliance with the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and any other requirements that FDOT may impose in the LAP Agreement. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL by 2:00 pm on April 8, 2010, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, located at 165 S. Lee St., LaBelle, FL (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request; however, Hendry County will not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of documents sent via email.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Board of County Commissioners
Janet B. Taylor, Chairwoman
348623 CB/CN 3/18,25;4/1/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY Case #: 2009-CA-00260

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT2, Plaintiff,
-vs-
Gelianni Reina Lopez, Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 11, 2010, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-00260 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT2, Plaintiff and Gelianni Reina Lopez are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 14, 2010 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 5, BLOCK 2320, PORT LABELLE UNIT 9, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 144, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE: IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL: 1-800-955-8770
DATED AT LABELLE, Florida, this 15th day of March, 2010.

/s/ D. HAMMOND
BARBARA S. BUTLER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Hendry County, Florida

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHPAN, LLP
10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy,
Suite 1112
Tampa, Florida 33618
09-153019
349286 CN 3/25;4/1/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **ELLA III, LLC** holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1430	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0078-0160	Ricardo Lorenzo

Lot 16 in Block 78 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38, and 39 of the public records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY** in the month of **APRIL**, which is the **15TH** day of **APRIL, 2010.**

Dated this 24TH day of **FEBRUARY, 2010.**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

348660 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **ELLA III, LLC** holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2925</			

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WFMB5 2006-AR6, Plaintiff, vs. GERMAN ALEX BERG A/K/A GERMAN ALEJANDRO CUERVO BERG, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 15, 2010 and entered in Case No. 22-2008-CA-000245 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH JUDICIAL Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WFMB5 2006-AR6, is the Plaintiff and GERMAN ALEX BERG A/K/A GERMAN ALEJANDRO CUERVO BERG; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at STEPS OF THE GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 15th day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE NORTH 60 FEET AND THE EAST 60 FEET THEREOF.

A/K/A 8059 WINDSWEEP CIRCLE, LABELLE, FL 33935 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 16, 2010.

Joe Flint Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Jennifer Bevis Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09053570 **See Americans with Disabilities Act** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 349495 CN 03/25;04/01/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ELLA III, LLC holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1159 2007 1-14-44-32-A00-0252-0000 Pascuala Valle Est. c/o Digna Tate

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 2900 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY in the month of APRIL, which is the 15TH day of APRIL, 2010.

Dated this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

348649 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000586 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ARABIS J. PINEDA A/K/A JESUS ENRIQUE PINEDA ARABIS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Mar. 9, 2010 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000586 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A., is the Plaintiff and ARABIS J. PINEDA A/K/A JESUS ENRIQUE PINEDA ARABIS; MPIOJRGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 7th day of April, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LOT 7, BLOCK 2324, PORT LABELLE UNIT 9, AS PER THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 144, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY.

A/K/A 8059 WINDSWEEP CIRCLE, LABELLE, FL 339350000 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on March 9, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ D. Hammond Deputy Clerk Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09053570 **See Americans with Disabilities Act** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 3112, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813)335-2299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 349495 CN 03/25;04/01/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ELLA III, LLC holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1159 2007 1-14-44-32-A00-0252-0000 Pascuala Valle Est. c/o Digna Tate

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 2900 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY in the month of APRIL, which is the 15TH day of APRIL, 2010.

Dated this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

348649 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a call of the Board of Supervisors of Pelican Lake Water Control District, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Pelican Lake Water Control District for the year 2010 will be held at their office located at 2832 N. Main Street, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, April 14th, 2010, at 10:00 A.M., in the forenoon for the purpose of:

- 1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine; and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PELICAN LAKE WATER CONTROL DISTRICT BY: /s/ Paul Allen, President 348955 SUN 3/25;4/1/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2023 2007 1-31-44-33-A00-0003-0000 Francisco L. Mazo Vasquez

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 6145 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY in the month of APRIL, which is the 15TH day of APRIL, 2010.

Dated this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

348653 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ELLA III, LLC holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1378 2007 1-22-44-32-010-0060-0040 Renaldo Blanco

Lot 4 in Block 60 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37,38 and 39, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY in the month of APRIL, which is the 15TH day of APRIL, 2010.

Dated this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

348663 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1378 2007 1-22-44-32-010-0060-0040 Renaldo Blanco

Lot 4 in Block 60 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37,38 and 39, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.

All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the THIRD THURSDAY in the month of APRIL, which is the 15TH day of APRIL, 2010.

Dated this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

348663 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

Public Notice

South Florida Water Management District Notice of Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for the following water use permits: Corrected Water Use Permit 26-00072-W issued to Marlin W. Hilliard Revocable Trust & Hilliard Misttoteo, Inc. (5500 Flaghore Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440) pursuant to application 090211-20, for a project known as Tony's Mount, for the use of groundwater from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and surface water from Blumberg Canal for agricultural irrigation use serving 1591 acres with an annual allocation of 1830 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 237.3 million gallons. The project is in Hendry County in S16, 21, 28, T45S/R34E, east of the L-2 dike (L-1 dike road) and west of Blumberg Road. The permit is subject to 23 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 26-00004-W issued to Hilliard Brothers of Florida L.T.D. (5500 Flaghore Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440) pursuant to application 090205-19, for a project known as Whitehurst East, for the continuation of an existing use of ground water from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and surface water from SFWMD Canal (L-2) for agricultural irrigation use serving 1141 acres with an annual allocation of 1974 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 255.8795 million gallons. The project is in Hendry County in S33/T45S/R34E and S4/T46S/R34E, east of the L-2 (L-1 dike road) and west of Blumberg Road. The permit is subject to 23 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 26-00002-W issued to Hilliard Brothers of Florida L.T.D. (5500 Flaghore Road, Clewiston, Florida 33440) pursuant to application 060630-21, for a project known as Whitehurst West, for the continuation of an existing use of ground water from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and surface water from SFWMD Canal (L-2) for agricultural irrigation use serving 916.77 acres with an annual allocation of 1596.01 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 205.5939 million gallons. The project is in Hendry County in S32/T45S/R34E and S5/T46S/R34E, west of the L-2 (L-1 dike road). The permit is subject to 23 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

The above Permits and Staff Reports, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Vega, Deputy Clerk, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or by telephone at (561) 686-8800 extension 6739.

The District's agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below, followed by the procedures for pursuing mediation.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District's permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of the Clerk at the SFWMD Headquarters at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.104 Fla. Admin. Code, any documents received after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. A copy of the Petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the persons named above at the address indicated. Failure to file a petition within the 21 days of publication of notice, or other receipt of the written notice, whichever first occurs first, constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to an administrative determination (hearing) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. as provided by Subsection 28-106.11(4) Fla. Admin. Code. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the District's action is based must contain the information set forth in Rule 28-106.201(2), Fla. Admin. Code, including:

- (1) Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
(2) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
(3) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
(4) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
(5) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
(6) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
(7) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
(8) If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
(9) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.
A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the District's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.
The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573 Fla. Stats, and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405 Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for these agency actions under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time. 349144 CN 3/25/10

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Dated this 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2010.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2758 2007 3-02-43-34-501-000B-0040 Lee Roy Franklin & Mary Franklin

Lot 4, Block B, of SUGARLAND ESTATES ADDITION NO 1, a subdivision in the City of Clewiston, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, pages 124 and 125, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1282 2007 1-22-44-32-010-0016-0140 Louis Sanjurjo & Lydia Sanjurjo

Lot 14, Block 16 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, at pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1378 2007 1-22-44-32-010-0060-0040 Renaldo Blanco

Lot 4 in Block 60 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37,38 and 39, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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348663 CN 3/18,25;4/1,8/10

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: R. Scott Cooper DATE: 4/13/10

SUBJECT AREA: 406 Requirements for High School Graduation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for high school graduation.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1003.43, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.428, 1003.4156, 1001.41(3), 1008.22(10)(c) and 1008.22(10) F.S.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1003.43, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1003.428, 1003.4156, 1001.41(3), 1008.22(10)(c) and 1008.22(10) F.S.

FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for high school graduation.

STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on April 13, 2010.

Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

Notice: If requested in writing and not deemed unnecessary by the Agency Head, a Rule Development Workshop will be held at a time and date to be advertised in the future.

Notice: The procedure for obtaining a public hearing on this proposed rule is to request, in writing, a hearing. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools, in writing, within 21 days after publication of this notice. The request shall specify how the person requesting the public hearing would be affected by the proposed rule. The School Board, upon appropriate request, shall give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on the issues under consideration.

Notice: Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
347909 CB/CN 3/28/10

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2871	2007	4-10-43-29-020-2067-0100	Jose R. Hernandez

Lot 10, Block 2067 of Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2907	2007	4-10-43-29-020-2084-0110	Jorge Chaar

Lot 11, Block 2084, of Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2067	2007	1-31-44-33-A00-0287-0000	Francisco Barbeito

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 40 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5698, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1073	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0266-0000	Luis M. Salazar

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 5483, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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3204	2007	4-10-43-29-070-2204-0230	Jaime Diaz, Jaime A. Lopez & Maria Lucia Lopez

Lot 23, Block 2204 of Port LaBelle Unit 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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977	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0002-0000	Tomas Maisonet Maisonet

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the North 80 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 5676 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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Religion column

What killed Jesus Christ?

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist
First Christian Church

If a death certificate were issued today for Jesus Christ's death, it would read: "cardiac and respiratory arrest due to severe pulmonary edema due to traumatic and shock due to crucifixion. That's the conclusion of Frederick Zugibe, A Rockland County, N.Y., medical examiner who wrote a few years ago "The Cross and the Shroud," a report on his 30-year study of the crucifixion.

The investigation "was by far the most challenging and intriguing experience that I have ever encountered," said Zugibe, who was also an adjunct associate professor of pathology of Columbia University.

Zugibe pieced together a grimly detailed picture of what he and theologians believe happened to Christ in the hours before His death. His findings are based on research and the markings from the Shroud of Turin - which he believes is Christ's burial cloth.

He writes that after Christ suffered intense mental fatigue in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was beaten with a whip made of leather tails that had small weights of metal or bone. Jesus was reduced to a bleeding, mangled mass of welts and swellings, in traumatic shock, no longer able to stand, and craving water," Zugibe wrote.

He later was beaten with reeds and forced to wear a crown of thorns. While carrying His 50-pound cross to Golgotha, He suffered severe loss of body fluids in the midday heat. By the time of crucifixion, "Christ robe was literally glued to His body," by blood from His wounds, Zugibe said.

To study the effects of being suspended from the cross, Zugibe conducted his experiments with a number of male volunteers who hung from a 92 X 78 inch cross with leather gauntlets around their hands and a belt around their feet.

The volunteers showed an increase of pain, psychological feelings, sweating, respiratory distress and muscle twitching after seven to eight minutes.

"A striking observation noted in all suspended volunteers was that the body did not touch the cross except in the shoulder region, where there was very slight contact," Zugibe wrote. The result was a position with the head arched backward against the upright vertical section of the cross to relieve the strain on the shoulders. From the research, Zugibe said it is hard to understand why Pontius Pilate reportedly was shocked that Christ died in less than six hours.

"The significance of mental suffering is not frequently realized," Zugibe wrote. "Jesus was severely flogged. Add to this the scourging and the crowning of thorns, the effects of carrying the cross and the crucifixion process, and anyone with a medical background cringes and wonders conversely how He lasted as long as He did."

Church briefs

Clewiston

Community Easter Sunrise Service

This year's Community Easter Sunrise Service will be hosted by New Harvest Church in Clewiston at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 4. (We rotate churches each year!) Two of this year's speakers include Pastor John Hicks from First United Methodist Church and Pastor Todd Buck from First Baptist Church. We will also have special music from a number of churches in the community. There are still openings for more churches and individuals to participate! Call 863-983-5269. An Easter Breakfast will be served following the service.

Easter Egg Grab and Butterfly Release

The community is invited to come to First United Methodist Church of Clewiston on Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. for a Resurrection Party and Easter Egg Hunt. We will have crafts, egg dyeing, story time, etc. followed by an egg hunt and hot dog lunch. Bring baskets for eggs. On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have a butterfly release after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. Every child will receive a butterfly to release at the flower cross. Call 863-983-5269 for more information.

New church in town

Real Life Church Clewiston is a brand new church in Clewiston and has begun having services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The services are being held at the Clewiston Christian School, nursery and Childrens Church is provided. Be sure to bring your bible because Real Life Church offers real answers for real people found in the word of God. For more information please call 863-288-8110.

Fish on Fridays

Fish on Fridays will be available at the New Bethel AME Church beginning at 3 p.m. For more information please call 863-983-6972.

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Children need guidance through courts

By Patty Brant
 INI Florida

In a complicated world such as the courts, adults can rely on professionals like lawyers to guide them through the legal maze. So how much more difficult is it for a child? How easy is it for a child to get lost in a place like the court system?

In that very adult world, Guardians ad Litem (GAL) step in on behalf of the child. Guardians speak as an independent voice for a child caught up in the court system.

Guardians are assigned to children who are the victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment - not custody cases. If it is determined that a child caught up in abuse or neglected cases should be removed from the home, he or she will be placed with a relative if possible. Barring that, the child will be placed in a foster home or possibly a shelter to safeguard them. In any case, it's a scary prospect for a child, to be taken out of the life they know - even if it's abusive - and placed in a strange environment.

The GAL is there for the child. They are volunteers who spend time with these children, talk to them, find out what they need and then get them the help they need. They are the lifeline for a child who otherwise can end up lost in the legal system.

Once a judge has the basic facts of a case, the parent will get a case plan from the Department of Children & Families - a list of things to do in order to "get right" with the law. The plan may include things like taking anger management or parenting classes and undergoing drug testing and counseling.

That's a major issue affecting children. In Hendry/Glades, some 90 percent of all abuse and neglect cases are drug related.

In February of this year there were 1,258 children involved in dependency court in the 20th Circuit.

Circuit Judge Christine Greider has been handling dependency cases, but recently they have fallen to County Judge James

Sloan. Judge Sloan has had lengthy experience with the Guardian ad Litem program, going back to the early '80s, with the firm he first began practicing law with.

"I have always found it to be a very worthwhile program," he said. "These are advocates for the child. The child is the only interest the Guardian has in a case."

Often the parents are battling the court and are involved in their own interests. Unfortunately, the parents' interests are not always right for everyone. That can leave a child adrift on his or her own when they desperately need a "partner" to see them through.

Providing support through the legal process is every Guardian's sole purpose.

Sometimes there is valid reason to remove a child from the home. The Guardian is a friendly face the child can relate to, who offers a different perspective on cases that can be very complicated.

If parents do not agree with the judge's ruling, they can make their argument to the court.

The judge is the person who requests a GAL for cases and the program makes the assignment. Guardians have the option of choosing to accept a case or not. For instance, they may feel more comfortable with small children or older children or the other way around.

Judge Sloan said he wants to be confident that the GAL has invested the necessary time and research to adequately represent the child. He wants to know that they have talked to the child and have a working knowledge of the facts. He looks for a reasonable analysis from the Guardian.

Most GALs speak for the child in the courtroom, but sometimes, depending on the child's age and the case, the judge will speak directly to the child.

The GAL office is required to appoint a Guardian within 30 days. However, there are just not enough Guardians to meet the demand. If a GAL cannot be found for a child

in need, Judge Sloan said he believes that child, and the court, lose a valuable asset.

If no GAL is available, Judge Sloan said he then looks even harder at the case himself.

"I go through the same analysis the Guardian would," he said. The more information you have, the better decision you can make. Without a Guardian, something could be missed. "That troubles me," the judge explained.

Angela Boykin has been with the program for three years. Retired from the Department of Corrections, she then took a job as secretary with the program. Seeing the need, she soon opted to move into a larger role and is now the program's Volunteer Supervisor and Recruiter for Hendry County. Ms. Boykin had been with the GAL Program in Port Charlotte since 2007 and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services.

At this time she handles eight cases herself, but said she realizes that's not the best way to serve the children's needs. Her priority is to increase the number of Guardians in Hendry/Glades. Her goal is to have a Guardian for every child who needs one. Hendry/Glades currently has a total 15 GAL volunteers and 61 cases, so not all children have Guardians assigned to them. There simply aren't enough to go around. Ms. Boykin said Guardians are especially needed in Clewiston and Glades County. Only one Guardian is located in Clewiston and one in Glades County. Glades has eight cases at this time. GALs in Hendry and Glades work on either side of the county line, but it's much easier if a GAL is closer to where the child lives.

The requirements to be a volunteer GAL are not stringent. You must be at least 19 years old. Volunteers are screened and will have a personal interview followed by a background check. No experience required - just a desire to help.

Classes for new volunteers are coming up in April. It involves three days of train-

ing - 24 hours in the classroom, two hours of court observation and two hours for the new volunteer to spend with his or her case coordinator. There is also Saturday training in Fort Myers for those who cannot do the weekday sessions.

Most volunteers only do one case at a time, averaging just 3-10 hours per month. Volunteers set appointments with the foster care family, relatives or may come unannounced.

Aside from visiting the child, volunteers may talk to the child's teacher, counselor or psychologist. They write a report on their findings for the court, report to the judge and may be asked for an oral statement in the courtroom.

Part of the training includes respect for various cultures; Department of Children & Families; lawyer and court procedure; and talking to experienced Guardians. Mentors are also available for new Guardians. GALs can even request children of a certain age, gender or background.

Once a child has been removed from the home, the ultimate goal is to return them to the parent once the case management goals have been met. However, parental rights may be terminated in severe cases.

Most GAL volunteers stay with the program for a long time - evidence that it is a very rewarding experience.

The program is in need of volunteers, especially those who are bilingual. Please call Angela Boykin at 674-4190 if you have a little time and love to share with a child in need and being a Guardian ad Litem sounds like something that might interest you.

The next classes will be held at the Department of Children & Families conference room, 485 Cowboy Way, LaBelle, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. June 4, 5 and 12.

(Next week: Interviews with a local volunteer)

Submitted photo



Command Sgt. Maj. Debra Strickland to lead pledge

CSM Strickland, shown here at the Kabul Airport prior to her departure from Afghanistan and her final Command Post, is the former Debra Townsend of LaBelle. CSM Strickland joined the US Army shortly after graduating from Moore Haven High School in 1973. Her parents are Dora Maddox of Clewiston and the late John H. Townsend of LaBelle. CSM Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Old Timers Dinner in February.

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annual event. There is a healthy number of visitors who come in from Palm Beach County, places like Lake Placid, Okeechobee, Sebring. Ms. Kelley recently received an e-mail from a group of three young women from Louisiana and Kentucky who have made plans to fly in to catch the headliner, country singer Jason Michael Carroll, performing.



Brantley Gilbert.

There will be plenty to see and do, not to mention eat, at the site of the festival (near the Clewiston Inn). Festivities include bed races, a tennis tournament, a kids park for

children with rides and other attractions, arts and crafts, and a number of performers at the main stage -- including Mr. Carroll, Brantley Gilbert and local band, Down Time. There will be a car show, as well as a motorcycle show, information booths and the Sweet Taste of Sugar contest.

Before the festival, citizens have the 2010 Miss Sugar Pageant to look forward to. The pageant will be held Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston.

This year marks the loss of the festival's main corporate sponsor, U.S. Sugar which for many years was a big partner of the event.

Ms. Kelley is preparing a local campaign to get businesses to contribute toward the cost of the stage area. The sponsorship packages should land on the desks of business owners and friends of the community soon.

Ms. Kelley thanks her committee, an "awesome" group, many of whom have worked on the festival for years.

And she's also had the unfortunate pleasure of being part of a festival which weather patterns disagreed with.

"Unfortunately, it is an outdoor event," she said, noting recent heavy rains, but hoping that that won't be the case on April 24. "We're at the mercy of Mother Nature," she said.

For more information on the festival, or to see a full line up of all the events, be sure to visit the Clewiston Chamber web site at www.clewiston.org and click on "Events and Festivals."

If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Ms. Kelley at 863-902-2857, or Nina Conley at 863-983-7979.

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sub-office.

"The bottom line is: We're not going into any debt for it," the administrator said.

She expressed her excitement for the project and explained that the request for qualifications resulted in the county choosing Borrelli + Partners for the architectural and engineering services.

The county based the size of the new facility on the various requirements of each office, whether enough space for deputies,

or dispatch, or sufficient space to accommodate the number of residents expected to take advantage of services.

Asked to offer a timeline this early in the project, Ms. Kennington-Korf said the project is very likely another year-and-a-half away.

"If it happened in six months, we'd be delighted, of course," she said.

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Arrest Report

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Jose Alvelo, 35



- Clewiston
 - Warrant
 - VOP: felony or community control
- Arrested March 17
Arrested by N. Rerett

Martell Hughes, 26



- Clewiston
 - Marijuana - selling with 1,000 feet of a place of worship or bussiness
- Arrested March 16
Arrested by M. Favara

Robin L. King, 21



- Clewiston
 - Burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed
 - Larceny theft between \$300 to \$5,000
- Arrested March 16
Arrested by R. Waldron

Lemorris Davis, 23



- Clewiston
 - Warrant
 - VOP: felony or community control
- Arrested March 19
Arrested by J. Garrett

Brinton A. Ingram, 24



- Clewiston
 - Warrant
 - VOP: felony or community control
- Arrested March 20
Arrested by L. Brooks

Ariel Nieto-Sanchez, 22



- Clewiston
 - Domestic violence battery by strangulation
 - Kidnapping - false imprisonment - adult
- Arrested March 14
Arrested by CPD Officer J. Sanchez



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