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The essence of excitement



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Coach Terry gets excited about a play made during the JV game last Thursday. For full story and photos, turn to page 11.

Early Entrants Shape Sheriff Race

Hopefuls toss their hat in the ring for sheriff job

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
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Three names have signed up to participate in the 2012 Sheriff race for Hendry County. While qualifying has not ended, the candidates are hoping to stir enough interest in their platforms early on to capture the all-important voter's attention come next year.

Here are the three candidates that have filed official documents at the

Hendry County Supervisor of Elections Office. There is still plenty of time for others to make their bids for the office, with the formal qualifying period ending June 8. By announcing their bid early, all three are able to receive and spend contributions to their campaigns.

Ray Van Houten

Ray Van Houten is a longtime resident of Hendry County, having moved from his hometown of Oceanside, Long Island, New York, with several stops in Lake Worth, Big Cypress, and Cape Coral along the way.

He remembers his childhood well: "Oceanside was much like LaBelle, a

safe, family-oriented town that thrived on the principle of everyone looking out for one another. It made me want to become the man I am today."

Van Houten began his career as an Army man stationed in Germany, and after his military career worked as a police officer with the New York City Police Department, and attributes those experiences to the style of policing he undertakes today.

Van Houten has also worked for the Glades County Sheriff's Office, served a tour in Iraq and currently works at the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

As a narcotics officer, Houten's

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Patriots' Ugly Side Shows in Tiger Opener

BY JUSTIN DIAZ
Special to The Clewiston News

Ignorance and arrogance. If the play of American Heritage in last Friday's game didn't leave you with a bad taste in your mouth, you're anything but a Tiger fan.

If you know anything about football, or any other sport for that matter, regardless of what level it is, you know that running up the score on another team is equivalent to spitting in their face.

So when you factor in a group of high schoolers and the fact that your team is up by three touchdowns, throwing Hail Marys and faking punts

with less than 60 seconds left on the clock is like keying somebody's car and telling them to do something about it.

Either way you look at it, last Friday's loss to American Heritage chalks up five straight losses to the Patriots. The main weakness? Special Teams.

If you removed every scoring Special Teams play, you'd be looking at a 28-13 final score as opposed to last Friday's 42-13.

If you took out the blocked punt that landed the Patriots just outside the

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Redistricting Meeting Hears Comments

COMMUNITY LEADERS AND MEMBERS TURN OUT FOR VITAL MEETING

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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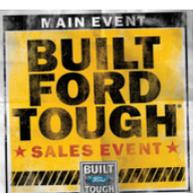
Last Thursday morning, 17 members from the Florida House and Senate listened to comments and concerns from community leaders and members from around the lake in regards to redistricting plans.

Senator Don Gaetz (R) and Rep. Denis Baxley (R) chaired the early morning session held at the Hendry County Health Department auditorium. A crowd slowly trickled in as the meeting began. A number of maps that had proposed redraws of the districts lined a wall and were mentioned in an opening statement by Rep. Baxley. As of that morning, 51 complete

and partial redraws were submitted to the committee for consideration and more were promised to come.

The basic purpose for the redistricting is to equalize as much as possible district populations so that everyone has a fair chance to vote and candidates have a fair chance when running. With Florida's total population numbers having risen, so have the number of representatives the state has in U.S. House, from 25 to 27. How those two extra seats will be distributed in the state and who will vote for them is another topic of the

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Youth Boot Camp

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Each person will receive a camouflage cap and bracelet. There will be Bible Drills and Scripture memorization. The lessons will be "The Parables Of Jesus." There will be two teams who will compete in the Sword (Bible) Drills, memorization, and recreation challenges.

Evangelist, Jackie Miller, will teach the lessons using DVDs entitled "Parables Of Nature." There will be adult sponsors of each team to encourage them in their activities and development.

The youth will get points for attendance, memory work, recreation challenges as well as other activities. Awards will be given as they make progress. Delicious refreshments will be served each evening.

Honoring Every Day Heroes

The community is invited to join in special 9/11 worship giving honor to Law Enforcement, EMTs, Fire Fighters, civil servants, community leaders, armed services, and all of those special people who give and sacrifice to make everyone's lives secure and the future happen.

Join the First United Methodist Church of Clewiston, 331 W. Osceola Ave., on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 or 11 a.m. For more information, please call 863-983-5269.

Sheriff's Citizens Academy

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office will be offering a Sheriff's Citizens Academy in Harlem beginning Sept. 15, through Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Harlem Civic Center.

The Sheriff's Citizens Academy is great for anyone over the age of 18 and it's free. All participants must have a background free of felony and violent misdemeanor convictions.

Classes are scheduled on Thursday mornings for 10 weeks. If you have not yet picked up your application please do and return it by Sept. 13. You may pick up at application at either the Harlem Recreation Office or the Hendry County Sheriff's Office in Clewiston.

If you have questions or want to learn more about the Citizens Academy, please contact Lt. Susan Harrelle at 863-674-5604 or e-mail at sharrelle@hendrysheriff.org.

Mini Health Fair

Clewiston Senior Center (next to the John Boy Auditorium) on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 11:30 a.m. Open to the public.

Sugar Dolls

You are invited to join any of the classes listed below. The classes will be held every Wednesday afternoon at the Clewiston Youth Center.

- Beginners class from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Intermediate and Advanced class from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Baton and pom-poms may be purchased at class. For more information on pricing, contact Jackie Tucker at 863-983-2298.

Lupus Awareness

There will be a Lupus Walk on Sept. 24 in Miami at the Jungle Island.

If you're interested in volunteering to raise money and awareness for Lupus, please contact Kenia Villatora via e-mail at kenia.villatora@yahoo.com.

VFW Post 4185

The VFW Post 4185 is willing to pay for your first year membership. For more information or to sign up, please call 863-983-9748.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

There will be Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings starting back up at the St. Martins Episcopal Church (207 North W.C. Owen) on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 239-275-5111.

KidCare application

Florida KidCare provides affordable health insurance for children from birth through age 18. The organization is encouraging families to apply now.

Applications may be completed online at www.floridakidcare.org, or by calling toll free, 1-888-540-5437.

If additional assistance is needed, help is available at Florida Community Health Center - Clewiston Center. Please call 863-983-7813 ext. 127 to schedule an appointment.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Remembrance Tribute

There will be a 9/11 Remembrance Tribute on Friday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m. in the Clewiston High School Auditorium.

Early Release

Hendry County Schools will be dismissed early on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Lunch will be served that day.

School bus drivers will be following their regular schedules based upon the schools early release times.

Clewiston Middle School

Clewiston Middle School extends an invitation to all parents to come out and get connected. We welcome you and encourage you to get involved with us in your child's education.

In order to accommodate all families and touch bases with newcomers, we have sched-

uled each grade level on a different evening. Please join us in the media center at 5:30 p.m.

- 6th Grade Night - Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 7th Grade Night - Thursday, Sept. 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade Night - Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Central Elementary

Make sure to mark your calendars for the annual Chili Bingo Family Fun Night on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be lots of chili, hot dogs, cookies, and prizes for the bingo games.

Parents, look for a form that is coming home. You can volunteer to help that night or donate prizes/money also. This annual event is always a fun time for the whole family!



Submitted Photo

Lunch at Central Elementary

Mr. Dixon looks happy to help students dispose of their trays after lunch.

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Florida Scrub-Jay

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

September 17 is the sixth year that Hendry and Glades County have participated in the Florida Fall North American Migration Count (NAMC). The area of a count is not a circle, but the boundaries of a County.

The idea is to have a contiguous interlocking set of non-overlapping counts across North America.

Volunteers will be using various modes of travel including cars, boats, and bicycles or will be on foot during their search for



Margaret England

birds.

The following teams, who will be meeting at 7 a.m., need additional counters, compilers and photographers: Lake Okeechobee, LaBelle, STA5, Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest, Lakeport Area and South Hendry (833/835). Contact Margaret England for copy of the report form or to volunteer to help with the count for an hour or more on Sept. 17.

Most of the teams will be surveying wetland areas where they will identify birds by sight or sound.

Reports of Owls, Woodpeckers and Scrub-Jays found in other habitats are needed in order to get a more accurate snapshot of the birds in inland Florida. During the 2010 NAMC teams did not observe Florida scrub-jays.

The Florida Scrub-Jay is identified as a legally protected Threatened Species by the United State Fish and Wildlife Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. It is Florida's only endemic bird species (occurring nowhere else).

They prefer living in Florida's scrub oak and scrubby Flatwoods habitat with nutrient-poor soil where trees are 3-10 feet tall. Each family will maintain a permanent territory ranging from five to 50 acres, but the average range is about 25 acres.

This large songbird has a blue gray head, wings and tail with a pale gray-brown back and underparts. Juveniles who are less than about five months old will have a dusky brown head and neck, but the rest of the body will be like the adult. It often makes a harsh and scratch call with the female making a dry rattling sound.

They eat a variety of acorns, seeds, peanuts, insects, tree frogs, turtles, snakes, lizards and young mice. Occasionally they have been observed robbing other birds of their eggs or nestlings. Acorns from a variety of oaks are buried by the Scrub Jays in the fall to be eaten in the winter or spring.

They are one of the few cooperative breeding birds in North America with families ranging in size from two to eight birds. The young will remain in their parent's habitat for several years where they help rear the young, act as sentries who watch for predators and defend the territory against other Florida Scrub-Jay groups.

If you would like to volunteer for the Sept. 17 NAMC or join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for the Oct. 15 STA5 bird trip, send an e-mail to Margaret England, at sta5birding@embarq-mail.com with your name and contact informa-



PHOTO / MARGARET ENGLAND

Florida Scrub-Jay.

tion including an emergency cell number for the trip day, the date you want to go, and the number in your party.

You may also leave this information at 863-

674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.



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Intermediate & Advanced - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Registration is \$10.00
Lessons are \$5.00 a week.
Baton and Pom-poms may be purchased at class.

We do not discriminate on the basis of religion, race, national origin, color, sex, or handicap.

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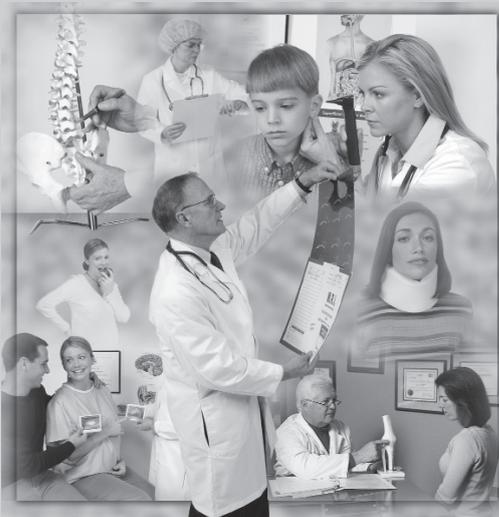
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A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Calm wind becoming south between 8 and 11 mph.



Friday Night:

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76.



Sunday:

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.



Thursday Night:

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. South wind between 4 and 7 mph becoming calm.



Saturday:

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.



Sunday Night:

A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 79.



Friday:

A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South wind between 6 and 13 mph.



Saturday Night:

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Monday:

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Medicare is Fighting Fraud and Abuse

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BY LEE MILLMAN

Center for Medicare and Medicaid

Health care fraud drives up costs for everyone in the health care system and endangers Medicare's ability to serve future generations. To address this growing problem, the federal government continues to expand efforts to recover improper payments and prevent fraud.

Significant progress in the fight against health care fraud has already been made as shown by the federal government's recovery of a record \$4 billion last year from people who attempted to defraud seniors and taxpayers.

The Affordable Care Act provides additional resources and tools to enable the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand efforts to prevent and fight fraud, waste and abuse including:

Creating a rigorous screening process for providers and suppliers enrolling in Medicare to keep fraudulent providers out of the program.

Authorizing CMS to temporarily stop enrollment of new providers and suppliers when Medicare spots trends that may indicate health care fraud.

Authorizing CMS to temporarily stop payments to providers and suppliers suspected of fraud for investigation and case building.

Fraud prevention efforts focus on moving CMS beyond its former "pay and chase" recovery operations to a more proactive "prevention and detection" model that will help prevent fraud and abuse before payment is made.



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A good example is the recent CMS announcement that for the first time, through the use of innovative predictive modeling technology similar to that used by credit card companies, the agency will have the ability to use risk scoring techniques to flag high risk claims and providers for additional review and take action to stop payments and remove providers from the program when necessary.

Yet, as important as these aggressive new initiatives are, the first and best line of defense against fraud remains you – the health care con-

sumer.

Protect your Medicare benefits

•Guard your Medicare number. Fraud schemes often depend on crooks first getting hold of people's Medicare numbers. So treat yours as you would a credit card.

Don't share it with anyone except your doctor or other Medicare-approved health care provider and don't allow anyone else to use it.

•Look out for suspicious activities. Be wary of salespeople who knock on your door or call you uninvited and try to sell you a product or service. Don't allow anyone except your doctor or other Medicare-approved provider to review your medical records or recommend services. And never let anyone give you "free" equipment or supplies in exchange for your Medicare number.

•If you have Original Medicare, check your Medicare Summary Notice. Use a calendar or personal journal to record all of your doctor appointments and tests. Then review your quarterly claims statement to make sure Medicare wasn't billed for something you didn't get. If you spot what you think is an error, call the doctor's office or health care provider and ask about it. If they can't resolve your questions or concerns, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

•Report suspected cases of fraud. If you think someone has misused your Medicare number, call 1-800-MEDICARE.

If you suspect identity theft, or feel like you gave your personal information to someone you shouldn't have, call the Federal Trade Commission's ID Theft Hotline at 1-877-438-4338.

To learn more about health care fraud and ways to protect against it, visit www.stopmedicarefraud.gov or contact your local Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) project.

To find the SMP in your state, go to the SMP Locator at www.smpresource.org. More information about CMS fraud prevention efforts is available at www.cms.gov/Partnerships/04_FraudPreventionToolkit.asp.

Turn Your Child into a Better Reader

Reading is the most important skill that children need to master to be successful in school and life. However, kids increasingly are struggling with this most basic of academic abilities.

The United States currently has one of the lowest literacy rates in the developed world. According to the National Report Card, the country is experiencing a literacy crisis, with 68 percent of fourth graders and 69 percent of eighth graders testing below grade level in reading.

When children have difficulty reading, they quickly can fall behind their peers. Luckily, there are ways to improve almost any child's reading proficiency.

"Telling children to try harder is not the key to developing better readers. Rather, students need to be taught the building blocks of words: phonograms and spelling rules," says Denise Eide, a teacher and author of the new book, "Uncovering the Logic of English."

There are many things parents can do to help:

Explain writing is code

Many students guess wildly while reading because they have never realized words are made of individual sounds blended together. Show them how letters and groups of letters represent sounds. Then practice blending the sounds to form words.

Teach all the sounds

Many letters say more than one sound. For example, the letter "S" sounds different in the word "sad" than the word "is." Many students

misread simple words, because they don't know all the sounds.

Make it fun

Learning the basics doesn't need to be boring. Engage young children through play. Practice the phonograms with games, large motor activities and art projects.

Cover pictures

Many young students struggle with the left to right eye movement of reading. Allow students to look at the pictures then cover them with a blank sheet of paper while reading. Covering pictures makes it easier to focus on text.

Teach all nine 'Silent E' rules

Many students know only one reason for a silent final "E" -- the vowel says its name because of the "E." This explains words like "game" and "ripe," but leaves many kids struggling to read "have" and "give." Learning the nine reasons, including that English words do not end in "V," prevents students from needing to memorize thousands of exceptions.

Find answers

Too often we answer questions about reading with "that is an exception." This frustrates many bright students and discourages them from reading. Rather than dismissing words as exceptions,



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look for answers and explanations. English is more logical than most Americans think.

Answers to questions about English reading and spelling can be found in "Uncovering the Logic of English" and by visiting www.logicofenglish.com.

"Many students complain English spelling appears inconsistent, especially highly logical children who may grow up to be scientists or mathematicians," says Eide. "By teaching students how English works you will improve their reading abilities and encourage them to read!"

OBITUARY

Obituaries should be submitted by sending e-mail to obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Gary Lee Hubbard Sr.

SOUTH CAROLINA — On Aug. 22, 2011, Gary Lee Hubbard Sr., lost his battle with pancreatic cancer, he was born April 7, 1950, to Frederick and Anna Hubbard in Wilna, N.Y.

Gary is survived by his wife of 25 years, Frances Hinton Hubbard; son, Gary L. Hubbard III of Pickens, S.C.; sisters, Virginia Flint of Malone, N.Y., Charlotte Osborne and Brenda Oates of Montgomery, Ala.; brothers David M. Hubbard Sr. of Clewiston, Raymond Hubbard of Zebulon, N.C., Dean Hubbard of Finch, Canada; two stepdaughters, Robbie Spicer of Easley, S.C., and Pam Adkins of Sebring; and a special little boy, Dylan Schreiner.

Gary was predeceased by his mother, father and two brothers, Paul and Freddie; and his stepson, Robert P. Black.

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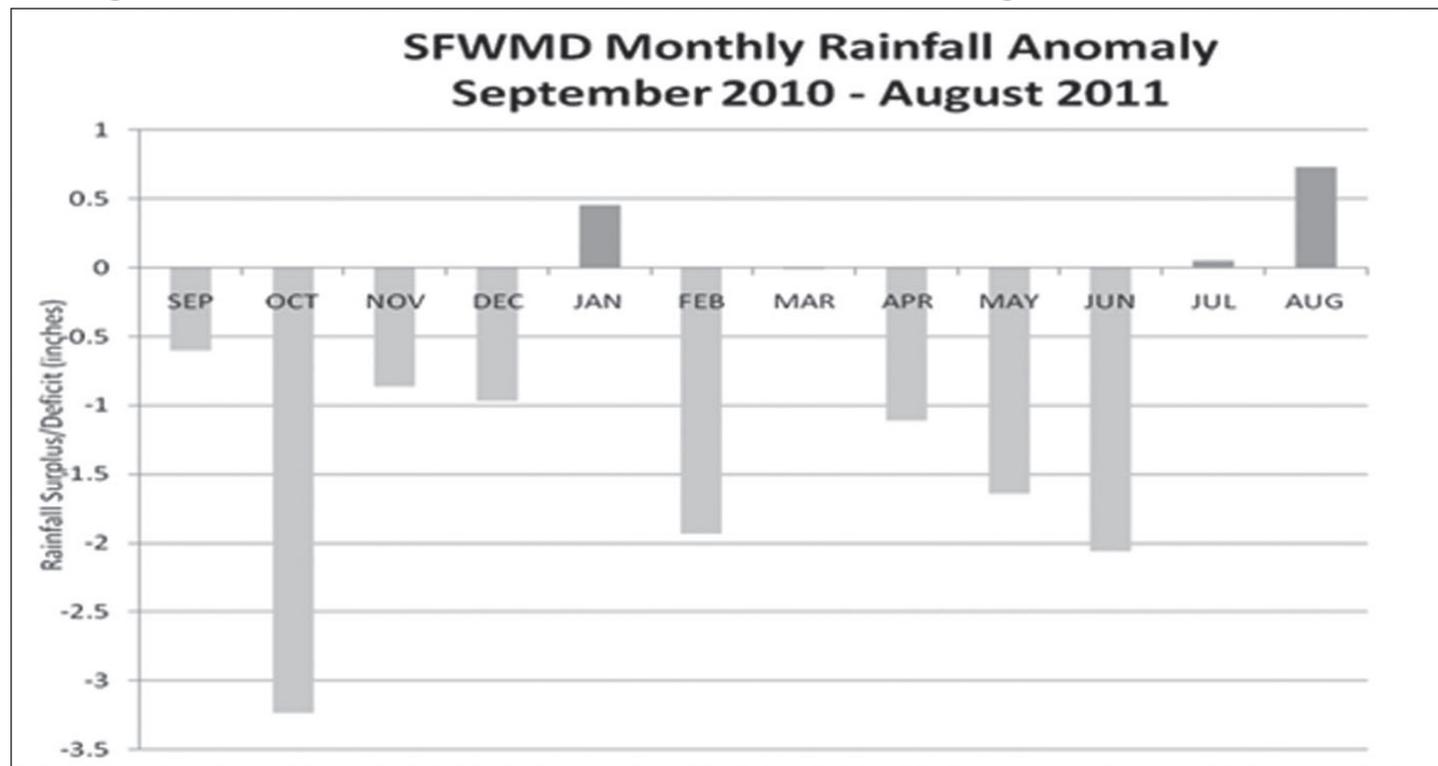
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August Rainfall Improves Drought Conditions



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Eight of the last 12 months experienced below-average rainfall. August provided some drought relief.

Despite the recent rainfall, Lake Okeechobee remains far below normal

BY RANDY SMITH
SFWMD

August rainfall provided a steady soaking of the 16-county region, but much more rainfall is needed in anticipation of transitioning into the dry season next month.

August rainfall was 3/4 of an inch above average, providing an average of 8.51 inches of rain throughout South Florida.

"The daily rainfall we experienced through much of August was ideal to recharge groundwater and surface water levels," said Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau. "However, we are entering the home stretch of the wet season, and we're hopeful that this type of rainfall continues before the dry season sets in."

From the Upper Kissimmee's 8.59 inches in August to 9.33 inches in Big Cypress Preserve,

rainfall helped to fill canals, lakes, rivers and groundwater. The rainfall was particularly beneficial on the east coast, where drought conditions were substantially alleviated. For the month, eastern Palm Beach County saw 9.84 inches of rain, 1.78 inches above normal, and eastern Broward County received 9.71 inches of rain, 2.28 inches above normal.

However, Lake Okeechobee remains far below normal for this time of year. As the back-up water supply for South Florida, the lake is at 10.67 feet NGVD – more than three feet below normal for this time of year.

Hurricane Irene remained offshore and drew moisture away from Florida, resulting in lowered rainfall totals, but the overall continuous rainfall throughout the month allowed the SFWMD to store as much rainwater as possible in preparation for the dry season.

Meteorologists are predicting a drier-than-normal dry season. In South Florida, the daily afternoon thunderstorms typically begin to taper off by mid-October. In the Kissimmee region north of Lake Okeechobee, rainfall totals typically decline even sooner, by the beginning of October.

If the remainder of the wet season does not

provide significant rainfall, such as a well-placed tropical system, the water shortage is likely to continue through the spring. Water shortage orders remain in place due to low lake levels and the pending dry season.

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In The

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RELIGION COLUMNS

One for You, One for Me

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

On the outskirts of a small town was a big pecan tree growing just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys sat underneath the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts they had gathered. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came along on his bicycle, and heard voices from the cemetery. Closing in, he heard counting: "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

Terrified, he jumped on his bike and took off, almost running over an old man with a cane. "Come quick," said the boy, "I heard Satan and the Lord down at the cemetery dividing up souls."

The man replied, "Beat it kid. I can't be bothered with such nonsense. Can't you see it's hard for me to walk?"

When the boy insisted, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, gripping the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all, now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man made it back to town a full five minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.

Ninety-nine years ago, the unsinkable ship sank and 1,500 passengers died. At some of the Titanic exhibits, people received boarding passes to the Titanic with the name of an actual passenger. It made the experience more personal.

It really hit home when patrons stood at a large wall which had two lists, reminiscent of the same lists that were posted after the tragedy in the White Star Line's offices. Imagine anxious relatives waiting to hear the fate of a passenger they loved, and a company rep occasionally coming in to add a name to one of two lists: "Known to be saved" and "Known to be lost." One visitor had the name of a passenger who was saved. His wife and kids had names on the "lost" list.

It's sobering when you think about it, because family and friends and everyone we know is also on one of two lists: "Known to be saved" or "Known to be lost." Not rich or poor. Not liberal

or conservative. Not Religion X or Religion Y. Just "saved" or "lost." And what about us? At the end when the Lord and Satan are dividing up nuts like you and me, which list will we be on?

The Resurrection of a Bombed-Out Church

BY REV. SAM S. THOMAS, PH. D.+
Saint Martin's Church

One of the historic Churches in France had been bombed during the Second World War. The damage was extensive. The people saved all of the glass from the bombed-out stained glass windows; those illuminated scenes from the lives and works of the faithful generations ago.

Pictures taken years before showed the windows that inspired the lives of the faithful at a time when very few could read or write. They were the literal "picture books" that conveyed the stories, parables, examples, memories; strengthening and inspiring the faithful for generations.

Then they were shattered and their messages were taken away. In the midst of it all, the wreckage and destruction, the devastation and ruin, the pieces of glass were saved by those who remembered and knew what they meant.

After it was all over, the pieces of glass were returned and the Church was rebuilt. The old windows, from the Middle Ages, could not be duplicated, but the glass was made into patterns and the light would enter the sanctuary once more through them.

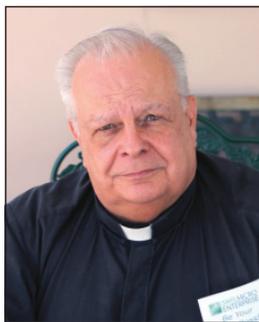
I remember sitting there one Sunday morning as I learned of the history of the more "modern" windows in the Church. Now everyone could read and write; the glass that once taught the faith now gave a soft light for Bibles and prayer books, hymnals and lectionary readings shared by all who worship there.

The Church had been re-formed; keeping the ancient faith on which it was founded and re-using the things dedicated to God in a new way. Those warriors who would have destroyed the Church could not do so. God's people would not let it happen. The shattered remnants, so useless to the passer-by and the armies that trod over them, were given a new life.

I see that new life every now and then in "discards." We live in a wasteful society, we are quick to reject, we throw out when some re-use can be made.



Pastor John Hicks



Rev. Sam Thomas

There is an account of a widow in Luke's gospel (15:8ff) who has ten coins, loses one, but searches until she finds it. She is economical, not wasteful, and in fact rejoices with her friends when she finds the one that was lost (v. 9).

The shepherd who searches the lost sheep (Luke 15:3ff) even if he has ninety-nine others, rejoices over the lost one that is returned. There is joy in Heaven and on earth when things lost, or people who have been "discarded," find a new life. Each is a small resurrection.

This is the heart of the Christian message; there is new life even when things or people seem lost or dead. Today, our world-wide economy is calling us to resurrect, to give new life to things lost and make best use of our human resources; to save what would have been discarded in the past.

What have we saved, whom have we saved today? The Lord knew about the ecology of life long before we saw its necessity or even thought about it!

Youth and Church

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

Should parents insist that their children go to Sunday school, church services and youth meetings? Yes, and with no further discussion about the matter. Startled? Why?

How do you answer Junior when he comes to the breakfast table Monday morning and announces rebelliously, "I'm not going to school today." You know, Junior goes.

How do you answer when Junior comes in very much besmudged and says, "I'm not going

to take a bath." You know, Junior bathes.

How do you answer when Junior threatened with illness, says, "I'm not going to take that medicine." You know, he takes it.

That is, you, with more mature judgment in such matters can appreciate values Junior cannot yet appreciate in his immaturity.

Why all this timidity then in the realm of his spiritual guidance and growth? Going to let him "wait and decide what church he'll go to when he is old enough?" Quit your kidding. Has it ever occurred to you he would decide that when, by default, he has lost twenty years of his life, it might not be worth choosing after all? You didn't wait until he was "old enough" to decide whether or not he wanted to go to school and get education, or until he could make up his mind as to whether he wanted to be a clean person or not, or whether or not he wanted to take medicine that would make him well.

What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like Sunday school, church, or youth meeting? That's an easy one. Just be consistent. "Junior, in our home we all attend Sunday school, church and youth meeting; that includes you." Your firmness and example here will show that you value his spiritual development as much as his educational and physical development.

This coming Sunday at 5:30 p.m., we at First Christian Church are beginning Christian Youth Boot Camp.

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Museum Receives Grant for Smithsonian Exhibit

The Florida Humanities Council has awarded The Clewiston Museum a \$10,000 grant to underwrite some of the costs of hosting the Smithsonian Museum's Journal Stories Exhibit. The exhibit will be on display for six weeks beginning in late October 2012. Only 6 locations in Florida were selected for receiving the exhibit.

Museum Chair Brenda Lopez said, "We are just thrilled to have received this grant award. In the museum world, it just doesn't get any bigger than Smithsonian. And, we are so thankful for our continuing relationship with the Florida Humanities Council and new support from the Smithsonian."

The Journal Stories Exhibit is part of the Smithsonian's Stories from Main Street Program and will depict information on how our American populations, and their cultures, got to where they are today.

The focus on the program is rural America. Lopez commented, "This is a perfect opportunity for our community and our surrounding

neighbors to explore and understand their roots and share stories."

Project Officer for the grant is Jeff Barwick, Secretary of the museum. He said, "This is almost a once in a lifetime opportunity for our museum.

We will have phased programs beginning in early 2012 to lay the groundwork for receipt of the actual exhibit, through the actual exhibit's presence in Clewiston, and after it has departed.

These programs will include all facets of our community and the represented cultures." The effort is being guided by a Steering Committee of humanities scholars who will provide direction for the project.

The Florida Humanities Council, in partnership with the Smithsonian Museum, is making the project possible. The overall cost, including local matches and in-kind contributions, will exceed \$31,000.

Clewiston Library to Offer Information for the Unemployed

The Clewiston Public Library is pleased to announce that Jesse Mendoza, of Florida Rural Legal Services, will begin offering free educational services for unemployed library patrons seeking to apply for unemployment insurance.

This will include personalized instruction in how to apply for unemployment insurance, and information on the program itself, its rules, and how to best work within the system.

Mr. Mendoza will also offer information on the new requirements for unemployment, including reporting job searching activities, as well as information for migrant farm workers

on their rights.

Mr. Mendoza will be in the library every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m., starting on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

This should be an excellent program for those who are unemployed and need to know about the new unemployment insurance regulations, as well as for migrant farm workers needing to know about their rights and obligations.

For more information, please call Eric Tommerdahl, at the Clewiston Public Library, at 863-983-1493.



Submitted Photo

Few words of advice

Mr. Samerdyke, guidance counselor at Central Elementary, imparts some words of wisdom to student Alfonso Marshall.



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Safety lessons

Safety patrolman, Jose Granados, advises students on how they should behave during school.

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redzone to start their next drive, there's a chance you'd be looking at a 14-13 final score; and if you acted like the fumble that led to a touchdown recovery in the third quarter never happened, then there's a chance you'd see the Tigers sporting a W for their season opener.

Then again, if I had wheels I'd be a wagon.

"We kept fighting. We kept fighting, and that's a big step in coming together as a football team; and I'm proud of that. But I'm not proud of three Special Teams scores against us, and I'm not proud of the scoop and score on them," said an analytical Coach Roth to the team post-game.

American Heritage kicked off the game with an 84-yard kick return for 6 and held the board alone until half-way through the second quarter when T'Angelo Ulett scooped up a loose fumble and returned it for a 67-yard touchdown.

The Patriots next two scores would come from a 10-yard blocked punt and a 16-yard fumble recovery.

Clewiston put its next points on the board in the third quarter with a 1-yard rush by Virthavious Robinson.

The last scoring play of the game was an adrenaline dump; and not for good reason. With 53.8 seconds left on the clock and a fourth-and-not-short situation, the Patriots ran a fake punt that ultimately went for 54-yards and 6 points. A post-play smirk from the American Heritage head coach felt like the improper hand signal you give to a guy on his cell phone when he cuts you off in traffic, to anybody who saw it.

Dirty play or not, you can expect a lot of the next week's practice to focus on Special Teams.

The Tigers host King's Academy at Cane Field next week on September 9th.

For sideline video, coach interviews, rosters, schedules, coaches' blogs, photos from the game, and to upload your own pictures, videos, articles, and more, check out theclewistonconnect.com.



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Players Mickerious Holligan, Virthavious Robinson, and Te'Angelo Ulett (left to right) were ready to play some football with Darius Redd in mind.



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The coaches and players say a little prayer after their loss against American Heritage.



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Player, Tyler Clemmons gets a few words from Coach Jahn during the game.

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Clewiston High School JV Football Week 1 Recap

BY JUSTIN DIAZ
Special to The Clewiston News

Domination can feel one of two ways. For those who receive it, it can leave a permanent scar; I mean that figuratively, but technically that can go both ways. But for those who dish it out, there's usually not a better feeling in the world.

Last Thursday's game against Okeechobee showed me something I didn't expect to see; the excitement of a Friday.

Okeechobee won the toss and took the ball at the 28; and honestly, that was pretty much it. After a near sack, a dogpile for a loss, and a 3-yard limp, the ball was bouncing off the other team's foot and into the hands of Ar'Tayvious Freeman; only instead of staying there, it bounced around and was eventually recovered by Clewiston.

The next drive lasted 4 snaps and didn't make it past a 2nd down, after a 55-yard rush by Jarvirus Bradford and a 17-yard touchdown rush by Ar'Tayvious Freeman.

Another quick 3-and-out kept the Brahms held behind their own 35-yard line.

Clewiston's next drive was plagued with penalties; four including a penalty for too many men on the field, an illegal procedure, and two holdings including one that called back a 50-yard scramble to the 5-yard line. The 12-play drive ultimately led to a rushing touchdown by Jarvirus Bradford putting Clewiston up 12 to 0 after a second missed extra-point conversion.



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Jarvirus Bradford.

ond missed extra-point conversion.

"Hard work makes up for mistakes" said Head Coach Jesse Windham to the team after the game.

The Brahman's next drive opened with a 2-yard option, and ended with a 36-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown by Kevin Braithwaite on the next play. Another failed PAT put the Tigers

up 18 to 0. It'd be hard to argue that Clewiston didn't have a hard time adding the extra points throughout the entire game, converting none of their 2-point conversion attempts; on the other hand, it'd also be hard to say that they didn't more than make up for that defensively.

The next Okeechobee drive made 4 consecutive drive's that didn't make it past three plays for the Brahms, as they fumbled on a 3rd and 9 and the ball was recovered by Josh Rojas.

Despite Clewiston's four penalties in the first half, it wasn't until the next two drives that Okeechobee caught its first break. A Clewiston fourth down conversion ended with a fumble by Jarvirus Bradford; and the Brahms' next 10-play drive led to Okeechobee's first points after a 55-yard rush for a touchdown, narrowing the gap to 18 to 6.

The game pretty much ended there, as that was the last time Okeechobee would see the end-zone, literally, as most of the rest of the game was played from their side of the 50.

Either way you look at it, Clewiston's next-in-line aren't anything to shake a stick at. I'm still not 100 percent sure what that phrase means, but you get the picture.

For sideline video, coach interviews, rosters, schedules, coaches' blogs, photos from the game, and to upload your own pictures, videos, articles, and more, check out theclewistonconnect.com.



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Luis Rivera got hurt last Thursday's game and had to be escorted to the hospital.



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Coaches Windham and Terry intensely watch the game from the sidelines.

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- Aggravated battery w/ deadly weapon
- Arrested Sept. 5 by C. McVey

Ronald Francis Daniels, 50

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- Aggravated battery w/ deadly weapon
- Arrested Sept. 5 by Sgt. J. Woods

Tafarya Deon Williams, 26



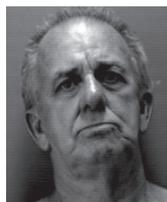
- Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Aug. 28 by W. Hailey

Brenda Lysette Cruz, 33



- Exploitation of elderly under \$20,000
- Use/possession of ID of another person
- Illegal use of credit card
- Arrested Aug. 29 by CPD Ofc. R. Jones

Jose Eacio Baez, 66



- Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Sept. 2 by O'Neal

Timothy Scott McDonald, 26



- Fugitive warrant for desertion from U.S. Army.
- Arrested Aug. 31 by CPD Ofc. Beatty

Arrest Report

Sheriff Whidden arrests reckless driver

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, while enroute to Montura, Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden observed a vehicle traveling west on State Road 80 at approximately 107 miles per hour. Sheriff Whidden was able to catch up to the vehicle and pulled it over in the Pioneer Shell parking lot. As soon as the vehicle stopped, the driver, Dustin Eli Hall from Clewiston, exited the vehicle and began to run. After a brief chase Hall was stopped and turned toward Sheriff Whidden and reportedly told him to "kill" him several times.

A struggle ensued and Sheriff Whidden was able to secure Hall without further incident. During a search of Hall after his arrest Sheriff Whidden discovered a small amount of marijuana in Hall's pants pocket. Hall was transported to the Hendry county jail where he was charged with reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, possession of marijuana and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Warrant results in drugs, and stolen property

After following up on leads and a month long investigation Hendry County Sheriff's Office Vice Narcotics Unit and Agricultural Division

conducted an investigation into Montura resident, Quirino "Javier" Ortega. Ortega was suspected of purchasing large quantities of stolen diesel fuel from a number of different sources

As a result of the investigation it was determined that Ortega accepted the fuel in exchange for either cash or drugs and at times stolen property. On Sept. 2, members of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office along with DEP, Dept. of Agriculture, and Hendry County Code Enforcement served a search warrant at Ortega's residence located at 360 Hunting Club Avenue in Montura. Also on scene was James Unwin, 31 years of age. During the search of the residence and outbuildings agents recovered and seized two bulk fuel tank trailers, a number of electric fuel pumps, hoses and nozzles; thirteen firearms and an assortment of drugs and \$7,817 in U.S. Currency.

Ortega charged with possession of a controlled substance with a prescription, possession of prescription drug without a prescription, trafficking oxycodone, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and dealing in stolen property. He was released on \$41,000.00 bond.

James Unwin was also arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. He was also released from the Hendry County Jail on \$3,500.00 bond.

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Bass Capital #402 \$122.5K		Moore Haven - 5 lots - \$50K	Moore Haven - 2 lots - \$39.9K	
Bass 'n Sun #134 \$110K				
6600 Flaghole Rd \$220K				
428 E Ventura 4-unit \$175K				
816 W Alverdez 4/3 \$154.9K				
538 W PENDING 78K				
429 A PENDING 78K				
4455 Hendry Isles Blvd 3/3 \$200K				
432 W Ventura Ave 2/1 \$52K				
337 W Aztec Ave 2/1 \$44.9K				
909 Popash 3/2 \$300K				
2600 Riverside Dr MHE 3/2 \$118K				
1039 Anvil Way 3/2 2 acs \$154.9K				
615 Ridgeview Circle 3/2 pool \$185K				
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Elsie Sellers 245-1893 Esp.
Curt Thompson 677-1064
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- 3/2 MH 1107 Grattan Rd fenced, \$40K
- 3/2, fenced, 516 Bond St. \$35K
- 3/2 404 Royal Palm, detached garage \$85K
- 3/2 Mobile Home, 704 Seminole Ave. \$82.5K
- 3/2.5 Town Home Sweet Lake Villas \$179K
- 3/2 MH 710 Bowden Rd Seminole Manor RDCD \$66.5K
- 4/2 620 W Haiti Reduced to \$135K
- 5/2 Pasadena Ave., only \$94.9K
- 3/1 Block Home 1222 Della Tobias \$36.9K

MOORE HAVEN / LAKEPORT / ORTONA

- 891 Yacht Club 3/2 MH \$65K
- 827 Yacht Club 2/2 M.H. \$135K
- 784 Ave. D. 2/1 M.H. \$48.5K
- Ortona Riverfront 4/3 w/pool 5 ac. \$295K
- Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 w/ Boat House Lowry Ln. \$110K
- Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 Lowry Ln CBS Reduced \$195K
- Waterfront/Lake Access 2/2 MH Blue Heron \$69.9K
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- 1.25 Ac. lots Montura Ranch Estates \$6K and Up
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- E. Del Monte/N. Francisco, Res. Lot \$75K
- 185 Ac former shrimp/fish farm So. LaBelle \$4,500 per acre
- 918 Acre former shrimp farm So. Clewiston \$6,500 per acre
- N. Fransisco Res. Lot \$25K, Owner Financing
- 2 Residential lots horseshoe acres \$7500 each
- 812 Maryland Ave. (Mobile Home Lot) \$11,000
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- Moore Haven Medical Office w/ Equipment for sale or lease
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- Hwy 27 Frontage-Former Sonny's Lot (1.9 ac) \$450K
- 2 Retail Buildings on U.S. 27 \$50,000 each
- 525 E El Paso Office w/ apt. excellent condition \$105K
- Comm. Building - Moore Haven U.S. 27 For Lease
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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-000929

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
LAZARO CUEVAS A/K/A LAZARO N. CUEVAS, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 22, 2011 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000929 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and LAZARO CUEVAS A/K/A LAZARO N. CUEVAS, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will set 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 21 day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, BLOCK 29, PORT LABELLE UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 50, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2002 BALI COURT, 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 August 24, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 3622-5018
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*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 3132, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 335-2299; 1-800-955-8711 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding. 396069 CN 9/1,8/2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will attend the Florida Department of Transportation Groundbreaking Ceremony for the S.R. 80/U.S. 27 Interchange Project on September 13, 2011, at 12:00 p.m., Airglades Airport Terminal, 1090 Airglades Boulevard, Clewiston, Florida.

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
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396564 CN/CB 9/8/2011

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 09-CA-189

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC.
Plaintiff
vs.
ULISES BARRETO; YAMILLET BARRETO, et al,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 8-9-2011, setting the sale date as noticed herein entered in the Captioned Matter of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is a Plaintiff and ULISES BARRETO; YAMILLET BARRETO, ET AL are the Defendants. That I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 500 Avenue J, Room 102, Moore Haven, Florida or as soon as the sale may be heard, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes, on the 8th day of Sept. 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property:

LOT 29, BLOCK 52, PORT LABELLE UNIT 102, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 66 THROUGH 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 1073 E. BENBOW CIR., LABELLE, FLORIDA 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 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

***Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice** 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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 15, 2011.

JOE FLINT
Clerk of the Court
By: Julie Braddock
As Deputy Clerk
396050 GCD 9/1,8/2011

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, September 09, 2011 at 9:00 am at 1225 NW Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida.

- Property of Toshiera Ford - (2) Twin Size Mattress, Microwave, (1) Nightstand, Clothes, Sofa, (1) Black Headboard, Misc. Boxes
- Property of Mary Golden - Children Books, Clothes, (1) Suit Case, Moving Dolly, Misc. Boxes
- Property of Julissa Camacho - Full Size Mattress, (3) JBL Speakers, (3) TVs, Clothes, (1) Fan, Bunk Bed Frame, Flat Ware, Misc Items.
- Property of Terrance Johnson (4) Tires w/rims, (1) Area Rug, (1) H-type Engine Stand, Misc items. 396105 SUN 9/1,8/2011

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 11-CP-17

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RAY COLLIER, JR., a/k/a RAY COLLIER
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is Post Office Box 10, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, FL 33471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or liquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

All other creditors of the decedent or other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

EVEN IF A CLAIM NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of death of the decedent is May 22, 2011.
The date of first publication of this Notice is Sept. 1, 2011.

Personal Representative:
CHARLES PHILIP COLLIER
1015 Swanson Road
Moore Haven, FL 33471

Attorney for Personal Representative:
COLIN M. CAMERON
Florida Bar No.: 270441
200 N.E. 4th Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 763-8600
396352 GCD 9/1,8/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 09-CA-69

ROBERT EARL SODREL & LINDA SODREL, Husband and Wife
Plaintiff,
vs.
CORAL GULF III, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, **GASTON E. CANTENS**, and,
UNKNOWN TENANT(S)/OWNER(S) IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Amended Summary Final Judgment entered March 28, 2011 in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Glades County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in the Glades County, Florida, described as:

THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS RIGHT OF WAY FOR STATE ROAD 731

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Front Steps of the Courthouse, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Suite 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, at 11:00 a.m., on Sept. 22, 2011.
DATED on August 18, 2011.

JOE FLINT, As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Julie Braddock As Deputy Clerk

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT.

IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.

ATTN: 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 Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 396502 GCD 9/8,15/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 11DR 140

Marisol L. Perez,
Petitioner
Juan Felipe Landa,
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **Juan Felipe Landa**

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 Marisol L. Perez, whose address is 770 NW Ave B, Moore Haven, FL 33471 on or before October 13, 2011, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Glades Co. Clerk, P.O. Box 10, Moore Haven, FL 33471, 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: June 29, 2011.

Joe Flint
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
396836 CN 9/8,15,22/2011

AUCTION

1995 Ford Windstar
Vin#2FMDA5142SBB31778
will be sold at auction on
September 18th at
4:00 p.m. For info call
between 9a.m. and
5:00p.m. 863-228-5856.
396572 CN 9/8,15/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 222011CA000101

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THELMA DEWEESSE A/K/A THELMA L. DEWEESSE, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 9, 2011, entered in Case No. 11-CA-101 in the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank, successor by merger to Big Lake National Bank is Plaintiff and Thelma DeWeesse a/k/a Thelma L. DeWeese and Citibank (South Dakota) N.A., are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471 at 11:00 am on the 8th day of September, 2011, the following described property in Glades County, Florida:

EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL ONE:
BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 290 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 75 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 290 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 75 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST; TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE COMMON WELL AND DRIVEWAY SET FORTH IN THE WARRANTY DEED FROM THOMAS J. MATTOX AND VIRGINIA MATTOX, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO WILLIAM C. KNIGHT AND DORIS H. KNIGHT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 1978, FILED DECEMBER 5, 1978 AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 71, PAGE 630, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL TWO:
BEGIN AT A POINT 75 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 290 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 75 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 290 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 75 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING OF PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST; TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE COMMON WELL AND DRIVEWAY SET FORTH IN THE WARRANTY DEED FROM THOMAS J. MATTOX AND VIRGINIA MATTOX, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO WILLIAM C. KNIGHT AND DORIS H. KNIGHT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 1978, FILED DECEMBER 5, 1978, AND RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 71, PAGE 630, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PARCEL THREE: A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 42 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST-QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10, THENCE S 0 DEGREES 18'16" W ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 50, PAGE 724, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 290.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING S 0 DEGREES 18'16" W, A DISTANCE OF 39.45 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 39'28" W, ALONG A LINE LYING 30 FEET SOUTH OF (AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES) AND PARALLEL TO AN EXISTING FENCE (AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 1994), A DISTANCE OF 154.57 FEET; THENCE N 0 DEGREES 06'48" E, CONTINUING ALONG SAID EXISTING FENCE, A DISTANCE OF 307.95 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF AN EXISTING 20 FOOT WIDE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 10, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 40, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY (TODAY GLADES COUNTY), FLORIDA; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 47'18" E ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 5.60 FEET; THENCE S 0 DEGREES 18'16" W, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 50, PAGE 725, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 47'18" E ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINES OF THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 50, PAGE 724 AND 725, PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE SAID POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION. CONTAINING 0.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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Together with a 1971 Starg Mobile Home, ID#G431M011220 & a 1983 Palm Mobile Home, ID#23610545.

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.
Dated this 15th day of August, 2011.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Julie Braddock
DEPUTY CLERK
396046 GCD 9/1,8/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY

Take Notice that the School Board of Hendry County will conduct a Workshop to discuss Budget Issues.

This Workshop will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2011 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 25 E. Hickpooshee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the issues at said meeting.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Matthew A. Beatty, Chairman
395177 CB/CN 9/8/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District, "the District," will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the District administrative office Conference Room, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St., Montura Ranch Estates. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss financing options for the Dike extension project and budget allocations regarding the same. The District will also discuss job descriptions, employee policies and procedures together with any other business that may come before the Board.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICANS' DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT (863) 983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED DATE.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
396594 CN/CB 9/8/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09-CA-189

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC.
Plaintiff
vs.
ULISES BARRETO; YAMILLET BARRETO, et al,
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 8-9-2011, setting the sale date as noticed herein entered in the Captioned Matter of the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in and for Glades County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is a Plaintiff and ULISES BARRETO; YAMILLET BARRETO, ET AL are the Defendants. That I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 500 Avenue J, Room 102, Moore Haven, Florida or as soon as the sale may be heard, in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes, on the 8th day of Sept. 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property:

LOT 29, BLOCK 52, PORT LABELLE UNIT 102, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 66 THROUGH 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 1073 E. BENBOW CIR., LABELLE, FLORIDA 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 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 15, 2011.

JOE FLINT
Clerk of the Court
By: Julie Braddock
As Deputy Clerk
396050 GCD 9/1,8/2011

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, September 09, 2011 at 9:00 am at 1225 NW Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida.

- Property of Toshiera Ford - (2) Twin Size Mattress, Microwave, (1) Nightstand, Clothes, Sofa, (1) Black Headboard, Misc. Boxes
- Property of Mary Golden - Children Books, Clothes, (1) Suit Case, Moving Dolly, Misc. Boxes
- Property of Julissa Camacho - Full Size Mattress, (3) JBL Speakers, (3) TVs, Clothes, (1) Fan, Bunk Bed Frame, Flat Ware, Misc Items.
- Property of Terrance Johnson (4) Tires w/rims, (1) Area Rug, (1) H-type Engine Stand, Misc

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1890	2008	1254432-A0000100100	Taoshi Stoney Omaye

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, 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 Tract 5142, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 First Thursday** in the month of **October, 2011**, which is the **6th day of October, 2011**.

Dated this **24th** day of **August, 2011**.

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1479	2008	1144432-A0001250100	Rafael Ambrosio Estupian Maria Elena Estupian

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3468, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **17th** day of **August, 2011**.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1155	2007	1144432-A0002470000	Otto A.Villamizar and Carlos Palaez

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2896, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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 F.Y. 2011-2012**

Florida Housing Finance Corporation has awarded to Hendry County \$350,000 for fiscal year 2011/2012, funds will be utilized to implement the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) strategies within the Local Housing Assistance Plan. The SHIP program is created for the purpose of providing funds to expand production of and preserve affordable housing in Hendry County.

Strategy #1 Purchase Assistance Program- First Time Home Buyers
 Maximum allowable:
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 Low Income \$20,000.00
 Moderate Income \$10,000.00

Strategy #2 Housing Rehabilitation/Repairs
 Maximum allowable: \$30,000.00

Strategy #3 Emergency Home Repair-
 Maximum allowable: \$15,000.00

Strategy #4 Disaster / Mitigation Strategy
 Maximum allowable \$30,000.00

Funds will be provided upon notification from Florida Housing Finance Corporation. Strategy 4 be will funded provided there is a declared disaster.

SHIP FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED TO PURCHASE, REHABILITATE OR REPAIR MOBILE HOMES.

Eligible households must qualify under specifically mandated income limits adjusted to family size as established by the Florida Housing Finance Agency for Hendry County and in accordance with the specific guidelines created for each strategy. Eligible single family owner occupied site built homes must qualify; each strategy has an allocation and housing allowance limitation.

The Hendry County Housing Department is located at 165 Lee Street, Court House Square, LaBelle or contact Aida Barnhart, Housing Director Telephone 863-675-5297 to obtain additional information. The application period will begin October 10, 2011 through November 11, 2011 or until all available funds has been encumbered.

All SHIP assistance recipients must agree to comply with all SHIP Program criteria and requirements as set forth in Chapter 91-37, Florida Administrative Code and are frequently modified and amended. The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to close any program application period by Board resolution. **SHIP Funds may not be used to purchase, rehabilitate, or repair mobile homes.** SHIP programs do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, disability, or age (provided the applicant has the capacity to enter into a binding contract.)


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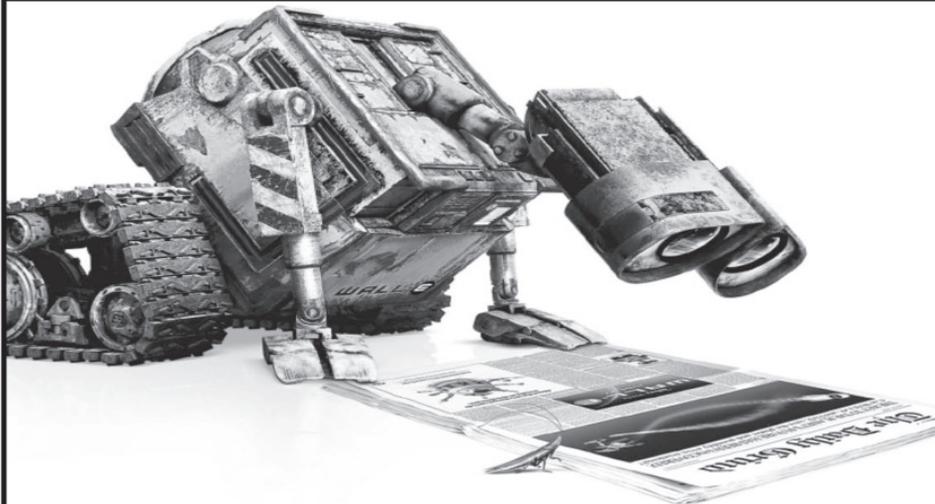
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Movie Reality-Check, Preventing a “Contagion” Pandemic

Steps to take to stay ahead of sickness

BY PAT DOBBINS

Hendry/Glades Health Departments

Hollywood film makers' next pandemic is hitting the theaters on Sept. 9. The movie is called “Contagion.” Unfortunately, none of us can schedule the next real-life global outbreak.

The glitz and glamour of actors and celebrities will be pretending to experience fear however a real-life pandemic will involve regular hard-working people just like you and me.

While you may not be spending your free time preparing for the next pandemic, scientists and public health experts will tell you that it is not a matter of “if” one will strike, but “when.”

The new movie Contagion tracks the growth of a deadly virus that quickly erupts into a world-wide pandemic.

The idea is frightening enough to make anyone germ-a-phobic, but it is important to remem-

ber that the same basic steps people take daily to protect themselves from colds and flus could be life-saving during such an event. These include:

Wash hands frequently and thoroughly

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments encourages everyone to wash their hands before and after handling food, after using the bathroom, after changing a diaper, after handling garbage, after coming in contact with pets, and also wash your hands before and after coming in contact with sick or injured people (including your own children).

Proper hand washing includes using soap and water and scrubbing your hands for 10-20 seconds.

Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze

As children, many of us were taught to cover

our mouth with our hand when we cough or sneeze. New guidance recommends coughing or sneezing into your elbow to minimize the passing germs through your hands.

Stay home from school or work when you are sick

When people go to work or school sick, they can make other people sick. With today's difficult economy, many employees are hesitant to take time off for any reason, desperate to show their dedication to their job to avoid losing it.

Employers need to prioritize productivity and remind their employees to stay home when they are sick to protect the rest of their workforce.

Florida may face many threats; some may have the potential for large-scale health implications which can include disease outbreaks, natural disasters and even terrorist attacks. There will be another pandemic some day.

We witnessed a small glimpse of this with H1N1 in 2009, but we don't know when the next

one is coming, so we must stay prepared and do what we can to keep ourselves and our families healthy.

Don't let Hollywood make you become paranoid! By remembering these simple hygiene steps every day, you can help decrease the chance that a pandemic will jump from the movie screen into our daily lives.

And when you go to the movies to watch Contagion, don't forget to wash your hands before you dive into your bucket of popcorn!

Contagion is directed by Steven Soderbergh and includes stars Kate Winslet, Matt Damon, Jude Law, Marion Cotillard, Gwyneth Paltrow and Lawrence Fishburne. Opening in theaters Sept. 9.

September is National Preparedness Month, and now is the perfect time to create a personal and/or family preparedness plan! There are several websites that will help guide you with your plans.

Visit www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/BPR/PDFs/FamilyPrepareGuide_Eng2010.pdf or www.ready.gov/ and get started today!

Building a Budget

The second in a five-part series

BY DOTTIE COOK

Empowerment Alliance of SW Florida

Editor's Note - The Empowerment Alliance of SW Florida is a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation and primarily covers Eastern Collier, Hendry and Glades Counties with a main mission of building affordable housing for low income families. The organization also is a HUD-approved agency for counselling on credit, first time home buyers and foreclosure matters.

Last week we talked about defining our money goals and their costs so we can include them in our budget. Remember, the budget serves as a tool to help guide us in how we spend our money. This week we'll start building our budget and incorporating those goals. You can build your budget on a computer, or on just a regular sheet of paper, whatever you find easier.

The first part of the budget is monthly income. For this part, figure out how much income you bring home each week or have deposited into your account after payroll taxes. This is your net income and is what you actually have to spend on your expenses after your payroll taxes are deducted. If you get paid the same amount each pay period, it's easy to calculate how much you make in a month.

If your wages fluctuate, however, due to hourly or seasonal work, it can be a little harder. In those cases, track your paychecks for one or two months if possible and take the average of those paychecks to figure out what you make on a monthly basis.

Also check to see if you have any other regular monthly income you can include. This might be social security, rent, child support, or something else. The key is to make sure it is regular and that you receive it each month. If it isn't regular, it's better to leave it off your budget so you don't overspend in the months you don't receive

it. Once you have all your income sources, add them up and this gives you your income for the month.

Next look at your regular monthly expenses and break them out by category. Some of these categories include rent or house payment, car payment, gas or bus fares, utilities, etc. If you have something that is paid only once a year or a few times a year but not every month, to set aside money throughout the year for it, you'll want to include it in your monthly budget. For example if a car insurance premium is paid twice a year, calculate how much you pay on car insurance for the whole year, and divide it by 12 to get it to a monthly amount. That way you can set aside a little bit each month to help with the bill when it arrives.

You'll also want to include money for your goals under your expenses. If your goal is to save \$50 per month, put savings as an expense item in your budget. If you don't specifically include your goals as expenses in your budget and set aside money for them, chances are that money will get spent on other things.

Once you have both your income and your expenses written down, you have your budget. If your expenses are greater than your income, look at your expenses again and see what you might be able to reduce. You might also want to think about ways to increase your income such as working extra hours or a second job if those options are available to you.

Now that your budget is complete, it's time to start tracking your expenses throughout the next month. This is the most critical part of the budgeting process because it helps us see where our money goes. Each night, write down how much you spent that day and on what, even if it was just a few dollars. Again, this can be done on a computer, or just on a piece of paper using different columns for different categories. At the end of the month, add up how much was spent on each category and you'll see exactly where your money goes throughout the month.

Next week we'll talk about some of the surprises we find when we track our expenses and tips for staying on budget.

Easy Ways to Brighten Up Your Home

Color and lighting can improve your home

BY STATEPOINT

Does your home feel drab or dark? Are you tired of the same old rooms and color schemes?

There are many easy, cost-effective ways to brighten your home's appearance, cheering up its occupants in the process.

From fresh coats of paint to sunny lighting schemes to lively window treatments, small changes can have a big impact on your home. And some projects can be tackled in just one short weekend.

Window Treatments

By literally letting more light into your home, you can make your days more cheerful. Try replacing heavy drapes or dark colored shades with translucent curtains or blinds.

This way, you let in natural light while keeping prying eyes at bay.

Other ways to invite natural light into your home include adding internal windows within rooms to let light flow from one space to another, or installing skylights.

Energy-Efficient Accents

Your lighting scheme can set different moods in different rooms. To make a room both cheerful and efficient, use three different types of lighting: ambient -- or background -- lighting, task lighting and accent lighting.

Stylish new options for background lighting abound, such as pendants, chandeliers, ceiling-mounted lights and new kinds of fixtures that can be hung in multiple ways.

LED lighting is perfect to illuminate places for reading, food preparation, dressing or other tasks. With a very long lifespan, such lights may never need to be replaced and can save you money on electricity bills because they are brighter with lower wattage.

The latest in accent lighting includes strings of remarkably thin LED light pods that can easily bend around corners and fit into small spaces, such as those from manufacturers like Kichler Lighting.

This type of sleek, modern lighting adds drama when entertaining, while also lowering electricity costs.

“Accent lights like these use little energy so they can stay on all night, an added plus for homes with small children or when overnight guests visit,” says Jeff Dross, Kichler Lighting's Corporate Director of Education and Industry Trends. “No two homes are alike and their lighting shouldn't be either.”

Warmth and Color

Liven up rooms by selecting a bright color scheme. Paint sets the basic tone, so choose a light color, such as inviting yellows or cheery pastels.

Remember, dark colors can absorb light and make rooms darker. You can paint an entire room a bright color or just one wall.

And you can add warmth as well as color by layering on pillows and throws to accent favorite pieces of furniture.

For more creative home decorating ideas, visit the American Society of Interior Designers at www.asid.org and click on “Consumer Center.” And for new energy-efficient home lighting ideas, visit www.kichler.com.

The brighter you make your home, the more cheerful it will become for you and your guests.

Crossbow Season Expanded on Private Lands

Outta' the Woods

BY TONY YOUNG
FWC

Even though you can hardly tell, summer is almost over. Kids have returned to school, football is back on TV and hunting season's already been going on a month now in South Florida.

Most of us have already finished our preseason scouting, and tree stands are hung along well-traveled deer trails - hoping to be next to a mature oak tree that'll soon begin dropping acorns. Finally, the time of year you've been waiting for is here!

Bowhunting continues to be popular in state. Beginning this year, even more folks are bound to take to the woods earlier, because on private lands, crossbow season has been extended; it now opens the same day as archery in each of the four hunting zones.

Just like last year on private lands, hunting season still comes in first in Zone A, which is that part of the state south of State Road 70. Archery and crossbow seasons there started July 30.

The fourth hunting zone, which was added last year and is made up in part by the Green Swamp Basin, is called Zone B and lies south of S.R. 50, west of U.S. 441 and the Kissimmee Waterway, north of S.R. 60 and east of the Gulf of Mexico. Archery and crossbow seasons in Zone B always begin on the third Saturday of October. This year, that falls on Oct. 15.

The line that divides zones C and D begins at U.S. 27 at the (Gadsden County) Florida-Georgia state line and runs south on U.S. 27 until it meets S.R. 61 in Tallahassee.

From there, it follows S.R. 61, running south until it hits U.S. 319. There, the line follows U.S. 319, continuing south to U.S. 98; it then runs east along U.S. 98 before turning south on Spring Creek Highway and continuing to the Gulf of Mexico.

If you hunt west of that line, you're in Zone D, where archery and crossbow seasons begin on Oct. 22 this year. In Zone C, archery and crossbow seasons open on the third Saturday in September. This year, that date is Sept. 17.

To hunt during archery season, you'll need a Florida hunting license and an archery permit. During crossbow season, you'll need a hunting license and crossbow permit.

If you're a Florida resident, an annual hunting license will cost \$17. Nonresidents have the choice of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months. Archery and crossbow permits cost just \$5 each, and all deer hunters must have the \$5 deer permit. Anyone planning on hunting one of Florida's many WMAs must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50.

And don't forget to pick up the WMA brochure for the area you wish to hunt, because the hunting season dates have changed since last year on many of them.

been adjusted on many of the areas to more closely align with the new zonal season dates that were modified last season on private lands. You can pick up a copy of these WMA brochures at your local tax collector's office or read them at MyFWC.com/Hunting.

During archery season and that part of crossbow season that is concurrent with archery, you can take deer of either sex, regardless of antler size (except for spotted fawns).

After archery ends, during the remaining portion of the crossbow season, only legal bucks (having at least one antler that is at least five inches long) may be taken. The daily bag limit on deer is two. Bag limits for deer on WMAs can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

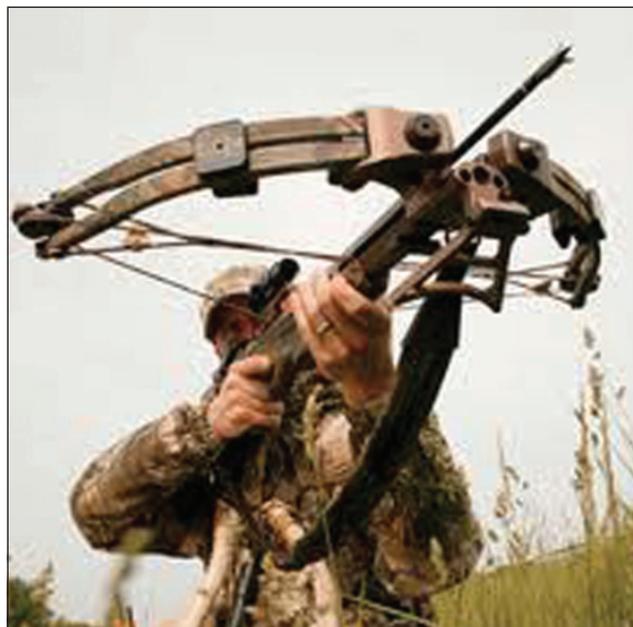
You can hunt wild hogs on private lands year-round with no bag or size limits. On most WMAs, there's also no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. On a few WMAs, bag and size limits do apply, so be sure to check the brochure for the specific area to be certain.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during archery and crossbow seasons, given you have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents, \$125 for nonresidents).

You can take only one turkey per day, and there's a two-bird fall-season limit. It's against the law to hunt turkeys in Holmes County in the fall, and it's illegal to shoot them while they're on the roost, over bait, when you're within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when bait is present or with the aid of recorded turkey calls.

If you're hunting during the archery season, you may hunt only with a bow and must have the \$5 archery permit. During crossbow season, you may use either a crossbow or bow but must have the \$5 crossbow permit.

On WMAs, only hunters with a disabled crossbow permit are allowed to use crossbows during archery season. All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds, and hand-held releases are permitted. For hunting deer, hogs and turkeys, broadheads must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch.



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A hunting crossbow.



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campaign is squarely focused on attacking the drug problem locally. He cites the importance of major highways and thoroughfares criss-crossing the county, and using them to keep illicit drugs off the streets.

"It is time to join the fight against drugs and drug trafficking by hitting it head on," he said. "We need to utilize every resource available. Where those resources are lacking, we create them."

He does not mince words.

"I have seen the damage that drugs can wreak on families and have observed the decline in the standard of living. I have also seen the recent sheriff take office and ignore problems. I'm done observing."

Steven Maldonado

Steven Maldonado sharpened his policing skills in Riviera Beach – a high-crime section of Palm Beach County.

"If you want to be a cop and learn everything, that's definitely the place to be," said Maldonado.

Originally from Puerto Rico, he spent time in New York, served a tour with the Army, and worked for the Hendry County Sheriff's Office,



Sheriff Whidden



Ray Van Houten



Steven Maldonado

before starting his own company, Criminal Justice Protections out of LaBelle. The security and training company teaches officers firearm safety and offers general security services.

Maldonado said he doesn't disapprove of the way Sheriff Whidden has managed the sheriff's office. "Change for the better can always be made, whether Whidden is doing a good job or not," he said.

The candidate said his main focus is on beefing up the number of deputies patrolling the streets. "If I tell you I'm going to put more people on the street, hold me accountable, but I will make it happen. Things need to change to adjust to today's economy without hurting the county's pocket. We can't fight with people behind a desk."

Maldonado has slowly adjusted to assuming a larger role in his community's affairs.

"After I left the sheriff's office, people came to me and said, 'Steve, you need to run. You're a stand up guy and you don't take crap from anybody when it comes to getting the job done.'"

Sheriff Whidden

For his part, Sheriff Whidden said he is happy with the progress he has made, but would like another term to see even more done.

"We've done a heck of a job," said Sheriff Whidden. "We can't please everybody obviously, but I think we've done a real good job."

According to the sheriff, there are plenty of reasons why voters should choose him again to run the law enforcement services in the county – including confronting and delivering a balanced budget for every year that he has been sheriff,

and maintaining a high level of accessibility to the community.

He said he has trimmed down the administration at the sheriff's office, cutting from nine high-level positions down to four, and adding deputies in the lesser served areas of Montura and Pioneer. He lists as top achievements making more drug arrests in his first two years of office than his predecessor made in four years.

He is preparing for his competition simply: by making the same type of realizable promises he made during his first campaign, and not overreaching simply to gain more votes, he said.

"We have candidates who want to add hundreds of deputies, but they don't realize the seriousness of the budget," he said. "Yeah, I could add 20 deputies, but then taxes would increase like crazy. People have to be realistic."

He wonders aloud why candidates are running.

"I get a lot of guys who want to be sheriff because they want to be sheriff. I'm not an egotistical kind of guy and I don't believe in that, but a lot of guys, they just want the position."

He said he has enjoyed his time as sheriff, though there is much that still needs to be done.

"It's definitely a challenge. There are some days I look back and wonder what I got into, but I got into the job to better the community. We've come so far it would be a travesty if I was not elected again."

MEETING

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redistricting hearings.

During the session, the representatives heard from leaders and activists from as far as Highlands County on a wide range of concerns of redistricting. A common vein shared by all speakers called for the counties of Highlands, Glades, Hendry, and other lake-area communities to stay together after redistricting. Ashley Tripp, of the Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance, proposed that the district be redrawn to include all the communities that surround Lake Okeechobee into one district. In her words, "It's about the commonalities that these communities share that need to be considered," she said.

"Commonality" was the catch-phrase for the entire meeting as city officials from Okeechobee, the mayor of LaBelle Paul Pauletti, Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor, Glades County Commissioner Donna Storter-Long, Clewiston Utilities Director Kevin McCarthy, and others agreed that the center area of Florida share the same values and beliefs. Those values wouldn't be understood by the coastal and metropolitan areas, they said.

Robert Rease, of the Glades Area Ministerial Association, summed it up best that morning,

"When everything is redrawn, we ask that this area has own voice and one vote," he said. "The common interests of this region are best kept together."

Three speakers from the Charlotte County League of Women Voters brought up the protest that the timeline the state had laid out for the process of redistricting was too slow. According to the timeline, they said, candidates would

have little to no time to file their declaration to run because the state would approve the districts sometime before June 8, the candidate deadline. They said that it was far too little time and unfair to any challenger who considers running against an incumbent. They did propose an accelerated timeline that would have the state voting and finalizing the redistricting by January of 2012. Sen. Gaetz addressed their concerns and recommended that they speak with one of his advisor regarding an updated timeline that would answer that concern,

As the meeting ended, everyone had a chance to speak with the representatives one-on-one. Many took the opportunity to thank them for coming out while others asked more questions. Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner commented at the end of the meeting that he was happy that many people were heard by the representatives.

"It was very productive and I appreciate everyone that could come out to this meeting and have their opinions and concerns voiced to those who are willing to listen," the commissioner said.

Florida Senator Joe Negron, who chaired the remainder of the session after Sen. Gaetz had to leave, was very pleased that people made it to the meeting and strong voiced their concerns.

"I took more than 50 pages worth of notes from this meeting," he said. "I have heard a lot of concern regarding Hendry County could be split when the districts are redrawn and staying part of the Central Florida area."

He continued to say that he will take all these consideration with him into the committees where the districts will be redrawn and voted on. He hoped that the process will be done by January 2012 when the legislature returns to session.

"I know that this area is the real Florida," he said. "I will do all I can to make sure that this area is represented as it deserves to be."

Thief Caught After Being Discovered

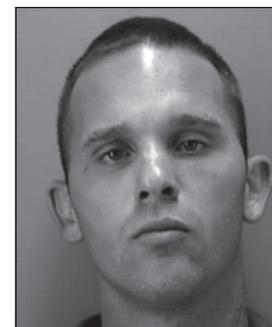
Vehicle owner gave chase

At 3 in the morning, Clewiston Police Department nabbed a thief responsible for four confirmed vehicle break-ins.

The arrest was made on Sept. 2 by Clewiston Police Ofcs. Malley and Thomas near Avenida Del Rio. They were dispatched after they received a call from a homeowner who had a strange noise coming from his car. When he went outside, he saw someone messing with his vehicle. He chased after the person, who was able to momentarily able to get away.

Officers did set up a perimeter in the area and caught the person attempting to make his way away from behind a house. The person, identified as 23-year-old Alexander James Lopez, was taken into custody and positively identified by the homeowner as the one who had been breaking into his vehicle.

Cash, a Tom Tom gps system and coins were recovered. Jewelry was also recovered that had been taken from another car located on Circle Dr.



Alexander James Lopez

Clewiston Police Chief Don Gutshall did state that, in both cases, the victims' vehicles were left unlocked. He cautioned against anyone doing this.

"Please do not leave your vehicle unlocked at any-

time, no matter where you are," he said. "Also, remember not to leave anything valuable in sight if you do decide to leave something in your vehicle."

Lopez is facing two counts of burglary of a conveyance and one count of loitering/prowling.

The investigation is currently ongoing and police feel that more charges may follow.

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