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CPD Closes Undercover Case

Inter-agency investigation concludes with arrest of man accused of selling fake social security numbers and green cards

BY MELISSA BELTZ
The Clewiston News

The Clewiston Police Department announced late last week the completion of an inter-agency undercover investigation involving the alleged production of fraudulent identification cards.

In a joint effort with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Clewiston police officers



Juan Vargas Ortiz

apprehended a suspect who was allegedly supplying fraudulent driver's licenses, social security cards and alien resident cards (green cards) for a price, according to an arrest report released by the Clewiston Police Department.

The investigation began

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Honoring Honoree Opal Hancock

Long-time Clewiston resident named 2014 Sugar Festival Honoree, among other achievements

BY MELISSA BELTZ
The Clewiston News

As the youngest of nine children, it has been difficult for long-time Clewiston resident, Opal Royal Hancock, to live life on her own. After the passing of her husband in 1989, and the loss of her siblings and their spouses over the years, Ms. Hancock has decided to fill her life with a love of her community and the joy of giving back.

Ms. Hancock has won numerous awards throughout her life for her philanthropic efforts in Clewiston, Hendry County and around the country. Most recently, Ms. Hancock was named the honoree of the 2014 Sugar Festival -- one of the highest honors of the year in Hendry County.

Ms. Hancock was recognized as this year's honoree because she is the prime example of an individual whose whole heart is in Clewiston, said Electa Saker, executive director of the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce.

According to Saker, the Sugar Festival Committee nominates an honoree who is either an industry leader or a pillar of the community.

"She [Ms. Hancock] is notorious for raising thousands of dollars annually to support local causes. She is a wealth of knowledge about our community and its driving industries and is always ready to tackle any hurdle to ensure that Clewiston remains a leader in southwest Florida," said Saker. "Her genuine love for this community and its people is infectious. No matter where Opal is, she is sure to educate everyone within her reach about Clewiston and what makes our community unique. She embodies everything and more that we look for in



PHOTO/JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA

Opal Hancock is one of Clewiston's most well-known residents.

Commissioners Consider Raises

City Manager's performance evaluation leads to discussion on city employee raises

BY MELISSA BELTZ
The Clewiston News

The regular City Commission meeting, held Monday, April 21, began with a recognition of the many volunteers who give their time to help better the Clewiston public library.

Recognized were Joanne Stiles, Diana Osborne, Wilmer Flores, Karen

Valaquez, Jenna Powell, Jessica Rios, Pengzhao (Michael) Zhu, Jennifer Lockmiller and William Townsend. The awards, though presented by Library Director Ava Barrett, were given on behalf of Mayor Phillip Roland for their outstanding service to the community and its library.

Several of the volunteers are Clewiston High School students, including the first male volunteer from the high school, Wilmer Flores. Princi-

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RELIGION NEWS AND INFORMATION

Thoughts from an Empty Tomb

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Easter day is over, but Easter life continues; as should Easter memories.

It's been almost thirty years, but I still remember experiencing Jerusalem for the first time and traveling along the Via Dolorosa – the "Path of Sorrow." The road to Calvary was not what I'd envisioned. It wasn't what I thought it would be. I had imagined a spiritual stroll along the path that Jesus went. Instead I found myself in an upstream struggle against a multitude of shoppers, street vendors, soldiers, and tourists.

Every few steps, some vender or shopkeeper would step in front of one of our group and dangle camels, scarves, and various souvenirs. Not only was there no time for reflection, we had to struggle to stay together. Finally we turned the corner and headed for the church of the Holy Sepulcher. I thought it would be better. I was

wrong.

I expected something simple. I found something ornate. At the time of Jesus, this was a cemetery. Now it's a cathedral covered with marble and gold and intricate paintings. Forty-three lamps hang above the traditional spot of Jesus' tomb. I tried to picture it as it originally was, but couldn't.

People were lined up to go in. Lots of people. I hate waiting in line, so you could probably guess my mindset. Blocking the way in was a black-robed, black bearded, black hatted priest who kept on saying, "Twenty minutes, twenty minutes." Those might have been the only words of English he spoke, because the guys in front kept responding, "But that's what you told us fifteen minutes ago." The crowd mumbled. I mumbled. Someone muttered about the temple needing another cleansing.

Then came the words, "Come this way." It was James Flemming, our guide. Jim took us behind the crowd and into the back area of the church to a place that didn't look like it was used too often. It was dark. It was musty. It was cold.

As my eyes adjusted, I saw a small opening. It was a rock-hewn tomb. I walked over to the opening, and just like the apostle John, I looked in. I was amazed. It was not a large room like I'd imagined, but a small room barely lit with a small oil lamp.

"Go on in", Jim said. I didn't have to be told twice. Another guy about my size and I squeezed in and sat on the cold floor. Suddenly, the lights went out and a door outside slammed shut. I felt myself in a dark, tight, claustrophobic room that seemed to be sealed shut and closing in on me. Sharing the experience, my friend whispered, "God put himself in a place like this." After a few long minutes in the dark tomb, a light came on. With the light came realization.

The Easter story is not just a Sunday School story. The life of Jesus was not just a romantic fable. The Christian experience is not just a somewhere-over-the-rainbow illusion. It's real, and what was true then is true now. I was in a cold tomb, but besides my friend and myself, it was empty. It had been empty for over 2000 years. It is still empty.

The God who rolled the stone away then still moves stones for us today. The message of the empty tomb declares that no power on earth could keep Christ down then, and that no power on earth can keep us down now when we are in Christ Jesus.

Christ is risen. Our response, not just on Easter Sunday, but every day is, "he is risen indeed!"

Women's Day 2014

BELLE GLADE — The Women of St. John First Missionary Baptist Church invites you to fellowship with us as we "Trust GOD to direct our paths" during the 2014 Women's Day celebration on Sunday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Sis. Rosalyn Gary, from Indiantown, FL. Sis.

Stephanie Harper is the Women Day Chairperson and Rev. Dr. Robert L. Rease is the pastor. St. John 1st Missionary Baptist Church is located on 600 South West 8th Street, Belle Glade. Colors: peach and cream. For more information please visit www.stjohn1st.org. Everyone is invited!

Obituaries

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Albert Monroe Bishop, 73

CLEWISTON — Albert Monroe Bishop, age 73, of Clewiston, passed away April 21, 2014 in Fort Myers.

He was born Aug. 30, 1940 in DeFuniak Springs, to the late Caro Harold and the late Pauline Bishop. He married Carolyn Faye Lagos; she preceded him in death on December 17, 2009.

Survivors include one son, Michael Bishop of Clewiston; and three daughters, Debra (John) Hunter, Mary Ann (Bud) Whitney, Judy (Brian) Neacise; one sister, Shirley Taylor; fifteen grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his son, James Albert Bishop on July 13, 2008.

He was a welder for U.S. Sugar Corporation for many years. He was a loving father, grandfather and brother. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He loved to go fishing, when he was not working, he was fishing.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held 3 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014, with a visitation one hour before at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, with Rev. Earl Cline officiating. Burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be given to Hope Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Willie Marcus Pickron, 70

CLEWISTON — Willie Marcus Pickron, age 70, of Clewiston, passed away April 14, 2014 in Tampa.

He was born Dec. 26, 1943 in Dublin, Ga., to the late James Bennett and the late Mable Blondine (Davidson) Pickron. He worked as a welding fabricator for many years. If you needed something welded and wanted it to last, most people knew to take it to Mr. Pickron.

Survivors include one son, Marcus Pickron; and one daughter, Kim Pickron Woodward of Palmdale, Fla.; one brother, Ben Pickron; three

grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

He was a loving father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Charles Monroe Sauls, 75

CLEWISTON — Charles Monroe Sauls, age 75, of Clewiston, went home to be with the Lord on April 22, 2014 in Clewiston.

He was born Feb. 1, 1939, in Panama City, Fla., to the late Dannie Eason and the late Pearl (Pitts) Sauls. He was a mechanic for over 30 years for United States Sugar Corporation. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed working on auto bodies and painting the vehicles afterwards.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Steven Sauls and wife Anita, Randy E. Sauls; two brothers, Robert Sauls (wife Kaye), Donald Sauls (wife Rhonda); and three sisters, Rita Bunting (husband Jay), Mayvon Givons (husband Jerry), Patsy Robbins (husband Joe); grandchildren, Courtney Sauls, Logan Sauls, Kirstan Sauls, Britany Adams and Cody Nail; Preceded in death by brother, Ronald Sauls (wife Darlene); sisters, Doris Sauls, Beatrice Frostick, Annie Ruth Cebo.

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Used Prom Dresses Donation

Divine Intervention Motivational Experience is asking for "gently used" prom dresses. They will be resold at a low price and all funds will go to expenses for the Clewiston Middle School Prom. Please bring dresses to the middle school. The deadline for donations is April 26. For more information, please call Katrice Monique Greaves at 863-599-0266 or Adrienne Samples at 863-233-6815.

Lifeguard Training

Want to be a Lifeguard? Sign up now for Red Cross Lifeguard Training. The swim assessment of 500 yards will be held on Monday, May 5 at the C.S. Mott Pool at 4 p.m. Bring a swim suit. This training is for anyone aged 16 or older who is interested in being a lifeguard. The cost for the class is \$150 per person. For more information or to register, please call 863-983-1492.

Gospel Concert

Jurnee Productions Presents: Le'Andria Johnson (award-winning gospel artist), Cassandra Stewart (recording artist) and Lele Patrice (recording artist) in a gospel concert known as Inspiration Celebration VIII. The event will be held on Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. to Mt. Calvary Baptist church, 700 Georgia Ave, Clewiston, FL. Free admission. For more information, please call 407-733-6809 or visit www.jurnee-productions.com.

The Gift Part 2

Divine Intervention Motivational Experience presents, "The Gift Part 2," on June 7 at the Clewiston High School Auditorium. This is an opportunity for talented individuals to be a part of a performing/cultural art event. Participant entry is free. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Mrs. Kartrice Greaves at 863-599-0266 or Adrienne Samples at 863-233-6815.

Cancelation of Event

The Clewiston Elks Lodge BBQ/Rib luncheon benefit that was to be held April 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The event will be rescheduled, however, a date has not yet been set.

Christian Fellowship Scholarship

Five separate \$500 general scholarships will be awarded to local students. The scholarship is open to any Clewiston-area student graduating high school who attends or is active in a local church, ministry or Christian Fellowship. The student must be planning to attend a college, trade school or an institute of higher learning. Pick up an application at one of the local churches, or contact Pastor John at FirstMethodist@aol.com

or 863-983-5269.

Library Happenings

A grand opening ceremony is planned for the opening of Hendry County Library System's second computer training lab, located in the Clewiston Library. The event will be held on Thursday May 1 at the Clewiston Library from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The library now boasts brand new computers, courtesy of the Hendry County EDC Education Task Force, U.S. Sugar, and The Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

The library will be hosting a summer school program in both the Harlem and Clewiston Libraries in Reading and Mathematics for students from grades three through five, Mondays through Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents interested in signing their child up for the program can call and register. Space is limited.

Breakfast and lunch will be served each day. For Harlem, call 863-902-3322 and for Clewiston, call 863-983-1494. There will be a quilt show at the library starting May 5. Anyone interested in displaying their favorite quilt can contact the library at 983-1493. Ask for Shirley.

Trust Quartet: May 3

Community Christian Church welcomes the Trust Quartet on May 3 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, please call 863-254-5184. The Church is located at 201 North Francisco St.

Church Fundraiser

Join the Presbyterian Church for a fundraiser lunch with pulled pork or grilled chicken. There

will be live music from Sugarland Grass and a silent auction.

The event will take place on May 3 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, located on 407 Royal Palm Ave., Clewiston.

All proceeds to go to the church's bathroom remodel fund.

Call to Prayer

Join the Clewiston Ministerial Association and local churches at Civic Park (across from the Clewiston Inn) on Thursday, May 1 at 12 p.m., for a National Day of Prayer gathering.

The theme for this year's event is, "One Voice United in Prayer," based on Romans 15:5-6. Join local churches and community members as they pray for the safety of the brave men and women in uniform, for their families and for the comfort and recovery of those who have been wounded; for the community, neighbors, families and each other.

Pizza and hot dogs will be served afterwards. Sponsored by the Clewiston Ministerial Association.

Babysitting Course

The city of Clewiston's Recreation Department will be holding a babysitter course for ages 12 to 15 on May 3 at the Youth Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All participants need to bring their own lunch. The fee for courses is \$30. Space is limited to 15 participants. Please pre-register by April 25. For more information or to register, please call 863-983-1492.



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pal George Duckstein was present at the meeting to share in the joy of the students' recognitions.

After the commissioners approved the consent agenda, they voted and approved a bid award for a lift station rebuild on block 385. The city received five bids for the job and chose the lowest bidder, Foster Marine Contractors, Inc., recommended by City Engineer Tommy Perry.

Commissioners then approved a proclamation to designate May 19, 2014 as "Make-a-Wish Day," recognizing the importance of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which helps children with life-threatening conditions fulfill life-long wishes.

A representative from the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Southwest Florida was present at the meeting and said he wanted to stay in touch with commissioners and other community leaders to identify children in the area who could benefit from the foundation.

Next, commissioners discussed the performance evaluation of Clewiston City Manager Al Perry and discussed the possibility of not only giving the city manager a raise, but all city employees.

Commissioner Mali Gardner said City Manager Perry has met and exceeded her expectations in many categories and recommended an increase in his pay at the end of the performance evaluation period. Mr. Perry now makes \$95,000 annually.

"He's done a remarkable job in learning the responsibilities and I look forward to his carrying out more strategic planning for the future," said Commissioner Gardner.

Commissioner Kristine Petersen said, that

although she's only been on the commission for a month, she is impressed by his extreme patience, especially when it comes to answering the many phone calls he is accustomed to.

Commissioner James Pittman said City Manager Perry had come a long way since he was hired last April and has many strengths as city manager. Commissioner Pittman admitted that the city manager still has much to learn, but said he was impressed by the rate with which the city manager has learned the many aspects of the job.

Commissioner Julio Rodriguez said City Manager Perry brought to the city and the commission a sense of calmness.

"We tapped a guy with non-governmental experience, and when we did, we took a risk on him. But we new the qualifications that Al brought to the table and I certainly haven't been disappointed," said Commissioner Rodriguez.

Commissioner Rodriguez also said it was important to give the city employees a raise this year, regardless of the economic condition.

Mayor Roland not only gave a pleasing report for the city manager, he agreed with Commissioner Rodriguez about raises for city employees.

"It's been great to watch him grow. The first two months he looked like a deer in the headlights, his eyes were so big, but he's certainly a lot calmer. I'm certainly proud of you, Al. You've certainly exceeded my expectations and that's

SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T GIVE A RAISE
WITHOUT RAISING THE MILLAGE...

- MAYOR ROLAND

hard to do," said Mayor Roland.

Mayor Roland said that city employees deserve a raise this year, and he wouldn't be opposed to raising the millage to do so.

"Sometimes you can't give a raise without raising the millage," said Mayor Roland.

Commissioners then decided to discuss the option of giving employees raises at their next workshop, to be held in May. When members of the public were offered to speak at the end of the meeting, Clewiston resident Jerry Cochrane stepped up to the podium to discuss the East Hendry County Recreation agreement.

Cochrane said the residents in the unincorporated areas should pay their fair share, but he believes the agreement is headed down the wrong road.

He said the agreement is a tax relief bill for businesses in the city. As the agreement aims to reduce the millage rate for residents, so too will it reduce the millage rate for businesses. Cochrane gave the example of Walmart, who, he said, may see a 16 percent reduction in their tax bill if the millage rate is reduced by one mill. Somebody, said Cochrane, is going to have to pick that up.

Cochrane ended his speech asking commissioners to consider a different method for collecting money for East Hendry County Rec.

Though no commissioner responded directly to Cochrane's speech, Commissioner Gardner did tell Cochrane there will be a workshop held on April 29 concerning East Hendry County Rec.

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The Glades County School Board Will Hold A Public Hearing On May 8, 2014 At 6:30p.m., Or As Soon Thereafter As It May Be Heard, To Consider Approval Of Proposed Changes To The Code of Student Conduct And Parent Guide For The 2014-2015 School Year. The Meeting Will Be Held In The Glades County School Board Meeting Room

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A Complicated Argument Against Back-Pumping

Environmentalists address pollution concerns, water managers nonplussed

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Clewiston News

In a recent court ruling that some in the agricultural industry say is much ado about nothing, environmental groups took to various platforms to announce the demise of back-pumping. If true, the ruling would leave very little choice for residents around the lake communities than to pack up and leave, since the back-pumping is the primary control method in times of rainy stormy events. Without it, water managers said, many low-lying areas would flood, endangering human health and safety.

"This victory has been a long time coming," said Florida Wildlife Federation President Manley Fuller. "Stopping pollution at the source is the key to cleaning up South Florida's water pollution problems – the toxic green slime in the rivers, the dead wildlife washing up on the shores, the contaminated drinking water – and this decision will make that happen at long last."

Despite the celebratory mood of environmentalists, the primary water manager for back-pumping, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), as well as large water user U.S. Sugar Corp., have both said the ruling will not have a material effect on operations locally – adding that the ruling is simply a part of an ongoing move to threaten back-pumping as a viable means for flood control in the Everglades.

"It will have no immediate implication on the district's operation at this time and it doesn't bind the district," Randy Smith, spokesperson for the South Florida Water Management District told The Clewiston News.

At the core of the ruling is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) own interpretation of the Clean Water Act of 1972. That piece of federal law, intended for eliminating the release of toxic substances into water, featured vague wording addressing back-pumping that has had water managers and environmentalists battling in the court system ever since.

The issue was previously overseen by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals that handles South Florida cases. Environmental groups in the suit against the South Florida Water Management District and U.S. Sugar claimed that the water being back-pumped into the lake – having been used to irrigate fields contaminated by fertilizers and other pollutants – contains contaminants that endanger the welfare of residents whose systems depend on Lake Okeechobee as a water supply. The argument on the other side of the legal battle centered around the opinion that the bodies of water transferring pollutants are essentially a unified system of water, and that pollution is not being added from an external source.

Chief Judge Edward Earl Carnes' opinion offered a visual explanation: "Two buckets sit side by side, one with four marbles in it and the other

with none. There is a rule prohibiting 'any addition of any marbles to buckets by any person.' A person comes along, picks up two marbles from the first bucket, and drops them into the second bucket. Has the marble-mover 'added any marbles to buckets?' On one hand, as the Friends of the Everglades might argue, there are now two marbles in a bucket where there were none before, so an addition of marbles has occurred. On the other hand, as the Water District might argue and as the EPA would decide, there were four marbles in buckets before, and there are still four marbles in buckets, so no addition of marbles has occurred. Whatever position we might take if we had to pick one side or the other of the issue, we cannot say that either side is unreasonable."

The court favored the EPA's own clarification of the ruling, which was delivered while that court battle was being debated by lawyers on both sides of the argument, that transferring pollutants between navigable waters is not "an addition ... to navigable waters." The court published its opinion in June of 2009.

In the most recent ruling, delivered by U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Karas in the Southern District of New York on March 28, the judge sent the rule back to the EPA for clarification. The ruling does not prohibit the practice of back-pumping, said Smith.

Furthermore, according to Smith, any play on words to make the ruling seem focused on the South Florida Water Management District is misleading, as the suit actually bundled several cases together.

"The implications are much more far-reaching than the back-pumping and go far beyond the South Florida Water Management District," said Smith. "It really affects outlets throughout the United States, and there is great interest throughout the United States. It affects a lot of water managers who move water for various reasons. They are closely following this."

U.S. Sugar, meanwhile, takes the position that the appeals will only lead to more appeals, and no real action.

"Litigating at the drop of a hat is wasting time and resources that could be spent building projects and restoring the environment," said Judy Sanchez, senior director of corporate communications and public affairs for U.S. Sugar. The solution environmentalists would like to see is for the farms to be flooded – "it's the not-in-my-backyard solution," Sanchez added.

The truth is, Sanchez said, flood control by way of back-pumping is a system that was developed decades ago to keep the lake communities out of danger.

"To remove that means those cities would be left to flood," she said, adding that there currently exists no more effective way of achieving local flood control. "It's just the system we live in," she said.

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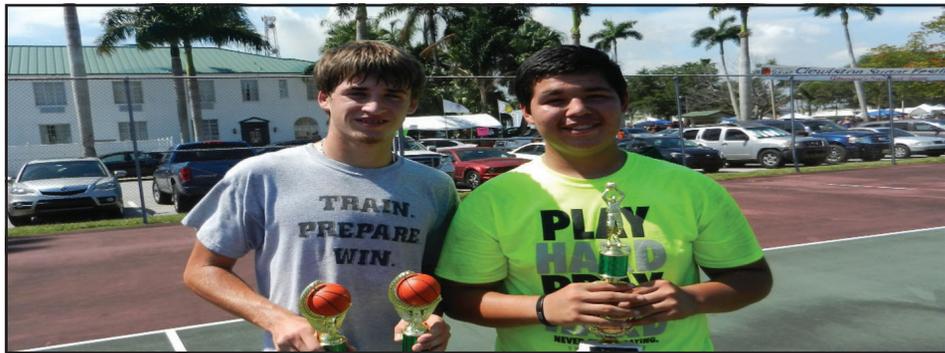


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3 on 3 Champions in the 16 and under age category: Trevor Pruitt (left) and Ruben Gonzalez III (right). Not pictured: Sammy Rivera.



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3 on 3 runners-up in the over 16 age category from left to right: Randy Massie, Ricky Martinez, Edwin Alvarez and Chris Herring.



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3 on 3 runners-up in the 16 and under age category from left to right: Dagan Holloway, Anthony Walker, Jualin Humphries, Darien Holloway and Devon Jackson.

CPD

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in March, after an arrest revealed that a man may be driving to Clewiston to supply fake IDs and social security cards to willing buyers. Officers worked with a confidential source to set up a meeting between the source and the suspect, in which the suspect was to bring three identification cards with matching social security cards to a location in Clewiston for an agreed upon price, according to the report. On March 16, officers reportedly stood waiting nearby as the suspect arrived at the location and the transaction was conducted. After the suspect left the location, it was reported that officers performed a traffic stop on the suspect, identified by his Oregon driver's license as Juan Vargas Ortiz, 32, of Lake Placid. Ortiz consented to a search of his vehicle where officers reportedly found seven social security cards, seven green cards and a Guatemala driver's license, in the trunk off his car. That same day, officers of the Clewiston Police Department and one FDLE detective, conducted an interview with Ortiz where he reportedly admitted to selling fraudulent IDs.

Ortiz was arrested on March 16 and charged with one count criminal use of personal identification information and eighth counts of unlawful acts in relation to identification cards or driver

licenses; both charges are third degree felonies.

According to Lieutenant Michael Rowan, of the Clewiston Police Department, Ortiz also admitted that he was living in the United States illegally during an interview with officers. Lt. Rowan said that when an illegal alien is arrested and charged in the U.S., they are usually tried in the U.S. and -- if they are found guilty -- serve any time they are sentenced to before being deported back to their home country.

Lt. Rowan also applauded the work of the detectives and officers working the case.

"It went very smoothly," said Lt. Rowan. "Det. [Julius] Taylor and Sergeant [Curtis] Clay worked the case. I thought they did a very thorough job. They worked very closely with FDLE. It was a joint effort and it's good to see the agencies work together."

Clewiston Police Chief Don Gutshall also said the investigation was successful and was a step towards making the community safer for all residents.

"This type of investigation targeted quality of life issues within this community, making it a safer place for our families and friends to live and visit," said Chief Gutshall in a press release issued by the Clewiston Police Department. "The members of the Clewiston Police Department are committed to this community and dedicated to the safety and wellbeing of all. It is the objective of this agency to rid this community of this type of behavior and criminal element."

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CASE NO.: 262013CA000075XXXXXX

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vs.
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Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 10, 2014, and entered in Case No. 262013CA000075XXXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff and LUCY N. CARABALLO A/K/A LUCY CARABALLO; DAVID RAMIREZ; HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.hendry.realforeclose.com at 11:00 a.m. on May 14, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 13, BLOCK 2211, PORT LABELLE UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 116 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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DATED at LaBelle, Florida on April 14, 2014

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As Clerk, Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 26-2013-CA-000678

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff,
vs.
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LOT 4, BLOCK A, FORT DENAUD ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 108, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1988 REDMAN SHADOW MASTER DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN #46315910 AND VIN #14604099B, TITLE #50822699 WHICH HAS BEEN RETIRED.

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Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Mary Ann Munoz
Deputy Clerk

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Case No: 26-2010-CA-000852-CAAX-MX

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vs.
ELESTICIA AYALA, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled case, I will sell the property located in HENDRY COUNTY, Florida, described as:

LOT 15 OF SUBURB BEAUTIFUL RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 113, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 95, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A: 441 Clark St. LaBelle, FL 33935 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, by electronic sale at WWW.HENDRY.REALFORECLOSE.COM, beginning at 11:00 AM on May 14, 2014.

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. Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 14th day of April, 2014.

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Mary Ann Munoz
Deputy Clerk

Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra
9204 King Palm Drive
Tampa, FL 33619-1328
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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. 464996 CN 4/24/5/1/2014

Public Notice

SURPLUS STATE LAND 1,100 +/- acres, BID #DSL13-009
12551 Wainwright Drive, Immokalee, FL
For a complete package call Tom Karpenske, Lic. Real Estate Broker (813) 273-8437
Bid Deadline is June 13, 2014, 10:30 a.m. EDT
464916 CN 4/17/2014

HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 5/13/14

SUBJECT AREA: 700 Selection Policy for Professional Construction Related Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for professional construction related services.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 287.055, 287.057, 1001.43, 1001.51, 1011.06 and 1013.45 F.S. and 6A-2.0010 SBR

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.41, 287.055, 287.057, 1001.43, 1001.51, 1011.06 and 1013.45 F.S. and 6A-2.0010 SBR

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for professional construction related services.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on May 27, 2014.

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

Notice: The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.

Notice: If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 464908 CN 4/24/5/1,8/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 2013 CP 74

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOSEPH STOPPELLO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MICHAEL JOSEPH STOPPELLO, Deceased, whose date of death was February 13, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All claimants NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 17, 2014.

Personal Representative
Misty Gore

Scott R. Bugay, Esquire
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 5207
Cicentro, Suite #600
290 NW 165th Street
Miami FL 33169
Telephone: (305) 956-9040
Fax: (305) 945-2905
Primary Email:
Service@srblawyers.com
Secondary Email:
Rita@srblawyers.com
464862 CN 4/17,24/2014

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

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***NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 15, 2014 for the following Proposals:

E1N81-Bull/Island Nose Painting in Highlands & Okeechobee County. Maximum Budgetary Ceiling: \$25,000.00

E1N84-R0- Mechanical Sweeping in Glades & Hendry County. Budget Amount: \$36,113.00

E1N82-R0- Large Machine & Slope Mowing, Litter Removal & Edging & Sweeping in Glades County. Budget Amount: \$36,113.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559. 464911 CN/CB 4/24/5/1/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

The Joint Glades/Hendry Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 10:15 a.m. The public hearing will be held at the Glades County Public Library on 201 Riverside Drive, Moore Haven, Florida.

All meetings of the Local Coordinating Board are open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact Nichole Gwinnett at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council by calling (239) 338-2550, Ext. 232 or by e-mail at ngwinnett@swfrpc.org at least seven days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8770 (Voice) or 800-955-8771 (TDD).

The SWFRPC's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes he/she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or familial status may file a complaint with the Florida Department of Transportation, District One, Title VI Coordinator Robin Parrish at (863) 519-2675 or by writing her at P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

For more information, you may contact Ms. Nichole Gwinnett at (239) 338-2550, Ext. 232 or by e-mail at ngwinnett@swfrpc.org. 464823 CN 4/24/2014

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY EMERGENCY DEBRIS MONITORING

RFP No. 2014-15

Opening Date and Time: May 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide Emergency Debris Monitoring Services including collection and debris site monitoring, in accord with all statutes and rules issued by Hendry County, the State of Florida and/or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These services will be in response to an emergency event such as, but not limited to, hurricane(s) or other natural or manmade disaster(s). In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by **May 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Emergency Management Department, by email at ltaylor@hendryfla.net or by calling (863) 674-5400 or from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by email at Mydajah.williams@hendryfla.net or by calling (863)675-5220.

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

Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
464919 CN/CB 4/17,24/5/1/2014

REQUEST FOR BIDS

FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING STAFFORD KING AIRPORT HANGAR RETROFIT REPAIR WORK AT LABELLE AIRPORT IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
BID No. 2014-10

OPENING DATE AND TIME: May 15, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for repair of the Stafford King Airport Hangar at the LaBelle Airport in Hendry County, Florida. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, by **May 15, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Engineering Department, located at 99 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 1607, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5222.

All Bidders **MUST** attend the **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference on April 30, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935. An optional site visit after the pre-bid conference will be conducted for all bidders interested.

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

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Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
464827 CN/CB 4/17,24/5/1,8/2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Richard III LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
180	2007	1074428-A0000260000	Fred & Lisa Elliott

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at **www.hendry.realforeclose.com**, at **11:00 A.M.**, on the **Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2014**, which is the **22nd day of May, 2014**.
 Dated this **9th** day of **April, 2014**.

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

464873 CN 4/17,24;5/1,8/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Richard III LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2870	2007	4104329-02020670080	CHL Home Builders Inc

Lot 8, Block 2067, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in O.R. Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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 Dated this **9th** day of **April, 2014**.

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

464879 CN 4/17,24;5/1,8/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Richard III LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3342	2007	4104329-08022520160	CHL Holdings Inc

Lot 16, Block 2252, PORT LABELLE UNIT 8, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 131, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record. All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.

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 Dated this **9th** day of **April, 2014**.

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

464874 CN 4/17,24;5/1,8/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1196	2010	1274331-0100000140	Steven Hurst and Carol Loranger

The Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 14, Block 0, PIONEER PLANTATION, 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 **www.hendry.realforeclose.com**, at **11:00 A.M.**, on the **Second Thursday** in the month of **May, 2014**, which is the **8th day of May, 2014**.
 Dated this **26th** day of **March, 2014**.

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

464656 CN 4/3,10,17,24/2014

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 11-57CC on November 8th, 2013 in the matter of Bertha Sander, as personal representative of the Estate of Annie Lou Moore and Ezekiel Miller, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, to-wit:
1993 Inhouse Spri Mobile Home Vehicle ID number CLFL35146 and Title number 63826403 located at 829 Marilyn Avenue, Clewiston, Hendry County Florida
 and on May 8, 2014, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.
 IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.
 Steve Whidden as Sheriff
 Hendry County, Florida
 By: Lt. Andy Lewis
 464689 CN/CB 4/3,10,17,24/2014

LEGAL NOTICE
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 464821 4/24/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2009-CA-001414
 The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-11 Plaintiff,
 -VS-
 Renier Pupo; Ricardo Diepa; Yolando Oliver; Mairelis Perez; Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-001414 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-11, Plaintiff and Renier Pupo are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Barbara S. Butler, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **WWW.HENDRY.REALFORECLOSE.COM**, at 11:00 A.M. on May 21, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
THE SOUTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 8 BLOCK N, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator;1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 Barbara S. Butler
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Hendry County, Florida
 /s/ Mary Ann Munoz
 DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HENDRY COUNTY CLEARING AND REMOVING DISASTER DEBRIS AND ANCILLARY SERVICES
RFP No. 2014-14
Opening Date and Time: May 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
 The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals to obtain the services of a qualified firm(s) to provide services to remove, process, and lawfully dispose of disaster generated debris (other than hazardous materials and household garbage) from public property and public rights-of-way in Hendry County, Florida in response to an emergency event such as, but not limited to, hurricane(s) or other natural or manmade disaster(s). In order to be considered, proposals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by **May 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.
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 This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.
 Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson at (863) 675-5240.
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 Karson Turner, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 464920 CN/CB 4/17,24;5/1/2014

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nature photographer's lens
 - 6 ___ facie
 - 11 Dells, at times
 - 14 Steer clear of
 - 15 Charged
 - 16 Impressed reaction
 - 17 Wright
 - 20 "Far out!"
 - 21 Begins
 - 22 Soothing application
 - 23 Dupes
 - 26 One getting a share
 - 27 Rite
 - 33 North Carolina's ___ Banks
 - 34 "America's" soloist in "West Side Story"
 - 35 Hardy heroine
 - 36 They may be dusted
 - 37 Indication of freshness?
 - 41 Weasel relative
 - 42 Feudal lord
 - 43 Right
 - 47 Theater sweepings
 - 48 Drops from the staff
 - 49 Like most pets
 - 50 Showy neckwear
 - 54 Actress Carrere
 - 57 Write
 - 61 End of a texter's amusing comment, perhaps
 - 62 Paramount output
 - 63 Mazda two-seater
 - 64 Cornerstone abbr.
 - 65 Comets, long ago
 - 66 With 12-Down, exile site
- DOWN**
- 1 Bryn ___ College
 - 2 Reebok rival
 - 3 Ham at a party, say
 - 4 Tease
 - 5 Norfolk, Va., campus
 - 6 Phone in a play, e.g.
 - 7 Uncommon
 - 8 Privy to
 - 9 Rover's turf
 - 10 Four-wheeler, briefly
 - 11 Common allergen
 - 12 See 66-Across
 - 13 Sleep on it
 - 18 ___ Hashanah
 - 19 "Othello" villain
 - 24 Metal bearers
 - 25 Big name in ATMs
 - 26 Doc bloc
 - 27 Sleep on it
 - 28 Peach or plum
 - 29 ___-loading
 - 30 Name on a historic bomber
 - 31 Closer to being harvested
 - 32 Little green men
 - 36 "Cash ___": TV game show
 - 37 Set of Web pages
 - 38 Under
 - 39 Scotch bottle datum
 - 40 Soup veggie
 - 41 Many AARP members: Abbr.
 - 42 Loose
 - 43 John of "Necessary Roughness"
 - 44 Turbulence
 - 45 52-Down victim
 - 46 Computer input
 - 47 Stone marker
 - 50 Bit that can be split
 - 51 Cantabria-born golfer, familiarly
 - 52 Slayer of 45-Down
 - 53 Till fill
 - 55 Kappa preceder
 - 56 Shrinking sea
 - 58 Latin trio word
 - 59 Worker at home
 - 60 Haberdashery item

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By David W. Cromer
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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Homeschool Support Group Meeting

H.E.R.E. (Home Educators Reaching for Excellence) meets on the second Saturday of every month at the Clewiston Library at 9 a.m. For more information, call Melanie Rudd at 863-228-7840.

Disney Parks Ticket Raffle

Family Four-Pack Park Hopper Passes (\$516.00 value) will be raffled on May 16 with the proceeds going to benefit the Clewiston High School Criminal Justice Program. Tickets are now available for purchase for

only \$5 each or five for \$20. Participants need not be present to win. Please contact Tammy at 561-914-0158 (cell) or 561-992-1261 (desk) for more information.

Announcement for VPK

Anyone interested in enrolling their child in the lottery for the Hendry County School District VPK classrooms for the 2014/15 school year, there is still time. The school district is accepting applications until 4 p.m. on May 1. The child must be four years old on or before Sept. 1 in order to enroll in the lottery. For more information, please call 863-983-1508 or visit the Hendry County Sub Office at 475 East Osceola in Clewiston.

Walmart Employee Charged With Grand Theft

BY MELISSA BELTZ
The Clewiston News



Roberto
Zavala

A Walmart employee was arrested earlier this month after surveillance cameras allegedly caught him stealing more than \$800 worth of merchandise from the store.

According to an arrest reported released by the Clewiston Police Department, an 18-year-old employee, Roberto Zavala, of LaBelle, was reportedly seen on video surveillance stealing two laptops, a phone and a car amplifier over an eight-hour period from April 5 to 6.

The report states that the employee allegedly began his shoplifting stint at 10:08 p.m. on April 5, when he reportedly stowed a laptop underneath a shelf to collect again at 1:44 a.m. The employee allegedly carried the laptop in front of his person while he walked around the store and gathered more merchandise over the course of

an hour. The employee allegedly cut a Samsung Galaxy cell phone from the peg that secured it, grabbed a second laptop from the shelf, concealed both the phone and computer in his pants, and left the store carrying the first laptop in front of him, according to the report.

Nearly four hours later, the employee reportedly returned to the store, picked out a car amplifier and hid it in his pants before exiting the store again at 6:45 a.m.

The car amplifier would prove to be his downfall. As the employee exited the store, the alarm system was tripped which caught the attention of the assistant manager, according to the report.

After reviewing the surveillance video, Clewiston police arrested the young employee and charged him with grand theft. The total of the stolen merchandise before tax was \$763.80, and with tax, \$817.27.

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a Sugar Festival Honoree."

Apart from being the 2014 Sugar Festival Honoree, Ms. Hancock has also been dubbed Woman of the Year in 1998 by the Clewiston Business and Professional Women's Club, won the Outstanding Community Service Award in 2000 from the city of Clewiston and won Woman of Accomplishment Community Service Award in 2000 from Palm Beach Community College, among other awards.

Much of Ms. Hancock's accomplishments can be attributed to her unwavering commitment to serving her community. Ms. Hancock is a talented saleswoman, and is recognized for her impeccable ability to sell tickets for organizations and charities to just about anyone she meets.

"I'm into something all the time," said Ms. Hancock as she went down the list of organizations she sells for, which include the Sugar Dolls, the Clewiston High School senior classes and the Clewiston Museum, to name just a few.

Ms. Hancock boasted of the time she went on the local radio station to make an appeal for the graduation senior class' trip to New York City.

The class needed an extra \$1,800 to take a ride to see the Statue of Liberty. Ms. Hancock took it upon herself to make sure that money was raised.

She went on-air to call on the community for their help; by the time she was finished with her few-minute spiel, Ms. Hancock said there were already \$300 worth of donations called in.

Ms. Hancock singlehandedly raised \$800 for the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce during their Jail and Bail fundraiser, which culminated in several community leaders needing to be bailed out of jail at the Sugar Festival via donations from sympathetic residents -- Ms. Hancock was "arrested" herself for "selling too many tickets." Ms. Hancock even called on the State Attorney's Office to help her bail out of jail, which contributed to the \$800 collected.

When asked why she does what she does for the community, Ms. Hancock said it was because of her love for "America's Sweetest Town."

"I think that Clewiston is the sweetest town in the United States, maybe the world," said Ms. Hancock.

She sees much potential for the small town surrounded by fields and streams, and anticipates that if the commission and community leaders in Clewiston and Hendry County steer the area in the direction for growth and economic development, this small, rural town could become an international hub for trade and transport.

"We're going to be the hub of the world," said Ms. Hancock optimistically.

But Ms. Hancock said the future depends on the youth and their thirst for knowledge, especially from the generations who came before them. "They'll be a lot of wisdom [that] goes to the cemetery if the younger people don't ask questions about their grandmothers and granddaddies and all. And they need to do that. And I'm very much on history."

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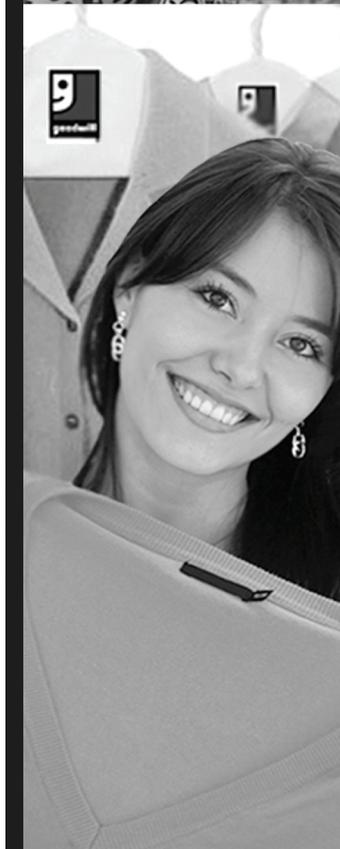
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83rd Annual Sugarcane Harvest Season

Completed amid wet weather and disastrously low prices

U.S. SUGAR

U.S. Sugar Corporation completed its sugarcane harvest operations late last week, and the Clewiston Sugar Factory was expected to finish "liquidating" sugar soon thereafter. U.S. Sugar completed its 83rd season during a year that featured far better than industry safety records across the company and state-of-the-art technology, as well as negative rainfall impacts and free-falling sugar prices that were and remain down more than 50 percent in the U.S. The 198-day sugarcane harvest season began on October 1, 2013 and was completed April 16, 2014.

"Sugar farmers faced the double whammy of bad weather and very bad sugar prices this year," said Judy Sanchez, senior director of corporate communications and public affairs.

"The extremely wet summer of 2013 flooded fields and wreaked havoc with our crops, with above average rainfall negatively impacting growth at the most critical point during the summer's 'grand growth cycle' of the sugarcane crop," Sanchez said. U.S. Sugar's owned and leased land produced 5.5 million tons of sugarcane during the 2013-14 crop as compared to 5.8 million tons last year. In addition, heavy rainfall early in the harvest shut down every sugar mill in the area for multiple days, costing the Florida sugar industry tens of millions of dollars.

"On top of rain damage, we have been facing a glut of unnecessary and unlimited Mexican sugar imports that are being dumped into the U.S. market, causing our prices to plummet by



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Last day of harvest.

more than 50 percent over the last two years. With no alternative, a coalition of American sugarcane and sugar beet producers have filed anti-dumping measures against Mexico," Sanchez said. "What makes the dumping of sugar below their price of production even worse is that the Mexican government owns more than 20 percent of the Mexican sugar industry. They can continue these predatory practices indefinitely."

Combined with cane from its 32 independent growers, U.S. Sugar produced approximately 7.1 million tons of sugarcane for processing at the Clewiston Sugar Factory.

The Clewiston Sugar Factory is projected to process more than 6.5 million tons of sugarcane, yielding more than 15.6 million cwt of raw sugar. U.S. Sugar's C-Tandem is the only milling tandem in America powered by Swedish hydraulic drives and its mill rolls are 150 percent larger than any

other tandem in the United States and can grind 170 percent more cane per day than any other milling tandem in the U.S.

U.S. Sugar also delivered nearly 325,219 tons of sugarcane to the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida and 180,445 tons to Okeelanta Mill for processing.

"With sugar prices falling to 1980-era levels, the only winners in the current oversupply situation are foreign governments who can control their own sugar and sugar markets, and large global food processing companies who are pocketing large profits from cheap sugar rather than passing those cost savings along to the consumer.

"As sugar prices have fallen sharply in the last two years, the price of candy and other sweet treats has gone up, creating an incredibly sour situation for both American sugar farmers and consumers.

"Even so, we want to commend our employees, our growers and our vendors for their hard work in safely and efficiently completing the harvest and process season," Sanchez said.

Liquidation: Once the last cane has been received at the mill via rail car, unloaded and ground, it still takes several days to complete processing the juice into sugar. This period is known as liquidation. Liquidation continues until the mill has recovered as much sugar as is economical. The remainder of the liquid product effectively becomes molasses, and the remaining solids or cane fibers are utilized as the clean, green renewable energy that fuels the factory.

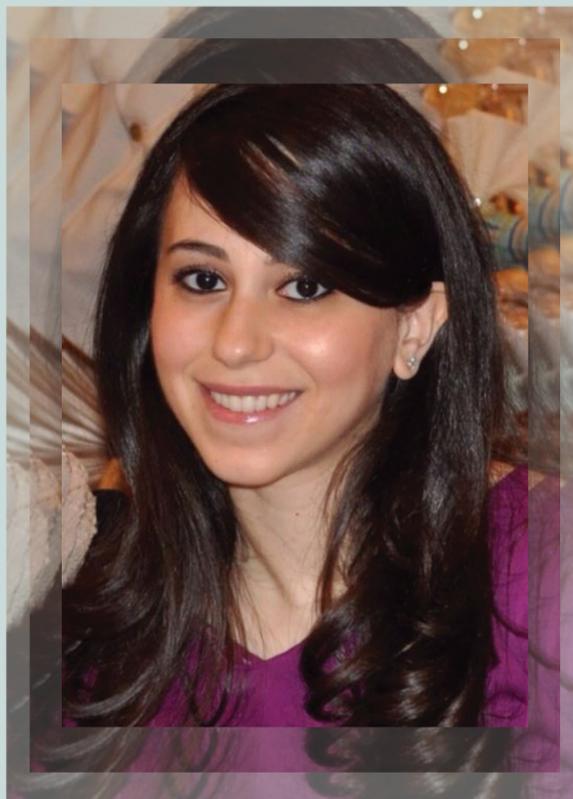
Hendry Regional Medical Center welcomes new Pharmacy Director

Hendry Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the arrival of its new Pharmacy Director, Dr. Iman Saghir.

Iman Saghir graduated as Valedictorian of her high school class in 2001. At a very young age, she felt a burning desire to help mankind; to fulfill this passion, she chose to enter the pharmacy profession. In 2007, Iman graduated from WSU Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in Detroit, Michigan, with a doctorate in Pharmacy. She began practicing at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, a 650-bed hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, as a Clinical Pharmacist. In November 2012, Iman became a Board-Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist.

During the fall of 2013, Iman relocated from Michigan to Florida. She accepted the role of Pharmacy Director in February and comes to Hendry Regional Medical Center with six years of acute care, long-term hospital pharmacy experience. "I'm passionate about ensuring the best treatment for patients at Hendry Regional Medical Center and look forward to serving this community," she says.

R.D. Williams, Hendry Regional's CEO, expressed his pleasure in welcoming Iman to her new position, "Iman Saghir brings insight, experience, and expertise to a key leadership position at our hospital. I'm certain she will strive to provide excellent pharmaceutical care."



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