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General Info

Miss US South Florida Teen sign-ups

The Miss US South Florida Teen Pageant is now open for registration. If you are from Clewiston, LaBelle, Moore Haven, South Bay or Belle Glade and between the ages of 14 - 18 you are eligible to join. Entry fee is \$50. If you would like to sign-up please contact Pageant Director Sulema Mack at 863-228-2408 or Assistant Director Ashley Smith at 863-254-7115.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade

The City of Belle Glade invites the community to participate in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. This year's theme is "Continuing the Dream." The parade is set for Monday, Jan. 18, at

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Wynn works with motor oil, paintings

One man's long work in capturing the perfect Glades harvest

By Nina G. Wills
Special to The Sun

The smell of oil and grease penetrate the air. The sound of semi trucks rumble and roar along the highway. Nestled on the north side of Belle Glade is Wynn Performance Engines. While the outside appears to be a typical auto repair shop, the inside reveals a surprise.

Lining the walls of the office are watercolor paintings. The bright vivid colors leap off the canvas demanding to be noticed.

The artist is Peter Wynn, a soft spoken gentleman who loves to paint.

"I get a good feeling when I paint. It is happiness," Wynn said.

Wynn started painting when he was in elementary school in Marathon, Florida, where he copied art from Christmas cards. Art was always of great interest to Wynn and he would talk to local artists, watch them paint and learn. He read books to study techniques

and different mediums. Wynn joined the United States Marine Corp and served in Vietnam. He returned to Florida and received his bachelor's degree in biology.

He never stopped painting, though.

Wynn has painted 200 to 300 works over the course of his lifetime, ranging from seascapes to portraits of his nieces. Yet, he calls his artwork simply a hobby.

Wynn moved to West Palm Beach in 1992. He collects classic cars and needed to find a mechanic to work on them. His cars brought him to Belle Glade

where he met Fred Navarro. The two men became friends. Several years ago, Wynn purchased the property on North Main Street as an investment and opened Wynn Performance Engines. Wynn handles the finances and Navarro is the head mechanic at the shop.

Wynn began to notice the farmers and laborers in the field during his daily commute on State Road 80.

"I need to paint that," he said. And he did.

Wynn has painted field workers planting sugar cane and har-

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Taking back our youth'

Finally speaking about the elephant in the room

By Ashley Causey
Special to The Sun

On Dec. 23, 2009 in Belle Glade, an 18-year-old man was shot and killed Wednesday evening while playing dice on a sidewalk.

Several other people stood near the scene of the shooting, but no witnesses came forward, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office.

This and countless other stories have made headlines, for reasons that few Glades residents would like.

A strange thing happens in a community that, outwardly, seems shocked and saddened at the news. Public condemnations morph into private conflicts about the safety of coming forward with information on any of the high number of cases of shooting deaths in the Glades.

Some officials fear an extension of this fear gripping parents who may be unsure of how to keep their own children from becoming the latest name in the latest report about the latest death in Belle Glade.

In some areas of Belle Glade, teen violence has become the elephant in the classroom. Even for an article on the subject, very few are willing to step forward and talk.

But why?

Finding resources

Teen violence has increased across the country since the 90s, and that escalation has its microcosm in the Glades. Nationally, violence has made its way into movies, television, and video games and the lucrative businesses it engenders show no immediate sign of slowing down.

But for every person who remains silent, there is another willing to find a solution.

The Boys and Girls club in Belle Glade has helped numerous young men and women graduate from high school and move forward to achieve their goals.

Established in 1994, The Boys and Girls club has expanded into six school sites and one permanent building in the Glades' area.

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Scholarship winner

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation has selected Angelica Zavala, an 8th grade student, from Pahokee Middle/ High School as the winner of the FY10 Governor's Recognition Scholarship Essay Contest. A board member from the foundation would like to present the award (valued at \$16,550) at the Feb. 17 Board Meeting to the student and her family. We are very proud of Angelica here at Pahokee Middle High School. Angelica's plans for the future are to finish High School and attend the University of Florida; she wants to be a lawyer. Her advice to other students is to listen to their parents and work hard in school—it will get them far.

Recognizing National Influenza Vaccination Week

Free H1N1-Flu vaccines are still available

By Pat Dobbins

Happy New Year and welcome to 2010! Now that the New Year has begun and as we are heading back to work and school settings, it is more important than ever to think about getting the H1N1-Flu vaccine.

January 10 to 16, 2010 is National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW), and now is the perfect time to understand the importance of being vaccinated.

You may hear on the news that cases of H1N1-Flu have been decreasing, but please think about getting an H1N1 vaccination for you and your family members.

"Please do not be complacent about protecting yourself and your families from H1N1 infection" said Pat Dobbins, Administrator for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. "This virus continues to cause serious illness and deaths."

Flu experts warn that we should prepare for a possible third wave of H1N1-Flu.

There is ample supply of the vaccine and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced that the vaccine

is now open to everyone (all ages).

Most people 6 months and older can get the vaccine. Be sure to let your health care provider know if you or your child has an allergy to eggs, any other allergies, or any medical conditions.

Please remember that the seasonal flu vaccine will not protect you from the H1N1 Flu.

The 2009 H1N1-Flu Vaccine is made the same way as seasonal flu vaccines. Millions of seasonal flu vaccines have been given safely and millions of people have all ready safely received the H1N1-Flu Vaccine.

For those who may be hesitant to receive the vaccine by injection, healthy people from ages 2 years to 49 years have the option to choose a nasal spray form of the vaccine.

Also keep in mind that children aged 9 years and under will need a second dose 30 days after receiving the first dose to ensure the vaccine will be more effective for them.

The following schedule has been set up in the communities of Hendry and Glades so that you may bring in your family members to get their free H1N1-Flu Vaccination:

- Moore Haven - Doyle Connor Building - Thursday - Jan. 14 - 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Clewiston - Health Department (1100

S. Olympia) - Saturday - Jan. 16 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- LaBelle - Health Department (1140 Pratt Blvd) - Tuesday - Jan. 19 - 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Clewiston - Health Department (1100 S. Olympia) - Thursday - Jan. 21 - 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Moore Haven - Health Department (956 US Hwy 27 SW) - Saturday - Jan. 23 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Clewiston - Health Department (1100 S. Olympia) - Tuesday - Jan. 26 - 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Moore Haven - Health Department (956 US Hwy 27 SW) - Thursday - Jan. 28 - 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- LaBelle - Health Department (1140 Pratt Blvd) - Saturday - Jan. 30 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Felda - Felda Community Center (999 CR 830, Felda) - Monday - Feb. 1 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There are also "walk-in" days scheduled at each Health Department in Hendry and Glades counties.

The "walk-in" days to receive the H1N1-Flu Vaccination are as follows: LaBelle: Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Clewiston: Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Moore Haven: Monday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, you can call the Hendry County Health Department at 863-674-4056 xt.117 or 863-983-1408 or the Glades County Health Department at 863-946-0707.

More information can be found on-line at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>. You can also get information at www.myflusafety.com.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can call the toll-free number 1-877-352-3581.

From 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., to ask more specific medical questions. After hours, you will hear recorded information.

Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole.



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National Influenza Vaccination Week highlights the importance of getting vaccinated during the traditionally busier winter periods. Though reports say H1N1 is on the decline, experts still encourage residents to get their vaccines.

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Clubs and organizations

H.O.P.E. meetings

Citizens of the city of South Bay have recently formed a group called H.O.P.E. "Helping Others Pursue Equality." This is due to the monthly increase in water and sewer bills.

Meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month in the Miracle by Faith Fellowship Hall, 1035 Northwest First Street, South Bay. Your attendance will make a difference.

Hospital support groups

Wellington Regional Medical Center has the following support groups:

- Bariatric Education Seminar meets the first Thursday of the month.

- Bariatric Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. and the third Thursday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 561-798-8587 for details,

- Head and Neck Cancer Support group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

- Lactation Tea and Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. For more information, call 561-586-BABY.

- La Leche League of Palm Beach County meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Call 561-798-0922 for more info.

- Prostate Cancer Support, meets the first Friday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

- Your Bosom Buddies II Breast Cancer Support meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the conference room. Seminole reenactment festival scheduled.

ey for your community group at the same time!

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General News

Doing business with Glades Utility Authority meeting

Please join The Glades Utility Authority Palm Beach County Office of Small Business Assistance and PBCC Small Business Development Center for a workshop of how to do business with Glades Utility Authority and Palm Beach County. Representatives from these agencies will be available to guide you through the process.

This meeting will take place on Jan. 21 in the Belle Glade City Hall Chambers from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please RSVP by Jan. 19. For additional information please contact Tammy Anthony, Emerge Consulting, Inc. 561-683-2221 or Tonya Davis Johnson, PBC OSBA 561-616-6844.

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- GED - Monday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Pahokee Elementary School.

- Basic Computers - Monday and Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Pahokee Elementary School.

- Turbo Jamz Aerobics - Monday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at O'say Child Development Center.

- Parent Education - Mondays at Harvest A.M.E. Church from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Local Weather

Weather Forecast for Western Palm Beach County from the National Weather Service.

Belle Glade and surrounding areas:

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. North wind at 10 mph becoming east.



Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. East wind around 6 mph.



Extended Forecast:

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.



Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind between 7 and 11 mph.



Saturday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a south wind between 13 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.



Saturday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind 7 to 13 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 60%.



Sunday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.



M.L.King Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.



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Celebrating Arbor Day in the state of Florida

Residents of Florida will celebrate Arbor Day 2010 on January 15. While National Arbor Day is held on the last Friday in April, several states, including Florida, observe the holiday at a time best suited for tree planting for their residents. The best way to celebrate Arbor Day is to plant trees. The Arbor Day Foundation's Web site (www.arborday.org) offers many helpful tips to celebrate the tree-planters' holiday, from how to plant a tree to selecting the right tree for the right place.

To find out which trees grow best in Florida, consult the Arbor Day Foundation's Hardiness Zone Map at www.arborday.org/tree-info. Florida has 138 cities and towns that were honored by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA recognizes communities that are committed to its trees. More than 135 million Americans live in a Tree City USA community. To see a list of Tree City USA communities, go to

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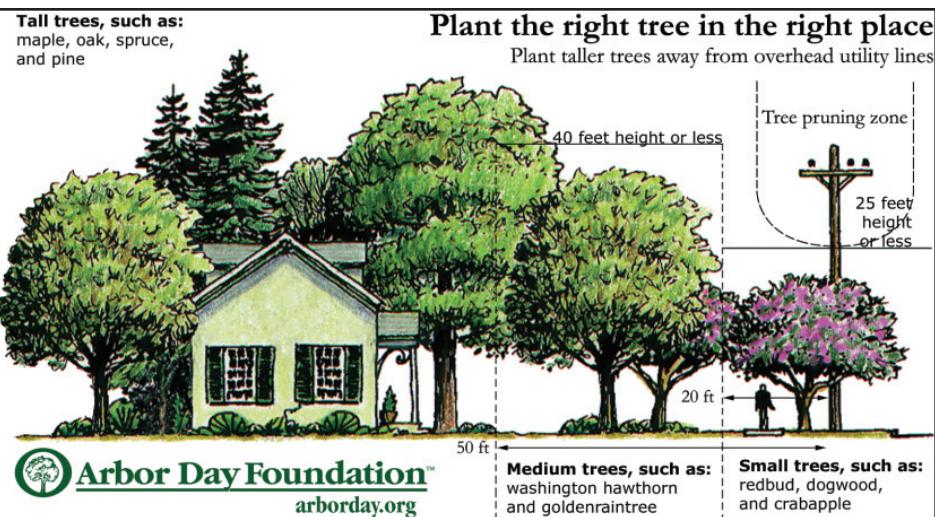
The first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, thanks to a resolution proposed by Nebraska City, Neb., resident J. Sterling Morton. Morton, a civic leader, agriculturist, and former newspaper editor, urged Nebraskans to "set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit."

Today, Arbor Day is observed in all 50 states and in countries around the world.

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FWC: Cold weather means pythons are sunning

During this cold snap in South Florida, Burmese pythons in the wild may be out sunning themselves in an effort to stay warm.

And that means hunters out in four South Florida wildlife management areas (WMAs) should be on the lookout for the unwanted, nonnative species.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds hunters that they may continue to take Burmese pythons and all other reptiles of concern within four South Florida WMAs during the normal course of hunting during the areas' small-game seasons.

All properly licensed and permitted hunters have the authority, if they wish, to harvest pythons and other reptiles of concern (Indian python, reticulated python, northern and southern African rock python, amethystine or scrub python, green anaconda and

Nile monitor lizard) on Everglades, Francis S. Taylor, Holey Land and Rotenberger WMAs and Big Cypress National Preserve during specified hunting seasons.

Small-game seasons on all four management areas continue through March 7. On Big Cypress, however, the small-game season ends Feb. 1.

In all four WMAs, only a Florida hunting license and management area permit are required to hunt reptiles of concern from now through the end of the small-game seasons.

"During the warm-weather months, Burmese pythons stay hidden out of the sun, but with the temperatures dipping below normal in these areas, they have to find a way to stay warm," said Jenny Tinnell, FWC biologist with the exotic species section.

"They may be out in the open more than before to find the warmth of the sun, and

we hope hunters, in the normal course of hunting in these areas, will take advantage of the opportunity to help stop the spread of this nonnative species."

With the exception of the small-game season in the Deep Lake Unit of Big Cypress (where only bows and muzzleloaders are allowed), hunters may use shotguns, rimfire rifles and handguns to take pythons.

Nets and snares also may be used, but no matter the method of take, all reptiles of concern must be euthanized on site.

Reptiles of concern may not be taken out of the wildlife management areas alive and must be reported to the FWC within 36 hours by calling, toll-free, 866-392-4286, or going to MyFWC.com and selecting "Burmese pythons" in the "Quick Clicks" menu.

However, any reptile of concern taken from Big Cypress must be checked in at one

of the area's six check stations.

Hunters may do what they wish with the reptiles' skin and meat. However, according to the National Park Service, mercury testing on two dozen captured Burmese pythons in Everglades National Park revealed extraordinarily high levels of mercury in the meat – well above levels considered safe to eat in freshwater fish and alligators.

Officials estimate there are thousands of Burmese pythons in the wild in South Florida.

The FWC's goal is to contain the spread of these pythons in the wild and prevent establishment of other reptiles of concern. Data collected by hunters on these state-managed lands will assist in preventing their northward movement.

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Robert Freeman Sherrell, 80

CLEWISTON — Robert Freeman Sherrell, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009, in Clewiston. He was 80.

He was born January 26, 1929 in Baxter, Tenn., son of the late George Monroe Sherrell and the late Alice Jane (Thomas) Sherrell. He was a resident of Clewiston since 1945. Robert worked as an electrician with U.S.S.C. for many years. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Doris (Fletcher) Sherrell; sons, Lavonne Sherrell (Ann) and Tim Sherrell (Elizabeth) of Clewiston; brothers, Lloyd Sherrell of Baxter, Tenn., and Billy Sherrell of Cookeville, Tenn.; sisters, Mary Martin and Dorothy McCaleb of Baxter, Tenn.; and grandchildren, Luke Sherrell, Lori Sherrell, Tasha Cornelius, Joshua Sherrell, Stephanie Vinson, Andrew Sherrell and Tonya Sherrell.

Funeral services were 11 a.m. Saturday, January 2, 2010, at First Baptist Church of Clewiston, with Dr. Todd Buck officiating. Interment followed in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

Milton Vesey Evans, 79

CLEWISTON — Milton Vesey Evans, age 79, of Clewiston, passed away Dec. 29, 2009, in Clewiston. He was born Nov. 8, 1930, in Memphis, Tenn., son of the late Charles Evans and the late Minnette Van Dozier Fast Evans.

He was a resident of Clewiston since 1998. Milton was born and raised in Memphis and graduated from Memphis State University. He was a former, longtime resident of Jacksonville. He retired as a college recruitment director with Southern Bell Telephone Co.

Milton is survived by his son, David Michel Evans of Clewiston. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Albert Evans and Creighton Evans.

Cremation will take place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston.

Evelyn Marie Fletcher, 87

CLEWISTON — Evelyn Marie Fletcher, age 87, of Clewiston, passed away at 10:20 p.m. on Jan. 11, 2010, in Weston, Fla.

Evelyn was born May 19, 1922, in Campaign, Tenn., the daughter of the late Spencer and Cora Hamilton Beard. She married Maurice Fletcher on Aug. 3, 1942 in Huntsville, Ala.; he preceded her in death on March 10, 1990. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clewiston for over Fifty years.

She was a homemaker and musician for many years.

Evelyn leaves behind her loving children, Marcellyn Griffin, Michael Fletcher, and Warren Fletcher; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, in First Baptist Church of Clewiston, visitation will be Friday evening in Akin-Davis Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery in Clewiston.

Ima Jean Fields, 61

CLEWISTON — Ima Jean Fields passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, after an extended illness. She was 61.

Ima Jean was born on March 19, 1948, in Belle Glade, the daughter of the late William H. Johnson and Geraldine Johnson. She retired from United States Sugar Corporation after many years of service.

Ima Jean was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and one sister.

Ima Jean is survived by her husband, Billy D. Fields of Clewiston; son, Jimmy Fields (Gloria) of Clewiston; daughter, Laura Gonzalez (Jose) of Jonesboro, Georgia; four grandchildren, Joshua Fields, Sasha Fields, Nelson Rojas, III and Alexander Rojas; three brothers and seven sisters, many nieces and nephews and a host of brother and sister-in-laws.

Final resting place is Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Arrangements were entrusted to Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston and Pastor Yates of Clewiston Gospel Ministries officiated the ceremony.



Ronald E. Knox, 72

CLEWISTON — Ronald E. Knox, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2010, in Clewiston. He was 72.

He was born March 14, 1937 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of the late Harlan and Helen (Reineger) Knox. Mr. Knox married Martha Hensley. He was a Machinist working for the Boeing Company.

He was preceded in death by his son, Harlan Knox.

Survivors include his wife, Martha (Hensley) Knox; three daughters, Tonda (Wilbert) Moore, Gail (David) Muench, and Sharon (deceased husband, Martin) Etzweiler; two brothers, Ralph Knox and Kenneth Knox; two sisters, Dolores Bordelon and Sylvia Verdon; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. Wednesday January 6, 2010, in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 438 E. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, with Elder Stanley Campbell officiating. Interment was Wednesday January 6, 2010 in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, Clewiston.

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This event includes a steak dinner and auction. Some of the auction items available are Model cars autographed by Jimmy Johnson and Jeff Gordon, Seminole Jacket, Hunting Dog Box, Rod & Reel, Marco Island Fishing Trip, Lake Okeechobee Fishing Trip, Red Sox Jersey autographed by Jonathan Papelbon, FSU Helmet autographed by Bobby Bowden, new laptop computer and much more!

Tickets are \$50 per couple and \$35 for single. Your purchase of a ticket guarantees you a chance to win a \$500 cash door prize.

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A Walk in the Past: 'The Battle of Okeechobee'

By Butch Wilson
Clewiston Museum

General Jesup's military tactics employed mobile units that operated independently of one another. These probing units were successful in ferreting Seminoles from hideouts that lay deep in the Florida swamps. The constant harassment forced many of the Seminoles to engage in open skirmishes while, at the same time, pressured the outmanned and outgunned Seminoles to seek refuge from the soldiers by retreating into South Florida.

General Jesup once stated that he and the American people knew as little about Florida as they did China and how right he was. If Jesup's analogy of North and Central Florida was likened to China, then he probably thought of South Florida as being comparable to the moon, since no white American had ever surveyed, much less explored, the liquid land that we now call the Everglades.

In 1837, the famous Cartographer, John Williams, made a military map of Florida. However, he excluded one minor detail from the map, a large lake that according to legend lay nestled in the back waters of South Florida.

Tales abounded about this vast legendary lake because no white American had ever ventured into South Florida to vindicate the lake's existence. This fallacy would soon be corrected by Colonel Zachary Taylor.

Colonel Taylor had served in the War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War of 1832, before entering service in the Florida Theater. In 1837, General Jesup assigned the First Infantry Regiment, commanded by General Taylor, the task of patrolling the area between the Peace River and the Kissimmee River.

The 1st Infantry settled into a daily routine and constructed a fort called Fort Gardner along the Kissimmee River, while assigned to this sector.

This routine changed abruptly on December 19, 1837, when Colonel Taylor received permission from General Jesup to march south and search for Seminoles.

General Taylor marched his army out of Fort Gardner the same day he received the marching papers. During the first day's march, the famous Seminole Chief Jumper and his people walked in and surrendered. The following day, the slow moving army surprised and captured several camps of Seminoles as it prodded ever deeper into the unknown.

On the third day, Taylor ordered the construction of a small stockade because the area was becoming more impenetrable and slowing the advance of his bulky army.

The heavy baggage and cannons were to be stored at the hastily built stockade that he named Fort Basinger.

It should be noted that Fort Gardner and Fort Basinger were named after officers that died in Dade's Massacre.

General Taylor's army was approximately 1,000 men strong. Roughly 700 of these men were Army regulars, while the rest were either volunteers or Indians. Two hundred and twenty of the volunteers were from Missouri, under the command of Colonel Gentry.

The Missouri volunteers became involved in the Seminole War after president-elect, Martin Van Buren and Thomas Hart Benton, a senator from Missouri had "a good ole boy" conversation.

Benton reportedly said, "If the Seminoles had the Missourians to deal with, their stay in Florida would be short." After Martin Van Buren defeated Andrew Jackson in the presidential election and became president, he remembered Senator Benton's boast and asked if some Missourians would travel to Florida and fight the Seminoles. Senator Benton replied, "The Missourians will go wherever their services are needed."

According to all accounts, the Missourians were tough and looking for a fight. While Taylor was resting his troops at Fort Bassinger, several Missourians spotted Seminoles when taking their horses to pasture. They informed Colonel Gentry, who crossed the Kissimmee River and prepared his men for battle.

A mad Taylor rode up and told Colonel Gentry, "that was the way with these volunteers, they were always too forward when not wanted, and always behind when they were."

Taylor went on to say, "that he had but little confidence in him (Gentry) or his troops, that from that time if he or any other of his officers disobeyed his orders they would be punished to the full extent of the law."

On December 23, 1837, General Taylor left approximately 200 men at Fort Bassinger and proceeded south. He traveled seven miles the first day. The next day it rained most of the day.

Despite the rain, Taylor's army surprised a small band of Seminoles and captured them.

On Christmas morning, December 25, 1837, Taylor marched his men through a section of pinelands and stumbled upon numerous Seminole chickees.

Taylor and his men knew the Seminoles had to be in the area and went on the alert.

At about 11 a.m. the army reached a hammock that had a small creek running in front of it.

Everyone feared an ambush, so General Taylor ordered the Missourians to cross first. After they had crossed safely, he sent the Army regulars across.

The Missourians were unhappy with Taylor's leadership because they felt he was sparing his Army regulars a hail of hot lead, while making the volunteers good candidates for cannon fodder.

Not long afterward, troops captured a Seminole on horseback. He was questioned and reported there were many warriors waiting for the troops at a large hammock only one mile away.

Taylor held a war council and planned his attack. He would march two lines of soldiers to the hammock. The first line would be made up of volunteers, while the second and third lines would be Army regulars.

Missouri Volunteer, Colonel Gentry, questioned the frontal approach that used the European conventional line of attack and suggested that Taylor out flank the Seminole held hammock and attack it from all positions.

General Taylor said, "Colonel Gentry, are

you afraid to attack their center?" to which Gentry replied, "No, sir. If that is your order, it will be done that way."

The Seminoles had prepared a loud welcoming committee for General Taylor and his men. Seminole leaders, Sam Jones, Alligator and Coacoochee, (who had escaped imprisonment under a flag of truce) had prepared the killing ground.

Notches were cut in the cypress trees to steady the Indians' aim, while a corridor of sawgrass was cut through the slough, so that it led to the center of the hammock.

It is estimated that nearly 400 Seminole warriors waited patiently for the arrival of the American forces. Sam Jones commanded half of the Seminoles and was in charge of the hammocks right wing that faced the Americans, while Alligator commanded 120 Seminoles in the hammock's center. A vengeful Coacoochee commanded 80 Seminoles on the left wing.

The Missourians and other volunteers advanced in the first line with the 6th Infantry following 50 yards behind them.

The 4th Infantry was 50 yards behind the 6th Infantry in a third advancing line, while General Taylor's 1st Infantry stayed behind as a reserve.

When the first line of Missourians and other volunteers were 100 yards from the hammock, they were met with a tremendous volley that raked their line.

Colonel Gentry, who was leading the Missourians, encouraged the volunteers to continue advancing and was wounded shortly afterward.

The Seminole's withering fire was so intense that it was likened to a scythe as the bullets mowed the Sawgrass down. Standing up in the withering fire, Colonel Gentry ordered the men to fight, lying down in the Sawgrass.

Colonel Gentry was shot fatally in the abdomen as he continued to encourage the volunteers to move forward.

The 6th Infantry, which was behind the volunteer line, started receiving lethal fire as they entered the 100 yard killing zone.

The Missourians lay hidden in the Sawgrass as they reloaded and fired, while the 6th Infantrymen remained standing in a long line of blue as they advanced loading and firing their guns.

The murderous fire from the Seminole rifles started tearing great gaps through the advancing line of blue.

Soon the advancing 6th Infantry caught up with the Missouri volunteers, who were crawling slowly in the protective cover of the Sawgrass toward the hammock.

The Seminoles intense and accurate fire became so lethal to the closing 6th Infantry that it began to fall back despite the fatally wounded Colonel Gentry's encouragement to continue the attack.

The retreating 6th Infantry spread pandemonium among the Missouri volunteers, who started following suite.

Shouting Seminoles surged from the hammock and began to press the attack as they scalped fallen Infantry and volunteers. Retreating men from the 6th Infantry as well as the Missourians rallied and countered attacked, finally driving the Seminoles back to the hammock.

The 4th Infantry, which had been behind the 6th continued to move forward. The combined forces of the Army regulars and volunteers eventually drove the Seminoles from their hammock stronghold back into the Everglades.

The Battle of Lake Okeechobee was bloodiest battle the Army fought during the Second Seminole War. General Taylor's casualties were 26 dead and 112 wounded.

No one is sure of the Seminole losses in this battle. This battle was the final blow to the Seminoles because they never waged war on this scale again.

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LORE Alliance focuses on the Glades

The vision of the LORE Alliance is to see a vital economy that offers business and career opportunities building upon the diversity, beauty and natural and human assets of the Glades Region.

Staying committed to that mission, LORE implemented the Façade Grant Program - an incentive available to businesses located in the Palm Beach County Lake Okeechobee Region for aesthetic improvements to the exterior of a commercial building and/or site. To date, the Façade Grant Program has awarded ten local businesses a grant assisting them with their improvements. From painting the exterior to installing new windows and signs, the façade program has helped local business owners beautify their property.

"The Lake region of Palm Beach County offers endless opportunities for economic development which we recognize. It is our desire to ensure we assist in growing

it smart for a wholesome quality of life for everyone here," said Ashley Tripp, president of LORE.

The LORE Alliance holds monthly board meetings the second Thursday of each month at the Workforce Alliance Career Center in Belle Glade at 3 p.m. The next board meeting is Thursday, Jan. 14. The public is invited and encouraged to attend as LORE is working diligently on community issues.

The Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance of Palm Beach County Inc. (LORE) is a regional economic development organization comprised of business owners, community leaders and citizens of Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay and Canal Point.

For more information regarding LORE's programs visit LORE's website at www.lorealliance.org or blog at www.lakeopalmbeach.blogspot.com.

New homeowners may qualify for Homestead Exemption property tax

Property Appraiser Gary R. Nikolits, CFA, reminds new homeowners they may qualify for Florida's Homestead Exemption property tax saving benefit. Florida grants qualified residents a standard \$25,000 exemption off a property's assessed value. An additional exemption benefit up to \$50,000 from the standard \$25,000 may also apply.

If you purchased a home in 2009, the filing deadline is Monday, March 1, 2010. You can apply in person at any of our five Service Centers in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Delray Beach, Royal Palm Beach or Belle Glade. To apply in person, the deadline is 5 p.m., Monday, March 1. You can also visit our Web site, pbcgov.com/PAPA, and apply online.

To apply online, the deadline is 11:59 pm., March 1.

To qualify, the property must be the owner's primary residence as of Dec. 31, 2009, and the owner must be a permanent resident of Florida and cannot hold any residency-based benefits in other Florida counties or states.

For the convenience of the taxpayers, Property Appraiser Gary R. Nikolits, CFA, has elected to automatically renew existing Homestead exemptions each year on January 1.

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Appraiser's office seeks students for college scholarships

Property Appraiser Gary R. Nikolits, CFA, is pleased to announce that the Property Appraiser's Office is now accepting applications for its 2010 College Scholarship Application. The Property Appraiser's Office presents \$1,000 scholarships each year

to five college-bound students. Since 1993, the Property Appraiser's Office has awarded \$90,000 in college scholarships.

The application can be downloaded from the Property Appraiser's Web site: pbcgov.com/PAPA. The deadline to submit the 2010

application is March 31.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be a resident of Palm Beach County, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The college or junior college they plan to attend must be accredited.

Funds are raised through volunteer employee donations from participants in our office's Friday Casual Dress Day. An Employee Scholarship Committee selects the five winners. For more information, call 561-355-3230.

School briefs

Everglades Preparatory Academy High School

Enrollment Open – Grades 9-12.
SAC meetings

The remaining SAC meeting dates for the 2010 school year are:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2010.
- Tuesday, March 16, 2010.
- Tuesday, April 20, 2010.
- Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the school cafeteria. Everglades Preparatory Graduation is May 19, 2010.

For further information contact Larry

Ballew, Principal or Mary H. Rainey, Guidance Counselor at 561-924-3002.

Glades Central High School School News

School will be closed Monday, Jan. 18 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance. Our next writing camp tutorial will be Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Herff Jones will be on campus Jan. 29 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ninth and tenth-grade reading and math student workshops will be Saturday, Jan. 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. FCAT Writes is Tuesday, Feb. 9.

SAC meetings

The remaining SAC meeting dates for the 2010 school year are:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010
- Thursday, February 18, 2010
- Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Rosenwald Elementary School Raider News School Hours

Rosenwald Elementary School hours for the 2009/2010 school year will be 8 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. for the students.

School Uniform

Tops-Solid green, white, khaki, or orange
Polo Style long or short sleeved collared shirts (shirts are tucked in at all times).

Bottoms- Solid green, black, khaki or blue-Pants, knee length shorts (finger tip length), skirts, shorts, dresses, or jumpers.

(Blue jeans may be worn on Fridays only if the student wears a School Spirit T-Shirt or uniform shirt), belts are to be worn by all students. Shoes-Shoes are to have an enclosed toe and heel. (Shoes with wheels are prohibited for safety reasons).

For Cold Weather-Sweat Suits in solid blue, khaki, black, green may be worn.

School news

Pahokee Youth Enrichment Academy

Pahokee Youth Enrichment Academy after school program will be offered at the Pahokee Elementary School now to June 3, 2010 to the community youth from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to students who attend local schools (Canal Point Elementary, Glades Academy, and The Shepherd School) in

grades K-6.

Activities include Academic Enrichment, Homework Assistance, Reading Counts, Arts and Crafts, Social Skills, Sports and Recreation, and Field Trips.

Enhancements that youth may choose from include Science Club, Math Club, Reading Club, Cheerleading, Dance, Stepping, and Student Government.

Call for more information 561-924-9731. Space is limited! First Come, First Serve.

After School Programs approved

ASP, Inc., has been approved by Palm Beach County School Board for its third year to tutor your child for free. Your child must be in a Title I school.

Title 1 schools in the Glades are: Belle Glade Elementary, Gove Elementary, Pahokee Elementary, Pioneer Park Elementary, Rosenwald Elementary, KEC/Canal Point El-

ementary, Lake Shore Middle, and Pahokee Middle.

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For more information, call Shirley at 561-996-4121.

Briefs cont.

10 a.m. If you are interested in submitting an entry, pick up a form from City Hall. All forms must be returned to Mrs. Mary Evans at city hall by Monday, Jan. 11.

Parade Route: North West 4th Street, next to Lake Shore Middle (Heading South) – Line up (entries must be in place by 9:30 a.m.) Make left on West Canal Street, North, make right on Main Street, make right on MLK Blvd. West, make right on South West 10th Street, end at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church.

The memorial service will begin immediately following the parade at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. The speaker is former county commissioner Addie Greene. For questions regarding the parade, contact Mary Evans at 561-996-0100.

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Health Department seeks food for families

The Palm Beach County Health Department, CL Brumback Health Center, is initiating a community wide food drive and needs donations. Many in the area go hungry every day and as a result, miss many of the natural nutrients necessary to stay healthy.

"We can use foods with whole grains, and others that have little or no salt, fat or sugar," said Brumback Health Center Primary Care Nutritionist Donna Ward. "Everyone is invited to help and we are even offering teens the opportunity to accumulate volunteer hours through this very important project," said Center Volunteer Coordinator Brian Stanton. Food donations will be accepted at the Brumback Health Center, 38754 SR 80 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 561-992-1218.

Hospice Of Palm, Volunteers needed

Hospice of Palm Beach County is seeking volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of patients and families. A variety of positions are available throughout the Palm

Beach County area. Hours are flexible, call 561-273-2204 or visit www.hpbc.com.

Free Aerobics classes at Pioneer Park Beacon

Classes will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday's and Thursday's each week in the Pioneer Park Elementary School cafeteria. Stop by Pioneer Park Beacon Center and learn more about their free aerobics classes, meet Ashley Hodges – Aerobics Instructor (wear tennis shoes, bring exercise mat and hand held weights). If you have any questions, call Maria Cardenas at 561-993-8660. Free child care provided for kids ages 3 and up.

Health Department seeks volunteers in Belle Glade

The Palm Beach County Health Department needs committed adult volunteers with a clean background and teens (14-17) in Belle Glade.

The needs are great and varied. We assist daily needs, health fairs and outreach, food pantry, customer service and more. We are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Please call Brian at 561-992-1218 or visit www.pbchd.com/vol/volunteer.html for de-

tails.

Save money with Prosperity Center

The Prosperity Center of Beacon Center at the Pahokee Elementary School now has the IDA program available.

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Arrest Report

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

Bien-Aime Nicolas, 49


- Belle Glade
 - Aggravated assault - with a deadly weapon without intent to kill
- Arrested Jan. 9
Released Jan. 11 on \$5,000 bond

Gregory Lee, 21


- Belle Glade
 - Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon
- Arrested Jan. 7
Released Jan. 8

Heladio Juarez, 29


- Belle Glade
 - Resist officer with violence
- Arrested Jan. 10
Bond has been set for \$3,000

Jacqueline Dixon, 22


- Belle Glade
 - Violation of probation: grand theft \$300 to \$5,000
 - Uttering a forged instrument
- Arrested Jan. 7
Released Jan. 7 on probation

Jeff Pierre-Louis, 21


- Belle Glade
 - Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 6
No bond set for release

Joel Gomez, 27


- Belle Glade
 - Trafficking in cocaine
 - Possession of paraphernalia
- Arrested Jan. 11
No bond set for release

Lionel Pierson, 27


- Belle Glade
 - Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000
 - Fraud - utter false instrument
- Arrested Jan. 8
Bond has been set for \$12,000

Marisol Dejesus, 30


- Belle Glade
 - Child neglect without great harm - three counts
- Arrested Jan. 8
Released Jan. 8 on \$9,000 bond

Michelle Terrien, 34


- Belle Glade
 - Introduction of contraband into state correctional institution
 - Conspiracy/Grand theft
- Arrested Jan. 5
No bond set for release

Richard Williams, 23


- Belle Glade
 - Possession of marijuana
 - Possession with intent to sell or deliver schedule
 - Destroying - tamper with or fabricate physical evidence
 - Carrying a concealed weapon
- Arrested Jan. 5
Bond set for \$6,000

Thomas Lane, 43


- Belle Glade
 - Burglary with assault or battery
 - Aggravated stalking - follow harass cyberstalk after injunction
 - Aggravated battery - person uses a deadly weapon
- Arrested Jan. 12
No bond set for release

Tiffany Hall, 21


- Belle Glade
 - Larceny theft is \$300 or more but less than \$5,000
 - Fraud - utter false instrument
- Arrested Jan. 7
Bond has been set for \$6,000

Wilbur Johnson, 25


- Belle Glade
 - Conservation - animals - cause cruel death pain and suffering
 - Firing weapon - discharge firearm in public
- Arrested Jan. 12
Bond set for \$3,000

Antonio Juarez, 22


- Belle Glade
 - Resist officer with violence
- Arrested Jan. 10
No bond set for release

Mathias Davis, 50


- Pahokee
 - Aggravated assault weapon with deadly weapon without intent to kill
 - Weapon offense improper exhibit firearm or dangerous weapon
- Arrested Jan. 7
Released Jan. 8

Robert Haynes, 59


- Pahokee
 - Aggravated battery (deadly weapon bodily harm)
- Arrested Jan. 7
No bond set

Alexis Barnes, 24


- Pahokee
 - Violation of probation
 - Domestic battery - felony battery or domestic by strangulation
- Arrested Jan. 7
No bond set

Jaime Tamayo, 25


- South Bay
 - Lewd lascivious behavior - victim 12 years of age up to 16 years of age offender 18 years of age or older
- Arrested Jan. 8
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Maurice Coney, 25


- South Bay
 - VOP: Possession of cocaine
- Arrested Jan. 5
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Anthony Fuller, 32


- South Bay
 - Traffic offense - DUI alcohol or drugs
 - Nonmoving traffic violation - drive while license is suspended habitual offender
- Arrested Jan. 10
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Crime Stoppers

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance from the public in locating the following wanted fugitive as of January 7, 2010.

Jervenski Parker, age 23, is a black male 6 feet 1 inches tall. He weighs approximately 200 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. His last known address is listed as Palm Blvd. in Pahokee and last known occupation is listed as sales.

Parker is wanted for felony charges

violation of probation: simple battery.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000262

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA Plaintiff, vs. LOIREL LOPEZ, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated December 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000262 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA is the Plaintiff and LOIREL LOPEZ, et al, Defendant(s). The following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE SOUTH 40 FEET THEREOF AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 2522, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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 at Moore Haven, Florida, this 7th day of January, 2010.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact HENDRY COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, 25 EAST HICKPOCHEE AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice of sale: If you are hearing impaired call: 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired call: 1-800-955-8770. DATED AT LABELLE, FLORIDA, THIS 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.

BARBARA S. BUTLER CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Hendry County, Florida

BY: /s/ S. MILLER DEPUTY CLERK

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP

10004 North Dale Mabry Hwy

Suite 112

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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 Dec. 31, 2009.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTHETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE #: 2008-CA-000421

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT3 Plaintiff,

-VS-

JESUS LEYVA and MAYELIN LEYVA, Husband and Wife; BARBARA H. ALSTON and ROBERT D. HOPMANN, individually and as Co-Representatives of the Estate of HOWARD E. HILL a/k/a H.E. HILL (DOD 12/24/2007), Deceased and as Co-Trusted of the Howard E. Hill Revocable Trust U/T/10/20/2007; CALVIN ALSTON, individually and as Trustee of The Big Lake Trust; The Big Lake Trust; Bank of America N.A. Defendant(s).

Defendant(s).

Defendants.

Public Notice

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2008-CA-000919
DIVISION**

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS
MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-
BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2006-CB4;
vs.
FRANK GUTIERREZ, et al.,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated Dec. 30, 2009 and entered in Case No. 26-2008-CA-000919 of the Circuit Court in and for HENDRY County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-CB4; is the Plaintiff and FRANK GUTIERREZ; MELISSA GUTIERREZ; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA AT 11:00 AM, on the 3rd day of February, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said final Judgment:

LABELLE, BLOCK 59, THE SOUTH 137 FEET OF THE WEST 185 FEET, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 3, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 311 S OAK STREET, LA BELLE, FL 33935

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 4, 2010.

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**Public Notice****Public Notice****South Florida Water Management District
Notice of Agency Action**

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for the following water use permits:
Water Use Permit 50-00881-W issued to the South Shore Drainage District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-8 for the continuation of an existing use of Lake Okeechobee, SFWMD Canal (L-20) and SFWMD Canal (L-25) for diversion and impoundment, agricultural irrigation and landscape irrigation use serving 4189.99 acres with an annual allocation of 2598.97 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 959.394 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 35 East and Sections 4-11, 14, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, adjacent to US Hwy 27 and between the Miami and North New River Canals. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 50-00891-W issued to Pahokee Water Control District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-11 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from the SFWMD Canal (L-10) for diversion and impoundment and agricultural irrigation use serving 15172.34 acres with an annual allocation of 9513.94 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 1418.4364 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Sections 13-15, 21-24, 25-28, 33-36, Township 42 South, Range 37 East and Sections 18-20, 27-30, 31-35, Township 42 South, Range 38 East between State Hwy 770 and US Hwy 98. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 50-00889-W issued to Pelican Lake Water Control District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-7 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from Lake Okeechobee and the SFWMD Canal (L-10) for diversion and impoundment and agricultural irrigation use serving 5529.9 acres with an annual allocation of 3412.7 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 521.6394 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Sections 13-14, 22-23, 26-27, 33-35 Township 41 South, Range 37 East, and Sections 2-5, 10-12 Township 42 South, Range 37 East, east of Lake Okeechobee and including areas around Ammons Road, Conners Highway and Min Road. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

Water Use Permit 50-00879-W issued to East Beach Water Control District (P. O. Box 969, Belle Glade, Florida 33430) pursuant to application 090114-5 for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from Lake Okeechobee for diversion and impoundment and agricultural irrigation use serving 5619.6 acres with an annual allocation of 3627.6 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 516.3732 million gallons. The project is in Palm Beach County in Section 24 Township 42 South, Range 36 East and Sections 9, 16-19, 20, 29-32 Township 42 South, Range 37 East, east of Lake Okeechobee, south of NE 8th Street and north of US 441. The permit is subject to 22 conditions. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest.

The above Permits and Staff Reports, including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules can be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Veguilla, Deputy Clerk, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 or by telephone at (561) 868-8800 extension 6739.

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

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

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

(1) Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.

(2) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.

(3) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.

(4) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.

(5) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.

(6) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.

(7) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.

(8) If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.

(9) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

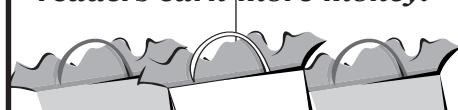
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The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573 Fla. Stat. and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405 Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for these agency actions under Section 120.573. Fla. Stat. at this time.

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**Public Notice****Public Notice****NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED****Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1980	2007	1-07-44-33-030-0008-0090	HILARIO MEDINA MOJICA C/O JOSE MEDINA REYES

Lot 9 in Block 8 of WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FOURTH THURSDAY in the month of JANUARY, which is the 28TH day of JANUARY, 2010.

Dated this 9TH day of December, 2009.

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

341577 CGS 12/31/09;01/07,14,21/10

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1975	2007	1-07-44-33-030-0004-0070	RICARDO CORRALES & EVA CORRALES

Lot 7 in Block 4 of WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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Dated this 9TH day of December, 2009.

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Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1441	2007	1-22-44-32-01-0083-0080	JAMES W. CROWE & CATHERINE M. CROWE

Lot 8 in Block 83, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 37, 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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Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FRANK P & JUNE E HARBEN 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
176	2007	1-06-44-28-A00-0219-0000	RAY PECK & BESSIE A PECK

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, 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 the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the FOURTH THURSDAY in the month of JANUARY, which is the 28TH day of JANUARY, 2010.

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Hendry County, Florida

341564 CGS 12/31/09;01/07,14,21/10

Public Notice**Public Notice****NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED****Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2614	2007	2-18-43-29-A00-0020-0000	ELIZABETH G. MACK & DANA BROWN

The East one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 18, Township 43 South, Range 29 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.

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Hendry County, Florida

341590 CGS 12/31/09;01/07,14,21/10

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2608	2007	2-18-43-29-030-0000-2160	ELIZABETH G. MACK & DANA BROWN

Lots 216 thru 227, Block 10, EVELYN TERRACE, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat book 1, Page 46, 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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Hendry County, Florida

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1065	2007	1-13-44-32-A00-0247-0000	AMELIA BOUZAMAYOR

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 5486 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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

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REQUEST FOR BIDS**CLEWISTON EAST PARK****BID NUMBER: 2010-07****OPENING DATE AND TIME:**

Public Notice**Public Notice****South Florida Water Management District
Notice of Agency Action**

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWM) or District) gives notice of its Agency Action for Water Use Permit 50-09102-W pursuant to application 090211-19, for the continuation of an existing use of surface water from the Lake Okeechobee Rim Canal and SFWM Canals (I-10), (I-12), (I-13), (I-14), (I-16), (I-20), (I-21), (I-24), (L-25), and (L-28) for agricultural irrigation use, serving 54,260.41 acres of agricultural lands using a flood/seepage irrigation system via 37 existing withdrawal facilities and one proposed facility. The project is known as US Sugar Corporation Palm Beach County Project with an annual allocation of 37419.34 million gallons and a total maximum monthly allocation of 5531.061 million gallons. The permit is subject to 20 Limiting Conditions. The Project is located in within the Everglades Agricultural Area in Palm Beach County in S1-T46S/R35E; S25,26,35,36 T45S/R35E; S24,25,36 T44S/R34E; S15-17,19-36 T44S/R35E; S7,8,16-22,26-36 T41S/R38E; S11-14,24,25,36 T41S/R37E; S6,7,18 T42S/R38E; S1,12 T42S/R39E; S24,25,35,36 T43S/R38E; S22-27,34-36 T43S/R37E; S1-3,12,19,29,32 T44S/R37E; S19-21,23,28-35 T44S/R36E; S2,3,10,11 T44S/R36E; S1-3 Hiatus T43S/R37E; S1,2 Hiatus T43S/R38E. The use is reasonable-beneficial, will not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest. The permit was issued December 8, 2009 to US Sugar Corporation at 111 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440.

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

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

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

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

- (1) Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWM identification number, if known.
- (2) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
- (3) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
- (4) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWM's decision.
- (5) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
- (6) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWM's proposed action.
- (7) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWM's proposed action.
- (8) If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
- (9) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWM to take with respect to the SFWM's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the District's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice.

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573 Fla. Stats., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405 Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWM is not proposing mediation for these agency actions under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat. at this time.

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1503	2007	1-24-44-32-A00-0125-0100	MARVA A. WADE

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5187, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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Dated this 9TH day of December, 2009.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CHESTER J RUST REVOCABLE TR 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
358	2006	1-07-43-29-040-000-001C	Hendry County Bank, now known as Florida Community Bank/John W. Temple & Margaret Baxter

Tract A, CALOOSA HARBOR SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 130, 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.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1439	2007	1-22-44-32-010-0081-0130	Joaquin Torrella, her heirs, devisees or beneficiaries 1/3 interest, Emeteria Torrella 1/3 interest, Eunice Centeno 1/3 interest

Lot 13, in Block 81 of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3 at Pages 37,38, and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1497	2007	1-24-44-32-A00-0119-0000	MICHAEL DUODICK & FLORENCE DUODICK

The North One-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress and egress of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. ALSO known as Lot No. 5237 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.

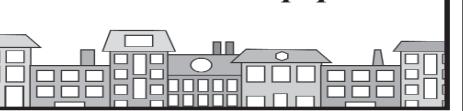
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2046	2007	1-31-44-33-A00-0149-0000	The heirs, devisees or beneficiaries of estate of Fernando Fonticella, 1/3 interest and Manlio J. Fong, 2/3 interest.

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot No. 5774 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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Religion briefs

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Thrift shop open at Church of God

The Church of God of Prophecy, in Moore Haven, will have a thrift shop open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., all things are given for a donation, this is to help for expenses of the church.

We feel in helping the church it is helping you also, with your needs.

All things are nice and clean, these things are supplied by Cowboy Church - Hand and Hand Ministries of Palmdale, if you would like to help us call 863-612-0640, if no answer leave message, God bless you.

Clewiston

Angelfood Ministry

The Clewiston Ministerial Association is taking orders for Angelfood ministry through Thursday, Jan. 14.

Open to everyone, Angelfood ministries provides about \$60 worth of food for \$30. January menus can be found and orders

made at the Salvation Army, First United Methodist Church, New Harvest Church, Calvary Baptist Church, and the Iglesias de Dios Pentecostal Church.

More church and community sites are expected in the future. People can also order online at Angelfoodministries.com.

Foodstamps accepted.

Call Alice at 863-983-5269 with questions or for orders.

Pickup will be Saturday, Jan. 23, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Clewiston Gospel Ministries Yard Sale

Clewiston Gospel Ministries will be having a Yard Sale on Friday, Jan. 15 beginning at 1 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 16 beginning at 8 a.m. located at 6800 Flaghole Road.

This event is to benefit Billy (Bo) Gray. All donations are welcome.

There will also be a bake sale and car wash if weather permits. Items include furniture, clothing, tools, knick/knacks, toys, and just a little of everything.

For further information please contact Gene at 863-983-4437 or 863-228-5417.

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6th Annual Hallelujah Hoedown!

First Christian Church, 201 N. Francisco St., will be having its 6th Annual Hallelujah Hoedown, Jan. 22-24, 7 p.m. each evening.

This year, as in the past, J. D. Miller will be the Emcee and Kenny Speakes will be the Humorist Speaker.

Jackie Miller, Minister of First Christian, will lead the singing between the different performers.

This year's performers include, "The Messenger's Quartet" of Lexington, Ky., The Diggle Family of Lexington, Ky., Lowell Mason, known as "The World's Smallest Gospel Singer," The Cornwell Twins, Aaron Roberts, Jerry Trammell, The Ky. Hillbillies, Artie and Dora Carnes and The Church Choir. There will be a different program each night.

With the church's recent expanded facilities and parking lot they hope to seat over 200 for each service.

Free tickets are available by calling 863-983-1804.

Starting January 2010 our food pantry ministry "Loaves and Fish" will be distributing food to families in need from our Outreach Center from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. every 1st and third Wednesday.

Lyver's Fund At First Christian

On Jan. 8th the mobile home of Bob and Linda Lyers was gutted by fire.

They lost most of their personal belongings. The Lyvers have two children Jesse, age 13, and Katie, age 15.

The Red Cross made it possible for them to stay in a motel for a few days and gave them clothing allowances.

Judy Vann is allowing them to stay in rental property until they get another home.

First Christian Church has started a Fund to help the Lyvers with their needs.

There is an immediate need for beds and bedding. If you would like to help with this emergency you may make your checks payable to "First Christian Church" For Lyver's Fund.

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Religious columns

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen - period!!!

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

Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

I've listened to people say "Happy Holidays" and there have been times during the Christmas season (Yes, I said "Christmas" season) when they've greeted me that way. People usually know that I believe in celebrating Christmas and, curiously, some of those who greeted me with "Happy Holidays" also share my faith!

I imagine that a generic expression of good will is better than none; but there is a time when sharing oneself is even better. I've been called upon to give prayers, usually blessings and invocations, at meetings and public events. It happens to all clergy.

The reason may go back to their being the most appropriate ones to express the sentiments, thoughts, reflections of the group for asking God's presence-blessing-intervention-guidance.

At this point, the choice is to be "generic" or "who I am and what makes me the one who may be the most appropriate person in the room to offer such a prayer. I take it that, when asked, I am called upon to bring all of the resources, traditions, thoughts to bear on what I have to offer.

It isn't "Do you want a watered-down version of me" but "I am honored by your calling on me-I'll do my best to be who I am for you." On many occasions, I've been in the presence of others who do not share my faith: their leading in prayer can be quite edifying and I accept and adapt what is offered.

I've attended worship occasions in American languages; not understanding a word of what was offered; I shared in the tenor of the service but I did not know or understand the context of the service.

Likewise, when I've attended services in German; getting some words here and there; and drawing as much as I could because I wanted to be at least in part contributing to the communal worship where I found myself.

I do better in French; where I've spent time building a Church in that language; and certainly better in English. The messages throughout are "The doors are open; come and share our ways of doing things, our beliefs, our message."

My tacit reply is "Thank you, I will, but please don't water it down because I am with you today." My tradition includes the One who says "I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10.)"

Wish me a "Happy whatever..." and I will see that it comes from who you are; I'll adapt it, accept it as offered with my own understandings, take it as a good will intention on your part. But don't offer me something less; that's not really who you are or who I really am. From our traditions we should have respect for the beliefs of others and this is how it should be; but in turn we should be

respected as well. Enough said!

Everyone Needs a Buddy

By Pastor John Hicks

First United Methodist Church

I wonder if the Scripture saying "whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me" applies to animals?

Buddy came into our lives riding in the engine block of a delivery truck to the church. When the truck left, I thought at first the kitten had been run over. I picked him up by the scruff of his neck and said, "Hey buddy, are you okay?" Fortunately, he was, and the name stuck.

I wasn't planning to keep Buddy, but we fell in love with him. Strangest of all, however, was that my dog Pepper adopted the kitten as her own. When you give yourself for the benefit of others, your life is enriched as is theirs.

So it is with Pepper and Buddy. She became his care-taker and protector. They still play with each other today, and Buddy learned to fetch and beg food like his adopted mom.

There is truth in the prayer of St. Francis where it states, "For it is in giving that we receive." Everyone needs a "buddy" to come into their lives. We receive a blessing when we encounter and help those in need that cross our path. We should pray for such opportunities. Be prepared, however, for God might answer our prayers in an unexpected way!

A pastor found a kitten up a tree in his backyard that was afraid to come down. The tree wasn't sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided to tie a rope to his car and the tree, and then back up until the tree bent over enough for him to reach the kitten.

But as he backed up, the rope broke and the tree snapped back, sending the kitten sailing through the air out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible and walked the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen the kitten. Nobody had, so he prayed, "Lord, I commit this kitten to your keeping," and then went back to work.

A few days later at the grocery store, he met one of his church members and happened to look in her shopping cart. Knowing she didn't like cats, he was surprised to see cat food in her cart, so he asked her about it.

She replied, "You won't believe this," and told him how her little girl had been begging for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her, "If God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She continued, "Pastor, I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Strange, weird, crazy, bazaar!

By Jackie Miller, Evangelist

First Christian Church

A fellow preacher that I admire reported that he recently typed in his name on an internet spot and when the reply came in it had his phone number and address

But the most amazing thing about the knowledge the computer had to say about him was the category under which he was listed. Above his name in large print it said PEOPLE WHO ARE STRANGE, WEIRD, CRAZY AND BAZAAR.

He wondered how they found out he belonged in that category. But when he found the source he was rather complimented that he was listed in this category. After all the opinion of the computer is the world view of things.

He said he could understand why he was listed as strange, weird, crazy and bazaar. For one thing he has the view that two men or two women getting married to each other is the most low down, rotten, stinking, thing that two humans could do.

The world view of this procedure is that it is an acceptable life style. So from the stand point in their view he was definitely strange, weird, crazy and bazaar.

For another thing he has the view that two people living together in what they call a relationship (shacked up) are immoral whoremongers and/or fornicators. Others excuse the problem by making the asinine remark: "But this is a new century." Since

this is the world view he said he really did belong in the category of strange, weird, crazy and bazaar.

Perhaps the view that he had of sports is the one that really does me in, he said. In my view America has made a god of sports. In ancient Rome one of the signs of decadence was the love of sports. Christians sometimes had to enter the arena to fight wild beasts. Today is the same only worse.

Ancient Christians did not want to be devoured by wild beasts, but modern Christians enjoy the ordeal. Some are devoured by the Nitany Lions. How about the Detroit Tigers. Then there are the Bengals, actually the Bengals don't do much damage.

Some arenas have a low budget and cannot afford lions and tigers so they use wildcats. I understand they turn five of them loose at one time. I will spare you the details of how some suffer as they go into the arena with the bears, the bulls, the rams, the bulls dogs and the gators.

He said, In my view most of the quote Christians unquote have a greater love for the lions, tigers, wildcats, bears, bulls, rams, bulldogs and gators, than they do for the LAMB.

And so, he said, dear friends it should come as no surprise that I found my name listed on the Internet in the category of those who are STRANGE, WEIRD, CRAZY, AND BAZAAR. All I can say is "Amen"!

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vesting corn and celery.

"Farming is the backbone of America. I see it as the basis of the economy and the foundation of our country. Without it, you could do nothing. I have respect for the farmers and laborers. I'm proud to be around it," Wynn said.

He observes and photographs the work-

ers in the field. He likes to capture the movement in his painting and agonizes over the details.

As he sits in the shop, he critiques his own work hanging on the walls. He points to a painting of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative Mill that he sketched at least four times.

"I don't usually get it right the first time."

Wynn has turned his collection of Glades area artwork into a calendar for the 2010 year. The calendars are available for pur-

chase, but he gives most of them away.

A customer enters the store to pick up his vehicle. Wynn greets the man with a hello and offers him a calendar. As Wynn walks out of the office, the man flips through the pages and admires the paintings.

"Peter is the man. He can do all kinds of stuff," he says.

Wynn believes it is important to capture the essence of the Glades area and communities.

"People love the art. They love their art.

Youth

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Its representatives don't ignore the issue.

"Teen violence throughout the U.S. has increased, not just in Belle Glade," said Mary O'Connor, CEO of the Boys and Girls club. "I believe the reason for the increase is the lack of opportunities and things to do for the kids. Children are being left unsupervised in situations with no one to guide them. That is not helping the problem, either."

The Boys and Girls club's programs deter teens from negative behaviors, including drug use, teen pregnancy, and teen violence. They specialize in six core areas: education and career choices, character building and leadership, sports and fitness, health and life skills, the arts, and technology.

In Mary O'Connor's 20 years of experience, she has noticed a drop in crime rate and a higher graduation rate of those who participated in the Boys and Girls club.

She encourages parents to take advantage of the program and what it offers.

"Pressure for boys not to be sissies in the community is another reason," he continued. "They turn to violence as a means of expressing themselves."

According to Mr. Jackson, more and more grandparents find themselves in the position of caring for their grandchildren, for any number of reason that the child's parents cannot. With their advanced age, many simply are unable to keep up with their grandchild's life.

These are the men and women who should be looked up to, and offered help, officials say.

"This is a problem that we all have to chip in to correct," said Mr. Jackson.

He urges area churches to participate.

"Churches need stop pointing fingers at the problem and start working together to find a solution," he said. "If each church commits to educating 5 or 10 teens, Belle Glade will experience a huge impact since there are churches on every street corner."

But he also pleads to teens.

"Kids need to learn how to be kind to one another ... start telling others when wrong is being done," he said.

But David says he isn't.

He has plans to return after he graduates from college to continue being an influence to children through music and ministry.

"My dad has influenced me in every way," he says. "Being able to see his passion and resiliency in the community has made me want to follow in my father's footsteps."

Warning Signs

While school programs, and after school programs are worthy in the fight against teen violence, they cannot do the whole job. Preventing violence depends mainly on understanding where and when it originates. Violent or aggressive behavior is learned early in life, which can escalate into more serious antisocial behaviors. The warning signs to onset anger management issues include:

- Frequent loss of temper over small issues
- Cruelty to animals

They see the birds, the corn. It's things they recognize," he said.

Wynn's artwork will be on display Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade. The exhibit will open at 6 p.m. and Wynn will be present.

For more information, contact the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 561-993-1160.

- Poor peer relationships and social isolations
- Gang affiliations
- Use of drugs and/or alcohol
- Witnessing abuse or violence in the home

Getting Help

Parents who see these warning signs in their children are encouraged to get help quickly for them. Arrange an appointment for him or her to see a qualified mental health professional with experience in working with adolescents and their families. The treatment typically focuses on helping teens to: learn how to control anger, be responsible for his/her actions, accept consequences and address family conflicts, school problems and community issues.

To find out more information about the warning signs and where to seek help check www.boystown.org or call 1-800-448-3000. There you can receive trained counselors, who can respond to your questions 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

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