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Two Fathers Die in Belle Glade Canal

Popular bass player had played at a wedding the night before he died

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

The deputy who spoke to Susana said he was not in charge of the case, but had been asked to visit with her because he spoke Spanish. He wore glasses and told the young mother that her husband, along with her brother, had plunged into a dark canal just outside of Belle Glade in a 1996 Chevrolet Beretta.

Susana had been searching for them since 8 p.m. that day, with the two having left 14 hours earlier to go fishing. The call came into the sheriff's office of the accident just past 8:30 that morning. She was worried because they had been drinking, and later on when she heard the ambulances zooming by, she felt a sinking feeling in her gut.

The deputy's visit after midnight brought an unwelcome resolution: Both were killed.

"Miss, I don't like delivering news like this," the deputy said.

For the next few minutes, no one said another word and they all cried together, including the sympathizing officer.

The two men who died on Sunday after their vehicle failed to maneuver a curve were Efrain Mojica Alcala, 27, and Esteban Rodriguez, 29. Susana was married to Efrain, and Esteban was her brother.

On Tuesday, with very little information from the sheriff's office – investigators had not

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PHOTO / JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA

Glades Day experienced heartbreak last Friday when they were defeated by the Clewiston Tigers on their home turf.

Clewiston Scores Road Win Over Glades Day

Glades Central wins epic battle in Delray Beach; Pahokee gets blown out by Delray Beach's other team

BY NAJI TOBIAS
The Sun

Hitch and go!

For the Clewiston Tigers, who came into their Sept. 16 road game against the Glades Day Gators with a 0-2 record, the above play call could go down as a season-changing breakthrough moment of sorts.

With just 11:18 left in the fourth quarter – Clewiston was already facing a 13-7 lead at this point – Glades Day's young secondary unit didn't

see it coming, but the Tigers lined up at Clewiston's 29-yard line to try out an end-zone pass.

Clewiston junior quarterback Tyler Clemmons, with the protection of his offensive lineman, threw a perfect pass to the left side as Tigers playmaker Ahmad Richards caught the pigskin and raced his way untouched into the end zone for a 20-7 lead and eventual win.

"I knew I was going to get it," Richards said of the game-winning catch. "It was a great play call by our coaches."

While that may have been the biggest play of the game, it wasn't the only one that went in favor for Clewiston.

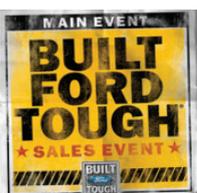
On the Tigers opening drive of the game, junior running back Virthavious Robinson and his offensive line unit set the tone very early, as he scored the game's first touchdown with 9:12 left in the first quarter – a 43-yard run down the

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Belle Glade Elementary is proud to start the 5th Grade Safety Patrol for 2011-12. The safety patrol has 45 members which demonstrate leadership qualities. They show excellent behavior and participate in a number of activities at our school. The Safety Patrol will be having fund raisers throughout the year to help pay for their annual trip to Washington D.C.

Pioneer Park Elementary

We will be holding our Annual Title I Family Involvement Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22. It will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. Lots of parent information will be given. We look forward to all our parents being present.

Pahokee Elementary

PES Celebrates Family Day with an International Flair

Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children, celebrated every year on the fourth Monday in September is a national initiative that promotes regular activities in parent-child communications and regular family dinners as simple and effective ways to reduce children's and teens' risk of smoking, drinking and using illegal drugs. Pahokee Elementary School in conjunction with Bridges of Pahokee will sponsor an International tasting affair to celebrate Family Day on Monday, Sept. 26, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. It's never too early or too late to start the tradition of regular family dinners with your children. Make dinnertime special by turning off the TV and not answering the phone during mealtime. If you'd like more information, please contact Mrs. Harper or Mrs. Harrison at 561-924-9700 or visit the Family Day website at www.casafamilyday.org.

Title I Annual Parent Meeting

Parents are invited to join us for our Annual Title I Parent Meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parents will receive information regarding the School Compact, Family Involvement Policy, and Parent's Right to Know. Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Abrams or Mr. McCormick at 561-924-9700.

While You're Here Volunteer

Educating our children takes everyone - parents, organizations, retirees, college students, business and military personnel. Pahokee Elementary School is looking for volunteers. Contact Mrs. Harrison or Mrs. Harper to find out how you can get involved.

Crossroads Academy

•New this year at Crossroads Academy is "Coffee" with Principal Diane Howard. This will be held in the media center on the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m.

"Coffee" will be open to all parent/guardians, grandparents, and community members so that we can share ideas, discuss concerns and socialize. Reminders will be sent out in advance to let everyone know when the "Coffee" will take place.

•Crossroads Academy's vision for 2011-2012 is that the school community will be informed, active and reflective and have conscientious citizens in the local and global arenas.

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They will always embrace diversity at Crossroads Academy and strive to understand that students come to use with a wide variety of learning needs that will be addressed so that all students will be successful.

Their expectation is that every student will succeed, and it is their responsibility to provide a safe learning environment with high academic standards.

Lake Shore Middle School

Lake Shore Middle School will be hosting its Annual Open House on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Parents and community members from the Tri-City area are invited to attend and participate in this momentous learning experience.

Lake Shore Middle is committed to excellence and is on a mission to "Facilitate the development of productive citizens, in a nurturing, student-centered environment."

All participants will have an opportunity to speak with the Guidance Counselors and teachers about the Pre-Engineering Academy, Pre-Medical Science Academy, and the many clubs and organizations that are being offered. The school's business partners will also be on site providing support, donations, and door-prizes.

Parents will be given the opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet their child's teacher.

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Gove Elementary School

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another fun year at Gove Elementary School. It is with great pleasure that we introduce Mr. Darren Edgecomb as our new Principal.

Mr. Edgecomb is a native of Belle Glade and we are thrilled to have him back in our community and as the leader of our school.

We also take this opportunity to welcome the following staff members who have joined our Gove family: Mrs. Huertas (K), Mr. Manzanero (1st), Ms. Core (2nd), Mrs. Guerry (2nd), Ms. Goldman (3rd), Dr. Russell (3rd), Mrs. Rimes (4th), Ms. Rice (4th), Mrs. Chapman (5th) and Mr. Greg Swerda (ITSA). We are looking forward to a great year filled with lots of learning for all!

Meet and Greet

On behalf of our faculty, we thank all of the parents and students who visited our school during "Meet and Greet" morning.

It was a great opportunity for the students to meet the teachers and to find their room prior to the first day of school.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Please call 561-993-0003, Ext. 8010 to schedule an appointment. They are located at 1500 N. W. Avenue L, Suite A in Belle Glade.

For more information about Florida Rural Legal Services and services provided please visit our website at www.frls.org.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

There will be a meeting on the second Thursday of the month on Oct. 13, and Nov. 12.

The meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 12

Over 645 signatures were collected during this first event of the school year.

Because of your participation, we had a "Fantastic" first week of school.

Parent and Community Involvement

Once again, we encourage all parents and community members to become "VIPs" by joining our Volunteer and Business Partnership Program.

This is a great opportunity to impact the academic life of a child by becoming a role model / mentor.

If you are interested in joining this elite group, please contact B. Alvarez or Sylvia Rodriguez, Coordinators, at your earliest convenience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Glades Day

Picture retakes and sports pictures will be taken on Thursday, Sept. 29.

Glades Central

•SAC meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except for the month of March. Date: TBD). All meetings begin at 6 p.m.

p.m. at the West County Senior Center in Belle Glade. For more information, call 561-289-8578.

Workforce Alliance

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SFWMD Adopts 2012 Budget That Reflects Core Mission Focus

70 percent of \$576.1 million budget invested in Everglades restoration and flood control

BY RANDY SMITH
SFWMD

At a public hearing tonight, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board adopted a \$576.1 million budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (Oct. 1, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2012). The annual budget funds the agency's core flood control and water supply missions as well as its continued progress to restore the South Florida ecosystem, which includes America's Everglades.

"The District successfully built a fiscally sound budget focused on core responsibilities to protect the quality of life for 7.7 million South Floridians and benefit a unique environment," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. "This austere budget lowers taxes for South Florida property owners while allowing the District to move forward with important projects that will restore and improve the South Florida ecosystem, including Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades."

The approved \$576.1 million budget contains a significant investment in the environment, including \$26 million appropriated by the Florida Legislature to help keep Everglades restoration progress on track. A full 70 percent of the FY2012 budget is dedicated to benefit restoration, protect South Florida's resources and enhance flood control operations.

Key highlights of the budget include:

- \$50 million for refurbishment of the regional flood control network of 2,600 miles of canals and levees.

- \$10.3 million to complete construction of stormwater treatment areas to further improve the quality of water flowing into the Everglades.

Since 2006, the District has invested more than \$270 million to expand the state's 45,000-acre network of treatment wetlands south of Lake Okeechobee by an additional 13,500 acres.

- \$38 million to initiate pump construction that will deliver water to help restore the Loxahatchee River and enhance water supplies.

- \$14.3 million to provide water storage in the northern Everglades through public-private partnerships.

- \$3.7 million to complete construction of the \$35.8 million Lakeside Ranch Stormwater Treatment Area that will clean water flowing into Lake Okeechobee.

- \$930,000 to substantially complete construction of the C-111 Spreader Canal and the first phase of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project. The District has invested close to \$36.5 million to construct these restoration projects that will benefit Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay and the Everglades.

- \$2 million to begin water quality treatment and storage projects in the Caloosahatchee watershed.

The District's annual budget is funded by a combination of ad valorem (property) taxes, and other sources such as federal, state and local revenue; licenses; permit fees; grants; agricultural taxes; investment income and bond proceeds. About 47 percent of the total FY2012 budget comes from property taxes.

The approved tax rates represent 43.6 cents per thousand dollars of value in 15 of the District's 16 counties (the Okeechobee Basin). For example, a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 (as-

essed value of \$150,000, less the \$50,000 homestead exemption) would see a total District tax bill of \$43.63.

For Collier County and mainland Monroe County (the Big Cypress Basin), the tax rates represent 34.2 cents per thousand dollars. A similar home in this region would see a tax bill of

\$34.18.

For the 19th consecutive year, the District has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award — the highest form of professional recognition in governmental budgeting.

Walk around Lake Okeechobee (the 2011 Big "O" Hike)

BY PAUL CUMMINGS

It's never too early to plan for this event.

During Thanksgiving week of November 2011, the Florida Trail Association will celebrate its 20th annual Big "O" Hike, a 9-day, 110-mile walk around Lake Okeechobee.

This is South Florida's biggest (non-fundraising) walking event and participants come from many areas of the United States and Canada.

On opening day this year, Nov. 19, walkers will begin at the Pahokee Marina and head north on the Herbert Hoover Dike.

There will be some variations this year due to Corps of Engineer construction projects.

Nine days later the walkers will somehow return to the starting point.

The purpose of the walk is threefold:

- To draw attention to Lake Okeechobee and the communities around the lake

- To highlight the Lake Okeechobee section of the Florida National Scenic Trail

- To introduce people to walking as an enjoyable and healthful pastime.

The walkers support the local economies by spending thousands of dollars each year in campgrounds, restaurants, gas stations, and retail outlets.

This year the event is being sponsored by the members of the Loxahatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association.

Please spread the word about this upcoming event.

Florida Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.52/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.61/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 84.5 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 3.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has increased 2.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 88.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"It took the end of summer for a drop in retail gasoline prices, but I'm sure motorists won't complain that we're finally seeing some drops in prices," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst. "We've seen wholesale prices continue to be somewhat volatile, but I believe as we enter October we'll see markets slowly quiet down with retail gasoline prices falling to \$3.35-\$3.55 on average by Thanksgiving, with the exception being typical hotspots on the West Coast," DeHaan adds.

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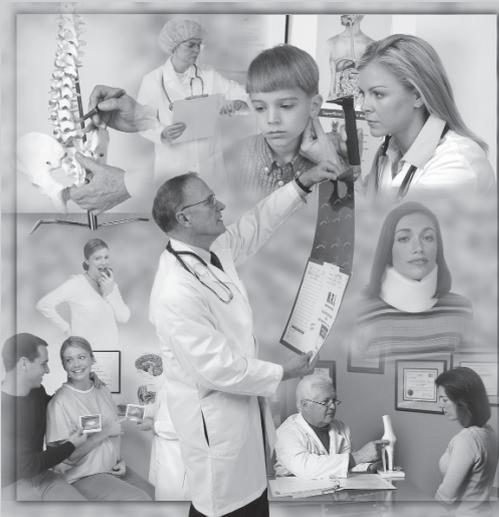
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Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 8am. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. East wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.



Friday Night:
A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 77. South wind between 6 and 8 mph.



Sunday:
A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89.



Thursday Night:
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. Southeast wind between 7 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.



Saturday:
A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming southeast between 4 and 7 mph.



Sunday Night:
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 78. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.



Friday:
A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 7 and 10 mph.



Saturday Night:
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Monday:
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Tracking Your Spending

The third in a five-part series

BY DOTTIE COOK
Empowerment Alliance of SW Florida

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

In the previous article we went through the steps of building a budget. Next is the important step of tracking your spending during the month to see exactly where your income goes.

This can be done on paper, computer, or even some phone applications that help you track expenses. No matter what method you use, be sure to write down or record the date, amount you spent, and what you bought. This is made easier if you have columns on your paper or spreadsheet that you can enter the expenses under.

That way at the end of the month you can add up the numbers in each column and compare the amount you spent against your items in your budget to know how you are doing.

The purpose of tracking spending is to see where our money really goes. At the end of the month, see if you have any surprises in terms of what you spent.

For example, many of us don't realize how much we spend on eating out with friends or picking up fast food for our family. But even at \$6/day for lunch each work day, you would end up spending about \$120/month or \$1,440/year.

However, the purpose of a budget is not to cut out all non-essential items that you enjoy. If you do that, staying on your budget will be too hard and you'll stop trying.

Rather, leave money for some things you enjoy in your budget but do them in moderation based on what you can afford, or save them as special treats to reward yourself when you reach certain goals. In the example above, maybe you want to bring your lunch some days and save eating out with your friends for special days of the week.

The first month of using a budget you may find your spending is very different than what you budgeted. Use your spending record to review your budget and make adjustments to categories that were too high or low. But remember to look for other expenses to cut if you have to raise the budgeted amount for some.

This is also the time to think about your needs versus your wants. A need is something you must have like food, a safe place to live, and similar things.

On the other hand, wants are things that are nice to have but aren't absolutely necessary. These may include a newer car when your old one is still running fine. But if your budget is already tight, you will need to wait to buy these wants until you save enough money or until your income has increased.

As you consider new purchases, take time to stop and think about them. If they are items you want rather than need, think about whether you have the money to pay for them and what you will have to give up to purchase these items now.

The goal is to stop and think about your purchases rather than buying something impulsively or without considering all the costs.

As you go through the next month, track your spending again using your adjusted budget. Remember to stay focused on your goals. When it gets hard to stay on budget and not spend that extra money for something you really want but don't necessarily need, think back to your goals.

Think about why you're trying to save money and what that will allow you to do when you reach that goal. Maybe it's buying a new car or paying off a credit card. Think about how you'll feel when you accomplish that goal and let that help motivate you to stay on your budget.

Next week we'll continue our series and cover ways to save money.

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OBITUARIES

Charlotte Riser Pflum, 82

MELBOURNE — Charlotte Riser Pflum, age 82, of Melbourne, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at the home of her youngest daughter, Andrea Pflum, in Clewiston.

Charlotte was born Aug. 4, 1929, in Dixon, Ill. She married William F. Pflum on April 10, 1948, in Shelbyville, Ind. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She moved to Clewiston in February of 1974. Charlotte worked as a dispatcher for the Clewiston Police Department for many years and then at City Hall in the Utilities Department until her retirement in 1992. After her retirement, she was active as a Pink Lady Volunteer at Hendry General Hospital.

She moved to Melbourne in 1999 and attended CrossRoads Community Church, where she was active in Women of CrossRoads and Crafters. She also enjoyed her membership in the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by three daughters, Paula Balestra (Ray) of Indian Harbour Beach, Anita Bischel (Harold-deceased) of LaBelle, and Andrea D. Pflum of Clewiston; two sons, William Keith Pflum (Cynthia) and Eric S. Pflum (Mary), both of Clewiston; three grandsons, William J. Bischel (Nancy), Jason S. Bischel, and Christopher N. Balestra; and one great-grandson, Jacob W. Bischel; four sisters, Ruth Newcomb, Jean Swails, Jacqueline Bruner, Carol Osborne; and two brothers, Vern Riser and Donald Riser.

Her memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at the Clewiston Church of God, with Pastor Kurt Owen and Rev. Cliff Gobble officiating.

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

David Beck Thomas, 44

CLEWISTON — On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, David Beck Thomas, also known as "Doc", left this world to continue on in a better place at the age of 44. His life was full of adventure and excitement and he always put his family first.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Teddy and Wanda Faye Beck; and a sister, Julie.

Survivors include brothers, Charlie and Joey; sisters, Donna, Vicki, Carol and Jenny; children, Derek and Linda; and grandchildren, Serenity, Charisma, and Cherrish.

Visitation and services were held at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home on Friday, Sept. 16, 2011. Interment followed at Ortona Cemetery.

Friends may send online condolences at www.buxtonseawinds.com.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.



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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Bald Eagle

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry Glades Audubon

The plumage of immature Bald Eagles, three years old or younger is mostly brown speckled with white. Bald Eagles' main diet is fish, but they will eat carrion, birds and small animals.

The United States' national emblem, the Bald Eagle, was once threatened with extinction. Through re-introduction efforts, habitat management and protection under the Endangered Species Act they have made a remarkable recovery.

Some Eagles are year-round Florida residents, however many head north in the spring and return in the fall to nest.

Florida has the third largest breeding population of Bald Eagles following Alaska and Minnesota. It is estimated that there are more than 1,100 breeding pairs of Bald Eagles in Florida.

The adult Bald Eagle is a large raptor with brown plumage and an all white head. They have a long white slightly wedge-shaped tail. This magnificent bird is not actually bald.

"Bald" is derived from an older meaning of the word "piebald" which means "white-headed." Its large hooked beak and feet are bright yellow. The legs are featherless and toes are short with large powerful talons. Their average lifespan in the wild is about 20 years. Vocalization is a high-pitched whistling or piping sound.

Huge nests of branches and twigs are usually built in a tall pine tree near water, but oaks are sometime used.

Their nests are often lined with fresh moss, grasses and leaves. Eggs are incubated for 32 to 34 days with young fledging at 10 to 12 weeks.



Margaret England

Watch the sky for these powerful flyers soaring and gliding overhead. Eagles are being reported returning to their nests in inland Florida.

If you would like to participate in the Oct. 15 birding trip to STA5, e-mail Margaret England sta5birding@embarqmail.com.

Include your name and contact information including an emergency cell number, the date you want to participate, and the number of people in your party.

You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. For a schedule of

STA5 trips through December 2012 and upcoming Hendry-Glades Audubon programs. Visit the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org

Please submit high resolution photos of common fall birds that can be featured in future articles.

Photographers will be given credit for their submission. Duck, wintering birds, Turkey, Vultures and Owls will be showcased in upcoming months.

You are invited to share your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



PHOTO / KEN CORREGAN

Adult Bald Eagle.

BUDGET SUMMARY

City of Clewiston - Fiscal Year 2011-2012

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON ARE **6.9% LESS** THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Millage per \$1,000

General Fund 6.221

	General Fund	CRA Fund	Grant Fund	Electric Fund	Water/Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total Budget
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
Taxes:	Millage per \$1,000						
Ad Valorem Taxes	6.221						1,182,416
Sales and Use Taxes							1,394,613
Licenses and Permits					88,704		373,455
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,551,140	0	107,972		20,000		2,679,112
Charges for Services	1,179,304			12,231,748	3,595,745	1,040,675	18,047,472
Fines & Forfeitures	233,900			35,000			268,900
Miscellaneous Revenues	104,576		600	20,000	23,000	1,600	149,776
Non-Revenues	200,000			44,401			244,401
TOTAL REVENUES	7,130,700	0	108,572	12,331,149	3,727,449	1,042,275	24,340,145
Reserves	682,595	70,500	77,000	150,000	375,000	110,000	1,465,095
TOTAL REVENUES and RESERVES	7,813,295	70,500	185,572	12,481,149	4,102,449	1,152,275	25,805,240
EXPENDITURES:							
General Government	1,400,075	500					1,400,575
Public Safety	2,719,427						2,719,427
Physical Environment	1,672,165	70,000		12,481,149	4,102,449	1,152,275	19,478,038
Culture and Recreation	2,021,628		185,572				2,207,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,813,295	70,500	185,572	12,481,149	4,102,449	1,152,275	25,805,240

The tentative, adopted, and / or final budgets are on file in the office of the above mentioned taxing authority as a public record.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Clewiston has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

A public hearing to make a Final Decision on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

September 26, 2011

at 5:30 pm

at

Commission Chambers

Clewiston City Hall

115 West Ventura Avenue

Clewiston, Florida 33440

RELIGION COLUMNS

Something Worth Pondering

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Life is full of questions and oddities which most people don't take time to contemplate. But I'm not most people. There are some things that just start my inquiring mind wondering.

For instance, if you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done? When dog food tastes new and improved, who tested it? What if there were no hypothetical questions? Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

And there's more. Why do they

put Braille on the drive through bank machines? If man evolved from apes why do we still have apes? What hair color do they put on the driver's license of a bald man? And inquiring minds want to know: Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways? If a man stands in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him, is he still wrong? What was the best thing before sliced bread? But it's not just about questions. Throughout our lives we encounter statements which also invite further contemplation. For example: Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape. Growing old is inevitable. Growing up is optional. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.

From a faith perspective: You are the light of the world. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts. Atheism is a non-prophet organization. He who dies with the most toys is still dead. If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

We all need to step back and regain perspective once in a while. Consider this statement from A.W. Tozer: "A real Christian is an odd number. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another; empties himself in order to be filled; admits he is wrong so he cannot be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest; richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible; hears the inau-

divible; and knows that which passes knowledge." That's definitely something worth pondering!

Silver and Gold

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

Being in hard times, people have their share of difficulties making ends meet. Churches are often called upon to help people who suddenly find themselves in dire straits.

Often they're sent from other agencies or service centers and advised to seek help through religious bodies in communities. I do what I can, and I am know that others do likewise.

Often I am at a loss where to send people to get help; my resources are too limited to meet many of the needs that are brought to our doorstep. Many times, when I've suggested something, it is evident that the person has already tried there without success.

There are no shortages of legitimate needs for housing, utilities, food, rent, payments among persons who suddenly find themselves out of work or burdened with unplanned-for expenses. The Biblical account found in Acts (chapter 3, verses 1ff) struck a chord as I re-read it one day. A beggar confronted Peter and John, crippled from birth and seeking money.

His handicap must have kept him from thinking about what he might do in spite of it, so he goes to where people congregate seeking some extra change. Peter told him, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, walk (verse 6)"; then he took the man by the hand and helped him up. There could be many interpretations of this moment; maybe it's possible that Peter and John helped the man to try something he had not tried before. The miracle might have been in causing the beggar to have faith in his own abilities; the power was within himself but he didn't know it. Many times that has been the message from those who try to spread the meager resources entrusted to them; money is very, very short but help may be in finding another way than the usual ones already tried.

What hasn't been tried before? Who else might be able to help? Where haven't you sought?

Can I ask on your behalf hoping that I might get through to someone who has said "no" in the past? Whatever the difficulty, the gift of showing life can be complete in spite of it is what can finally make all of the difference. Those who do well are not those with no problems; they've learned that God gives us the power within to go forward in spite of them.

I've found in the Biblical healing accounts that there is always something aside from saying "Here, you're fixed" and that may be more important than just the physical change.

Often there is a revelation about finding faith in the person healed, the recognition of more than what is first seen, that the person is made whole and not simply "healed." May we all work together, and especially in these times of great need, to bring wholeness even when our resources are very limited. I hope I do my part.

Parents and Children

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

Parents are responsible to train their children. This is done in two ways: By teaching them right from wrong and by setting a proper example by always doing the right thing.

The latter is the most important because: "What you are speaks so loud that I can't hear a word you say." Parents need to teach their children "responsibility." Here's a list of things a parent should instruct their children as to what they can and cannot do.

1. I can share your life, but I cannot live it for you.

2. I can teach you things, but I cannot make

you learn.

3. I can give you directions, but I cannot always lead you.

4. I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for it.

5. I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.

6. I can teach your right from wrong, but I cannot decide for you.

7. I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

8. I can teach you to be a friend, but I cannot make you one.

9. I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

10. I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

11. I can tell you the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.

12. I can tell you about lofty goals, but I cannot achieve them for you.

13. I can teach you to obey, but I cannot answer for your actions.

14. I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make your morals.

15. I can love you as my child, but I cannot place you in God's family.

16. I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.

17. I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make him your Savior.

18. I can teach you about prayer, but I cannot make you pray.

19. I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal Life.

I would advise every parent to sit down with their children and go over these 19 things.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy \$11,679,674

B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes \$ 43,826

C. Actual property tax levy \$11,635,848

This year's proposed tax levy \$12,464,719

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

5:30 P.M.

at

HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
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Unemployment Rate Drops Slightly in Palm Beach County

Palm Beach County's unemployment rate for August 2011 was 11.0 percent – down 0.2 percentage points from the July 2011 rate of 11.2 percent – and a 1.3 percentage point decrease from the August 2010 rate of 12.3 percent, according to information provided today by Workforce Alliance and the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation. The state unemployment rate for August 2011 was 10.9 percent and the national rate was 9.1 percent.

"It's encouraging to note that Palm Beach County experienced its largest over-the-year employment increase of 2011, adding 8,100 jobs over the last 12 months, and job openings have increased 12.6 percent compared to this same time last year," said Steve Craig, interim chief executive officer of Workforce Alliance, the non-profit organization chartered by the State of Florida to create and lead workforce development in Palm Beach County.

Palm Beach County experienced employment growth in six industry categories over the last 12 months, including include leisure and hospitality (+5,700 jobs), education and health services (+4,100 jobs), professional and business services (+1,700 jobs), other services (+400 jobs), transportation/warehousing (+300 jobs), and financial activities (+100 jobs). Job losses over the same period were primarily in wholesale and retail trade (-1,800 jobs), construction (-1,000 jobs) government (-900 jobs), and information (-500 jobs).

There also were 14,978 advertised job openings in Palm Beach County in August 2011, an

increase of 1,671 jobs (+12.6 percent) from August 2010. Job openings bottomed out in January 2009 in Palm Beach County, with demand increasing by 5,301 openings since then.

In the most recent program year (July 2010 to June 2011), Workforce Alliance placed 12,771 candidates in jobs – a record number and a 19 percent increase compared to the previous year. Besides helping record numbers of area job seekers enter or re-enter the job market, Workforce Alliance helps improve the economy by providing services to employers and funding training programs that upgrade the job skills of current workers. These services include recruitment, assessments and referrals of qualified job candidates; space for screening/interviewing candidates; grants for training new or existing employees; and outplacement assistance.

On average, more than 11,000 visitors each month are being helped by specialized services that are provided at the three Workforce Alliance Career Centers and two Executive Transition Units. The centers offer free workshops and other resources for job search and job skills training, career development and consulting.

Workforce Alliance Career Centers offer more than 100 classes and workshops each month on topics such as basic computer skills, how to search online for jobs, resume writing and effective job interviewing techniques. There is no cost for the classes and the monthly schedules are posted on the Workforce Alliance website at www.pbcalliance.com.



Submitted Photo

Rosenwald Dads

A special thanks to Rosenwald Dads who brought their child to school. Dad's play an important role at Rosenwald Elementary School.

Budget Summary								
County of Hendry - Fiscal Year 2011/2012								
General Fund	7.2894							
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	ENTERPRISE FUND	PERMANENT FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES								
Taxes: Millage Per \$1,000								
Ad Valorem Taxes 7.2894	12,464,719							\$12,464,719
Sales and Use Taxes	410,405	8,385,645		1,939,565				\$10,735,615
Charges for Services	774,100	2,160,350		70,000	1,315,000			\$4,319,450
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,533,882	8,133,089		25,000				\$13,691,971
Fines & Forfeitures								\$0
Miscellaneous Revenue	456,450	98,147		0	16,000			\$570,597
Licenses and Permits	271,000							\$271,000
Internal Service Charges								\$0
TOTAL SOURCES	19,910,556	18,777,231	0	2,034,565	1,331,000	0	0	\$42,053,352
Transfers In	3,386,419	0		0				\$3,386,419
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	1,030,000	19,270,909		1,938,680	180,650			\$22,420,239
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$24,326,975	\$38,048,140	\$0	\$3,973,245	\$1,511,650	\$0	\$0	\$67,860,010
EXPENDITURES								
General Government	7,137,933	0						\$7,137,933
Public Safety	13,789,767	1,444,924						\$15,234,691
Physical Environment	2,034,027	6,380,930		517,878	988,370			\$9,921,205
Transportation		16,688,533						\$16,688,533
Human Services	575,161	647,592						\$1,222,753
Recreation Department		735,845						\$735,845
Debt Services	40,000				479,430			\$519,430
Court Related Expenditures		429,356						\$429,356
Internal Services								\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$23,576,888	\$26,327,180	\$0	\$517,878	\$1,467,800	\$0	\$0	\$51,889,746
Transfers Out		1,231,648						\$3,386,419
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	750,087	10,489,312		1,300,596	43,850			\$12,583,845
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$24,326,975	\$38,048,140	\$0	\$3,973,245	\$1,511,650	\$0	\$0	\$67,860,010
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$24,326,975	\$38,048,140	\$0	\$3,973,245	\$1,511,650	\$0	\$0	\$67,860,010

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Glades Day

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middle of the field for a 6-0 lead.

"Virthavious told us he was going to come in and execute," Clewiston senior tight end/linebacker Chauncey Thicklin said of Robinson's rushing score. "Our offensive line came up with some good blocks on that play and he just came through."

The Tigers scored their second touchdown early in the second quarter, courtesy of a 47-yard run to the end zone by fellow junior running back DeMarcus Terry. Clewiston stretched its lead to 13-0 at that juncture and never trailed in the game.

"This is the combination we believed would take us to the next level," Clewiston Tigers head coach Joseph Roth said. "I thought we ran the football really well. We're very pleased with the efforts all our guys put out there on the field. It was a great victory over a good football team."

Clewiston overcame three turnovers on offense, including two lost fumbles from Robinson and an end-of-first half interception by Clemmons. The Tigers also made some big stops on defense, including a crucial pass breakup by Richards with 7:29 left in the first half.

On fourth-and-1 from the Clewiston 3-yard line, Glades Day senior quarterback John Barr threw a fade pass to senior wideout Steven Williams, who seemed to be in prime position to cut Clewiston's lead to 13-6 at that point.

But Richards covered Williams well enough to prevent the potential score, as Clewiston got the ball back after Glades Day's turnover on downs.

"We didn't want to give up the big play," Roth said. "That was one thing we knew we needed to do if we were going to win this game."

Glades Day's only score of the game occurred on a 2-yard run by junior running back Nigel Allen with 22 seconds left in the first half, as the Gators cut Clewiston's lead to 13-7.

Though Glades Day did play relatively tough throughout the game, it seemed as if they couldn't overcome the unavailability of junior running back Kelvin Taylor. The playmaker was ruled out of the game with a migraine headache, according to head coach Pete Walker.

"We missed Kelvin, but we had our opportunities," Walker said. "We had our chances to score, but we just didn't get the job done."

Notes: Clewiston and Glades Day left the game with 1-2 overall records each.

Clewiston will be playing its first District 6-4A game at home on Friday, Sept. 23 vs. Gateway Charter, while Glades Day will travel to Dwyer

High School in Palm Beach Gardens on Saturday, Sept. 24 for its first District 7-2A game against Jupiter Christian.

Clewiston posted its first win against Glades Day since their epic 2008 matchup – a 30-24 win at home. Glades Day came out on top in 2009 with a 39-0 home win and scored a 29-20 road win in Clewiston last season.

Glades Central 41, American Heritage 34 (OT): In what was deemed by many in Palm Beach County as the most exciting game so far this season, Raiders junior running back Arron Baker's 10-yard touchdown run in overtime sealed the win for the state's No. 6 overall team.

Down 34-27 late in the fourth quarter, Glades Central senior quarterback Tanner Redish (17-for-26 passing, 241 yards, 4 TD, 1 INT) led his team down the field and found junior triple-threat William Likely for a 9-yard touchdown. It gave Glades Central new life, as the road team effectively sent the game into an extra period.

Raiders senior John Brockman ran back an interception return for a touchdown in the first half, as his score played a part in Glades Central's 27-10 halftime lead over the Stallions in Delray Beach.

But the Delray Beach-based team, who will be hosting fellow District 7-3A opponent Pahokee on Friday, Sept. 30, staged a furious second-half rally, led by junior running back Greg Bryant (202 rushing yards and two touchdowns; one in the third quarter) and senior quarterback Marcus Davis (rushing touchdown in the fourth).

For the game, Redish threw two touchdown passes to Likely, one to Baker and another to Jaime Wilson – three of those scores came in the first half, with the exception of Likely's big play toward the end of regulation.

The Raiders, now ranked No. 60 in the RivalsHigh100 national high school poll, will get a much-welcomed break as they enjoy a bye week after playing their first three games in a span of 10 days.

Glades Central, 3-0 overall, doesn't play again until Sept. 30, when the Muck's top overall team hosts Boca Raton.

Atlantic 49, Pahokee Blue Devils sophomore playmaker Derry Brown scored on a 1-yard run to give his team an early 8-0 lead over the Atlantic Eagles. But the Delray Beach squad – the only Palm Beach County team in recent memory to beat both Pahokee and Glades Central in the same calendar year – scored 21 unanswered points to finish the first quarter, including a 13-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback A.J. Puento (2 TD passes in the game) to wideout Adly Enocoy.

Pahokee's other score came in the second quarter, courtesy of a 7-yard pass from Brown to senior wideout Shaquille White. The Blue Devils, who played their best game of the season thus far, went into halftime with a 21-16 deficit.



PHOTO / IBRAHIM ALAVA

But Atlantic scored the game's final four touchdowns, including another Puento touchdown pass in the third quarter – this time to senior receiver Chad Ward on a 48-yarder.

It was Atlantic's first win over Pahokee in their last three meetings – Pahokee won at home in 2009 with a 13-6 win and came out on top again last season with a 13-12 road win.

This year's game was played at Anquan Boldin Stadium on Friday, Sept. 16.

Pahokee's next game is on Friday, Sept. 23 against Benjamin at home. Currently with a 0-3 overall record, the Blue Devils will try to win their first District 7-3A game tomorrow night before traveling south to American Heritage (Delray Beach).

Pahokee will be a heavy underdog in next week's District 7-3A matchup with the Stallions, which makes tomorrow night's game a very important one to win.

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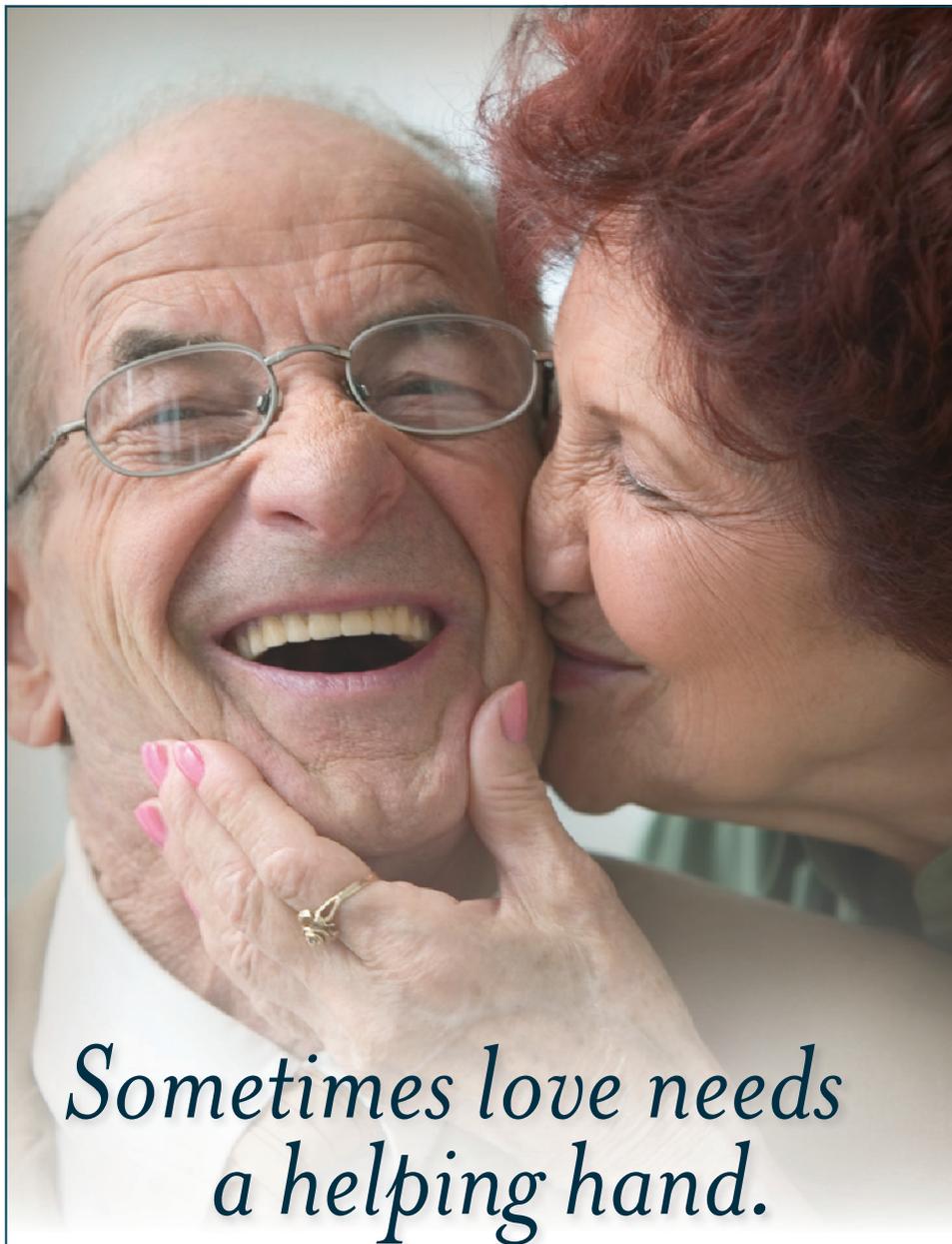
PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

Glades Day's coaching team hit the whiteboard early in the game, but were not able to route the Tigers, who scored an unlikely win last Friday night.



PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

Glades Day staff looked on in anticipation as the Tigers drew closer to their endzone.



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Fathers

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returned calls to the family since that Sunday -- Susana and her friends and family remembered the two men. Efrain was the more convivial one of the two, according to friends. He played the bass guitar in an amateur band, 'Los Infieles,' and played with them on Friday for the inaugural dance at a local ballroom. The next day, he played at his brother's wedding, and capped off the evening dancing with his mother.

"He was a lovely person," said Tomasa Rodarte, a friend of the family's. "He was a friend to a lot of people. He was a happy young man."

Efrain worked for years as a farmworker, planting sugarcane by hand. His co-workers remember how, while doing this, he would sing to them, too. He recently got a more steady construction job, and looked forward to being employed the entire year. Most of all, he will be missed by residents of the small cluster of trailer homes on Canal Street in Belle Glade, where an energetic Efrain gathered his band and offered serenades to the people. Music flowed from the poor area neighborhood.

One of the men who played alongside Efrain was his father, Guadalupe, who handled the accordion.

To him, Efrain was still a kid; the same light-hearted son who never took matters too seriously and followed his father everywhere.

"He was my right-hand man," said Guadalupe. "I'm just sad because he was always my little boy. I frequented him more. I took care of him more."

When he would arrive home from work to find Efrain there, Efrain would ask jokingly:



PHOTO / JOSE ZARAGOZA

Susana and Guadalupe show a photo of Efrain's children.

"Dad, what did you bring me this time? Is it a hat? What did you bring me?"

Efrain might ask for \$20, and Guadalupe smiles when he remembers that he never saw those \$20 again.

"He was like a little boy to me, always," he said.

Esteban was more serious. He had two daughters of his own, and a wife. He never liked to get in trouble, but he and his brother-in-law were inseparable. That morning before he left alone, Efrain overheard and decided to tag along. "I'll go with you 'cunado,'" he told Esteban.

Moving On

After deputies broke the news, they handed the family a bag of personal possessions that had been recovered from the canal. The two men were wearing their wide-brimmed hats and watches.

The bag contained a lighter and a small copper-plated chain. Funeral preparations were being made even before the family was allowed to identify the bodies. They said they would most likely see the bodies before burial, and lamented that their language barrier was making it difficult to communicate with the sheriff's office.

"These are people of little resources, but they shouldn't be treated badly," said Tomasa, who helped the family to make phone calls to the lead investigator. They were told he was busy, or in a meeting, and their calls were not returned. For Susana, the heartbreak of losing two loved ones was to be challenged by the heartbreak of her children. Isabel, their oldest daughter, is seven years old; Isaura is three and Yaneli, the youngest, is just seven months old. Jose, their only son, is two. The children ask for their father. One of them thinks he might be in jail. Another runs out to the street in front of their home because the last thing her father said to her was, "I'll be back, darling. I'm going to the store."

The three-year-old was especially close to her father.

"He would always take her to the store, everywhere he went, and she goes outside because she's waiting for him," said Tomasa.

And then sometimes, when the visit to the store seems too long to believe, the three-year-old wonders if he is okay. Susana cannot find the strength to tell her the truth, and she tries to keep composure in front of her.

"Yesterday, Isaura was asking me to take her to her daddy. She said he was in the hospital and he was very sick because he smoked."

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.

Faith L. Crawford, 37



- Aggravated battery, caused bodily harm or disability
- Arrested Sept. 16 by DS R. Escarra

Franklin N. Washington, 17



- Aggravated assault, w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Sept. 18 by DS Horne

Rodney Kenyon Slydell, 32



- Robbery, sudden snatching w/o firearm or weapon
- Arrested Sept. 15 by DS K. Foster

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Hendry County Hospital Authority has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy.....\$5,256,447
 B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$ 18,637
 C. Actual property tax levy.....\$5,237,810

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$6,729,412

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on.

**September 26th
 5:30 pm
 at
 Hendry Regional Medical Center
 Conference Room
 524 W. Sagamore Ave
 Clewiston FL 33440**

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

HENDRY COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BUDGET SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 9/30/2012

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF HENDRY COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY ARE 7.6% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

**GENERAL FUND 3.261 mills
 DEBT FUND 0.64 mills**

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGETED INCOME STATEMENT

	GENERAL FUND 3.261	DEBT FUND 0.64	TOTAL ALL FUNDS 3.901 mills
Net Receipts from AD Valorem Taxes Millage per \$1,000	\$5,324,935	\$1,045,065	\$6,370,000
Total Hospital Gross Revenue	64,379,674		64,379,674
Medicare and Medicaid	17,894,564		17,894,564
Charity Care	3,564,350		3,564,350
All other deductions	12,208,249		12,208,249
Provision for Bad Debts	9,441,163		9,441,163
Less Total Deductions From revenue	43,108,327		43,108,327
Net Revenue From Patients	21,271,347		21,271,347
Other Operating Income	587,250		587,250
Net Income	27,183,532	1,045,065	28,228,597
EXPENSES			
Wages and Benefits	14,687,761		14,687,761
Supplies and rental exp	2,488,825		2,488,825
Professional Fees	1,721,600		1,721,600
Utilities	592,500		592,500
Repairs and Other Expenses	5,788,440		5,788,440
Depreciation	2,250,000		2,250,000
Debt Services	151,356	1,044,789	1,196,145
Operating Expenses	27,680,482	1,044,789	28,725,271
Gain of (Loss) from Operations	(496,950)	276	(496,674)
Non operating Income - Restricted	0		0
Reserve for future growth and new services	(\$496,950)	\$276	(\$496,674)

THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED, AND/OR, FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

Tips to Save Water and Energy at Home

BY STATEPOINT

More Americans than ever before are striving to be environmentally-friendly these days. Not only does conserving water and energy help reduce our imprint on the planet, it can also ease the burden on our wallets.

"Many Americans now are finding new and innovative ways to save on water and energy costs in their homes without sacrificing the type of lifestyle they're used to," says Tom Moskitis, Executive Director of the Council for Responsible Energy. "Little changes can go a long way."

Wash Full Loads

When it comes to dishes and laundry, wait until you have a full load before running the appliance. And use cold water for laundry and air dry dishes when you can.

Heat With Natural Gas

A gas water heater can heat water up to twice as fast as an electric one. And a natural gas water heater emits up to half the carbon emissions of an electric water heater.

Go Tankless

For even more efficiency, install a tankless water heater, which heats water on demand. A natural gas tankless water heater, near the point of use,

eliminates energy loss caused by tank heaters that have unused water cooling in the tank. This can save hundreds of gallons of water over the course of a year. Plus, such tankless heaters last almost twice as long as tank water heaters.

Take Low-Volume Showers

Replace your high-volume shower head with an aerated shower head, which uses a mix of water and air to produce a flow that feels strong but can save up to 60 percent of water compared to an average shower -- reducing both your water and energy use.

Avoid the "Phantom Load"

Appliances such as your TV, DVD player, cell phone charger, computer and other gadgets consume energy just by being plugged in. Unplug them when not in use. If that's too cumbersome, plug them into a powerstrip that you can turn on and off with just one flick of a switch.

Fix Leaks

From dripping faucets to drafty doors and windows, leaks can be a major source of energy and water waste.

Being a responsible homeowner or tenant and attending to those annoying home improvements can significantly reduce your monthly water and energy bills.



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Love the earth Recycle your used items by selling them in the classifieds.

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MOORE HAVEN Furn/Unfurn 3BR, 1.5 BA, fenced yard, screened porch, shed, \$575/mo

3BR, 2BA - fenced yard, screened porch, on acre, \$700/mo

2BR, 2BA - \$525/mo.
Lg 1BR APT - \$500/mo.
Lg Eff. APT - w/ util furn - \$165/week.
(863)509-0096

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14x65 Redman 2BR, 2BA, 2 carports, Florida RM, laundry room w/ac, 10x16 shed w/ac. Includes washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, complete kitchen. In Tropical Mobile Home Park. \$22,000 (863)902-1265.

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Starting at \$15,000
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Large 28x80, 4br, 3 bath doublewide located in Horseshoe Acres \$49,900. Ready to move in. Home being remodeled right now. Must be credit worthy 863-673-4325

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\$11,000 As Is, Where Is
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Autos Wanted

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 11-CA-190

RUSSELL BLEDSOE, Plaintiff,
vs.
LINDA JUNE FRITZ, and all known or unknown persons claiming under or through them, unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any known or unknown person who is known to be dead or is not known to be dead or alive, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION PROPERTY

TO: LINDA JUNE FRITZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title on the following property in Glades County, Florida:

Lot 5, Block 154, CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF MOORE HAVEN, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 67, Public Records of Glades County, Florida; together with a 1999 MERI mobile home, ID#FLYML2B140421012, Title #76415406, which is permanently affixed to the property.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Travis W. Trueblood, L.L.M. of Trueblood Law Group, P.A., P.O. Box 1270, 805 U.S. Hwy 27 North, Suite 1, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court of the above styled court on or before this 27th day of October, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 9th day of August 2011.

JOE FLINT
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Julie Braddock
Deputy Clerk
397749 CN 9/22,29/2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Flaghole Drainage District has been scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Hilliard Brothers of Florida office located at 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, FL.

Joe Marlin Hilliard
Supervisor
Flaghole Drainage District
398089 CN 9/22/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	WHICH ASSESSED	NAME IN
824	2008	1274329-01000010050	Hermanos Luna Inc.	

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, run N 86 degrees 22'00" E, along the South line of said Section 33, a distance of 626.00 feet to the centerline of State Road 29; thence N 03 degrees 51' 00" W, along the centerline of State Road 29, a distance of 2486.80 feet; thence 86 degrees 30'00" E, 450.00 feet to a concrete monument and the Point-of-Beginning; thence N 86 degrees 30'00" E, 389.60 feet; thence S 00 degrees 47'30" feet; thence S 86 degrees 26'00" W, 323.80 feet to a concrete monument; thence N 03 degrees 51'00" W, 1242.90 feet to the Point-of-Beginning being in Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Less Tract A, Turkey Run as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 150, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida and Less the East and South 30 feet for road right-of-way.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **November, 2011**, which is the **3rd day of November, 2011**.

Dated this 14th day of **September, 2011**.

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

397837 CN 9/22,29 & 10/6,13/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 26-2009-CA-000707

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. Plaintiff,
vs.
BOBBI L. SEAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBI L. SEAY; COUNTRY VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 30, 2011, and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000707, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, ONEWEST BANK, FSB, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. is Plaintiff and BOBBI L. SEAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BOBBI L. SEAY; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; COUNTRY VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash 2ND FLOOR HALLWAY, IN FRONT OF OFFICE OF CLERK OF COURTS, ADMINISTRATION BLDG, HENDRY CO. COURT-HOUSE, at 25 EAST HICKPOCREE, LABELLE IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 5th day of October, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

A Parcel of land in Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1 in Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, and run N 89° 36' 10" W along the North line of Government Lot 1, a: distance of 914.12 feet; thence run S 00° 25'19" W, 35 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. S-78 and point-of-beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence S 00°25'19" W, 866.72 feet to the North right-of-way line of the Calosahatchee River Canal; thence Southwest, along the arc of the curved canal right-of-way line (said right-of-way line being curved concave to the Southeast with a radius of 3600 feet, a central angle of 04°15'51" and a chord bearing of S 64°03'20" W), 267.93 feet; thence N 00°25'19" E, 985.38 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. S-78; thence S 89°36'10" E, along said right-of-way line, 240 feet to the point-of-beginning.

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

Dated this 7th day of September, 2011.

BARBARA S. BUTLER
As Clerk of said Court
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 25 East Hickpochee, LaBelle, FL 33935, Phone No. (941)335- 2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-9558771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

397240 CN 9/15,22/2011

Barbara S. Butler
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ J. Bevis
397923 CN 9/22,29/2011

NOTICE OF JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN THE HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CLEWISTON

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners and the City Commission of the City of Clewiston will hold a joint public workshop to discuss recreation and related issues for the East side of Hendry County at 6:30 p.m. on September 26, 2011, at the John Boy Auditorium, 1200 South W.C. Owen, Clewiston, Florida.

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

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
Darrell R. Harris, Chairman

City Commission of the City of Clewiston
Rick Miller, Mayor
397997 CN/CB 9/22/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV LLC**, the holders 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	WHICH ASSESSED	NAME IN
2004	2007	1074433-03000170090	G A M E Investments, Inc	

Lot 9, Block 17, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2, 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 First Thursday** in the month of **October, 2011**, which is the **6th day of October, 2011**.

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

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

396344 CN 9/1,8,15,22/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 10-CA-885

SANIBEL CAPTIVA COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
NORTH RIVER VILLAGE OF LABELLE, LLC and THOMAS M. DYSON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 2, 2011, entered in Civil Case Number 10-CA-885, in the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein SANIBEL CAPTIVA COMMUNITY BANK, is the Plaintiff, and NORTH RIVER VILLAGE OF LABELLE, LLC, and THOMAS M.DYSON, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public sale on October 12, 2011, beginning at 11:00 a.m., at 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, Second Floor Administrative Side, LaBelle, Florida 33935, in accordance with chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

Exhibit "A"
A Parcel of land in Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1 in Section 6, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, and run N 89° 36' 10" W along the North line of Government Lot 1, a: distance of 914.12 feet; thence run S 00° 25'19" W, 35 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. S-78 and point-of-beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence S 00°25'19" W, 866.72 feet to the North right-of-way line of the Calosahatchee River Canal; thence Southwest, along the arc of the curved canal right-of-way line (said right-of-way line being curved concave to the Southeast with a radius of 3600 feet, a central angle of 04°15'51" and a chord bearing of S 64°03'20" W), 267.93 feet; thence N 00°25'19" E, 985.38 feet to the South right-of-way line of State Road No. S-78; thence S 89°36'10" E, along said right-of-way line, 240 feet to the point-of-beginning.

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: September 14, 2011.

Robert D. Hines, Esq.
Attorney for Personal Representative
Email: rhines@hnh-law.com
Florida Bar No. 0413550
Hines Norman Hines, P.L.
1312 W. Fletcher Ave. Ste. B
Tampa, FL 33612
Telephone: 813-265-0100

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: September 22, 2011.

Barbara S. Butler
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ J. Bevis
397923 CN 9/22,29/2011

DONNA SMITH
Personal Representative
1550 Old U.S. Highway 27, Lot 260
Clewiston, FL 33440
397903 CN 9/22,29/2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 2011 at 2:00 PM at AAA Self Storage, 657 Hwy 27, Moore Haven, FL, the undersigned, AAA Self Storage, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

**Monica Pardo #93
Kandice Snow #13**
397118 GCD 9/22,29/2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Florida Governmental Utility Authority ("FGUA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The FGUA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Citrus County, Florida, DeSoto County, Florida, Hendry County, Florida, Pasco County, Florida, and Polk County, Florida, and Lee County, Florida. The meeting and public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on **October 20, 2011 in the West Pasco Government Center, Commission Chambers, 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34654**. The FGUA Board will address general operating issues of the FGUA. The meeting will also include a public hearing to consider adoption of the annual budgets and capital improvement programs for the FGUA Pasco Utility Systems (Seven Springs and Aloha Gardens), North Fort Myers Utility System, Consolidated Utility System, Lindrick Utility System and MacDill AFB Utility System. All customers of the FGUA, affected property owners, tenants or occupants, and all other interested persons, shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed annual budget and capital improvement programs and to file written comments with the FGUA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the FGUA with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least three business days prior to the date of the hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk to the FGUA Board at (877) 552-FGUA. 397598 CN 9/15,22/2011

Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
Darrell R. Harris, Chairman

City Commission of the City of Clewiston
Rick Miller, Mayor
397997 CN/CB 9/22/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	WHICH ASSESSED	NAME IN
2004	2007	1074433-03000170090	G A M E Investments, Inc	

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

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

396344 CN 9/1,8,15,22/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2011-079CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF
THOMAS ANDERSON SMITH,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of THOMAS ANDERSON SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was August 31, 2010; File Number 2011-079CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO BOX 1760, LaBelle, FL 33975. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: September 22, 2011.

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Barbara S. Butler, Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
397409 CN 9/22,29/2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District has been scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Hilliard Brothers of Florida office located at 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, FL.

Joe Marlin Hilliard
Supervisor
Sugarcane Drainage District
398090 CN 9/22/2011

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Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
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397997 CN/CB 9/22/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	WHICH ASSESSED	NAME IN
2004	2007	1074433-03000170090	G A M E Investments, Inc	

Lot 9, Block 17, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 thru 2, 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 First Thursday** in the month of **October, 2011**, which is the **6th day of October, 2011**.

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

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

396344 CN 9/1,8,15,22/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 262010CA001279

EVERGLADES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff
vs.
MARCOS ARTOLA AND GERALDINA BARBOSA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida, will on October 5, 2011, at 11:00 AM, on the second floor lobby of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 W. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry, one by one, to the highest bidder for cash, the property located in Hendry County, Florida, as follows:

The North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. (also known as Lot #3787 in Montura Ranch Estates, an Unrecorded Subdivision.)

Together with a 2006 Homes of Merit Double-Wide (Model No. 3252) Having Identification. Nos. FLHML2F1775-30683A & FLHML2F1775-3068 3B, which is permanently affixed to Real Property.

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 7, 2011 in the above-styled cause, pending in said Court.

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.

Barbara S. Butler, Clerk
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk
397409 CN 9/22,29/2011

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District has been scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Hilliard Brothers of Florida office located at 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, FL.

Joe Marlin Hilliard
Supervisor
Sugarcane Drainage District
398090 CN 9/22/2011

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Hendry Hilliard Water Control District has been scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at Hilliard Brothers of Florida office located at 5500 Flaghole Road, Clewiston, FL.

Joe Marlin Hilliard
Supervisor
Sugarcane Drainage District
398090 CN 9/22/2011

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3393			
2008	4104329-01020310100	I.B. Victory Investments Inc.	

Lot 10, Block 2031, Port LaBelle Unit 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 50, 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 First Thursday** in the month of **November, 2011**, which is the **3rd day of November, 2011**.

Dated this **14th** day of **September, 2011**.

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

397835 CN 9/22,29 & 10/6,13/2011

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3509	2008	4104329-02020720100	Jorge Luis Artica

Lot 10, Block 2072, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **November, 2011**, which is the **3rd day of November, 2011**.

Dated this **14th** day of **September, 2011**.

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

397831 CN 9/22,29 & 10/6,13/2011

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2537	2005	4104329-02020750230	John Bankston

Lot 23, Block 2075, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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Dated this **14th** day of **September, 2011**.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3578	2008	4104329-030000L00030	Odlance Sillen

Lot L3, Block 2102, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1468	2008	1144432-A0001060000	The Lyndel Group, LLC

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 3386, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **7th** day of **September, 2011**.

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 Hendry County, Florida

397345 CN 9/15,22,29;10/6/2011

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1244	2008	1354331-0100000160	Adriana Gonzalez

The Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 16, Block 1, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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397353 CN 9/15,22,29;10/6/2011

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Tarpon IV LLC**, the holders 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
164	2007	1064428-A0001480000	Michael D. Kelly & Sylvia C. Kelly

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

Barbara S. Butler
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 Hendry County, Florida

396242 CN 9/1,8,15,22/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2301	2006	4104329-02020650160	Herman L. Zahn, Jr. & Donald W. Zahn

Lot 16, Block 2065, Port LaBelle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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397834 CN 9/22,29 & 10/6,13/2011

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2529	2005	4104329-02020690070	Jean Tomlinson

& Maureen Tomlinson

Lot 7, Block 2069, Port La Belle Unit 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof Recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1876	2008	1244432-A0001060000	Antonio R. Martinez

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest 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 East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5202, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1078	2006	1224432-01000340060	Szulim & Kuba Gruszka % Milton Gruszka

Lot 6, Block 34, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1850	2008	1244432-A0000290000	Lucky Path LLC

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5378, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Murphy Heads Regional Alliance Role

Hopes previous economic development experience will transfer to Glades

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

LORE's new executive director likes to take the stance of an army man.

"I define the objective: should we take the hill or take the mountain?" said Dan Murphy, whose new role is as executive director of the Lake Okeechobee Regional Economic Alliance of Palm Beach County. Among other enterprises, his role will see him helping to direct the discussion of issues in the Glades.

But even as he hunkers down to learn the area and acclimate himself to the needs of the community, he is sure in his responses, and what that next step should be.

"In this case, it's to create jobs," he said. Without a doubt, he said, the Glades area is in real need of economic stimulus, with some pockets of the tri-cities with levels of unemployment as high as 40 percent. The real job is to identify those avenues to success.

Part of that effort will be on evolving a strategic economic development plan with the help of the three Glades cities of Belle Glade, South Bay and Pahokee, and county and federal partners.

LORE members, understanding the importance of the efforts, selected Mr. Murphy as their top choice. He has been on the job for four weeks now.

The right fit

Murphy's real expertise has been in marketing and economic development. His career has taken him all over the world, from Argentina, to Hong Kong, Europe and Mexico. If he has anything new to offer the area, it may well end up being a new view.

"I have a perspective that I think can help, broader than the average perspective," he said. "I may help the Glades change its paradigm and thinking."

Murphy is able to relate his time in Argentina in the 1970s, when as a senior executive with a public relations firm he walked into a country where the military junta had taken power.

His firm dealt with confronting the issues of looming bankruptcy in that region, blackouts and brownouts and a series of economic challenges.

The firm managed to bring more than \$14 billion in investments, pushed to privatize the oil sector, and secure investors for the construction of hydroelectric dams.

It is the type of turnaround one might hope for in the Glades area.

Murphy is a self-described solutions seeker, so after a recent LORE meeting, he expressed concern with the lack of solutions.

The Glades Utility Authority director had

been on-hand to discuss the agency's waning fortunes, and the real possibility that its fiscal insolvency may threaten its presence in the Glades.

Murphy wondered when the speaker was presenting his plan for addressing the issues, but that did not happen.

"It was a little disturbing last week that the water authority didn't produce any real solution. It allowed to perpetuate itself for another month," he said.

But water is just one issue out of many in the Glades, and Murphy will get his chance to participate in the discussions on the pressing problems plaguing the area.

One thing the water authority director mentioned was his desire to see economic development occur - which could only positively impact the cost of providing water to such a small, economically depressed area, if that cost can be spread to others. If Mr. Murphy has his way, then that just might happen.

In Highlands County, Murphy assumed the chief role of economic development, pushing projects like enterprise zones - areas where developing businesses earn benefits through reduction in taxes, or subsidies.

One barrier locally, he explained, is that the land use of the area is heavily steered toward agriculture.

According to Murphy, the total area that is open to development is approximately 1,000 acres, roughly. In order to be put into use as industrial parks, the area would need large investments in infrastructure.

He can help to ensure that the land is "developed fast and well" but needs to foment the kind of support that could make such a project a reality.

But he assures that he isn't here solely for the purpose of economic development. Palm Beach County has a robust economic development department already, he assured, but perhaps his presence in the Glades might help to encourage a tight partnership with the county.

Another focus of Mr. Murphy's is to work with the right, key people to develop the local workforce through training programs.

Lastly, but perhaps most importantly, Mr. Murphy hopes he might be able to zero in on entrepreneurship.

The role of an economic development director isn't to go out and catch the big fish, but to find more success in building an area's own potential through targeted programs that reach out to small businesses.

Murphy lives in Miami Beach, with his wife, and will be making the commute each day to his office at the Workforce Alliance building in Belle Glade. He has two sons, both grown.

He is finding himself in warm being welcomed to the community by warm embraces, literally.

"What I've seen has been positive. There are always hugs at these meetings," said Murphy, who's more used to the dog-eat-dog world of places like Miami. "If someone hugs you there, you're watching your wallet," he said.



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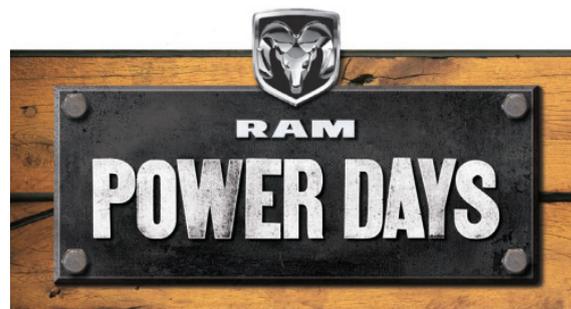
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