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SILENCE IS BROKEN BY BELLE GLADE MURDERS



STILL SHOT / PBSO

Video released by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office show the shooting taking place in Belle Glade. Officials are hoping it will encourage people to report information about the crime. To see the video, search Facebook for "Belle Glade Sun."

"THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. THESE ARE SET-UPS. THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE AFTER. THEY ARE PICKING THEIR TARGETS."

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

The video of a shooting attack in Belle Glade painted a picture that only the moving image could capture: four men running for their lives amid a hail of bullets.

Two men fall early in the scene, stumbling onto the pavement, with one of the men desperately crawling across the darkened street, unable to lift himself and run.

Another person would not make it into the video, having been gunned down before he could try to escape. Officials believe that man was Kenji Simeton, of Belle Glade, who was pronounced dead as a result of the injuries he sustained in the attack.

Little other information exists about the incident, a fact that has Palm Beach County Sheriff's Officials, including the sheriff himself, frustrated.

Few witnesses were willing to come forward in the aftermath, and only a slight description of a suspect has been released: witnesses say a black male, dressed in black, and armed with a handgun may have been responsible for the shooting.

The incident happened on Mon-

day, July 9, at approximately 9:30 p.m., according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

For unknown reasons, the men became the subjects of a directed shooting attack at the area of the 500 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

It was the second of two murders in the span of two days.

The first happened a day before Kenji's death, at approximately 2:22 a.m. on Sunday, July 8. Deputies responding to a "shots fired" call that morning arrived at the area to find a woman slumped over in a red Nissan four-door vehicle.

Two women had been in the car at the time of the shooting, reported the passenger. They were traveling north

on Ninth Street, preparing to turn west onto Southwest C Street when the passenger reported hearing multiple gunshots and then seeing the driver, 27-year-old Shaqoya Butler, fall over the steering wheel.

Butler would not survive the shooting. In this case, no one stepped forward with information on possible suspects.

At a news conference on Tuesday, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw pleaded for help from the community in locating the persons responsible for the murders of Simeton and Butler.

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County is offering a reward of \$15,000 for information leading to the arrest of the suspected individuals.

"There's a lot of people who know what's going on," the sheriff told media outlets. "These are setups. They know who they are after. They are picking their targets."

The shootings continue to rock the Belle Glade area, which had been quiet since the outpour of support from the community after the shooting death of Jimmy McMillan, a local grocery store clerk.

The recent spike in shootings has some concerned, but the sheriff said he would be deploying additional units to the Glades area.

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Inland Birding Fun: Snowy Egret (SNEG)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

One of the most common wading birds in the Southern United States is the Snowy Egret. This species's range includes the continental United States from northern California to Maine, south to Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, and most of South America.



Margaret England

Large numbers of Snowy Egrets from northern states winter in Florida. Florida's resident population lives and breeds mainly in the central and the southern peninsula of the state.

Snowy Egrets were nearly decimated by plume hunters in the early twentieth century and are listed in Florida as a "Species of Special Concern."

This medium-sized all-white heron is about

two feet tall. They are smaller than a Great Egret and larger than a Cattle Egret. It has a long thin neck that it usually holds in an "S" curve in flight. Adults have a long thin bill and long black legs with vivid yellow feet.

The upper bill in front of the eyes is normally yellow, but turns red during the breeding season when they grow thin wispy plumes on their neck, breast, and back. The Snowy Egret's call is a loud nasal squawk when they're defending their territory.

Juveniles look similar to the adults, but their bill is paler, they have yellow feet, and their legs are yellow with a black front edge. Snowy Egrets can be confused with the white immature Little Blue Herons. Immature Little Blue Herons are slightly thinner and they have greenish legs and feet.

Snowy Egrets forage for food in freshwater or saltwater habitats. They stir their bright yellow feet to startle prey while they are feeding. Other foraging behaviors include walking slowly in shallow water, chasing prey, or standing in order to capture small fish, shrimp, or small vertebrates.

These birds breed in Florida from January

through August. They usually build nests in colonies with other wading bird species in swamps, mangroves, or in vegetation above water.

Their nest is a platform of sticks in trees or bushes less than 30 feet above the ground or water. They lay three to five blue-green eggs that hatch in about 18 days with the young fledging when they are about 25 days old.

During the Breeding Bird Atlas 1 Survey 25 years ago Snowy Egrets were confirmed breeding birds in inland Florida west of Lake Okeechobee and a few other locations near Lake Okeechobee.

The Breeding Bird Atlas Survey (2012-2016) is underway. To help document the breeding birds or to participate in a morning survey during July or August in Hendry or Glades County contact Margaret England.

You are invited to join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers for free birding trips to STA5 located 20 miles south of Clewiston on Saturday July 14 or Aug. 18.

Photographers, groups, and families are welcome to participate in the escorted trips. For reservations for these trips contact Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com or call

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BCC Briefs for July 10

At the July 10, 2012, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action:

Island Way – postponed selection of an alignment for Jupiter Park Drive/Western Corridor, to be known as Island Way, and directed staff to re-advertise for public hearing on Sept. 11.

Brownfields – adopted a resolution designating the former Pike Utilities property, a county-owned parcel on Charleston Road in unincorporated Lake Worth, as a Brownfields area to facilitate cleanup and redevelopment. The estimated cleanup cost is \$482,000 with approximately \$98,000 coming from the EPA's Brownfields Assessment federal grant fund.

Action Plan – adopted a resolution approving the Palm Beach County Action Plan for FY 2012-2013. Federal HUD grant allocations from the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs total approximately \$7.5 million for Palm Beach County.

Transit Village – postponed for 60 days a proposal for development of the county-owned village transit property next to the Tri-Rail station within the city of West Palm Beach's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) district.

Riviera Beach Marina – approved an interlocal agreement with the city of Riviera Beach for improvements to the city marina. The two-phase project includes replacement of the seawall/bulkheads, piers and docks.

Boynton Marina – postponed to a July 24 workshop discussion of a request by the Boynton Beach CRA to demolish an existing building on the Boynton Marina site that formerly housed a dive shop.

Budget – directed staff to submit to the Property Appraiser a proposed maximum millage rate of 4.7815 mills for the FY 2013 countywide non-voted budget and to advertise for public hearings on Sept. 6 and Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers. The final millage rate can be lower, but not higher, than 4.7815 mills.

SHIP – approved a modification to the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) local hous-

ing assistance program pertaining to very low, low and moderate income-eligible households. SHIP funds require no local match.

NewKita – approved an option agreement with NewKita Group, Inc. for the donation of an 11.8-acre parcel of county-owned property in unincorporated Belle Glade for development of a multiuse recreational and community center complex adjacent to the Palm Glades Apartments. NewKita is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance personal enrichment and community unity through recreational activities, sports, health, fitness, entertainment and education.

Annexation – approved an interlocal agreement with the village of Tequesta for the annexation of three enclaves totaling 2.12 acres located on the south side of County Line Road and east of Riverside Drive.

Pero Farms – approved an amended and restated declaration of covenants and restrictions on 53 acres of the McMurray property in the Ag Reserve owned by Pero West Land, LLC too allow for construction and operation of a Pero Family Farms packing plant.

Palm Tran – approved a contract with CBS Outdoor Group, Inc. for installation, maintenance and servicing of bus shelters on Palm Tran fixed routes; also approved a contract with Creative Outdoor Advertising of America, Inc. for installation, maintenance and servicing of advertising bus benches on Palm Tran fixed routes.

Substance ban – directed staff to draft an ordinance aimed at banning the sale of herbal incense, synthetic marijuana and bath salts, which can produce a high when smoked or ingested.



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Admission tickets are also on sale at www.aaarena.com or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information or bus seats, please contact Kevin Wright at 561-261-0717.

Summer Scholarship Awards

Palm Beach State College recently awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to Glades area students.

Thirty-nine students received scholarships to assist in the cost of attending summer classes at Palm Beach State.

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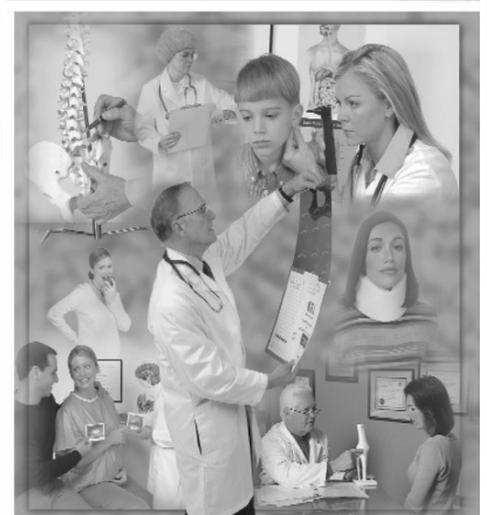
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Importance of Immunization

BY PAT DOBBINS
Hendry/Glades Health Departments

Hendry and Glades counties: It's never too early to think about vaccinations for your child. Every child entering the Hendry and Glades County School systems for the first time this fall must present documentation of a school-entry health physical examination performed within one year prior to enrollment in school.

In addition, the child's immunization status must be current and in compliance with the Florida Immunization requirements.

Florida Immunization requirements for 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

Two doses of Varicella

- (5) DTaP
- (4) IPV
- (3) Hep-B
- (2) MMR

Fifth through Eleventh Grade

One dose of Varicella

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- (3) Hep-B
- (2) MMR

Visit your health care provider or your local health department to ensure your child is adequately vaccinated for school entry this fall.

It's important to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases. Please ensure that children are fully immunized against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccination is one of the most important ways a parent can protect a child's health.

Today, children can be protected from more vaccine-preventable diseases than ever before. Immunizations are a safe, simple, and inexpensive way to protect children from potentially deadly infectious diseases. Babies need many immunizations before two years of age to protect against serious childhood diseases like polio, measles, whooping cough, and diphtheria. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers the following tips for parents and caregivers:

- Take your children to the health department, a family doctor or a clinic for their recommended shots. Immunizations start at birth and continue throughout the child's life and into adulthood.

- At each visit, discuss immunizations with a health care provider. Ask if the child is up-to-date on shots.

- Keep the immunization record in a safe place and bring it to every healthcare visit.

- Ask the doctor when to return for the child's next shots. Make an appointment and write it down.

For more information about the importance of infant immunization, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have risen 8.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.25/g on Sunday.

This compares with the national average that has increased 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.41/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 33.7 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 9.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 15.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 21.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

After a dramatic decline in gasoline prices in virtually every region in the past month, gasoline prices have started to rise," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"While I don't necessarily believe that the recent uptick in crude prices will stick, I also don't see prices falling considerably lower until after the conclusion of the summer driving season, when demand declines, and more expensive blends are phased out," DeHaan said.

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Florida Community Recognized for Reducing Flood Risks

Unincorporated Palm Beach County earns discount on Flood Insurance Premiums

On July 10, unincorporated Palm Beach County, Fla. was recognized at the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners meeting for its active participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

The CRS rewards communities that voluntarily take steps to reduce flood risks beyond the minimum requirements of the NFIP.

These steps, which include increasing flood protection and implementing preparedness and mitigation activities, lead to safer communities and ultimately help save lives and property. As a result, property owners and renters in unincorporated communities enjoy a reduction in flood insurance premiums.

Policyholders in unincorporated Palm Beach County first began receiving flood insurance discounts under the CRS program in 1991. As a result of additional steps the community has recently taken, the community moved from a CRS Class 6 to a CRS Class 5 effective October 1, 2011, earning an additional five percent savings on flood insurance.

There are more than 74,000 flood insurance policies in force in unincorporated Palm Beach County, representing more than \$19 billion in flood insurance coverage.

Policyholders located in the high risk areas of flooding, or Special Flood Hazard Areas, can now receive a 25 percent discount on their policy premium, which is an average savings of \$112 per policy. Some policyholders in the lower risk areas are eligible for a 10 percent discount. In total, policyholders realize an annual savings of more than \$4.2 million because of the community's partici-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

At the July 10 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Shelley Vana accepts a plaque from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recognizing unincorporated Palm Beach County's active participation in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). The goals of the CRS program are to reduce flood losses, facilitate accurate insurance rating, and promote awareness of flood insurance. As a result of the community's participation, many property owners and renters in unincorporated Palm Beach County will enjoy a reduction in their flood insurance premiums. Pictured left to right: Public Safety Senior Planner Sheridan "Butch" Truesdale, Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch chief for FEMA Region IV's Mitigation Division Susan Wilson, Commissioner Shelley Vana and Emergency Management Director Bill Johnson (Photo by Mark Esterly).

pation in the CRS program.

CRS is a voluntary program for NFIP-participating communities. The intended goals of the program are to reduce flood losses, facilitate

accurate insurance ratings and to promote the awareness of flood insurance. For more information on the NFIP's CRS program visit www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm. For more information

about the NFIP, a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Comprehensive Plan Will Improve Water Quality in America's Everglades

Everglades restoration took a significant step forward this month, as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concurred with a comprehensive plan—first proposed by Governor Rick Scott last October—that will vastly improve water quality in the famed River of Grass.

This far-reaching strategy, which includes state-issued Clean Water Act permits and a suite of new water storage and treatment projects, is a watershed moment in the history of Everglades restoration and welcomed news, as reflected in the outpouring of support across the state.

For many, one of the strongest aspects of the plan is that it moves us closer to resolving the decades-long litigation associated with Everglades water quality.

As Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, the agency that will construct the water quality improvement projects, I want to highlight key features in this scientifically sound and financially feasible plan that will solve long-standing environmental challenges and ensure we achieve the stringent water quality requirements established for the Everglades.

First, our proposal will invest \$880 million to

construct state-of-the-art water quality improvement projects without raising taxes.

We're going to do this on a realistic schedule, not only because this is cutting-edge work being implemented on a vast scale but also because the District must balance environmental restoration with its other critical missions like providing flood control and ensuring a sustainable supply of water for 7.7 million South Floridians.

Second, the new water quality projects now incorporate for the first time the use of water storage areas to work in tandem with the thousands of acres of existing treatment wetlands, known as stormwater treatment areas.

After more than a decade of operating and managing these natural, water quality facilities, we have the science—and the experience—to know that extreme fluctuations in water levels brought on by South Florida's weather extremes often prevent these constructed wetlands from functioning at their best.

By connecting constructed wetlands to these water storage areas (known as flow equalization basins), we will be able to better manage the delivery of water to the treatment facilities even during droughts and storms.

Altogether, the District will construct another 6,700 acres of new treatment wetlands and 110,000 acre-feet of water storage south of Lake Okeechobee to ensure that water discharged to the Everglades is cleaner than even rainwater.

To provide additional assurance that our water quality goals will be met, we will also implement sub-regional source controls in several key areas where more intensive water quality improvements are needed.

Maximizing taxpayer investments already made in Everglades water quality, we are able to utilize close to 20,000 acres of land already in public ownership.

This is not insignificant. Large tracts well-suited for water storage and treatment facilities are readily available for project planning and construction, saving time and taxpayer expense.

In addition, we are pursuing mutually-beneficial land exchanges with willing partners that will put the finishing touches on plan components in the eastern Everglades. With land in-hand and fewer hurdles to clear, construction can begin in short order—creating jobs and putting major project components on line in just six years.

This practical, science-based approach builds

upon Florida's significant progress over the past decade to improve water quality, which was recently recognized by the National Academy of Sciences.

With 57,000 acres of treatment wetlands already constructed and cleaning the water flowing into the Everglades, we have treated 3.75 trillion gallons of water to-date and removed 1,470 metric tons of phosphorus.

Improved farming methods, known as best management practices, have been equally successful, preventing 2,400 tons of phosphorus from reaching the Everglades.

The key for success of this landmark plan is its broad support. Following months of productive negotiations between the state and federal agencies, there also has been consensus building with environmental groups, the agricultural community, elected officials and other key stakeholders.

Now, because of Governor Scott's leadership, we are poised to embark on the final leg of Florida's journey to achieving Everglades water quality standards and providing lasting protection to one of the nation's most unique natural places.

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 - 22 Lion of Narnia
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 - 32 Little fella
 - 33 Tropical straw hats
 - 36 Affirmative vote
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Did You Receive Your New Voter Information Card?

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Religion Column

The God Particle: Oh?

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

There seems to be something fascinating about size for us human beings. We build big airplanes, then bigger ones.

Airbus has now built a double-decker jumbo jet, larger than the 747's we build. Skyscrapers have to be taller and taller, stretching the limits of architecture and high-altitude winds.

We keep dividing and dividing; smaller and more complicated timepieces, smaller cell-phones that do more and more in less and less space.

Now, it's the "God particle." The atom was split, then the protons and neutrons were found to have particles of their own; the Higgs boson particles. Like many scientific discoveries, it was first theorized and then the search began. A ten billion dollar "collider" and thousands of scientists discovered the smallest particle known to date. I am intrigued by the possibilities suggested by this discovery.

Scientists feel that this is the particle that is related to mass and what holds the universe together. It somehow is what keeps atoms and molecules and everything that they are made of from flying apart and gives the universe cohesion. They've also projected that this discovery may lead to the discovery of other worlds and otherwise unknown forces of nature. The implications are fascinating.

Earlier discoveries of radio waves, the pos-

sibility of air travel, then space travel, germs, and viruses all have changed our lives and were well beyond even the imaginations of those who lived only a few centuries before.

The latest discovery no doubt will lead to changes in our day-to-day life in times to come. The Lord who said "Behold, I make all things new," (Revelation 21:5) isn't done with His revelation. Our spiritual ancestors had a simpler idea about small particles; "jots" and "motes."

The parable about the mote and the beam: that we see the smallest details in the lives of others and miss the big ones in our own lives (Matthew 7:3,4) speaks of searching out the smallest details.

The Lord Himself said that until Heaven and Earth disappear not the smallest stroke (the "jot" in the Hebrew language) will by any means disappear (Matthew 5:18). No matter how small, smaller beyond our imagination, those particles will be around.

The identification of the particle as the "God particle" is a scientific oxymoron. In fact, there may be even smaller particles, in fact the discovery of what holds the universe together may not yet be fully discerned.

In fact, scientists aren't about to discover God anyway. He was already there and the motes and the jots that were the smallest known particles for our ancestors served them in their generations as our discoveries of ever-smaller particles serves us in ours.

The universe keeps unfolding; that seems to be how God intended it. In the meantime, He

keeps revealing to us newer and newer mysteries.

The other day I had heard that a structure was found that was believed to be the Tower of Babel; when men were going to build a tower to Heaven (Genesis 11:1ff). The discoverers reported that it was only seven stories high! Certainly a long way from reaching Heaven and certainly with a different view of the heavens than we hold today. The message then, as still with us, is that we aren't ready to be God, and that there are many, many, many more mysteries to unfold before the end of time.

I welcome the discovery of the Higgs-boson

particle and all of the possibilities for the revelations it will bring.

I welcome the work of our scientists in their efforts to help us better understand God's universe and to use the forces at work in it for the benefit of humanity.

Every now and again, someone gets a bit carried away with their discoveries and the state of science (what was the name of that unsinkable boat? Was it the "Titanic?") and we learn and grow.

In the meantime, God is still there in the midst of it – we rejoice when we see His handiwork and the wonders of His creation.



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MURDER

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idents, the action comes too late for the families

of this week's victims.

On Facebook, the family of Simeton fielded messages of condolence for the loss of their family member.

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Weekly Interview Series: Deena Stamm

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

What is your name?

Deena Stamm. (How did you get your name?) Well, actually my name is Deena Lee Stamm. My dad named me Deena because that was a name that he loved and I got Lynette from some country singer he liked back when I was born. (Country singing anything you were ever interested in?) Oh, yeah, I love country singing. (So it's a good fit?) Yeah.

What do you do?

Well, I am the case manager/discharge planning. That consists of about four different hats that I wear. I do utilization review for the patients when they come in and they have insurance. The insurance companies when you come into the hospital have to approve the length of stay and that days that you're here. I do discharge planning for anyone who needs to go to a nursing home long term or short term, rehab, I set up home health. (You have a lot of interactions with the community. What helps you to get up in the



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Deena Stamm is a well-known member of the community. She works at Lakeside REgional Hospital.

morning to do what you do?) I guess everyday is new here. You never know what you're walking

into in the morning. Just the feeling at the end of the day, I know that I've helped someone.

What is your pet peeve?

Probably someone not doing what they say they're going to do. That's my biggest pet peeve. Especially with my job and discharge planning, you have to depend on a lot of outside things. It kind of reflects on what I do if someone else isn't there to do what they're supposed to do after discharge, so that's probably my biggest pet peeve.

What scares you?

Probably losing a child. I would have to say that that would be probably the worst thing.

Who would you want by your side at the moment of death?

Wow. Other than a child? I have more than one. My mom. Because she's always been there for me and I will just have to thank her for always being there. She's the one who got me where I am today. (What would you tell her?) That she was the best role model, best mother, best caregiver that anybody could ever have.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 26-2012-CA-000260

M & T BANK, Plaintiff,
VS.
RUTH S. HERRING A/K/A RUTH SUZANNE HERRING; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUTH S. HERRING A/K/A RUTH SUZANNE HERRING; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); BASS CAPITAL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RUTH S. HERRING A/K/A RUTH SUZANNE HERRING Whose residence(s) is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

Unit 912, in the COURTYARDS OF CLEWISTON, a subdivision located within the corporate limits of the City of Clewiston, in Section 10, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6, pages 113 and 114, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Drive, Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813) 915-8660, facsimile (813) 915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED AT HENDRY County this 2nd day of July, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Sheila Mann, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, and whose telephone number is (239) 533-1700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 421307 CN 7/12,19/2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on July 23, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440: 1999 Chevrolet, VIN: 1G1NES2M1X6151532 ***We have the right to refuse any and all bids**** 421646 CN 7/12/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, 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
4071	2008	4104329-06021970130	Anthony A. Marino

Lot 13, Block 2197, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, 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 **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd day of August, 2012**.

Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420448 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4073	2008	4104329-06021980020	Efren & Carlita Tambio

Lot 2, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, 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 **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd day of August, 2012**.

Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420450 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
537	2009	1174329-03000000190	JPDF Investment Corporation

The North 66 feet of Lot 27 and the South 33 feet of the right-of-way of the street running East and West which lies between Lots 27 and 30, Favore Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 27, 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 **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd day of August, 2012**.

Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420455 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1046	2009	1274331-010000Q0160	Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 16, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420468 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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NOTICE OF SURPLUS SALE GLADES COUNTY

The Glades County Board of County Commissioners will hold a sale on surplus properties on Saturday, July 14, 2012, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Glades County Road Department, on 4883 East State Road 78, (towards Lakeport) Moore Haven, Florida 33471.

The following is a list of some of the items being offered for sale:

2001 GMC Yukon #3628
Xerox Copier #3581
3 - Grasshopper Mowers #2476, 2152, 2477
Paint Stripper #1991
Tire Machine - No Number
1985 Ford F 8000 Dump Truck #1044
1997 Ford F150 4X4 Super Cab Pickup #2109
1997 Ford Tractor #2219
1996 Ford 150 Truck #2105

Equipment items may be examined beginning at 8:00 AM on the date of the sale.

All sales are sold "As Is, Where Is". Bidders must take possession by noon on Monday, July 16, 2012 or the item sold will revert back to Glades County.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL. TERMS: Cash or Approved Checks.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Brown at 863-946-6002. 421589 GCD 7/12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1055	2009	1284331-A0000260000	Ketty Cherubin

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 363, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd day of August, 2012**.

Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420728 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2507	2008	1314433-A0000310000	Eileen J. Otano

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6028, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd day of August, 2012**.

Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420446 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

Public Notice

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1021	2009	1274331-010000D0010	Raul Martinez & Katia Caballero

The Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 1, Block D, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof.

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420459 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Luesal Brown, Petitioner and Dorothy Brown, Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: Dorothy Brown Address Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Luesal Brown, whose address is 710 S. Lopez Street, Clewiston, FL 33440 on or before, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 25 E. Hick-poeche Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: N/A

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: 6/22/2012

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT BY: R. DeLaCruz Deputy Clerk 421048 CN 7/5,12,19,26/2012

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

ELIZABETH MAJOR, Petitioner/Mother, and MICHAEL D. PATRICK, Respondent/Father

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: MICHAEL D. PATRICK Addresses Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Dissolution of Marriage action has been filed and commenced in this court.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Petitioner/Wife's attorney, whose name and address is GLENN J. SNEIDER, ESQUIRE, 200 S.W. 9th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled Court on or before June 10, 2011; otherwise default will be entered against you for the relief prayed for in the complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for four consecutive weeks in The Glades County Democrat.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court at Moore Haven, Florida on this 21st day of April, 2011.

JOE FLINT As Clerk of Said Court BY: /S/ Julie Braddock As Deputy Clerk 420360 GCD 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing here-in referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. 420250 CN 7/12,19/2012

Public Notice

Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to issue renewals of the following Everglades Works of the District Permits (Chapter 40E-63 Fla. Admin. Code) with conditions within the Everglades Agricultural Area, Florida. The permits approve the implementation of Best Management Plan (BMP) Plan(s) and water quality Discharge Monitoring Plan(s). The BMP implementation requirements, performance measures, and compliance methodology established in the permits pertain to phosphorus only. "Permittee" within the permit(s) refers to all landowners, lessees, and operators responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit(s) and are listed under the Administrative Information section of the Staff Report(s):

Permit 26-00010-E (Application 120402-7), issued on June 29, 2012 to Bolles Drainage District, P.O. Box 1029, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and other named owner/operators for a project called Bolles Drainage District in 11,235.49 acres in Sections 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 33- 35/144/R34; and Sections 1-4, 9-12, and 1 5/745/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Bolles Canal and the L-1 East Canal.

Permit 26-00011-E (Application 120326-1), issued on June 19, 2012 to Triple A Enterprises, P.O. Box 70, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and other named owner/operators for a project called Triple A Enterprises - Farm 20 for 777.78 acres in Sections 16 and 2 1/746/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Miami Canal.

Permit 26-00077-E (Application 1203 16-1), issued on June 14, 2012 to Triple A Enterprises, P.O. Box 70, Clewiston, Florida 33440 and other named owner/operators for a project called J & J Ag Products - Farm 19 for 653.25 acres in Section 13/746/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Miami Canal.

Permit 26-00088-E (Application 120327-19), issued on June 22, 2012 to Diaz Farm, Inc., 24628 SW 114th Court, Homestead, Florida 33032, Dr. Shafi Ullah, 1600 SW 100th Terrace, Davie, Florida 33324, Mr. Perry A. Poole, 8428 NW 1st Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32607 and other named owner/operators for a project called Diaz Farm - Ullah & Hasnara Farm for 120 acres in Section 16/746/R34 Hendry County discharging to the Miami Canal.

The Staff Reports setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permits, issued on the dates listed above, including permit conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the projects meet SFWMD statutes and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Reports directly from the District's website www.sfwmd.gov, using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by any of the above listed South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action(s) has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action(s) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions The petition must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

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

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

Mediation

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

Right To Seek Judicial Review

Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action. 421682 CN 7/12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4074, 2008, 41049329-06021980050, Leo G. Wade

Lot 5, Block 2198, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, 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 August, 2012, which is the 2nd day of August, 2012. Dated this 20th day of June, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 420451 CN 6/28;7/5,12,19/2012

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Public Notice

Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to issue renewals of the following Everglades Works of the District Permits (Chapter 40E-63 Fla. Admin. Code) with conditions within the Everglades Agricultural Area, Florida. The permits approve the implementation of Best Management Plan (BMP) Plan(s) and water quality Discharge Monitoring Plan(s). The BMP implementation requirements, performance measures, and compliance methodology established in the permits pertain to phosphorus only. "Permittee" within the permit(s) refers to all landowners, lessees, and operators responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit(s) and are listed under the Administrative Information section of the Staff Report(s):

Permit 50-00060-E (Application 120402-10), issued on June 25, 2012 to Shawano Water Control District, P.O. Box 2136, Belle Glade, Florida 33430 and other named owner/operators for a project called Shawano Water Control District for 15,997.23 acres in Sections 14, 15, and 19- 30/745/R38; Sections 1, 2, and 1 1-14/745/R38; and Sections 4-9, 16-18 and 30-31/745/R39 Palm Beach County discharging to the Hillsboro Canal.

Permit 50-00083-E (Application 120402-9), issued on June 25, 2012 to Gladewater Water Control District, P.O. Box 730, Belle Glade, Florida 33430 and other named owner/operators for a project called Gladewater Water Control District for 10,937.12 acres in Sections 4-9, 16-2 1, and 28-33/744/R39 Palm Beach County discharging to the Ocean Canal.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 5001, 2008, 4104329-03021260010, Emilia G. Guerrero

Lot 1, Block 2126, Port LaBelle Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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421319 CN 7/12/2012

Public Notice

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 7/31/12

SUBJECT AREA: 547 Depository Accounts

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for depository accounts.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 120.536(1), 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1011.18, 1001.42 F.S. and 6A-1.0012 SBR.

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 120.536(1), 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1011.18, 1001.42 F.S. and 6A-1.0012 SBR.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for requirements for depository accounts.

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

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on July 31, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice: If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S.
420163 CN 6/28/7/5,12 CB 7/12/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida**, 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
4072	2008	4104329-06021970190	Filbert & Annette Durlous

Lot 19, Block 2197, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, 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 **August, 2012**, which is the **2nd** day of **August, 2012**.
Dated this **20th** day of **June, 2012**.

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

420449 CN 6/28/7/5,12,19/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
968 2009 1224331-010000F0040 Raul Martinez and Katia Caballero
The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 4, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.
And
The Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1045 2009 1274331-010000Q0150 Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour
The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 15, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.
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420467 CN 6/28/7/5,12,19/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
430 2009 1324229-02000120011 Alta S. Baker
Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 12, North LaBelle Subdivision, in Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 83, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida, lying and being in Hendry County, Florida and the South one-half of vacated Bonanza Avenue along the North side of said lots and the North one-half of vacated alley abutting the South side of said lots.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
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Growers Should Monitor for Tomato Thrips Carefully



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South Florida vegetable growers worried about the invasive tomato thrips should make certain they're looking for the pest in the right places, say University of Florida researchers.

Also known as common blossom thrips, the species is native to South America and attacks a variety of crops.

A major pest of tomatoes and cucumbers in its home range, the thrips has been detected regularly in South Florida since 2008.

A team from UF's Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead recently published a study outlining their efforts to assess the abundance and distribution of tomato thrips in cucumber fields.

Their findings appear in the June 2012 issue of the journal *Bulletin of Entomological Research*.

The study was conducted on commercial fields in the Homestead area. Once established, the vines were treated with *Bacillus thuringiensis*-based insecticides.

For three growing seasons, the researchers assessed thrips distribution in the fields and on individual plants. They found that the insects first appeared on the blossoms of cucumbers planted at the edges of the fields, apparently arriving from nearby weed patches. The insects remained on the margins initially, then began moving into the fields.

By the eighth week after planting, fields had developed "hot spots" of high thrips density.

On individual plants, the pests congregated around blossoms – not surprising, because they're members of the flower thrips family.

Garima Kakkar, a graduate research assistant at UF's Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center and one of the paper's authors, said producers concerned about the pest should inspect blossoms rather than leaves, and continue inspections for several weeks after blossoms appear.

The study results also indicate that growers who seek to control tomato thrips might not need to apply pesticide uniformly throughout their fields.

If inspections show that tomato thrips are clumped together, it may be worth considering a spatially explicit treatment approach, with pesticides applied only where thrips are most likely to be present.

There's also a lesson for home gardeners, Kakkar says: Keep weeds away from your garden, because they can harbor thrips.

For more information on tomato thrips, see <http://goo.gl/hOCy1>

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 22-2010-CA-000194

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, vs. SHERRY CHANDLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRY CHANDLER; JOHN DOE AND; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 21, 2012 and entered in Case No. 22-2010-CA-000194, of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for GLADES County, Florida. AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC is Plaintiff and SHERRY CHANDLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERRY CHANDLER; JOHN DOE AND; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE FRONT STEPS OF THE COURT-HOUSE, at 5 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN IN GLADES County, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 28, INDIAN HILLS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A 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 with 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2012.
JOE FLINT
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Julie Braddock
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 500 Avenue J, Rm. 102, Moore Haven, FL 33471, Phone No. (941)335-2299 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).
420961 GCD 7/5,12/2012

NOTICE OF SALE

TO: Phyllis Wilkinson

You are hereby notified that the property stored by you with Randy Coyle & Rena Blissett, located at 1801 Red Road, Clewiston, FL 33440. The items are believed to be household and miscellaneous items and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the above address on Friday, July 13, 2012 at 11:00 A.M., along with advertising costs. We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids.
421173 CN 7/5,12/2012

Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to issue renewal of the following Everglades Works of the District Permit (Chapter 40E-63 Fla. Admin. Code) with conditions within the Everglades Agricultural Area, Florida. The permit approves the implementation of a Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan and a water quality Discharge Monitoring Plan. The BMP implementation requirements, performance measures, and compliance methodology established in the permit pertains to phosphorus only. "Permittee" within the permit refers to all landowners, lessees, and operators responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit and are listed under the Administrative Information section of the Staff Report.

Permit 50-00062-E (Application 120330-19), issued on June 25, 2012, to Okeelanta Corporation, P.O. Box 86, South Bay, FL 33493 and other named owner/operators, expiring June 30, 2017, for a project called Okeelanta Corporation for 49,885.27 acres in Sections 17,18, 19, 37 T44/37; Sections 13,14,23-26,36 T45/R34; Sections 1-12,14-23 T45/R36; Sections 1,2,11,12,14,23-25 T46/R34, all in Hendry County; Sections 13,23,24,34-36 T44/R36; Sections 1-5,7-24,26,28-34 T45/R35; and Sections 3-10,15-20,30 T46/R35, all in Palm Beach County, discharging to the Bolles, North New River and Miami Canals.

The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, issued on the date listed above, including permit conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website www.sfwmd.gov, using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the above listed South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the time-frame described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

Filing Instructions

The petition must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. **Filings by e-mail will not be accepted.** Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

Initiation of an Administrative Hearing

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
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421586 CN 7/12/2012

Call FWC for Issues with Alligators

Alligators are active during the warm-weather months, and there's a good chance that people who live around water will encounter these native creatures.

Alligators are deceptively quick, both in and out of the water. If someone is bitten by an alligator, he or she should seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Alligator bites can result in serious infections requiring specific antibiotic treatment, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials.

Avoid the risk of an alligator bite by not taking matters into your own hands or putting yourself in harm's way. Call the FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286) to report any alligator you believe poses a threat to people, pets or property.

"If there's an issue with an alligator, call the FWC and let the experts take care of it," said FWC Lt. Scott Lee, Taylor County watch supervisor. "We certainly don't want anyone getting hurt attempting to capture, kill or subdue an alligator."

Taking an alligator without a permit is a violation of FWC rules, and anyone intentionally killing an alligator could be cited, Lee explained.

The Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) uses contracted nuisance alligator trappers throughout the state to remove alligators that have become a problem. If an alligator is 4 feet or larger and the complaint meets other qualifying criteria, SNAP will issue a permit to a contracted nuisance alligator trapper authorizing

the removal of the animal.

In 2010, SNAP received 13,047 nuisance alligator complaints, resulting in the removal of 5,856 nuisance alligators.

Here are some tips people can use to stay safer around alligators:

Be aware of the possibility of alligators when you are in or near fresh or brackish water. Bites may occur when people do not pay close enough attention to their surroundings when working or recreating near water.

Do not swim outside of posted swimming areas or in waters that might be inhabited by large alligators.

Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn. Therefore, avoid swimming at night.

Dogs and cats are similar in size to the natural prey of alligators. Don't allow pets to swim, exercise or drink in or near waters that may contain alligators.

Never feed alligators – it's dangerous and illegal.

Dispose of fish scraps in garbage cans at boat ramps and fish camps. Do not throw them into the water. Although you are not intentionally feeding alligators when you do this, the result can be the same.

Observe and photograph alligators only from a distance.

Leave alligators alone. Handling even small alligators can result in injury. State law prohibits killing, harassing or possessing alligators.

For more information on alligators, visit [My-FWC.com/Alligator](http://FWC.com/Alligator).

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Plans under way for annual Day of the Cowboy

Pools and water parks help area residents beat the heat

The best way to beat the heat under the Florida sun? Dive into one of the area's many swimming pools and water attractions. South Florida offers a wide variety of swimming choices, from county public swimming pools to the fast paced water slides featured in water parks.

- The Okeechobee Sports Complex Pool, 640 Northwest 27th Lane in Okeechobee, (shown in the cover photo) is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. through Aug. 19. The L-shaped pool has a shallow area for the little ones as well as lanes for more serious swimmers. There are two waterslides which are supervised by lifeguards. On Thursday nights, the pool is open for Family Swim Night from 6 to 8 p.m. From Aug. 25-Sept. 2, the pool will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The pool offers senior water exercise classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Regular admission is \$3 per person. Discount rates are available for groups. Family swim night admission is \$2. Senior water exercise fee is \$2 per day. The pool is also available for rent for private parties. For more information, call 863-467-7667.

- Clewiston's public swimming pool at 113 W. Osceola Avenue in Clewiston, has both a water slide and a diving board. The pool is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

State Road 715, in Belle Glade, is the perfect place to cool off on those scorching, hot days. The center features a public swimming pool with three waterslides and tipping buckets in the shallow end. The pool is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission fee is \$1. Swimming lessons are also available. Pioneer Park also has a Splash Park; this area has no admission fee and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- The Immokalee Sports Complex is a large fitness and activity center located at 505 Escambia St. in Immokalee. The Immokalee Sports Complex has many amenities including an aquatic facility with a 25-yard by 25-meter pool (heated), 1 one-meter springboard, slide and children's activity pool (heated). Summer pool hours (through September) are Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Winter pool hours are Monday-Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. If the temperature is 59 degrees or below, the park may close water facilities. For more information, call 239-657-1951.

- Lion Country Safari, 2003 Lion Country Safari Road, Loxahatchee, a drive-through safari and walk-through amusement park, has a 4,000 square-foot water

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Courtesy photo

Pioneer Park Aquatic Center in Belle Glade features a public swimming pool with three waterslides.



Courtesy photo

A young participant in a Clewiston summer camp program prepares to dive into the Clewiston City Swimming Pool.

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spray ground with 23 interactive water features located in the walk-through, "Safari World." Tickets are \$27.50 for adults; \$24.50 for seniors; \$20.50 for children. Discounts are available if tickets are purchased online.

- Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, 15000 Livingston Road in Naples, is Collier County's only water park. Sun-N-Fun Lagoon includes four pools, a long lazy river, a lit splash playground or interactive water feature, five exciting water slides, a concession stand other typical amenities such as restrooms and lockers. The park is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day during the summer and weekends, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year. Operating hours are subject to change during inclement weather. Children under age 3 are admitted free. Those less than 48 inches tall pay \$5.50. Those 48 inches tall or taller pay \$12. There is a \$2 discount for Collier County residents (with driver's license.) Those over the age of 60 qualify for a senior discount and pay \$8 per person. Groups of 20 or more persons may qualify for a group rate. For more information call 239-252-4021.

- Devils Garden Mud Club, 23525 County Road 835, just south of U.S. 27 near Clewiston, has swimming holes in addition to mud holes, airboat track, mud flats, circle track, mud sand track, truck pull and miles of trails. For more information online go to <http://www.devilsgardenmudclub.com/>.

- Sunsplash Family Waterpark, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd. in Cape Coral is a 12-acre waterpark with more than two



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Children cool off under the 'rainfall' at Sunsplash Family Waterpark.

dozen wet and dry attractions, including a tube ride, waterslides, and a tot spot. Cost is \$15.95 for children and seniors; \$17.95 for adults. Season passes are also available. Hours of operation through Aug. 7 are Monday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aqua Theater night is July 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. Family fun night is July 14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 8-Sept. 30 the park will only be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Labor Day, the park will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Family Fun Nights are planned for Aug. 11 and Sept. 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For more information online, go to www.sunsplashwaterpark.com.

- Rapids Water Park, 6566 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Sept. 30. Entry fee is \$36.95 plus tax Monday-Friday; \$40.95 plus tax on Saturdays and Sundays. Parking is \$10 per vehicle. For more information online, go to www.rapidswaterpark.com. Rapids Water Park offers 29 water slides. The park includes a

25,000 square-foot wave pool, lazy river, body and tube slides, activity pools and a children's water play area. The park also has some unique water rides. Big Thunder is a four-person Tornado tube ride. Black Thunder is another four-person Tornado tube ride in total darkness. In addition there are two raft rides.

- Disney's Typhoon Lagoon Water Park features attractions for the whole family—from fast waterslides to a children's area with pint-sized raft rides. Catch 6-foot waves in the Surf Pool and snorkel Shark Reef—with real sharks! In addition to great waterslides, visitors enjoy the lazy river, wave pool and children's play area. Disney's Typhoon Lagoon features attractions for the entire family—including thrill rides, chill rides, family-style raft rides, areas for little squirts and plenty of tropical lounging for grownups. For more information online go to <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/parks/typhoon-lagoon/>. Single day water park tickets are \$55.38 for adults, \$46.68 for children. Some discounts are available online or when combined with other attractions.

- Disney's Blizzard Beach, 1534 West Buena Vista Drive in Lake Buena Vista, features one of the world's tallest and fastest free-falling waterslides, as well as slides and rides for the whole family—like a kid-sized, snow-castle fountain play area with scaled-down versions of the more thrilling attractions. While the park looks like a frosty ski resort—complete with a functioning chair lift, it's actually an action-packed water wonderland with exciting waterslides and attractions for the whole family. Race on Toboggan Racers, float down Cross Country Creek, plunge down raft rides like Runoff Rapids, discover the Tike's Peak children's play area, play in a one-acre wave pool and experience the thrill of one of the tallest and fastest waterslides in the country, Summit Plummet. Single day water park tickets are \$55.38 for adults, \$46.68 for children. Some discounts are available online or when combined with other attractions. Disney also offers annual water park passes for Florida residents.

- Wet 'N Wild, 6200 International Drive, in Orlando, includes a variety of multi-person tube and raft rides, single-person tube rides, water ski rides, a lazy river tube attraction and the newest BlastAway Beach family play area with a sandcastle that towers 60-feet over 15 slides, two splash pools and more than a 160 soakers, water jets, cannons and waterfalls. For more information, call 407-351-1800. Tickets are \$34 per day for Florida residents (a savings of \$15.99 over regular admission price.) Annual passes and other special tickets are also available.

- Aquatica, 5800 Water Play Way in Orlando, is just across the street from Sea World. The park includes side-by-

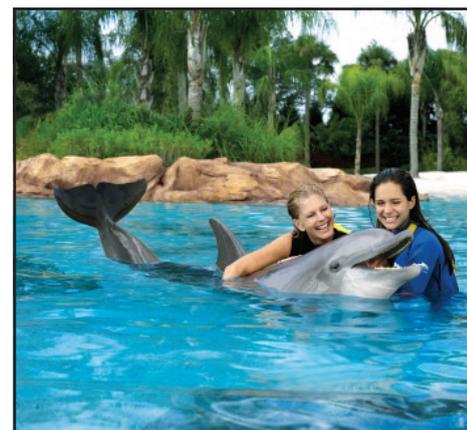


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Sunny's River at Sun and Fun Lagoon in Naples is great on a hot, lazy day.

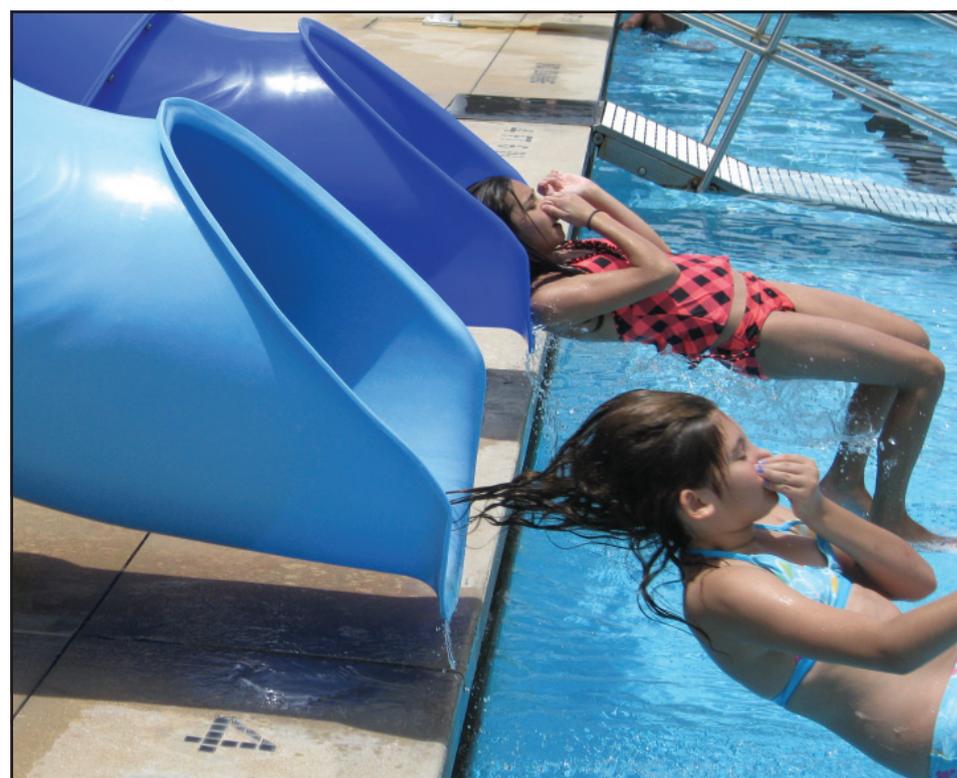
side wave pools, tube rides, a children's play area, a lazy river tube ride, high-speed mat rides and multi-person raft rides. Aquatica visitors will see dolphins, exotic fish, tortoises, exotic birds and other exotic animals. Some of the rides take the visitors through the animal habitat. On the Dolphin Plunge Ride, two side-by-side enclosed tube slides send visitors racing through an underwater world that is home to a playful pod of beautiful black-and-white Commerson's Dolphins. Daily admission is \$49.99 for adults and \$44.99 for children when purchased at the gate. Discounts for Florida residents are available if you purchase tickets online in advance. Annual and weekday passes are also available.

- Discovery Cove in Orlando, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is an all-inclusive adventure in which guests enjoy a one-of-a-kind opportunity to swim with dolphins, rays, and tropical fish and hand-feed exotic birds. At Discovery Cove, guests experience the most exciting animal encounters the world has to offer in a 30-acre tropical oasis. Discovery Cove is a paradise of rocky lagoons surrounded by lush landscaping, tropical reefs, winding rivers, a resort-style pool complete with waterfalls, and pristine white-sand beaches. Seasonal rates start at \$199 for adults, \$129 for children. Reservations are required. For more information, call at 1-877-434-7268.



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Visitors meet the dolphins at Discovery Cove in Orlando.



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Swimmers slide into the water at the Okeechobee Sports Complex.,

Area special events and celebrations planned ...

Day of the Cowboy celebration

OKEECHOBEE—The celebration of the National Day of the American Cowboy will be on Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, in Okeechobee. At the center of the activities will be the Cattlemen's Ranch Rodeo and the Cattle Drive through the streets of Okeechobee. In addition to these events, a local Barbecue Competition will be hosted by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, with a "People's Choice" award and Barbecue Rib Dinner available for purchase. Local talent will demonstrate various cowboy trades and western goods including hats, jewelry and clothing, which will be sold by the many vendors. Local cowboy artists and authors will be on exhibit and, with several children's activities, will round out the event.

On Friday, July 27, this event will open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo will begin at 7 p.m. On Saturday, July 28, the gates will open to the public at 3 p.m., the cattle drive will leave at 4 p.m., the rodeo will take place at 6 p.m. and the event will close following a performance by the local band, "Burnt Biscuit." Admission is \$5 per person; children under 12 are free. The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is located at 4601 State Road 710, Okeechobee. Okeechobee Main Street and the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association are co-sponsors of this unique event. If you have any questions, please contact the Okeechobee Main Street office at 863-357-6246.

Clewiston Museum has Historical Eco Tours

CLEWISTON—The Clewiston Museum offers a Historical Eco-Tour. The trip starts with a morning at South Florida Water Management District's fabulous "Stormwater Treatment Area 5," a popular birding destination in Florida. The wonderful morning of birding is followed by a relaxing lunch at the scenic, Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston.

After lunch, the tour will travel on top of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's "Herbert Hoover Dike" for eight miles. Along the way, the tour guide will give an historical interpretation of Lake Okeechobee. The trip ends with a visit to the Clewiston Museum, which provides great exhibits on the area's history. For information, call 863-983-2870 or clewistonmuseum@embarqmail.com

IRSC Art Gallery open

FORT PIERCE—Indian River State College's Art Gallery, L Building, Room 117, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery promotes understanding the Visual Arts through a diverse schedule and workshops by professional artists. This allows students to gain practical experience from those contemporary artists who are successful in their profession. The Gallery seeks to showcase a breadth of artworks from student work to the most innovative artists working in today's environment. Currently each year IRSC's gallery has four professional shows, one national level competitive show, two student shows and a very popular all IRSC faculty show. For more information, call the gallery manager at 772-462-7824.

Party like a Rockstar

STUART—Terry Barber, executive director of Artists for a Cause (A4AC), has announced a four-part fundraising series called "Party Like A Rockstar" which will be held at the StarStruck Performing Arts Center, 2101 S. Kanner Highway, in Stuart. This series is the first-ever fundraiser benefiting the non-profit organization. The premiere event of the series, on Saturday, July 14, is Beatles night featuring McCartney Mania, a Beatles cover band, plus as many as ten of A4AC's best registered artists singing their favorite Beatles number. The theatre at StarStruck will be transformed into a concert venue with room to mingle and dance, stadium seating, and multiple bar stations—Rockstar style! Additional shows scheduled in the series are Around the World on a Beer and a Song in October 2012, Folk Rock and Acoustic Soul and Teen Rock!, dates to be advised. Another feature of the July 14 event is a Chinese and Silent auction coordinated by A4AC volunteer, Sandy Rucks. Items from A4AC registered artists and local merchants will be the auction items. Chinese auction tickets will be available in advance at the A4AC office, 2688 SE Willoughby Blvd, Suite B in Stuart or at the event. For additional information call 772-419-8778 or email bonnie@a4ac.org. Funds raised at this series will support A4AC and its programs—Dance for Food, Therapeutic Music Day, A4AC Scholarships and Benefit Concerts—all of which improve communities through artistic endeavors.

Immokalee casino hosts concert and festival

IMMOKALEE—Put on your favorite bell bottoms and platforms and head on over to Seminole Casino Immokalee's "Fantasy of Funk" festival on Saturday, July 21. The outdoor event features performances by George Clinton and the Parliament Funkadelic, Nouveaux Honkies, Bonerama and Glen David Andrews Band. Gourmet food trucks will also serve delectable treats throughout the festival.

To kick off the day of funk, Seminole Casino Immokalee will host a free party at its Zig Zag Lounge on Friday, July 20, at 7 p.m. Party-goers with the funkiest outfits will be rewarded with great prizes. They'll also groove to live tunes from blues and R&B group Nouveaux Honkies. The band's sounds have been compared to that of the Rolling Stones, with hints of Dire Straits, Curtis Mayfield, Jimmy Hendrix and Howlin' Wolf. The group's second album, "Where Do I Go," reached number 3 on the roots country chart.

The "Fantasy of Funk" festival begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, just outside of the casino. More than 10 food trucks from across the state will be on hand.

At sundown, George Clinton and the Parliament Funkadelic will top off the music festival with an electrifying performance of generation-spanning jams.

For festival tickets call 1-800-218-0007. No coolers and no pets. Bring your own chairs. Rain or shine.

Okeechobee summer games

OKEECHOBEE—Feel the excitement of the 2012 Summer Olympics by participating in Okeechobee's 'Olympic-style' Summer Games. Register teams of 4-15 people to compete in Olympic-style events: Day 1 - Aug. 4; and Day 2 - Aug. 11. Tentative list of events



include: free-style relay swim, inner tube sprint, basketball shoot-out, synchronized swimming, table tennis, and field events. Junior Division 14-17; Adult Division 18 & up. Call the Parks & Recreation Department for more details at 863-763-6950.

PERFORMING ARTS

Plays, concerts and dancing ...

Jazz Jams

FORT PIERCE—The beautifully restored, 1,200-seat Sunrise Theatre, located in historic downtown Fort Pierce at 117 South Second Street, presents national touring musical and comedy acts, Broadway shows, ballet and opera companies with full orchestras. Also located within the theatre complex is the 220-seat Black Box Theatre, a state-of-the-art venue offering a variety of national, regional and local programming. The Black Box is home to the Ft. Pierce Jazz and Blues Society's Jazz Jams every Tuesday night. For more information, call the box office at 772-461-4775.

Divorce Party, the Musical

WEST PALM BEACH—The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach will present "Divorce Party, the Musical" July 10-Aug. 19. Still reeling from her divorce, Linda is rescued by her three friends who have come to turn her despair into a weekend of hilarity. Using popular songs with clever new lyrics, the ladies sing and dance their way through the wildest divorce party ever. From the producer who brought you the off-Broadway hit Menopause the Musical, it's the ultimate Girls' Night Out, coupled with a healthy dose of comic mayhem and a touch of "naughty." For more information, call the box office at 561-832-7469 or 800-572-8471.

Showtune

BOCA RATON—Florida Atlantic University's University Theatre will present "Showtune," June 22-July 21. Showtune is a popular Off-Broadway musical revue celebrating the words and music of Broadway composer Jerry Herman. Songs featured in Showtune come from the Herman Broadway musicals: Milk and Honey (1961), Hello, Dolly! (1964), Mame (1966), Dear World (1969), Mack & Mabel (1974), The Grand Tour (1979), A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine (1980) and La Cage Aux Folles (1983). For more information, call 1-800-564-9539.

Splash into summer fun at Seminole Casino Brighton

July 28 giveaway of a 2012 Nitro Bass Boat

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE RESERVATION—Seminole Casino Brighton is splashing into summer fun by giving away more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes! One lucky player will take bass fishing to a whole new level with a 2012 Nitro Bass Boat. More casino play during July means more chances to win the sleek and sporty beauty. The casino will award the boat on Saturday, July 28.

Every Thursday, you can win your share of \$20,000 free play during the Lucky Puck Hot Seats. Just play your favorite slots with your Player's Club card inserted and you could be a Lucky Puck Hot Seat winner!

On Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15, guests will also enjoy a special Italian menu at Josiah. The Italiano weekend features the finest delicacies, freshly made to order. Choose from Italian Chicken Parmesan, Lobster Penne Alfredo, Zuppa Toscana, Quattro Baked Ziti, Seafood Fra Diabolo, Chicken Piccata and more. Josiah's Seminole Pasta Shoppe menu features a build your own combination meal. Pick your pasta, gravy and meat or seafood.

Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, visitors 55 and older will get a free bag lunch, while supplies last.

On Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., visitors 55 and older will get a free breakfast, while supplies last. The free bag lunch and breakfast offers are open

to new or returning Player's Club members. Not a member? It's free to join, so sign up today.

As always, there is free bus transportation from the Hampton Inn in Okeechobee at 1200 State Road 70. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the bus picks up at 10:30 a.m. It departs the casino at 5:30 p.m. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bus picks up at 2:15 p.m. and departs at 7:30 p.m.

See the Player's Club for promotion details.

About Seminole Casino Brighton

Seminole Casino Brighton is a 27,000-square-foot casino with 405-slot and gaming machines, a seven-table poker room, high-stakes bingo seats, a full-service restaurant and lounge. Its warm and friendly staff, ultra-modern air-conditioning system, clean atmosphere and rewarding casino promotions are a welcome alternative to big city gaming. The casino also recently opened a new area with 30 slots for those who prefer to play slot machines in a smoke-free environment.

The Seminole Casino Brighton is located on the Brighton Seminole Reservation, 17735 Reservation Road, in Glades County. From State Road 78, take SR 721 north, or from State Road 70, take SR 721 south. For more information, call toll-free 800-360-9875 or 863-467-9998. Or visit www.seminolebrightoncasino.com.



Fishing from the LaBelle Wharf

Summertime is a great time to catch up on your fishing and the Caloosahatchee River is a great place to wet your line. The City of LaBelle's new wharf is the perfect spot for fishermen. It's cool and it's close. Even if the fish aren't biting you can still have a great time from dawn till dusk. The wharf is located on the river at Barron Park, at the foot of the LaBelle Bridge.



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South Florida area offers variety of public beaches

For those who enjoy swimming in the ocean, south Florida's coastline offers plenty of choices in public beaches.

Swimming at state parks

• **Avalon State Park**, State Road A1A North, Fort Pierce, has more than a mile of increasingly rare undeveloped beachfront. The park provides habitat for many species of wildlife. Threatened and endangered sea turtles such as the loggerhead, Atlantic green and leatherback nest on the beach during the spring and summer. Dune crossovers protect the fragile dune ecosystem. The park is ideal for swimmers, snorkelers, fishermen and sunbathers for beach recreation. Swimmers and snorkelers are advised to be cautious of underwater obstacles left behind by amphibious warfare exercises during World War II. Visitors can enjoy a meal at sheltered picnic tables overlooking the beach. Admission fee is \$2 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For information, call 772-468-3985.

• **Fort Pierce Inlet State Park**, 905 Shorewinds Drive in Fort Pierce, features a breathtakingly beautiful half-mile beach perfect for swimming, snorkeling, surfing, and scuba diving. Beachcombing, picnicking, or just relaxing on the sand are also popular activities. Dynamite Point was once the training site for WWII Navy Frogmen, but is now a haven for birdwatchers. Along the south end of the park, Fort Pierce Inlet is a popular place for anglers to catch their dinners. Jack Island Preserve, located one mile north of the park, has trails for hiking, bicycling, and nature study. At the west end of the Marsh Rabbit Run Trail, visitors can climb an observation tower to get a bird's-eye view of Indian River and the island. A primitive youth/group campground is available on a reservation basis; please call the park. Admission fee is \$6 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For more information, call 772-468-3985.

• **John D. MacArthur State Beach Park**, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Drive in North Palm Beach, offers a unique mixture of coastal



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Avalon State Park is off State Road A1A North in Fort Pierce.

and tropical hammock and mangrove forest. This barrier island provides a haven for several rare or endangered native tropical and coastal plant species. The park's Nature Center shows visitors why the park is a biological treasure. Visitors can swim, picnic, and surf at the beach; scuba diving and snorkeling are also popular activities. Birdwatchers can see herons, brown pelicans, terns, sandpipers, and gulls. Anglers can fish in the lagoon by wading, kayaking, or canoeing. They can also fish from non-swimming areas of the beach. Admission is \$5 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For more information, call 561-624-6950.

• **St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park**, 4810 S.E. Cove Road in Stuart, is accessible only by boat, but it is worth the ride. A boardwalk takes visitors across

mangrove forests and hammocks of live oaks, cabbage palms, paradise trees, and wild limes to a neatly preserved Atlantic beach. During the summer months, the island is an important nesting area for loggerhead, leatherback, and green turtles. They come ashore at night to dig holes in the beach sand where they lay their eggs. The preserve is a favorite for nature students interested in learning about the native flora and fauna of Florida barrier islands. Visitors come to swim, sunbathe, or picnic at the pavilion on the quiet beach. Others make the trip for the great surf fishing. Snorkeling and scuba diving are also popular activities. Admission is \$3 per boat. For more information, call 772-219-1880.

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Some visitors to John D. MacArthur State Beach Park enjoy kayaking in the Lake Worth Inlet.



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Fort Pierce Inlet State Park is off Shorewinds Drive in Fort Pierce.



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John D. MacArthur State Beach Park is off Jack Nicklaus Drive in North Palm Beach.

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• **Lovers Key State Park**, 8700 Estero Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach, is one of four barrier islands that make up this state park. A haven for wildlife, the islands and their waters are home to West Indian manatees, bottlenose dolphins, roseate spoonbills, marsh rabbits, and bald eagles. The two-mile long beach is accessible by boardwalk or tram and is popular for shelling, swimming, picnicking, and sunbathing. Black Island has over five miles of multiuse trails for hiking and bicycling. Anglers and boaters can launch their vessels from the park's boat ramp. The park's concession offers kayak tours, as well as bicycle, canoe and kayak rentals. For tour reservations and rentals of bicycles, canoes and kayaks, call 239-765-7788. Admission is \$8 per

vehicle (for up to 8 persons). For more information, call 239-463-4588.

• **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park**, 11135 Gulfshore Dr. in Naples, features a mile-long stretch of white sugar sand. The 166-acre park is a tropical paradise for beach lovers, boaters and divers. The beach is a popular spot to sunbathe, swim, beachcomb, snorkel and picnic. At the beach along Wiggins Pass, where swimming is not allowed, fishing is a popular activity. Boaters can launch their vessels into Water Turkey Bay and travel to the Gulf or up the Cocohatchee River for both saltwater and freshwater fishing. Kayakers can enjoy paddling through estuaries and scuba divers can explore the hard bottom reef in the Gulf. At the north end of the island, a tower gives visitors a bird's-eye view of Wiggins Pass and the surrounding coastal habitat. Admission fee is \$6 per vehicle (for up to 8 people). For information, call 239-597-6196.



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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park is near Naples.

Other public beaches,

Atlantic Coast

• **Alex's Beach**, one mile south of Jensen Beach on Highway A1A, in Jensen Beach is open for swimming, shelling, and dune walkovers. The beach is pet friendly and ample parking make this beach a favorite.

• **Bathtub Reef Beach**, 1585 SE MacArthur Blvd, Stuart, on the south end of Hutchinson Island, is one of the most popular sunning and swimming beaches. Scuba diving is also available offshore in the shallow waters around the reef.

• **Chastain Beach**, 1213 SE McArthur Blvd, Stuart, is between House of Refuge and Bathtub Reef along Highway A1A. The beach is not guarded year round, so check to make sure a lifeguard is on duty. (The historic House of Refuge was originally built and manned to help shipwreck survivors.)

• **Frederick Douglass Park**, 3500 S A1A, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, is on South Hutchinson Island. The beach covers 13.7 acres. Lifeguards are on duty during summer months only.

• **Glasscock Beach**, 4775 NE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, Martin County, is off Highway A1A north of Jensen Beach Causeway. This beach is perfect for surfing and shelling.

• **House of Refuge Beach**, one mile south of Stuart Beach on Highway A1A in Hobe Sound is a good spot for snorkeling.

• **Jensen Beach**, 4191 NE Ocean Blvd, Jensen Beach, at intersection of Highway A1A and State Route 732, is a popular spot for visitors. The park area has volleyball courts as well as bathrooms and

showers.

• **Kimberly Bergalis Beach**, off South A1A on South Hutchinson Island, has lifeguards on duty during summer months only. There are covered picnic areas, restrooms and showers.

• **Pepper Park Beach Park**, 3375 N A1A, Fort Pierce, on North Hutchinson Island includes 52.4 acres and is guarded year round. The beach has a large pavilion, picnic tables with grills, restrooms, showers, playground, volleyball, basketball, tennis courts, ample parking. This beach is next to the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum.

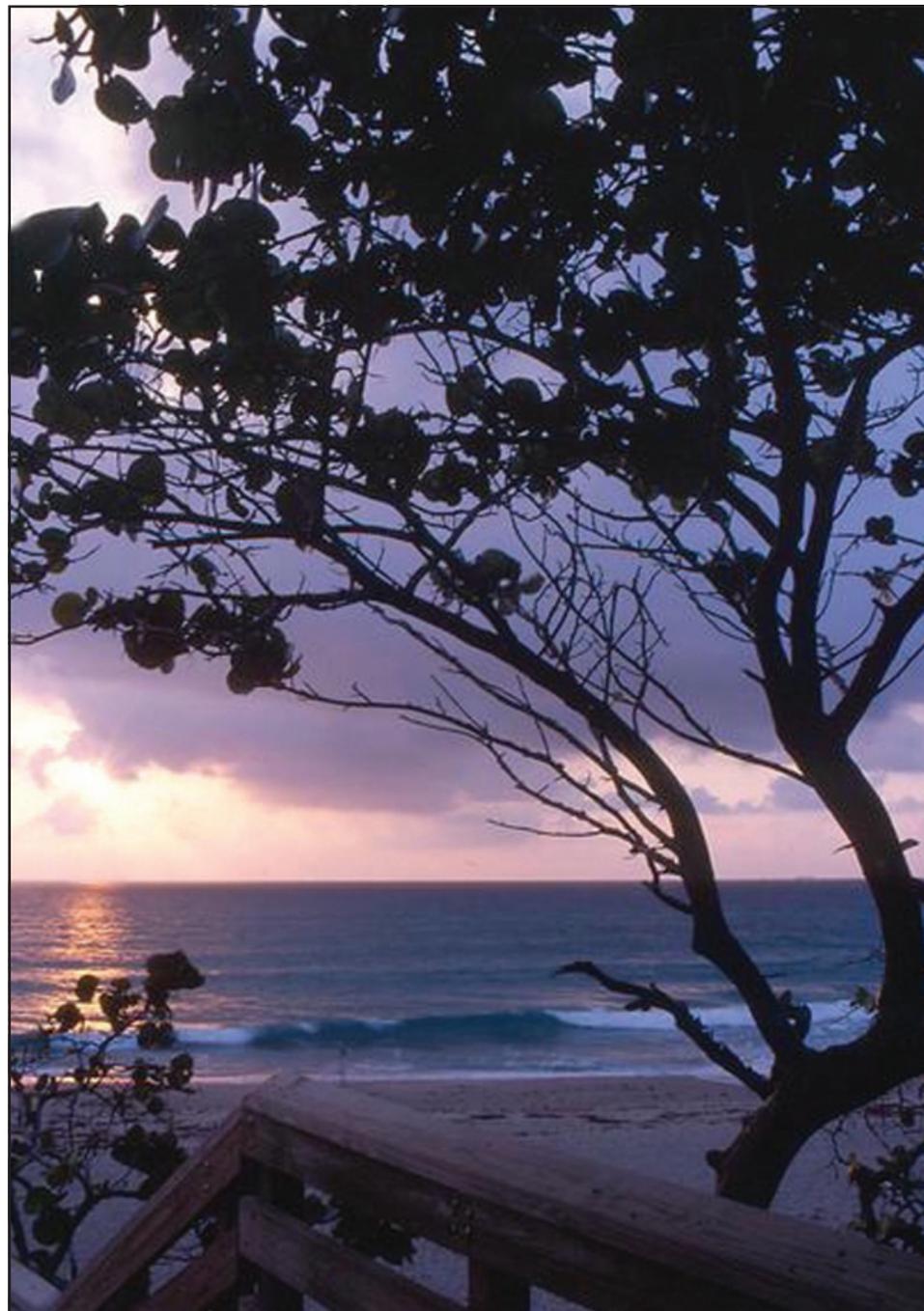
• **Stokes Beach** off Highway A1A in Jensen Beach offers opportunities for swimming, surfing and snorkeling.

• **Waveland Beach**, 10350 S A1A, on South Hutchinson Island, includes 3.6 acres The beach is guarded year round and has bathrooms & showers.

Gulf Coast beaches

• **Fort Myers Beach**, off Estero Boulevard in the City of Fort Myers Beach, is on San Carlos Bay, which is wide open to the Gulf of Mexico, although not actually on the gulf. It is billed as the safest beach on the Gulf Coast because of its calm and shallow waters. There are more than 30 beach access points. The beaches are open from sunrise to half an hour past sunset.

• **Sanibel Island** is a barrier island just offshore from Fort Myers, accessible by the Sanibel Causeway. The island has sandy beaches that are well known for shelling. The beaches have public restrooms. Beach parking is \$2 per hour. Captiva Island, also know for its beaches, is accessible over a bridge which crosses at Turner Beach.



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Sunrise at John D. MacArthur State Beach Park.



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The boardwalk over the Lake Worth Lagoon offers a scenic view.

Memories are made on vacations: Tips for the road

Don't worry about record-breaking gas prices – the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates prices to be \$3.79 a gallon this summer, less than in 2008.

That's good news for families considering reviving the tradition of a road trip vacation, one of the best experiences parents and kids can share, says Michael DiLorenzo, author of "Adventures with Jonny: Road Trip to the Parks!"

"This is a shared experience, and one that will be talked about during family gatherings for years to come," says DiLorenzo, a father of three. "For busy parents, this is a time to savor their children's youth. As moms and dads eventually find out, they grow up fast."

It's also a chance to get children outside and away from their computers, he says. Children today already have a deep-rooted interest in technology, which is

why a road trip to a natural, outdoor destination is an opportunity to "give your child the gift of the outdoors, which is a gift for life," says DiLorenzo.

The journey to a national park in the United States or Canada – perhaps Yellowstone in Wyoming or Banff in Alberta – is as bonding an experience as whatever happens at the destination.

"And there are parks in every state," he notes. "If you don't have the time or money to go cross country, pick a park closer to home."

DiLorenzo offers these helpful tips for the road:

- **Games, games, games!:** Yes, there is ample entertainment for both drivers and riders in cars these days. BUT, the goal is to bond with the family, so consider a fun, albeit off-color game like "Road Kill Round-Up." A point system might break down like this: two points

for the first to spot a poor critter; three for whoever first correctly identifies the species; two points subtracted for a false road-kill call; three points subtracted for misidentifying the kind.

- **Beware of dairy drinks (and other smelly snacks):** A spill in the backseat can eventually create quite a stink during a summer road trip. But do pack plenty of healthy snacks to save on pricey pit stops and avoid all the sugar and salt in junk food.

- **Avoid big-city rush hours:** When traveling through metropolitan areas, consider the busiest traffic periods. Whether you plan to stop and check out the city or simply zip through it, bumper-to-bumper traffic is something to avoid. A bit of consideration can save your family hours of grid-locked misery.

- **Tech help:** Various apps and websites can help drivers find the cheapest

gas prices, food options, hotel rates and travel routes. Also, don't forget a music mix that appeals to the entire family on one of these devices. (Remember, leave work at home – forget about work-related calls, texts and emails! Use a non-work-related smartphone, if needed.)

- **Schedule pit stops:** Being in a hurry should be left for the morning commute; vacation should be different. When traveling across states and provinces, consider local culture. For example, barbecue in South Carolina is very different from Missouri's version. Enjoy diners and unique attractions, and don't be afraid to take notes.

"The greatest family memories are created in shared adventure," DiLorenzo says. "Outdoor recreation is filled with these memories just looking for a family to bring them home."

Looking for a summer family activity? Go on a beach safari!

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Not everyone has a green backyard with bushes and trees. Florida is a peninsula, with the longest coastline of all states in the continental United States. Most of Florida's nearly 19 million residents live less than 60 miles from the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, making the beach, sand and salt water their "backyards."

So let's go on a summer backyard beach safari!

Begin your treasure hunt by shelling. Take a walk along the water's edge, and you'll discover hundreds of varieties of shells hurled onto the beach by waves that roll or crash onto the shore.

Seashells were once living organisms. The shell is the hard, protective outer part of an animal, usually a mollusk. Mollusks are animals like scallops, snails, clams and oysters. These creatures make their own shell. When the animal dies or gets eaten by another creature, the empty shell stays empty or becomes a home to other sea critters like

hermit crabs.

Shelling provides hours of fun while looking for that one-of-a-kind, colorful treasure. Before you keep a shell, make sure there is nothing living in it. Otherwise you need a special license to keep it.

Another activity is digging in the sand for coquinas ("Ko-KEE-nahs") and mole crabs. It's easy to spend hours getting lost in the color and movement of coquinas and the squirms of mole crabs. Coquinas are tiny clams that live just below the surface of the sand where the waves roll in. Tides carry and deposit them along the shoreline, where they feed on microscopic organisms in the sand. They are a dazzling sight with wonderful colors, like tiny jewels. Sometimes you don't need to dig because incoming waves will unearth them. Watch as they furiously dig, seeking cover and food as each wave rolls back out to sea.

Mole crabs are small and do not look like a typical crab, nor do they look like a mole. They are fast and will bury themselves quickly in an effort to hide. To find one, dig

gently in sand near the water, just as if you are looking for coquinas. As you dig, they may bury deeper into the sand but if you can get underneath one, then you can scoop it up. They may tickle you but don't worry; they do not bite. Be gentle, because they are soft and fragile. When you are finished observing the crab gently place it back into the soft, wet sand.

Bird-watching is another fun activity. Gulls live on the beach and are known to swoop in to steal your food! Pesky as they might be, they are still fun to watch. Other birds to watch at the beach are pelicans. Pelicans glide just above the water's surface, and then SPLOOSH! They dive into the water head-first to grab a fishy meal.

It's also fun to look for bird tracks in the wet sand.

Can you identify the tracks you find? Do not chase the birds to make them fly. Simply watch and admire their behavior.

While on your safari, be sure to wear sunscreen so you can avoid sunburn, and have fun this summer!



Courtesy photo/R.J. Wiley
A pelican guides in to land at Lovers Key State Park.



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Parents and caregivers should always be alert when children are in or near water.

Stay safe when swimming

Swimming, one of the most popular activities in the country, is a fun, active, and healthy way to spend leisure time. Every year, millions of people visit recreational water sites, such as swimming pools, water parks, hot tubs, lakes, rivers, or the ocean.

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) encourages all parents and child care givers to be more careful in their everyday responsibilities including swimming. DOH supports the work of Safe Kids Florida, a member of Safe Kids Worldwide and supports the following

tips:

- **NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE NEAR WATER.**

- Tell children never to run, push, or jump on others near water.

- Learn infant and child CPR.

- Children should always wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets.

- Inflatable inner tubes and "water wings" are not safety devices.

- Teach children to swim after age 4.

- Make sure children swim within designated swimming areas of rivers, lakes and oceans.