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Glades Central's Brutal Losing Streak Continues



PHOTO / NAJI TOBIAS

Glades Central's David Bailey kneels down after scoring on a 19-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Antwan Washington, which gave the Raiders a 7-0 lead over the Park Vista Cobras with 7:33 left in the first quarter.

Pahokee notches first win of season; Glades Day remains undefeated after four games

BY NAJI TOBIAS
The Sun

The bye week couldn't come at a better time for Glades Central. As the Raiders embark on their first

0-4 start in more than 25 years, several glaring weaknesses have emerged.

In Glades Central's 24-14 home loss to Park Vista (Lake Worth) on Sept. 21, the propensity for committing late turnovers, inconsistent play on both offense and defense, injuries to some key players and the inability to finish strong were contributing factors to the program's latest disappointment.

Glades Central senior quarterback Antwan Washington (21-for-29 passing, 173 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT) has improved over the course of two weeks as the team's starting signal caller. Accurate for most of the game against Park Vista, Washington gave Glades Central a 7-0 lead early on, thanks to a timely 19-yard touchdown pass to David Bailey with 7:33 left in the first quarter.

And not long after Park Vista LeKraig Bens answered with a touchdown of his own – Bens' 2-yard scamper into the end tied the game up at 7-7 with 10:21 left in the second quarter – Washington connected with T.J. Abrams for a 10-yard touchdown pass, which gave Glades Central the lead back at 14-7 with 4:49 left in the second quarter.

"They [Park Vista Cobras] were playing in zone coverage, so we wanted to hit them with the quick throwing game," Washington said of Glades Central's early success in the air. "They didn't want to come up and let us beat them deep."

Glades Central's offense couldn't

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76-Year-Old Killed in BG Accident

DRIVER FAILED TO
NOTICE PEDESTRIAN,
FHP REPORTS

BY JOSE JESUS ZARAGOZA
The Sun

A 76-year-old man was struck and killed Monday morning in Belle Glade, reports the Florida Highway Patrol. Joseph Ledan, of Belle Glade, was hit by a Ford F-150 truck driven by Royal Palm Beach resident Mack Boone Jr.

The accident happened at 9:58 a.m.

According to information released by Sergeant Mark Wysocky, with Florida Highway Patrol's Public Affairs

Office, the driver of the pickup truck was traveling northbound on State Road 80, approaching Custard Apple Blvd. when, for reasons that remain unknown, he failed to notice the pedestrian until the last moment.

Ledan had been walking within the right lane of State Road 80.

When he did notice, he attempted to swerve out of the way, but struck the older gentleman with the left front of his vehicle.

The sergeant reports that the man died at the scene as a result of his injuries. The driver of the vehicle suffered no injuries, and alcohol was determined not to have played a role in the accident.

No charges have yet been filed in the case, which remains under investigation, reported FHP.

Enterprise Zone Expands to Inland Logistics Center

State Approves Expanded Boundaries of Palm Beach County Enterprise Zone

The Board of County Commissioners, through the Department of Economic Sustainability (DES) has received notification of approval from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity of the county's request to amend the boundaries of its Enterprise Zone (EZ). The expanded boundaries will provide greater opportunities for businesses to obtain tax benefits and regulatory relief to encourage further revitalization, eco-

nomics development and job creation in the Glades.

The county's EZ includes portions of the cities of West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Belle Glade and South Bay. The boundaries were amended to include a larger portion of Belle Glade and the 850 acres designated for the future inland logistics center site in unincorporated Palm Beach County.

In 2011, the Florida Legislature passed a law which allowed the county to apply for an EZ boundary amendment encompassing an area up to three square miles. The law required the county to include a portion of the state-designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, which has

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Parent Night/Open House

Many thanks to all of the families, community members, teachers and support staff who showed up Thursday, Sept. 20, to make our first Parent Night a huge success. We would like to thank the parents who volunteered as committee members on this year's School Advisory Council. The School Advisory Council works together to advocate and implement the best in research-based for our students' academic growth and achievement. Ms. Parise, Science coach shared out on two fantastic accomplishments: our school achieving the Green School of Recognition award and our reimbursement award \$1,028 for energy conservation.

Assistant Principal, Denise Hall gave an intensive and thorough presentation on Title 1, its background, purpose, funding guidelines, and its linking of schools and families. Ms. Hall also thanked parents, families, students, and staff for their support of the fall book fair.

Mr. Kelvin Johnson, Parent Liaison, explained that the Parent Center is equipped with learning games, books, flash cards, and other resources to help students. These items are available for family check-out. Principal Miller introduced his new faculty and staff members, and reported on the smooth transition of sharing our school with Rosenwald, our new school hours, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., our recent instructional review, fall diagnostics, the new kindergarten, first grade report cards, data folders and our School Based Team meetings. Mr. Miller that the extra hour is for reading instruction, designed to help our strugglers and enrich those on and above level. Guidance Counselor, Gary Harmon presented the Student of the Month awards.

Classroom Visitations

Our administration has been busy visiting classrooms to encourage student learning and encourage the implementation of the Marzano framework. Robert J. Marzano, PhD. is a renowned education researcher and reformer, who has authored over 30 books and 150 articles. In alignment with common core standards, Pioneer Park began implementing the Marzano framework last year. Chapter one, in Marzano's

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Hispanic Heritage Month

For children: Bilingual Fiesta

It's a fiesta! Sing, clap, move, and dance with Jody Dreher! While you do, you will learn Spanish, too! (45 min.) All ages.

- South Bay Branch on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m.
- Pahokee Branch on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 10 a.m.
- Belle Glade Branch on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 12:45 p.m.

The King's Men

St. John 1st Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring a charter bus to see The King's Men tour on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. There will be a cost for the bus ride. The bus will depart from the church's parking lot at 3:30 p.m. Admission tickets are on sale at www.aaarena.com or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, or bus seats, please contact Kevin Wright at 561-261-0717.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

"The Art and Science of Teaching" deals with establishing and communicating learning goals, tracking student progress and celebrating success. When an instructional leader, peer teacher, or student enters the classroom, they should be able to ascertain the day's learning goal by looking at the board. The goal should be in student friendly terms. Part of the purpose of leaders visiting classroom is to keep a finger on the heartbeat of the school, see instruction in progress, and check that students are purposely engaged. Students should be able to relay the day's goal.

Marzano includes rating scales for teachers and students. The scales go from zero, for no attempt, participation, nor awareness, gradually increasing to a perfect score. The visual scales and student friendly goals help students know their

targeted learning goal. In readers workshop, a perfect 4 point score could include reading the entire independent reading time, reading a book on a "just right" level, whisper reading, utilizing previously learned strategies, responding to the day's reading in the reading journal and entering their school and home reading in their reading log. The scales also provide a map for leaders to focus in during classroom observations, providing specific guidance and support where needed. The scales also go hand-in-hand with the data folders, which directly tie in to the data folders. The data folders' information relates to the new report cards. Sunshine state standards

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OPEN LETTER TO HENDRY COUNTY RESIDENTS

Dear Hendry County Residents,

While we have been involved in local political races from time to time in a minor way, this election U.S. Sugar Corporation is taking the extraordinary action of getting involved – deeply involved – in a local election involving our local property appraiser, and **we want everyone to know we are involved and why.**

Why would we do this?

The current property appraiser, Phillip Pelletier, is taking a public position to radically raise taxes. Hendry County already has the second highest tax rate of any county in Florida, and Pelletier's stated position will impose even millions more in increased taxes. This will be disastrous for property owners, including U.S. Sugar, and it will be a job killer.

We did not ask for this, nor do we want it. But we have no other choice but to turn to YOU, the voters and the residents of our community.

Most businesses cannot pass on county property tax increases. If they raise prices, competitors outside the county will undersell them. This is especially true for businesses like U.S. Sugar that sell an internationally produced commodity like sugar. The unfortunate result is that radically higher taxes like Pelletier proposes are job killers because they force businesses to either cut costs (layoffs) or go out of business.

Most people are not aware that we have an open border with Mexico on sugar. U.S. Sugar is forced to compete with Mexican sugar factories that pay what we consider to be slave labor wages. So far, we are managing to compete by efficiencies, but radically higher taxes will destroy our ability to compete.

Phillip Pelletier's proposed alternative property appraisal scheme is not just wrong; it will dramatically raise taxes on the county's largest employer by millions of dollars each year. This unfair and unfounded tax increase will not only hurt our local business, but also could lead to layoffs while slowing attempts to create new local jobs.

This bears repeating: Pelletier's unfair, unfounded and radical tax increase could lead to layoffs and will choke our attempt to create more local jobs.

We have tried to reason with Pelletier, but he refuses to listen. He has turned to the courts, has fought us every step of the way, and he is using your tax dollars to do it. We have no choice but to use the electoral process and appeal to the citizens of this community to enlist their support. Like you, we recognize the need to pay our fair share of taxes (U.S. Sugar already pays nearly ¼ of all Hendry County property taxes) and as a good corporate neighbor, we are proud of the work we do in our community. And like you, when we believe something is unfair, we feel we have a duty to stand up and fight for what we believe is right and what is fair.

We believe Phillip Pelletier's attack on us is unwarranted, unjust and unfair. That is why we are taking this bold step... for our future and for the future of our community.

Re-electing Phillip Pelletier means higher taxes. Higher taxes mean fewer jobs. This will be bad for U.S. Sugar and for the citizens of Hendry County – and we will be working hard in the coming weeks and months to prevent that from happening.

Robert H. Buker, Jr.
President and CEO

Inland Birdwatching Fun: Ruby-throated Hummingbird (RTHU)

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is the only hummingbird species that breeds in eastern North America. Its breeding range extends from the lower Canadian provinces south to Texas and Florida. They winter in south Texas and Central

America. They will cross the Gulf of Mexico in a single flight to return to Florida as early as February and begin breeding in May. This small hummingbird, with a slender and slightly down-curved bill, is about 3.75 inches long. In flight their short wings beat about 53 times

a second which makes a buzzing sound. This rapid flight allows them to fly straight and fast as well as stop instantly, hover or fly up, down or backwards with minute control. This bird's extremely short legs prevent it from walking or hopping, however it can shuffle along a perch. Adult males have a bright emerald green back and crown with gray-white underparts and an iridescent red throat. Adult females lack the ruby throat and have less green on the breast sides

and only a few green flecks on their throat. Juveniles are similar to the adult female with mostly unmarked throats. The oldest documented Ruby-throated Hummingbird lived to be nine years and one month old.

The male's song is a constant series of monotonous chips just daybreak. The common call between individuals or during chases is an even "chee-dit." Ruby-throated Hummingbirds occur in a variety of habitats in rural and suburban areas including pine and hardwood forests and stream floodplains. Their diet includes small insects and nectar which is most often from red, orange or yellow flowers. During the summer they are observed visiting sugar water feeders and garden flowers. Breeding pairs are together for only a few days or weeks. The female builds nest of plant material held together with spider silk or pine resin. The large thimble size nest takes 6 to 10 days to complete and is about two inches across and 1 inch deep. She lays 2 small white eggs which are incubated for 11 to 14 days. The young fledge in two to four weeks.

To join Hendry-Glades Audubon volunteers at STA5 on Oct. 13, Nov. 10 or Nov. 24 send an e-mail to Margaret England at sta5birding@embarqmail.com. Meet at the east end of Deer Fence Road at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required. Include your name and contact information including an emergency cell number, the date you want attend the STA5 trip, and the number of



Margaret England



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Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

participants in your party. You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202.

For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2013 visit the HGAS website at www.hendrygladesaudubon.org. Trips being at the STA5

Deer Fence Trailhead located 29 miles south of Clewiston. Please, share you your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



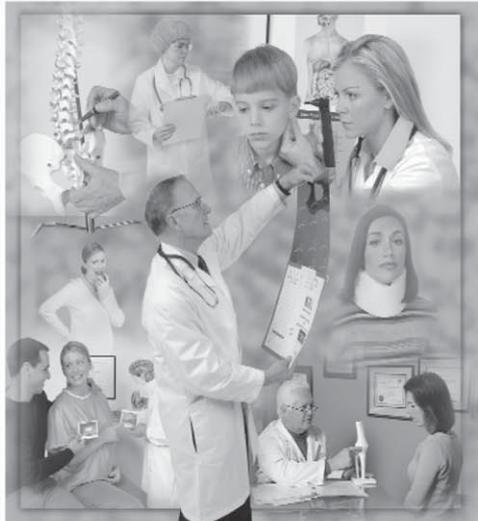
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Sea-level Rise Threatens Endangered Rabbit Far More Than Development



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The Lower Keys marsh rabbit is on the federal endangered species list. UF/IFAS scientist Robert McCleery studied the rabbit and found that sea level rise was responsible for much of the rabbit's habitat loss over a 47-year period.

BY MICKIE ANDERSON
UF

When University of Florida researcher Robert McCleery and a graduate student began looking at why an endangered marsh rabbit's habitat was disappearing in the Florida Keys, they fully expected the blame would fall on development.

Instead, they were stunned to find that nearly half of the rabbit's habitat loss was due to rising sea levels.

"We kind of look at sea level rise as this problem that's just starting, something that is going to be a real problem for conservation in the future. But what we're showing here is that it's already a problem," McCleery said. "We're not saying that development doesn't have an impact, but sea level rise is undoubtedly the main culprit and development helps exacerbate it."

The sea level findings raise concerns about the outlook for many coastal species, McCleery said, and he said there is no reason to believe that outlook won't worsen over time, as ocean levels are predicted to rise.

McCleery and Jason A. Schmidt, a former graduate student of McCleery's when he worked at Texas A&M University, began looking at the Lower Keys marsh rabbit because it was a federally endangered species known only to live in an isolated part of the Florida Keys.

Their findings were posted online this week by the journal *Global Change Biology*.

The Lower Keys marsh rabbit, known to scientists as *Sylvilagus palustris hefneri* – named for Playboy publishing magnate Hugh Hefner – is a small- to medium-sized rabbit with dark brown fur and a grayish-white belly. Once abundant in the lower Florida keys, the rabbit has been on the federal endangered species list since 1990, and only a few hundred remain on just a few of the keys, such as Boca Chica, Sugarloaf and Big Pine.

The researchers analyzed aerial photographs from 1959 (when the rabbit was still plentiful) and 2006 and were able to show a 64 percent net loss of the marsh rabbit's habitat – 48 percent of it due to sea level rise, said McCleery, a faculty member with UF's Institute of Food and

Agricultural Sciences.

Only 8 percent of habitat loss was attributable to development, indicating that development's greatest threats are indirect, such as blocking the bunny's habitat from migrating inland in response to rising sea levels, the researchers said.

Jeff Gore, a statewide wildlife biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said the study shows that sea level change that seems almost imperceptible to humans can still have a big impact on wildlife.

"Obviously, it's already having an effect on the marsh rabbit, but in a state like Florida with so much coastline and so many endangered species, it's going to be a major concern for decades to come," he said.

Since the mid-1800s, sea level has been rising. During the last century, sea level rose between 6 to 8 inches, although scientists believe the rate increased greatly in the last decade and many expect that trend to continue.

While sea level was shown to be the endangered rabbit's biggest threat, McCleery said development wasn't without blame.

The team found a strong correlation between the amount of development and how much new habitat was created. Keys where less than 8 percent of their land area was developed from 1959 to 2006 were shown to have new areas of marsh vegetation, but islands with more than 8 percent of their land area developed during the same time span saw little to no rabbit-suitable habitat formed.

"So for these rabbits, not only is sea level rise bad, but we're showing that development is working synergistically with that sea level rise, by preventing the vegetation on these islands from adjusting or 'migrating' inland," McCleery said.

The paper's other authors include Jennifer Seavey and Susan Cameron Devitt, both faculty members in UF's wildlife ecology and conservation department; and Paige M. Schmidt, a research wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Oklahoma.

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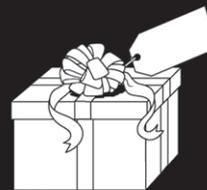
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Isabel Maria Rodriguez, 87

CLEWISTON — Isabel Maria Rodriguez, passed away Sept. 14, 2012 in Clewiston, Fla. She was born Nov. 29, 1924 in Cuba.

She loved cooking, reading magazines and watching Novelas, but most of all she loved her family. Survivors include her husband of 63 years Emilio Rodriguez Lopez; and one son, Emilio G. Rodriguez; grandchildren,

Stephanie Rodriguez, Nikita Rodriguez, December Rodriguez, Kayla Rodriguez, Emilio G. Rodriguez, Jr. and Elvira Mercado; great-grandchildren, Isabel Maria Rodriguez, Rakayla Brown, Jacob Israel Perez, Layla Mercado, Macie Mercado, Isiah Brown, Peyton Brewington, R.J. Brown and Joshua Brewington.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Margaret's Catholic Church, Clewiston with Father Joseph Santa-Bibiana officiating. Interment was in Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clewiston.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - Clewiston



Mary Katheryn Jones, 93

CLEWISTON — Mary Katheryn Jones, a daughter given by the Lord to Bayard and Sarah Kennedy, was born in Clermont, Fla. on July 22, 1919, and at 93 years of age went to be with Jesus in Heaven, Friday night Sept. 21, 2012 at Hope Hospice in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

Mary Katheryn also known as "Kittie" to her friends and family, was surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and all those who loved her until her final moments on this earth. Loving mother, fun and doting grandmother, Mary Katheryn gave joy to those around her.

Forever remembered by those who love her, Mary Katheryn is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Joyce and Tom Conner of LaBelle, Fla. and Patti and Allan Goulet of Melbourne, Fla.; daughters-in-law, Mary Ann Jones of Clewiston, Fla. and Cecelia Jones of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandchildren, Tom (Julie) Conner, Joel (Stephanie) Conner, Kristen (Jesse) Kroll, Warren (Melissa) Jones, Rachel (Ryan) Edmonds, Andrew (Lindsey) Jones, Jeremy Goulet, Lauren Goulet, Joshua Goulet, Lisa (Tim) Howard, Caroline Russ, Kathy Thomas, Michele DeBatte, Jamie (Teri) Russ and Michael Russ; twelve great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and a host of other family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Hawkins Jones; two sons, Thomas H. Jones III and Robert Bayard Jones; brother Bayard Warren Kennedy; and one great-grandson Bryson Cole Jones.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Clewiston, Clewiston with Dr. Todd Buck officiating. Interment was in Ridgelawn Cemetery. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home

Anita Jean Jeanne' Strope, 78

MOORE HAVEN — After a long illness, Anita Jean (Jeanne) Strope passed away peacefully at her home in Moore Haven, Florida on Sept. 19, 2012.

Jeanne was born April 9, 1934 in Dupont, Indiana to Ernest and Ruby Sedam. She was a graduate of Vernon High School in 1952. Jeanne married L.E. Strope on November 25, 1954. She retired from the Moore Haven School system in 1996 after 30 years of service. Prior to her illness, she was a active member of the First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven where she sang in the choir. Jeanne was an active member of the Methodist Ladies group. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Jeanne also enjoyed traveling.

Mrs. Strope is survived by her husband, L.E. Strope of Moore Haven, Fla.; children, Daniel (Cindy) Strope of Bargersville, Ind.; Vanesa (Wesley) Collier of Cato, N.Y., Velela (Stephen) Taylor of Elbridge N.Y.; son-in-law, John Mack of Clewiston, Fla.; grandchildren, Megan (Memo) Mack of Orlando, Fla., Knox (Sulema) Mack of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., Ross Mack of Clewiston, Fla., Danielle (Chris) Collier of New Castle, England, Dana (Greg) Winks of Cato N.Y., Holden and Harper Taylor of Elbridge N.Y.; great-grandchild, Liam Mack of Royal Palm Beach, Fla.; siblings, Robert (Phyllis) Sedam of North Vernon, Ind, Bernard (Virginia) Sedam of San Jacinto, Ind., Harve (Paulann) Sedam of North Vernon, Ind., Marjorie (James) Moore of Bloomington, Ind., Beverly (Joe) Lee of Butlerville, Ind., Richard (Linda) Sedam of Madison, Ind.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her daughter, Vonita Mack on June 23, 2012; and her parents, Ernest and Ruby Sedam.

A Celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven. Pastor Charley Watts officiated. The Neptune Society Crematorium provided final services.

Horace A. 'Bo' Austin, 80

LAKE HARBOR — Horace A. "Bo" Austin, born June 26, 1932, in Sebring, Fla. to the late Ben and Georgia Austin died on Sept. 17, 2012, at Hendry Regional Medical Hospital.

"Bo" was president of South Bay Elementary, St. Peter's Lutheran School PTO, Commander of South Bay American Legion Post #161, member of Belle Glade American Legion Post #20, member of Pahokee Highway Patrol Auxillary, Elk of the year of Clewiston Lodge #1853 in 2007, chosen Citizen of the year of Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce 1995. He loved his community and his cooking was superb, he was known for his infamous Banana Pudding. Numerous outstanding awards. "Bo" joined the U.S. Army in 1955, during the Korean Conflict. He retired from South Florida Water Management after 40 years. He was a member of the Lake Harbor Community Methodist Church.

Jack of all trades, master of none. He will be greatly missed

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara Plank Austin; children, Melanie Austin of Belle Glade, Tess A. Noland and her husband Zachary of Clermont, Fla, Judi Austin of Okeechobee, Fla., Sutt Austin and his wife Brandi of Crawfordville, Fla.; his grandchildren, Catherine and Eric Lodge of Orlando, Caitlin Spangler of Okeechobee, Austin Noland, Rebekah Noland of Clermont, Elizabeth Austin of Crawfordville, Taryn and Rachel Austin of Belle Glade, Tiffany Turner, Cameron Beck of Clermont, Dakotah Curtis, Allyson LeBlanc, and Emily LeBlanc of Crawfordville; two great-grandchildren, Joshua and Emma Spangler of Okeechobee; two brothers, Norman of Clewiston, Warren of Loxahatchee, Fla.; two sisters, LouAnn of Wellington, Fla. and Jenny Roberts of Brunswick, Ga.; nephews, nieces, great friends and loved ones, whom he loved.

Services were held Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012 at the Lake Harbor Community Methodist Church.



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Help for Lake Okeechobee's bird life

Come join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society for a free program at the Clewiston Museum located at 109 Central Avenue on Monday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker, Dr. Paul Gray, will present "Help for Lake Okeechobee's bird life, especially Kites and Sparrows." Dr. Paul Gray is the Science Coordinator of Audubon of Florida's Lake Okeechobee Watershed Program. He has worked around Lake Okeechobee with agencies and stakeholders on Okeechobee water management, water quality, aquatic plants and fire management since 1988. Dr. Gray has also written numerous popular and technical articles on Okeechobee-related issues and bird life. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Lake Okeechobee's bird life and the environmental issues it faces today. Please contact the Clewiston Museum at 863-983-2870 or clewistonmuseum@embarqmail for questions or reservations.

Fun Halloween Ideas for the Family

Autumn is here, which means Halloween is fast approaching. You can help make this season extra special for your kids by getting them in the spooky spirit with some great Halloween reading, viewing and hands-on activities.

Eerie Reading

With all that homework that comes with a new school year, you may be hard pressed to get your kids to do any extra reading. However, a fun Halloween book will earn their attention.

Check out "Professor Gargoyle: Tales From Lovecraft Middle School #1," by Charles Gilman, the first in a new series about the strange world of a creepy middle school. With a science teacher who morphs into a monster before you even open the book, this is one book you can judge by its cover, and it may also inspire a great costume.

A nod to H.P. Lovecraft, the iconic horror author of the 20th century, this book is ideal for boys and girls ages 10 and older. To learn more about the book, visit www.lovecraftmiddle-school.com.

Frightful Viewing

There's nothing more evocative of the season than a Halloween movie. You can make a

night of it at home with some popcorn and an old classic like "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," or take the kids to the theater for a new tale. "Hotel Transylvania," for example, a 3-D computer-animated film starring Adam Sandler and Selena Gomez, will make Dracula fun for kids.

Creepy Crafting

From carving your own Jack-o-Lanterns to designing your own Halloween costumes to adorning your house and yard with homemade decorations, Halloween presents the perfect opportunity to get creative with crafts.

Encourage your kids to go the do-it-yourself route this year. Not only are homemade costumes so much more unique than store-bought costumes, they can be inexpensive to create and are a lot more satisfying to show off to friends. Safety note: let little ones design their own Jack-o-Lanterns and help you scoop out the pumpkin, but leave the actual carving to an adult.

Great crafting ideas abound on the Internet, including costumes that require no sewing. For inspiration, visit www.parenting.com.

Make this Halloween a memorable one for kids with some great new reads, films and crafts.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY PLAT HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on **October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, La Belle, Florida, to consider the Preliminary Plat Application of Weekley Three Clewiston, LLC (PL11-0002), a subdivision of a portion of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 34 East. The industrial subdivision is located southeast of the City of Clewiston, along the east side of CR 835, and includes the former Evercane Refinery site.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the matter. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

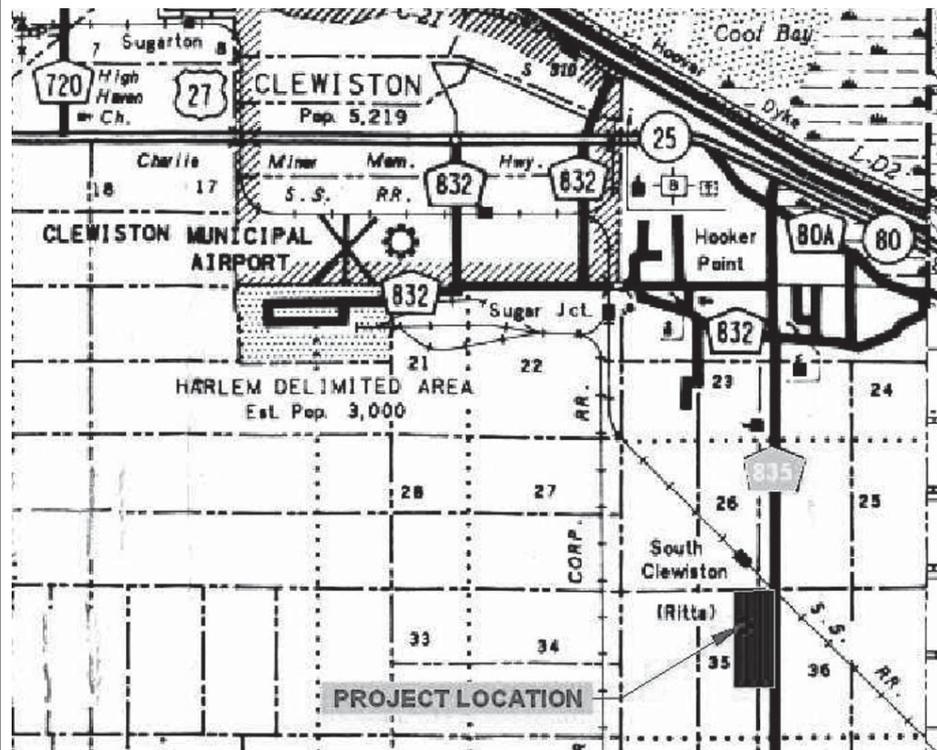
Petition Number: PL11-0002

Applicant: Weekley Three Clewiston, LLC; represented by Johnson-Prewitt and Associates, Inc.

Location: 3005 and 3013 CR 835, Clewiston, FL; southeast of the City of Clewiston, along the east side of CR 835 (includes the former Evercane Refinery site)

Property size: 239.97 +/- acres

Request: The applicant is seeking approval of a preliminary plat for an industrial subdivision.



Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Gas Price Update

Average retail gasoline prices in Florida have fallen 4.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.74/g on Sunday. This compares with the national average that has fallen 4.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.81/g..

Including the change in gas prices in Florida during the past week, prices yesterday were 29.0 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 1.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 8.8 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 29.0 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The national average has begun to drop nicely over the last week, and while it certainly doesn't feel like much, it is noteworthy," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan.

"Oil prices were all over the map last week, closing in on \$100/bbl one day and dropping to \$92/bbl later in the week. I've probably had more double takes watching oil prices in the last week than I've had all summer. Watching oil prices last week was as wild as watching the Detroit Tigers try to take a division lead over the White Sox," DeHaan said.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- "___ & Son": "The Bullwinkle Show" feature involving morality tales
 - Common 99-cent buy
 - Rubbernecked
 - Brand pitched by Bucky Beaver
 - Musical flourish
 - Printing error?
 - "Simply a patient wolf": Lana Turner
 - Ones whose business is going down?
 - Crisper, e.g.
 - Unlikely remedy
 - Utah's state flower, e.g.
 - Farm male
 - Craigslist condition
 - Unfriend?
 - Hit the roof
 - Hot stream
 - '40s-'50s Cleveland Indians slugger
 - Setting for some History Channel programs
 - One coming down
 - Like some airport parking
 - Caribbean music
 - Novelist Hoag
 - Reg.
 - Balkan Peninsula peak
 - Game played with two decks
 - All-around vehicle, briefly
 - What excessive volume might do, facetiously
 - Couple's interaction
 - Restaurant seating option, perhaps
 - 1995 film based on an Elmore Leonard novel
 - Sportswear selections
 - 1970s-'80s Mantas, e.g.
 - First airline to operate a transpolar route
 - Slow on the uptake

- DOWN**
- Bugs
 - "Spartacus," for one
 - "Black Narcissus" actor
 - Prelude to a historic turning point
 - Pacific island nation
 - Team from College Station, Texas
 - Finish on top
 - Plywood cutter
 - Some nail applications
 - Hydrocarbon suffix
 - Debunked claims that don't go away
 - Big chunk of Christmas sales nowadays
 - 2006 NASCAR Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year Hamlin
 - Key not used alone
 - Hamm's "Mad Men" role
 - 23 some galleries
 - Way up a slope
 - It's a crock

- "You Learn" singer
- Game named for a king
- Dahl entrepreneur
- Food stamp
- Get lost
- Neglect
- Proceed
- Fate of a bad offer
- Defense secretary after Gates
- Jolly Roger fliers
- Expenditure
- Be in hot water
- Opponent of Caesar
- Halfhearted
- Bewildered, after "in"
- Crib cries
- ___ blue: color named for a school
- Boosts
- Teaspoon, say
- Night sch. staple

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CPA12-0001

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan. The hearing will take place on **October 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the amendment is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan.

The recommendations of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final consideration at a public hearing. The BCC will consider whether or not they wish to transmit the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Community Affairs. This hearing will be held on **October 23, 2011 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

This amendment, CPA12-0001, is the result of the long term master plan conversion agreement for the Rodina Sector Plan which was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on January 25, 2012. Rodina has been approved as a Sector Plan and is no longer an Overlay, as authorized in Section 163.3245, F.S. The amendment revises and clarifies adopted Comprehensive Plan policies (Ordinance 2011-08) in accordance with Section IV, E. Conforming Comprehensive Plan Amendments, of the conversion agreement.

TITLE: Rodina Sector Plan

APPLICANT: The Viera Company (A. Duda and Sons)

AGENT: Darrin F. Taylor, Carlton Fields

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any questions pertaining to these documents should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, either by phone (863-675-5240), email (scatala@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P. O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

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If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida
Tristan Chapman, Chairman
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
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Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 18, 2012, for the following Proposals:
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E1L96- Miscellaneous Concrete Repair in Manatee & Sarasota Counties.-Budget Estimate: \$280,233.00.
E1L97- Reworking Non-Paved Shoulders and Slopes in Highlands & Okeechobee Counties.-Budget Estimate: \$113,679.00.
E1L98- Road & Bridge Sweeping On the State Primary Roadways in Charlotte & Lee Counties.-Budget Estimate: \$130,000.00.
E1L99- Guardrail Repairs in Manatee & Sarasota Counties.-Budget Estimate: \$75,000.00.
E1M00- Mechanical Sweeping of Curbs, Gutters, and Bridges in Manatee & Sarasota Counties.-Budget Estimate: \$120,000.00.
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.
427130 CN/CB 9/27;10/4/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
426486 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 12-DR-158
Division: Family

MARIEL JOHANNNA GOPHER-MERAS, Petitioner,
and
ENRIQUE MERAS, JR., Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **Enrique Meras, Jr.**
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Travis W. Trueblood, whose address is 200 S. Andrews Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 on or before October 19, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Glades County Courthouse, 500 Ave. J, Moore Haven, Florida 33471, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

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

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

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
DATED: September 5, 2012

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Julie Braddock, Deputy Clerk
426068 CN 9/13,20,27;10/4/2012

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Notice of Permit Transfer
The South Florida Water Management District gives notice the following permit transfers as a result of the purchase of lands from Joe Marlin Hilliard Individually and as a Trustee of the Marlin W. Hilliard Revocable Trust by the United States Sugar Corporation (USSC). There are no modifications to the previously authorized permits. All land is located Hendry County, Florida in Township 45 South, Range 34, Sections 16, 21, 28.
Permit # 26-00072-W (application 120814-10) for "Tony's Mound" to USSC authorizing the transfer of construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve an 1198.4 acre agricultural project discharging to the Miami Canal via the Blumberg Canal.
(S16,21 /T45S/R34).
Permit # 26-00072-W (application 120814-13) for "Tony's Mound" to USSC authorizing the transfer use of the groundwater from the Lower Tamiami Aquifer and Surface Water from Blumberg Canal for agricultural irrigation use serving 1591 acres with an annual allocation of 1830.4 million gallons, (S16,21,28, T45S /R34E) and a monthly maximum of 237.3 million gallons.

Copies of the permit documents can be obtained from the District ePermitting website at www.SFWMD.gov/ePermitting or by contacting John Praff at jpaff@sfwmd.gov or 561-682-6741 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.

Right to Request Administrative Hearing

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 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 373.110(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 clerk's 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.
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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.

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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.
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 action being contested.
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 petitioner 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 that the SFWMD 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.

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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.
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Student Data Folders and Report Cards

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Green Apple Day with Science Club

Many exciting "Green" activities await students at Pioneer Park. The Science Club had its first meeting Friday, Sept. 21. The students began to construct the classroom recycling bins to be delivered to the teachers. Green Apple Day is a global day of service to improve school grounds for a healthier future. On Sept. 29, Pioneer Park will celebrate Green Apple Day by preparing the gardens for planting, decorating bins that will collect rain, and engaging in projects utilizing recyclable materials. Connie Christman from Resource Depot is a special guest that will facilitate the recyclable crafts.

Ms. Desplas and Pinwheels for Peace

On Friday, Sept. 21, art teacher and native New Orleanian Bonnie Desplas, shared her creative streak with students. Inspiring individual creativity and taking a different spin on airing wishes for harmony, Sugar Bears created pinwheels for the "Pinwheels for Peace" project. The students designed beautiful pinwheels and wrote on one side, their wishes for peace, social justice and harmony locally and/or in the world abroad. Thank you Ms. Desplas for giving our students a beautiful visual means of expression, while teaching, 'Your voice matters!' The pinwheels are prominently displayed along the entry drive to the school. Please reflect on the positive and how we can bring that about in our students' lives, in their time, when you pass these pinwheels.

Belle Glade Elementary

Open House

Many parents attended the Open House for the Pre K and Kindergarten classes which was held on Sept. 20. A general session began in the Media Center. Belle Glade Elementary's new principal, Mrs. Moore welcomed the parents and explained the expectations for the students and also told parents that we need their help also to achieve our goal which is to make B.G.E an "A" school.

Reading Counts Challenge

The Reading Counts Challenge has begun. This is a challenge that each elementary school in the west area competes in. A trophy goes to the school that has the highest percentage of students reaching their Reading Counts goal that month. Belle Glade Elementary did very well last year. Students need to read and then take a reading counts test. Each grade group has a certain number of points for each student to earn.

Parents and students: Our school will be participating in the Box Tops Program to raise money for our school. Box Tops are located on products that are popular in most homes. BGE's goal is to earn \$1,000. Cut the box tops off different products and bring them to school to give to your teacher. There will be 2 box top pick ups throughout the year. The class with the most box tops brought in will win an ice cream party or ice pops.

Reminder: Students, remember to read at least 30 minutes every night. Complete your homework and return it to your teacher at school.

Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 3: SAC meeting

Glades Day

Gator Football and Volleyball

The varsity football team will play Yulee High School at Yulee Stadium on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. and girl's JV and varsity volleyball teams will play Boca Raton Christian on Oct. 2 at 6 and 7 p.m. in Boca Raton.

Gator Network

The Gator Network sponsored another successful "Clean-up the Campus" day at GDS this past Saturday, Sept. 22. A challenge was put out to the Lower School to see which grade could have the highest percentage of students show up to help out. The winner was 4th grade. They received a cookie and juice party, courteous of the Gator Network. Many projects, under the direction of Marbil, were undertaken. The entire football field area was cleaned of garbage, the concession stand was cleaned, classrooms swept and mopped, trees trimmed and the gutters cleared of debris. Everyone had a great time socializing and making our school shine. Thanks to the following families for donating their time to Glades Day: Claudia Guitierrez, Marc Schultz, Ric Smith, Heather Stevenson, David Lively, Brian Lohmann, Gene Bair, Jerome Redish and Brandi Schoenfeld.

If you want to join the Gator Network in "Giving Back" to Glades Day School and keeping up with what is going on around campus, come on out to our next meeting which will be Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Fall Festival

The fall festival has been changed to Oct. 27. The costume parade will begin at 5 p.m., and from 6 to 9 p.m. activities included will be bingo, white elephant auction, cake auction, and ticket raffles for several items. There will be plenty of games to play, and delicious food. The festival is always full of fun, excitement, and spookiness for everyone of all ages.

Homecoming Week

This year's homecoming week dress up days will be: Monday- Pajama Day, Tuesday- Twin Day, Wednesday- Legacy Day, Thursday- Cartoon Day, Friday- Spirit Day.

The games of the week will be: Put the Saints to Bed Relay, Obstacle Course, "Walker" Relay, Lip Sync Contest, Miss GDS.

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Homecoming Dance and T-Shirts

T-shirts will be sold in the lower school through flyers starting Sept. 26. T-shirts will be sold in the Upper School during the Channel One News starting Sept. 26. All T-shirt orders must be in by Oct. 5. The Homecoming Dance with the theme "Dance until the World Ends" will be held Friday, Oct. 26, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Homecoming Court

The Glades Day football team has selected the school's homecoming court! The lovely ladies that have received the honor of being members of the court and possibly being voted the 2012 Homecoming Queen are: Amanda Bock, Heather Burch, Danielle Dixon, Caroline Key, Karina Stein, and Caitlin Waites.

5th Annual Alumni and Friends Social

Friday, Oct. 26, the Belle Glade Elks Club will be hosting the 5th Annual Alumni and Friends Social. The event will begin at 9 a.m. There is a cost for admission. There will be music, dancing, food and fun with a cash bar.

Annual Spring Gala

Save the date of March 9, 2013 for the annual Spring Gala fundraiser! Every year hundreds of people come to this merry event for a delicious dinner, live and silent auctions, dancing and lots of fun.

Gove Elementary

Happenings around Gove Elementary

Wow, what a great start to a new school year for the students, faculty and staff at Gove Elementary! The year started with a "Meet and Greet Morning" held on Friday, Aug. 19. Many parents and students visited the school during that morning to meet their teachers and to familiarize themselves with first week procedures.

On Aug. 29, our school held its first Open House of the 2012-13 school year. The meeting started in the cafeteria with a welcome by Principal Darren Edgecomb and Assistant Principal Oscar Villanueva, followed by explanation of procedures and routines and their expectations for this school year. The parents then visited their child's classroom and later reconvened in the cafeteria for a presentation by the Fine Arts Department and for refreshments.

September has been just as busy. The first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting and the first School Advisory Council meeting were held during the first week. Both meetings were well attended by parents eager to be installed as members of either PTO or SAC. We are looking forward to an exciting year as these two committees work towards the improvement of our school.

The Family Center has also been hopping with parents wanting to register for our Volunteers in Public School Program (VIPs). So far, 78 parents have completed the on-line application, have received orientation and have logged over 835 hours of volunteer work. We encourage all parents interested in volunteering, to stop by the Family Center next time they visit our school to start the process.

Our Parent Liaison has also been busy distributing uniforms, backpacks and school supplies to needy students. These items were donated by the following Business Partners: Angel Program, School Supply Guys and Costco.

Students are back in full swing as they too have been participating in many activities during these first few weeks of school. First, students

participated in grade appropriate assemblies. During the assemblies, both the principal and assistant principal discussed grade level expectations and discipline with the students. In addition, "A Commit to B Fit" Pep Rally was also held for third through fifth grade students. During the pep rally, students pledged to maintain academic focus while staying active and healthy. On Sept. 12, our students participated in our annual Candy Sale Fundraiser Kick-Off. Last, Safety Patrols have been selected for this year; they too will be participating in their own annual fundraiser to help defray the cost of their trip to our nation's capital. We hope that they can count on your support!

Teachers too have been busy preparing for this school year. They have been participating in various on-site and off-site trainings for the purpose of expanding their knowledge of curriculum and state mandated standards. Teachers have been busy administering baseline tests and Fall Diagnostics; the results of these tests will assist them in planning instruction to meet the needs of each individual child.

Guidance Counselors have been very active promoting academic, behavior and attendance incentive programs. Once again, the Fine Diner Award, Gove and Sun Sentinel Student of the Month, Winners' Circle and Perfect Attendance are a few of the programs the counselors have put in place, thus far, for the purpose of promoting academic excellence and positive behavior throughout the school.

Finally, the Fine Arts Department has been "on the move" since the beginning of the year. Our Wellness Coordinator has been actively promoting health and fitness with activities from the PEP Grant; these activities support and promote a positive mind and body development.

Upcoming events

- Oct. 3: Walk to School Morning, PTO meet-

ing at 4:30 p.m., SAC meeting at 5 p.m., Curriculum Night & Title I Family Presentation at 6 p.m., Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

Glade View Elementary

The initial School Advisory Council meeting held in the Eagles Nest Café was a success. We had a great turn out of parents, students and community members. The meeting provided an overall view of the School Improvement Plan draft, SAC By-laws, Title I Family Involvement Compact Policy Plan, an explanation of Title I funding, volunteering, business partners, results of Title I 2012 Parent Survey, School-wide Positive Behavior Support System, election of officers and student assessments. Our next SAC meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m.

Monthly Parent Literacy Trainings

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maintain its rhythm the rest of the way.

In all honesty, that had a lot to do with Park Vista's ground-and-pound strategy, which mostly took place in the second half.

Tied 14-14 after halftime, Park Vista used up almost nine minutes of the third quarter and wore out Glades Central's defense with its efficient running game. The Cobras took their first lead of the game, thanks to a 8-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Qwad Martin to fellow junior Marques Gayot with 3:09 left in the third.

Leading 21-14 at that point, Park Vista never looked back as its defense and special teams effectively took over from there.

"We just came out and executed on our plays," said Martin, who completed 6 of 9 passes for 53 yards and two touchdowns.

Glades Central's offense mustered just two first downs in the second half and was ultimately doomed by two turnovers in the fourth quarter – both committed by Washington. Down 24-14 and with 5:44 left in the game, Washington lost a fumble as he was scrambling for a 14-yard run to Glades Central's 31-yard line. It was Glades Central's first of two turnovers, but it was the most costly one of the game. Glades Central wouldn't see the ball on offense again until it was less than three minutes left in the game. And on the Raiders final possession, Washington threw an interception to Gayot, which essentially ended the game.

"Bad mechanics on that play," Washington said. "I shouldn't have made that throw. Two turnovers on my part; we can't have that."

Glades Central committed four turnovers in the game, which included a turnover on downs and another fumble that took place earlier on.

Regardless of what transpired on the field,

Glades Central head coach Roosevelt Blackmon said his team made some progress.

"The kids improved from last weekend," Blackmon said. "We didn't punt a single time in this game. We started out strong, but we just have to sustain drives more often and secure the ball better."

Glades Central's defense allowed 266 rushing yards – another bad sign for the Raiders.

And Glades Central seniors Arron Baker (high ankle sprain) and Yvesner Ferdinand (concussion/headache) were among several standouts that didn't play in this game due to injuries. Abrams, ever an optimist, looked on the bright side of Glades Central's season after four games.

"We haven't had any district games yet," Abrams said. "So really, none of these games count on our record. It's all about peaking at the right time. If we improve on our execution and continue making progress, then I see us in Orlando when it's all said and done."

Glades Central's next game will be at home on Friday, Oct. 5, when it plays its first District 14-5A game against Suncoast.

Pahokee 14, Inlet Grove 0: The Blue Devils (1-2) scored their first win of the season after securing a shutout over the Hurricanes in Riviera Beach. Pahokee's next game is tomorrow night (Sept. 28) at home in a District 7-3A matchup with American Heritage (Delray Beach).

Glades Day 41, Jupiter Christian 0: The Gators (2-0 in District 7-2A play; 4-0 overall) remain undefeated, thanks to another strong performance by Kelvin Taylor. The senior running back rushed for 158 yards and three touchdowns in Glades Day's home victory. Taylor, who leads all Palm Beach County runners with 884 rushing yards and 14 total touchdowns, will try to reach 1,000 for the season when he and his teammates play its next game tomorrow night.

Glades Day will be featured on ESPNU (Friday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. broadcast time) in its road matchup against Yulee.

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ing will be provided books to add to their own home library. The next Parent Literacy Training will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Café.

Ice Cream...Ice Cream we all scream for Ice Cream!

There was no screaming necessary on Friday, Sept. 21, for Ms. McClorin's kindergarten class, Mrs. Geffrard's first grade class, Mrs. Baldwin's second grade class, Ms. Collier's and Mrs. Burgos' fifth grade classes as they were too busy building their own ice cream sundaes because they had all earned the required 100 class points while dining in the Eagles' Nest Café during lunch. Each class has an opportunity daily to earn up to 15 points (blue cup). Every class starts with 10 points (green cup) when they enter for lunch. They can earn 15 points for exemplary behavior, remain at 10, move down to 1

point (yellow cup) or lose all points (red cup) when rules are ignored. The newly designed Eagles' Tropical Venue is a part of our School-wide Positive Behavior Support System to encourage students to follow all rules and to make the right choices. Students earning this privilege will have their lunch on stage under the tropical umbrellas and will be served a sweet treat. This month's treat was ice cream sundaes. Stay tuned to see which classes will be seated at the Eagles' Tropical Venue next month and the sweet treat for the month.

Fall Diagnostic Testing

A special thank you to parents and guardians for making certain students were present and on time for our fall diagnostic testing. Because of your commitment 100 percent of our Glade View Eagles participated in testing. This baseline information will provide us with valuable data in regards to determining instruction for our students.

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Lakeside Medical Center Earns 'Top Performer on Key Quality Measures' Recognition from the Joint Commission

Lakeside Medical Center was named one of the nation's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures by the leading accreditor of health care organizations in America, The Joint Commission. Lakeside Medical Center, which is owned and operated by the Health Care District of Palm Beach County, was recognized by The Joint Commission for exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical processes that are shown to improve care for certain conditions including heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care, children's asthma, stroke and venous thrombo embolism, as well as inpatient psychiatric services.

"We are very proud of the dedication and commitment of Lakeside Medical Center's physicians, nurses and staff in providing quality medical care," said Ronald J. Wiewora, MD, MPH, the Health Care District's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer.

"This recognition highlights all of their hard work since the hospital opened three years ago to serve the rural communities in Western Palm Beach County," said Wiewora.

Lakeside Medical Center, the county's only public hospital, is one of 620 hospitals in the U.S.

earning the distinction of Top Performer on Key Quality Measures for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance. Lakeside Medical Center was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. The ratings are based on an aggregation of accountability measure data reported to The Joint Commission during the 2011 calendar year. The list of Top Performers increased by 50 percent from its debut last year and represents 18 percent of more than 3,400 eligible accredited hospitals reporting data.

"We understand that what matters most to patients at Lakeside Medical Center is safe, effective care. That is why Lakeside Medical Center has made a commitment to accreditation and to positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. Lakeside Medical Center is honored to be on the list of The Joint Commission's Top Performers on Key Quality Measures," said Darcy J. Davis, CPA, MSM, the Health Care District's Chief Institutional Officer.

"I am extremely proud of Lakeside Medical Center's staff for always putting quality at the forefront of what we do," said Thomas J. Leach,

Hospital Administrator. "This recognition is a testament to the quality health care our hospital delivers to patients in the Glades."

Each of the hospitals that were named as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures met two 95 percent performance thresholds on 2011 accountability measure data. First, each hospital achieved performance of 95 percent or above on a single composite score that includes all of the accountability measures for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, including measures that had fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. Second, each hospital met or exceeded 95 percent performance on every accountability measure for which it reports data to The Joint Commission, excluding any measures with fewer than 30 eligible cases or patients. A 95 percent score means a hospital provided an evidence-based practice 95 times out of 100 opportunities to provide the practice. Each accountability measure represents an evidence-based practice – for example, giving aspirin at arrival for heart attack patients, giving antibiotics one hour before surgery, and providing a home management plan for children with asthma.

"When we raise the bar and provide the proper guidance and tools, hospitals responded with excellent results," said Mark R. Chassin, MD, FACP, MPP, MPH, President of The Joint Commission.

"This capacity for continual improvement points toward a future in which quality and safety defects are dramatically reduced and high reliability is sought and achieved with regularity. Such day-to-day progress will slowly but surely transform today's health care system into one that achieves unprecedented performance outcomes for the benefit of the patients," said Chassin. In addition to being included in today's release of The Joint Commission's Improving America's Hospitals annual report, Lakeside Medical Center will be recognized on The Joint Commission's Quality Check website, www.qualitycheck.org. The Top Performer program will be featured in the October issues of The Joint Commission Perspectives and The Joint Commission: The Source.

"This national recognition underscores how committed we are at our hospital and at the Health Care District to provide a safety net that delivers quality health care services to the county's residents," said Benjamin Frank, Esq., Chair of the Health Care District's Board of Commissioners. "I congratulate our medical staff and all of

our hospital's employees for their achievement."

"We are proud that our efforts have resulted in this national recognition," said Juan C. Cocuy, CPA, Chair of the Glades Rural Area Support Board, which oversees the 70-bed hospital. "Lakeside Medical Center is also recognized as a leader in patient satisfaction among the nation's 110 public hospitals. Our goal is to continue to improve on our patients' hospital experience as well as the high quality care that they receive."

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REQUEST FOR BIDS CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROL SERVICES BID NUMBER: 2012-27 OPENING DATE AND TIME: October 11, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m. Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida for the "Contract for Professional Pest Control Services" for County buildings and facilities. Bids will be opened on October 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Clerk's Office, second floor, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida, 33935. A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585. This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this bid, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place. Tristan Chapman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners 426565 CN/ CB 9/20,27/2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case #: 2009-CA-000867 BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP Plaintiff, -VS- James Michael Garrity, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 18, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000867 of the Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff and James Garrity are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE HENDRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, (BEING THE 2ND FLOOR HALLWAYS OF THE HENDRY COURTS BUILDING), LABELLE, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on October 24, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 7, BLOCK A, SEMINOLE MANOR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 93 AND 94, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN YEAR: 1983, MAKE: TWIN, VIN#T356FR14024A & VIN #T356FR1402B, MANUFACTURED HOME, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LANDS. AS SUCH IT IS DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND A PART OF THE REAL ESTATE ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE MS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator: 1700 Monroe Street, Suite 1213, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 (239) 533-1521 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. BARBARA S. BUTLER CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Hendry County, Florida /S/ J. Bevis DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP 2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360 Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (561) 998-6700 (561) 998-6707 427209 CN 9/27/10/4/2012

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS NOTICE TO BIDDERS The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until November 13, 2012 for Bid #Q13-0001, RFQ for Employee Benefits Broker. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed. Hendry County School Board Sally Berg, Chairman 427213 CN/CB 9/27/2012

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CONSOLIDATED NOTICE OF PERMIT ISSUANCE FOR ERP ACTIVITIES ON SOVEREIGN SUBMERGED LANDS The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its issuance of an environmental resource permit modification, No. 22-0303652-002, and authorization to use sovereign submerged land to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, c/o Mahmoud S. Madkour, Ph.D., P.E., 620 S. Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, to maintain the activities previously authorized under DEP file No. 22-0303652-001; additionally, to complete the restoration of Cowbone Marsh, the permittee is authorized to backfill the channel to match the surrounding grade (+/- 6-inches) with approximately 27,000 cubic yards of material, commencing at the downstream end and working upstream; the permit also authorizes the construction of a temporary access road, approximately 1.164 miles, through uplands and wetlands, the construction of a 100-foot square staging area in wetlands, within the Fishing Creek Wildlife Management Area, and the construction of a borrow pit within uplands, approximately 2 acres in size and up to 30 feet deep, on Parcel A27-40-31-A00-0010-0000, owned by a private entity. The activities authorized by this Permit and state-owned submerged lands authorization are located within Fishing Creek Wildlife Management Area, and Parcel A27-40-31-A00-0010-0000 Sections 27, 28, 32, and 33, Township 40 South, Range 31 East, Glades County, as shown on attachments. The application is available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except for legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, South District Office, 2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. This permit and consent to use sovereign submerged lands are hereby granted. This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes, before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below. If a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed, this action automatically becomes only proposed agency action on the application, subject to the result of the administrative review process. Therefore, on the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because an administrative hearing may result in the reversal or substantial modification of this action, the applicant is advised not to commence construction or other activities until the deadlines noted below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing or request for an extension of time have expired. Mediation is not available. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Under Rule 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. 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 a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code. In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 14 days of publication of the notice or within 14 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Sections 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, however any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petitioner must so indicate; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific Rules or Statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rules 28-106.301. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statutes, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is timely filed. This permit and consent to use sovereign submerged lands constitutes an order of the Department. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 120.68(7)(a) of the Florida Statutes, which may require a remand for an administrative hearing, the applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Sections 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or 373.4275 of the Florida Statutes, may also seek appellate review of the order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or 373.4275 of the Florida Statutes. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. 427008 GCD 9/27/2012

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Public Notice

In the Matter of an Application for Permit/ Water Quality Certification, by:

APPLICANT
Mr. Donald R. Schrotenboer, President
Alico Land Development, Inc.
10070 Daniels Interstate Court, Suite 100
Fort Myers, Florida 33913

PROJECT NAME
Keri Road Sand Mine
File No. 030073-001
County: Hendry County

CONSULTANT
Mr. David Wilkison, P.E.
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
12801 Westlincs Drive, Suite 106
Fort Myers, Florida 33913

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an environmental resource permit under Part IV of Chapter 373, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Title 62, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) (draft copy of permit attached). Issuance of the environmental resource permit also constitutes certification of compliance with state water quality standards pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1344. Where applicable (such as activities in coastal counties), issuance of the environmental resource permit also constitutes a finding of consistency with Florida's Coastal Zone Management Program, as required by Section 307 of the Coastal Management Act.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The applicant, Alico Land Development, Inc., applied on April 6, 2010, to the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) for an environmental resource permit (ERP)/ water quality certification for a new surface water management system for a proposed sand mine. The size of the boundary within the mining operations area is 866.06 acres and the size of the separate offsite mitigation area is 701.72 acres. The initial 5-acre excavation area for the floating dredge will be dug using hydraulic excavators. The rest of the area will be mined via a floating electric dredge. A closed loop system will be used to recycle water. The maximum depth of mining will be to -96 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), which is 126 feet below natural grade. This permit does not authorize dewatering. The surface water management system is designed to hold water on site from a minimum of a 25-year, 3-day designed storm event.

A formal determination of the landward extent of wetlands and other surface waters (File No. FD-26-0298899-001) was issued by the Department on April 5, 2011. The project was modified to reduce and eliminate adverse impacts to wetlands and other surface waters. Authorized dredging and filling of wetlands and surface waters includes approximately 117.11 acres of permanent impacts to wetlands and other surface waters. All mitigation for the permanent wetland and surface waters impacts will be completed at a 701.72-acre offsite mitigation area. A conservation easement shall be placed on the 701.72-acre area prior to the start of construction. In the conservation easement area, cattle and agricultural activities shall be permanently excluded. All nuisance and exotic species removal will begin concurrently with the mining activity. The uniform mitigation assessment method (UMAM) was used in evaluating the mitigation needed.

The existing land use of the 866.06-acre mining operations area is 441.18 acres of improved pasture, 141.43 acres of wet prairie, 107.97 acres of freshwater marsh, 48.93 acres of woodland pasture, 48.61 acres of live oak, 35.25 acres of pine flatwoods, 27.05 acres of hydric pasture, 8.35 acres of ditches, 4.04 acres of cabbage palms, 1.77 acres of primitive trails, 1.14 acres of spoil areas, and a 0.34-of-an-acre cattle pond.

The future land use of the 866.06-acre mining operations area is two lakes and perimeter berms totaling 511.85 acres, 85.82 acres of wet prairie, 81.27 acres of freshwater marsh, 77.72 acres of improved pasture, 43.06 acres of live oak, 26.33 acres of road and road right-of-way, 22.76 acres of extractive processing area, 6.18 acres of pine flatwoods, 5.38 acres of woodland pasture, 3.86 acres of cabbage palm, 0.74-of-an-acre of ditches, 0.61-of-an-acre of spoil areas, a 0.34-of-an-acre cattle pond, and 0.14-of-an-acre of primitive trails.

The 701.72-acre mitigation area consists of 228.72 acres of freshwater marsh, 219.61 acres of wet prairie, 125.10 acres of improved pasture, 30.98 acres of temperate hardwoods, 20.09 acres of willow and elderberry, 19.23 acres of inland mixed forest, 16.89 acres of woodland pasture, 16.06 acres of live oak, 12.00 acres of pine flatwoods, 7.70 acres of palmetto prairie,

and 5.34 acres of roads.

The total applicant-owned area contiguous to the project is 4,547 acres. The total area served by the system is 551.39 acres, which includes the 502.30 acres to be excavated, 26.33 acres of road and road right-of-way, and 22.76 acres for the processing facility, maintenance facility, and the pre-treatment area. The total impervious area will be 8.22 acres. The expiration date of the construction phase of this permit is 20 years from the date of issuance.

The mine is located on Keri Road (County Road 832), approximately 10 miles east of the intersection of State Road 29, in Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, Township 45 North, Range 30 East, and Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 30 East, Hendry County, Florida. The 701.72-acre offsite mitigation area is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Keri Road in Sections 23 thru 26, Township 45 South, Range 30 East, Hendry County.

II. AUTHORITY FOR REVIEW

The Department has permitting authority under Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., and Chapters 62-330, 62-341 and 62-343, F.A.C. The activity is not exempt from the requirement to obtain an environmental resource permit. Pursuant to Operating Agreements executed between the Department and the water management districts, as referenced in Chapter 62-113, F.A.C., the Department is responsible for reviewing this application.

III. BACKGROUND

This project is the construction of a surface water management system for a proposed new sand mine to be located within an area that has been primarily used for agriculture for many years.

The December 25, 1948, aerial photograph shows that the proposed mine area was still mostly undisturbed native habitat. County Road 832 was not yet constructed. The south end of the project area shows signs of what appears to be ditches, dirt trails, and a rectangular area of cleared land. The March 10, 1957, aerial photograph shows CR 832 and a much more expanded area of land altered for agriculture. Ditches, swales and berms were constructed through and around wetlands to facilitate drainage for agriculture. By November 22, 1968, the aerial photograph shows the uplands outside of the agricultural fields were more densely forested, possibly from interruption of the normal fire cycle.

During the inspections that occurred on February 9, 2011, and April 19, 2011, Department staff observed that the dominant use of the land was cattle ranching. Upland areas were maintained as improved pasture for cattle foraging. Some upland areas had been used for sod. Cattle impacts in wetlands were very common.

The land in the proposed mitigation area was also used for cattle ranching. Cattle impacts in the wetlands were very common, but did not seem as extensive as in the proposed mining area. Upland areas were not as well improved for cattle forage, but were reported to be periodically burned. A Department inspection on April 19, 2011, indicated that the area was recently burned.

The applicant has a current surface water permit (Permit No. 26-00315-5) issued by the SFWMD on August 11, 1988, for a 4,547-acre agricultural operation that encompasses portions of the area of the proposed mine. The northern portion of the project authorized by Permit No. 26-00315-S includes the proposed mine boundaries but was never developed into a citrus grove. The applicant has requested that the proposed mine area be removed from the SFWMD permit concurrent with the issuance of this ERR. The initial construction areas for the proposed mine will not be within the SFWMD permitted area.

A formal determination of the landward extent of wetlands and other surface waters (File No. FD-26-0298899-001) was issued by the Department on April 5, 2011. It has an expiration date of April 5, 2016.

The existing spoil areas on site are the result of permitted agricultural activities. Some of the spoil areas are associated with cattle watering ponds that were excavated. Some of the spoil areas are associated with the excavation of internal drainage ditches that have been used to facilitate the production of sod and improved habitat for the cattle. Most of the spoil areas within the mine boundary will be removed during the mining of these areas. The small spoil associated with cow wells in Wetlands 3 and 4 will remain undisturbed as they are used by alligators, turtles, and numerous species of wading birds as basking/ resting habitat adjacent to the associated wetlands. No previous mining activities have occurred on the property.

Due to the potential use of various pesticides, fertilizers, and fuels used in agricultural settings, analysis of soil samples was required. One composite sample was

collected from each of the four agricultural fields. In addition, two grab samples were also collected from each of the four fields and submitted for testing of volatile organic compounds. The laboratory results indicate no detectable concentrations of polycyclic hydrocarbons, chlorinated herbicides, or organophosphorus pesticides in any of the composite samples. Very low concentrations of metals, toluene, total petroleum hydrocarbons and organochlorine pesticides were detected by the analytical laboratory in the composite and grab samples. Most of these detected constituents were between the method detection limit and practical quantitation limit. All laboratory analytical results for all detected constituents are below the soil cleanup target levels (SCTL) for residential land use as provided by Chapter 62-777, F.A.C. Based on the analytical results, impacted soil above applicable SCTL was not identified on the project site.

The applicant provided ambient groundwater quality data for thirteen shallow, intermediate, and deep (to the proposed depth of mining) permanent on-site monitoring wells. The analytical parameters included specific conductance, nitrate, total kjeldahl nitrogen, sulfide, total dissolved solids (TDS), radium 226/228, uranium, and gross alpha. Since TDS concentrations in one intermediate and one deep well located in the northeast boundary of the proposed excavation footprint exceeded the groundwater standard, the Department required additional testing (exploratory boring) to see if there would be adverse impacts at the proposed 126 foot mining depth. The laboratory analysis indicated TDS exceeded the 500 mg/L groundwater quality standard as prescribed in Rule 62-520.420, F.A.C., at several locations. The report indicates the major contributor to the TDS concentrations appear to be alkalinity, followed by calcium and chloride, which are naturally occurring from local fluid-rock interactions. The ambient TDS concentrations do not appear to be depth-dependent; they are variable across the site and with depth. The conversion of agricultural land to open water may have a net positive impact on local groundwater quality as the water may experience increased dilution from rainfall. The project includes designs and procedures to address the short-term and long-term water quality impacts of the proposed system. The proposed activity will not contribute to the TDS levels.

Water quality monitoring of the mine lakes and perimeter monitoring wells are required to be performed throughout the duration of the permit. The monitoring data will be evaluated based on ambient concentrations or water quality standards, as applicable. In addition to water quality monitoring, the applicant is required to install a rain gauge at the mine prior to the start of mining.

Elimination and reduction of impacts to wetlands and other surface waters were considered during the development of the project. During the review of the application, the proposed mining plan was changed to reduce the area of wetlands being dredged or filled.

The Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) was used in evaluating the wetlands and other surface waters. The proposed dredge and fill areas show loss of wetland functions from decades of alterations from the management for improved pasture and sod farming. The proposed offsite mitigation area includes upland and wetland habitats that have been altered to a lesser degree for unimproved range land. The removal of cattle, nuisance plants and exotic plants, along with the use of prescribed burns is expected to restore the functions of native habitats. The mitigation area is adjacent to publically owned preservation lands which provides connectivity for the movement of species. The habitat enhancements will occur concurrent with the mining which allowed use of a lower timing factor. Using UMAM, the functional gains of the mitigation plan exceed the functional losses. The proposed mitigation will provide greater long term ecological value than the impacted areas.

All mitigation for the permanent 117.11 acres of wetland and surface waters impacts will be completed at a 701.72-acre offsite mitigation area. A conservation easement shall be placed on the 701.72-acre mitigation area prior to the start of construction at the mine. In the conservation easement area, cattle grazing and agricultural activities shall be permanently excluded. Monitoring, which includes documentary photographs, is required. All nuisance and exotic species removal and other environmental enhancement on the mitigation area will begin concurrently with the mining activities. The initial treatment includes cutting and treating of all Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), and any other exotic and nuisance species present in the mitigation area, by foliar or basal treatment with systemic herbicides. Immediately following an exotic and nuisance removal treatment, the level of nuisance and exotic species shall be less than one percent presence in the mitigation habitats. Maintenance events at

the offsite mitigation area are required for a minimum of three years after the initial treatment. As part of the success criteria, the overall mitigation habitat shall have less than ten percent total coverage by nuisance species, and exotic levels shall be less than five percent total cover between maintenance events. Maintenance is required anytime exotic and nuisance species exceed five percent of the cover. Monitoring of the conservation area is required for a minimum of five years beginning with the baseline report that will be submitted upon issuance of the permit.

Listed species are known to use the mining and offsite mitigation areas. Wildlife field surveys were conducted by the applicant in August 2009. Databases from the Florida Natural Area Inventory (FNAI) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) were also used. Listed species observed by the applicant within the project limits include American alligator, roseate spoonbill, white ibis, little blue heron, snowy egret, tricolored heron, Florida sandhill crane, wood stork, Audubon's crested caracara, and fox squirrel. Listed animal species not observed by the applicant but potentially on site include Southeastern American kestrel, burrowing owl, gopher tortoise, gopher frog, Eastern indigo snake, black bear, and Florida panther. During a Department inspection on February 9, 2011, staff saw a gopher tortoise burrow, two crested caracara flying and resting, as well as storks and several species of wading birds foraging in the wetlands. During a joint Department staff and FWCC staff inspection on April 19, 2011, sandhill cranes, deer, and a coyote were seen.

Approximately 75 percent of the proposed mine is in the panther Primary Zone with the remaining percentage being in the Secondary Zone. Collared panther telemetry points have been recorded in the Okaloacoochee Slough, which is located just west of the property. Other telemetry points show panthers are present on ranch lands south of Keri Road in several large marsh habitats within that property. The FNAI element occurrence data base has numerous sightings on adjacent property and in the vicinity of the project area. The applicant is currently working on a site management plan in consultation with the FWCC and U.S. and Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that details wildlife-related avoidance, minimization, and mitigation requirements.

A March 13, 2012, letter from FWCC to the Department indicates the FWCC is in support of this approach to the wildlife aspect of the plan. The permittee is to provide a copy of the approved wildlife management/compensation plan to the Department within 60 days of its approval. The applicant shall also install bear-resistant outdoor receptacles at the plant site to reduce the potential for human-bear conflict.

IV. BASIS OF ISSUANCE

The permittee has provided reasonable assurance that the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal or abandonment of the surface water management system will not cause adverse flooding on on-site or off-site property. The applicant has provided geotechnical reports that were found to be acceptable to Department staff. There will be no adverse water quantity impacts to receiving waters and adjacent lands.

Engineering and drainage designs are acceptable to Department staff. Berms will be constructed around each mine lake and the processing facility with an adequate height to contain at a minimum the 25-year 72-hour designed storm event and an additional three feet of freeboard. Additionally, surface water runoff within the processing facility area and adjacent to the haul road will receive pre-treatment through dry detention swales prior to entering the mine lake.

The proposed project is designed such that stormwater in excess of the 100-year 72-hour designed storm event (which is only 0.2-of-a-foot higher than the required 25-year 72-hour designed storm event) will discharge through two control structures located on the southwestern sides of the northernmost mine lake, into two avoided wetlands where the surface water intermediately flows west into offsite wetlands. The project design meets the water quality and quantity criteria required by the South Florida Water Management District.

The applicant has performed onsite aquifer performance testing and constructed a three dimensional groundwater flow model to evaluate the post-mining impacts on the environment. A water budget comparison of the pre-mining and post mining conditions indicated that the change from a land use of pasture/wetlands to mine lakes/wetlands would have little impact on the water budget for the site. The project design will maintain the existing surface water runoff pattern, from the southeast to northwest through avoided onsite wetlands to offsite wetlands, to continue during mining and in

the post-mining condition. During mining operations water levels will be monitored in the wetlands. In association with water quantity monitoring, the applicant is required to install a rain gauge at the mine prior to the start of mining.

The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that the construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, removal or abandonment of a surface water management system will not adversely impact the value of functions provided to fish and wildlife and listed species by wetlands and other surface waters. The project included considerations for the elimination or reduction of adverse impact to wetlands and other surface waters. For impacts that could not be avoided, wetland mitigation will be provided through a 701.72-acre offsite enhancement and preservation area. The offsite mitigation area is contiguous to the Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest which will provide connectivity to offsite habitats. The mitigation area is in the same mapped basin as the impact area so the project will not have cumulative impacts.

Approximately 75 percent of the proposed mine is in the panther Primary Zone with the remaining percentage being in the Secondary Zone. The applicant is currently working on a site management plan in consultation with the FWCC and U.S. and Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that details wildlife-related avoidance, minimization, and mitigation requirements. A March 13, 2012, letter from FWCC to the Department indicates the FWCC is in support of this approach to the wildlife aspect of the plan. The permittee is to provide a copy of the approved wildlife management/compensation plan to the Department within 60 days of its approval. The applicant shall also install bear-resistant outdoor receptacles at the plant site to reduce the potential for human-bear conflict. The created lakes with vegetated littoral zone shorelines have the potential to provide fishing or recreational values. The vegetated littoral zone will also provide foraging areas for listed wading birds.

The Department sent a copy of the proposed mine to the Division of Historical Resources (DOHR). On May 3, 2010, the DOHR sent a letter to the Department recommending a cultural resource reconnaissance survey of the property. A Phase I archaeological and historical survey was conducted in May and June 2010, and a copy of the finding was sent to DOHR. Two previously unrecorded archaeological sites (8HN284 and 8HN293) were identified. Site 8HN293 contained only limited mineralized bone and no diagnostic artifacts and is ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Site 8HN284 contained a prehistoric midden and was recommended for either further investigation or preservation. Site 8HN284, is not located in an area to be mined. On August 31, 2010, DOHR wrote that it found the archeological report complete and sufficient and that additional investigation is needed if preservation is not possible.

The project is not expected to adversely affect the quality of receiving waters such that the water quality standards set forth in Chapters 62-3, 62-4, 62-302, 62-520, 62-522, and 62-550, F.A.C., including any antidegradation provisions of Rules 62-4.242 (1)(a) and (b), 62-4.242(2) and (3), and 62-302.300, F.A.C., will be violated. Best management practices will be used to stabilize disturbed areas near property lines, wetlands, and other surface waters to limit movement of sediment. The issuance of this ERP does not exempt the applicant from obtaining an Industrial Wastewater Permit. Chemicals, other than Department approved pH adjuster and water conditioners, will not be added to process water.

The applicant provided ambient groundwater quality data for 15 shallow, intermediate, and deep (to the proposed depth of mining) permanent on-site monitoring wells. Except for total dissolved solids, the analytic parameters were within the groundwater quality standards as prescribed by Chapter 62-520, F.A.C. TDS values collected from on-site monitoring wells have no depth dependent trends.

The conversion of agricultural land to open water may have a net positive impact on local groundwater quality as the water may experience increased dilution from rainfall. Groundwater quality monitoring will be required during mining operations.

Due to potential use of various pesticides, fertilizers, and fuels used in agricultural settings, soil sampling was required. All laboratory analytical results for all detected constituents are below the soil cleanup target levels (SCTL) for residential land use as provided by Chapter 62-777, F.A.C.

As part of the reasonable assurance that there will be no adverse impacts to avoided wetlands, three onsite avoided wetlands are being monitored. Four continuous read piezometers will be installed in the three wetlands during the mining operations. These piezometers will provide daily measurements of the groundwater levels in all three wetlands and will be downloaded on a regular schedule to assure water levels are being maintained throughout the property during the mining operations. The results from these downloads will be provided in

graphic form included in the annual report. Each of the three avoided monitored wetlands will also have a vegetative monitoring transect. A vegetative sampling station will occur at each end and in the middle of each transect. A corresponding photo station will also be established at the midpoint of each monitored transect documenting the condition of each wetland. The vegetative monitoring report will be submitted with the annual report.

The applicant appears to have the legal, financial, and administrative capability of ensuring that the activity will be undertaken in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit. A Letter of Credit (LOC) and a Standby Trust Agreement (STA) or other acceptable financial assurance mechanism for an initial amount of \$53,280.43 shall be provided to the Department prior to the start of construction. This amount is 110 percent of the estimated total mitigation cost of \$48,436.74. An acceptable financial assurance mechanism must be provided to the Department prior to excavation. The amount of the financial assurance mechanism shall be increased or decreased as necessary, every five years from the date of permit issuance, or upon completion of mitigation.

This project is not expected to have adverse effects on public health, safety, or welfare, and the property of others. At the completion of mining, all disturbed areas outside of the lakes will be seeded. The maintenance and processing facility and equipment will be removed. The removal of these structures and associated facilities will be in accordance with appropriate rules for identifying and handling of potential hazardous construction debris. The road to the site, power lines, berm, and mine lake control structures will remain.

This project is not expected to have an adverse effect on navigation or the flow of water, or cause harmful erosion or shoaling. No marine areas are in the vicinity of the project. This project is not in the vicinity of Class II waters or shellfish harvesting areas. No vertical seawalls are involved with this project. The applicant is not known to be in violation of Department or SFWMD rules adopted pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S.

Through the above and based on the general/ limiting and specific conditions to the permit, the applicant has provided affirmative reasonable assurance that the construction and operation of the activity, considering the direct, secondary and cumulative impacts, will comply with the provisions of Part IV of Chapter 373, RS., and the rules adopted thereunder, including the Conditions for Issuance or Additional Conditions for Issuance of an environmental resource permit, pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S., Chapter 62-330, and Rules 40E-4.301, and 40E-4.302, F.A.C. The construction and operation of the activity will not result in violations of water quality standards and will not degrade ambient water quality in Outstanding Florida Waters pursuant to Rule 62-4.242, F.A.C. The applicant has also demonstrated that the construction of the activity, including a consideration of the direct, secondary, and cumulative impacts, is not contrary to the public interest, pursuant to Section 373.414(1)(a), F.S.

V. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

The Department has determined that the proposed activity, because of its size, potential effect on the environment or the public, controversial nature, or location, is likely to have a heightened public concern or interest and requires administrative proceedings. Therefore, pursuant to Section 373.413(4), F.S., and Rules 62-110.106(5), (7), (9), and (11) and 62-343.090(2)(k), F.A.C., you (the applicant) are required to publish at your own expense the enclosed Notice of Intent to Issue. The notice is required to be published one time, within 30 days of the date of entry of this notice, in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation meeting the requirements of Sections 50.011 and 50.031, F.S., in the county where the activity is to take place. Within seven days of publication, the applicant must provide proof of publication in the form prescribed by Section 50.051, F.S., to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining and Minerals Regulation
2051 East Paul Dirac Drive,
Tallahassee, Florida 32310-3760

Failure to publish the notice and provide proof of publication within the allotted time shall result in denial of the permit.

VI. RIGHTS OF AFFECTED PARTIES

Under this intent to issue, the permit is hereby granted subject to the applicant's compliance with any requirement in this intent to publish notice of this intent in a newspaper of general circulation and to provide proof of such publication in accordance with Section 50.051, F.S. This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., as provided below. If a sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed, this intent to issue automatically becomes only

proposed agency action on the application, subject to the result of the administrative review process. Therefore, on the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. When proof of publication is provided, if required by this intent, and if a sufficient petition is not timely filed, the permit will be issued as a ministerial action. Because an administrative hearing may result in the reversal or substantial modification of this action, the applicant is advised not to commence construction or other activities until the deadlines noted below, for filing a petition for an administrative hearing or request for an extension of time, have expired and until the permit has been executed and delivered. Mediation is not available.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. 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 a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect.

If a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be permitted only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

- The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petitioner must so indicate;
- A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is

based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d), F.S., a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This intent to issue constitutes an order of the Department. Subject to the provisions of Section 120.68(7)(a), F.S., which may require a remand for an administrative hearing, the applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68, F.S., by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.1110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department. The applicant, or any party within the meaning of Section 373.114(1)(a) or Section 373.4275, F.S., may also seek appellate review of the order before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission under Section 373.114(1) or Section 373.4275, F.S. Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

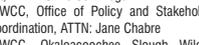
The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining and Minerals Regulation, 2051 East Paul Dirac Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32310-3760.

Executed in Tallahassee, Florida.
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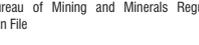
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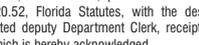
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Public Notice Public Notice

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

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this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (f) and (g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (f) and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII, initially adopted as subsections (f) and (g), are repealed effective January 1, 2023 2049; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (f) and (g) and (h) which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2022 2049 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2023 2049.

SECTION 32. Property assessments.—The Secretary of State shall prepare the amendment of Section 4 of Article VII addressing homestead and specified nonhomestead property having a declining just value and reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

SECTION 33. Additional homestead exemptions.—The Secretary of State shall prepare the amendment of Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for owners of homesteaded property who have not owned homesteaded property during the preceding calendar year immediately preceding the purchase of the current homesteaded property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2011, or if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2012.

NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 12 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: STATE COURTS.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could readopt the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeats that readoption, the proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present. Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. The revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointee, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not nominate any person whose prior appointment to the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the appointment will be deemed confirmed and will take effect.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal charges and all

further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change.

This revision also makes technical and clerical changes to the details relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

Full Text: ARTICLE V. JUDICIARY SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking appellate review, the administrative supervision of all courts, the transfer to a court having jurisdiction of any proceeding when the jurisdiction of another court has been improvidently invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed because of the failure of a party to appear. The supreme court shall adopt rules to allow the court and the district courts of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that expresses the policy behind the repeal enacted by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformity with the public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeats the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted thereafter without prior approval of the legislature.

(b) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for duty in that circuit.

(c) A chief judge for each district court of appeal shall be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof, or, if there is no majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the court.

(d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from among the circuit judges of that circuit. The chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county courts in his circuit.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

(a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy and the primary term of the appointment shall be extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of representatives is in session or the senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days. If the justice shall be deemed confirmed, if the senate votes to not confirm the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred and may not nominate any person whose prior appointment to the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the senate.

court, five justices constitute. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.

SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.— (a) JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION.—A judicial qualifications commission is created. (1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida the removal from office of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, occurring on or after November 6, 2008, warrants to the effective date of this section, demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, occurring on or after November 6, 2008, warrants to the effective date of this section, warrants such discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension with or without pay, or lawyer discipline. The commission shall have jurisdiction over justices and judges regarding allegations that misconduct occurred before or during service as a justice or judge if a complaint is made no later than one year following service as a justice or judge, or the next term of a chief circuit judge or judges from the lower numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

(2) SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.— (1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this act, all provisions of law and rules of court in force on the effective date of this article shall continue in effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the constitution.

(2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years, as prescribed by general law. No member of the commission except a judge shall be eligible for reappointment to the commission for a period of two years thereafter. No member of the commission shall hold office in a political party or participate in any campaign for judicial office or hold public office, or provide financial aid or campaign for judicial office and hold that office. The commission shall elect one of its members as its chairperson.

(3) Members of the judicial qualifications commission not subject to impeachment shall be removed from the commission pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

(4) The commission shall adopt rules regulating its proceedings, the filing of vacancies by the public, the disqualification of members, the rotation of members between the panels, and the temporary replacement of disqualified or incapacitated members. The commission's rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature; or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. The commission shall have power to issue subpoenas. Until formal charges against a justice or judge are filed, the proceedings shall be confidential, and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment or suspension, respectively.

(5) PANELS.—The commission shall be divided into an investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, dismiss complaints, and issue a majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and to recommend to the supreme court the removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon simple majority vote of the members of the hearing panel, the panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

(6) SUPREME COURT.—The supreme court shall receive recommendations from the judicial qualifications commission's hearing panel.

(7) The supreme court may accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the judicial qualifications commission's hearing panel.

(8) The supreme court shall have the authority to remove a justice or judge from office if the justice or judge is subject to appropriate discipline, or is removed from office with termination of compensation for willful or persistent failure to perform judicial duties, or for any other health-related condition that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Malfeasance, scienter or moral

turpitude on the part of a justice or judge shall not be required for removal from office of a justice or judge whose conduct demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office. After the filing of a formal proceeding and upon request of the investigative panel, the supreme court may suspend the justice or judge from office, with or without compensation, pending final determination of the inquiry.

(9) The supreme court may award costs to the prevailing party.

(10) REMOVAL POWER.—The power of removal conferred by this section shall be both alternative and cumulative to the power of impeachment.

(11) PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.—Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, if the person who is the subject of proceedings by the judicial qualifications commission is a justice of the supreme court of Florida, no justices of such court automatically shall be disqualified to sit as justices of such court with respect to all proceedings therein concerning such person and the supreme court for such purposes shall be composed of a panel consisting of the seven chief judges of the judicial circuits of the state of Florida most senior in tenure of judicial office as circuit judge. For purposes of determining seniority of such circuit judges in the event there are judges of equal tenure in judicial office as circuit judge, the judges from the lower numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

(12) SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.— (1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this act, all provisions of law and rules of court in force on the effective date of this article shall continue in effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the constitution.

(2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years, as prescribed by general law. No member of the commission except a judge shall be eligible for reappointment to the commission for a period of two years thereafter. No member of the commission shall hold office in a political party or participate in any campaign for judicial office or hold public office, or provide financial aid or campaign for judicial office and hold that office. The commission shall elect one of its members as its chairperson.

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(4) The commission shall adopt rules regulating its proceedings, the filing of vacancies by the public, the disqualification of members, the rotation of members between the panels, and the temporary replacement of disqualified or incapacitated members. The commission's rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature; or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. The commission shall have power to issue subpoenas. Until formal charges against a justice or judge are filed, the proceedings shall be confidential, and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment or suspension, respectively.

(5) PANELS.—The commission shall be divided into an investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, dismiss complaints, and issue a majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and to recommend to the supreme court the removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon simple majority vote of the members of the hearing panel, the panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

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place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

Full Text: ARTICLE I. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

(a) Public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This subsection does not apply to: (1) An expenditure required by federal law.

(2) A case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering, physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, which would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; or

(3) A pregnancy that results from rape or incest. (b) This constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution.

NO. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual, entity, or organization, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury to directly or indirectly fund or support a church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Full Text: ARTICLE I. DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Religious identity or belief shall not be a basis for governmental benefits, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

NO. 9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law an additional homestead property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from an ad valorem tax. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII. FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.— (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and who is the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars in the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The amount of the exemption shall be equal to the value, by the entities, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or

family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, an ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and who is the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law shall allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise assessed on the property of the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for this discount, the veteran must be the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide an ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise assessed on homesteaded property to: (1) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. (3) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term:

a. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

b. "In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. This section shall take effect January 1, 2013.

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NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to: (1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and shall apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.

(2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective tax levy, and as provided by general law, to assess tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII. FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.— (a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the

taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law and taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or to the expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation tax exemptions to the owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e) (1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide an additional personal property tax exemption, as provided in general law.

(3) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(4) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard, or the National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption from ad valorem taxation of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

(5) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property appraised in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

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exemptions.— (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirety, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this article which provides for the assessment of homesteaded property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, an ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and who is the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(e) (1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide an additional personal property tax exemption, as provided in general law.

(3) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(4) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard, or the National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption from ad valorem taxation of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

(5) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property appraised in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I. Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

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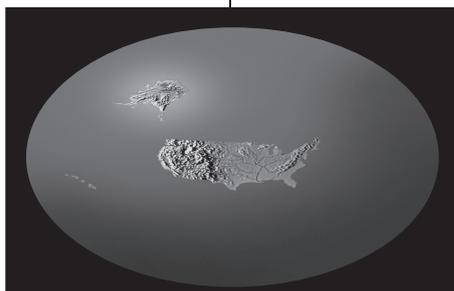
lic service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of trustees shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors

shall be a body corporate consisting of seven members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system president of the Florida student association or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.



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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Pupil Progression: Promotion/Retention

No student may be assigned to a grade level based solely on age or other factors that constitute social promotion. Florida Statute 1008.25 requires that any student who exhibits a substantial deficiency in reading, based upon locally determined or statewide assessments conducted in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 must be given intensive reading instruction immediately following the identification of the reading deficiency. The student's reading proficiency must be reassessed by locally determined assessments, or through teacher observations at the beginning of the grade following the intensive reading instruction. The student must continue to be provided with intensive reading instruction until the reading deficiency is remedied.

If a student's reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade 3, as demonstrated by scoring at Level 2 or higher on the statewide assessment test in reading for grade 3, the student must be retained.

The parent of any student who exhibits a substantial deficiency in reading must be notified in writing of the following:

1. That his/her child has been identified as having a substantial deficiency in reading.
2. A description of the current services that are provided to the child.
3. A description of the proposed supplemental instructional services and supports that will be provided to the child that are designed to remediate the identified area of reading deficiency.
4. That if the child's reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of grade 3, the child must be retained unless he/she is exempt from mandatory retention for good cause.
5. Strategies for parents to use in helping their child succeed in reading proficiency.
6. That the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is not the sole determiner of promotion and that additional evaluations, portfolio reviews, and assessments are available to the child to assist parents and the school district in knowing when a child is reading at or above grade level and ready for grade promotion.
7. The districts criteria and policies for mid-year promotion.
8. Each school district shall provide written notification to the parent of any student, who is retained because his/her reading deficiency is not remedied by the end of third grade, that his/her child has not met the proficiency level required for promotion, and the reasons the child is not eligible for a good cause exemption as provided by Florida law. The notification must include a description of proposed interventions and support that will be provided to the child to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency.

Successful Progression for Retained Readers

The 2004 Legislature amended section 1008.25, Florida Statutes, to create a new paragraph (7) that provides that all students who are retained in third grade must be provided intensive interventions in reading to ameliorate the students' reading deficiency, as identified by a valid and reliable diagnostic assessment. This intensive intervention must include effective instructional strategies, participation in the school district's summer reading camp, and appropriate teaching methodologies necessary to assist those students in becoming successful readers, able to read at or above grade level, and ready for promotion to the next grade.

This section also requires each school district to establish at each school, where applicable, an Intensive Acceleration Class for retained third grade students who subsequently score at Level 1 on the reading portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). The focus of this class shall be to increase a child's reading level at least two grade levels in one year. The school is required to report the following:

Mid-Year Promotion

According to provisions in the Hendry County School District Pupil Progression Plan, students who were retained the previous year may be considered for mid-year promotion provided the student has demonstrated the ability to read at grade level and shows mastery of the state standards for the grade level in which he/she was retained. The student must have the skills necessary to successfully function at the grade level to which he/she is being promoted mid-year.

Good Cause Exemption from Mandatory Retention

The Hendry County School Board may only exempt students from mandatory retention for good cause as stated in Florida Statute 1008.25. According to this statute, good cause exemptions shall be limited to the following:

1. Limited English proficient students who have had less than two years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages Program.
2. Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of State Board of Education rule.
3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on all alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
4. Students who demonstrate, through a student portfolio, that he/she is reading on grade level as evidenced by demonstration of mastery of the Sunshine State Standards in reading equal to at least a Level 2 performance on the FCAT.
5. Students with disabilities who participate in the FCAT, and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received the intensive remediation in reading for more than two years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading, and was previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, or grade 2.
6. Students who have received the intensive remediation in reading for two or more years, but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading, and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, or grade 2 for a total of two years.

The district school board must annually report to the parent of each student the progress of the student toward achieving state and district expectations for proficiency in reading, writing, science, and mathematics. Student results on each statewide assessment must be reported to the parent. The evaluation of each student's progress must be based upon the student's classroom work, observations tests, district and state assessments, and other relevant information.

Hendry County School District School Year 2011-12 Number of Students and Percentage of Students Scoring Level 1 or Level 2 FCAT Reading							
Grade Level	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring at Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring at Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
Grade 3	529	120	22.68	161	30.43	281	53.12
Grade 4	538	88	16.36	161	29.93	249	46.28
Grade 5	543	96	17.68	159	29.28	255	46.96
Grade 6	494	129	26.11	144	29.15	273	55.26
Grade 7	478	138	28.87	160	33.47	298	62.34
Grade 8	485	127	26.19	162	33.40	289	59.59
Grade 9	542	161	29.70	185	34.13	346	63.84
Grade 10	439	138	31.44	165	37.59	303	69.02

Hendry County School District School Year 2011-12 Number of Students and Percentage of Students Retained by Grade Grades 3 - 10									
Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Number Retained	49	12	1	5	7	3	15	2	
End of Year Membership	529	547	544	495	476	478	556	447	
Percent Retained	9.26	2.19	0.18	1.01	1.47	0.63	2.70	0.45	

Hendry County School District School Year 2011-12 Number of Students Promoted for Good Cause by Category Grade 3	
# Students Promoted:	Good Cause Exemption:
1	Limited English Proficient Students who have less than two years instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages Program
24	Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board of Education
17	Students who demonstrate through a student portfolio that the student is reading on grade level as evidenced by demonstration of mastery of the Sunshine State Standards in reading equal to at least a Level 2 performance on the FCAT
17	Students with disabilities who participate in the FCAT and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received the intensive remediation in reading as required by Florida Statute for more than two years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in Grades K, 1, or 2
4	Students who have received the intensive remediation in reading as required by Florida Statute for two or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in Grades K, 1, or 2 for a total of two years
5	Students with disabilities not tested on FCAT per their Individual Education Plan

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 26-2009-CA-000151

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
BILLY D. FIELDS, et al, Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated September 12, 2012 and entered in Case No. 26-2009-CA-000151 of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for HENDRY COUNTY, Florida wherein CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, is the Plaintiff and BILLY D. FIELDS; IMA JEAN FIELDS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, BEING THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE HENDRY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CORNER OF HIGHWAY 80 AND 29TH SOUTH, LABELLE, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 24th day of October, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT(S) 13 AND 14, BLOCK 376, OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1977, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 71 THROUGH 78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 204 S SAN GABRIEL STREET, CLEWISTON, FL 33440
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Fender's must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 21, 2012.
Barbara S. Butler
By: /s/ J. Bevis
Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Lee County Justice Center, Room 312, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, telephone number (813) 3252299; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding 427207 CN 9/27;10/4/2012

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that Isaiiah Escorcio conducting a Party Rental business at 715 Central Avenue, Florida under the fictitious name of Sweet Party Rental and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

Isaiiah Escorcio
Ownership of Sweet Party Rental is as follows: Isaiiah Escorcio
It is my intention to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Sweet Party Rental under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.
Isaiiah Escorcio
DATE: 9-17-2012
715 Central Avenue
Clewiston, FL 33440

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2012 at 2:00 PM at AAA Self Storage, 657 Hwy 27, Moore Haven, FL, the undersigned, AAA Self Storage, will sell at Public Sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned by:

**Celia Cardona #74
Cortney Porter #87**
426360 GCD 9/20,27/2012

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ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS PARA VOTACIÓN EL 6 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2012 AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

Yo, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de Florida, por este medio anuncio que el 6 de noviembre de 2012 se llevarán a cabo elecciones en todos los condados de Florida para ratificar o rechazar las revisiones propuestas a la constitución del Estado de Florida.

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la ley general. Esta enmienda es adicional a otras exenciones al pago de impuestos a los bienes personales tangibles a nivel de estado establecidas por la Constitución y esta enmienda.

Texto completo: ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS E IMPUESTOS

SECCIÓN 3. Impuestos; exenciones.— (a) Se eximirá impositivamente todo inmueble de propiedad de un municipio utilizado exclusivamente por este con fines municipales o públicos. La ley general podrá exigir a todo municipio que posea inmuebles fuera de su territorio que efectúe pagos a la unidad impositiva en la que se sitúa el inmueble. Las partes de dicho inmueble utilizadas predominantemente con fines educativos, literarios, científicos, religiosos o benéficos podrán quedar exentas de impuestos por ley general.

(b) Se exceptuarán de impuestos, en forma acumulativa, los bienes familiares y efectos personales al valor fijado por ley general, que no sea inferior a mil dólares, pertenecientes a todo jefe de familia que resida en el estado así como los pertenecientes a todo viudo/viuda o persona no viudente o con una discapacidad total y permanente al valor fijado por ley general que no sea inferior a los quinientos dólares.

(c) A los fines del gravamen de los impuestos respectivos y sujeto a las disposiciones de este inciso y la ley general, cualquier condado o municipio podrá ofrecer exenciones a los impuestos según valor por motivos de desarrollo comunitario y económico a nuevas empresas y ampliaciones de empresas existentes, según lo define la ley general. Tal exención podrá otorgarse exclusivamente mediante ordenanza del condado o municipio y solamente una vez que los electores del condado o municipio cuya votación decida tal cuestión por referéndum autoricen al condado o municipio a adoptar tales ordenan-

zas. Serán aplicables exenciones otorgadas de tal manera a los inmuebles construidos por o destinados al uso por parte de una nueva compañía y a las mejoras a inmuebles en relación con la expansión de una empresa existente. Asimismo, tales exenciones serán aplicables a la propiedad personal de tales nuevas empresas y a los bienes personales tangibles relacionados con la expansión de una empresa existente. Los montos o límites al monto de tal exención se especificarán en la ley general. El período durante el que podrá otorgarse dicha exención a una nueva empresa o a una empresa existente será determinado por la ley general. La facultad de otorgar tales exenciones caducará a los diez años de la fecha de aprobación por parte de los electores del condado o municipio y podrá renovarse por referéndum según lo establezca la ley general.

(d) A los fines del gravamen de los impuestos respectivos y de conformidad con las disposiciones de este inciso y la ley general, cualquier condado o municipio podrá ofrecer exenciones a los impuestos según valor por motivos de conservación histórica a los propietarios de inmuebles históricos. Tal exención podrá concederse exclusivamente por ordenanza del condado o municipio. Los montos o límites al monto de tal exención y los requisitos para que un inmueble sea elegible deberán especificarse en la ley general. El período durante el que podrá otorgarse dicha exención al propietario de un inmueble se determinará por ley general.

(e) (1) Por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones que allí se establecen, se exceptuarán de los impuestos según valor los bienes tangibles personales tasados en veinticinco mil dólares sujetos a impuestos a los bienes personales tangibles. Los bienes personales tangibles también quedan exentos de los impuestos según valor si su valor de tasación excede los veinticinco mil dólares pero es inferior a los cincuenta mil dólares.

(2) Los condados o municipios podrán, a los fines de sus propios gravámenes impositivos, otorgar exenciones adicionales al pago de impuestos sobre bienes personales tangibles por ordenanza, sujeto a este

inciso y según establezca la ley general.

(f) Se otorgarán exenciones al impuesto según valor a la propiedad residencial destinada a fines de preservación a perpetuidad, incluida la propiedad residencial gravada con pagos de servidumbre por conservación a perpetuidad u otras medidas de protección con fines de preservación a perpetuidad, según lo defina la ley general.

(g) Por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones que allí se especifican, todos los beneficiarios de una exención a bienes de familia según la sección 6 de este artículo que fueran integrantes del ejército o de las reservas del ejército de los Estados Unidos, de la Guardia Costera de los Estados Unidos o sus reservas y que hayan sido convocados a cumplir servicio activo durante el año calendario anterior fuera de la región continental de los Estados Unidos, Alaska o Hawái en apoyo de operaciones militares según lo designe la legislatura recibirán una exención equivalente a un porcentaje del valor imponible de su propiedad constituida en bien de familia. El porcentaje aplicable se calculará de acuerdo con la cantidad de días durante los que dicha persona haya prestado servicio activo durante el año calendario anterior fuera de la región continental de los Estados Unidos, Alaska o Hawái en apoyo de operaciones militares según lo designe la Legislatura. Dicha cifra se dividirá por la cantidad de días de dicho año.

ARTÍCULO VII FINANZAS E IMPUESTOS SECCIÓN 6. Exenciones a bienes de familia.— (a) Toda persona que posea un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho sobre un inmueble que sea residencia permanente del propietario o de otro dependiente que esté a cargo del propietario por motivos legales o naturales quedará exenta de impuestos sobre dicha propiedad, excepto de las tasaciones por beneficios especiales, en caso de tasaciones de hasta veinticinco mil dólares, así como de todo gravamen distinto a los correspondientes al distrito escolar, sobre toda valuación mayor de cincuenta mil dólares y hasta los setenta y cinco mil dólares una vez establecido dicho derecho según lo indica la ley. La titularidad sobre el inmueble podrá provenir de un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho, ser total, conjunta, compartida (como en el caso de un condominio) o ser indirecta a través de la posesión de acciones o una membresía que represente la participación del propietario o del miembro en una corporación poseedora de un

Título de la papeleta: EXENCIÓN ADICIONAL A BIENES DE FAMILIA; CIUDADANOS MAYORES DE BAJOS INGRESOS QUE HABITEN UNA PROPIEDAD A LARGO PLAZO EQUIVALENTE AL VALOR DE TASACIÓN.—

Resumen de la papeleta: Propone una enmienda a la Constitución Estatal para autorizar a la Legislatura, por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones establecidas en la ley general, que permita a condados y municipios otorgar una exención adicional al pago del impuesto sobre bienes de familia equivalente al valor de tasación de la propiedad constituida en bien de familia si dicha propiedad posee un justo valor inferior a los \$250,000 para los propietarios que han tenido una propiedad de esta naturaleza como residencia permanente durante un periodo no menor de 25 años, que han cumplido los 65 años y con bajos ingresos domésticos de acuerdo con la definición de la ley general.

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derecho pleno o un derecho de duración fija que supere inicialmente los noventa y ocho años. La exención no será aplicable sobre ningún registro de tasaciones hasta que un organismo estatal designado por la ley general demuestre en primer lugar que dicho registro cumple con las disposiciones del artículo 4. Esta exención queda rechazada a partir de la entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Artículo que establezca la tasación de bienes de familia a un valor inferior al justo valor.

(b) No se concederá más de una exención a ningún individuo ni unidad familiar ni con respecto a cualquier unidad residencial en particular. Ninguna exención excederá el valor del inmueble tasado en relación con su propietario o, en caso de titularidad a través de acciones o la participación como miembro de una corporación, el valor de la proporción correspondiente a la participación en tal corporación según el valor de tasación de la propiedad.

(c) Por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones aquí establecidas, la Legislatura podrá ofrecer a los arrendatarios que sean residentes permanentes la exención de todos los gravámenes de impuestos según valor se efectuará en la forma y por el monto establecido por la ley general.

(d) La Legislatura podrá, por ley general, autorizar a condados o municipios, a otorgar una cualquiera de las siguientes o ambas exenciones adicionales al pago del impuesto sobre bienes de familia en relación con sus respectivos gravámenes impositivos y sujeto a las disposiciones de la ley general:

(1) Una exención que no supere los cincuenta mil dólares a cualquier persona que posea un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho sobre un inmueble y que haya constituido en él su residencia permanente, que haya cumplido los sesenta y cinco años y cuyos ingresos domésticos de acuerdo con la definición de la ley general, no superen los veinte mil dólares; o

(2) Una exención equivalente al valor de tasación de la propiedad a cualquier persona que posea un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho sobre un inmueble cuyo justo valor sea menor de cincientos

cincuenta mil dólares y que haya tenido su residencia permanente allí durante no menos de veinticinco años, que haya cumplido los sesenta y cinco años y cuyos ingresos domésticos no superen la limitación de ingresos establecida en la cláusula (1).

La ley general debe facultar a los condados y municipios a otorgar estas exenciones adicionales exención adicional, dentro de los límites impuestos en este inciso, por ordenanza adoptada según establezca la ley general y también debe prever el ajuste periódico de la limitación por ingresos especificada en este inciso en función de los cambios en el costo de vida.

(e) Todo veterano de 65 años de edad o mayor que presente una discapacidad permanente total o parcial recibirá un descuento sobre el monto del impuesto según valor que de lo contrario adeudaría por la titularidad de la propiedad en la que reside si dicha discapacidad está relacionada con la participación en combate, el veterano residía en el estado al momento de ingresar en el servicio militar de los Estados Unidos y recibió la baja con honores al dejar de pertenecer al ejército. El descuento consistirá en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de la discapacidad permanente relacionada con el servicio que presente el veterano según lo determinado por el Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para calificar para recibir el descuento otorgado por este inciso, el solicitante debe enviar al tasador de propiedades del condado, hasta el 1 de marzo, comprobantes de residencia al momento de ingreso al servicio militar, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de los Estados Unidos que indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad relacionada con el servicio y toda evidencia que determine razonablemente que la discapacidad está relacionada con la participación en combate, así como una copia de la baja con honores del veterano. En caso de desestimar la solicitud de descuento, el tasador de propiedades deberá notificar por escrito al solicitante los motivos de la denegación y el veterano podrá volver a presentar una solicitud. La legislatura podrá, por ley gen-

eral, otorgar una exención al requerimiento de presentación anual de una solicitud en los años subsiguientes. Este inciso entrará en vigencia el 7 de diciembre de 2006, es de aplicación inmediata y no requiere de legislación para su implementación.

ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 7 (Legislativa)

Título de la papeleta: DESIGNACIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DE LA JUNTA ESTUDIANTIL ANTE LA JUNTA RECTORA DEL SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ESTATAL.—

Resumen de la papeleta: Propone una enmienda a la Constitución Estatal para sustituir al presidente de la Asociación de Estudiantes de Florida por el director del consejo de presidentes de las juntas estudiantiles de las universidades estatales en calidad de representante estudiantil de la Junta Rectora del Sistema Universitario Estatal y para exigir a la Junta Rectora que organice el mencionado consejo de presidentes de juntas estudiantiles de universidades estatales.

Texto completo: ARTÍCULO IX EDUCACIÓN SECCIÓN 7. Sistema Universitario Estatal.—

(a) OBJETIVOS. Para lograr la excelencia mediante la formación de los estudiantes, el progreso en la investigación y la oferta de servicios públicos en beneficio de los ciudadanos de Florida, sus comunidades y economías, por este medio el pueblo establece un sistema de administración del sistema universitario estatal de Florida.

(b) SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ESTATAL. Existirá un único sistema universitario estatal integrado por todas las universidades públicas. Cada universidad pública será administrada por una junta de fiduciarios y el sistema universitario estatal será administrado por un consejo de directores.

(c) CONSEJOS DIRECTIVOS LOCALES. Cada una de las universidades locales

comprenderá será administrada por un consejo directivo compuesto por tres miembros dedicados a lograr los objetivos del sistema universitario estatal. La junta rectora establecerá las facultades y obligaciones de los consejos directivos. Cada consejo directivo estará integrado por seis ciudadanos designados por el gobernador y cinco ciudadanos designados por la junta rectora. En los períodos designados serán confirmados por el senado y ocuparán el cargo en períodos escalonados de cinco años según establece la ley. También serán miembros el presidente del claustro o equivalente y el presidente de la junta estudiantil de la universidad.

(d) JUNTA RECTORA A NIVEL DE ESTADO. La junta rectora será un órgano colectivo compuesto por diecisiete miembros. La junta dirigirá, reglamentará, controlará y será totalmente responsable por la gestión del sistema universitario completo. Estas responsabilidades incluirán, de manera no excluyente, la definición de la misión distintiva de cada universidad participante y su articulación con las escuelas y las instituciones comunitarias terciarias públicas y gratuitas, garantizando la coordinación y el funcionamiento bien planificados del sistema y evitando la duplicación de esfuerzos o programas que generen derroches. La gestión de la junta estará sujeta a las facultades de la legislatura de asignar los gastos de fondos, y la junta rendirá cuentas de tales gastos según establece la ley. El gobernador designará catorce ciudadanos que integrarán la junta y se dedicarán a lograr los objetivos del sistema universitario estatal. Los miembros designados serán confirmados por el senado y ocuparán el cargo en períodos escalonados de siete años según establece la ley. El comisionado de educación, el presidente del consejo asesor de claustros o equivalente y el presidente del consejo de presidentes de juntas estudiantiles, consejo que será organizado por la junta rectora y estará compuesto por todos los presidentes de juntas estudiantiles del sistema universitario estatal presidente de la asociación estudiantil de Florida o equivalente también serán miembros de la junta.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS SUPPLY FUEL TO HENDRY COUNTY BID # 2012-26 OPENING DATE AND TIME: OCTOBER 18, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, to "Supply Fuel to Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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ARREST REPORT

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

Anthony Bowles, 33



- Aggravated battery, use of a deadly weapon
- Arrested Sept. 20

Natalie M. Hernandez, 20



- Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Sept. 19
- Released Sept. 20

Edenson Major, 23



- Aggravated assault w/ deadly weapon w/o intent to kill
- Arrested Sept. 20
- Released Sept. 20 on bond

Jordan Z. Mustafa, 21



- Burglary, unarmed
- Arrested Sept. 20
- Released Sept. 21 on bond

Tequesta Dominique Moore, 27



- Aggravated battery, causing bodily harm or disability
- Arrested Sept. 22

Passionette Demyia Joiner, 19



- Aggravated battery, use of a deadly weapon
- Arrested Sept. 23

L. B. Payne, 69



- Aggravated battery, use of a deadly weapon
- Arrested Sept. 24

School

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Within the next two weeks, second through fifth grade students will be taking the Scholastic Reading Inventory. Please encourage your child to do his/her best as this will provide us with information that will determine instructional direction.

Pahokee Elementary

While You're Here Volunteer

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

Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 15. All students will be photographed, but only students who return their pre-paid envelopes will receive pictures. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Vazquez at 561-924-9701.



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