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Lake Levels

14.59 feet

Last Year: 13.39 feet

Source: South Florida Water Management District. Depth given in feet above sea level



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Concert boat moors at Pahokee Marina

By Chris Felker
The Sun

PAHOKEE — Point Counterpoint II, the world-famous floating concert hall designed by the late master architect Louis Kahn and constructed for the United States' Bicentennial in 1976, moored at the city marina last week, and plans are being shaped for it to stay there permanently.

Formerly homeported in Talinn, Estonia, and having traveled more than a half-million miles around the world over the past four decades, the 195-foot-long, double-hulled vessel housing an acoustically engineered concert hall arrived late Tuesday night, Aug. 14, from Ottawa, Ill., at its new home in Lake Okeechobee's quiet waters on Palm Beach County's so-called "other coast."

The lakefront soon will have a claim to fame incorporating art, education, history, music, theater and live band, orchestral and theatrical performances that, it's hoped, will rival the Atlantic coastal beaches' allure and give Big Lake regional tourism a high-pitched electric jolt.

The Point Counterpoint II (PCII for short) soon will be open

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Courtesy of AWSO
A performance aboard the Point Counterpoint II entertains a crowd in Dordrecht, Netherlands, in 1989. In Pahokee, the floating concert hall (shown with its top open) is undergoing renovations and soon will be the setting for sunset concerts on Lake Okeechobee.

Welding students create sculpture for Glades Central

By Joyce Edelstein
Palm Beach State College

Welding students at Palm Beach State College's Belle Glade campus will find their names on a plaque as the creators of a sculpture set for installation at Glades Central High School this fall. The nearly 11-foot, 1,000-pound sculpture will be the centerpiece of a garden at the school, and while it awaits the installation date, the finished sculpture is on display at the Belle Glade campus for PBSC students to enjoy.

Smaller metal sculptures created by PBSC welding instructors are part of the landscape of the campus. When Glades Central High School instructor Dorn Gordon brought a group of her students to the campus for a tour last October, she admired one created by welding instructor

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Special to The Sun/PBSC
Jessica DiTaranto welds the hand of the AVID sculpture.



PBSO seeks information about 2016 homicide

Special to The Sun

PAHOKEE — Last week marked the two-year anniversary of the death of a Pahokee resident Lea'Auto Rolle, and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) still is seeking information.

At 12:58 a.m. on Aug. 14, 2016, the PBSO responded to the New Zion Holiness Church in Pahokee, where they found Lea'Auto Rolle



Lea'Auto Rolle

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Mast argues for lower Lake Okeechobee level

By Katrina Elsen
INI Florida

STUART — Congressman Brian Mast's proposal to lower Lake Okeechobee to 8 feet by the end of the dry season to prevent wet season releases to the coastal estuaries was the topic of discussion at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District briefing on Aug. 17 in Stuart City Hall.

Ernie Marks, South Florida Water Management District executive director, said trying to lower the lake to 8 feet would be dangerous for South Florida.

"What are the consequences of lowering the lake below 9 feet by the end of the dry season? We can't get there with the infrastructure we have in place today. So what do we have to do? We have to send more water west and more water east," he explained.

"We've got to send significant amounts during times you normally don't receive it, and more frequently," he said.

The infrastructure needed to send more water south is planned but not yet funded. "We need the additional infrastructure. We need the additional projects so we have the ability to do that," he said. Such a move would impact the water supply not only south of the lake, but also for the lower east coast, he said.

There is a high level of risk to forcing the lake down to 9 ft., he warned. "There is no guarantee when the rain will fall," he said.

What happens if the lake is at 8 ft. in May and the rains don't come when expected? Such a drought would cause the lake to fall to 7 ft. or lower, which would mean SFWMD could not send any lake water to any of the users. There would be no water availability for all users, including the environment, he said.

Such a drought would mean long-term



impacts to fish and wildlife, he said. The SFWMD would not be able to deliver water to the Seminole Tribal lands. The water shortage would hurt residents and businesses from Palm Beach County to the Florida Keys, he said. There would be no water to fight fires. With no backup water supply from the lake, the Everglades would be at high risk of muck fires, which would destroy wildlife habit, he said.

With no flow from the lake, the Caloosahatchee River would no longer be navigable, Mr. Marks said.

In May 2007, during the drought that took the lake below 9 ft., "we had emergency orders to move water 20 miles from an existing reservoir to West Palm Beach. Their normal source of water is rainfall and the backup of Lake Okeechobee.

"Basically underground, you have a freshwater lens and a saltwater lens," he explained. "The saltwater lens was at risk to move. (In hydrology, a lens is a convex layer of fresh groundwater that floats on top of denser saltwater.) Once that saltwater lens moves too far to the west, you lose your well-fields," he said.

Mr. Marks said the solution to reducing lake releases to the coastal estuaries lies in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP) plans, which were approved but are awaiting federal funding.

Congressman Mast continued to argue to lower the level of the lake during the dry season.

"There are consequences with low water levels," he said. "But there are consequences with high water levels," he said.

He said the Army Corps' top priority is the integrity of the Herbert Hoover Dike. "Every inch of water off Lake Okeechobee means less risk," he said.

Alligator harvest began Aug. 15

Special to INI Florida

Florida's statewide alligator harvest, nationally and internationally recognized as a model program for the sustainable use of a renewable natural resource, began Aug. 15. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued more than 7,500 permits, including an additional 1,313 county-wide permits, as a method to help manage the alligator population.

Alligators are a conservation success story in Florida. They were included on the original federal endangered species list in 1967. Conservation efforts allowed the population to rebound, and they were removed from the list in 1987. Today, the state's alligator population is estimated at 1.3 million alligators and has been stable for many years.

For over 30 years, the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program has been providing sustainable hunting opportunities throughout the state. The FWC establishes management units with appropriate harvest quotas based on research and proven science to ensure

the long-term well-being of the alligator resource.

Recreational alligator hunting is just one part of the FWC's overall approach to managing the species. The FWC's Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) is another. People who believe a specific alligator poses a threat to people, pets or property should call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286). When someone concerned about an alligator calls the Nuisance Alligator Hotline, we will dispatch an FWC-contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation.

In addition, as part of a comprehensive effort to achieve alligator management goals, the FWC has issued an additional 21 Targeted Harvest Area permits that encompass 79 new areas. THA permits allow a managing authority to work directly with a designated FWC-contracted nuisance alligator trapper, making the process for removing nuisance alligators more proactive and streamlined.

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- To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.



Water utilities receives Aaa bond rating for 16th straight year

Special to The Sun

For the 16th straight year, the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) has received an Aaa bond rating as announced by Moody's Investors Services on Tuesday, July 31.

The Moody's report noted that the Aaa rating for PBCWUD was "significantly above the median rating of Aa3 for U.S. water and wastewater systems" and noted that the position "reflects robust liquidity and an exceptionally low debt profile."

PBCWUD, which provides water and wastewater services to approximately 591,000 residents across nearly 1,300 square miles of Palm Beach County, was also noted for its system profile, which "is very strong" and, in regard to operating and

maintenance expenses, "favorably bigger than the U.S. median."

Additionally, PBCWUD's "financial position ... is extremely strong" as both "the coverage of the annual debt service by net revenues ... and the days of cash on hand ... are excellent and greatly exceed the U.S. median." The report also noted that PBCWUD's "debt to operating revenues ... is very strong and well below other Moody's-rated water and wastewater systems nationwide."

To find the most up-to-date information concerning the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department water distribution and wastewater collection systems, follow the department on Facebook and Twitter @PBCWUD.

Sexual predator notification

Special to The Sun

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBCSO) is disclosing this information to the public in order to enhance public safety, awareness and protection. This information is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is this agency's belief that an informed public is a safer public.



Jean Cime

This bulletin should be used only for information purposes. Citizen abuse of the information to threaten, intimidate or harass offenders will not be tolerated in any manner.

The individual who appears in this bulletin has served the sentence imposed on

him by the courts. He is NOT wanted by the police at this time.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is advising the public about a declared sexual predator, Jean Raymond Cime aka Raymond Cime Jean, 28, who is now residing at 410 Pelican Lake Drive, Apt. B, in Pahokee.

In 2010, Cime was convicted of sexual battery by a juvenile to a victim under the age of 12 and providing obscene material to a minor. The offense took place in Palm Beach County

Florida House Bill 3737 requires the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to notify all licensed daycare centers located within a 1-mile radius of the above addresses.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Special Investigations Division at 561-688-3000.

Sun Spots

Fair Housing clinic

The Glades Initiative, 141 SE Ave. C in Belle Glade, and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County will present a workshop on Fair Housing and Legal Aid's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic on Monday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m. and Aug. 23, at 10:30 a.m. For information, call 561-996-3310, or email जारagoza@gladesinitiative.org to RSVP.

WCSC offers oral exams

The West County Senior Center, 2916 State Road 15 in Belle Glade, will offer a free oral health examination and oral cancer screening services on Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. to seniors 60 and older. For information, call Willie Miller at 561-996-4808 or Melinda Estime at 561-996-4809.

Early voting ends Aug. 26

Aug. 26 is the last day for early voting in Palm Beach County. The Belle Glade Library, 725 N.W. Fourth St., is the early voting station in the Glades and will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, visit the

Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office website at: www.pbcelections.org.

Grants deadline approaching

Achieve Palm Beach County is accepting applications from mentoring organizations for young men and boys of color, primarily. The deadline for completed applications is Monday, Aug. 27, at 5 p.m. For information or to register, email Gary Graham at garygraham@unitedwaypbc.org.

Philanthropy Tank deadline

Philanthropy Tank is now accepting applications for the next round teen #CHANGEmakers in Palm Beach County. Eighth- through 12th-grade students in Palm Beach County can begin applying to get their philanthropic-driven projects funded! Applications opened Aug. 1 and close Nov. 4. For information, email athompson@philanthropytank.org.

Judgement workshop

Residents are invited to attend an up-

Board of County Commissioners Briefs

At the Aug. 14 Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action:

- Palm Tran – approved the Title VI Service equity analyses required by the Federal Transit Administration indicating that major service changes to the Palm Tran network have no disparate impact to minority or low-income populations and approved the recommended major service changes proposed by the Route Performance Maximization initiative, effective Sept. 30. Using existing resources, Palm Tran's new fixed-route bus network will provide more convenient and faster service to key employment, educational and economic centers throughout the county.

- Schools – approved placing a referendum on the Nov. 6 ballot authorizing the School Board of Palm Beach County to levy 1 mill of ad valorem tax for operational purposes of non-charter district schools for a four-year period beginning July 1, 2019.

- Tax Collector – adopted a resolution instructing the Tax Collector's Office not to mail notices to any taxpayer for any parcel when the amount owed is less than \$15. The previous minimum tax bill notification was \$5.

- Project Mercury – conceptually approved a cash incentive of \$45,000 over six years for Project Mercury. The provider of emergency response systems is contemplating expanding its facility in Palm Beach County or moving to Alabama. The project will invest \$3.6 million to improve and equip an existing facility and create 150 new jobs over a three-year period at an annualized average wage of \$53,298 and retain 198 existing jobs. The estimated five-year local economic impact is \$295 million.

coming workshop "How to Collect a Judgment" presented by the office of Sharon R. Bock, Palm Beach County clerk & controller, at the West County Courthouse, Conference Room C-121, 2950 State Road 15 in Belle Glade, on Thursday, Sept. 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information visit www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/workshops.

Bereavement group to meet

A grief support program will be offered to all employees of Lakeside Medical Center, 39200 Hooker Highway in Belle Glade, on Thursday, Sept. 6. Everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call Trustbridge at 844-422-3648.

G.I.R.L. Talk

P.r.a.H.I.S invites young ladies to attend G.I.R.L. Talk on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lakeshore Park in Belle Glade under the banyan tree between 11th and 12th streets. Girls will have meaningful discussions, guided from a biblical perspective, on life matters.

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to the public and hosting concerts or live theater on performance nights, when it will move into open waters and anchor just offshore from the newly renovated Pahokee lakefront park facilities and the Herbert Hoover Dike. The grassy dike and linear park will serve as the amphitheater, letting spectators enjoy live music from orchestras and other performers on the ship's bandshell-like stage.

The grand, silver 38-foot-wide vessel, which also has an art gallery, small theater and crew accommodations on board, is owned by Robert Boudreau of Mars, Pa., who in 1957 founded the American Wind Symphony Orchestra (AWSO) that has performed for decades on board the ship.

Now in his 90s, Mr. Boudreau long has encouraged music education through his work, having commissioned over 400 new classical compositions and consistently populated the orchestra with young professional musicians, numbering more than 1,500 since 1976. "This is my 61st year as the founder of the orchestra, and ... the floating arts center was built in Norfolk, Virginia, by Tidewater Corporation for a tour of 76 cities during the Bicentennial," he said.

His intent in bringing the boat to the small City of Pahokee, isolated as it is from the tourist-rich beaches and barrier islands lining the

megalopolises of Southeast Florida, is to bring a much-needed boost to the Glades region's cultural, economic, educational and tourism prospects. Mr. Boudreau hopes to open a new pathway for artistically and musically inclined young people to the nation's best institutions of higher learning.

He is working closely with Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Regina Bohlen, who is relieved that the PCII is finally here and excited by the possibilities it poses.

"My involvement in it is that, over the summer while I was off, I worked on trying to get it here," she said. "We've been working on it since like October, trying to get it down here, and finally it was on its way. This is a world-famous barge ... so we're really hoping that the tourism for that will have a very positive effect for Pahokee."

Mr. Boudreau and his wife, Kathleen, came to Pahokee this week to meet with local officials, investors and educators about future plans for the Point Counterpoint II. Ms. Bohlen already has started a Gofundme page for the PCII and its resident orchestra but, she added, could not say what eventually might happen as to ownership of the vessel.

"The boat belongs to Mr. Boudreau and the American Wind Symphony Orchestra, so whatever they decide to do with it is what they will do. I think everything is up in the air at this point, exactly how all of that's going to work," Ms. Bohlen explained.

Robert Lambert, a partner in Everglades Re-

serves Holdings LLC — the investment group that is under contract to sublease Pahokee's lakefront marina, campground and restaurant once the city's state-financed renovations are complete — said, "Eventually, the city will buy it or we'll buy it."

The vessel was transported here from dry dock in Illinois over the past several weeks. Mr. Lambert, who owns Cruise America Associates and is part owner of Okeechobee's Landing Strip Cafe, said, "It was towed down the Mississippi River all the way to New Orleans, and then a different tow company — and actually I did a little bit of the tow across the Okeechobee Waterway with them — towed it all the way." He said it is the largest boat ever brought through the waterway, "and this is certainly the largest vessel by far to ever go into the Pahokee Marina."

He and the ERH partners, including Mark Miller, who lives aboard a boat moored at the Pahokee Marina, have been working on plans to give the PCII a bit of sprucing up. "We're doing a little remodeling on it ... She's getting a nice paint job and some interior renovations."

The ship's future, though, is going to be shaped by whatever arrangements emerge among Mr. Boudreau and the AWSO, the City of Pahokee, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and, Mr. Lambert said, potentially Everglades Reserves Holdings (ERH) along with many other local residents, laborers, philanthropists, school authorities and schoolchildren, too.

"We're getting a lot of interest," he explained, continuing: "One of the main aspects of this whole plan is to teach some of the local residents, the youth in Pahokee, Belle Glade (and this region) how to play some of these wind instruments. In the past, Mr. Boudreau ... has always wanted to do that, and help these kids get scholarships into college. He's been very successful over the past years."

Last year, the Point Counterpoint's success was celebrated with a 60th anniversary tour by the orchestra, which is a woodwinds ensemble using remarkably wide-ranging instrumentation.

Ms. Bohlen, looking forward to collaborating on the boat's future in Pahokee, said plans might be a little fuzzy right now, but "the main thing is that the boat is here, and everything else'll get worked out."

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deceased as a result of gunshot wounds.

Anyone with information concerning this active investigation is asked to contact Detective J. Gelfand of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Division Homicide at 800-458-TIPS (8477).

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-458-TIPS or remain anonymous by downloading the new app "Connect & Protect", "See Something Say Something" for any Apple or Android smartphone.

WELDING

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Anton Pastuszak, who is also a recognized metal artist. She instantly envisioned acquiring such a sculpture for the garden she was planning for Glades Central. Mr. Pastuszak wouldn't consider charging for a sculpture. Instead, he saw the real value in having his students make one.

"I saw the opportunity for my welding students to do a good deed for the community and develop some skills," he said. "The skills that are used in making that sculpture are the same skills that are used in the welding profession. It was just a good thing for us to do, and personally, the Glades region has given me so much, it was an honor to give back."

Sculpture is intended to highlight AVID

The garden is a schoolwide initiative driven by the students in Glade Central's AVID program. AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness program adopted by more than 6,000 schools in 47 states. It complements the curriculum by teaching skills that students can use to succeed at any level of school, college, or in a career.

"One of the AVID initiatives is community service," said Ms. Gordon, an AVID elective instructor. "The students will plant flowers and vegetables to give to the elderly or community organizations. Planting a garden takes time, it takes work, and I wanted my students to see that through hard work, people can benefit. The sculpture will be the focal point in our garden."

Ms. Gordon and Mr. Pastuszak bounced ideas back and forth, but it was the availability of an 8-foot steel beam that inspired Mr. Pastuszak to go big. "I felt we should do something that's really going to make a statement and stand out."

On and off over the ensuing months, the students in his evening welding class worked on the sculpture. If Mr. Pastuszak wanted his students to focus on a particular skill, then they headed out to the sculpture.

"A lot of skills that are used in the fabrication industry don't get developed if you are just welding coupons [test plates] all day long," he said. "Not many students in welding programs, even nationwide, get to play around with giant steel beams."

Student Jessica DiTaranto, who has worked in power plants from Florida to the Northeast, enjoyed seeing the sculpture come together from an I-beam to what it is now. "I've never really been too big into art, but now seeing the final project, it makes me want to build some for my own yard."

Besides the welding and cutting, the math was the highlight of the project for Gabriel Gaedtke, an electrician and mechanic who joined the class to add to his skill set. "When I came into the program I did not know that you could take one solid beam and heat it up to temperatures where you could bend it, sculpt it and cut it out and actually make a human arm from the dimensions that you took off a classmate's arm." The sculpture project has inspired Mr. Gaedtke to do more artistic work with metal and large themes.

"Just like our school district AVID students, our PBSC students are determined to advance and are focused on success," said Dr. Maria Vallejo, vice president for growth and expansion and provost of the Belle Glade and Loxahatchee Groves campus-

es. "The partnership is an excellent way to have our PBSC students be role models of what is possible when you stay the course."

Form emphasizes education's power

Delighted with the work of Mr. Pastuszak and his students, Ms. Gordon thinks the sculpture captures her vision perfectly and embodies the power of AVID.

"The arm shows the strength of AVID, and so students rise from the earth and are propelled into the world — symbolized by the globe with the AVID student inside. AVID teaches organization, self-discipline, college readiness and goal-setting, and so all of that is within that arm. With AVID supporting you, you can't help but be successful. The sky's the limit."

Gordon sees the sculpture collaboration as the beginning of a long-lasting relationship between the College and Glades Central. The project introduced her to the Welding program, which made her realize it's a viable career for some of her students.

"We have a pipeline of students wanting to go into the Welding program," she said. "Welding is big right now. There's going to be a great need due to those retiring from the industry, and we want to fill that need."

Meanwhile, one welding student credits the sculpture project for powering his motivation to stick with the program.

"It was a great learning experience," said Nate Stevens, a bartender and server reigniting a past interest in welding. "We started doing the sculpture when the program began, and basically, that's what caused me to fall in love with welding and torching and everything that goes along with it. I'm grateful that we were able to do it."

NOTICE OF MEETING 2018 HENDRY COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to Chapter 194, Florida Statutes, the HENDRY COUNTY VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD (VAB) will convene its Organizational Meeting on, **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Commission Chambers at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of considering matters pursuant to the requirements of Florida Statutes, Chapter 194 and other items as may be appropriate or timely. Petitions, complaints and appeals filed with the VAB will be referred to hearings conducted by Special Magistrates at the Hendry County Courthouse; or at other designated locations as needed.

This meeting is open to the public, and interested citizens are invited to attend. The Board will not be considering Special Magistrate recommendations at this meeting.

Anyone who appeals a decision made by the VAB will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

The VAB may discuss other related issues in addition to the above matters at the suggestion or request of the Chairman or members prior to or during the meeting.

Barbara S. Butler, Clerk,
Hendry County
Value Adjustment Board



Reflections from the Pulpit

Gifts: God's offer and a wise request

By The Reverend Samuel S. Thomas, Ph. D. +
Saint Martin's Church, Clewiston

Years ago Sears Roebuck used to publish toy catalogs at Christmas. I'd get one for my daughter and one year just before Christmas she asked me "What am I going to get for Christmas?" I didn't know if she had anything particular in mind but guessed that maybe there was something she wanted. I got the toy catalog and told her "Sit down and find me a page in that catalog where you don't have something on it. You may not have that doll house but you have a doll house. You may not have that bicycle but you have a bicycle. You don't have all of those books but you have lots of books."

She sat down, took the catalog and apparently couldn't find a page where she didn't have at least something.

I thought that "Maybe you're spoiled" or "You should be thankful that you have so much." We still searched and found her gifts for the Christmas celebration and she was happy.

Giving gifts can be a challenge for all of us. I am happiest when my recipient tells me that my choice was a thoughtful one or something needed. Many times there are "generic" gifts where I hope the receiver will understand my intentions and make use of what I chose. I've always heard "It's the thought that counts" and I have been pleased when someone who doesn't really know me can come up with something I can use or at least enjoy. Not too long ago, I heard about "re-gifting" and passing things along that weren't really needed when people feel an obligation to give something and

do not want something received to go to waste.

One Church developed a practice during announcement time to present members of the congregation with a token gift after telling of something noteworthy that the recipient had done for the Church or for someone. This "award ceremony" got longer and longer, and when I arrived at the Church I was told that I was the person who was to make the announcements-only! I was curious and tracked down the reasons for this rule. It seems that the gift-giving got more and more bizarre. Finally, one member got up and sung the praises of another member and made a presentation for all of the good works; a pair of socks! That brought the Sunday morning practice to an end; enough was enough!

Like all of us, I hope to give something that reflects my caring in my choice. As far as from God, I hope I ask things that are worthy of being asked for; remembering always that God knows better than I do about what I need. Most all of the "gifts" bestowed on me by ordination are to be freely given but I have two exceptions. I tell people that I do not bless "pretend marriages" or lottery tickets (and I've been asked to do both!)

Then I reflect on my gifts from God. Freely given and received with thanks; and with the intention to say "Thanks, Lord" when I needed something and God provided. We say "...thy will be done...." and need to remember that God gives according to what may be best for us even when we may not understand.

There is that request for a gift from God that was granted and God was pleased; and God threw in some additional guidance and something not asked-for in addition to a special request. I am referring to Solomon's request to God when he is about to become

King of Israel; 1 Kings 3:5ff. The Lord appeared to Solomon and said "Ask whatever you want me to give you (v. 5)." Solomon answered "You have shown kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued to show this great kindness to him and given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. Now. O Lord my god, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ... so give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong (vss 6-9)" We hear that "God was pleased" (v.10) and granted him "a wise and discerning heart (v. 12) and added a special place in the life of his people and a long life too. Solomon was known for his wisdom and counted among the greatest of the patriarchs.

Today my prayers are a bit vicarious for our leaders, but with the hope that they can be counted among those who were up to the challenges of our day. With elections in the offing, I pray that we may have wise leaders and those with discerning hearts too.

I do not try to second-guess motives or reasons for decisions: I rarely have all of the information that goes into decision-making but pray that the leaders we have lead with wisdom. Solomon asked for great gift but it was not too great for God to grant. He even threw in some gifts not asked for. I hope I do so in my own life when called upon to give. I also pray that His gifts may be granted to others according to the needs they are called upon to fulfill. Praying for wisdom and discernment; for ourselves and for others, are prayers that I count among the most worthy I can offer. I hope you share them too.

Obituaries

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Pamela Hedick Davis, 73

PALMDALE — Pamela Hedick Davis passed away on Aug. 14, 2018 at Jupiter Medical Center in Jupiter.

Pam was born April 27, 1945 in Clewiston to William and Florence (Adkins) Hedick. She married Thomas "Tom" E. Davis on Jan. 9, 1965 in Moore Haven.



Pam was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be deeply missed by her entire family, and all those whose lives she touched.

Pam leaves behind her son, TJ Davis and his wife, Kimberly; grandchildren, Elisabeth and Madison; her companion, Wayne Holt; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Pam was preceded in death by both of her parents; her husband, Tom Davis; her daughter, Carolyn Denise Davis; three siblings, Irene Waldron, Callie Gunn and William Hedick, Jr.

Celebration of Pam's life was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with Pastor Charley Watts officiating. Burial took place in Ortona Cemetery.

Ada V. Llorens

Apr. 7, 1932 – Aug. 13, 2018

WESTON — Ada V. Llorens, 86, of Weston, Fla., wife of the late Fernando N. Llorens, passed away peacefully on Aug. 13, 2018.

Born Apr. 7, 1932, in Guaimaro, Cuba, Ada met Fernando, the love of her life, in the sugar cane town of Elia, Cuba, in her early teens. The couple married in September 1949 and had three children. The Llorens family emigrated to the United States from Cuba in 1962, first living in Elizabeth, N.J., and eventually planting roots in the small agricultural town of Belle Glade, Fla.

An excellent cook who was well known for Cuban specialties such as vaca frita (a crispy shredded beef dish) and sopa de platano (plantain soup), Ada took great pride in caring for her husband and family. Her first grandchild was born in 1979, and over the years Ada became a proud grandmother of six. In 2014, she became a great-grandmother. Her family was truly the light of her life, and she was always happiest when spending time with them.

Ada's memory and legacy are carried on by her children Fernando Z. Llorens (Gail) and Beatriz L. Koltis (Peter); grandchildren Jacqueline Nelson (Bryan), Cristina I. Llorens, Joanna Alvarez, Jaimee Alvarez, Julia L. Koltis, and Peter N. Koltis; and great-granddaughter Tessa M. Nelson. In addition to her husband Fernando, Ada was predeceased by her daughter, Miriam L. Alvarez (Jose).

A Mass will be celebrated in honor of Ada's life on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, at 9 a.m., at St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Belle Glade, Fla. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Trustbridge Hospice Foundation at www.tbfdn.org

FWC expands access to boating safety exam

Special to INI Florida

Access to Florida's Boater Education Temporary Certificate Program has been expanded, thanks to work done by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to make allowances for online course providers to offer the required courses over the internet.

In August of 2017, the FWC amended Florida Administrative Code 68D-36.108 to allow the temporary certificate exam to be offered in an online version. This change makes it easier and more convenient for both vessel operators and vessel liveries to comply with Florida's boater education laws, which require liveries to verify that customers born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, have met Florida's boating safety education requirements before allowing them to rent their vessels.

Online temporary certificate exam providers will create a system that allows 24-hour, seven-day a week accessibility to the exam using tablets, laptops, or other electronic devices. This added convenience will make it easier for both visitors and residents by allowing them to take the test before a vacation to Florida.

Currently, one online boating safety edu-

cation provider, Boat Ed, has completed the process to offer the exam online. Boat Ed has been a leader and innovator in boating safety education since 1995. Study or learning materials are available on the Boat Ed site to prepare students for the exam, improve their boating knowledge and increase their chances of successfully completing the exam on the first try. The exam costs \$3 and study materials are available for an additional charge. A link to the exam can be found at Boat-Ed.com/FloridaRental/.

Prior to this change, paper exams were the only option and were required to be completed and passed by rental vessel operators. The ability for liveries to continue to offer paper exams has not changed with the addition of this online option. Liveries can still purchase and administer the paper exams, as long as their contract and insurance are valid. The temporary certificate exam is a knowledge check, not a full education course. It cannot be converted into a boater safety identification card that is valid for life. Temporary certificates are not valid in any other state and do not meet boater safety education requirements in other states.

The online exam will be 25 questions, randomly selected from a large pool of

questions. The cost for the exam will remain \$3. Upon successful completion of the exam, students will be provided an electronic proof of their successful completion and their passing score. A livery will be able to inspect this proof to ensure that a prospective vessel renter has met Florida's boating safety education requirements.

The new change offers various benefits to liveries:

- Liveries are not required to contract with any other company to use the online exam.
- A link that will send customers directly to the online exam can be provided by liveries.
- Liveries are not required to continue purchasing paper exams from the FWC.
- The burden of mailing paper tests back to the FWC is removed with the online option.
- Liveries will be able to provide speedier service to customers who take the exam in advance of renting.

The FWC encourages liveries to transition to the new online exam system to increase accessibility and streamline the testing process for renters interested in enjoying Florida's beautiful waterways by boat.



Levine visits early voting station in Belle Glade

Special to The Sun

BELLE GLADE — On the third day of early voting in Florida, Wednesday, Aug. 15, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, took to the trail and made a campaign stop at an early voting location in Belle Glade.

Mayor Levine, joined by supporters and volunteers, shared his plan to move Florida forward and spoke about the importance of the 2018 mid-term elections as an opportunity to take back the governor's office in November as well as the race's implications for the 2020 presidential election. The Belle Glade visit marked Mayor Levine's fifth early-voting stop as he continues to travel the state speaking with voters. Team Levine has 150-plus members spread throughout 14 offices across the state, with one in Palm Beach County.

Mayor Levine said: "With just a few days to go until the Florida primary, this is our opportunity to send a message to President Trump and radical Ron DeSantis: Florida will go blue in 2018! Our state is the last line of defense against this national nightmare — and the people of Belle Glade and all of Florida are ready for change. Our team is working day and night to end 20 years of Republican control, and with 14 regional offices and an unprecedented statewide field program, team Levine has the infrastructure to get the job done and win in November.

"As governor, I will lead the way where the Trump administration is failing us and make sure we move our state in a new direction, a direction we can be proud of. If we want to expand access to healthcare and affordable housing, raise our minimum living wage, invest in public schools, and improve public transportation — we have to do it now by making our voices heard."



Special to The Sun/Courtesy of Levine campaign
Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine was joined by supporters during his visit Wednesday, Aug. 15, to the early voting location at the Belle Glade branch of the Palm Beach County Library.

Alice In Wonderland auditions to take place on Sept. 24

Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center

Come and be a part of the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's 25th annual production with the Missoula Children's Theatre in Alice In Wonderland, the very first title the theatre ever presented with Missoula Children's Theatre!

Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of Alice In Wonderland will be on Monday, Sept. 24, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 College Drive in Belle Glade from 4 to 6 p.m. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:45 p.m. and plan to stay for the full two hours. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Approximately 50 roles are available for local students. All students, grades K-5 – 12th grade, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Most students rehearse approximately 4 1/2 hours each day, Monday through Thursday. A performance is scheduled for local schools on Friday, Sept. 28 at noon and two performances will be presented for the public on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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

Alice In Wonderland is part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented in Belle Glade by Palm Beach State College, with support from Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida.

Rosenwald Elementary School News

Special to The Sun

Important Dates

Sept. 12, 2018 – First School Advisory Council meeting, Rosenwald Elementary Media Center, 5 p.m.

Sept. 12, 2018 – Open House 6 to 7:30 p.m., Rosenwald Elementary School.

School News!

Rosenwald would like to thank all parents who sent their students to school during the first week. We need all students to be enrolled with updated information. There is no need to wait.

Our first School Advisory Council Meet-

ing is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m.

Open House will immediately follow the SAC session on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to come out for both events to learn about the how they can partner with the school to make this a great experience for their children.

We are on Facebook!

All parents are encouraged to follow Rosenwald Elementary on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RosenwaldES/> Twitter! www.twitter.com/Rosenwald/ES

Security increased for high school stadiums

Special to The Sun

The School District of Palm Beach County is implementing new procedures for all events in the district's high school stadiums.

Beginning with this week's football games, only clear bags will be permitted entry into any high school stadium. The only exception will be diaper bags. All bags will be subject to search.

There will be no entry into games after the kickoff of the third quarter of a football game, and there will be no re-entry at any point during the game should an individual leave the stadium before the game is over.

Loitering is prohibited outside of stadium gates or in parking lots before, during or after the game. Once spectators leave a game,

they must leave the school campus.

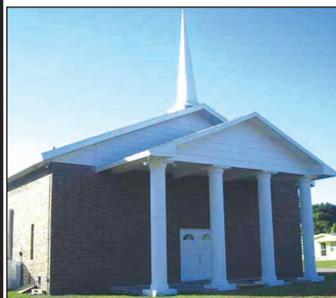
All schools will move to 6 p.m. home games whenever possible for the duration of football season. Anyone planning to attend football games at any district high school should check with the schools to verify start times.

As part of its efforts to continue to improve safety and security on all campuses, the district is reviewing all procedures for after-hours school events to ensure the safety of students, staff, and guests.

Additional changes may occur as those reviews continue.

For more information, contact the school district's Office of Communications at 561-357-1114.

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Special to The Sun/Courtesy of City of Pahokee

Industrious Pahokee resident wins recognition

Eduardo Bernal was honored with the City of Pahokee Mayor's Gold Nail & Hammer Award during the commission meeting Aug. 14. "We appreciate the value and care you have shown the city and your neighborhood," said the city commissioners, (from left) Benny L. Everett, Diane Walker, Clara Murvin, Keith Babb and Felisia Hill, with City Manager Chandler Williamson.

WTEC registration & testing

West Technical Education Center, 2625 State Road 715 in Belle Glade, is now being accepting applications for Adult Education and Pre-Apprenticeship programs. They are offering ABE/GED, ESOL, carpentry, HVAC, electrical, welding and plumbing. For information, call 561-829-4620.



Special to The Sun/Courtesy photo

School supply drive by Clerks for a Cause benefits Glades kids

Clerk employees donated 2,217 school supply items last month as part of the Palm Beach County Clerk's Office's Clerks for a Cause program. Shannon R. Chessman, the clerk's acting chief operating officer, helped organize the items on Tuesday, Aug. 14. The donations will be distributed to children who attend school in the Glades area.



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Stephen Purvis, D.O. Orthopedic Practice

The offices of Stephen Purvis, D.O. Orthopedic Surgeon, located at 525 West Sagamore Avenue in Clewiston and 450 South Main Street in Labelle will be closing effective August 31, 2018.

For any immediate questions, call 863-902-3093. Copies of patient medical records may be picked up at the orthopedic office located at 525 West Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

Please contact your Primary Care Provider for assistance in locating a physician to continue any ongoing treatment.



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Loss of aquatic vegetation means 'the lake is hurting'

By Katrina Elsen
INI Florida

High water levels are hurting Lake Okeechobee's ecological balance.

Water Resources Director Terrie Bates explained the issue at the July 12 meeting of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board.

She said it is due to the lasting effects of Hurricane Irma, which churned the waters of the Big O and dumped enough rain to push the lake level up to 17.2 feet as the watershed to the north drained into the lake.

Because of that churning by Hurricane Irma's winds, turbidity levels and dissolved nutrient levels in the water remained high. In the dry season, the lake slowly dropped to 12.8 feet, but then it was quickly pushed back up by the heavy rainfall in May. The wet-season rains came too soon.

Phosphorus levels, although they have come down, are still significantly higher than they normally are at this time of the year, she said.

The lake has really been hampered three years in a row by very high stages, Ms. Bates explained.

The loss of aquatic habitat, both from the storm surge that ripped

vegetation out of the lake and from the high water levels, means there are fewer plants in the water column to uptake the phosphorus. The aquatic vegetation also provides critical habitat for fish and wildlife.

"The lake is certainly hurting," she said.

In 2009, the lake had about 46,000 acres of submerged vegetation. In 2015, Lake O had 33,345 acres of submerged vegetation, she said. After Hurricane Irma, it had 11,609 acres.

Because the dry season did not drop the lake low enough for a long enough time period, the vegetation around the lake's edges did not have a chance to recover, Ms. Bates said.

South of the lake, the Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) also took a blow from Hurricane Irma. The STAs processed a record 1.6 million acre-feet of water last year, she said.

In the Everglades, the tree islands are also suffering from high water levels for the third year in a row.

The damage to the marshes from the high lake levels means the lake's water is higher in phosphorus and nitrogen due to the loss of vegetation that would clean the water, Paul Gray, of Florida Audubon, explained at the July 31 meeting of the Okeechobee Rotary Club.

The loss of the plant communities means loss of habitat for fish and wildlife, he said.

Dr. Gray explained that the flood control

system was designed in the 1940s. Even then, officials knew it had to be a balancing act between flood control and water storage, he said. If you overuse the flood control system, you will have water shortages, he said.

The system needs to be fixed to prevent the extreme high lake levels, which result in harmful releases to the estuaries east and west, and the extreme lows, which mean water shortages for farmers and urban areas. The way to fix this is with water storage north, south, east and west of Lake Okeechobee, he said.

In the 1970s, the phosphorus level in Lake Okeechobee was about 40 parts per billion, he said. Water entering the lake is many times that level in phosphorus. The goal is to get it back to 40 ppb.

Dr. Gray said it would be possible to clean up the lake if authorities could control the flow into it. During drought years, he said,

when there is not so much water going into the lake, the phosphorus level in the lake water drops.

"When you have drought years and you don't have the flow of nutrients into the lake, the lake got better," he said.

While some researchers thought the mud at the bottom of the lake would keep the nutrient level high, this did not turn out to be the case, he said. "This tells us we can clean up the lake if we clean up the watershed."

Storing water north of the lake can make it possible to clean the water before it goes into the lake, Dr. Gray continued.

Lake Okeechobee anglers have expressed concern that the state's aquatic plant management program could be harming aquatic vegetation that would be beneficial to the lake.

They are also concerned about the chemical spraying of vegetation on the Kissimmee River, which flows into Lake Okeechobee.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's contractors spray chemical herbicides, which, according to the FWC, target only the invasive species.

According to the Florida wildlife system Invasive Plant Management website, in 2016-17, Florida spent \$23,624,861 to control invasive plants on 80,417 acres. On Lake Okeechobee alone, in fiscal year 2016-17, \$2,454,320 was spent to spray 17,424 acres, including 13,731 acres of floating vegetation, 26.3 acres of hy-drilla and 3,676.6 of other vegetation.

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will conduct a public hearing on a proposed text amendment to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and conduct a preliminary review of the related SR 82 Mixed-Use District Detailed Specific Area Plan (DSAP). The hearing will take place on **September 12, 2018, 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.

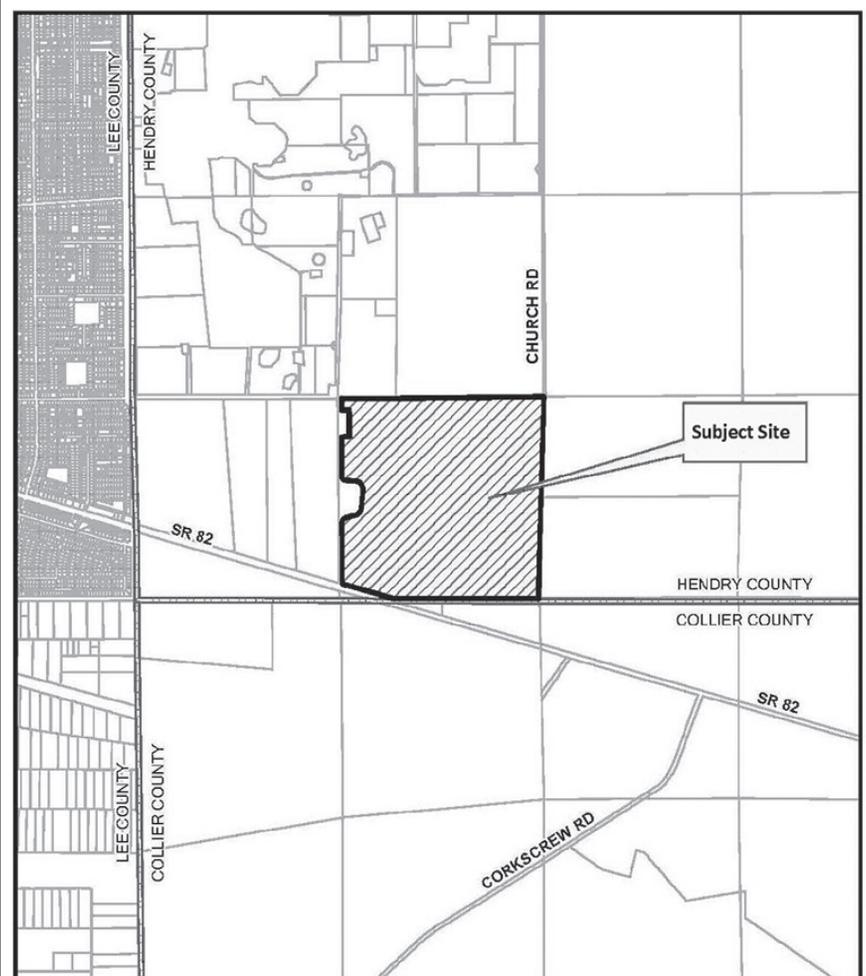
The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC will consider whether or not it wishes to transmit the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. This hearing will be held on **September 25, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

Petition Number: CPA18-0005

Applicant: Stephane Gardinier o/b/o Gardinier Florida Citrus Inc. & HCGM, LLC, represented by Pavese Law Firm c/o Katherine English, Esq. and Waldrop Engineering c/o Alexis V. Crespo, AICP

Request: The applicant is requesting to amend the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan relating to the Future Land Use Element, specifically Objective 2.1, SR 82 Mixed-Use District, Objective 2.7, Development Districts for the Southwest Hendry County Sector Plan, Objective 2.9, DSAP Requirements for SR 82 Mixed-Use District, Objective 2.10, Residential/Non-Residential Development Ratio, and Objective 2.13, Water and Wastewater, and certain supportive Policies related to the aforementioned Objectives.

The DSAP RZ18-0005 will also be preliminarily reviewed with CPA18-0005, and includes the property shown below.



This transmittal hearing is the first step in a two step public hearing process to amend the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan. A second hearing will follow the Department of Economic Opportunity's review of the application.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition and ordinance are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., 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.

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

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at either meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail mjohnson@hendryfla.net.

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Unemployment rate drops; 7,700 jobs added

Special to The Sun

WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County's unemployment rate for July is 4 percent, down from 4.4 percent a year ago. The county's rate matches the state's and is lower than the nation's 4.1 percent rate (all numbers not seasonally adjusted), according to the latest monthly reports released Aug 17 from CareerSource Palm Beach County and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Palm Beach County's unemployment rate has stayed below or matched the state rate for the past 17 consecutive months and has stayed below the national rate for 18 consecutive months.

"Businesses are hiring and job demand is as hot as the summer weather. Some 7,700 jobs were added over the year and there were nearly 19,000 advertised job openings in July. In addition, for the past 10 consecutive months, the county's unemployment rate has fallen below or matched 4 percent, a healthy indicator of what many economists consider to be full employment," said Steve Craig, president and CEO of CareerSource Palm Beach County, the nonprofit organization chartered by the state to lead workforce development in Palm Beach County. Over the past 12 months, the county's unemployment rate ranged between 3.3 and 4.4 percent, primarily reflecting seasonal fluctuations. July's rate is about one-third of what it was at the 11.6 percent peak unemployment rate of the Great Recession in summer 2010.

The increasingly competitive labor market means higher wages for workers. Wages and salaries in Palm Beach County are up 4.5 percent, according to the latest report of employment and wages in the nation's 347 largest counties by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (fourth quarter 2017 vs. 2016). Palm Beach County also is outpacing all but three of the largest counties in Florida as well as the national average wage growth of 3.9 percent, according to the report.

"We are enjoying sustained growth and a healthy, balanced regional economy that in many ways is outpacing much of the nation," Mr. Craig said. Job growth by industry sector: On a percentage basis, job gains in July were led by the construction industry with 9.6 percent over-the-year job growth, above 7.9 percent statewide. The construction sector added jobs in every month of 2017 to date, and had a higher percentage

of monthly job growth over the state average during the same period.

The number of jobs in three sectors - construction, manufacturing, and financial activities - grew faster than statewide over the year. By the numbers, over-the-year job gains/losses in Palm Beach County were: construction +3,500 jobs, leisure/hospitality +3,500 jobs, financial activities +1,500 jobs, manufacturing +1,000 jobs, other services +800 jobs, professional/business services +500 jobs, information -100 jobs, government -200 jobs, education/health services -2,800 jobs, trade/transportation/utilities - unchanged. The results for the education/health services sector primarily reflect seasonal declines in public/private education jobs during the summer.

Top eight most advertised jobs available: The Conference Board produces a monthly report of advertised jobs by position. This report shows that there were 18,893 advertisements for full-time and part-time jobs in Palm Beach County in July. The top eight most advertised jobs in the county were for: registered nurses, retail salespeople, first-line supervisors of retail sales workers, accountants, customer service representatives, bookkeeping accounting, and auditing clerks, first-line supervisors of office and administrative support workers, and software developers - applications.

Whatever career you would like to pursue, the staff at CareerSource offers classes and facilities for job searches, grants for job skills training for those who qualify, career development and consulting. During the past five program years, CareerSource Palm Beach County assisted more than 92,000 residents find employment ranging from entry level to executive suite, with salaries from these jobs creating \$2.1 billion in annual average wages. CareerSource also has awarded \$13 million in grants to area businesses and employees for training and educational assistance during that time.

Services for employers: CareerSource provides a comprehensive package of services to help businesses compete in today's challenging marketplace. CareerSource absorbs the cost of most of these services including recruitment, assessments and referrals of qualified job candidates; space and staff assistance for screening/interviewing candidates; and grants for training employees.

Belle Glade Branch Library

Special to The Sun

- LEGO Bricks will be held on Saturday, Aug 25, at 1 p.m. Build, imagine and play with the library's LEGO bricks. Ages 4 and up. (45 minutes)
- Teen Hangout will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 2:30 p.m. Play video games, board games, card games, Scrabble, or just hang out with your friends! Snacks provided. Grades 5-12. (90 minutes)
- Teen Gaming will be held on Monday,

Aug. 27, at 5 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon with your friends playing Wii and PS4 multiplayer games. Snacks provided. Grades 5-12. (90 minutes)

• National Beach Day will be held on Thursday, Aug. 30, at 4 p.m. Hear beach-themed stories, play with sensory sand, and make a fun craft to take home. Refreshments provided. All ages. (45 minutes)

The Belle Glade Branch Library is located at 725 NW 4th St. in Belle Glade. For information, call 561-996-3453.

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **September 25, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the public hearings with respect to the petition. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., 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.

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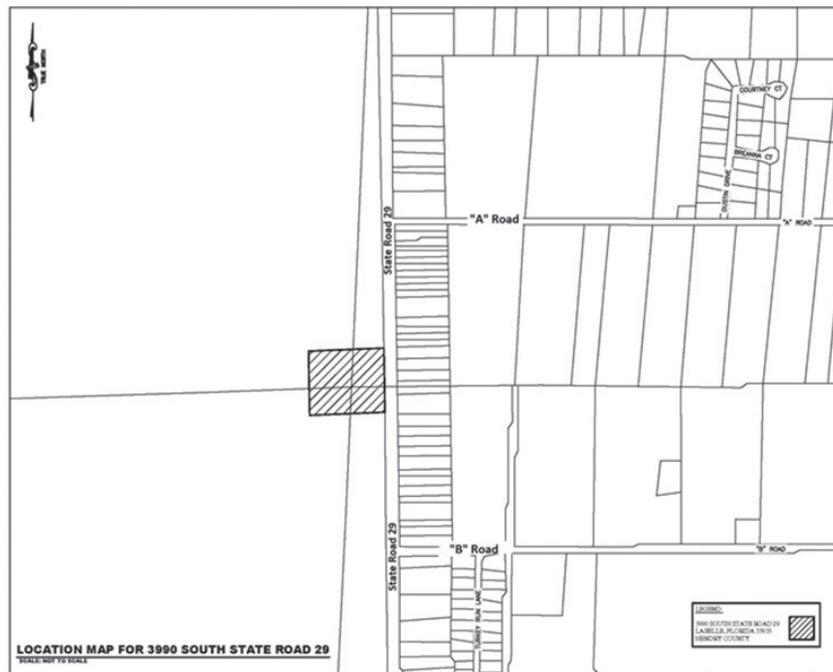
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Petition Number:	SE18-0001
Applicant:	Florida Power and Light, represented by Darryl Kroeze, P.E., USA Engineering Inc.
Resolution Title:	A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION 320-FT SELF-SUPPORT COMMUNICATION TOWER IN A GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT.
Project size:	+/- 6.65 acres
Location:	3990 S SR 29 & S SR 29, LaBelle, FL 33935 (Parcel I.D.s # 1-29-43-29-A00-0002.0000; 1-29-43-32-A00-0002.0000; 1-29-43-33-A00-0002.0000; 1-29-43-28-A00-0001.0000)
Request:	The applicant is requesting a Special Exception for a construction of 320-foot self-support tower.

Legal description of subject property:

PARENT TRACT
 A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 28, 29, 32 AND 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM THE WOODEN POST SAID TO MARK THE CORNER COMMON TO SAID SECTIONS 28, 29, 32 AND 33, RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 29 AND 32 AS MARKED BY SAID POST FOR 299.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR NO. 29, FOR 190.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 4, PAGE 14 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY; THENCE DEFLECT 91°16'40" LEFT AND RUN EASTERLY, PARALLEL WITH SAID LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 29 AND 32 AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT, TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 32 AND 33; THENCE CONTINUE EASTERLY PARALLEL WITH A PROLONGATION OF THE SAID LINE BETWEEN SECTIONS 29 AND 32, DEPARTING FROM THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LINE FOR A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 565 FEET FROM THE AFORE SAID CONCRETE MONUMENT, TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR NO. 29; THENCE DEFLECT 88°43'20" TO THE LEFT AND RUN NORTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE (PASSING THROUGH A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE AT 161.10 FEET) FOR 505 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT A POINT 117.9 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MONUMENT 41RC 1952 TT; THENCE DEFLECT 91°16'40" LEFT AND RUN WESTERLY FOR 565.0 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE FOR 315 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.



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 Must possess a valid ai and clean background

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Employment

Employment - Full Time

A & M Labor Management, Inc. is hiring 50 farmworkers to plant and cut sugarcane crops in Glades, Hendry, Palm Beach, and Martin Counties, FL for a temporary period starting on 09/17/2018 and ending on 01/01/2019. The wages offered are the highest of \$11.29/hr. or applicable piece rates. Three (3) months verifiable work experience harvesting sugarcane is required. This job requires prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching. Job is outdoors and continues in all types of weather. Workers may be requested to submit to random drug or alcohol tests at no cost to the worker. Workers must be able to lift and carry 70lbs. repetitively throughout the workday. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and meal expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: FL10739772.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-000008

IN RE: ESTATE OF IRVING L. BAKER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

All claims not filed within the time periods set forth in Florida Statutes Section 733.702 will be forever barred.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is August 16th, 2018.
Personal Representative: Thomas E. Baker
18841 E. Water Drive
Unit D
Aurora, CO 80013

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE WILL ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, APPROXIMATELY 15+ ACRES LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF OKEECHOBEE CENTER, BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 37, PALM BEACH COUNTY.

ALL DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE AUTHORITY'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN OSCEOLA CENTER, 1204 N W AVENUE L TERRACE, BELLE GLADE, FL.

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES THEREIN.
282034 SUN 8/23/2018

Public Notice

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on September 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to alcoholic beverages entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-15, PARKS, RECREATION AND SEMIPUBLIC PARKING LOTS, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-15-3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, 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.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Administration at (863) 675-5220; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail keitha.daniels@hendryfla.net.

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282140 CN/CB 8/23/2018

NOTICE

BBC meeting #2018-03

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Building Commissioners of the City of Clewiston, Florida, will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 5:30pm**, in the city hall commission chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the disposition of the following properties located in the City of Clewiston:
113 N Francisco Street Clewiston, FL 33440 Block 156 Lot 1, GPOC 824 E Concordia Street Clewiston, FL 33440 Block 152 Lot 33, GPOC

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 18-175, Clewiston Code of Ordinances.

The City of Clewiston is an equal opportunity provider and employer. City Hall is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Accommodation requests or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (863) 983-1484, extension 227, or FAX (863) 983-4055 for information or assistance.

All persons interested may appear and be heard. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, the person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, the person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting of the Building Board of Commissioners of the City of Clewiston is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice at the front and rear entrances of City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times.

CITY OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA
Travis Reese, Building Official
281968 CN 8/23/2018

Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE DISASTER EMERGENCY FUND

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on September 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to the disaster emergency fund entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE IV, DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-61, DISASTER EMERGENCY FUND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such meeting, 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.

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281981 CN/CB 8/23/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2018 CA 000203

ST WEALTH PARTNERS, LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
RUBY C. SULLIVAN; ESTATE OF RUBY C. SULLIVAN; and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUBY C. SULLIVAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION: CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE -- PROPERTY
TO: Ruby C. Sullivan, 5400 Mountain Gate Circle, Lakeside, AZ 85929.
Estate of Ruby C. Sullivan, 5400 Mountain Gate Circle, Lakeside, AZ 85929.
Unknown Heirs of Ruby C. Sullivan, 5400 Mountain Gate Circle, Lakeside, AZ 85929.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to the following property in Hendry County:

Lots 33 and 34, Block 4486, Title 63, Cape Coral Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 21, Pages 48 through 81, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Owen Sokolof, Esq., Sokolof Remtulla Stengel, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 224 Datura Street, Suite 515, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, on or before Thirty (30) days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you and the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
DATED on July 2nd, 2018.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: J. Bevis
DEPUTY CLERK

Sokolof Remtulla Stengel LLC
224 Datura Street, Suite 515
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
OSokolof@fordallattlaw.com
Sremtulla@fordallattlaw.com
SStengel@fordallattlaw.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Telephone: 561-507-5252
272668 CN 8/16,23,30/9/6/2018

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE DISCRETIONARY ONE-CENT SMALL COUNTY SURTAX

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on September 11, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to the discretionary One-Cent Small County Surtax entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE V, DISCRETIONARY ONE-CENT SMALL COUNTY SURTAX, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-74, USE OF PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Run Date: 8/23/2018
281988 CN/CB 8/23/2018

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 16000169CAAXMX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, Plaintiff,
vs.
THERESA L. JOHNSON, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **November 10, 2016**, and entered in 16000169CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-5, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5 is the Plaintiff and THERESA L. JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THERESA L. JOHNSON; SAND CANYON CORPORATION F/K/A OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION are the Defendant(s). Barbara Butler as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 25 E Hickpochee 2nd Floor, LaBelle, FL 33935, at 11:00 AM, on September 19, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK D, LABELLE TERRACE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 272 E. LINCOLN AVENUE, LABELLE, FL 33935
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 14th day of August, 2018.

Barbara Butler
As Clerk of the Court
By: J. Bevis
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program, or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Requests for accommodations may be presented on this form, in another written format, or orally. Please complete the attached form (see website) and return it to deliver@ca.cjis20.org as far in advance as possible, but preferably at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance or other court activity. Upon request by a qualified individual with a disability, this document will be made available in an alternate format. If you need assistance in completing this form due to your disability, or to request this document in an alternate format, please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, phone (863) 675-5229, e-mail deliver@ca.cjis20.org
281545 CN 8/23,30/2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 22-2018-CA-000067

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, REBEN JACOBO A/K/A RUBEN JACOBO, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

GLORIA JACOBO
Last Known Address: 784 Avenue E, Moore Haven, FL 33471
Current Address: Unknown

ISLAND MOBILE NETWORK, INC., A DISSOLVED NEW YORK CORPORATION, BY AND THROUGH ALAN JACOBS, TRUSTEE
Last Known Address: 535 Broadway Road, Suite B29, Newville, NY 11747
Current Address: Unknown

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Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS.
Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Glades County, Florida:

LOT 7, BLOCK 72, CITY OF MOORE HAVEN, AS PER PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY NOW GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED HEREON AS A PERMANENT FUTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A SINGLEWIDE 1984 MOBILE HOME, BEARING TITLE NUMBER: A0334663 AND VIN NUMBER FLFL1AD397004798, A/K/A 784 AVENUE E, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before September 17, 2018 service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the **Glades County Democrat Newspaper**.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 7th day of August, 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Tami Simmons
Deputy Clerk

****See the Americans with Disabilities Act**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at Charlotte County Justice Center, 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and whose telephone number is (941)637-2281, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Glades County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 10, Moorehaven, FL 33471.
280500 GCD 8/16,23/2018

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 09/07/2018, 10:00 am at 74 S INDUSTRIAL LOOP LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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282131 CN 8/23/2018

Public Notice

HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Clewiston, Florida

Notice to Public

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the conference Room at Hendry Regional convenient Care Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935.
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Property Appraiser's Office mails property tax notices

Special to The Sun

WEST PALM BEACH — The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office mailed the Proposed Notices of Property Taxes to all property owners in the county Aug. 20. The number of notices sent: 659,186 (real property, personal property and centrally assessed property).

The notice, which is not a bill, informs taxpayers which governmental entity is responsible for the taxes levied and the amount of tax liability owed to each taxing entity. It also provides the market, assessed, and taxable values of your property, plus information about qualified exemptions and assessment caps.

In addition, the TRIM notice lists details on public hearings for discussion of the proposed budgets of each taxing authority. For specific questions regarding proposed taxes, there will be contact numbers for each taxing authority, on the proposed notice.

For questions regarding proposed values or exemptions, contact numbers for the Property Appraiser's Office are also shown on the notice.

Due to some of the complexities in the proposed notice, questions may arise for property owners. The Property Appraiser's Office is made up of 250 experienced, professional, and diverse staff members. Fluent in 18 languages, the organization is dedicat-

ed to providing exceptional customer service to all taxpayers and has five offices conveniently located throughout the county.

If a property owner disagrees with the value, classification or exemption status on the TRIM notice, he or she may contact the office at 561-355-3230. Employees of the Property Appraiser's Office are committed to assessing property values in a fair and

accurate manner. If there's no agreement between a property owner and the office's determination of the value, he or she may file a petition with the Palm Beach County Value Adjustment Board.

According to Florida law, the value petition filing period begins when the proposed notices are sent and ends 25 days later. This year's deadline to file a petition is Sept. 14.

School board member receives award

Special to The Sun

WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County School Board member Erica Whitfield was honored last month as the 2018 recipient of the Compass Leadership Award. Compass, an organization that promotes awareness for the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender community, based in Lake Worth, gives the award to recognize the achievements of elected and appointed officials who display the highest level of commitment and long-established record of leadership in social justice embodied by Compass' mission.

"Celebrating the diversity of the students in our schools and people of our community is something that is close to my heart," said Ms. Whitfield. "It is important to me that as a District we show compassion and provide support for our LGBTQ students and staff."

Ms. Whitfield strongly supported the development of District-wide "We're All In" initiative that provides resources to teachers and District staff who can assist students when they are facing issues with bullying as well as LGBTQ+ students. Through this CDC grant-funded project, those employees who are willing to provide support and guidance to students wear a "We're All In" multi-colored badge indicating that they are a 'safe haven' where students may seek help.

Additionally, the initiative and grant helped create distribute the District's Critical Support Guide to every school and offices throughout Palm Beach County. The guide serves as a reference to community programs, District policies pertaining to



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Julie Seaver, executive director of Compass (left), presents the award to School Board member Erica Whitfield (right).

LGBTQ+ students, resources for teachers and staff to better understand the students' needs and where to guide students for further support.

Ms. Whitfield was celebrated at Compass's 17th annual Stonewall Ball at the Harriet Himmel Theatre. Ms. Whitfield has served as the School Board member for District 4 since 2014.

A Message from Clerk Bock

Free Do-It-Yourself Workshops help residents navigate the Palm Beach County courts

Navigating the legal system can be overwhelming, especially when you are representing yourself in court.

At the Clerk and Comptroller's Office, we offer free Do-It-Yourself Workshops on a variety of topics to help residents understand and maneuver through the legal process in Palm Beach County.

The workshops are given on the first Wednesday of each month at the main courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach and at various branch courthouse locations. They cover a number of important legal subjects, including divorce, small claims, homeowner and condo association laws, landlord/tenant disputes and evictions, and child support payments.

A list of upcoming workshops is posted on our website, www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/selfservicecenter.

For those who are unable to attend in person, videos from previous DIY workshops are available on my office's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/clerkpbc.

The workshops are one of the many tools offered by our Self-Service Centers to help guide residents through Palm Beach County courts. The centers provide resour-

ces residents need to represent themselves, offering access to computers, legal forms, notary, copy and fax services, a video relay system to assist hearing-impaired customers, and community resource referrals for legal, mediation, counseling, and elder and social services.

Self-Service Centers are located at the main courthouse and all branch courthouse locations and are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Free assistance with the preparation of certain court documents is available by appointment at our Self-Service Centers in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens and Delray Beach. Clerk employees at these locations serve as navigators, assisting with the completion of court documents and providing procedural information for most family law and county civil actions. To schedule an appointment with a navigator, please call 561-355-7048.

These free tools are a tremendous resource for the public — and one of the many ways my office works to provide world-class service to Palm Beach County residents each day.

Learn more about our Self Service Centers, or register for an upcoming DIY workshop, by visiting www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/selfservicecenter.

Warm regards,

Sharon R. Bock

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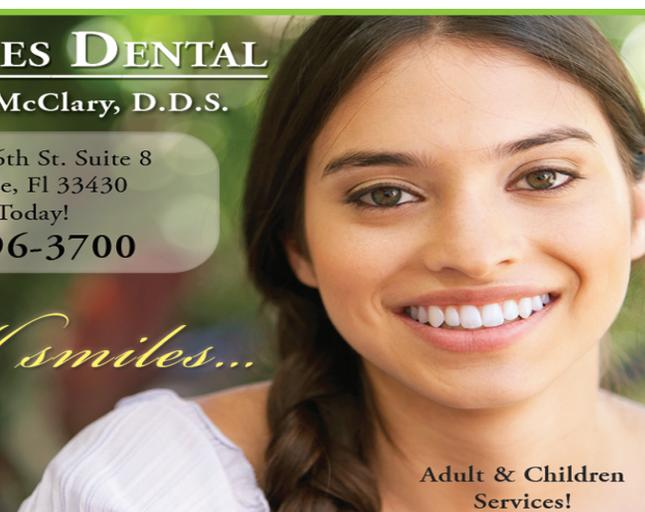
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