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Murder's Link to Brown Sugar Cleared

State Attorney's
Office clarifies
information on May
shooting

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A man was shot and killed in Harlem in May.

Buried within a memo released by the State Attorney's Office on the case, the lead prosecutor writes that the incident involved "people from Belle Glade and other areas (who) were in town for the Brown Sugar festivities."

The single statement bound together one of the most violent acts imaginable with a festival that seems to perennially inspire disagreement within the community - a festival that by all other accounts was a success this year.

In the wake of the news, leaders have spoken up to defend Brown Sugar, and blast the state attorney's office for inadvertently tying a murder with a local festival.

"That's absurd. Hamid Hunter

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Pedraza's belongings included all his worldly possessions, left to no one specifically. His items were tossed into a nearby waste basket after he died behind a gas station in June.

An Obituary For An Unknown Man

Alberto Pedraza, 1948 - 2011

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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He was nudged with the toe of someone's shoe to determine if he was truly dead. To the man that found him, they were the eyes that told him all he needed to know -- Alberto Pedraza, 62, lay dead on an old, wet mattress surrounded by what little he owned and the smell of rubber coming off the piles of tires he had made his home by.

The man who found him wants to be called "John."

He had been walking by when he saw Alberto, he tells me.

"It was his eyes that gave it away," he says, "They were shrunk back into his skull. I saw a lot of that in Vietnam."

I write this obituary of sorts for man who didn't have one.

Only two days had passed since Alberto was found and belongings and trinkets he had collected were thrown into trash cans and were being hauled off to a nearby dumpster. His small, blue bike with the blue basket was still here, near the pot and pan he used to cook food. Inside the trash cans were pieces of clothing, miscellaneous garbage and several Glad plastic containers of old food. One container had, what looked to be, a bean soup with rice. The other containers had food stains but had been wiped clean to be used for other things.

Pedraza's body was found early morning on June 13. His cause of death was deemed to be natural

causes by the medical examiner.

Many people in town never knew him but saw him as simply being a homeless man. Few people helped him out with food, clothing, or a few dollars to help him along.

After his death was announced, those who knew him were saddened and commented on how they knew him and helped him.

"This was the sweetest little frail homeless man," said D. Jones. "He would come to Brenda's and buy a cheap \$5 bottle of vodka everyday. We always set food aside for him. I had a burger and fries waiting for him Saturday and he never showed."

She wasn't the only who helped

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Arrests Made in Early Morning Stabbing

MOTIVE FOR STABBING IS
UNCLEAR

BY JUAN LOPEZ
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Police responded to a 911 call made by a man who had been stabbed early Monday morning. The call came in at 5:40 a.m. from the victim, Michael Blount, as he lay bleeding from multiple stab wounds on the east side of Sagamore and Francisco.

By the time paramedics and police arrived, the victim was on the edge of consciousness. He was immediately medivaced out to Lee Memorial Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

As officers were investigating the scene for evidence, they noticed two men walking a block away. One officer recognized one of the men as Kevin Spaulding, who had been wanted for questioning in an unrelated case involving a purse snatching.

Spaulding and the other man, Angel Raul Ramos, were called over to the scene by the officers. As they walked over, officers noticed that

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Critter Care Yard Sale

There will be a fund raising yard sale at the Clewiston Critter Care Animal Clinic (901 W. Ventura Ave) on this Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be pets available as well.

Cougar Sign Ups

•Cheer Sign ups for the Clewiston Cougars will be held on June 23 and June 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Cougar locker rooms.
•Cougar football sign ups will be held every Saturday in July from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on costs or fees, please call Ashley Smith at 863-254-7115.

Cheer Camp

A cheer camp will also be held July 11 to July 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information on pricing, call Ashley Smith at 863-254-7115.

Report Cards

Clewiston Middle School has report cards ready in the front office. The times to come pick them up are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Alcoholics Anonymous

There will be Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings starting back up at the St. Martins Episcopal Church (207 North W.C. Owen) on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 239-275-5111.

Vacation Bible School

•Vacation Bible School is starting at Faith Lutheran Church. The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "The Big Jungle Adventure."

The dates are June 20 to 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church is located at the corner of Cedar and Saginaw, one block west of Ponce de Leon Ave. For more information or to pre-register, please call Joan Koch at 983-8846.

•First United Methodist Church of Clewiston invites all Pre-K to 5th graders to join us at Sonsurf Beach Blast Vacation Bible School starting Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. A light supper will be served starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by fun songs, skits, crafts, and games.

At Sonsurf Beach Bash, your kids will have fun in the Sun. The church looks forward to sharing the event with the children and families in the community. For more information, call 983-5269.

Farm Service Agency

The Hendry/Glades Farm Service Agency office has closed its office at 622 W. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston.

The staff is temporarily operating out of the Okeechobee Farm Service Agency Office, 450 Hwy 98 N, Okeechobee. Please contact the staff at 863-763-3345 ext.503 until further notice.

Spanish Bible Study

There will be a Spanish Bible Study at the First Baptist Church of Clewiston (Corner of Ave. E and Ventura) on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

It will be held in room F-107C. For more information, please call Guillermo Russo at 786-371-5137. Classes in English will be offered soon.

Sugarland Tours

Many may not be aware that America's Sweetest Town offers an agricultural journey through the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce Sugarland Tours. The Sugarland Tours operate annually from November through March and coincide with the local sugar harvesting season.

Tours start at the Clewiston Museum and include a walk-through of the museum with its many exhibits and newest displays of exotic fossils. Participants board the 24-passenger bus, the Sugarland Express, for an up-close view of sugarcane and citrus harvesting.

This windshield tour provides an observation of Clewiston's beauty and rural farming areas. For approximately 4.5 hours, passengers will be provided with an exciting and informative agricultural and heritage sight-seeing tour.

Also, during this trip, guests will be chauffeured to the historic Clewiston Inn for a lunch buffet. Be prepared to step back in time for an interesting historical orientation of Clewiston and the beautiful Lake Okeechobee area, along with up-close views of the latest in farming techniques.

Tours are now open and operating. Call the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce today at 863-983-7979.

KidCare application

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The organization is encouraging families to apply now. Applications may be completed online at www.floridakidcare.org, or by calling toll free, 1-888-540-5437.

If additional assistance is needed, help is available at Florida Community Health Center - Clewiston Center. Please call 863-983-7813 ext. 127 to schedule an appointment.



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A big 'thank you'

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4185 would like to thank the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Post and Auxiliary members and volunteers from our community for helping to place flags at Ridgelawn Cemetery for the Memorial Service 2011.

Clewiston Christian School Honor Roll

We would like to recognize our Honor Roll students. CCS is so proud! We look forward to seeing you all next year.

•K5 Honor Roll – Conner Harper, JC Lopez, Devin Nguyen, Shelby Stinson, Jayla Vallejo, Tyra Whitehurst, Hilary Martin, Ryland Polhill, Emily Diaz

•K5 Honorable Mention – Jacob Alston, Aleiya Villalobos-Booth, Alexis Lusk

•1st Grade Honor Roll – Lelani Hare, Dustin Nguyen

•1st Grade Honorable Mention – Laila Abu El Kheir, Adrian Cordova, Christian Gerena, Calvert Lee, Andrea Marrero, Hampton McDonald, Joseph Rourks, Alvar Williams

•2nd Grade Honor Roll – Julia Jessup, Ruth Anne Lively

•2nd Grade Honorable Mention – Stewart Cordero, Amanda Mickler

•3rd Grade Honor Roll – Bailey Mathis, Morgan Sherman, Hannah Stowe, Jordan Sweet, Paige Tucker

•3rd Grade Honorable Mention – Alexander Granims, Brady Mills

•4th Grade Honor Roll – Jessica Maxson, Emily Miller

•4th Grade Honorable Mention – Melissa Manning, Zinal Patel

•5th Grade Honor Roll – Ciara Iglesias, Isabella Perez

•5th Grade Honorable Mention – Jay Brooks, Jonathan Hatton, Reid Martin, Bailyn Mills, Brantley Mills

•6th Grade Honor Roll – Alanna Mickler, Alexa Mickler, Emily Mila

•6th Grade Honorable Mention - Alyssa Mickler, Chris McIntyre, Jacob Martin, Kelsey Allison

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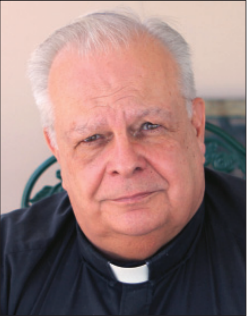
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The Real Free Gift

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

It happens regularly; those "free gifts" that come my way! The latest was an offer to send me a booklet on protection; if I'd fill out the card and give a phone number where a "follow-up call" could be made.



Rev. Sam S. Thomas

It was about insurance; I began to feel that I'd be asked questions and get a sales pitch.

I didn't accept the "free gift" putting the offer in the circular file. I was offered a free preview for some religious videos; they would send them and I had 90 days to return them. I told the folks that videos

get passed around, and somebody loses track. The sender wants to be paid for them and maybe that was why he sent them in the first place.

My request was to send us a copy that they didn't need back. That couldn't be done. The free offer had strings; it wasn't really free after all. The next "free offer" of films will bring a promise that we'll send them back right away; but please give us permission to copy and review them at our leisure. I'm betting I already know the answer to my request. A notification came one day that I had won a "free" Pontiac. There was a telephone number for me to call.

It wasn't an "800" number, so I called collect; feeling that anybody who could give me a car could certainly afford paying for a collect call. The woman who answered on the other end wasn't sure; she had to ask her boss and he said to refuse the call. Imagine that! In reality, "free" things are far from free many times. The "free" things are really free when they come without conditions.

I like a Biblical account of a "free gift" best of all; it was really free. I didn't have to earn it, no conditions, no limitations, no hidden clauses, or sales pitches to follow. It is about a gift that wasn't like a trespass (Romans 5:15). We live in a world full of pitfalls, snares, hazards, evil; people fall and that is a part of our nature.

The gift was about overcoming the tragedy of it all, about recognition of our condition and being justified in spite of ourselves, and in spite of what goes on around us day by day. With our inheritance of all that is wrong; God has provided "abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness..." through the sacrifice of the Lord, "the many will be made righteous(5:17, 5:19)" We have it from God that in spite of it all; we are His and heirs of His salvation. Is the gift free? There is an addendum to the passage; "But where sin increased, grace increased all the more (v.20)."

The more we need the gift, the more it is made available to us; now that's a free gift! No strings, no limitations, no guilt trips for recipients, no conditions. That's the way God works. Merchants: take a lesson!

Questions Without Answers

BY PASTOR JOHN HICKS
First United Methodist Church

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? A little boy on the Art Linkletter show years ago an-

swered the question, "The chicken had to come first, because God can't lay eggs." His answer is probably as good as any other.

What is it that we look for when the riddles and the puzzles and the problems and the questions line up on the path of life? Solutions? Answers? Explanations? Mysteries revealed? All the puzzles finally unraveled?

From the time in the Garden of Eden with the temptation of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, there has been the conviction that we can and should have all the answers to life's every question. The reality is we don't have all of the answers. And what's more, we can't.

There are so many questions for which there are no satisfactory answers. To be sure, we can make some suggestions, but when all the questions have been asked and when what answers available have been given, we, in faith, move beyond questions related to "how" and set ourselves to the discovery of meaning. Beyond the questions we seek a presence - a presence that bestows upon us a peace that is beyond our understanding.

Someone once commented, "Birds do not sing because they have an answer. They sing because they have a song!" When we come to worship, it does not mean that we have all the answers. It simply means that we have a song.

We may not understand how the God of all creation could empty Himself and become the Babe of Bethlehem. We may not understand how a crude cross erected by Roman soldiers on the top of a hill outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago could save the world from its sin.

We may not understand how the God of the billions of galaxies could hear and answer the prayers of a small child kneeling beside his bed in a tiny home in the most remote part of the world. We are not Christians because we have all the answers. We are Christians because we have a song. Having a song, let's sing it!

Are you a Mega-Christian?

BY JACKIE MILLER, EVANGELIST
First Christian Church

I recently received an e-mail from Maxine Fream Gash from Joplin, Mo. with the above title. Maxine is from Lakeport, Fl., the daughter of the late Spurgeon and Pansy Click.

She has a monthly page in "The Restoration Herald." Joplin is where the terrible tornado struck, destroying over 8,000 homes, 500 businesses and, thus far, killing 165 people. In her e-mail, Maxine was bemoaning the fact that although we have mega-churches of up to 20,000 members, immorality has increased. This is quite the paradox.

She asked the question: "Why, when there are supposed to be so many more Christians than ever in this country, are the moral standards so much worse than they were when I was young? Shouldn't it be the other way around? Back then, divorce among church members was extremely rare. Abortion was something I never even heard about until my teen years, and then it was information from books: something surreptitious and shameful. Homosexual acts were illegal,

and those caught involved were locked up. Who could have imagined marriage between same sex couples even being considered? Modesty in dress and behavior are concepts apparently forgotten in today's culture." Maxine goes on to say, "We can fault the preachers, and no doubt some are at fault; but I blame the culture and the pervasiveness of the public media which have the attention of the people hours every day of the week as opposed to an hour of teaching on Sunday." She also said: "Too many Christians simply don't devote the same time and energy to learning about God's Word and it's teaching as they do to secular matters. They know all the players of their favorite ball teams, but can't tell you the name of the twelve apostles. They know their way around the internet but not the way through the Bible. They can tell you the plot to the latest movie but not what the book of Romans is all about. The Lord has His own opinion of such a situation. Here is what He said to one of His Preachers: "They come to you as people do, they sit before you as my people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them." (Ezekiel 33:32).

She then says: "The bottom line is: who makes your standard? God or the world?" She says that many of those who survived the tornado in Joplin, Mo., have changed their priorities and that life is a serious business and we need to be serious about it. She concluded by saying, "You don't have to belong to a Mega-Church to be a Mega-Christian."



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Thank you to friends and family.

It is the special attention from each and every one at our local hospital that has helped us through this difficult time.

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Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 78. South wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.



Sunday:

Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 91. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.



Thursday Night:

Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 76. Southeast wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.



Saturday:

Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind around 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.



Sunday Night:

Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 79. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.



Friday:

Scattered showers and thunderstorms after 8 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 6 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.



Saturday Night:

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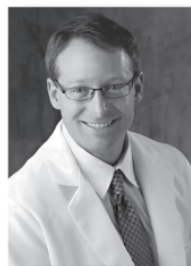
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LORI Meetings Showing Great Work

OBITUARIES



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Local leaders around the lake gathered at the Clewiston Museum for Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative meeting this past April.

The Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative (LORI) hosted a crowded room of citizens eager to continue the great work that began almost two years ago at the Clewiston Museum.

"I recall LORI's first meeting taking place in this board room" said Phil Bacon, vice president of neighborhood and regional initiatives for the Collins Center for Public Policy, which oversees LORI. "There was a lot of hope in this room two years ago and we are here today with a continued vision of progression and development."

Bacon further reflected on LORI's significant accomplishments, or doable deeds. Some of LORI's goals included establishing a regional eco-tourism brand, democratizing regional economic development data, increasing youth engagement and strengthening existing infrastructure.

Education and outreach were the resounding themes of April's meeting. Mike Maidenberg, a Collins Center consultant on youth engagement strategies, and Taranza McKelvin, a city of Belle Glade employee gave a tag team presentation on LORI's urban farm efforts—Soil of Prosperity.

Soil of Prosperity, a name coined by local youth, grew from a regional partnership involving the City of Belle Glade, Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative, University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Palm Beach County.

This regional partnership has designed a small-scale farming experience that educates Belle Glade youth about the history of the area in which they live and allows local youth to participate in the economy through a simulated entrepreneurial venture.

Maidenberg conveyed his excitement about

SOP, "Establishing an entrepreneurial component for Belle Glade's youth is a doable deed of LORI, I'm thrilled we have been able to accomplish this much."

Maidenberg and McKelvin also touched on a nine-week summer program called "The Water Experience," which has been constructed in cooperation with the SFWMD. It will involve both classroom sessions and field trips. It will also teach students more fully about the water management district's work and focus on jobs and job qualifications.

The Community Builders Certificate Program, a newly formed partnership between LORI, Florida International University and Palm Beach State College, was unveiled by Dr. Tom Zuniga, managing director of DSG Community Management Systems. Zuniga outlined a vision that would cultivate a new class of leaders to sustain LORI's regional framework for years to come.

Gina Reynolds, executive director of Florida's Heartland Regional Development Initiative, gave the final report during the meeting highlighting the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance. Reynolds shared positive news about the possibility of broadband access coming to the Glades.

Elected officials, local business owners and member's from the District closed the meeting by acknowledging the superb work accomplished through LORI.

The Lake Okeechobee Regional Initiative is a regional economic coalition sponsored by the Collins Center for Public Policy and the South Florida Water Management District. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.collinscenter.org/page/LORIHome/>



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The next LORI meeting was scheduled for June 21. More information on the meeting will be in a future edition.

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Annie Ruth Walker, 81

MOORE HAVEN — Annie Ruth Walker, age 81, of Moore Haven, passed away Friday, June 17, 2011, in Fort Myers.

Annie was born Nov. 16, 1929, in Kissimmee. She is the daughter of the late James Carl and the late Eva Mae (Clemons) Rudd.

She is survived by her two daughters, Lavon Walker and Crystal Drake; three sons, Clayton C. Walker, Richard James Lee, Sr. and Jay Luke Smith; sisters, Hilda Jacob and Geraldine Harvey; brothers, Gerald Rudd, J.C. Rudd and Leonard Rudd; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Leonard Lee; and sister, Elizabeth Larsen.

The funeral service was held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 22, at the Ortona Cemetery Pavilion, with Tom Gaskins officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Thamara F. Smith, 92

BELLE GLADE — Thamara F. Smith, age 92, of Belle Glade, died in Royal Palm Beach on June 17, 2011.

Thamara was born May 18, 1919, in Turner County, Ga. She is the daughter of the late Lawrence W. and the late Georgia V. (Duren) Frasier. She was a Homemaker.

She is survived by her one daughter, Valeria G. Archer of West Palm Beach; one son, Jerry W. Smith of Belle Glade; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

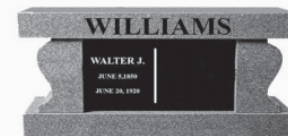
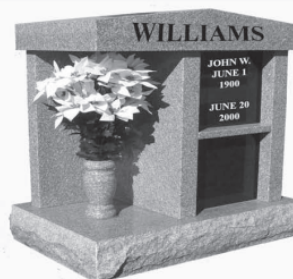
The funeral service was 1 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, in First Baptist Church, Belle Glade, with Rev. Gary Fields officiating. Interment will be in Port Mayaca Cemetery, Canal Point.

Memorial Donations may be made to Palm Beach Hospice in Thamara's Name.

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Honor Roll for Eastside Elementary

Kindergarten

A Honor roll

Brastyn Ballard, Arianah Benitez, R'Daisha Brown, Derranae Bryant, Ramiro Cardenas, Sergio Chavez, Joseph Claro, Ali Cruz, Kevin Freeman, Laryssa Frotten, Alize Galeote, Destiny Gann, Abilene Gonzalez, Nathalia Gonzalez, Jeremy Greaves, Jason Harrell, Alyssa Jones, Ar'Lani Mabry, Ivan Meza, Audrey Mila, Adrian Paige, Izaac Perez, Jade Potter, Rachael Reese, Romeo Rodriguez, Sara Rugama, Lindsay Sanchez, Isaiah Summers, Michael Vary, Melina Vasquez, Yaneli Vega, Xiomara Vega, Octavio Velasquez, Ke-Yonna Weston, Tafarya Williams, Ingrid Zetino.

A-B Honor Roll

Jorge Aviles, Orlando Calderon, Joe Chevalier, Arthur Christian, Asael Deleon, Noa Fletcher, Ja'Kiree Forde, Edwin Gonzalez, Justin Hernandez, Dakota Long, Yobany Lopez, Diego Martinez, Jocelyn Maya, Maria Meza, Dy'Veesha Myers, Alexander Nguyen, Romely Sanchez, Andre Skeete, Ashley Valdez, Ana Valtierra, Jirah Walker.

First Grade

A Honor Roll

Christopher Alston, Donovan Baker, Hosvaldo Colato, Ja'Marious Ellison, Sha'Rissa Footman, Junaria Franklin, Audilia Gallo, Andre Guajardo, Luke Lawson, Marshall Kurtz, Carlos Marrero, Arianna Ortega, Angelissa Perez, Ryan Potter, Ivan Reyes, Anthony Saravia, Mario Tamayo, Jonathan Villegas, Ethan Weiss, Zanaya Tulloch.

A-B Honor Roll

Silvestre Angulo, Briana Bedward, Davian Bryant, Javier Cardenas, Sebastian Castruita, Daniela Cortez, Anthony Crespo, Jabrian Davis, Alexis Delacruz, James Edwards, Diego Florentino, Nadia Galiano, Bri'anna George, Alexis Gonzales, Greg Gonzalez, Chris'sharia Hardy, Sheyla Jasso, Dajia Johnson, Rivaldo Lopez, Haley Lovell, Jasmin Maceda, Martin Maldonado, Leonardo Martinez-Garcia, Hailey Ruiz, Maria Sanchez, Brizeida Santizo, LaDarius Smith, Jesse Stoker, Te'Azjah Thicklin, Khamari Turner, Charles Tyree, Bryan Valtierra, Josue Vega-Flores, Alonso Vega.

Second Grade

A Honor Roll

Kimberly Cardenas, Jessiah Cruz, Fatima Emran, Christian Gonzalez-Soto, Michelle Hernandez, Khloe Jackson, Evelyn Jones, Yesenia Mejia, Monserrat Paniagua, Eduin Perez, Victoria Perez, Denzel Rubia, Malachi Summers, Landon Sutton.

A-B Honor roll

Ty'Reck Addison, Jose Barrientos, Waylon Bowers, Julia Bristoll, Enrique Chavez, William Clemmons, Yaneli Deleon, Shar'Nae Footman, Josue Gonzalez, Annalucia Guardia, Ashley Jasso, Angely Maceda, Alex Morales-Rivera, Daniel Morales, Tru Murphy, Anna Perez, Gabriela Perez, Victoria Puseddu, Hisham Ramadan, Daniel Ramos, Prudencio Ramos, Ulises Rivera, Teyha Richardson, Paula Roig, Juan Ruiz, Martin Silva, Makala Thompson, Angel Vasquez, Whyrn Westberry.

Third Grade

A Honor Roll

Deyla Cardenas, Kiyah Coco, Jayna Corley, Cade Gibson, Miranda Giddens, Jennah Hernandez, Bruce Jones, Rachel Kurtz, Luan Luna, Michelle Mila, Alex Morrell, Alexa Navarro, Damaya Paige, Anthony Rodriguez, Stephanie Salto.

A-B Honor roll

Ashley Acevedo, Dakota Ali, Taylor Bain, Tierra Bradford, Yolanda Cruz, Feria Farness, Sy'Mya Footman, Jasmin Gutierrez, Heriberto Lopez, Kalei Peele, Alexis Perez, Danesha Ross, Kristi Rosquette, Madysin Thomley, Wisam Ramadan, Alexiyah Thompson, Eric Vega, Olivia Williams, Tyler Williams.

Fourth Grade

A Honor roll

Charlie Lawson, Selinda Puentes, Kalei Sutton.

A-B Honor roll

Daniela Betancourt, Yaxini Deleon, Arianna Escobar, Tajanay Gray, Anasofia Guardia, Michael Ison, Haley Johnson, Anthony Muñoz, Guadalupe Muñoz, Steven Nguyen, Ricardo Paniagua, Juan Puentes, Bianca Ramos, Mariah Thomas, Mitzi Valtierra, Leeana Varnum, Horace Washington, Victoria Wheeler, Laura Williams.

Fifth Grade

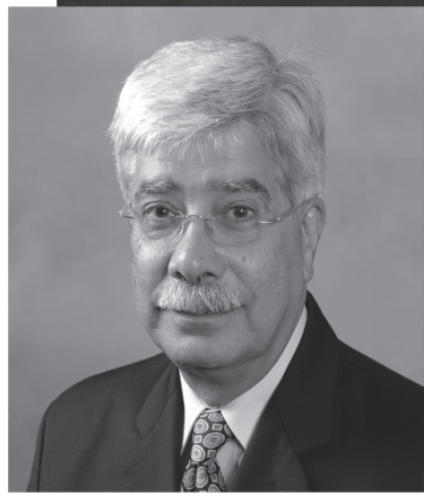
A Honor roll

Hannah Maxwell, Megan Pittman, Tyren Richardson, Chance Zimmerman

A-B Honor roll

Sicoya Chavers, Morgan Daniels, Lillibeth Delacruz, Fatima Gomez, Alma Granados, Shanya Hunter, Veronica Lopez, Jordan Potter, Kayman Robinson, Sonia Ruiz, Emily Sanchez, Joshua Santiago, Christian Schoener -Scott, Garrett Sparling.

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All the campers that participated in the first Fish Camp 2011. The next Fish Camp will be in August, call the Recreational Department for more information at 863-983-1492. Pictured above is Jacob Martin, Jose Sepulveda, Micah Cavanaugh, Jeremy Penton, Gavin Sanders, Sinjin Soles, Marco Sanchez, Caleb Curry, Jeremy Delgado, Matthew B. Hatton, Jack Hilliard, Jon F. Basquin, Kale Knaack, and Michael White.



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Campers gather to go over instructions for the day.



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FWC officers talk to the campers about how to operate a boat.



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Having a quick lunch at the Tiki.



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Camper shows off his catch of the day.

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4-H'ers Receive Awards



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Pictured from left to right: Mia Herrera, Kelsie Hansen, Justin Mickelsen, Sonja Crawford.

The Hendry County 4-H Program held its Annual 4-H Awards Banquet at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. Members received award pins in the different 4-H project areas from cooking and arts and crafts to steer, swine and dairy goats. Moreover, Junior, Intermediate and Senior 4-H members received certificates and premiums for placing in the top two in the LaBelle Youth Livestock Show record book competition in several project areas. Furthermore, the Junior and Senior 4-H member awards from the Hendry County Fair were awarded at the fair banquet on June 5th.

Leaders and other adult volunteers were recognized for their many years of service and dedication to the 4-H program from one year to thirty-three years of service. Mrs. Miranda Hall Whidden was awarded the Outstanding Leader Award after receiving letters of recommendation from her 4-H club members. This is Mrs. Miranda's first year providing leadership to the Hendry County 4-H Club Program as the leader of the Pigs and Co 4-H Club.

Several 4-H members received special recognition for their accomplishments in 4-H: Justin Mickelsen received the Outstanding Junior 4-H Award plaque with Mia Herrera achieving the Outstanding Intermediate 4-H Award plaque and Kelsie Hansen was awarded the Outstanding Senior 4-H Award plaque.

These awards were based on letters received from 4-H leaders outlining their accomplishments in the overall 4-H program. Kagni Adkins and Kelsie Hansen received the Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The Hendry County 4-H Staff would like to express their appreciation to the parents, leaders, and volunteers who attended the Awards Banquet in support of the 4-H program. Without all of you, giving your time and talents, we would not be able to reach the lives of many youth in Hendry County.

Last but not least, the Hendry County 4-H Staff would like thank Mr. Lance Ramer and his staff for allowing the 4-H Awards Banquet to be held at the John Boy Auditorium.

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From left to right: Kelsie Hansen, Kagni Adkins. They received the Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship.



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Bass Anglers

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Tobacco-Free Hendry County and Swat Expose Flavored Tobacco

Tobacco companies have long denied they are targeting youth with their flavored tobacco products, but in fact a recent poll by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found that one in five youth between the ages of 12 and 17 had seen flavored tobacco products or ads, while only one in 10 adults reported having seen them. When the FDA was given the authority to regulate tobacco products on June 22, 2009, their first act of business was banning the distribution and sales of flavored cigarettes. This was a profound first step in protecting Florida's youth against Big Tobacco's pattern of targeting youth with their flavored tobacco products and advertisements.

However, flavored tobacco still comes in a variety of products such as cigars, cigarillos and smokeless with flavors ranging from cool mint to vanilla to chocolate chip cookie dough. These products have an alluring appeal and are often referred to as a gateway for children and young adults to become regular tobacco users. According to the FDA, young tobacco users choose flavored products because they "taste better" and are perceived "safer".

Another way Big Tobacco is targeting youth is through product packaging. Flavored tobacco products tend to resemble candy packaging with bright colors and bold graphics. In a study done by the FDA, 52% of youth smokers between the ages of 13 and 18 who had heard of flavored cigarettes reported interest in trying them, and nearly 60% thought that flavored cigarettes would taste better than regular cigarettes.

On June 10, 2011, Melissa Franco and Christina Bracciale of the Clewiston High School Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) chapter conducted a presentation during the Tobacco-Free Hendry County Partnership monthly meet-

ing. The young ladies presented information from a local standpoint and presented data that we currently have 84 licensed stores in Hendry with approximately 95% of those stores selling Candy Flavored Tobacco Products. "Of the 84 licensed stores in Hendry County, 6 are located within 1 mile of our schools in Clewiston and 2 within 1 mile of LaBelle schools," stated Christina Bracciale. They also notified the partnership that we currently have over 500

signatures from youth and adults in Hendry County seeking a resolution to ban the sale of Candy Flavored Tobacco Products in Hendry County. "We are not trying to keep tobacco retailers from making a living, we just want to prevent youth from beginning a very addictive and deadly habit" stated Melissa Franco. The Tobacco-Free Partnership of Hendry County and SWAT are seeking a communitywide resolution to ban the Sale of Candy Flavored Tobacco Products in Hendry County. The same resolution will be sought from the County, Clewiston, and LaBelle cities. Having the city and countywide ban will provide a communitywide network of support and collaboration. The TFP, SWAT and the department of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT) will collaborate to bring the necessary trainings to the County Commission, City Commission, Tobacco Retailers, and community at large. If you would like a presentation for adult audiences from the Hendry County SWAT on Candy Flavored Tobacco or you would like to receive any of our other SWAT tobacco trainings or to join the Tobacco-Free Partnership of Hendry County please contact Valerie James at 863-674-4056 ext 128. For more information about how you can help youth in your community "Be Free" from the lure of flavored tobacco, visit tobaccofreeflorida.com/get-involved.

Westside Elementary School Honor Roll

Kindergarten

"E" Honor Roll

Ehab Ali, Naomi Alvarenga, Jenna Autrey, Alexia Beraza, John Bonner, Chauncy Cobb, Aliyah Collazo, Federico Contreras, Sergio Contreras, Kiara Corchado, Jaslyn Creagh, Logan Crumb, Ashley Cruz, Laura Davila, Crista Davis, Sa'Monya Donjoie, Daniel Drummond, Caleb Eades, Andrea Figuera, Dayreon Franklin, Romance Freeman, A'mari Harshaw, Edgar Harshaw, Nyla Hill, Adriana Jackson, Jason Jamie, Michelle Landaverde, Braden Langston, Mario Lopez-Torres, Keara Madrugo, Alishya Mata, Kayla Mathis, Fernando Matos, Gabriel Medrano, Javen Morris, Jaylen Morris, Uriel Paloblanco, Edgar Paniagua, Annabely Perez, Ty Pridgen, Yoselyn Rangel, Hasly Reyes, Jesus Rico-Rivera, Ty'Erica Robbins, Jalaney Roman, Curtis Rushing, Karson Sanchez, Karen Sanchez, Marisol Serrano, K'Juan Smith, Raven Sullivan, Dominic Thompkins, Alexander Vargas, Katelynn Velasquez.

"E/S" Honor Roll

Eilyaha Adderly, Tahtiana Arbelo, Anthony Bedolla, David Benitez, Colton Benton, Kaylee Blair, Ethan Cambrenero, Levi Campbell, Thomas Carreno, Robert Cochran, Symone Denton, Sofia Diaz-Mendez, Kaliyah Dixon, Nickeshia Foster, Christian Gomez, Francisco Guajardo, Jash Harper, Jasmine Hurtado, Zyon Johnson, Calvin Jones, Nathan Kennedy, Trinity Madrugo, Miguel Marrero, Brandon Martinez, Lanicia Moorer, Adrian Munoz, Emely Perez, Gabriel Rangel, Cecilia Rivera, Anthony Rivera, Jalaney Roman, Lizbeth Ruiz, D'Angelo Ruth, Jacqueline Tinoco, Vanessa Valdez, Jacques Van Tonder, Joanna Yanes-Molina.

1st Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Brandon Abercrombie, Katelin Aragus, Kyla Baldonado, Maddison Belcher, Hayli Calderon, Liam Davis, Jennifer Garcia, Shamira Garcia-Barbon, Kyla Glidden, Christian Gonzalez, Stormie Green, Julia Hammond, Pablo Hernandez-Ordaz, Tyra Holmes, J Wyatt Hughes, Jaylin Ifill, Kobe James, Roland Loreto, Leonaria Moorer, Sandra Morales, Daniel Padilla, Rylie Patterson, Zion Payne, Alisia Perez, Jadyn Pope, Brandon Quinones, Jennifer Rodriguez, Jacob Rodriguez, Chasity Stinson, Darius Thompkins, Kayleigh Torres, Fabian Villagomez, Sharon Webb, Wyatt Wetherington, Mason Yates.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Ana Bautista, Easton Bellew, Hailey Benton, Marlene Berry, Payton Bryant, Jasmine Camanos, Ke'Lajah Funderburk, Dudley Gary, Roberto Gonzalez, Genesis Hernandez, Olivia Hernandez, Michael Johnson, Yuliana Lopez, Daniel Manzano, Carlos Martinez, Fabiola Milbain, Shy'Bria Moore, Veronika Ramirez, Graciela Reyes-Salerman, Harleigh Robertson, Ka'Narris Robinson, Jeremie Story, Jose Vasquez, Kaniriya Williams, Zachery Yates.

2nd Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Alexis Acevedo, Aleks Assenov, Devin Autrey, Zaylen Bennett, Bryant Cambronero, Angelica Contreras, Melody Gallardo, Angely Galvez, Treyvor Homes, Isaac Perera, Ta'kaela Johnson, Aniya Johnson, Emalee Kelley, Melanie Longoria, Roldan Milian, Edward Padilla, Jessica Perez,

Eileen Perez, Ansley Redish, Aliyah Sandoval, Michaela Sparks, Andrea Valadez, Parker Watson.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Brianna Aguirre, Jaylin Araguz, Jessie Blanco, Rosa Castellanos, Luis Cruz, Mayling Cruz, Kyleigh Davis, A'Marie Dukes, Mariah Everett, Gabriel Garcia, Winston Hanson, Raygan Howard, Morris James, Anthony Martinez, Bethany Miller, Cornijah Odoms, Aaliyah Pagan, Juan Puente, Issac Rodriguez, Iraliz Rodriguez, Argelio Rodriguez, William Rodriguez, Belinda Roman, John Swindle, Marissa Trimble, Hadyn Velasquez, Alejandro Villarreal, Caleb White, Jose Zeferino.

3rd Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Jose Carbajal, Annabella Delafuente, Jamesha Donjoie, Taylor Durance, Hailey Eitzweiler, Sandra Hernandez, Jonas Ilagan, Dyneisha Jackson, Karlee Lamb, Reyna Mendez, Fernanda Paniagua, Sofia Pridgen, Courtnei Richards, Angely Rosas.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Denilson Cruz, Kayla Drummond, Jazmine Escorcia, Isabell Espinoza, Christian Gendrea, Mariah Goodman, Adalmarie Hernandez, Tyrese Holmes, Makayla Hough, Tiera Hughes, Nathan Johnson, Kaitlynn Lee, Jayna Perryman, Alexander Pilgram, Lizzy Rivera, Joshua Stephens, Frank Suarez, Jaylin Thicklin, Angel Vera, Cesar Vera, Blake Whitlock, Kaleigh Williams, Jerome Williams.

4th Grade

"A" Honor Roll

Destiny Bonilla, Nyla Chute, Tiffany Dunham, Terrica Hughes, Tashana Ligon, Cinthia Magana-Perez, Shanecia Miller.

"A/B" Honor Roll

Yasmeen Abuasbeh, William Garcia-Barbon, Dariana Benitez, Palomita Benitez, Iviana Blanco, Acacia Blue, Damien Claro, Cody Clemons, Donny Creagh, Christian Crespo, Shelsy Flores, Brandon Gallardo, Destiny Gallegos, Jovan Gallegos, Sarah Harris, Ky'nara Johnson, Kalvyn Johnson, Hector Madrigal, JoseLuis Mendez, Austin O'Neal, Jason Pagan, Alex Perez, Kobe Perkins, Jonathan Pinder, Alexandra Quintero, Francesca Rodriguez, Christopher Rodriguez, Caitlin Ruiz, Sarai Sanchez, Marco Sanchez, Eduardo Suarez, Dakotah Serrott, Jesus Tamez, Alexa Trenzado, Angela Vazquez, Leticia Villarreal, Wesley Wetherington, Destiny Williams, Kobe Willis.

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Inland Birdwatching Fun: Swallow-tailed Kite



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Swallow-tailed Kite in flight at STA5.

BY MARGARET ENGLAND
Hendry-Glades Audubon

Birdwatching is fun for youth and adults. It's easy to become excited when you see birds nesting or try to get a close-up photo of a bird with its young. With binoculars and powerful camera lenses, it is easier to avoid causing stress on birds that are protecting their nest or young. This is not only good for the birds but is also a more relaxing and enjoyable experience for the birdwatcher.



Margaret England

The Swallow-tailed kite is a graceful black and white raptor that the Calusa called "Ta-tina" or "spirit that soars." The Swallow-tailed Kite rarely flap its wings while flying but it almost continuously

rotates its tail, often to nearly 90 degrees. It does this in order to hold a heading, make a sharp turn or trace tight circles while drifting across the sky. It has relatively small feet and beak for a raptor, which results in a diverse diet of small prey that includes insects, reptiles, amphibians, small birds and a small number of mammals. These graceful flyers frequently eat while flying and get water by skimming the surface and gathering water in their bills. Vocalization is a shrill "klee-klee-klee".

The Swallow-tailed kite migrates from South America to nest in Florida swamps, and may be seen from March to September flying above road-

ways and trees in the inland counties searching for food. Large numbers of birds gather at staging roosts in South Florida in late July and August before they migrate south for the winter.

A few Swallow-tailed kites are being observed on the west side of STA5 (Stormwater Treatment Area 5) where Hendry-Glades Audubon leads scheduled bird trips through a partnership with the SFWMD. You are invited to join the July 16 trip to STA5 as volunteers search for the Swallow-tailed kite and 50 other bird species found during the summer at STA5. Meet at the Clewiston McDonalds at 7:15 a.m. or STA5 gate at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are required. To sign up for the trip, send an e-mail to Margaret England, at sta5birding@embarqmail.com with your name and contact information including an emergency cell number for the trip day, the date you want to go, and the number in your party. You may also leave this information at 863-674-0695 or 863-517-0202. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. For a schedule of STA5 trips through December 2012 visit the HGAS website at: www.hendrygladesaudubon.org

You can help Swallow-tailed kite researchers determine the distribution, monitor population trends, and locate important nesting and foraging sites. Sightings of nests, roosts, kites carrying nest material or food, locations where kites are seen regularly, and sightings of more than one kite are of particular interest.

Information can be submitted to The Avian Conservation Center and the Center for the Birds of Prey through their website at www.thecenterforbirdsofprey.org/swallowtail-kite.

Share your birdwatching experiences and post suggestions for featured birdwatching sites on the Hendry-Glades Audubon or Clewiston News Facebook pages.



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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1212	2007	1154432-A0001790100	Leon Sacco and Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as tract 2526, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **July, 2011**, which is the **7th day of July, 2011**.
 Dated this **18th day of May, 2011**.

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

387432 CN 6/2,9,16,23/2011

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1687	2007	1274432-A0000350100	Leon Sacco and Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 798, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Public Notice

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
653	2007	1274329-01000E20180	Jose A. Carmona 5875 SR 29 S LaBelle, Florida 33935

From the intersection of the South line of Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, with the centerline of State Road 29, run N 3 degrees 51' W along the centerline of said State Road 29 a distance of 700 feet to the point-of-beginning; thence N 3 degrees 51' W 100 feet; thence N 86 degrees 26' E 450 feet; thence S 3 degrees 51' E 100 feet; thence S 86 degrees 26' W 450 feet to the point-of-beginning. Being lots 18, 19, 20 and 21, Section E-2, Business lots of LaBelle Ranchettes, an unrecorded subdivision. Excepting and reserving the Westerly 50 feet for the right-of-way of State Road 29.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1546	2007	1254432-A0001100100	Leon Sacco and Corina Sacco

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 1148, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1148	2007	1144432-A0002170000	BG Investment Services, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 2956, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1918	2007	1364432-A0002060100	Leon Sacco and Corina Sacco

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4170, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1373	2007	1224432-01000580110	Claudio Rivera

Lot 11, Block 58, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1513	2007	1254432-A0000140100	Gary Scott Miller

The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5144, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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AIRGLADES STORAGE TANK REFURBISHMENT
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BID No. 2011-16
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Hendry County/Port LaBelle Utility System is seeking firms to provide refurbishing of the Airglades Water Storage Tank. In order to be considered, proposals 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 July 12, 2011 @ 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.


A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 165 S. Lee Street, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

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STABBING

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Spaulding had blood on his clothing. He had immediate explanation as to why he had blood on him. Under questioning, assisted with voice stress

analysis, Spaulding gave his statement as to what happened.

With the help of a K-9, they were able to find the knife that was used to attack Blount.

Currently, Spaulding has been officially charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Ramos is facing a charge of accessory after the fact.

Michael Blount is expected to make a full recovery.

BROWN SUGAR

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(lead prosecutor in the murder case) and Steven Russell (state attorney) need to show me how there's a correlation," said Karson Turner, Hendry County Commissioner and a chairman of the Tourism Development Council, which helped to fund Brown Sugar this year.

Turner, who frequents all local festivals, said he takes it personally when the Brown Sugar Festival is targeted for criticism.

"I've gone to the Brown Sugar Festival since I was a teenager and I never feel uncomfortable or threatened. It just so happens to be a fact that a huge population of people attending are African-American and it's easy to put a target on that."

Samantha Syoen, spokesperson for the state attorney's office, clarified the statement after local protest. According to her, the memo did not accurately identify how the dance was organized, or by whom. The flyer for the event labeled the dance as the "Brown Sugar Jump Off," an event which was not sanctioned, endorsed or promoted by the Brown Sugar Festival, Ms. Syoen reported.

In the flyer, the event was promoted for April 30 and happened just hours before the shooting which left one man dead, another man paralyzed and a woman shot in the leg. It lists as its location Suzy B's in Clewiston; although the event from which the shooting is suspected to have stemmed took place at the Harlem Civic Center.

County officials say a permit was issued to allow an event to happen, but assured that security and county staffers were on-hand, and reported no incidents at the actual dance.

Turner said he spotted the flyer a few days before the event was scheduled to be held.

"When I saw the flyer, I said, 'here you go,'" explaining that perhaps the organizers wanted to leverage the "Brown Sugar" name to get more people to the dance. "You have people that are wanting to prey on that name." Currently, the Brown Sugar Festival name is not trademarked.

Terrelle Harris, the applicant in the permit, did not immediately respond to a call for comment.

Janet Taylor, Hendry County Commissioner and longtime supporter of the festival, said she was glad to hear that the state attorney's office clarified the remark. Ms. Taylor had been especially worried about the perception that another murder had been tied to the festival.

Taylor was around when another shooting, in 2005, claimed the life of 19-year-old Stanley Hughley. The details of Hughley's murder were eerily similar to this latest event: the murder happened during a dance around the time of the Brown

Sugar Festival; Hughley was visiting from out of town; and no one with concrete information stepped forward to help police find the killer.

Family members publicly decried the murder then, placing the blame on the shortage of security at the event.

Planning every year since the murder has become a careful endeavor with law enforcement officials organizing well in advance what security might look like the day of the festival. Often, helicopters fly over the event and neighboring law enforcement agencies lend Hendry County a helping hand – a tactic that has its own set of detractors who feel that it is too much. So far the law enforcement coverage has been successful. Despite the perceived violence attributed to the festival, perhaps incorrectly, no major violent issues have been reported during the actual event.

"Everything went smoothly, even the traffic. Every year we had bottleneck traffic. This year they said it flowed easily because the sheriff sat down and did a traffic study. I understand we didn't have any complications at all," said Commissioner Taylor.

Taylor hopes that residents will not lose sight of the Brown Sugar Festival, which she said has been around a longer time than the other major Clewiston festival: the Sugar Festival. Each year the Brown Sugar Festival raises money for scholarships to local students.

The work and planning involved is always focused toward the enjoyment of residents. Unfortunately, people from out of town are the ones who give it a bad name, Taylor said.

The timing of the murder so close to the date of the Brown Sugar Festival – the murder actually took place on the weekend of the Sugar Festival, Taylor argues – was unfortunate.

"If this had happened during the Brown Sugar Festival week, we could have taken credit for it. But this happened the week of the Sugar Festival. Why not credit it to the Sugar Festival because if something happened, they were here for the Sugar Festival, not the Brown Sugar Festival. This is a community issue, not a festival issue."

She would like for the sheriff's office and State Attorney's Office to address the rift between their agencies.

It highlights what Commissioner Turner calls a fundamental problem at the State Attorney's Office. The man who had been arrested by Hendry County deputies was later released when the State Attorney argued that insufficient evidence existed to move forward with prosecuting the defendant. The sheriff responded by saying that a case could still have been made.

"Therein lies the problem, at the State Attorney's Office," said Commissioner Turner. "It's their lack of wanting to prosecute anyone, the lack of them wanting to look at the hard evidence in front of them."



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Alberto Pedraza, shown here, was an unassuming man.

HOMELESS

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him.

D. Varnell commented, "I woke him up when he used to sleep behind Brenda's and gave him food, and the shirt off my back when it was cold. I've walked into numerous convenient stores and bought him a sandwich and a hot meal."

Not much was known about who he was and where he had come from. What is known is that he had no family; no one to claim his body and properly see him off.

He was an alcoholic and was in and out of jail with a string of arrests stemming from alcohol-related violations. Aside from that, not much else was ever known about him.

"I think most people stayed away from him because he wasn't like us," said Varnell.

He had no one to write his obituary saying what he had accomplished and who he was survived by. So I write this.

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