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# Business Observer

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FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
**File No. 20-CP-000421**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF RITA ANN OTT Deceased.

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of Rita Ann Ott, deceased, File Number 20-CP-000421 by the Circuit Court for Lee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 9346, Fort Myers, FL 33902; that the decedent's date of death was January 4, 2021; that the total value of the estate is \$245,000.00, all of which is exempt homestead property, and that the name and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such Order are:

Name Address  
Robert E. Ott  
20936 Country Barn Dr.  
Estero, FL 33928

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims

or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 April 9, 2021.

**Person Giving Notice:**  
**Robert E. Ott**

20936 Country Barn Dr.  
Estero, Florida 33928  
Attorney for Person Giving Notice  
Carol R. Sellers, Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 893528  
LAW OFFICES OF  
RICHARDSON & SELLERS, P.A.  
3525 Bonita Beach Road,  
Suite 103  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34134  
Telephone: (239) 992-2031  
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csellers@richardsonsellers.com  
April 9, 16, 2021 21-01562L

FIRST INSERTION

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under fictitious name of CUSTOM EXTERIORS AND STORM PROTECTION located at 8920 NORTH FORK DRIVE, in the County of LEE, NORTH FORT MYERS, FL, 33903 intends to register the said names with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at LEE COUNTY, Florida, this 6TH day of APRIL, 2021  
CASHMAN GROUP LLC  
April 9, 2021 21-01563L

FIRST INSERTION

Notice is hereby given that CHRISTOPHER CHILTON, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of FLORIDA PRIMATES & EXOTICS located at 18060 LEETANA RD, NORTH FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33917 intends to register the said name in LEE county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

April 9, 2021 21-01541L

FIRST INSERTION

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Evri Moon : Located at 318 Dexter Dr : Lee County in the City of Fort Myers : Florida, 33905-3008 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fort Myers Florida, this April day of 06, 2021  
Toplin Leslie M  
April 9, 2021 21-01570L

FIRST INSERTION

Notice is hereby given that MARIE MACDALA DENTILUS, MARIE NERLANDE DENTILUS LABADY, OWNERS, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of SHINIEST CLEANING SERVICES located at 18533 SEBRING RD, FT MYERS, FLORIDA 33968 intends to register the said name in LEE county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

April 9, 2021 21-01543L

FIRST INSERTION

Notice is hereby given that 1975 SW PINE ISLAND SP LLC, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of STORQUEST EXPRESS-CAPE CORAL located at 1975 SW PINE ISLAND ROAD, CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA 33991 intends to register the said name in LEE county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

April 9, 2021 21-01574L

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

Pursuant to F.S. §865.09 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of FireRose, located at 4307 11th street west, in the City of LEHIGH ACRES, County of Lee, State of FL, 33971, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated this 6 of April, 2021.  
Rosalinda Rendon  
4307 11th street west  
LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33971  
April 9, 2021 21-01564L

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
**File No. 21-CP-000493**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GAETANO JOHN DELISA, Deceased.

The administration of the Ancillary Estate of GAETANO JOHN DELISA, Deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. The names and addresses of the Ancillary Personal Representative and the Ancillary Personal Representative's Attorney are set forth below.

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 April 9, 2021.

**Ancillary Personal Representative:**  
**BARBARA J. FILIPPO**

253 Ithan Creek Rd.  
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Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative:  
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April 9, 16, 2021 21-01573L

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
**File No. 21-CP-00730**  
Division Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES LEE TRONE Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Charles Lee Trone, deceased, whose date of death was September 27, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1700 Monroe St, Fort Myers, FL 33901. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 April 9, 2021.

**Personal Representative:**  
**Joshua Trone**

955 Dayton Drive  
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Richard D. Lyons, Esq., Attorney

Florida Bar Number: 61883  
Lyons & Lyons, P.A.

27911 Crown Lake Boulevard  
Ste 201

Bonita Springs, FL 34135  
Telephone: (239) 948-1823

Fax: (239) 948-1826  
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April 9, 16, 2021 21-01565L

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
**File No. 21-CP-281**  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES E. KANE, a/k/a JAMES KANE, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JAMES E. KANE, also known as JAMES KANE, deceased, whose date of death was September 24, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, 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 PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: April 9, 2021.

Signed on this 30th day of March, 2021.

**JO ELLEN KANE**  
**Personal Representative**

4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd, #903  
Portland, OR 97214

/s/ Melissa Mongiello  
Melissa E. Mongiello, Esq.

Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar No. 118347

Simmons Law Firm, P.A.  
2211 Widman Way,  
Suite 110

Fort Myers, FL 33901  
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victoria@itsmylegalright.com

April 9, 16, 2021 21-01567L

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
**File No. 21-CP-000706**  
Division Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LELLAND ARTHUR KINNAMAN JR. Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Lelland Arthur Kinnaman Jr., deceased, whose date of death was November 19, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1700 Monroe St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 April 9, 2021.

**Personal Representative:**  
**Lelland A. Kinnaman III**

8 Country Oaks Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72223

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Eviana J. Martin

Eviana J. Martin, Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 36198

Martin Law Firm, P.L.  
3701 Del Prado Blvd S.

Cape Coral, FL 33904  
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April 9, 16, 2021 21-01571L

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SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002847 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-026131 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 39 BLK 2696 PB 16 PG 148 LOTS 29 + 30 Strap Number 35-43-23-C3-02696.0290

SECOND INSERTION

Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Prime Storage - North Fort Myers located at 2590 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the Facility by the below list of Occupants whom are in default at a Auction.

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2020-CA-004827 NEUSTEIN LAW GROUP, P.A., Plaintiffs, vs. TERESA A. LINARES and LINERAS INVESTMENT, LLC, Defendants

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002822 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-028996 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 48 BLK 3652 PB 17 PG 139 LOTS 46 + 47 Strap Number 10-44-23-C4-03652.0460

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002850 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-026885 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 85 BLK 5662 PB 24 PG 58 LOTS 11 + 12 Strap Number 20-43-24-C2-05662.0110

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002735 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MORNING STAR ONE LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-028186 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 52 BLK 3801 PB 19 PG 57 LOTS 70 + 71 Strap Number 04-44-23-C4-03801.0700

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002837 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-024247 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 83 BLK 5181 PB 23 PG 46 LOTS 17 + 18 Strap Number 25-43-22-C3-05181.0170

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002854 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-027867 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 41 BLK 2869 PB 17 PG 9 LOTS 16 + 17 Strap Number 03-44-23-C1-02869.0160

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002820 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-028608 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 59 BLK 4172 PB 19 PG 145 LOTS 35 + 36 Strap Number 07-44-23-C3-04172.0350

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Section 197.512 F.S.

Tax Deed #:2020002857 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Certificate Number: 18-028390 Year of Issuance 2018 Description of Property CAPE CORAL UNIT 60 BLK 4244 PB 19 PG 168 LOTS 41 + 42 Strap Number 06-44-23-C2-04244.0410

FOURTH INSERTION

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 21-CA-462

FLORIDA SIGNATURE HOMES, LLC and SAULIUS BRUZAS, Plaintiffs, vs. SAUTERNES V, LLC; YULEI WANG; LEO ZHAO; HARALD FRANK; ADRIANA MARCELA RESTREPO LONDONO; PROJECT FREE, LLC; VERNICE HORNE; DOMINIC COPPOTELLI; TARPON IV, LLC CITY OF CAPE CORAL; NICK COCHRAN; BETTY K. JOHNSON; BILL MCFARLAND, P.A.; LEE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT; NANCY HAWKINS; ADOLF J. RZASA; ANNA MARIA RZASA; GEORGE R. HUNTER; VERNA E. HUNTER, CITY OF CAPE CORAL CODE ENFORCEMENT; GARY W. WONG and LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, Defendants.

TO: HARALD FRANK; ADRIANA MARCELA RESTREPO LONDONO; PROJECT FREE, LLC; NICK COCHRAN; BETTY K. JOHNSON; ADOLF J. RZASA; ANNA MARIA RZASA; GEORGE R. HUNTER; VERNA E. HUNTER; DOMINIC COPPOTELLI; VERNICE HORNE; NANCY HAWKINS; GARY W. WONG COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, FLORIDA SIGNATURE HOMES, LLC, by and through the undersigned attorney, and hereby gives notice that a civil action has been instituted on the above action, and is now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Florida, County of Lee, on November 18, 2020. Case No: 20-CA-7804.

1. Lots 16 and 17, Block 3060, Unit 62, CAPE CORAL SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 21, Pages 21 through 38, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida. Strap No.

26-44-23-C1-03060.160 More commonly known as: 1933 SW 6th Avenue, Cape Coral, Florida 33991

2. Lots 62 and 63, Block 4346, Unit 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. Strap No.

27-44-23-C4-04346.0620 More commonly known as: 2001 SW 15th Place, Cape Coral, Florida 33909

3. Lots 7 and 8, Block 3332, Unit 65, CAPE CORAL SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 21, Pages 151 through 164, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida. Strap No.

10-45-23-C4-03332.0070 More commonly known as: 4615 SW 14th Place, Cape Coral, Florida 33914

4. Lots 4, Block 20, Unit 3, Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 26 East, Lehigh Acres, according to the map or plat thereof, on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 95, of the public records of Lee County, Florida. Strap No.

03-45-26-03-00020.0040 More commonly known as: 4213 24th Street SW, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33976

5. Lot 8, Block 16, Unit 1, Section 10, Township 45 South, Range 26 East Lehigh Acres, according to the map or plat thereof, on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, recorded in Plat Book 15, Pages 96, of the public records of Lee County, Florida. Strap No.

10-45-26-01-00016.0080 More commonly known as: 4105 33RD Street SW, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33976

SECOND INSERTION

All prospective Proposers are prohibited from contacting any member of the District Board of Commissioners or any District employees except for the Chief. All questions should be directed to the Chief, or his designee, Phone 239-694-2833, EMAIL FMSFDI@hotmail.com.

Proposals shall include all information and materials required by Section 255.065, Florida Statutes. In particular, Proposals shall describe the Proposer's Project design and construction, including the training tower, and the separate financing proposal(s). Also, the Proposals shall provide a Proposal range of the guaranteed maximum price for the Project. A Proposer can also include in its Proposal any additional information about the Proposer and the proposed Project that the Proposer believes will assist the District in evaluating its Proposal such as construction methods and materials and structure foot prints and elevations and site layouts.

It is anticipated that the unsolicited proposal, which has been deemed a qualified Proposal, and the other qualified Proposals submitted to the District in response to this public notification will be considered and a decision on the selection/ranking of the unsolicited proposal and the qualified Proposals will be made by the District Board of Commissioners at an official public meeting of the District's Board of Commissioners. Currently, the District Board of Commissioners intends to review the Proposals and make a decision on the selection/ranking of the unsolicited proposal and the qualified Proposals at the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Thursday, May 20, 2021. The District may request additional information

from Proposers that may be necessary to fully evaluate a Proposal. The District may conduct such investigations as the District deems necessary and appropriate to assist in the evaluation of any proposal. As referenced in Section 255.065(5)(c), Florida Statutes, the District may consider factors that include, but are not limited to, professional qualifications, general business terms, innovative design techniques or cost reduction terms, and finance plans as a part of the decision making by the District on the selection/ranking of the unsolicited proposal and the qualified Proposals.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals in its sole discretion. The District also reserves the right to waive irregularities and technicalities, to re-advertise for additional Proposals, and to select the Proposer, who, in the District's sole opinion, is in the best interests of the District.

Once the Board of Commissioners has held a public meeting to qualify and select/rank the unsolicited proposal and the qualified Proposals, the individual(s) designated by the Board of Commissioners as the District's negotiating team will attempt to negotiate a satisfactory agreement between the District and the highest ranked Proposer selected by the Board of Commissioners. If an agreement cannot be reached in a reasonable period of time, in the District's sole discretion, the negotiations with said Proposer shall be formally terminated through the declaration of an impasse and no further action may be taken to enter into an agreement with said Proposer. If the Proposers are ranked and if an impasse is declared with the highest ranked Proposer, the agreement negotiation process described above may occur with the second ranked Proposer, and thereafter the same agreement negotiation process may be used with each of the next ranked Proposers until an agreement

County, Florida. Strap No. 11-45-26-04-00049.0080 More commonly known as: 3205 34th Street SW, Cape Coral, Florida 33976

11. Lots 35 and 36, Block 4055, Unit 56, CAPE CORAL SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 19, Pages 107 through 116, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida. Strap No. 05-44-26-C2-04055.0350 More commonly known as: 1158 NW 27th Place, Cape Coral, Florida 33993

You are required to serve an Answer to this action upon: ADAM J. STEVENS, ESQUIRE OF POWELL, JACKMAN, STEVENS & RICCIARDI, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, who address is 12381 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Myers, FL 33907, on or before April 26, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this court at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

DATED THIS 16 DAY OF March, 2021. Linda Doggett Clerk of the Circuit Court (SEAL) By: K Shoap Deputy Clerk

/s/ Adam Stevens Adam J. Stevens, Esquire Florida Bar No. 31898 Powell, Jackman, Stevens & Ricciardi, PA Attorney for Plaintiff 12381 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 200 Fort Myers, FL 33907 (239) 689-1096 (Telephone) (239) 791-8132 (Facsimile) astevens@your-advocates.org Mar. 19, 26; Apr. 2, 9, 2021 21-01262L

Public Notice Fort Myers Shores Fire Protection and Rescue Service District Notice of Receipt of Unsolicited Proposal

Public Private Partnership Proposal No. 02-2021 New Fire Station #2 at River Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fort Myers Shores Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, an independent special fire control district ("District"), has received an unsolicited proposal for the District's possible construction and possible construction financing of a new fire station for the District on the District's real property located at 2404 River Hall Parkway, Alva, Florida 33920 (Station #2), which is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Project." The District Board of Commissioners has determined that the Project is a "qualifying project" under Section 255.065, Florida Statutes. The District is advertising this Public Notice to advise the public and interested parties that the District intends to enter into an agreement for the Project and the District will accept other competing proposals for the Project as outlined herein. The Project, as identified in the unsolicited proposal, is for the design and construction of a new fire station facility and a training tower and related site improvements for the District's Project, and for the financing of the Project.

The general scope of the construction aspect of the Project is as follows: The Project consists of the design and construction of a new fire station structure that is a single story and that is approximately 11,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet in size, together with a three story training tower, and together with all of the site improvements on the District's fire station site located at 2404 River Hall Parkway, Alva, Florida 33920. The Project fire station structure will include living

quarters and accommodations for a 24/7 fulltime staff of seven (7) firefighters and three (3) drive through bays for fire and rescue apparatus with the drive through bays being approximately seventy-seven (77) feet long at a minimum. In addition to the design and construction of the Project improvements, the Proposal must also include a separate proposal element for the financing of the Project which can include multiple financing options of the Project.

Persons or entities wishing to submit alternative or competing Proposals to the unsolicited proposal for the Project may do so by delivering sealed Proposals to: Chief Chris Dowalby, or his designee, at the administrative offices of the District at 12345 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33905, on or before the deadline of 2:00 PM on May 6, 2021. The entire Proposal package, which shall include one (1) original and six (6) copies of the Proposal, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope or container and shall have the following information clearly printed or written on the exterior of the envelope or container: PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL NO. 02-2021 FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT NEW FIRE STATION #2 AT RIVER HALL (NAME OF RESPONDER:)

Sealed Proposals must be received by the Chief, or his designee, at the administrative offices of the District at 12345 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33905, no later than the response deadline of 2:00 PM on May 6, 2021. Proposals received after such time will not be accepted. Proposals delayed for any reason shall not be considered. Faxed or electronically mailed Proposals will not be accepted. All costs and expenses related to the preparation and submission of a Proposal are the sole responsibility of the Proposer.



SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002842
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002841
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000028
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John A Winters or Sheryl A Winters the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002736
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000027
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DP Investment Realty Group LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002721
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joseph G and Linda J Howard the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002478
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MORNING STAR ONE LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000031
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CRW Holdings Inc the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000032
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CRW Holdings Inc the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000033
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CRW Holdings Inc the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002755
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joseph G and Linda J Howard the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 19-CP-001420
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANTHONY LLEWELLYN, A/K/A ANTHONY MARTIN LLEWELLYN Deceased.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002765
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joseph G and Linda J Howard the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002656
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MORNING STAR ONE LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002832
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002833
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002705
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MORNING STAR ONE LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF ACTION; CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE - PROPERTY
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 20-CA-002692
VERO ATLANTIC 2, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. M&T BANK A/K/A MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY; PEDRO J. TORRES GARCIA; and CARMEN T. ROSARIO SILVA, Defendants.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000030
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John A Winters or Sheryl A Winters the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2021000029
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John A Winters or Sheryl A Winters the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002834
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002835
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002836
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

SECOND INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002837
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.



THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002805
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002802
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002826
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002773
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002772
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002776
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002800
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002748
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002816
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002556
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002555
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020001910
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BUFFALO BILL, LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 21-CA-452
JUAN VARGAS, Plaintiffs, vs. AMERICAN ESTATE AND TRUST FBO ROBERTA YESSAYIAN IRA; ROBERTA YESSAYIAN; GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, as subrogee of MELINDA DANIELL GREEN; LEE COUNTY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; LEE COUNTY UTILITIES; CHARLES E. BROWN; IRMA W. BROWN; DEBORAH A. MITCHELL; CAMEO L. DE LOACH; EUGENE L. FOSTER; MARK RICHARD MASHITER, as Co-Trustee of the VERTU RETIRMENT BENEFIT SCHEME, a pension trust, u/a/d/ February 27, 2012 and PS INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES LIMITED, a UK Registered Company (Company No. 03021321) as Co-Trustee of the VERTU RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME, a pension trust, u/a/d/ February 17, 2012; THAD SHIVELY; SHERYL SHIVELY; DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE and LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, Defendants.

THIRD INSERTION
00078.0010
2. Lot 13, Block 68, Unit 14, Section 27, Township 45 South, Range 27 East, Lehigh Acres, according to the Plat thereof, Recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 137, of the public records of Lee County, Florida.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002807
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002635
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JPL Investments Corp the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002562
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Tip Two Corp Ocean Bank the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2021-CA-001194
HERITAGE ENTERPRISES FL LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. EDEN HOMBUILDERS, INC., AN INACTIVE FLORIDA CORPORATION; MARIETTA LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC, AN INACTIVE FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, AS ASSIGNEE FOR RIVERSIDE BANK OF THE GULF COAST COMMERCIAL LOAN DEPT., AN INACTIVE FLORIDA CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

TO: MARK RICHARD MASHITER, as Co-Trustee of the VERTU RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME, a pension trust, u/a/d/ February 27, 2012 and PS INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES LIMITED, a UK Registered Company (Company No. 03021321) as Co-Trustee of the VERTU RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME, a pension trust, u/a/d/ February 17, 2012; THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. BROWN; THE ESTATE OF IRMA W. BROWN; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. BROWN; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF IRMA W. BROWN; DEBORAH A. MITCHELL; CAMEO L. DE LOACH; EUGENE L. FOSTER COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, JUAN VARGAS, by and through the undersigned attorney, and hereby gives notice that a civil action has been instituted on the above action and is now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Florida, County of Lee, on January 6, 2021 Case No: 21-CA-452.

You are required to serve an Answer to this action upon: ADAM J. STEVENS, ESQUIRE of POWELL, JACKMAN, STEVENS & RICCIARDI, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, who address is 12381 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Myers, FL 33907, on or before April 27, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this court at Lee County Justice Center, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter.

THIRD INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002798
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BEAMIF A LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002778
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

FOURTH INSERTION
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Section 197.512 F.S.
Tax Deed #:2020002777
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT West Wind Breeze LLC the holder of the following certificate(s) has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to real property described as: Lot 2, Block 6139, Cape Coral, Unit 98, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 25, Page(s) 107 through 121, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida has been filed by Plaintiff, HERITAGE ENTERPRISES FL LLC, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Alisa Wilkes, Esq., 13400 Sutton Park Dr. S., Suite 1204, Jacksonville, FL 32224, (904)620-9545 on or before April 28, 2021 and file the original with the Clerk of Court and Plaintiff's attorney, otherwise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded.

SAVE TIME
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The History  
How We Got Here

# Cradle to Grave

The election of 1932 changed how the public viewed the role of government. Every decade since, government has continually expanded, with greater regulation and one failed welfare program after another.

BY MILTON & ROSE FRIEDMAN

**T**he presidential election of 1932 was a political watershed for the United States.

Herbert Hoover, seeking re-election on the Republican ticket, was saddled with a deep depression. Millions of people were unemployed. The standard image of the time was a breadline or an unemployed person selling apples on a street corner.

Though the independent Federal Reserve System was to blame for the mistaken monetary policy that converted a recession into a catastrophic depression, the president, as the head of state, could not escape responsibility. The public had lost faith in the prevailing economic system. People were desperate. They wanted reassurance, a promise of a way out.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the charismatic governor of New York, was the Democratic candidate. He was a fresh face, exuding hope and optimism.

True enough, he campaigned on the old principles. He promised if elected to cut waste in government and balance the budget, and berated Herbert Hoover for extravagance in government spending and for permitting government deficits to mount.

At the same time, both before the election and during

the interlude before his inauguration, Roosevelt met regularly with a group of advisers at the Governor's Mansion in Albany — his “brain trust,” as it was christened. They devised measures to be taken after his inauguration that grew into the “New Deal” FDR had pledged to the American people in accepting the Democratic nomination for president.

The election of 1932 was a watershed in narrowly political terms.

In the 72 years from 1860 to 1932, Republicans held the presidency for 56 years, Democrats for 16. In the 48 years from 1932 to 1980, the tables were turned: Democrats held the presidency for 32 years, Republicans for 16.

The election was also a watershed in a more important sense: It marked a major change in both the public's perception of the role of government and the actual role assigned to government.

One simple set of statistics suggests the magnitude of the change. From the founding of the Republic to 1929, spending by governments at all levels — federal, state, and local — never exceeded 12% of the national income except in time of major war, and two-thirds of that was state and local spending. Federal spending typically amounted to 3% or less of the national income.

Since 1933, government spending has never been less than 20% of national income and is now over 40%, and two-thirds of that is spending by the federal government.

True, much of the period since the end of World War II has been a period of cold or hot war. However, since 1946 non-defense spending alone has never been less than 16% of the national income and is now roughly one-third the national income. Federal government spending alone is more than one-quarter of the national income in total, and more than a fifth for non-defense purposes alone. By this measure, the role of the federal government in the economy has multiplied roughly tenfold in the past half-century.

## ROOSEVELT'S UTOPIAN FANTASY

Roosevelt was inaugurated on March 4, 1933 — when the economy was at its lowest ebb. Many states had declared a banking holiday, closing their banks. Two days after he was inaugurated, President Roosevelt ordered all banks throughout the nation to close.

But Roosevelt used his inaugural address to deliver a message of hope, proclaiming that “the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” And he immediately launched a frenetic program of legislative measures — the “100 days” of a special congressional session.

The members of FDR's brain trust were drawn mainly from the universities — in particular, Columbia University. They reflected the change that had occurred earlier in the intellectual atmosphere on the campuses — from

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ILLUSTRATION BY SEAN MICHAEL MONAGHAN

belief in individual responsibility, laissez faire and a decentralized and limited government to belief in social responsibility and a centralized and powerful government. It was the function of government, they believed, to protect individuals from the vicissitudes of fortune and to control the operation of the economy in the “general interest,” even if that involved government ownership and operation of the means of production.

These two strands were already present in a famous novel published in 1887, “Looking Backward,” by Edward Bellamy, a utopian fantasy in which a Rip Van Winkle character who goes to sleep in the year 1887 awakens in the year 2000 to discover a changed world. “Looking backward,” his new companions explain to him how the utopia that astonishes him emerged in the 1930s — a prophetic date-from the hell of the 1880s.

That utopia involved the promise of security “from cradle to grave” — the first use of that phrase we have come across — as well as detailed government planning, including compulsory national service by all persons over an extended period.

Coming from this intellectual atmosphere, Roosevelt’s advisers were all too ready to view the depression as a failure of capitalism and to believe that active intervention by government — and especially central government — was the appropriate remedy. Benevolent public servants, disinterested experts, should assume the power that narrow-minded, selfish “economic royalists” had abused. In the words of Roosevelt’s first inaugural address, “The money changers have fled from the high seats in the temple of our civilization.”

In designing programs for Roosevelt to adopt, they could draw not only on the campus, but on the earlier experience of Bismarck’s Germany, Fabian England and middle-way Sweden. The New Deal, as it emerged during the 1930s, clearly reflected these views.

It included programs designed to reform the basic structure of the economy. Some of these had to be aban-

doned when they were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, notably the NRA (National Recovery Administration) and the AAA (Agricultural Adjustment Administration). Others are still with us, notably the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, and nationwide minimum wages.

The New Deal also included programs to provide security against misfortune, notably Social Security (OASI: Old Age and Survivors Insurance), unemployment insurance and public assistance.

The New Deal also included programs intended to be strictly temporary, designed to deal with the emergency situation created by the Great Depression. Some of the temporary programs became permanent, as is the way with government programs.

The most important temporary programs included “make work” projects under the Works Progress Administration, the use of unemployed youth to improve the national parks and forests under the Civilian Conservation Corps, and direct federal relief to the indigent.

At the time, these programs served a useful function. There was distress on a vast scale; it was important to do something about that distress promptly, both to assist the people in distress and to restore hope and confidence to the public. These programs were hastily contrived, and no doubt were imperfect and wasteful, but that was understandable and unavoidable under the circumstances. The Roosevelt administration achieved a considerable measure of success in relieving immediate distress and restoring confidence.

#### **CENTRAL PLANNING TAKES OVER**

World War II interrupted the New Deal, while at the same time strengthening greatly its foundations. The war brought massive government budgets and unprecedented control by government over the details of economic life: fixing of prices and wages by edict, rationing

of consumer goods, prohibition of the production of some civilian goods, allocation of raw materials and finished products, control of imports and exports.

The elimination of unemployment, the vast production of war materiel that made the United States the “arsenal of democracy” and unconditional victory over Germany and Japan — all these were widely interpreted as demonstrating the capacity of government to run the economic system more effectively than “unplanned capitalism.”

One of the first pieces of major legislation enacted after the war was the Employment Act of 1946, which expressed government’s responsibility for maintaining “maximum employment, production and purchasing power” and, in effect, enacted Keynesian policies into law.

The war’s effect on public attitudes was the mirror image of the depression’s. The depression convinced the public that capitalism was defective; the war, that centralized government was efficient. Both conclusions were false.

The depression was produced by a failure of government, not of private enterprise. As to the war, it is one thing for government to exercise great control temporarily for a single overriding purpose shared by almost all citizens and for which almost all citizens are willing to make heavy sacrifices; it is a very different thing for government to control the economy permanently to promote a vaguely defined “public interest” shaped by the enormously varied and diverse objectives of its citizens.

At the end of the war, it looked as if central economic planning was the wave of the future. That outcome was passionately welcomed by some who saw it as the dawn of a world of plenty shared equally. It was just as passionately feared by others, including us, who saw it as a turn to tyranny and misery. So far, neither the hopes of the one nor the fears of the other have been realized.

Government has expanded greatly. However, that expansion has not taken the form of detailed central economic planning accompanied by ever widening nationalization of industry, finance and commerce, as so many of us feared it would. Experience put an end to detailed economic planning, partly because it was not successful in achieving the announced objectives, but also because it conflicted with freedom.

That conflict was clearly evident in the attempt by the British government to control the jobs people could hold. Adverse public reaction forced the abandonment of the attempt. Nationalized industries proved so inefficient and generated such large losses in Britain, Sweden, France and the United States that only a few die-hard Marxists today regard further nationalization as desirable.

The illusion that nationalization increases productive efficiency, once widely shared, is gone. Additional nationalization does occur — passenger railroad service and some freight service in the United States, Leyland Motors in Great Britain, steel in Sweden. But it occurs for very different reasons — because consumers wish to retain services subsidized by the government when market conditions call for their curtailment or because workers in unprofitable industries fear unemployment. Even the supporters of such nationalization regard it as at best a necessary evil.

### **SOCIALIZING RESULTS OF PRODUCTION**

The failure of planning and nationalization has not eliminated pressure for an ever bigger government. It has simply altered its direction. The expansion of government now takes the form of welfare programs and of regulatory activities. As W. Allen Wallis put it in a somewhat different context, socialism, “intellectually bankrupt after more than a century of seeing one after another of its arguments for socializing the means of production demolished — now seeks to socialize the results of production.”

In the welfare area, the change of direction has led to an explosion in recent decades, especially after President Lyndon Johnson declared a “War on Poverty” in 1964. New Deal programs of Social Security, unemployment insurance and direct relief were all expanded to cover new groups; payments were increased; and Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and numerous other programs were added. Public housing and urban renewal programs were enlarged. By now there are literally hundreds of government welfare and income transfer programs.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare, established in 1953 to consolidate the scattered welfare programs, began with a budget of \$2 billion, less than 5% of expenditures on national defense. Twenty-five years later, in 1978, its budget was \$160 billion, one and a half times as much as total spending on the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. It had the third-largest budget in the world, exceeded only by the entire budget of the

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U.S. government and of the Soviet Union.

The department supervised a huge empire, penetrating every corner of the nation. More than one out of every 100 persons employed in this country worked in the HEW empire, either directly for the department or in programs for which HEW had responsibility but which were administered by state or local government units. All of us were affected by its activities. (In late 1979, HEW was subdivided by the creation of a separate Department of Education.)

No one can dispute two superficially contradictory phenomena: widespread dissatisfaction with the results of this explosion in welfare activities; and continued pressure for further expansion.

### **BAD MEANS FOR GOOD OBJECTIVES**

The objectives have all been noble; the results, disappointing. Social Security expenditures have skyrocketed, and the system is in deep financial trouble. Public housing and urban renewal programs have subtracted from rather than added to the housing available to the poor. Public assistance rolls mount despite growing employment.

By general agreement, the welfare program is a “mess” saturated with fraud and corruption. As government has paid a larger share of the nation’s medical bills, both patients and physicians complain of rocketing costs and of the increasing impersonality of medicine. In education, student performance has dropped as federal intervention has expanded.

The repeated failure of well-intentioned programs is not an accident. It is not simply the result of mistakes of execution. The failure is deeply rooted in the use of bad means to achieve good objectives.

Despite the failure of these programs, the pressure to expand them grows. Failures are attributed to the miserliness of Congress in appropriating funds, and so are met with a cry for still bigger programs. Special interests that benefit from specific programs press for their expansion — foremost among them the massive bureaucracy spawned by the programs.

An attractive alternative to the present welfare system is a negative income tax. This proposal has been widely supported by individuals and groups of all political persuasions. A variant has been proposed by three presidents; yet it seems politically unfeasible for the foreseeable future.