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Q: What's going on with The Tropical Car Wash/Gas Station on the East Trail (41 East)? Was supposed to open in August/September.
— *Tony, Naples*

A: United Central Bank is actively trying to market the former Tropiclean Gas and Auto Spa property, said **Michael Posner**, a lawyer at the West Palm Beach firm that handled the June 1 foreclosure case.

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Tropiclean Gas and Auto Spa, 9995 U.S. 41 E., closed May 31, 2010.

United Central Bank was the highest bidder when the 3.62-acre property at 9995 U.S. 41 E., was auctioned off on the courthouse steps this summer, said **Posner, of Ward, Damon, Posner, Peterson & Bleau**. The assessed value of the improved property is $1,581,155, according to collierappraiser.com.

Tropiclean closed May 31 after being operated by Kenny Mateja at that East Naples location since May 2008. The local business centered around a car wash, and included gas pumps and a convenience store.

Because the business is only a couple of years old, chances are better than not that someone else would buy it to continue operating a similar business there, but this is not a certainty, of course.

Reports published in June that the business was sold and being reopened were incorrect.