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A man walks into the Lake Square Mall in Leesburg Wednesday. The Kohan Retail Investment Group from New York recently purchased the mall for \$13.28 million. Mike Kohan, owner of the group, said they are in talks with multiple tenants to replace the soon-to-close J.C. Penney store, and hope to fill other vacancies in the mall.

LEESBURG

## New York investor buys Lake Square Mall for \$13.28M

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Kohan Retail Investment Group of Great Neck, N.Y., is the new owner of the Lake Square Mall, according to Mike Kohan of the group.

The deal closed on March 17 for \$13.28 million, Kohan said.

He said he has plans to revitalize the mall by bringing in more tenants, filling in vacancies, having more events and marketing and fixing deferred maintenance.

"We're gonna get our hands around it and (we're going to) try to make the best out of it," Kohan said.

He said he saw a lot of opportunity in the mall because of its location.

Business tax registration documents filed with the city of Leesburg show Kohan going by the last name of Kohansieh.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

■ The 470,943-square-foot Lake Square Mall has been dropping in value over the past 34 years.

■ In 1980, General Growth Properties built the mall at 10401 U.S. Highway 441.

■ In 1984, General Growth Properties sold the mall to Equitable Life Assurance for \$33.9 million.

■ In 1998, Equitable Life Assurance sold the mall to Macerich for \$28.9 million.

■ In March, Macerich sold the mall to Kohan Retail Investment Group for \$13.2 million.

SOURCE: Lake County Property Appraiser's Office.

According to multiple media reports, Kohan has had mixed results with some of the malls he has bought, including two that officials tried to close be-

cause they were so dilapidated. Kohan, though, has said that is part of the nature of buying distressed malls.

"It's a very, very challenging situation for you to bring another anchor, which is close to impossible, but we are trying. We are trying," he said in an interview in February.

Built in 1980, the 470,943-square-foot mall has seen reduced foot traffic over the past few years, and two under-performing anchor stores, Target and J.C. Penney, both recently announced closings.

Kohan said he is working with many potential tenants to replace J.C. Penney as an anchor, but he could not guarantee anything.

"We're just gonna do our best to try to facilitate a deal with some other anchors," Kohan

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## The Villages leads nation in growth

Halifax Media Group

The Villages was the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan area between 2012 and 2013, the Census Bureau has announced.

The retirement development, which covers parts of Marion, Lake and Sumter counties, had 107,056 residents in July 2013 — an increase of 5,308 residents (5.2 percent) from the previous July.

Strong growth within The Villages is nothing new. In the past

it has consistently ranked among the fastest-growing "micropolitan" areas in the nation, and in 2012 *Forbes magazine* ranked it the nation's fastest-growing small town.

"It's a process that's going to continue," predicted Sean Snaith, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness.

Demographics work in The Villages favor, since baby boomers

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## Floating objects seen in Flight 370 search area

ROB GRIFFITH and TODD PITMAN  
Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — They are the most tantalizing clues yet: 122 objects spotted by satellite, floating in the turbulent Indian Ocean where officials believe the missing Malaysian jetliner went down. But bad weather, the passage of time and the sheer remoteness of

their location kept answers out of the searchers' grasp.

Nineteen days into the mystery of Flight 370, the discovery of the objects that ranged in size from 3 feet to 75 feet, offered "the most credible lead that we have," a top Malaysian official said Wednesday.

With clouds briefly thinning in a stretch

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JAMES WHITTLE / AP

A lookout is stationed on bow of HMAS Success during the search in the southern Indian Ocean for signs of the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370.



KELLI KENNEDY / AP

Anthony Rouzier, second right, helps Valentina Adarraga, 20, right, sign up for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act in Miami.

## Despite Republican obstacles, Florida's health insurance enrollment abound

KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida's Republican leaders have fought the Affordable Care Act at every turn, banning navigators from county health departments, offering no state dollars to boost outreach efforts to 3.5 million uninsured and leading the fight to repeal the law. Yet the state has emerged as a tale of what

went right with President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

More than 440,000 Florida residents had been enrolled through the federal marketplace through the end of February, putting Florida on pace to exceed the federal government's initial projections by the time enrollment closes March 31.

The numbers are impres-

sive for a state where Republicans control the governor's mansion and both houses of the Legislature.

By comparison, Republican-leaning Texas has enrolled 295,000 through the federal site, even though its population is about a third larger than Florida's.

Florida's success is due partly to infrastructure

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## GROWTH

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continue to age and retire. Plus, these boomers are starting to recover some of the home equity they lost during the economic downturn, Snaith said.

The cold winter up North won't hurt future prospects, either. That "may very well be an accelerator," Snaith said.

Closer to home, growth was minimal: Marion County's popula-

tion inched up less than 1 percent between 2012 and 2013, from 335,157 to 337,362, the Census Bureau reported.

The bureau conducts a full census every 10 years but also comes out with periodic reports on population and other demographic factors. The annual population breakdown usually comes out about this time of year.

There are 24 metropolitan statistical areas in Florida, including the Ocala metro area, which covers all of Mari-

on County.

According to the federal government, Metropolitan Statistical Areas have at least one urbanized area of 50,000 or more population, plus adjacent territory that has a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured by commuting ties.

Micropolitan Statistical Areas have a similar definition, but their urban clusters have at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population.

## Fastest growing

10 fastest growing metro areas in the U.S. from 2012 to 2013

Metro area	% change
<b>The Villages*</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Odessa, Tex.	3.3
Midland, Tex.	3.3
Fargo, N.D.-Minn.	3.1
Bismarck, N.D.	3.1
Casper, Wyo.	2.9
Myrtle Bch.-Conway-N. Myrtle Beach S.C.-N.C.	2.7
Austin-Round Rock, Tex.	2.6
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NOTE: Percentage population change between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2013  
\*From 101,748 to 107,056  
SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

## MALL

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said Wednesday.

Target, which closed Feb. 1, owns its 87,842-square-foot store space and is actively marketing it with CBRE, a real-estate services company with 332 offices in 42 counties. It is listed with CBRE for a price of \$2,250,000.

Sandi Moore, the executive director of the Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, said the mall is one of the community's biggest challenges and that struggling malls are a common problem.

She said she was hopeful that Kohan would be able to fill vacancies there.

"The mall, I think historically over the years, has kind of struggled. I hope that some new blood coming into the city (with) maybe a fresh vision will help the situation," Moore said. "I really hope that they can do that and I hope that our community will support that effort."

Robert Chandler, Lake County's director of economic development and tourism department,

## JUST THE FACTS

Kohan Retail Investment Group owns 13 other malls:

■ The 98-store Tulsa Promenade Mall, Tulsa Okla. (no vacancies).

■ The 40-store Crystal River Mall, Crystal River (no vacancies).

■ The 27-store Southshore Mall, Aberdeen, Wash. (no vacancies).

■ The 13-store Warren Mall, Warren, Ohio (no vacancies).

■ The 23-store Mayberry Mall, Mount Airy, N.C. (one vacancy).

■ The 42-store Village Square Mall, Effingham, Ill. (two vacancies).

■ The 12-store Nebraska

City Outley Mall, Nebraska City, Neb. (four vacancies).

■ The 21-store Story City Outley Mall, Story City, Iowa (four vacancies).

■ The 12-store Graceville Outlet Mall, Graceville (five vacancies).

■ The 32-store Tiffin Mall, Tiffin, Ohio (16 vacancies).

■ The 90-store Rotterdam Square Mall in Albany, N.Y. (bought Jan. 15 from Macerich for \$8.5 million with 27 vacancies).

■ Northland Mall, Worthington Minn., no information available but declining with a handful of tenants.

■ Trumbull Plaza, Warren, Ohio. No information available.

SOURCE: Kohan Retail Investment Group and media reports.

agreed that the older type of indoor malls nationally are struggling.

"Everybody now is going toward the outdoor kind of walkable town center-type things. ... That's kind of the new model for these regional shopping centers," Chandler said. "The indoor malls, you really have to be exceptional to continue to drive demand."

He said from personal observation the demand at the mall has dropped in the last five to 10 years.

"It's not the same type of a destination shopping center as maybe it was in the 90s," Chandler said.

Robert Sargent, public information officer for the city of Leesburg, said the mall is a great commercial asset and he hopes with the sale things will grow from here.

Sargent said the city spoke with Kohan after the initial auction of the mall.

"Our initial interaction that we've had with

Mr. Kohan is that he ... is displaying a strong commitment to want to do something with that property. Not just to leave it as is, but to do something to make a more effective use of the property," Sargent said.

He believes Kohan's experience in managing malls is an advantage.

Kohan targets older malls. In fact, his company's website says, "The Kohan Retail Investment Group sees the future of aging malls as a place of mixed use that is more than just for shopping. (Malls) are social settings where people interact with one another and small businesses can get a boost in a public and well-trafficked platform."

The *Daily Commercial* previously reported that the mall sold in a November online auction for \$13.6 million.

The mall's prior owner, Macerich of Phoenix, focuses on the acquisition, leasing, management, development and redevelopment of regional malls in 17 states throughout the United States. Lake Square was the company's only mall in Florida, according to the company's website.

## HEALTH

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created in the swing state by Democratic-affiliated groups during the last three presidential elections, along with continued investment by the Obama administration and non-profit advocacy groups in the diverse state that will likely be competitive in November's mid-term election.

Groups helping customers enroll in ACA-related health plans have used many of the same people who ran Obama's presidential campaigns, giving them five years of deeply-entrenched relationships in communities, data to pinpoint the uninsured and veteran volunteers to track them down. The state narrowly went for Obama in 2012.

The successes and failures of the Affordable Care Act also carry more political weight in a battleground state such as Florida where the new law will fuel election campaigns for both Republicans and Democrats, said Democratic strategist Screven Watson.

"(The Republicans) are going to use Obamacare as a hammer over the Democratic candidates in November," he said, adding that if Florida's enrollment numbers were dismal, it could have big implications in 2016.

"When you're talking presidential elections, if you have Florida you win," he said.

Florida's Republican leaders chose not to spend any state money marketing the new health plans to millions of uninsured, so the work was supported by \$20.5 million in federal grants plus manpower from the nonprofit organization Enroll America.

Florida residents have also been reached by federally funded TV, radio and digital ads. About \$52 million has been spent in the last three months on the ads in Florida and the other 28 states relying on the federal marketplace, said Julie Bataille, spokeswoman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The agency has repeatedly declined to provide a state-by-state breakdown of how taxpayer dollars are being spent on ads.

Enroll America's Tony Penna began in 2008 as a volunteer neighborhood team leader for Obama's campaign in Jacksonville, manning three phone banks a night. By 2012, he was a paid organizer for the campaign, overseeing neighborhood leaders and volunteers as they canvassed apartment buildings, staffed tables at community events and made nightly cold calls.

Penna is using those same strategies in his role now as field director for Enroll America overseeing Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Gainesville.

"It helped me build those relationships with volunteers and keep them constantly motivated," said Penna.

## PLANE

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of ocean known for dangerous weather, aircraft and ships from six countries combed the waters far southwest of the Australian coast. Crews saw only three objects, one of them blue and two others that appeared to be rope.

But search planes could not relocate them or find the 122 pieces seen by a French satellite. Limited by fuel and distance, they turned back for the night.

That echoed the frustration of earlier sweeps that failed to zero in on three objects seen by satellites in recent days. Forecasters warned that the weather was likely to deteriorate again Thursday, possibly jeopardizing the search for the Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 that vanished early March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

With the search in motion, Malaysian officials again sought to assuage the angry relatives of the flight's 153 Chinese passengers. But Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein also expressed exasperation. About two-thirds of the missing are Chinese, but Hishammuddin pointedly said Chinese families "must also understand that we in Malaysia also lost our loved ones," as did "so many other nations."

The latest satellite images, captured Sunday and relayed by French-based Airbus Defense

and Space, are the first to suggest a debris field from the plane, rather than just isolated objects. The items were spotted in roughly the same area as other objects previously seen by Australian and Chinese satellites.

Clouds obscured the latest satellite images, but dozens of objects could be seen in the gaps. At a news conference in Kuala Lumpur, Hishammuddin said some of them "appeared to be bright, possibly indicating solid materials."

Australian officials did not say whether they received the French imagery in time for search planes out at sea to look for the objects, and did not return repeated phone messages seeking further comment. None of the three objects spotted by searchers Wednesday "were considered to be distinctive to MH370 or relevant to the satellite imagery," Australian Maritime Safety Authority officials said.

If the objects are confirmed to be from the flight, "then we can move on to deep sea surveillance search and rescue, hopefully, hoping against hope," Hishammuddin said.

But experts cautioned that the area's frequent high seas and bad weather and its distance from land complicated an already-trying search.

"This is a really rough piece of ocean, which is going to be a terrific issue," said Kerry Sieh, director of the Earth Observatory of Singapore.



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# Scott meets with students in Tampa, talks about tuition

Associated Press

TAMPA — Gov. Rick Scott met with five high school students and their parents to discuss the rising cost of college tuition.

The students from Thomas Jefferson High School told Scott on Wednesday that it will be difficult for them to afford college without going into debt, unless they happen to win scholarships.

Scott says he wants to keep college tuition at Florida's public schools low. He criticized his predecessor, Gov. Charlie Crist, for signing into law an automatic 15% annual tuition increase and urged the students and their parents to call their legislators to repeal the law.

Crist, a Democrat, is running against Scott for governor.

Democrats Wednesday criticized the Republican governor's school visit, calling it a campaign event at taxpayer expense. Scott didn't respond to questions about the criticism.

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# State & Region

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## Area Briefs

### BUSHNELL

#### Man charged with molesting child faces \$1M bail

A 65-year-old man, who claims he blacked out in his Sumter County home only to awaken with his pants down and a half-naked child in front of him, has been charged with capital sexual battery.

Ted Allen Teague, of Bushnell, remained in the Sumter County jail Wednesday morning in lieu of \$1 million bail.

According to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, suspicions initially were raised last week after the 5-year-old child said she didn't want to go over to Teague's home.

The child told officials that during a recent visit, Teague had touched her inappropriately after pulling down her pants and underwear. When questioned by sheriff's detectives, Teague admitted to the act but said he had blacked out at the time.

Teague was charged with sexual battery on a victim under 12 years old and initially was denied bond. Bond was later set at \$1 million.

If convicted on the charges, Teague could face life in prison.

### LEESBURG

#### EAA Chapter 534 hosts Corvair College workshop

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 534 will host a Corvair College workshop at the Leesburg International Airport, off U.S. Highway 441 in Leesburg, beginning at noon on Friday through Sunday afternoon.

Registration is \$75 and meals will be available for a nominal charge at the hangar.

For information on the Corvair College, call Arnold Holmes at 352-617-2029 or email, arnold@av-mech.com. For information about EAA Chapter 534 go to www.534.eeachapter.org.

### LEESBURG

#### Public library hosts free Internet safety class

School-age children, teens and parents are invited to attend a one-hour Internet safety class at 11 a.m., on April 5 at the Leesburg Public Library, located at 100 E. Main St.

Keeping information private, finding trustworthy sites, and trends in social media are just a few of the topics to be covered in the class, which utilizes the Library's new Youth Laptop Lab.

For information, call 352-728-9790 or email julia.hutchins@leesburg-florida.gov.

### MOUNT DORA

#### New website feature asks for citizens' input

The new Community Voice feature of Mount Dora's website, www.cityofmountdora.com, provides a platform for the public to engage in open dialogue, and have their ideas viewed and considered by city officials.

Suggested topics for discussion on the site include, economic development ideas, housing and environment improvements and community activity ideas.

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### LEESBURG

## City researches potential fire fees

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Leesburg wants to explore all options as the city looks into fire assessment fees and weighs a possible merger with Lake County for fire and

emergency services. Before anything is done, Mayor John Christian said the city would conduct a workshop to gather comments from the public.

"We want to make sure what we do is good for

Leesburg," Christian said.

He expects the workshop to be hosted around the time that Lake County provides its proposal. "We need to look at all of the options at one time," he said.

Leesburg resident Don Lukich isn't keen on the idea of fire assessments, even though Lake County and other cities charge fire service fees, which are calculated on the cost of

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AP PHOTO

This artist's rendering supplied by Busch Gardens shows Falcon's Fury, a new thrill ride opening May 1 at the theme park in Tampa.

## New ride to debut at Busch Gardens

TAMARA LUSH  
Associated Press

TAMPA — Thrill ride developers at Busch Gardens acknowledge that the park's newest attraction might not be everyone's idea of a good time.

Falcon's Fury opens on May 1. Riders will be seated upright and whisked to the top of a 335-foot tower, then the seat will pivot 90 degrees so the guest is looking straight down.

That's when the ride plunges in a six-second free fall.

Jeff Hornick, director of design and engineering at Busch Gardens, said riders will reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour on the plunge.

"It's a different kind of thrill ride than a roller coaster," said Hornick. "It's really polarizing. You're either really going to want to ride it or not want to ride it at all."

Park officials say it's the tallest, free-standing drop tower in North America and the only one in the world to feature forward tilting seats.

"Drop towers have been popu-

lar at theme parks for many years, but what you see with Falcon's Fury is the industry's relentless drive for innovation," said Jeremy Schoolfield, editor-in-chief of Funworld Magazine. "Ride designers are always looking for new twists on classic attractions, and Fury's pivoting seats certainly fit that bill. Putting riders in a facedown position as they drop toward the ground is definitely a new take on this type of ride."

There are taller drop towers in the U.S., but they are integrated with other rides or buildings. Lex Luthor: Drop of Doom at Six Flags Magic Mountain in California has a 400-foot drop and the Zumanjaro: Drop of Doom at Six Flags Great Escape in New Jersey will have a 415-foot drop when it's constructed later this year. Both of those are attached to other rides. A famous drop tower is the Big Shot, the ride atop the Stratosphere hotel and casino in Las Vegas that catapults riders 160 feet in the air.

Falcon's Fury stands alone, and Hornick

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## State Attorney reviewing police shooting of armed man

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A state review of a deputy's shooting of a knife-wielding man has been forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for evaluation, according to Florida Department of Law Enforcement officials.

A spokeswoman with FDLE would not provide details of the investigation into the January shooting of Ian Saum, pending the completion of the State Attorney's Office review.

Walter Forgie, supervisor for the State Attorney's Office in Lake County, on Wednesday wouldn't reveal what possible charges the deputy could face, citing his office's pending review of the case.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office conducted its own administrative review and cleared the deputy of any wrongdoing, but the final word will come from the State Attorney's Office.

The shooting occurred Jan. 22 in the 10700 block of Aria Court, near the end of a cul-de-sac in Lake Crescent Pines East outside of Clermont.

Deputies said they responded to a report of a "suicidal subject." When they reached the Aria Court address, they reportedly found Saum armed with a large knife. It appeared that he had injured himself with the weapon prior to the deputies' arrival.

Deputies shot 24-year-old Saum after he approached them in a threatening manner and a stun gun failed to stop him, Sgt. James Vachon, sheriff's spokesman, said.

The deputy was placed on administrative leave and FDLE was called in to investigate.

According to a document dated Jan. 29 from sheriff's Chief Deputy Peyton Grinnell, a preliminary administrative review determined that the deputy was "found to be within the statutory authority given to law enforcement officers for the use of force, consistent with the agency's use-of-force training."

### CLERMONT

## Fundraiser planned for beagle found in labor

Staff Report

A fundraiser is planned for Saturday to help Henrietta, the emaciated beagle/walker hound who gave birth to her puppies via Caesarean section at the Lake County Animal Services shelter last month.

The 6-year-old dog was located by Animal Services officers in Umatilla, already in labor, and rushed into the shelter where veterinarian Dr. Julie-Anne Corda performed the emergency

surgery to save Henrietta and her tiny puppies, Elisha Pappacoda, county public information officer, said in a press release.

Animal Services volunteer and photographer Whitney Luckhart has been fostering Henrietta ever since, and reports Henrietta is gaining weight and perking up on her special high-fat, high-protein diet.

"She has been sleeping in bed with me,"

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LAKE COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

Six-year-old Henrietta was located by Lake County Animal Services officers in Umatilla, already in labor and rushed to the shelter.

## OBITUARIES

**Robert C. McKendree**

Robert C. McKendree, 75, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, passed away on March 22, 2014 at the Lane Purcell Hospice House, Sumterville, FL. Born February 14, 1939, a native Floridian, born in Hilliard, FL. He worked as an asphalt plant technician and in all aspects of road construction. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was member of the Bushnell Church of Christ. He enjoyed time with family and friends, fishing, and reading western novels. He is survived by his wife of 51+ years Maudeann Tracy McKendree; daughter, Roberta & husband Coy Thomas of Leesburg, FL; Son, Allen & wife Deanna McKendree of Palm City, FL; Grandsons, Hunter and Harley McKendree of Palm City, FL; Sister, Emma & Harvey Shoaff of Hal-

endale, FL; Brother, Leon & Carolyn McKendree of Prescott Valley, AZ; Aunt, Rae Lewis of Tequesta, FL, and numerous nieces, nephews & cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bushnell Church of Christ at P.O. Box 310, Bushnell, Florida 33513 and the Lane Purcell Hospice House at 2452 CR 526E, Sumterville, FL 33585. Services will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 2pm at the Bushnell Church of Christ at 308 E. Dade Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513.

**Sherwood G. Paulson**

Sherwood G. "Buzz" Paulson, 92, of Leesburg, died March 24, 2014 in Leesburg. He was born in Chicago, IL and was a Navy Veteran of WWII. Upon retiring from Eastern Airlines he moved to Leesburg where he was a member of Lakes and Hills Covenant Church,

American Legion Post 76, Elks Lodge # 1578, Eagles #4273, Triline Masonic Lodge #422. Buzz is survived by his daughter, Carolyn (John) Forquer of Manassas, VA; son James Paulson of Florida; grandchildren, Brian Smith, Kelly (Marty) McGreal; Karen (Justin) Rubel; Melissa (Charles) Kline; Melanie Paulson; great grandchildren, Walker, Marley, Emma, Mason, Taylor and Gracie. Memorial service will be held Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 1:00pm in the Beyers Funeral Home Chapel in Leesburg with Pastor Ken Folmsbee officiating. He will be placed with his wife Irene Paulson at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell. Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com). Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

**John Thomas Yancey Jr.**

John Thomas Yancey Jr., passed away March 22, 2014, Leesburg, Florida. He was born September 28, 1933 in Plant City, Florida. John proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War. He graduated in 1958 from the University of Florida, with a Masters in engineering. He loved all UF Athletics. He worked with Boeing in Seattle and Huntsville, Alabama, before going to Boeing at the Kennedy Space Center. There he worked on the Lunar Rover, the Alaskan Pipe Line, the Space Shuttle and many other projects. In September of 1990, he was awarded the Silver Snoopy Award for his work on the Space Shuttle. John retired from Boeing in October of 1993 and moved to Pennbrooke community in September of 1995, where he lived the rest

of his years and was very active enjoying bridge, softball, tennis, and shuffleboard. He is survived by his son, John Thomas (Teresa) Yancey III, Windermere, Florida; his daughter Pam (Richard) Dean, Apopka, Florida; grandchildren, Joshua, Marisa, Alayna, Ethan, Jesse, Ashley, Rachel, and Rebekah; his great-granddaughter, Peyton; son-in-law, Tommy Thomas, Cocoa, Florida; his brother, Jim Yancey, Ocala, Florida; and other extended family. John is predeceased by his daughter, Kim Thomas, who passed away in 2013. A Visitation will be held Thursday, March 27, 2014, between 5-7PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, Florida. Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10:30AM a Funeral Service will take place at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow the service in-

cluding Military Honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com). Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Robert Owen Boom**

Robert Owen Boom, 82, Woonsocket, SD, died Friday, March 21, 2014. Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

**Forrest Bruce**

Forrest Bruce, 63, of Coleman, died Saturday, March 22, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

**Esther Sheehy**

Esther Sheehy, 90, of Leesburg, died Tuesday, March 25, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

## LEESBURG

# Food bank relieved of permit fees for new home

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City leaders eliminated \$6,691.96 in permit fees the Leesburg Food Bank was expecting to pay to remodel a larger building to serve the hungry.

Attorney Chuck Johnson was joined by food bank volunteers Don Diamant and Richard Ecott as they approved Leesburg city commissioners this week for relief from the sticker shock of the permit costs.

"We know the city's financial needs, and we support that," the attorney said, "but somewhere along the line decisions have to be made, and it seems like feeding the hungry, quite frankly, is just a better use of that money."

The food bank purchased the former Merita Bread store at 503 N. 13th St., which will become the food bank's new home after the building is remodeled. The new location is three times larger than the food bank's current site on Sunshine Street.

"Leesburg Food Bank has been in operation as a charitable organization in feeding Leesburg's hungry since about 1982," said Johnson, who noted all of the work is done by volunteers. "They have, quite frankly, done the citizens of our community a great service and continue to do so. They have found the funds to expand their operations because the need is great."

Serving as board president

and volunteer, Diamant said the food bank fed 5,236 families last year alone, which amounted to 15,318 family members.

The food bank also gave out 250,541 pounds of food that was weighed, he said, and even more food that had not been weighed.

"I could double that if I could get the resources," Diamant said. "It is very well supported by the public and it would be a shame not to make it bigger and better. And that is what I'm trying to do. I put in about 30 hours of my own time at no cost at all to the food bank. I don't want anything in return. My mission in life is to support the food bank."

Ecott shares the same mission and he credits the food

bank's longevity to the support from the community and area residents.

"We receive no governmental support whatsoever. We get our funding from the good people of Lake County, churches and other foundations, which is a real credit to this community," Ecott said. "No one is paid a salary."

Mayor John Christian expressed concern to his fellow commissioners that other nonprofit groups may come forward telling of their great cause and expect the same kind of treatment.

"I just want to make sure that our commission is consistent with the way that we vote so that people don't feel like we are showing favoritism," Christian said. "I

just want to make sure that we don't discriminate when other groups come — and they are going to come — and it's going to be a tough decision that we are going to have to make."

Commissioner Jay Hurley said just by voting to waive the permit fees for one nonprofit group does not mean he will do the same for the next organization.

Commissioner Bill Polk abstained from voting or discussing the issue because he sold the building to the food bank.

"Thank you for the great service that you provide for our community," Christian said to the food bank volunteers, following the 4-0 vote to waive the permit fees.

## FEES

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services.

"This, in my opinion, is another way of the city trying to pull over a scam on the taxpayers," Lukich said this week at a city's commission meeting. "I don't know whose bright idea this was, but to me, this is a scam."

Commissioner Jay

Hurley said he proposed fire assessment fees based on the fact that Leesburg has 11,000 parcels of land and almost 3,000 of those are residential and below the \$50,000 homestead exemption, which means these landowners pay no property taxes for city services.

Lukich said he didn't think it was fair for property owners to be charged a fire assess-

ment fee.

"If you got those 3,000 lots that don't pay any city taxes for one reason or another, then assess them with the fee because they are receiving the benefit (of public safety), but don't penalize me because other people are not paying their fair share," he said.

Leesburg Finance Director Bill Spinelli told the commission earlier this month that fire assessment fees are based on benefits.

"It doesn't go by the value of your house and it doesn't go by the value of your property, it goes by the benefit you receive from a fire assess-

ment fee," Spinelli said. "Basically, it is a tool that the city has that will diversify its revenue stream that will help us tremendously in the future and help us ensure that we can meet those demands from our citizens."

Several cities in Lake County charge their residents an annual fire assessment fee, including \$181 in Lady Lake; \$142 in Tavares; \$120 in Mascotte; \$90 for Villages residents living inside Lady Lake; and \$59 in Minneola, according to figures Spinelli provided to the commission.

Spinelli told commissioners that imple-

menting a fire service fee is something that they may want to consider in 2016 or even 2018 as a way for the city to diversify its revenue source since local ad valorem rates (property values) have been steadily decreasing on an annual basis.

"Since 2007 and 2008, property tax ad valorem revenue went from \$1.6 billion to \$1.12 billion, so our revenue stream went down by over \$2 million," he said. "And so this year, we actually collected \$4.3 million versus \$6.5 million from four or five years ago."

As the city plans to weigh the pros and

cons of consolidating costs with Lake County for fire services, Spinelli said the county currently charges \$181 in its fire assessment fees.

Lukich told the commission that he thought the idea of merging with the county was bad idea. He praised the service that Leesburg Fire Department provides and doesn't know if the county could do as well.

"I know that they do it on an emergency basis now, but if they had to do it on a permanent basis, I think that the service to the city would be drastically reduced," Lukich said.

## RIDE

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says guests can see downtown Tampa and even St. Petersburg some 30 miles away once at the top.

Guests must be 54 inches tall to ride. A cir-

cular gondola of 32 seats takes the riders to the top of the tower — once there, a computer program determines how long the riders will stay at the peak before the gut-wrenching plunge.

Hornick said the wait time at the top will be randomized, anywhere from one to five sec-

onds.

"The only thing you're going to hear is your heart beat," he joked.

On the 60-mile per-hour drop, the seats will be pulled back, to give riders a feeling of "ripping" a parachute cord, said Hornick.

The park wanted

more of a scary, thrill ride to debut this year, he said, following a few years of new family friendly rides and stage shows.

Falcon's Fury is the centerpiece of a newly designed section in the park called Pantopia that includes new retail and food areas.

## BEAGLE

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Luckhart said. "She is one of those dogs who probably never spent time in a house — ever."

Henrietta, who is being treated for heartworms, and her puppies, will all be put up

for adoption through the South Lake Animal League (SLAL) when they are healthy.

"I think she will make some family very happy," Luckhart said.

In the meantime, Luckhart has organized a pet photo shoot fundraiser to benefit Henrietta and her puppies on

March 29 at the SLAL, 4648 Baptist Island Rd., Groveland. For a \$10 donation, pet owners will receive a mini-photo session with their animals.

To find out more about Lake County Animal Services, or to donate funds to help with operations at the shelter, go to [\[countyfl.gov/adopt\]\(http://countyfl.gov/adopt\), visit the shelter at 28123 County Road 561, Tavares, or call 352-343-9688.](http://www.lake-</a></p>
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MOUNT DORA

# Retired railroad conductor sentenced in fraud case

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A Mount Dora resident and retired Long Island railroad conductor could spend part of his retirement in a Lake County food pantry as part of a federal sentence.

James Maher, 60, was given 300 hours of community service as part of a sentence after recently pleading guilty to defrauding the fed-

eral Railroad Retirement Board of nearly \$350,000 on Tuesday, according to an FBI spokeswoman.

U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood in Manhattan suggested Maher perform the community service at Lake Cares Food Pantry, which primarily provides services to the Mount Dora, Eustis and Tavares areas. Maher has volunteered there in the past.

He also was sentenced to

three years of supervised release, and ordered to repay \$347,481 to the retirement board at a repayment rate of \$400 a month.

Last year, Maher pleaded guilty to part of what prosecutors contend was an extensive scheme to falsify disability claims, which officials estimate could have cost taxpayers \$1 billion. Maher, who worked for the company 30 years before he retired at 50 in 2003, moved to Flor-

ida and started collecting his pension benefits and testified as a witness for the prosecution in court.

According to December 2012 indictments and U.S. Attorney's Office, Maher is one of several defendants who allegedly "conspired with two orthopedists and a U.S. Railroad Retirement Board manager to commit disability fraud in order to receive extra benefits to which they were not entitled."

Maher allegedly claimed on a disability application to suffer from disabling and constant back, neck and knee pain, as well as numbness in his hands, all of which made it difficult for him to sit, stand, walk, eat, bathe, dress himself or drive a car.

Nevertheless, in the year before his retirement, Maher worked more than 1,000 hours of overtime, authorities contended.



AP FILE PHOTO

A sailor was fatally shot aboard the USS Mahan at Naval Station Norfolk late Monday, and security forces killed a male civilian suspect, base spokeswoman Terri Davis said.

## Sailor died at Virginia base protecting colleague

BROCK VERGAKIS and MICHAEL FELBERBAUM  
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The sailor who was slain during a shootout aboard a guided-missile destroyer at a Virginia base saved another sailor's life by jumping between her and a civilian gunman who was trying to board the ship, Navy officials said Wednesday.

The Navy identified the slain sailor as Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Mayo during a news conference, saying he acted heroically when the civilian approached the USS Mahan shortly after 11 p.m. on Monday. The civilian gunman, who was also killed in the shootout, hasn't been identified.

The truck driver used a legitimate transportation worker's credential to get onto Naval Station Norfolk, although officials say he didn't have a reason to be on the world's largest naval base on Monday night. The Navy hasn't said why the truck driver was trying to get onto the ship, but officials have ruled out any link to terrorism. They also said there's nothing to indicate he had a previous relationship with the ship or anyone on it.

He parked his tractor-trailer cab near Pier 1, was able to walk onto the pier and began heading up a ramp toward the USS Mahan when he was confronted by Navy security, said Mario Palomino, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service special agent in charge of the Norfolk field office.

The man then got into an altercation with

a female petty officer and disarmed her, Navy officials said. Palomino said Mayo stepped over the disarmed officer and fired his weapon at the assailant. He was serving on watch for the installation that night and came to help once he saw the civilian board the ship.

Multiple pistol rounds were fired between the gunman and Navy security forces responding to the scene, Palomino said. The Navy has said previously that the truck driver fired the shot that killed Mayo.

The base's commanding officer, Capt. Robert Clark, said Mayo's actions to protect the disarmed officer were extraordinary. "He basically gave his life for hers," said Clark said during a news conference.

Mayo, a 24-year-old from Hagerstown, Md., joined the Navy in 2007 and had previously been stationed in Bahrain and Rota, Spain before coming to the Norfolk base in 2011.

On Wednesday, the Navy appointed Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harley to lead an investigation into the circumstances

surrounding the shooting. Harley's role will be different from that of criminal investigators, and will include a review of base procedures, according to the Navy.

To get onto the base, civilians must be escorted or have identification that allows them to be there. Clark said the gunman was found with a TWIC card, a transportation worker's credential issued by the Transportation Security Administration to personnel such as truck drivers who require unescorted access to secure areas.

He said investigators were looking into why the truck driver was allowed onto the base when he didn't have a reason to be there that night. The base is reviewing its security procedures.

"If I find the procedures were not adhered to, I will take immediate and appropriate corrective action. The security of this installation is my highest priority," Clark said.

In addition to the base's entry gates, all 13 piers also have their own security.

## Michigan won't recognize gay marriages

DAVID EGGERT  
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan won't recognize more than 300 same-sex marriages performed last weekend before a court halted a decision that opened the door to gay nuptials, Gov. Rick Snyder said Wednesday.

The announcement came a day after an appeals court indefinitely stopped any additional same-sex marriages. It will likely take months for the court to make its own judgment about whether a Michigan constitutional amendment that says marriage only is between a man and a woman violates the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman struck down the gay marriage ban Friday.

Four counties took the extraordinary step of granting licenses Saturday before the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered a temporary halt. The stay was extended indefinitely on Tuesday.

Snyder acknowledged same-sex couples "had a legal marriage." But because of the court's stay, he added, the gay marriage ban has been restored.

The governor's move closes the door, at least for now, to certain benefits reserved solely for married couples. The American Civil Liberties Union said more than 1,000 Michigan laws are tied to marriage.

"We did our own homework and I believe this is a reasonable legal position to take based on the available literature and law," Snyder told reporters.

Other elected of-



JAKE MAY / AP

Supporters hold up a banner during a pro-gay marriage rally on Wednesday outside of the Genesee County Courthouse in Flint, Mich.

icials have urged the Obama administration to recognize the marriages for federal benefits. The U.S. Justice Department, which previously said it was monitoring the situation, did not immediately comment after Snyder's announcement.

Dana Nessel, an attorney for two Detroit-area nurses who successfully challenged the gay marriage ban, said Snyder's position is "really an outrage."

"I think each one of those couples should be furious right now, and I'm very hopeful that those couples will petition the court on their own behalf," Nessel said.

Art Ledin-Bristol of Grand Rapids said

Snyder's stance was "heart-wrenching." He said his employer is recognizing his weekend marriage and extending spousal benefits to Corey Ledin-Bristol.

"There are so many small, everyday things that come with marriage that people take for granted. Corey can't make medical decisions for our kids. He can't access school records," Art Ledin-Bristol said.

Snyder, a Republican who keeps mostly silent on social issues, had said very little since Friedman made his historic decision last week. Snyder said in a 2010 debate that he supported marriage as "between a man and a woman."

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# Grim reality: Some slide victims may not be found

BRIAN SKOLOFF and LISA BAUMANN  
Associated Press

DARRINGTON, Wash. — Becky Bach watches and waits, hoping that search crews find her brother and three other relatives who are missing in Washington state's deadly mudslide.

Doug Massingale waits too, for word about his 4-month-old granddaughter. Searchers were able to identify carpet from the infant's bedroom, but a log jam stood in the way of a more thorough effort to find little Sanoah Huestis, known as "Snowy."

With little hope to cling to, family members of the missing are beginning to confront a grim reality: Their loved ones might never be found, remaining entombed forever inside a mountain of mud that is believed to have claimed more than 20 lives.

"It just generates so many questions if they don't find them," Bach said. "I've never known anybody to die in a natural disaster. Do they issue death certificates?"

Search crews using dogs, bulldozers



A flag, put up by volunteers helping search the area, stands in the ruins of a home left at the end of a deadly mudslide from the now-barren hillside seen about a mile behind, Tuesday in Oso, Wash.

ELAINE THOMPSON / AP

and their bare hands kept slogging through the mess of broken wood and mud again Wednesday, looking for more bodies or anyone who might still be alive nearly five days after a wall of fast-moving earth destroyed a small rural community. But authorities have acknowledged they might have to leave some victims buried.

Wednesday afternoon Washington State Patrol spokesman Bob

Calkins said additional remains were found, but authorities would wait to release more specific information Wednesday evening.

Previously, authorities said they believed they had found 24 bodies from the slide that swept through a rural area north of Seattle on Saturday, though not all had been removed from the area.

Dozens of people remain unaccounted for, although that number

is expected to go down.

Trying to recover every corpse would be impractical and dangerous.

The debris field is about a square mile and 30 to 40 feet deep in places, with a moon-like surface that includes quicksand-like muck, rain-slickened mud and ice. The terrain is difficult to navigate on foot and makes it treacherous or impossible to bring in heavy equipment.

To make matters worse, the pile is laced with other hazards that include fallen trees, propane and septic tanks, twisted vehicles and countless shards of shattered homes.

"We have to get on with our lives at some point," said Bach, who has spent the past several days in the area in hopes that searchers would find her brother, his wife, her 20-year-old great niece and the young girl's fiance.

The knowledge that some victims could be abandoned to the earth is difficult to accept.

"Realistically ... I honestly don't think they're going to find them alive," Bach said, crying. "But as a family, we're trying to figure out what to do if they find no bodies."

Bach spoke via phone about a wedding the family had planned for summer at the rural home that was destroyed. And how, she wondered, do you plan a funeral without a body? "We'll probably just have a memorial, and if they find the bodies eventually, then we'll deal with that then."

A death certificate, issued by the state, is legal proof that someone has died. Families often need them to settle their affairs. The authority to issue them starts with a county medical examiner or coroner, said Donn Moyer, spokesman for the Washington State Department of Health. If and when it appears there is no chance of finding someone, people can ask the county to start that process.

In previous mudslides, many victims were left where they perished. Mudslides killed thousands in Venezuela in 1999, and about 1,500 bodies were found. But the death toll was estimated at 5,000 to 30,000, so the government declared entire neighborhoods "memorial grounds."

Two Washington National Guard Blackhawk helicopters arrived at the site Wednesday to relieve sheriff's helicopter crews that had been working since Saturday.

The Blackhawks' sole mission is body removal, said Bill Quistorf, chief pilot for the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

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# North Korea fires two missiles as its rivals meet

FOSTER KLUG and JUNG-YOON CHOI  
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea test-fired two medium-range ballistic missiles on Wednesday, South Korea and the U.S. said, a defiant challenge to a rare three-way summit of its rivals Seoul, Tokyo and Washington that focused on the North's security threat.

The launch of the Rodong missiles — for the first time since 2009 — violates U.N. Security Council resolutions and marks a big escalation from a series of shorter-range rocket launches the North has staged in recent weeks to protest ongoing annual military drills by the U.S. and South Korea that Pyongyang claims are invasion preparation.

The missiles flew about 650 kilometers (400 miles) off North Korea's east coast early Wednesday morning, South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok said. It wasn't immediately clear where the missiles splashed down. Kim said the missiles were likely fired from a mobile launcher.

The North's arsenal of an estimated 300 Rodong missiles could in

theory be fitted with nuclear warheads — once Pyongyang masters the ability to miniaturize atomic bombs — and, with a range of up to 1,300 kilometers (800 miles), could reach Tokyo and key U.S. military bases in Japan.

The U.S. State Department later confirmed the launch of Rodong missiles and said North Korea apparently didn't issue any maritime warning.

The launch comes on the fourth anniversary of the sinking of a South Korean warship that Seoul and other nations blame on a North Korean torpedo. Pyongyang denies involvement in the attack, which killed 46 sailors.

It also poses a big challenge to what had been recently improving relations between Pyongyang and Seoul. A year after threatening each other with war, the bitter rivals had restored some trust and held reunions of families divided by the Korean War of the early 1950s. The Korean Peninsula remains officially at war because that war ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

North Korean state media made no immediate comment on the launch.

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It's a remarkable substance derived from an amazing pumpkin shaped fruit grown in southeast Asia... But not just any variety of Garcinia will do. It has to be grown only in specific regions and cultivated under just the right conditions. The very best of the crop is "Garcinia Cambogia 2000".

Garcinia Cambogia wipes away fat so completely, that it has caught the attention of scientists and weight loss experts all over the globe. It works like nothing else seen before. Simply take as directed and eat reasonably. You can almost see your excess fat melt off your body. It's just that effective!

Experts predict, the data is so compelling...

"Weight-loss centers could be forced to shut down. Diet doctors could be out of business within 5-years."

"There just won't be a need for them anymore," he added.

## Gastric Bypass in a Bottle

The real power of Garcinia Cambogia lies deep inside the fruit. It contains an ingredient called HCA (Hydroxycitric Acid) that melts fat away in the same way stomach stapling does.

Johan Stiffling, a leading scientist in Utrecht Holland says: "With Garcinia it doesn't take much to fill you up. You're just not hungry anymore. The compound absolutely kills uncontrollable urges to binge on food in just minutes after taking it. After just a few bites, you'll feel stuffed to the gills. You'll swear your stomach has shrunk."

The secret is its ability to inhibit Citrate Lyase Enzyme (the stuff that turns carbs into fat). HCA builds an "impenetrable wall" so fat can't get absorbed by your body... so you simply can't gain weight. Then, the HCA breaks up the fat you already have and forces it out of your body.

Think about it. A pill that stops fat from being made, as it obliterates the fat you already have.



As new pill gains popularity, scenes like this will become rare and unusual.

Incredibly, the pounds and inches just roll off you.

## Not Just for the Wealthy

Until recently, only the rich, famous and powerful have been able to try Garcinia Cambogia. But now, for the first time ever, the manufacturer has made this revolutionary perfected Garcinia Cambogia and made it available to the general public. They Call it Garcinia Cambogia 2000. And since the country's obesity rate is at an all-time-high; it couldn't have come at a better time.

jump-starts your serotonin levels like a natural Xanax. So you don't give in to the temptation of "comfort food" to calm down.

You'll feel great, you'll sleep great, and look great. And even be able squeeze into your favorite pair of skinny jeans again!

## Healthier Heart

And here's fantastic news for your heart. The HCA concentration in Garcinia Cambogia 2000 is proven to lower LDL 'bad cholesterol' by a whopping 31%. So you can enjoy the benefits of a healthy heart, great blood pressure numbers, and normal blood sugar too. That's great news for people have been overweight for years and put unnecessary stress on their heart.

## Clinical Studies Don't Lie!

In a recent study published in the *American Journal of Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism*, scientists discovered that Garcinia Cambogia causes significant weight loss, lowers food intake and body weight gain, as well as tackling factors such as cholesterol, low-density lipoproteins, triglycerides, and serum leptin levels.

## 100% Safe

What's more, Garcinia Cambogia contains no fillers, no binders, and it's produced in state-of-the-art FDA registered lab facilities. It's 100% safe, natural and won't interfere with your regular medications. So you can lose weight with confidence.

## Ecstatic Users

Sandy M. of Orlando, FL said, "I lost 4 pounds a week. And my 'bad cholesterol' dropped almost 30%!"

Robin B. of Minneapolis, MN adds, "I was skeptical. But when I saw a Famous TV Doctor that recommend it, I tried Garcinia Cambogia. I was shocked! I lost 20 lbs. in the first month!"

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## LAKE PANASOFFKEE

# NewCastle Title Services expands in Sumter

### Staff Report

NewCastle Title Services has expanded into Sumter County with a new real estate closing office in Lake Panasoffkee.

The new location is the fifth NewCastle office to open since the title agency launched its Central Florida expansion on Jan. 1. The office will be the first to open outside the company's core Metro Orlando market.

The Winter Park-based company earlier this year opened offices in southwest

Orlando and Lake Mary to complement its existing operations in Winter Park and Kissimmee.

The Lake Panasoffkee office is at 2031 N. County Road 470 and initially will provide real estate closing services for the Sumter and north Lake County markets, including The Villages, with plans to eventually tap into nearby Citrus County, NewCastle President and CEO Daniel A. Wallace said in a press release.

"We feel this is an outstanding market that pres-

ents a great opportunity to expand the NewCastle brand and the services we offer," he said.

NewCastle Title handles residential and commercial real estate closings primarily for the customers of Realtors, builders, lenders and attorneys, with Chicago Title Insurance and Westcor Title underwriting the transactions.

Wallace says the key to the Lake Panasoffkee office opening was finding the right person to oversee the operations and he

named Susie Scott as Sumter County Market Manager. Scott will be responsible for coordinating and handling real estate closings and new business development in the two-county market.

Before joining NewCastle, Scott spent the past 22 years as a real estate paralegal for recently retired Lake Panasoffkee attorney Randall N. Thornton, coordinating real estate and mortgage closings from start to finish, including industrial, commercial and residential transactions, Wallace said.

Her responsibilities included reviewing title search reports, preparation of title commitments and closing documents, working with real estate agents, sellers and buyers, as well as working with lenders to obtain HUD approval and coordinating the closings with all parties.

NewCastle wants to have at least six real estate closing offices operating in Central Florida by the end of this year and a minimum of 33 locations throughout the state by the year 2018, the press release stated.

# Sober smartphone app aids boozers' recovery, study says

LINDSEY TANNER  
Associated Press

CHICAGO—A smartphone app for recovering alcoholics that includes a panic button and sounds an alert when they get too close to taverns helped keep some on the wagon, researchers who developed the tool found.

The sober app studied joins a host of others that serve as electronic shoulder angels, featuring a variety of options for trying to prevent al-

coholics and drug addicts from relapsing.

Adults released from in-patient alcoholism treatment centers who got free sober smartphones reported fewer drinking days and more overall abstinence than those who got the usual follow-up support.

The results were based on patients' self-reporting on whether they resumed drinking, a potential limitation. Still, addiction experts say the immediacy of

smartphone-based help could make them a useful tool in fighting relapse.

Mark Wiitala, 32, took part in the study and says the app helped save his life. He said the most helpful feature allowed him to connect to a network of peers who'd gone through the same recovery program. The app made them immediately accessible for an encouraging text or phone call when he needed an

emotional boost.

"It's an absolutely amazing tool," said Wiitala, of Middlesex County, Mass.

The study was published online Wednesday in JAMA Psychiatry.

It involved 271 adults followed for a year after in-patient treatment for alcoholism at one of several U.S. centers in the Midwest and Northeast. They were randomly assigned to get a sober smartphone app for eight months

plus usual follow-up treatment — typically referral to a self-help group — or usual follow-up alone.

The app includes a feature asking periodic questions by text or voicemail about how patients are doing. If enough answers seem worrisome, the system automatically notifies a counselor who can then offer help.

The panic button can be programmed to notify peers who are near-

est to the patient when the button is pushed. It also offers links to relaxation techniques to calm the patient while waiting for help.

"We've been told that makes a big difference," said David Gustafson, the lead author and director of the Center for Health Enhancement Systems Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Gustafson said it is being commercially developed and is not yet available.

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Today

Spotlight on Novartis

A Food and Drug Administration panel meets today to discuss whether to approve a new heart failure treatment. Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis has applied for a license to use the drug, dubbed serelaxin, which is intended to treat symptoms of acute heart failure.



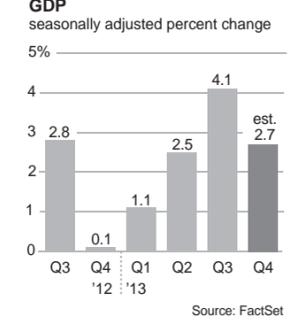
Renewed rivalry?

GameStop may soon have to grapple with a new player in the used video game market. Wal-Mart recently announced plans to expand its trade-in video game program to its stores. Is GameStop ready? Investors tuning in today for GameStop's fourth-quarter financial results will be listening for what the company has to say about how Wal-Mart's move could affect GameStop's business.



Economic monitor

Economists expect the government's latest estimate of growth in the last three months of 2013 to be a little higher than its previous one. The government's most recent tally of the nation's output of goods and services was revised to 2.4 percent from a previous estimate of 3.2 percent, reflecting the impact of severe winter weather. The final estimate, due out today, is projected to be slightly higher.



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**VOICE**

## Another ill-advised legal challenge to Obamacare

Opponents of the Affordable Care Act have mounted the most far-reaching legal challenge to the law since the (unsuccessful) attempt to have its insurance mandate declared unconstitutional. At issue is whether the subsidies the law provides to help lower-income adults buy policies will be available in the 34 states with federally launched insurance exchanges, rather than just the state-operated ones. The Internal Revenue Service ruled that any American who meets the income limits can qualify for a subsidy; the plaintiffs say subsidies should be available only in the 16 states that set up their own exchanges. The latter interpretation, frankly, is ridiculous.

The law requires every state to have an insurance-buying exchange for individuals and small businesses, but it gave state officials a choice: They could set up the exchange themselves, or they could leave that work to the federal government. The law also requires virtually all adult Americans to obtain coverage, starting this year, but provides subsidies on a sliding scale to lower-income earners who buy policies through a state exchange. Those who could afford a policy but don't buy one are subject to financial penalties, as will be many businesses if they don't provide affordable insurance to their full-time workers after this year.

On Tuesday, a federal appeals panel in Washington will hear *Halbig v. Sebelius*, a challenge to the IRS' ruling brought by four individuals and two businesses from states with federally run exchanges. The IRS' ruling hurts them, the individuals argue, because the subsidies enable them to afford insurance, thus making them subject to penalties if they refuse to sign up. Just pause for a moment and ponder the irony of that complaint. The businesses, meanwhile, argue that the ruling subjects them to penalties if they don't offer coverage to their workers.

The plaintiffs seized on a provision in the law that says subsidies should be calculated based on the cost of insurance purchased at "an exchange established by the state," asserting that this limits subsidies to those 16 states running their own exchanges. But as a lower court ruled in January, they ignore substantial evidence in the law that Congress intended all state exchanges to be treated the same way, regardless of how they came into being.

Critics of the president assert that the IRS' ruling is just one example of how the administration has abused its rule-making authority to unilaterally rewrite laws and defy the will of Congress. This case, however, is more an example of how the Affordable Care Act's opponents will go to absurd lengths to undermine a law they cannot abide.

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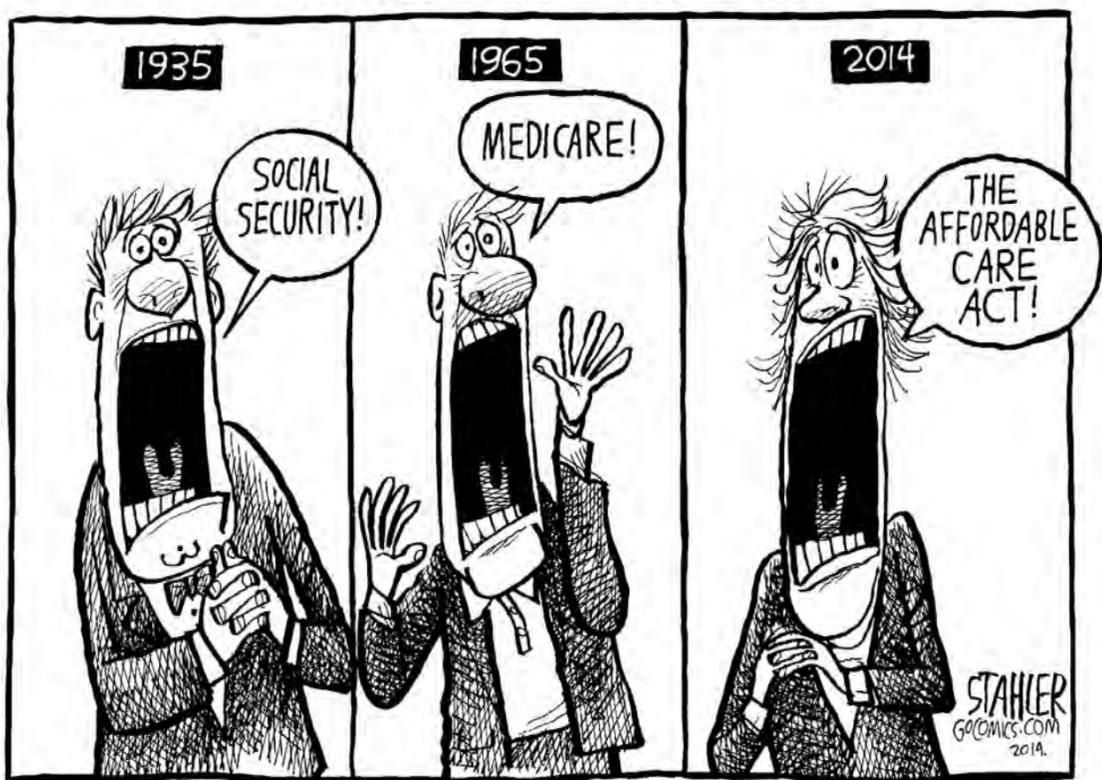
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## LEAPS OF FAITH...



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## If the West could talk with Russia...



*Martin Schram*

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

*This is a moment when the G-7 leaders may be able to actually harness the power of public opinion in Russia — and energize it into a force of logic that even a strongman like Vladimir Putin may understand.*

*"In an unprecedented synchronized diplomatic effort, President Obama and the other leaders of the G-7 industrialized nations reached out to the Russian people, delivering simultaneous identical speeches urging Russia to return to the 'path of prosperity' President Vladimir Putin had originally charted to showcase Russia as 'productive and trustworthy partners in the global economy.'*

*"At noon, Greenwich Meridian Time, each G-7 leader posted on the Internet (via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Vimeo and other social media sites) videos of themselves delivering identical speeches to the Russian people, spoken in their own languages and translated into Russian subtitles.*

*"The G-7 leaders talked with rare candor to the Russian people, praising policies and progress of Russia's leaders yet also warning that Russia's military response to the crisis in Ukraine risks undoing Putin's best economic plans.*

*"President Obama and the other G-7 leaders told the people of Russia:*

*"Your proud nation has arrived at a crucial economic crossroads. Fortunately, the decision can be up to you — and your ability to convince your leaders of*

*your wishes for Russia to return to its progressive path toward proving itself a trusted and valued member of the global economy.*

*"Your leaders had wisely charted a course that was to culminate with two grand global events in Sochi. The first was your successful 2014 Winter Olympics. The second was supposed to have been Russia's hosting in Sochi of our conference of G-8 nations. It would have showcased Russia's emergence as a powerful, trusted partner in the global economy.*

*"But unfortunately, Russia undid all that with a military response to the upheaval in Ukraine. Now you and your leaders must choose your future path. Will Russia travel a road to unprecedented prosperity for you, your children and your grandchildren? Or will Russia stay on its new path of military threats against neighbors, a road that can only lead to economic isolation and missed opportunities for Russia's citizens?"*

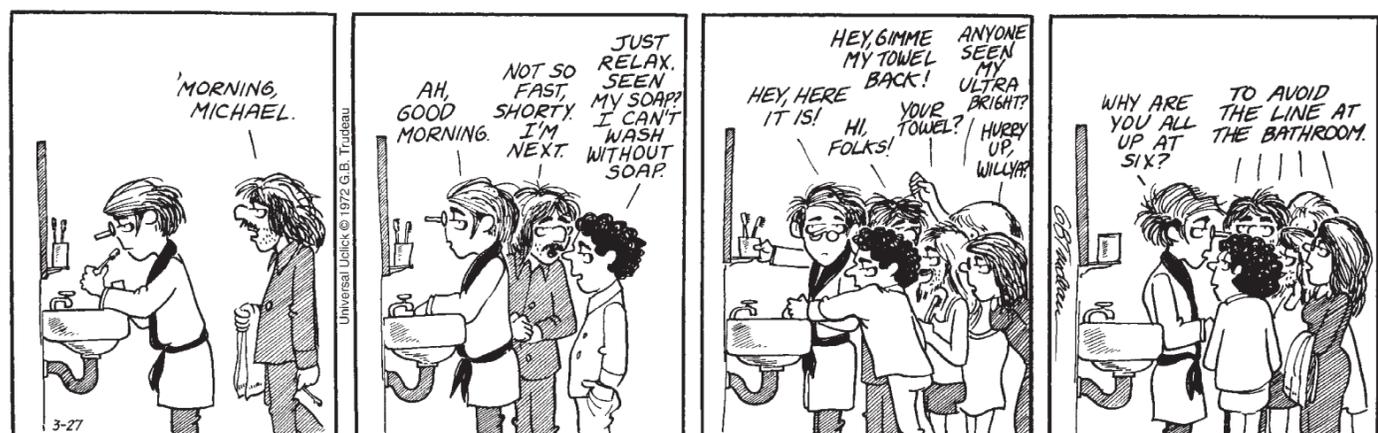
*"Frankly, I have seen how the people's voice has shaped policies in my country. We hope Russia's people will choose the path of prosperity through responsible partnership in the global economy. And we hope Russia's leaders will hear and heed the voice of their people."*

In 2002, the last Soviet president, Mikhail Gorbachev, talked with me about the importance of keeping weapons of mass destruction out of terrorists' hands. Gorbachev said ordinary people understand this — and urged the world's people to lead their leaders to do the right thing.

Twelve years later, another Russian president stands a historic crossroads. Once again, we must hope the people will lead their leader to make the right choice.

Martin Schram, an op-ed columnist for McClatchy-Tribune, is a veteran Washington journalist, author and TV documentary executive. Readers may email him at martin.schram@gmail.com.

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<b>HIGH</b> 73°	<b>LOW</b> 61°	<b>HIGH</b> 78°	<b>LOW</b> 65°	<b>HIGH</b> 83°	<b>LOW</b> 66°	<b>HIGH</b> 82°	<b>LOW</b> 58°	<b>HIGH</b> 78°	<b>LOW</b> 59°



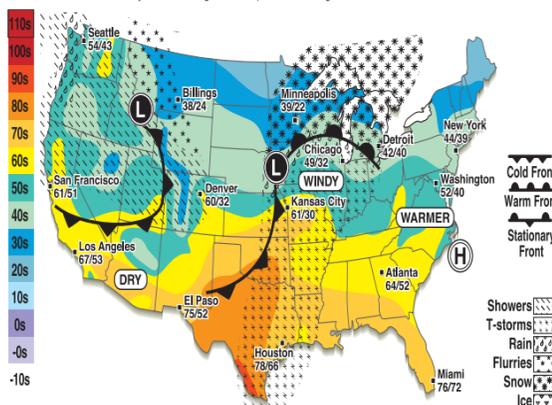
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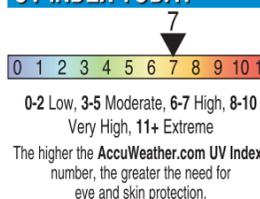
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Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are today's highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)  
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Fri. 10:24 a.m.	4:11 a.m.	10:51 p.m.	4:38 p.m.

**THE SUN AND MOON**

	Today	Friday	New	First	Full	Last
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.	7:22 a.m.				
Sunset	7:43 p.m.	7:43 p.m.	Mar 30	Apr 7	Apr 15	Apr 22
Moonrise	4:58 a.m.	5:42 a.m.				
Moonsset	4:43 p.m.	5:48 p.m.				

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City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W
Albany	42 30 pc	52 34 sh	Cheyenne	48 32 c	51 28 pc	Great Falls	37 17 sn	47 35 c	Norfolk, VA	52 44 s	70 56 sh
Albuquerque	63 40 s	61 40 pc	Chicago	49 32 r	44 28 pc	Greensboro, NC	58 46 pc	68 54 sh	Oklahoma City	81 42 pc	69 39 pc
Anchorage	38 22 s	38 22 s	Cincinnati	57 48 sh	62 41 sh	Hartford	44 33 pc	53 38 sh	Omaha	49 23 r	48 26 pc
Asheville	55 43 pc	60 47 t	Cleveland	49 42 sh	49 32 sh	Honolulu	84 70 s	85 71 pc	Philadelphia	48 36 pc	60 43 sh
Atlanta	64 52 pc	68 56 t	Columbia, SC	67 50 pc	75 55 sh	Houston	78 66 t	84 60 pc	Phoenix	74 58 s	79 60 s
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Baltimore	50 38 pc	61 48 sh	Dallas	85 51 t	83 49 t	Jackson, MS	70 59 c	79 61 c	Portland, ME	36 29 pc	47 36 sh
Billings	38 24 c	53 39 sh	Dayton	51 47 sh	57 36 sh	Kansas City	61 30 t	50 31 sh	Portland, OR	56 45 r	58 46 r
Birmingham	67 58 pc	73 57 r	Denver	60 32 pc	61 29 pc	Las Vegas	69 55 s	75 57 s	Providence	42 33 pc	53 41 sh
Bismarck	36 17 c	43 18 pc	Des Moines	52 24 t	46 28 pc	Little Rock	69 58 t	72 49 t	Raleigh	60 45 pc	71 50 sh
Boise	53 38 sh	59 46 sh	Detroit	42 40 i	49 28 sh	Louisville	58 52 sh	66 46 sh	Reno	54 39 sh	62 45 pc
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Buffalo	45 37 c	48 30 sh	El Paso	75 52 s	70 47 s	Milwaukee	47 31 r	40 25 pc	Sacramento	65 49 pc	67 54 pc
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Charleston, SC	64 54 pc	75 59 sh	Fairbanks	28 0 s	32 -1 s	Nashville	61 57 pc	72 50 r	Salt Lake City	55 35 sh	61 40 pc
Charleston, WV	63 43 pc	65 46 r	Flagstaff	47 24 s	53 25 s	New Orleans	72 67 t	81 65 t	San Antonio	83 61 t	90 53 pc
Charlotte, NC	61 47 pc	69 54 sh	Grand Rapids	44 36 i	43 25 sh	New York City	44 39 pc	58 43 sh	San Diego	67 56 pc	66 58 pc

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**ADORABLE PENNBROOKE 2/2 HOME.** Most furniture can convey, Newer AC, utility shed, glassed in lanai, large master, long driveway, wonderful private back yard. Home located on quiet cul-de-sac. **G4704448 \$52,500 ASK FOR DALEMARIE LAMB-WITTER**

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LADY LAKE

# Lake County Classic tees off at Harbor Hills

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OK, so it might not have Tiger Woods in the field, but it's the same circuit where Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk and Zach Johnson cut their teeth as professionals.

The Lake County Classic, a new stop on the National Golf Association's professional tour, begins today with the first of four rounds scheduled for Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake.

A total of 111 players representing 11 countries, including two lo-

cal golfers — Eustis' Kyle Blackston and Stu Michaels from The Villages — will begin teeing off on the first and 10th tees at the 6,823-yard layout. Admission for all four days of the 72-hole event is free and onsite parking is available.

NGA officials have

### LAKE COUNTY CLASSIC

- Today-Sunday
- Harbor Hills Country Club, 6538 Lake Griffin Rd., Lady Lake
- 111 players have signed up to play for a purse of more than \$100,000.
- First tee times for today and Friday is 8 a.m., with players teeing off on the first and 10th tees
- Admission is free with on-site parking available

long boasted that the tour is designed to prepare players for the next level. While is the minor leagues of professional golf, it is one of the major steps that many of the sport's superstars must take en

route to the biggest stage, the PGA Tour.

Harbor Hills is expected to provide an appropriate challenge to the tournament, with a challenging layout consisting of elevation changes, small

greens and tight fairways.

"The main purpose of the NGA Tour is to prepare our players to move on to the Web.com and PGA Tours," said Robin L. Waters, NGA Tour president. "By adding another top-notch course like Harbor Hills Country Club, our players will have yet another opportunity to prepare themselves for the next level."

Weather conditions for today's opening round is expected to be nearly perfect, with

mostly clear skies and temperatures in the low to mid 70s. Play on Friday and Saturday could be hampered by intermittent rain showers.

Dominic Bozzelli has won the first two full-field events of the season and will begin his quest for a third-straight title at 12:42 today when he tees on the 10th tee. Bozzelli won the Spring Hill Classic in Tifton, Ga., the loop's first 72-hole event of the season, by one stroke, and backed that up with a

SEE GOLF | **B2**

# Eagles top Eustis in Florida League tournament

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SANFORD — Montverde Academy had only three hits on Wednesday against Eustis in the Florida League High School Invitational Showcase tournament.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, Montverde made the most of each hit and earned a 2-1 win at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

Montverde Academy scored single runs in the first and third innings and held off a final-frame rally by Eustis to secure the win. Bryan Scheker scored on a single by Gabriel Garcia in the first inning for the Eagles first score.

Scheker reached on a walk to open home half of the inning.

In third inning, Scheker was hit by a pitch to reach base for the second time without the benefit of a hit. He moved to second on a single and reached third when Garcia was hit by a pitch.

Scheker then scored the game winner on a fielder's choice by Nicholas Bottari.

Eustis starter Matthew Lusignan went five innings, giving up three hits and walking three, while striking out four. Both runs scored during his stint on the mound were earned.

Tanner Brooks pitched a scoreless inning in relief for Panthers.

Eustis had seven hits

against two Montverde Academy pitchers. Tyler DeClerq went six innings and got the win. He allowed five hits while striking out two.

Ryan Williams picked up the save with an inning in relief. He allowed one run on two hits en route to picking up the save.

Jack Kirkpatrick and Jeremy Migliori had two hits apiece for Eustis. Gaige Grondin scored the Panthers' lone run in the seventh inning on a double by Kirkpatrick.



MATT STAMEY / HALIFAX MEDIA GROUP

Florida forward Casey Prather (24) comes up with a steal against Pittsburgh during the second half of Saturday's NCAA tournament third round game in Orlando. Prather will lead top-ranked Florida into today's Sweet 16 game against UCLA in Memphis, Tenn.

# Tourney leads Prather back to home state for Sweet 16

**KEVIN BROCKWAY**  
Halifax Media Group

Jeffrey Reid made a careful choice when he purchased a new Honda Accord in 2009.

Reid knew if his stepson, Florida senior forward Casey Prather, decided to play college basketball out of state,

he would need something reliable for road trips to watch him play.

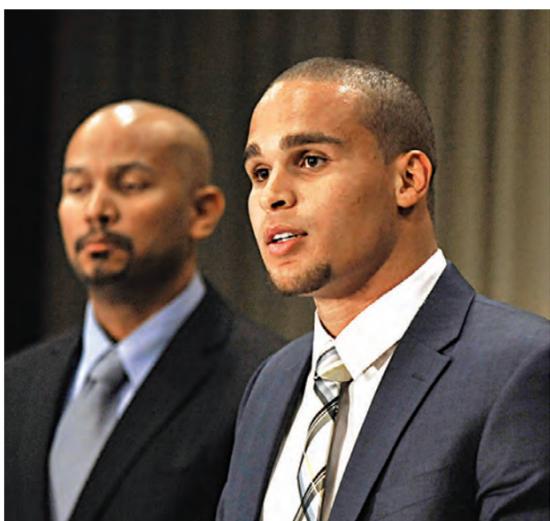
"We knew we were fixing to put a lot of miles on it," Reid said.

But after logging more than 32 hours in a four-door sedan on recent trips to Atlanta and Orlando, Reid and

the rest of the Prather family caught a break this week. That's because Prather, a Jackson, Tenn., native, will return to West Tennessee today when Florida faces UCLA in the Sweet 16. The game will be held at the FedEx Forum in Mem-

phis, Tenn., 90 miles from where the 6-foot-6 Prather grew up. Prather went to Memphis Grizzlies games growing up and even played some high school basketball tournament games at FedEx Forum.

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PAUL BEATY / AP

Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter speaks during a news conference in January in Chicago. In a landmark ruling on Wednesday a federal agency has given football players at Northwestern University the green light to unionize.

# College athletes can unionize, feds say

**MICHAEL TARM**  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — In a stunning ruling that could revolutionize college sports, a federal agency said Wednesday that football players at Northwestern University can create the nation's first union of college athletes.

The decision by a regional director of the National Labor Relations Board answered the question at the very heart of the debate of the unioniza-

tion bid: The football players who receive full scholarships to the Big Ten school, the agency found, do qualify as employees under federal law and therefore can legally unionize.

"Based on the entire record in this case, I find that the Employer's football players who receive scholarships fall squarely within (the) broad definition of 'employee,'" Peter Sung Ohr, the NLRB regional director, said in his 24-page decision.

An employee is regarded by law as someone who, among other things, receives compensation for a service and is under the strict, direct control of managers. In the case of the Northwestern players, coaches are the managers and scholarships are a form of compensation, Ohr concluded.

The Evanston, Ill.-based university argued that college athletes, as students, don't fit in the same category as factory workers,

truck drivers and other unionized workers. Immediately after the ruling, the school announced it plans to appeal to labor authorities in Washington, D.C.

Those advocating for letting the players unionize argued the university ultimately treats football as more important than academics for its scholarship players. Despite Northwestern's denials, Ohr sided with the

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# SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

### Spring Training

#### Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 9, Miami 2  
Pittsburgh 2, Minnesota 1  
Toronto 10, N.Y. Yankees 6  
Detroit 1, Philadelphia 0  
Baltimore (ss) 5, Boston 4  
St. Louis 3, Washington 2  
San Diego 9, Kansas City 5  
L.A. Angels 6, Oakland 2  
Texas 5, Seattle 3  
Chicago White Sox 9, Cincinnati 5  
Cleveland 10, Milwaukee 3  
San Francisco 8, Colorado 6  
Arizona 14, Chicago Cubs 4  
N.Y. Mets vs. Houston at Kissimmee, late  
Baltimore (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, late

#### Today's Games

Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, 12:10 p.m.  
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, 1:05 p.m.  
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.  
Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, 1:05 p.m.  
Arizona (ss) vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
Cleveland vs. Arizona (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.  
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.  
Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	39	31	.557	—
Brooklyn	37	32	.536	1½
New York	29	42	.408	10½
Boston	23	47	.329	16
Philadelphia	15	56	.211	24½

##### Southeast

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Miami	48	21	.696	—
Washington	36	34	.514	12½
Charlotte	34	37	.479	15
Atlanta	31	38	.449	17
Orlando	20	52	.278	29½

##### Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Indiana	51	20	.718	—
Chicago	40	31	.563	11
Cleveland	28	44	.389	23½
Detroit	26	44	.371	24½
Milwaukee	13	58	.183	38

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-San Antonio	54	16	.771	—
Houston	48	22	.686	6
Memphis	42	28	.600	12
Dallas	43	29	.597	12
New Orleans	30	40	.429	24

Northwest		W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	52	19	.732	—	
Portland	45	27	.625	7½	
Minnesota	34	35	.493	17	
Denver	32	39	.451	20	
Utah	23	48	.324	29	

Pacific		W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	50	21	.704	—	
Golden State	44	27	.620	6	
Phoenix	42	29	.592	8	
Sacramento	25	45	.357	24½	
L.A. Lakers	24	46	.343	25½	

#### Today's Games

Orlando 95, Portland 85  
Cleveland 102, Toronto 100  
Dallas 128, Oklahoma City 119, OT  
L.A. Lakers 127, New York 96

#### Wednesday's Games

Phoenix at Washington, late  
Brooklyn at Charlotte, late  
Toronto at Boston, late  
Cleveland at Detroit, late  
Atlanta at Minnesota, late  
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, late  
Miami at Indiana, late  
Denver at San Antonio, late  
New York at Sacramento, late  
Memphis at Utah, late

#### Today's Games

Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

#### College

##### NCAA Men's Tournament

##### EAST REGIONAL

##### Regional Semifinals

##### At Madison Square Garden

##### New York

##### Friday, March 28

UConn (28-8) vs. Iowa State (28-7), 7:27 p.m.  
Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia (30-6), 9:57 p.m.

##### Regional Championship

##### Sunday, March 30

##### SOUTH REGIONAL

##### Regional Semifinals

##### At FedExForum

##### Memphis, Tenn.

##### Today's Games

Dayton (25-10) vs. Stanford (23-12), 7:15 p.m.  
Florida (34-2) vs. UCLA (28-8), 9:45 p.m.

##### Regional Championship

##### Saturday, March 29

##### Semifinal winners

##### MIDWEST REGIONAL

##### Regional Semifinals

##### At Lucas Oil Stadium

##### Indianapolis

##### Friday, March 28

Michigan (27-8) vs. Tennessee (24-12), 7:15 p.m.  
Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5), 9:45 p.m.

## Regional Championship

### Sunday, March 30

#### Semifinal winners

#### WEST REGIONAL

#### Regional Semifinals

#### At The Honda Center

#### Anaheim, Calif.

#### Today's Games

Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (26-11), 7:47 p.m.  
San Diego State (31-4) vs. Arizona (32-4), 10:17 p.m.

#### Regional Championship

#### Saturday, March 29

#### Semifinal winners

#### FINAL FOUR

#### At AT&T Stadium

#### Arlington, Texas

#### National Semifinals

#### Saturday, April 5

East champion vs. South champion  
Midwest champion vs. West champion

#### National Championship

#### Monday, April 7

#### Semifinal winners

#### HOCKEY

#### NHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	72	49	17	6	104	230
Montreal	74	41	26	7	89	190
Tampa Bay	72	39	24	9	87	214
Detroit	72	33	25	14	80	191
Toronto	74	36	30	8	80	216
Ottawa	72	29	29	14	72	205
Florida	73	27	38	8	62	178
Buffalo	72	20	44	8	48	138

##### Metropolitan

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	72	46	21	5	97	224
N.Y. Rangers	73	40	29	4	84	194
Philadelphia	71	38	26	7	83	205
Columbus	72	37	29	6	80	204
Washington	73	34	27	12	80	212
New Jersey	72	31	28	13	75	175
Carolina	72	31	32	9	71	181
N.Y. Islanders	72	28	35	9	65	202

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	72	49	16	7	105	233
Chicago	73	42	16	15	99	244
Colorado	72	45	21	6	96	221
Minnesota	72	37	24	11	85	180
Dallas	72	34	27	11	79	203
Nashville	73	31	31	11	73	177
Winnipeg	73	32	32	9	73	202

##### Pacific

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-San Jose	74	47	18	9	103	227
x-Anaheim	71	46	18	7	99	228
Los Angeles	73	42	25	6	90	182
Phoenix	73	35	26	12	82	202
Vancouver	73	33	30	10	76	176
Calgary	72	30	35	7	67	183
Edmonton	73	25	39	9	59	180

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.  
xclinched playoff spot

#### Tuesday's Games

Los Angeles 5, Washington 4, SO  
Florida 3, Ottawa 2, SO  
Colorado 5, Nashville 4, SO  
St. Louis 5, Toronto 3  
Phoenix 3, Pittsburgh 2  
N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 4  
Montreal 2, Buffalo 0  
Columbus 4, Detroit 2  
Chicago 4, Dallas 2  
San Jose 5, Edmonton 2

#### Wednesday's Games

Vancouver at Minnesota, late  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, late  
Anaheim at Calgary, late

#### Today's Games

Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Winnipeg at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

#### Transactions

#### BASEBALL

##### American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned LHP Kelvin De La Cruz outright to Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Steve Johnson and OF Henry Urrutia to Norfolk (IL). Re-assigned OF Quintin Berry and INF Alexei Casilla to minor league camp.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed RHP Javy Guerra off waivers from the L.A. Dodgers.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Josh Tomlin to Columbus (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Selected the contract of SS Alex Gonzalez from Toledo (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Traded C Adam Moore to San Diego for a player to be named.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Waived RHP Joe Blanton for the purpose of granting him his unconditional release.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Released OF Jermaine Mitchell. Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Guerrier on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with OF Endy Chavez and C Humberto Quintero on minor league contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Released RHP Mark Lowe.

TEXAS RANGERS — Claimed RHP Seth Rosin off waivers from the L.A. Dodgers and INF Donnie Murphy off waivers from the Chicago Cubs. Placed RHP Tommy Hanson on irrevocable waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Placed OF Engel Beltré on the 60-day DL.

##### National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Released C George Kottaras.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Rob Whiten and INF/Olan Herrera to Nashville (PCL).

in addition to competing for a purse of more than \$100,000, also will earn exemptions into the Web.com Tour's Price Cutter Charity Championship, which is scheduled for Aug. 7-10 in Springfield, Mo.

The NGA Tour is the No. 3 Men's professional tour in the U.S. after the PGA and Web.com Tours, and has proven to be the top developmental tour by PGA and Web.com Tour Professionals.

The NGA Tour has helped hundreds of professionals acquire their cards PGA TOUR,

European, Web.com, and Champions Tour.

NGA Tour alumni include: Watson, the 2012 Masters champion; Furyk, the 2010 PGA Tour Player of the Year and 2003 U.S. Open champion; Johnson, the 2007 Masters champion; Keegan Bradley, 2011 PGA Championship winner; 2009 British Open Champion Stewart Cink; 2009 U.S. Open Champion Lucas Glover; 2003 PGA Champion Shaun Micheel; 2003 British Open Champion Ben Curtis; and two-time U.S. Open Champion Lee Janzen.

Founded in 1988, the NGA Tour predates the Web.com Tour as the longest running developmental tour in golf. In 2013, the NGA Tour was awarded five Web.com Tour event exemptions and two PGA Tour event exemptions — Reno-Tahoe Open and the Sanderson Farms Championship — the most of any tour in the history of developmental golf.

Harbor Hills Country Club is a par-72 championship layout designed by Lloyd Clifton. It has a rating of 72.5 and carried a 126 slope rating.

could get his hands on to play with, or throw with."

Prather moved on to YMCA and church league basketball. Reid admitted Prather was awkward at first because he was taller than other kids. But once Prather's coordination caught up to his height, coaches took notice.

Prather latched on with the Nashville (Tenn.) Celtics travel league program in high school and gained notice from schools throughout the country. In high school in Jackson, Prather had free use of the North Side High gym and even played wide receiver for a year with North Side's football team before devoting his full attention to basketball.

Ole Miss recruited Prather hard at first, but Florida soon followed with a strong push. During an in-home visit with Prather, Florida coach Billy Donovan told the Prather family about a recent trip to Africa in which he went on a safari and swam with sharks.

"Casey and I love shark shows," Reid said. "He told us that he went in that shark cage and actually, we've seen pictures of it. He showed some of that stuff, it was awesome and then the safari hunt when he was on that jeep. But it let me know that he was more than just about basket-

ball."

That convinced Prather to sign with UF, but his college career didn't get off to a sterling start. Turnover issues plagued Prather his first two seasons and injury issues (concussions and sprained ankle) relegated him to a bench role as a junior.

But in his senior year, Prather has made the most of his opportunity as UF's starting small forward, scoring close to twice the amount of points (478) as he did in his first three seasons (276). By making a commitment to drive to the basket instead of settling for jumpers, Prather made first team All-SEC and still leads the conference in field goal percentage (60.7)

"I was so happy to see him reap the rewards of all that hard work because he stuck it," Reid said. "We believed in him, he believed in himself and he never stopped."

Away from the court, though, Prather is uncomfortable talking about his own accomplishments.

"He'd rather put the spotlight on someone else," Reid said. "He's always been very humble. Even back when he was here, he wasn't vocal. He always made it a team effort. He's a caring kid. He cares a lot. ... When he says he's your friend, he's devoted to you."

Deep down, though, Reid said Prather is

thrilled for the chance to shine close to home. Prather still has it in the back of his head that Memphis standout guard Joe Jackson barely beat him out for Tennessee Mr. Basketball in high school. When Florida and Memphis met head-to-head in New York City last December, Prather finished with 22 points to Jackson's 17 points.

"Every time he goes to Memphis, he wants to prove he's the man," Reid said.

But Donovan would just take the kind of defensive effort that Prather displayed during UF's 61-45 win over Pittsburgh (eight points, six rebounds, three steals). When Donovan recruited Prather, he envisioned an athletic player capable of guarding the perimeter similar to another former UF standout from Tennessee — Corey Brewer. While Prather hasn't emerged as that kind of lock-down defender, he showed that he could impact the outcome of the Pittsburgh game without scoring in double figures.

"He has great ability and great talent in my opinion defensively," Donovan said. "He's long, he's athletic, he's got good foot speed. But again, I think for him it's that scenario of focus and concentration that he needs to continue to have at that end of the floor."

# TV2DAY

## AUTO RACING

### 2 a.m.

NBCSN — Formula One, practice for Malaysia Grand Prix, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

### 7:30 p.m.

ESPN — Missouri at Auburn

## GOLF

### 3 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Texas Open, first round, at San Antonio

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Rays believe they are good enough to win it all

FRED GOODALL  
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The Tampa Bay Rays feel they have everything it takes to win the World Series and aren't afraid to say it.

The budget-minded franchise that's played into October four out of the past six seasons boosted payroll instead of cutting back this winter in hopes of making another strong run for the playoffs.

"The goal is to be the team that plays the last game of the year and win," third baseman Evan Longoria said.

"I felt like we were really close to breaking through last year," the three-time AL All-Star added. "And with the team that we have this year, I'm really excited to go out and try to prove to ourselves that we are good enough to do that."

The Rays won 92 games a year ago, including a Game 163 tie-breaker to claim a wild-card spot, and have compiled the second-best record in baseball over the past six seasons.

That's not enough for manager Joe Maddon and a hungry collection of players who reported to spring training feeling as if there's unfinished business to tend to after losing to eventual World Series champion Boston in the AL division round.



GERALD HERBERT / AP

Tampa Bay second baseman Ben Zobrist, center, celebrates with pitching coach Jim Hickey, left, and Desmond Jennings (8) after scoring on a two-run double by James Loney against Minnesota on March 18 in Fort Myers.

"I love that our guys feel and think that way. I think it's great," Maddon said.

"You'll hear that rhetoric in a lot of clubhouses, whether it's baseball, football or basketball, but you've got to back it up. You have to really believe it. Not just say it," he said. "Some groups say it because they're supposed to say it. Some groups say it because they believe it. Our guys believe it."

That confidence was bolstered by the Rays' ability to keep most of the key components from last year's roster together, including lefty David Price, who

anchors one of baseball's deepest pitching rotations.

Price and just about everybody else expected the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner to be traded, however the Rays wound up giving him a \$14 million one-year deal, in addition to re-signing first baseman James Loney and landing free agent closer Grant Balfour in moves that represent a big chunk of a club-record payroll of around \$80 million.

Andrew Friedman, the team's vice president of baseball operations, also traded for catcher Ryan Hanigan and infielder Logan

Forsythe to give Maddon additional flexibility filling out a batting order around Longoria and 2013 AL rookie of the year Wil Myers.

"Talent can't win every game for you, but it's a good start," said Loney, who signed a three-year, \$21 million deal — largest since Tampa Bay has given to a free agent since Stuart Sternberg became principal owner.

"If we can stay healthy, if we can do the things we're capable of doing," second baseman Ben Zobrist add, "we certainly have as good or better chance than any other team in the league to

win it all."

Five things to know about the Rays as they pursue another playoff berth:

**PITCHING DRIVES THE BUGGY**

Lefty Matt Moore won 17 games a year ago, and he's only Tampa Bay's third-best pitcher behind Price and right-hander Alex Cobb, who may have been the team's most consistent starter in 2013, when he was 11-3 with a 2.76 ERA. Young arm Chris Archer is the No. 4 starter, and rookie Jake Odorizzi will begin the season in the fifth starter's spot, filling in for the injured Jeremy Hellickson.

**HEALTHY LONGO**

A healthy Longoria makes a difference. This time a year ago, he was coming off off-season surgery on his left hamstring and the Rays were cautiously optimistic the procedure would help him stay in the lineup for an entire season. Mission accomplished. Although he was slowed a bit by plantar fasciitis in his right foot, the slugger had 32 homers and 88 RBIs in a career-high 160 games.

**SHUT 'EM DOWN**

Balfour and Heath Bell have joined the bullpen. Balfour converted 62 of 67 save opportunities with Oakland over the last two seasons. On nights when he's not avail-

able, Bell could be used in the closer's role.

**AVOIDING THE SOPHOMORE JINX**

Myers hit .293 with 23 doubles, 13 homers and 53 RBIs in 88 games a year ago, and the Rays figure to benefit from having him batting behind Longoria for an entire season. Maddon has challenged the 23-year-old to become a better defensive player, and Longoria believes the budding young star has the attitude and work ethic necessary to enjoy continued success.

"I think Wil proved last year that he was the rookie of the year. He was very deserving of that," Longoria said. "As I learned over the course of the years, you only get better if you dedicate yourself. He's definitely talented enough. And I know he's dedicated to getting better. I'm excited to see what he's going to do this year."

**EAT LAST**

It's the Rays' mantra for 2014. Inspired by the book "Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't" that Longoria read during the winter. When he told Maddon about the book, the manager incorporated the theme into his camp-opening address, using it to stress that the ultimate goal is to play the last game of the season — and win.

# MLB hopes for new drug deal with union this week

RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Baseball players and management hope to reach a new drug agreement this week that would increase initial penalties for muscle-building steroids and allow a decrease of suspensions for some positive tests caused by unintentional use, people familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

For future suspensions, the deal also would eliminate the loophole allowing Alex Rodriguez to earn almost \$3 million during his season-long ban, the people said. They spoke on condition of anonymity in recent days

because talks are ongoing.

The sides hope to reach an agreement by Sunday, when the Los Angeles Dodgers open the U.S. portion of the major league schedule at the San Diego Padres.

While the lengths have not been finalized, a person involved with the talks said Wednesday the most likely penalties would be about 80 games for an initial testing violation and a season-long ban for a second.

"It will be a significant deterrent because players will know they're not going to just easily walk back into a lineup," Travis Tygart, chief executive officer of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency,

said in a telephone interview. "It probably is the best policy in professional sports."

For use of a limited group of substances, the sides were discussing giving the arbitration panel that hears appeals grievances the authority to reduce suspensions by as much as 50 percent if the player proves the positive test was caused by unintentional use, the person said.

"What we're all here for it torrid sports of the intentional cheats, those who are intending to defraud both the fans and their fellow teammates, the integrity of competition," Tygart said. "You want to have provisions in place that allow for whether there's

an inadvertent or a truly non-intentional situation which may arise."

Since the 2006 season, the Major League Baseball's drug agreement has called for a 50-game suspension for a first positive steroids test, a 100-game ban for a second and a lifetime penalty for a third. Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig called for tougher penalties last March, and then-union head Michael Weiner said players would consider them for 2014.

Weiner died in November and was succeeded by former All-Star Tony Clark, who has led the negotiations.

Major League Baseball's investigation of the Biogenesis of Amer-

ica anti-aging clinic led to 14 suspensions last summer, including a 65-game penalty for former NL MVP Ryan Braun of Milwaukee and a 211-game ban for Rodriguez, which was reduced to 162 games in January by an arbitrator.

The section covering violations not related to positive tests, which was used by Selig in the Biogenesis case, will be clarified but still will allow discipline for "just cause."

Many players have advocated stiffer penalties as a deterrent. Arizona pitcher Brad Ziegler spoke out after Jhonny Peralta, who served

a 50-game suspension, agreed in November to a \$53 million, four-year contract with St. Louis.

"We thought 50 games would be a deterrent. Obviously it's not. So we are working on it again," he tweeted then. "It pays to cheat... Thanks, owners, for encouraging PED use."

Some players said suspensions should lead to larger monetary losses. San Diego Padres outfielder Will Venable maintained last summer "somehow having to forfeit or void your contract that you're under is something that needs to be the main focus of the penalties."

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## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## NFL to emphasize player conduct rules in 2014

BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

ORLANDO — The NFL will place a heavy emphasis on enforcing its player conduct rules, something Rams coach Jeff Fisher calls “a front-of-the-book issue.”

As the league’s spring meetings wrapped up Wednesday with Commissioner Roger Goodell saying expansion of the playoffs next season is possible, sportsmanship — and lack thereof — was the prime topic.

“We’re going to clean the game up on the field,” said Fisher, co-chairman of the influential competition committee. “The in-your-face taunting, those types of things, the language. It’s all in the (rule) book. It’s all under unsportsmanlike conduct. There’s no change in our rule. We’re going to enforce the current rule.”

That includes abusive and racist language.

“It includes everything, yes,” Fisher said with emphasis.

He noted that everyone is fed up when a



JOHN RAOUX / AP

St. Louis head coach Jeff Fisher talks with reporters during the NFC Head Coaches Breakfast on Wednesday at the NFL meetings in Orlando.

lack of sportsmanship occurs: owners, coaches, fans, players.

“The NCAA is hoping for us to do something about it and we’ve got to take the lead,” Fisher said, “and we’re going to do that.”

The Miami Dolphins were plagued by a bullying scandal last season after tackle Jonathan Martin left the team. NFL investigators found that guard Richie Incognito and two teammates engaged in persistent harassment directed at Martin, another offensive lineman and an as-

sistant trainer. Incognito was suspended for the final eight games of the season and no longer is with the Dolphins.

Taunting penalties also were up last year, Fisher said, from “nine to 12 or 13.”

“In the past, taunting, sportsmanship was in the back of the book under points of emphasis,” he said. “It is now in the front of the book. It falls in our book right after all the statistical things which were good about our game last year. It is now a front-of-the-book is-

sue. And what we want to do is we want to be able to put it back in the back of the book.”

While the owners voted or tabled a dozen rules or bylaw changes, expanding the playoffs from 12 to 14 teams — one in each conference — was discussed. Goodell is optimistic that’s coming, and he will discuss it with the players union April 8. A vote could come as early as the owners’ May meeting in Atlanta.

Could two extra wild-card games be implemented for 2014?

“It’s not out of the question,” Goodell said. “We have more work. I wouldn’t rule it out, but I wouldn’t say that’s the direction we’re heading.”

“I think there’s a tremendous amount of interest in this, possibly even to the point of support. But there also are things we still want to make sure we do right.”

He believes expanded playoffs would make late-season division and wild-card races more compelling.

And two more post-season games would

increase TV revenues.

Also on Wednesday, the owners:

■ Approved experimentation with extra-point kicks from the 20-yard line for two weeks in the preseason, but implementing longer PATs for the regular season has been tabled.

■ Adopted proposals to extend the length of the goalposts 5 feet to 35 feet to better determine if kicks are good; to no longer stop the clock on sacks; and to allow video reviews on plays with a recovery of a loose ball on the field even though the play had been whistled dead.

■ Rejected proposals to move kickoffs to the 40-yard line; to allow more than one player to be placed on injured reserve, then return to the roster during the season; to subject personal foul penalties to video review; to permit coaches to challenge any officiating decision except on scoring plays or turnovers, which automatically are reviewed; and to eliminate the first preseason cutdown to 75 players.

■ Tabled proposals to raise the number of active players for games not played on a Sunday or Monday, except for opening week, from 46 to 49; to raise the practice squad maximum from eight to 10 players; to eliminate overtime in preseason games; to allow trades after the Super Bowl and before the new league year begins in March; to permit teams to test at their facilities 10 players who attended the NFL combine; to place fixed cameras on the goal lines, sidelines and end lines to aid replay reviews; and to call pass interference in the area 1 yard or less from the line of scrimmage, where it does not apply now.

On Tuesday, the owners approved allowing referees to consult with the officiating department in New York on replay challenges, and they voted to ban blockers from rolling up on the side of the legs of a defender. The league also barred players from dunking the ball over the crossbar in celebration.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

## 76ers on brink tying NBA record for futility

DAN GELSTON  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — They are a loss away from becoming the Philadelphia 76ers.

As in, losers of 26 in a row.

A skid that would match the longest losing streak in NBA history and leave the 76ers one loss of holding the record for the four major professional sports.

“It’s tough we lose them consecutively, but it’s the NBA,” guard Tony Wroten said. “You play another day.”

With another loss today at Houston, the Sixers (15-56) will tie the NBA record of 26 straight losses set by the 2010-11 Cleveland Cavaliers. The potential record setter is Saturday at home against Detroit.

But the 76ers say this seemingly infinite skid comes with a purpose: Finishing first.

Philadelphia is losing to win the No. 1 overall pick in the 2014 draft.

Former Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy is among the critics that call Philly’s style of lottery-bound losing, tanking. Sixers management simply says it’s old-fashioned rebuilding. Whatever the label, the team with the worst record in the NBA has a 25 percent chance of winning the No. 1 overall pick.

But there’s a flaw in the Sixers’ plan: Even with the avalanche of

defeats, they still don’t have the worst record in the NBA, Milwaukee does. Entering Thursday, the Bucks are 13-58 and that puts them in the driver’s seat as they plummet toward the top spot.

The Bucks may be serving as motivation for the Sixers; there’s no suspense these days in the outcome of Philadelphia games. The Sixers been outscored by 16.9 points during the losing streak; Cleveland was outscored by 13.7 while setting the record.

Philadelphia coach Brett Brown said the Sixers will be better off as a result of the losing.

“It’s those short-term, real pains for what we hope will be a bunch of long-term gains,” Brown said. “This period of time is not pleasant for any of us. But it’s necessary.”

But it’s a hefty price to pay.

“Nobody wants to have that record,” said Cavs forward Anderson Varejao, a member of the Cleveland squad that lost 26 straight. “It is what it is. If they get it, it’s too bad for them. It’s a tough time and it’s not easy. I don’t even think they think about how many games they’ve lost.”

“It’s just one of those things where you go out to win and you end up losing.”

The Sixers last won on Jan. 29 on former guard Evan Turn-



ERIC GAY / AP

San Antonio’s Kawhi Leonard, center, over Philadelphia’s Elliot Williams (25) and Henry Sims (35) during Monday’s game in San Antonio.

er’s buzzer-beater at Boston. They’ve been crushed (123-78 by the Clippers and 123-80 by Golden State in consecutive games) and had a few close calls (losing 93-92 to the Knicks). And this week they were called out by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, who said the losing streak was “bad for everyone.”

“It’s potentially damaging to the players involved and the culture they’re trying to create,” Silver said, “but those decisions are left to management.”

Mired in mediocrity for most of the last decade, first-year general manager Sam Hinkie decided to start from scratch, trading assets for draft picks all in

the hope that the Sixers can build a winner from within. Hinkie started on draft night, when he traded All-Star guard Jrue Holiday to New Orleans for No. 6 overall pick Nerlens Noel. In February, he dealt starters Turner and Spencer Hawes, and Lavoy Allen at the trade deadline.

The 76ers went 0 for February. They are three losses away from 0 for March.

These aren’t the ‘62 Mets. The Sixers are more laughable losers, than lovable.

Team owners Joshua Harris and Dave Blitzer, who also own the New Jersey Devils, have sold hope to the disenfranchised fanbase with the “Together We

Build” slogan. Fed-up fans, though, have had more fun with the Twitter feed (@didthesixerswin).

“There’s not a person in this organization that doesn’t have a will to win, that isn’t competitive, that doesn’t feel sick to their stomach after a loss,” team CEO Scott O’Neil said. “That goes for me, and Sam and Coach, Josh, David. Everyone involved with the organization.”

“We signed up for this, we can get through this together. But it doesn’t make it any easier. It doesn’t.”

The Sixers are closing in on setting the longest losing streak in sports history. According to STATS LLC, the

longest streaks in the four major sports are held by:

■ In the NBA, the Cavaliers, 26 losses in row, from Dec. 20, 2010-Feb. 9, 2011.

■ In the NFL, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 26 losses in row, from Sept. 12, 1976-Dec. 4 1977.

■ In MLB, the Philadelphia Phillies, 23 losses in a row, from Jan. 29, 1961-Aug. 20, 1961.

■ In the NHL, the Pittsburgh Penguins, 18 losses in a row, from Jan. 13, 2004-Feb. 22, 2004.

The 76ers’ skid is the latest example of Philadelphia’s sports futility.

The Phillies hold the longest losing streak in major league history and were the first team to lose 10,000 games. The Eagles have never won a Super Bowl and haven’t won an NFL championship since 1960. The Flyers are closing in on four decades without a Stanley Cup.

Though it’s hard to remember now, but the Sixers started the season 3-0, featuring wins over Miami and Chicago. Now, with a gutted roster made up of mostly D-League cast-offs and 10-day contract hopefuls, the 76ers face the bleak reality they might not win again this season.

The Sixers, however, will be remembered if they notch their 26th loss in a row.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**

CASE NO. 2009 CA 003660

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

**RICHARD K. VAN WAGNER; BECKEE VAN WAGNER; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; DEARCROFT AT LEGENDS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.; JOHN DOE A/K/A BILLY WILSON;**  
 Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO.: 35-2012-CA-001566

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ROBERT S. COX; SUSAN COX; et al.,**  
 Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

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 By: Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff: Aldridge Connors, LLP 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200 Delray Beach, FL 33445

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**IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**

CASE NO. 352012CA002392XXXXXX

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**RAYMOND J. BENNETT A/K/A J. RAYMOND BENNETT; et al,**  
 Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 09/09/2013 and an Order Resetting Sale dated March 17, 2014, and entered in Case No. 352012CA002392XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and RAYMOND J. BENNETT A/K/A J. RAYMOND BENNETT; DAWN K. BENNETT; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH UNDER AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash the First Floor Information Desk at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of April, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

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DATED at Tavares, Florida, on March 20, 2014.

**NEIL KELLY**  
 As Clerk, Circuit Court  
 By: /s/L. Mikell  
 As Deputy Clerk

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**

CASE NO: 2013 CA 003397  
**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY**  
 Plaintiff,

vs.

**SHARON RICHMAN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARY KAY BENSON TRUST; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE MARY KAY BENSON TRUST; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, ET AL**  
 Defendant(s)

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**THE NORTH 162 FEET OF THE SOUTH 972 FEET OF THE EAST 140 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**TOGETHER WITH 2002 CYPR MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #S GMHGA4010228881A AND GMHGA4010228881B**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before within (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Lake County, Florida, this 14 day of MARCH, 2014.

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
 NEIL KELLY  
 BY: /S/TRISH ROBERTS  
 DEPUTY CLERK

**ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF**  
 6409 CONGRESS AVENUE, SUITE 100 BOCA RATON, FL 33487

Ad No.00430692  
 March 20 & 27, 2014

**003 Legal Notices**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the State laws and the Mascotte Code of Ordinances, notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearing(s) will be held at the Tedder-Thomas Memorial Civic Center, 121 North Sunset Avenue, Mascotte, Florida in regards to Ordinance 2014-03-521:

(All Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard)

**April 7, 2014 Mascotte City Council-Final Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 2014-03-521**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03-521**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MASCOTTE, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 180, FLORIDA STATUTES, AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MASCOTTE UTILITIES SERVICE DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; REQUIRING ALL PERSONS OR CORPORATIONS LIVING OR DOING BUSINESS WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO CONNECT TO THE CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM, WHEN AVAILABLE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Copies of said proposed Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office, Mascotte City Hall, 100 E. Myers Blvd, Mascotte, FL, for inspection by the public Monday-Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. All interested parties may appear at the above-mentioned regular meeting and will be given an opportunity to be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance at a public hearing to be held prior to final consideration by the City Council.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notices regarding this matter will be published.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

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Ad No.00431302  
 March 27, 2014

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

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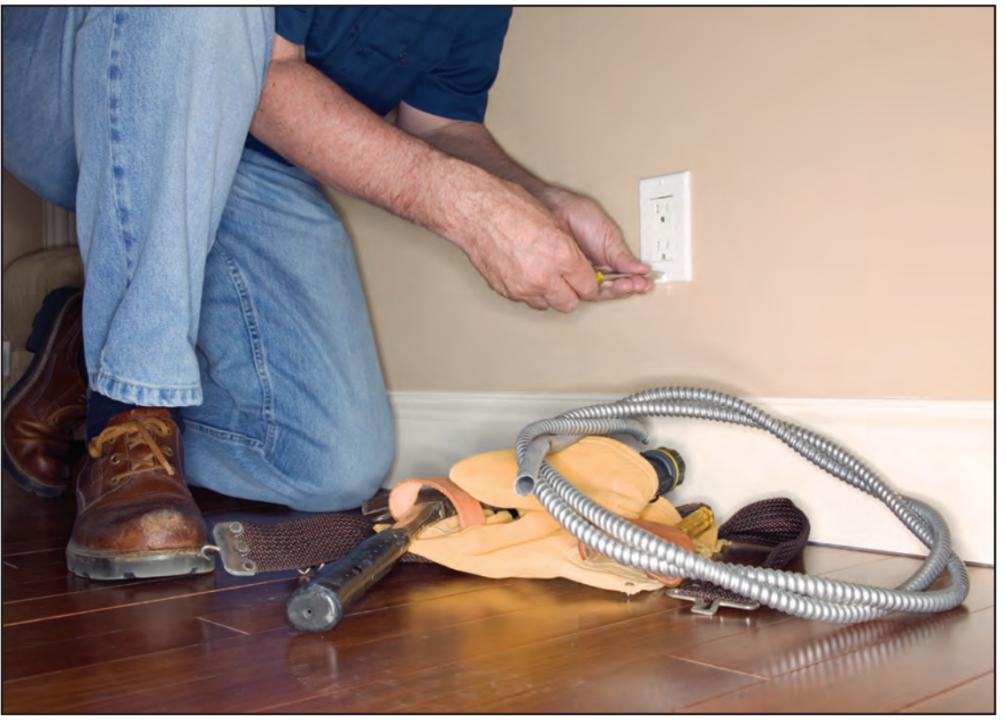
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**003 Legal Notices****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION**

CASE NO. 2011 CA 001752

BANK OF AMERICA N.A.,  
Plaintiff

vs.

GEORGE G. GRASS, GLORIA M. GRASS, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, JOAN ETHEL FULLER AKA JOANN F. HEFFENTRAGER, ALLEN M. PHILLIPS, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, TENANT #4, TENANT #1 NKA KEVIN WADE GRASS, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed July 1, 2013 in Civil Case No. 2011 CA 001752 of the Circuit Court of the FIFTH Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Tavares, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, First Floor, Tavares, FL 32778 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 6 day of May, 2014 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

That part of Government Lot 2 in Section 17, Township 19 South, Range 27 East, in Lake County Florida, bounded and described as follows:

From the Northwest corner of the said Government Lot 2, run South 15' 38" West, along the Westerly line of the Government Lot 2 a distance of 1043.3 feet to the point of beginning of this description. From said point of beginning run North 89°01'00" East 369.38 feet to a point on the Westerly line of the Right of Way of State Road No. 44-B, said point being hereby designed as point "A". Begin again at the point of beginning, and run South 15'38" West along the Westerly line of said Government Lot 2, a distance of 81 feet; thence run South 62°57'10" East 231.13 feet to a point on the Westerly line of the right of way of State Road No. 44-B; thence run Northeastly along the Westerly line of the right of way of State Road No. 44-B, to the above designated point "A".

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 13 day of November, 2013

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/H. SIED  
Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC,  
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FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301  
(407) 674-1850

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse P.O. Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone (352) 253-1604, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Ad No. 00431398  
March 27 & April 3, 2014

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**

CASE NO.: 35-2013-CA-001083

ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD P. DUPRATT; et al.,  
Defendants,**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Summary Judgment dated February 7, 2014 entered in Civil Case No.: 35-2013-CA-001083, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., is Plaintiff, and DONALD P. DUPRATT; ARLENE J. DUPRATT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE VILLAGES, INC. F/K/A ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendant(s).

NEIL KELLY, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor near the information desk, Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 on 16 day of APRIL, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 2301, UNIT 10, ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGES 86 THROUGH 92, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A 1988 FLEET DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH VIN #S FL2FL10596A AND FL2FL10596B & TITLES #S 0046318888 AND 0046737528.**

If you are person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on FEBRUARY 14, 2014.

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
/s/D.NEAL  
By: Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.  
350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 354-3544  
Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Nicole Berg at (352) 253-1604 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving your notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.**

Ad No.00430680  
MARCH 20 & 27, 2014

**003 Legal Notices****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION**

CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000263

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9,  
Plaintiff

vs.

TRACEY E. PETERSON, et al.  
Defendant(s)**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment dated FEBRUARY 12, 2014, entered in Civil Case Number 2012-CA-000263, in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9 is the Plaintiff, and TRACEY E. PETERSON, et al., are the Defendants, Lake County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Lake County, Florida, described as:

**THE NORTH 100 FEET OF THE SOUTH 110 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SECTION 13, 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE WEST 385 FEET THEREOF.**

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Lobby of the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 a.m., on the 16th day of APRIL, 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the Courts within 2 working days of your receipt of your notice to appear in Court at:  
Lake County, Laurie Crews  
(352) 253-0900 x100

Si u se yon moun ki gen yon andikap ki bezwen yon akomodasyon yo nan lòd yo patisipe nan yon pwosè dapèl, ou gen dwa, san sa pa kouste ou, dispozisyon pou asistans a sèten. Tanpri kontakte nan Lwa ADA-Koodonate pou Tribinal yo nan 2 jou travay yo resewa ou nan avni ou parèt nan Tribinal a nan:  
Lake County, Laurie Crews  
(352) 253-0900 x100

Si vous êtes une personne handicapée qui a besoin d'un hébergement pour participer à un de procéder, vous avez le droit, sans frais pour vous, la fourniture d'une assistance certain. S'il vous plaît contacter le Coordonateur de l'ADA pour les tribunaux dans les 2 jours ouvrables suivant la réception de votre avis de comparution en cour à l'adresse:  
Lake County, Laurie Crews  
(352) 253-0900 x100

Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad que necesita un alojamiento con el fin de participar en un proceder, usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno para usted, el suministro de determinada asistencia. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el

Coordinador de ADA a los tribunales dentro de los 2 días hábiles siguientes a la recepción de la notificación para comparecer ante el tribunal en:  
Lake County, Laurie Crews  
(352) 253-0900 x100

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Judicial Center, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Si vous êtes une personne handicapée qui a besoin d'un logement afin de participer à une instance, vous avez le droit, sans frais pour vous, la mise à disposition de certaines aides. S'il vous plaît communiquer avec le coordonnateur ADA au bureau de l'administrateur du tribunal de première instance, le Centre judiciaire du comté de Lake, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Téléphone: (352) 253-1604, au moins sept (7) jours avant votre comparution devant le tribunal prévue, ou dès réception de cette notification, si le temps avant l'apparition programmée est inférieure à sept (7) jours. Si vous êtes malentendant ou la voix altérée, appelez 771.

Si u se yon moun ki gen andikap ki bezwen yon akomodasyon yo nan lòd yo patisipe nan yon pwosè dapèl, ou gen dwa, san sa pa kouste ou, dispozisyon pou asistans a sèten. Tanpri kontakte Kowidinatè ADA nan Biwo Administratè a Tribinal Tribinal, Lake County Jidisyè Center, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, telefon: (352) 253-1604, nan omwen sèt (7) jou. Si ou sèten malentendant ou la voix altérée, apèl 771.

Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad que necesita un alojamiento con el fin de participar en una audiencia, usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno para usted, el suministro de determinada asistencia. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el coordinador de ADA en la Oficina del Administrador del Juzgado de Primera Instancia del Centro Judicial del Condado de Lake, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Teléfono: (352) 253-1604, por lo menos siete (7) días antes de su comparencia ante el tribunal programada, o inmediatamente después de recibir la notificación, si el tiempo antes de la comparencia prevista es inferior a siete (7) días. Si usted está escuchando o la voz indistinto, llame al 771.

Dated: FEBRUARY 14, 2014

NEIL KELLY  
Lake County Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/D.NEAL

Copies and Invoice  
Furnished to:  
Florida Foreclosure  
Attorneys, PLLC,  
4855 Technology Way, Suite 500  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
Telephone: (727)446-4826

File No.: 2012-CA-000263

Ad No.:00430741  
MARCH 20 & 27, 2014

**UNCLAIMED VEHICLE AUCTION**

The following vehicle will be sold for charges due on:  
APRIL 8, 2014 AT 8:00 A.M.

2004 CHRYSLER  
VIN# 3C4FV48B24T208471

The address where the vehicle is stored:  
JEFF REVIS WRECKER SERVICE, INC.  
3475 COUNTY ROAD 521,  
WILDWOOD, FL 34785

Ad No.00430961  
MARCH 27, 2014

**003 Legal Notices****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**Case No.: 35-2012-CA-002609  
Division: 8ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATTY F. KISOR, DECEASED, ET. AL.,  
Defendants,

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment dated, February 7, 2014 entered in Civil Case No.: 35-2012-CA-002609, DIVISION: 8, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., is Plaintiff, and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATTY F. KISOR, DECEASED; THOMAS A KISOR; KELLY LAYNE JULIAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, are Defendants.

NEIL KELLY, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor near the information desk, Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 on 16 day of APRIL, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

**THE SOUTHEASTERLY HALF OF LOT 2 AND LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 141, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF THE TOWN OF GROVELAND (FORMERLY TAYLORVILLE), FLORIDA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 7 AND 8, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

This property is located at the Street address of: 230 E SUNSET STREET, GROVELAND, FL 34736.

If you are person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on FEBRUARY 13, 2014.

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
/s/D.NEAL  
By: Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.  
350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 354-3544  
Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Nicole Berg at (352) 253-1604 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving your notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.**

Ad No.00430666  
MARCH 20 & 27, 2014

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the State laws and the Mascotte Code of Ordinances, notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearing(s) will be held at the **Tedder-Thomas Memorial Civic Center, 121 North Sunset Avenue, Mascotte, Florida** in regards to Ordinance 2014-03-519:

(All Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard)

**April 7, 2014 Mascotte City Council-Final Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 2014-03-519**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03-519**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MASCOITTE, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONSENTING TO THE CREATION OF A COUNTY-WIDE MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 125.01(1)(O) AND (R), CHAPTER 125, FLORIDA STATUTES; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF MASCOITTE WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 125(2), FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY AND COLLECT UP TO 1 MILL OF AD VALOREM TAX TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE LAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE TAXING UNIT FOR AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 125, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY OF MASCOITTE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW AND SUNSET OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Copies of said proposed Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office, Mascotte City Hall, 100 E. Myers Blvd, Mascotte, FL, for inspection by the public Monday-Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. All interested parties may appear at the above-mentioned regular meeting and will be given an opportunity to be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance at a public hearing to be held prior to final consideration by the City Council.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notices regarding this matter will be published.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at the City of Mascotte, (352) 429-3341, at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Ad No.00431291  
March 27, 2014

**003 Legal Notices****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION**Case No.: 35-2012-CA-002689  
Division: 6ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B.,  
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IRENE J. HARMON, DECEASED; ET AL.,  
Defendants,

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment dated, February 5, 2014 entered in Civil Case No.: 35-2012-CA-002689, DIVISION: 6, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein ONEWEST BANK, F.S.B., is Plaintiff, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF IRENE J. HARMON, DECEASED; CHERYL GREENBURG, DENISE STAMMIS; LORALEE HARMON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; ABERDEEN AT KINGS RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.; KINGS RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants.

NEIL KELLY, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., at the first floor near the information desk, Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 on 15 day of APRIL, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 19, ABERDEEN AT KINGS RIDGE PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 69 AND 70, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on FEBRUARY 13, 2014.

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
/s/A.THIGPEN  
By: Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:  
Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.  
350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442  
Telephone: (954) 354-3544  
Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

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Ad No.00430670  
MARCH 20 & 27, 2014

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the State laws and the Mascotte Code of Ordinances, notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearing(s) will be held at the **Tedder-Thomas Memorial Civic Center, 121 North Sunset Avenue, Mascotte, Florida** in regards to Ordinance 2014-03-520:

(All Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard)

**April 7, 2014 Mascotte City Council-Final Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 2014-03-520**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-03-520**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MASCOITTE, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, UPDATING AND REDEFINING THE CITY OF MASCOITTE'S LEGAL BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 168.081(3); DIRECTING CITY CLERK TO FILE SAID UPDATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Copies of said proposed Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office, Mascotte City Hall, 100 E. Myers Blvd, Mascotte, FL, for inspection by the public Monday-Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. All interested parties may appear at the above-mentioned regular meeting and will be given an opportunity to be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance at a public hearing to be held prior to final consideration by the City Council.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notices regarding this matter will be published.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision of the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at the City of Mascotte, (352) 429-3341, at least three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Ad No.00431297  
March 27, 2014

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on 4/11/14 at 10:30 am, the following mobile home will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.109.  
1981 BRIG #3B4040118A & 3B4040118B. Last Tenants: Jacob Thomas DeJoy & Mildred Anna DeJoy. Sale will be held at: Rolling Greens MHP LP 5907 Cherry Rd, Ocala, FL 34472 813-241-8269

Ad No.00431546  
March 27 & April 3, 2014

**003 Legal Notices****IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 2013-CA-002664

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
VS.  
DAWN PEAKE A/K/A DAWN MARIE PEAKE A/K/A DAWN MARIE AYALA, THOMAS E PEAKE A/K/A THOMAS EDWARD PEAKE, et al  
Defendants

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

To the following Defendant:  
**UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAWN PEAKE A/K/A DAWN MARIE PEAKE A/K/A DAWN MARIE AYALA**  
**165 CARROLL STREET**  
**CLERMONT, FL 34711**

**1635 TRIANGLE AVENUE**  
**ORLANDO, FL 34711**

**10117 CLARCONA OCOEE ROAD**  
**APOPKA, FL 32703**

**4480 CRUZ LAKE**  
**WAIHAWA, FL 95786**

**171 GEORGE WASHINGTON COURT**  
**UNIT 205**  
**WAIHAWA, HI 95786**

**10117 LAKE MEADOW ROAD**  
**APOPKA, FL 32703**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

**LOT 7 AND THE WEST 25.00 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1, MAP OF SUNSET HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PL**

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26-05000030900; Lot 319, BELLA COLLINA, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 51, Pages 31 through 49, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 122226050000-31900; Lot 354, BELLA COLLINA, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 51, at Pages 31-49, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050000035400; Lot 24, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page(s) 1 through 19, Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-02400; Lot 26 of BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel ID Number: 12-22-26-050200002600; Lot 40, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050200004000; Lot 54, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-05400; Lot 59, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page(s) 1 through 19, Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-05900; Lot 62 of BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050200006200; Lots 96, 103, 146, 175, 254, 284 & 313 of BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Numbers: 12-22-26-050200009600, 12-22-26-050200010300, 12-22-26-050200014600, 12-22-26-050200017500, 12-22-26-050200028400, 12-22-26-050200031300; Lot 115, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-11500; Lot 145, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-14500; Lot 151 of Bella Collina West, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Tax Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-15100; Lot 191, Bella Collina West, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19, in the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; Lot 214 of BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050200021400; Lot 224 of BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050200022400; Lot 230 OF BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of LAKE County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-23000; Lot 243, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050200024300; Lot 244, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 54, Pages 1 through 19 inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Tax Parcel Identification Number: 1222260502-000-24400; Lot 291, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page 1, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 12-22-26-050200029100; Lot 306, BELLA COLLINA WEST, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 54, Page(s) 1 through 19, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

Said real property is undeveloped real estate and all the parcels will be sold together as one collective purchase. All bidders must have Drivers License with them and must register with clerk at location of sale from 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM. Registration closes at the start of the sale. I shall offer this property for sale, at the Lake County Administration Building located at 315 W Main St, Tavares, in the County of Lake, State of Florida, on the 29th day of April, 2014 at the hour of 9:30 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the said defendant's right, title, and interest in the aforesaid real property at public auction and will sell the same subject to all taxes, prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution.

Dated at Tavares, Lake County, Florida this 24th day of March, 2014.

GARY S. BORDERS, Sheriff of Lake County, By: Mimi Williams Deputy Sheriff

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Ad No.00431369 March 27, April 3, 10 & 17, 2014

**Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit**  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection Waste and Air Resource Programs,  
Central District Office Minor Source Air Construction Permit  
Project No. 0694866-001-AC  
Quality Shavings of South Florida, LLC Facility  
Lake County, Florida

**Applicant:** The applicant for this project is Quality Shavings of South Florida, LLC. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is:  
Mr. Joseph Iadiseria, Owner  
Quality Shavings of South Florida, LLC  
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**Facility Location:** Quality Shavings of South Florida, LLC operates Quality Shavings of South Florida, LLC Facility, which is located in Lake County at 26444 County Road 33 in Groveland, Florida.

**Project:** This is an Air Construction Permit for the installation of an Energy Unlimited wood chip dryer, which will include a 30 MMBTU/hr. burner that will be fueled by wood waste and chips from the South Florida Shavings Company processing facility. Exhaust from the burner will be ducted to a Clean Gas Systems, Inc. cyclone dust collector device prior to exhausting to the atmosphere.

**Permitting Authority:** Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Department of Environmental Protection's Waste & Air Resource Programs in the Central District Office. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 3319 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 232, Orlando, FL 32803-3767. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 3319 Maguire Blvd., Ste. 232, Orlando, FL 32803-3767; the e-mail address is DEP\_CD@dep.state.fl.us. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 407/897-4100.

**Project File:** A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal

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holidays), at the physical address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

**Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit:** The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

**Comments:** The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

**Petitions:** A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Agency.Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; (c) The name, address, any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (d) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (e) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (f) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (g) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this written notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

**Mediation:** Mediation is not available for this proceeding.

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### LEESBURG

# Melon Patch debuts dark musical drama 'Sweeney Todd'

**THERESA CAMPBELL** | Staff Writer  
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Melon Patch Playhouse in Leesburg is breaking away from its norm by showcasing a dark musical drama, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," by Stephen Sondheim, which

features a murderous barber, a cannibalistic pie maker and glorious music.

The show runs weekends through April 6.

"A lot of people write off this musical because of the murder and because of the darkness of it, but if you can get past the subject matter,

this is one of the most beautiful musicals that you will ever hear," Director John Turcotte said. "The music is glorious and sung so well. This really is an operetta of more music than it is actual dialogue."

The director, who also is a local schoolteacher, said he

worked to tone down some of the scenes so they would not be offensive.

"We have made this as much of a family-friendly Sweeney Todd as Sweeney Todd can be made," Turcotte said. "We are not putting blood and guts in your face. I've toned down a lot of that

to make it more accessible to the general public so that they can enjoy the show and not get totally freaked out by the subject matter."

He believes teens can handle Melon Patch's Sweeney Todd.

"It has no more than what  
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ABOVE: Russell Crowe is Noah in "Noah," from Paramount Pictures and Regency Enterprises. BELOW: Director Darren Aronofsky on the set of "Noah."

# Darren Aronofsky floats a fuller version of the Bible's Noah tale

**JOHN HORN**  
Los Angeles Times

It was easy to get lost on Darren Aronofsky's ark.

Inside a converted Brooklyn armory in late 2012, Aronofsky was shooting "Noah" on a massive vessel that matched the biblical dimensions of the boat, its rough beams lashed together and the hull sealed with pitch. In every corner of the three-story structure rested packs of ersatz animals — insects on one level, snakes and turtles in another corner and, around the bend, lions quite literally lying with lambs. "Animals are fragile. Please do not touch," a sign warned visitors.

It took production designer Mark Friedberg's team four months to construct the interior ark set



for "Noah" (he built another, for exterior shots, near Long Island Sound) and much longer for Industrial Light and Magic and Look Effects to create living, albeit digital, creatures that would walk, fly and slither, two by two, into the ark.

Yet those tasks were ultimately footnotes in the film's epic journey to the screen, as Aronofsky and screenwriter Ari Handel labored to expand a brief but revered story

into a full-length movie, all without estranging their financiers and the faithful, both of whom worried that "Noah" would be heretical.

Opening Friday, the \$130-million production marks a departure not only for Aronofsky, whose previous films, including "Black Swan" and "The Wrestler," were more modest undertakings but also for Hollywood itself, which in recent decades has exhibited negligible inter-

est in overtly religious stories. The few scriptural hits, including Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and the new "Son of God," were produced independently.

If "Noah" attracts a torrent of moviegoers, and early audience surveys here and abroad suggest it will, the film could bolster the prospects for the industry's unusually large religious slate, a roster that includes "Heaven Is for Real," "Exodus," "Last Days in the Desert" and "Mary."

But first Aronofsky's movie has to prove its doubters wrong.

"Once people start seeing the film, believers and nonbelievers will all be able to have conversations about it that I believe will be interesting," an

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# 'Divergent' crew mixed on 'Hunger Games' comparisons

**JESSICA HERNDON**  
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES — The producers of the young-adult, sci-fi adaptation "Divergent" are fine with comparisons to "The Hunger Games." Just don't hold them to a \$150 million opening.

"We'd be crazy not to be happy about the comparisons," producer Doug Wick said in a recent interview. "The downside is people having ridiculous expectations."

Based on Veronica Roth's best-selling YA novel, "Divergent" hits theaters Friday, with a projected domestic gross of about \$60 million on its opening weekend. That's a lot less than the \$152.5 million "The Hunger Games" made in its 2012 domestic debut.

"We want to be our own movie," said producer Lucy Fisher. "The comparisons are great, but you can't say you

will duplicate a phenomenon. We always saw this creatively, as a movie with a very different heroine."

"Divergent" is set in a dystopian future in Chicago, where everyone is divided into "factions" based on their virtues. The story follows 16-year-old Tris (Shailene Woodley), who chooses to leave her group for another. The film features a cast of stars-to-be, including Theo James, Miles Teller and Jai Courtney, as well as veterans Kate Winslet and Ashley Judd.

For Wick and Fisher, finding a film studio to invest in "Divergent" meant enduring a number of rejections before sealing a deal with Lionsgate and subsidiary Summit Entertainment.

"There was no readership yet, so no one wanted to do it," said Wick, noting their pitch came before Roth's sci-fi book hit shelves in April 2011.

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This photo released by Summit Entertainment shows, from left, Miles Teller, Shailene Woodley, Ben Lamb, Zoe Kravitz, and Jai Courtney, in a scene from the film, "Divergent."

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kids would see at 8 o'clock at night on a crime drama," Turcotte said.

He believes audiences are bound to find themselves cheering for the evil duo of Sweeney Todd (Nathan Jessee) and Mrs. Lovett (Jolene Sheets) and their plot against Judge Turpin (Cliff Barrineau) and Beadle Bamford (Tad Kincade). The arrival of Adolfo Pirelli (Kyle Stone) and his servant boy Tobias (Manolo Hernandez) adds complications to Sweeney's plot for revenge and results in the first bloodshed of the show.

Not to worry, there is no real blood.

"We do not shed one drop of blood; we do it all very theatrically with the lights. This is not the Johnny Depp movie made gloriously bathed in blood," Turcotte said. "This is a much more theatrical production, and much more of a representational production."

The plot also revolves around the love affair between Judge Turpin's ward Johanna (Stephanie Hutchison) and the sailor Anthony (Daniel Roscoe). And how does the beggar wom-



Manolo Hernandez, left, portrays servant boy, Tobias, and Jolene Sheets stars as Mrs. Lovett in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

an (Jessa Dodds) fit into this murder thriller? Turcotte said audiences will have to wait until the end for the answer.

The ensemble of this show acts as a Greek chorus and often comments on the action as the sinister story unfolds. Members include Alan Terry, Kristian Ware, Derek Wallman, Heather Franklin, Trista Fouts, Meagan Nee, Mike Bailey, Lindsay Koons, Kathleen Byrd, Charlotte Jardine, Jessica Shinn and Lavonte Rogers.

Turcotte praised his cast and noted they are relishing the intensity of the show and their chance to perform a dark drama.

"They are really enjoying being in something that is a little bit off the beaten path," Turcotte said. "It's not often that you find

a musical drama. ... I hope the audience walks away enjoying the fact that they can enjoy something very different."

Turcotte said no one fainted or complained from last weekend's opening shows.

"We have not lost one person because of the production or the subject matter, so I think we are handling it quite well as far as not offending anybody," Turcotte said, who was relieved to hear praise about the talented cast.

The director said he has always adored "Sweeney Todd," and was pleased to have the opportunity to show it at Melon Patch for the first time. He performed in the show twice before in the role of Beadle at IceHouse in Mount Dora.

"Now that I have transformed to doing

more directing than anything, I am looking at all the different shows that I love and that I have done out there," he said. "'Sweeney Todd' was one that had not been done at Melon Patch."

The Leesburg theater has focused more on musical comedies of Rodgers and Hammerstein, he said.

"People didn't think Melon Patch was as capable of doing a dark show. This is a very different departure from our norm for us, and people weren't sure that we could pull it off, and we seem to be able to very well," Turcotte said. "I'm very proud of my cast and crew."

The production staff for "Sweeney Todd" includes Linda Charlton (accompanist), Michael Winternheimer (technical director), Sally Gage (choreographer), Jennifer Fink (stage manager), Joshua Eads-Brown (costumes) and Pauline Judge (prop mistress).

Melon Patch is located at 311 N. 13th St., in Leesburg. Tickets for the show are \$18 for adults and \$9 for students. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at 352-787-3013. Since the musical deals with adult themes and subject matter, parental discretion is advised.

## NOAH

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exhausted but positive Aronofsky said after "Noah" had its world premiere in Mexico City. "But you have to go into the film

recognizing that your expectations are going to be rattled."

Nearly 15 years ago, as Aronofsky's experimental sci-fi story "Pi" was about to hit theaters, the filmmaker visited the Museum of Jurassic Technology in Culver City, Calif. Dedicated to the Earth's history, the fanciful and scientifically creative museum was displaying a small diorama based on Noah's ark.

Aronofsky easily could have walked past it, but the exhibit caught his eye — and imagination.

Soon thereafter, he successfully pitched his flood idea to producer Lynda Obst, but when a Jon Voight television miniseries called "Noah's Ark" came out — replete with an attack on the prophet from a "Waterworld"-like pirate ship — Aronofsky's "Noah" ran aground before he could even write it.

By 2003, after the filmmaker's "Requiem for a Dream" was completed, Aronofsky



This image released by Paramount Pictures shows Jennifer Connelly, left, and Russell Crowe in a scene from "Noah."

began working with screenwriter Ari Handel (a college classmate and former neuroscientist) on a "Noah" script. But it was not until after the director's long-delayed "The Fountain" was released in 2006 that Aronofsky started taking the story around town.

In early 2011 producer Arnon Milchan's Regency Enterprises agreed to share equally in financing the production with Paramount Pictures. Russell Crowe was cast as Noah, with Jennifer Connelly playing his wife, Naameh, and

Logan Lerman (Ham), Douglas Booth (Shem) and Leo McHugh Carroll (Japheth) as their sons.

To help dramatize how mankind had fallen, Aronofsky cast the Earth as a character, using exteriors in Iceland to show the planet as barren. The world, and everything in it, was in need of new stewardship, and that environmental message resonated — in mostly the wrong way — with conservative critics. The deluge of doubters ultimately included his own studio.

But the real trouble was on the horizon, when Paramount grew anxious that "Noah" might offend some on the religious right and started testing its own cut of the movie while Aronofsky raced to finish his. Franklin said that even with unfinished visual effects and a rough score, Aronofsky's version tested better than Paramount's, even though the studio's had fewer missing pieces and was more polished.

"I think a lot of films of this size go through this. I don't think it's singular to us," Franklin said. "But we were steadfast in our vision for the film. The great thing about the process is that everybody came out agreeing that our version of the movie was the best version of the movie."

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# DIVERGENT

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Zoe Kravitz, left, and Shailene Woodley jump from a train in a scene from "Divergent."

But the producers could foresee a best-seller — and a potential killer movie.

"It was authentic and Veronica really had something to say about making tough choices," added Wick. "It also painted a great canvas."

Lionsgate, the studio behind "The Hunger Games" films, and Summit, the studio that backed the wildly successful "Twilight" YA series, took a chance on the unread "Divergent."

Roth's books, including "Divergent" follow-ups "Insurgent" and "Allegiant," have sold over 11 million copies. But high book sales don't always lead to a movie blockbuster. Like most YA hits, a huge factor lies in the leading lady of the film — and that swoon-worthy leading man.

The film's producers had planned to comb the globe in search of a young talent to play their heroine. "Our intention was to do an exhaustive search," said Wick, who was responsible for casting Angelina Jolie in "Girl, Interrupted." "We knew about Shailene through 'The Descendants,' but when we met her, she was going to do an urban survival course where they drop you in some part of the city, tie you up and you have to find your way back. She emerged clearly."

For the leading male character, Four, they chose British actor Theo

James. "We wanted someone who was manly, but also vulnerable," said Fisher. "We kept saying, 'Can't we find the young Paul Newman?' Theo was a complete and utter bingo."

Though the "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games" series have sold over 100 million books combined, the film adaptations didn't seem to have had as much anticipation as "Divergent."

"Twilight" caught everybody by surprise, so the buildup was a little quieter," said Dave Karger, chief correspondent of online ticket provider Fandango. "Now the industry and the audience is looking for that next 'Twilight' or 'Hunger Games.'"

But YA books-turned-films don't automatically nail it. "Beautiful

Creatures" and "Vampire Academy" each grossed under \$10 million domestically on their debut weekend.

So far, reviews of the Neil Burger-directed "Divergent" have been mediocre. Similarly, film critics didn't much care for "Twilight," either. Still, the vampire tale delivered for teen girls, who drive much of the ticket sales for YA films.

The big question is, will that social media-driven fan base spread the right kind of buzz to keep momentum going at the box office?

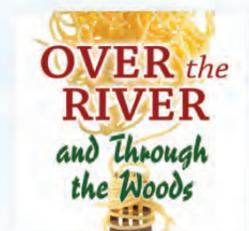
Cast members remain hopeful. "Hunger Games' did really well," says Woodley. "So if they're going to compare us to anything, keep on comparing us to that!"

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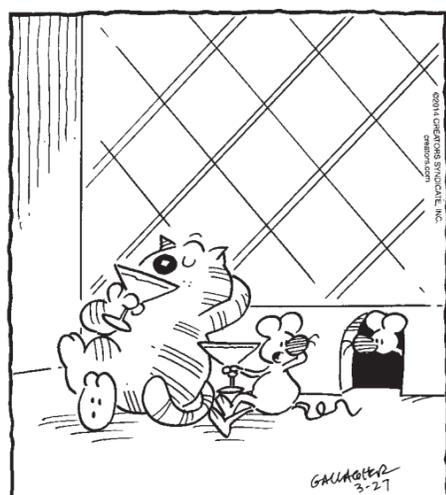
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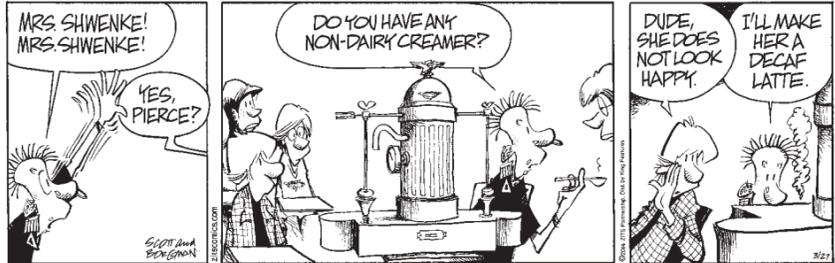
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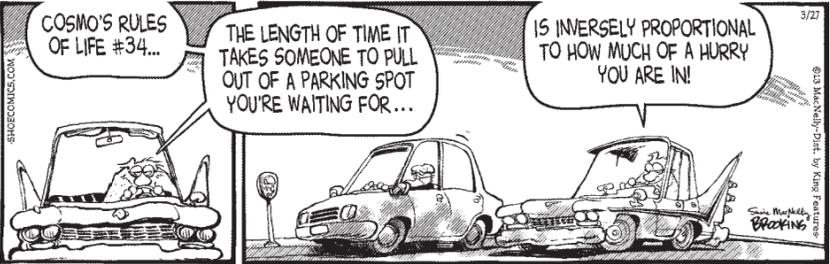
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## Friends urge grandma to let younger grandson be adopted

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 62 and own my own home. I have legal guardianship of my eldest grandson, who is 5. Another grandchild is 2 1/2 and in foster care. I would like to keep both children together because I have been told that in the long run it is better so they won't lose contact with each other.

Some friends of mine have been telling me I should let the little one get adopted through the state in a closed adoption. This is really traumatic for me and I'm not sure what to do.

Please give me some advice. I love both of my grandchildren and want the best for them, now and in the long term. — **QUANDRI-FIED IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR QUANDRI-FIED:** Many grandparents raise their grandchildren successfully. If your health is good, and you have a high energy level and rela-

tives who can provide respite when you need it, have both of your grandchildren live with you. If not, you must consider what could happen to them if something should happen to you.

AARP can be a helpful resource. It offers information on a wide variety of issues related to raising grandchildren, financial assistance and advocacy. To find out more, go to [www.aarp.org/grandparents](http://www.aarp.org/grandparents).

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been divorced for about 10 years and have dated far more since my divorce than I did before I married. The marriage ended because my wife was emotionally abusive.

What disturbs me is that somehow I either attract, or am attracted to, emotionally abusive women. They are usually successful, confident, good looking and controlling, and the results are al-



**Dear Abby**

JEANNE PHILLIPS

ways the same. The relationships don't last long. How do I stop being attracted to the same type of partner?

— **REPEATING PATTERNS**

**DEAR REPEATING:** In order to break any cycle, a person needs to understand how the pattern became established in the first place. People are usually attracted to the familiar, and it may have something to do with the dynamics of the family in which you grew up. Ask your doctor for a referral to a psychologist who can help you to understand, so you won't make the same mistake again. It's the quickest fix for what ails you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I take

pride in my looks, and when I go to parties, the dresses and accessories I choose. I am often asked where they came from, and I feel the question is rude and inappropriate. Am I being rude to evade the question, or is there a proper response when I'm asked? — **TIME AND PLACE**

**DEAR TIME AND PLACE:**

When someone asks where you found an item you're wearing, it is usually intended as a compliment because the person would like to find something similar. If you prefer not to share that information, smile and thank the person for the compliment, then change the subject.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

## HOROSCOPES

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, March 27, 2014:

This year you have the ability to energize others to accomplish their goals. You are more in tune with a personal matter than others had originally thought. They will see you take action that reflects this knowledge. If you are single, check out someone you meet with care, as some of the people you meet are not what they project themselves to be. Midsummer marks a period when this tendency might not be as prominent. If you are attached, you discover just how much fun you can have with your sweetie, as long as you can let go of certain issues. PISCES could make you uncomfortable, as he or she seems to see right through you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You'll be feisty and might want to push back, which could cause someone to cop an attitude. You are on top of what is happening with a partner and others in general. You happen to be in a better position to see the big picture.

**TAURUS (April 20-May**

**20)** A higher-up demands a lot of you, yet because you do deliver, you will succeed. Don't allow someone else to undermine you simply because you lose sight of your main objective. Listen to your inner voice. Take gratitude in the manner in which it is meant.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Reach out for a new insight by asking questions that don't make someone feel ill at ease. You could be surprised by what is going on below the surface. Weigh the pros and cons of making a comment — it might not be worth the effort.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Keep reaching out to someone you care about. Listen to news that surrounds a child or loved one carefully. You'll have a lot of commitments, so you need to choose your priorities with care. You might have difficulty coming up with solutions.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You could be more forthright with a situation than you have been in the past. Make a point of listening to a family member about

what is happening. If you are not careful, you could become a bit difficult. Allow others to dominate.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You might want to move in a new direction or change your speed when dealing with a personal matter. How you handle this issue could change your plans. Focus on completion rather than taking on anything new.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You might want to understand what is happening with a loved one. Know that you won't get information by pushing this person. Remain open and relaxed. You are at your best when working with individuals rather than groups today.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Be more forthright and direct in your dealings. Honor a change of pace, and follow through on your long-desired results. Keep conversations to yourself, especially one you have had recently, and you'll gain a new perspective.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You could be in a situation that allows more give-and-take between oth-

ers. You might laugh when you see how comical a situation is. There is no need to close down. You will say what you think some other time, when it is more appropriate.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You will find that you have an opportunity to make a difference by responding to someone's inquiries. You might not even think that this person is being serious, but what he or she is indicating is what little knowledge he or she has.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Relate to others directly. You have the energy and wherewithal to find a resolution. Be clear about your choices, even when dealing with a very difficult person. You likely will want to understand more about a financial commitment.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** In the daylight hours, you might want to play it low-key, as you will be gaining information about a potential legal matter or a situation that you want documented. As the sun sets, you might question the relevancy of this idea.

## BRIDGE

### Not All Roads Lead to Rome

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠ 10 7			
♥ K J 9 6 2			
♦ A 8 6			
♣ 1 9 2			
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ 9 5 4 3 2		♠ K J 8	
♥ A		♥ 5 4	
♦ J 3		♦ K Q 10 9 5	
♣ Q 10 8 5 3		♣ K 6 4	
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠ A Q 6			
♥ Q 10 8 7 3			
♦ 7 4 2			
♣ A 7			

The bidding:  
East 1♦ South 1♥ West 1♣ North 3♥  
Pass 4♥

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

**Consider this deal** where South is declarer at four hearts. You'd probably agree with East's opening diamond bid. South's one-heart overcall and West's one-spade bid, but might disagree with what happened from then on. Most players would bid only two hearts with the North hand, and some would not carry on to four hearts with the South hand.

**Be that as it may,** let's say declarer ducks West's jack-of-diamonds lead and wins the next diamond with the ace. He then successfully finesses the queen of spades,

cashes the ace and ruffs a spade in dummy. Next comes a low heart to the eight, taken by West with the ace.

**West is now forced** to return a club, since a spade would yield a ruff-and-discard. When he leads the five, South plays the nine from dummy and captures East's king with the ace. Declarer cashes the queen of trumps and then leads a club toward dummy's J-2. West goes up with the queen, but the battle is over, and South makes four hearts after parking his diamond loser on dummy's jack of clubs.

**A good workmanlike job** by declarer, you might say — especially his decision to tackle spades at trick three instead of leading trumps first. It was this farsighted maneuver that eventually forced West to lead a club at trick seven and enabled South to avoid losing a second diamond trick.

**If you analyze the situation** more closely, however, you find that there were two ways West could have defeated the contract. First, if he had cashed the ace of hearts at trick two before leading his second diamond, he could not have been forced to break the clubs later.

**Failing that, however,** all he had to do was to return the queen of clubs rather than the five at trick seven! There is nothing declarer can do to overcome this extraordinary play, and South must go down one.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

**Today is Thursday, March 27,** the 86th day of 2014. There are 279 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On March 27, 1964, a Good Friday, Alaska was hit by a magnitude 9.2 earthquake (the strongest on record in North America) and tsunamis that together claimed about 130 lives.

**On this date:**

In **1513**, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE'-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.

In **1625**, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.

In **1794**, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed ships.

In **1884**, the first telephone line between Boston and New York was inaugurated.

In **1912**, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the

United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted in Washington the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo.

In **1933**, Japan officially withdrew from the League of Nations.

In **1942**, American servicemen were granted free mailing privileges.

In **1958**, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In **1968**, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (gah-GAH'-rihn), the first man to orbit the Earth, died in a plane crash.

In **1977**, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF').

In **1998**, the Food and Drug Administration approved the drug Viagra, made by Pfizer, saying it had helped about two-thirds of impotent men improve their sexual function.

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

3-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

FHSSQWYOO QO JFYW JFHL  
DAR LFQWU, JFHL DAR OHD  
HWM JFHL DAR MA HEY QW  
FHEBAWD. — BHFHLBH

IHWMFQ  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE COUNTENANCE IS THE PORTRAIT OF THE SOUL, AND THE EYES MARK ITS INTENTIONS. — MARCUS TULLIUS CICERO

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1

2

3

4

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN AVERAGE GAME 115-125 PTS  
Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

### Sudoku

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	4			8				6
9	2							5 1
1	9	4		2	6			5
	5							8
6	2	8		1	9			3
8	3							9 7
	1			7				2
2			3	5				8

Fill in the squares so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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1<sup>st</sup> DOWN = 73

2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN = 62

3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN = 85

4<sup>th</sup> DOWN = 28

1

2

3

4

AVERAGE GAME 155-165 PTS  
JUDD'S TOTAL = 248

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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4	7	2	6	9	3	8	5	1
1	3	6	7	8	5	2	9	4
6	2	4	9	5	8	1	3	7
7	5	9	1	3	4	6	2	8
3	8	1	2	6	7	5	4	9
8	6	5	3	1	9	4	7	2
9	1	7	5	4	2	3	8	6
2	4	3	8	7	6	9	1	5

**How to play:** Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

# Jimmy Fallon off to fast start on 'Tonight' show

DAVID BAUDER  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — One month in, NBC's generational trade of Jay Leno for Jimmy Fallon at the "Tonight" show is succeeding beyond

the hopes of executives who engineered it.

Fallon's fast start is clear in television ratings and even more stark in social media metrics. While too early to declare a new king of late-night TV, the transition is a marked change from how badly NBC fumbled the short-lived switch from Leno to Conan O'Brien in 2009.

"As a guy who's been doing this for 36 years, I don't allow myself to think about this level of success," said Ted

Harbert, NBC broadcasting chairman. NBC had hoped for an increase in young viewers and steered itself to lose some of Leno's older fans, but Fallon's reception was a surprise.

When Fallon premiered on "Tonight" during the Olympics, the franchise hit numbers unseen since Johnny Carson's last week in 1992. Things have settled down but Fallon is still comfortably on top. During the week of March 10-14, Fallon averaged 4.26 million

viewers to Jimmy Kimmel's 2.83 million on ABC and David Letterman's 2.78 million on CBS, the Nielsen company said. Fallon has consistently topped the 4.1 million viewers that Leno averaged this season before leaving.

Fallon's lead over his rivals is more pronounced among viewers aged 18 to 49, the demographic NBC bases its advertising sales upon.

Fallon and NBC embrace the way many early-to-bed consum-

ers experience late-night television these days: by watching clips of a show's best moments online. The YouTube clip of Fallon and Will Smith acting out the evolution of hip-hop dancing has been seen more than 12.8 million times. Fallon's lip-sync duel with Paul Rudd on songs by Tina Turner, Foreigner and Queen has nearly 9 million views.

Other popular clips show Fallon, singer Idina Menzel and the Roots performing "Let it Go" with children's instruments and the sliced-and-diced version of newsmen Brian Williams and Lester Holt on "Rapper's Delight."

Each segment is funny, good-natured and utterly impossible to imagine Fallon's old-school predecessor doing.

"What I notice in peo-

ple's reactions is not just that they like the show and think that it's funny, but they like the feel-good spirit," Harbert said. "There's a total absence of snarkiness, of cynicism. It's just there to make you feel good before you go to sleep."

During his first month, Fallon generated more than 120 million YouTube views, Twitter mentions and Facebook posts, the research firm RelishMIX said. That's more than double Kimmel, who had 57 million in the same social media metric. Letterman had 2.3 million.

"That lopsidedness is a huge wake-up call to writers, producers of late-night, network marketing departments and other series in all genres that they must 'feed the beast' or die," said Marc Karzen, RelishMIX spokesman.

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# Performer finds a new way to entertain aboard his steam engine

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Special to the Daily Commercial

The coal doesn't fall far from the tinder — at least not in the case of Neil Bagaus, operations manager for the Tavares, Eustis & Gulf Tourist Railroad.

The local railway company owns the famous movie train, the Orange Blossom Cannonball, and its stable of engines.

"I was born into a railroad family," said Bagaus. "My grandfather was in it 50 years. My dad retired after 44 years. And my great-grandfather was in for 50 years too."

Despite the bloodline, Bagaus didn't get on track until 1985.

"I was on the road with a band for years as a professional musician," he said. "I played guitar, bass, piano and was the lead singer."

"We traveled all over the United States and were the opening act for some big country acts of the day, like Tennessee Ernie Ford and Jerry Reed."

In 1979, Bagaus' wife, a member of the band, said it was time to settle down and raise a family. So they returned to South Dakota, where he grew up and bought

some movie houses and raised three daughters. They were in the movie business for about 20 years.

It was while in South Dakota that Bagaus returned to his railroad-ing roots.

"In 1985 I started doing train festivals and salutes to railroads," he said.

He eventually took over management of the Milbank Train Festival, a long-running event in South Dakota that was named one of the top 100 attractions by the American Bus Association in 1998.

By 1999, Bagaus had it with the cold and moved to Florida. He left railroad-ing behind but kept his hand in entertain-ment.

"I was a Disney Jungle Cruise captain," he said.

He held several other positions before returning to his heritage.

"I got back into railroading with something called the Dora Doodlebug," Bagaus said.

The Doodlebug that ran in Mount Dora was a 1928 remanufactured rail car, probably the first self-propelled passen-

ger motor car to run on the tracks of the old Sanford & Lake Eustis Railroad. The first self-propelled rail cars were built in 1904, as the railroad industry looked for a more efficient means of rail travel. One thing led to another and Bagaus got involved with the Orange Blossom Cannonball, owned by Western Capital Partners, as well as other engines.

The Orange Blossom Cannonball made its inaugural run for the Tavares, Eustis & Gulf Railroad on Oct. 8, 2011.

The old steam locomotive has quite a movie resume, one most Hollywood stars would envy.

It began its cinematic career in 1964 with the film "This Property Is Condemned," starring Natalie Wood, Robert Redford and Charles Bronson. Director Martin Scorsese used the train in his second feature film "Boxcar Bertha" in 1972, as Barbara Hershey and David Carradine teamed together.

Since then, more than 20 additional TV and film projects have used the train, including, "True Grit," "Appaloosa," "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and

"3:10 to Yuma."

"I do not own it," said Bagaus. "I'm the operational manager. I handle the day-by-day operations."

He's the railroad's only full-time employee. In addition to handling advertising, public relations, events and just about everything else, he is also an engineer and conductor, although he doesn't run the Cannonball, a wood-burning steam engine.

While he prefers running the trains, he also likes conducting because it gives him a chance to interact with passengers.

The Tavares, Eustis & Gulf Tourist Railroad operates out of the new 2,800-square-foot replica train station modeled after the one that burned in the Tavares fire of 1888. It was built on the original site at Main Street and St. Clair Abrams Avenue.

Improvements are close to completion on a rail that would run from Eustis to Orlando, giving the Cannonball several options for entertaining trips.

In the meantime, Bagaus will continue working on the railroad.

"I always tell people it beats working," he said.



# Elementary instructor giving students unique music experience

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Seminole Springs Elementary music specialist Ed Anderson moves around the room full of drums instructing students, clapping or singing beats and occasionally finding himself behind a drum set as students rehearse on steel drums and other percussion instruments.

Anderson has been teaching music for 16 years, the last five at Seminole Springs.

Anderson said he had not taught elementary school before coming to Seminole Springs, but the school has become his home.

“God willing, I’m (going to) finish my career in elementary. I absolutely love it,” he said. “I would love to finish here. This has become my home.”

He said the principal who hired him reached out to him while he was a middle school band director. She was particularly interested in his steel drum program.

“She wanted a type of music experience for the kids that was unique,” Anderson said.

Anderson said he started playing steel drums in 1994 while he was majoring in music education at Florida State University. He attended a performance of the school’s steel drum band and had an epiphany.

“I sat there in the audience, I was like, ‘This is what I’ve been looking for all my life,’ because I just, I was amazed by it,” he said.

Darren Duerden, a graduate teaching assistant at the time, also influenced him. Duerden is now an associate professor at BYU Hawaii, according to Anderson and the school’s website.

Anderson started teaching steel drums in 2000.

He had a similar epiphany about teaching when he took



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**Ed Anderson teaches his steel drum band at Seminole Springs Elementary School in Eustis.**

the elementary school’s band to the University of Florida to perform with their steel band and saw a former student in the university’s band.

“I’d always thought of myself as a steel drum player first and a teacher second, and I’ve realized I’ve had it wrong all this time,” Anderson said.

There are 25 students in the after-school steel drum band, ranging from third to fifth grade, but they are required to maintain a B-average.

Eustis High School recently added a steel drum band, and Eustis Middle School already had a steel band, so now students from Seminole Springs can participate in a steel drum

band for the duration of their school experience, Anderson said.

“We, again, train from elementary all the way through high school, and I don’t know of many feeder chains in the country that do that,” Anderson said. “There are maybe six or seven that I’ve heard of. There may be more I haven’t heard of ... but it’s growing more and more and more.”

Three students from his first steel band at Seminole Springs are now part of the steel band at Eustis High School.

Anderson said the band has school concerts and has also performed at events such as the Florida Music Educators Associ-

ation’s annual convention and local events like GeorgeFest.

Anderson said two students from his first steel drum program are now married to each other, still play and still keep in touch with him.

“We called them our kids because I taught them basically from seventh grade all the way through 12th grade and ... my wife and I call them our kids and they kind of jokingly call their kids our grandkids. It’s kind of a running joke between us,” Anderson said.

The “engine room,” as Anderson calls regular percussion instruments, includes a brake drum, a drum set and smaller instruments like shakers and cowbells. The elementary school’s steel band is addition-

ally made up of leads, double seconds, triple guitars and bass steel drums. It is the only elementary school steel drum band in the county, according to Anderson.

“I like watching the kids be successful — just watching them grow up into the people they become,” Anderson said. “A lot of my old students I still talk to.”

He added that some former students have become music teachers and band directors.

“I still see (the) little kid who came into my classroom all those years ago, and I see the adult that’s now in front of me,” Anderson said. “That’s why you get into teaching ... you want to make kids’ lives better than what you had.”



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# Paranormal investigator searches for explanations for the unexplainable

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Unexplained or paranormal phenomena — whether seen, heard or felt — can scare the living daylights out of most people.

Some chalk up their experiences to ghostly activity, spirits or unworldly communication. Others blame them on exhaustion or even a little too much to drink.

But whatever the circumstances, the experiences are often ignored out of fear, embarrassment or the uncertainty of where to turn for an explanation.

That's where Rev. Paul G. Meckes, Ph.D., CPI, comes in.

Meckes is a licensed industrial maintenance electrician, but he's also a researcher, paranormal enthusiast and ordained member of the International Metaphysical Practitioners Association (IMPA) with a bachelor's degree in metaphysical science and parapsychology.

He founded Clermont Paranormal last fall to help people get to the bottom of unexplainable matters.

"Most people hear the word paranormal and, thanks to Hollywood, automatically think of ghosts," Meckes said.

"That's not all there may be to it, though. Just look at the true meaning of the word. 'Para' means above and beyond, so paranormal just means above and beyond normal, which means that there are many possibilities for unexplained anomalies. It could be architectural or it could be atmospheric. It's all about the power of belief, which is the most powerful energy and force in the universe."

Meckes is aided by a crew of people, each with an area of special knowledge. They have backgrounds in clinical hypnotherapy, psychology, anthropology, forensic crime scene in-



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vestigation, holistic and energy medicine, astrology and theoretical physics, according to Meckes' website.

Meckes will investigate any home, commercial building or historic landmark using instruments that can detect sound, heat and variations in natural electromagnetic fields.

Other services include forensic evidence collection and analysis, geopathics and dowsing, metaphysical counseling,

space clearing and blessing, spiritual and psychic mediumship, nutritional and health counseling and 100 percent therapeutic essential oils.

If necessary, Meckes' active network of professionals includes a psychic/medium and a clinical specialist/hypnotist he can call on for help.

Meckes is currently working on a book scheduled for release later this year, and one day hopes to be able to work with local law enforcement to solve

criminal cases.

Monthly lectures and meetings Meckes hosts in Clermont for those interested in learning more about investigations are announced on meetup.com.

Meanwhile, if an investigation is opened with Clermont Paranormal after Meckes' initial screening of a situation, there is no charge for the initial investigation. All services are confidential.

"Only myself and the case manager have full information of an investigation or what has happened to the client as far

as what he/she has heard, felt or saw," Meckes said. "I never share full information with any of my investigators for privacy reasons and to not taint any part of the investigation.

"Like in court, we don't lead the witnesses or our clients, and our investigators have no idea what happened or what they are looking for. They just go through the protocol using their instruments and record their findings using time- and date-stamped photos and video."

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# Montverde man hopes to make south Lake blue

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Montverde resident Joe Steed, a college professor, archery instructor and nature enthusiast, recently learned that honest-to-goodness bluebirds live right here in Florida.

Steed said it took him by surprise.

"We were looking at a blue jay and a friend asked if I'd ever seen a bluebird, to which I answered that there are no bluebirds in Florida," Steed said.

His friend explained that Eastern bluebirds do indeed live in Florida, but only hang out and nest in areas where perfect natural conditions for mating exist.

"I've been here for 60 years and I've never seen a bluebird. I'm not talking a squawking blue jay, but a real bluebird. I was dumbfounded," he said.

Steed looked into it further and found out that male bluebirds are some of the greatest songbirds — especially around mating season. He also read that bluebirds like nesting in hollowed trees, which are scarce in and around inhabited parts of Florida because of development.

"What do people do when a tree dies? They cut it down," Steed said.

The fix? Bluebird nesting boxes.

"Bluebirds are imperiled because there are less and less places for them to nest," Steed said.

"But put a bluebird box out and if you have the proper conditions to go with it, you'll have bluebirds. It's just a matter of finding the proper place for one."

Steed has built and placed three bluebird boxes on his own property, and in the past two years many bluebirds have nested in them. About three

fledglings have come from each box each year.

He's even challenged friends with taking a bluebird box to see if the bluebirds come, and they do.

"I'd never seen a bluebird in my life, but Joe put a box at my place and the bluebirds came," said Leesburg's Chuck May of Metal Magic Creations.

"They had babies, too. That's just been a couple of months ago. I turned around and did the same thing for my son and sure enough, they had bluebirds in it in a couple of days.

"They are quite loud and they have a really pretty sound," May said.

Steed has decided to up the ante. He wants to place 500 boxes in the next five years around south Lake County to give bluebirds a chance at ideal nesting conditions. It will give people the pleasure of hearing the bluebirds sing and give nature a helping hand.

"Right now, the males are singing. It's that time, and that's how they mark their territory and attract mates," Steed said.

Just last week, Steed launched what he has dubbed the south Lake bluebird trail.

He wants to place boxes in various routes, beginning with County Road 455, then moving on to State Road 50, County Road 561 and State Road 19.

Steed said the idea for the trail was born after he read about a 2,500-mile stretch of highway in Canada where bluebird boxes are stationed at every mile marker.

"The bluebirds in Canada are Western bluebirds, though," he said. "Eastern bluebirds are a little larger than Western bluebirds. They have a turquoise-blue head and upper body with usually a copper chest."

Steed is building the boxes



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**ABOVE:** Joe Steed demonstrates proper placement of a bluebird box. **BELOW:** The ridges inside the box keep baby birds from climbing out.

and hoping people will place them on or around their properties to entice a visit from a pair of bluebirds.

Steed does warn however, that the environmental conditions have to be right for bluebirds to want to inhabit the boxes, so he is offering to check out the conditions and make sure they are suitable.

"The boxes need to be no more than 5 feet off the ground, so there has to be somewhere to attach the box at the right height. There should also be a pretty good sized open, grassy area surrounding it with no obstructions and a small bush or tree a certain number of feet away for fledglings, and it can't be located under or next to a tree because of predators," Steed said. "The boxes must also be at least 100 yards apart so the males do not fight with one another about the mates.

The ideal places for boxes, of course, are eco-niches like open pastureland, golf courses, city parks and any other green, open spaces.

For information, call 407-913-4140 or find him on Facebook.



# Fruitland Park's library director once guarded a president

STEVE FUSSELL

Special to the Daily Commercial

Fruitland Park Library Director Jo-Ann Glendinning is a true unsung hero in this cash-strapped, working-class city of 4,000. But her time is coming.

The 54-year-old ex-Secret Service agent who once guarded President Reagan — you read that right — took a long shot at a county grant six months ago and hit the jackpot: \$250,000 to add a 1,000-square-foot wing to the city's library facility with enough new multimedia equipment to put on a whale of a show.

Community Services Director Charlie Rector snickered when he heard she was going after the grant. But he knew enough not to get in her way.

"I never thought she would get the grant," Rector confessed. "She was competing against Leesburg and Tavares and Mount Dora and Clermont, and there was only about \$640,000 for the entire county," he said.

Glendinning did it, almost single-handedly. She had to write the grant application, then defend it before a peer review board of other library directors, the county's Library Advisory Board, the County Attorney and finally the Lake County Commission before she got her award.

"It was exhausting," she said.

But she wasn't finished. Working with Rector, she convinced an adjoining property owner to shave off a slice of his Berckman Street address, then talked city commissioners into buying the 20-foot strip. By reworking her expansion plan and re-siting the new wing, the city will save enough money to double the size of the expansion,

according to one architect.

One would guess a few accolades are headed her way.

It won't be the first time. She treasures a personal letter from President Reagan, thanking her for her work as a Secret Service Agent.

When she graduated from St. Peter's University in New Jersey she was 20 years old.

"My first love has always been law enforcement," Glendinning said. "After I graduated I applied everywhere, but state and local agencies weren't hiring many women back then. On a whim, I applied with the federal government. A few days later I got the call."

A battery of interviews and tests followed, then six months of training, where she met the love of her life — husband Jim, who retired from the Secret Ser-

vice a few years ago and now heads executive security for Bank of America, working out of the company's Orlando offices.

She met President Reagan as he was being hustled into the Oval Office.

"He stopped and asked me my name," Glendinning recalls. "Then he started to tell me a joke."

Glendinning can't remember the joke. "I was nervous," she said. "His aides were trying to pull him away, and I felt like I was detaining him. But he didn't move until he finished his story," she said.

A bigger surprise came six months later — the next time she saw the president.

"He came over, took my hand and said, 'Jo-Ann, how are you?'"

"How does someone like that remember such a



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Jo-Ann Glendinning poses for a photo at the Fruitland Park Library.

small detail?" Glendinning asked.

After six years in the Secret Service, the Glendinnings decided to start a

family. Jim stayed on and eventually landed a spot on the vice president's detail. When her second child entered school, Jo-Ann of-

fered to volunteer.

"They needed help in the school library, so that's where I started," she said.

Forget everything you ever thought about librarians. Glendinning is the antithesis of the meek and mild bibliophile of cultural mythology. She smiles broadly and often, her laugh is infectious and she bubbles with enthusiasm. Her voice can boom across the library's stacks and her staff is just as energetic.

They have to be to keep up with her. Last year the Fruitland Park Library produced 210 different programs for adults and 415 for children.

The Glendinnings moved to Florida 12 years ago when Jim was transferred to Orlando. She parlayed her volunteer experience into an entry-level job at the W.T. Bland Library in Mount Dora and made friends with Library

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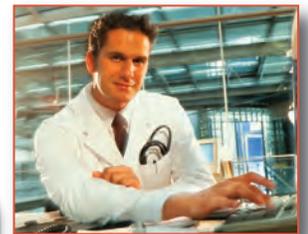
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# Citrus Tower owner has love affair with iconic landmark

**RICK REED**

Special to the Daily Commercial

Greg Homan has the top office in the state.

But he isn't a politician. Homan owns the Citrus Tower, and his office is just below the observation deck at the top of Lake County's tallest structure.

"I tell people I still hold the highest office in the state,"

Homan said. "It's a wonderful view. I really feel it's an honor to own and maintain the tower because it's Clermont's claim to fame. It's really important to Clermont."

Homan, 58, bought the Clermont landmark in 1995. Like many from the area, he entered the citrus business right out of high school. He graduated from the old Clermont High School in 1973 and was a member of the Highlanders' state tournament basketball team that year.

"We had some good teams and lost in the final game by three points," he said.

His family moved to Clermont in 1969 from northwest Ohio, and he began his freshman year

at the local school.

After the three devastating freezes in the 1980s, he decided it was time to get out of citrus and into real estate.

"Those freezes of '83, '85 and '89 wiped out a 100-year-old industry," he said. "I was just getting started and was more of a contractor. I personally owned about 40 acres."

After dealing in real estate for a few years he decided one night that commercial real estate might be a better fit.

"I was coming into town and there stood the tower," Homan said. "I don't know how many times I've driven by it and didn't see it. I didn't know if I could handle it or not but thought it'd be neat to have in my portfolio."

He borrowed the down payment, and the financing was reasonable.

"It was easy to step into it, and it's been my vocation ever since," he said. "I've done a lot to improve the grounds, and there's a lot going on around the base of the tower. The elevator is still busy. We have a lot of tourism."

Construction began



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**Greg Homan, owner of the Citrus Tower, poses at the top of the tower in Clermont.**

on the 226-foot tower on June 2, 1955. The grand opening was July 14, 1956. The building was made with 5 million pounds of concrete, 149,000 pounds of steel and glass brick paneling. It stood about halfway between Florida's biggest tourist attractions of the day — Silver Springs and Cypress Gardens — and was christened with water brought

by a Silver Springs' mermaid and Cypress Gardens aquamaid.

When construction was completed, the lowest observation deck was 150 feet off the ground, with another enclosed deck above and a crow's nest above that.

Homan uses the lower enclosed observation deck as his office.

The heavenly loft seems

to suit Homan's lifestyle.

"Christianity is very important to us," Homan said. "We're Christian and both our boys are in ministry."

Greg and Suzie Homan have been married 32 years. Ben, 28, their oldest son, is a missionary in India and Scott, 26, has been working at a Christian school and is a youth minister. They also have a daughter, Lilly, 22.

Letting Ben go to India hasn't been easy.

"It's been difficult to have him in a dangerous situation," Homan said. "But we're not worthy to stand between him and God. We've brought them to the highest level we could. We pray for them to soar from there, and that's what they've done."

Greg, Suzie and Lilly attend and are very ac-

tive in Real Life Christian Church.

The Homans are trained marriage counselors and help couples repair marriages and get them back on track. They also host an eight-week ballroom dancing class, instructed by Charlie and Joanne Bolly, at the Citrus Tower, with seven weeks of instruction and then a dance for \$100 a couple.

Greg is involved with antique cars and boats. He also bought a tractor and is working in the citrus industry in Bartow.

"I stay busy," he said. "At 58, I'm working a little harder than I intended at this age, but this keeps us from financial trouble."

"The word retirement is not mentioned in the Bible. It's not biblical. I think I will work right up to the end probably."

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Director Stephanie Haimes, whom she calls her mentor. "She kicked me out a few years later because she wanted me to apply as Children's Librarian in Tavares," Glendinning recalls. Haimes called on Glendinning again five years ago and told her to apply for library director in Fruitland Park.

Glendinning's staff organizes about two programs a day on average. They range from the most practical — teaching retirement-age adults how to navigate the Internet like tech nerds — to the poignant Paws Therapy, which encourages children with speech difficulties to read aloud to puppies who won't judge them for their difficulties.

Other programs — Cooking with Root Vegetables, How to Get a Better Night's Sleep and Help with IRS and Medicare — draw older crowds who can fill up the main library room.

"The expansion will help a lot," Glendinning said.

And she has more programs to come: She wants to launch a Historical Society to help preserve several historic homes she's identified in the area be-

fore they deteriorate. She also wants to turn the library into a visitors center that will help newcomers — like 4,000 new residents slated to move to the city starting next year — learn what makes Fruitland Park the city that it has become.

"People say libraries won't survive the Internet, but almost every technological advance has led to better libraries, from paper to the printing press to

broadcasting to the Internet," she said. "One of our most popular programs teaches people how to use their Kindles, Nooks and iPads," she said proudly.

"The library is a cultural center," Glendinning said. "We have an obligation to collect, preserve and enrich our cultural assets, from our historical homes to our families and children," she said. "We are the essence of a community."



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Debbie Stoddard meets with her support group recently in Lady Lake. Stoddard, who suffers memory loss and seizures after being stricken with viral encephalitis 25 years ago, now helps others cope with traumatic brain injuries.

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# Stoddard helps others like her overcome traumatic brain injuries

**RICK REED**

Special to the Daily Commercial

When Debbie Stoddard awoke from a coma in 1988 it was obvious something was wrong.

Stoddard, who is white, saw a black nurse as she opened her eyes and asked, "Are you my mother?"

It's likely she contracted the viral encephalitis from a mosquito. She had been camping in the woods of Maine shortly before she fell ill.

"The viral encephalitis put me in a coma and left me with a lot of scar tissue in my brain," Stoddard said. "It's a disease that most people don't survive."

Those who do survive can suffer from a variety of side effects.

"My memory is very poor," she said. "I have no current memory. Everything is before the encephalitis. But my biggest problem is the seizures. Some months I have 25, other months four."

Stoddard also can't work. Before the disease, she worked full-time as a personnel and payroll administrator for a company in Connecticut, and she was attending college in the evening.

Stoddard believed going the self-in-

sured route was best for her company because most of the employees were young and healthy.

Ironically, one part of the plan was long-term disability.

"Guess who the first person was to use the program?" she asked. "I still get long-term disability payments from them. It's a very big blessing."

In trying to help others, she also helped herself. That continues to this day in the form of volunteer work.

Stoddard and a friend spend two days a week at Lady Lake Specialty Care Center. She said she receives more than she gives.

One day, they take the residents out to eat and another they play bingo. Stoddard enjoys her time there and wishes she could volunteer five days week but because of the seizures she needs to be supervised.

Stoddard received a vagus nerve stimulator, which helps stop seizures.

"It's a computer inside my chest," she said. "It's programmed to go off every so often and stimulates my vagus nerve to catch any seizures."

A handheld magnet can also be used

to trigger the device if a seizure hits. It has greatly reduced the frequency of her seizures.

Another side effect of her illness is not being able to drive. In the past she used Sumter County Transit, but since her mother has moved back to Florida Stoddard has transportation many take for granted.

Stoddard moved to Florida in 2001 to be near her mother. But her mother later moved to Alaska to be closer to another daughter. When Stoddard's needs changed, her mom moved back to the Sunshine State. She also has a friend who takes her to the local brain injury support group meetings.

There are two groups that meet, one in Fruitland Park and the other in Lady Lake.

Stoddard has been a member for 10 years and attends both meetings.

"The support group is just a great big group of friends," she said.

An array of speakers address the group, but the gatherings also provide social support, especially for new members.

Members were afflicted in a variety

of ways, including illness and cancer, but mostly from vehicle accidents. The groups also include caregivers.

"The camaraderie is wonderful," Stoddard said. "It's upbeat, always lots of laughs and jokes. There's no crying at all. It's a super group, both of them. And we always have a Christmas party."

Stoddard makes monthly calls to the groups' members to remind them about the next meeting.

"I'm a people person," she said. "That's my background as a personnel administrator. I miss that interaction, so I volunteered to make the calls. I would do anything to help anybody. I just enjoy helping."

For more information about the local brain injury support groups, contact the group leader.

Barbara Castlow, leads the group that meets on the fourth Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park. She can be reached at 352-406-1457.

Dave Loria leads the group that meets on the second Thursday of each month at North Lake Presbyterian Church in Lady Lake. He can be reached at 352-750-3828.



# Leesburg man became an expert on capital punishment

RICK REED

Special to the Daily Commercial

Many people probably couldn't tell you what their last meal was.

Former Leesburg High School teacher Bill Hayes can tell you the last meals hundreds of people have consumed. But then, Hayes has an unusual hobby.

"I'm a death penalty historian or a capital punishment historian," said Hayes.

It's not that Hayes is ghoulish or anything. It's just that researching capital punishment began as part of his job.

A retired Army colonel, Hayes had been involved in several death penalty cases in Texas homicides involving the military. He investigated accidents in the mid 1960s while in the Army at Fort Hood, Texas. His interest grew during the next decade when friends in law enforcement began sending him news clippings of homicides.

Today, his records include almost 17,000 executions in this country from the 1600s.

And he can tell you how many inmates are on death row by clicking a few keys on his computer.

As of late morning March 12 the number was 3,163.

"It not only changes by the minute but also by who says it and when they say it," said Hayes. "It goes up and down as particular states removed the death penalty. It also depends whose data you use."

The Death Penalty Information Center is basically anti-death penalty, Hayes said, so their statistics are skewed to favor their cause.

"They keep playing with the dates so it makes it very hard to check their statistics," he said.

Hayes even keeps track of the last meals and last words of those executed.

"Robert Alton Harris ordered a 21-piece Kentucky Fried



Death row historian Bill Hayes poses with a book he helped author in his home in Leesburg.

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Chicken dinner, two pepperoni pizzas, a six-pack of Pepsi, and a bag of jelly beans," said Hayes.

That 1992 meal isn't the biggest last meal. In 2011 inmate Lawrence Russell Brewer ordered two fried chicken steaks with gravy and sliced onions; a triple bacon cheeseburger; a cheese omelet with ground beef, tomatoes, onions, bell peppers and jalapeños; fried okra; a pound of barbecued meat with half a loaf of white bread; three fajitas and a pizza topped with pepperoni, ham, beef, bacon and sausage.

And for desert he ordered a pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream, a slab of peanut butter fudge and three root beers — none of which he consumed.

Victor Feguer, who was hanged in 1963 for kidnapping and murder, asked for a single olive, reasoning it might grow into an olive tree from inside his body and become a symbol of peace.

"Many of states have done away with special meals but still serve them a meal," Hayes said. "In Texas, you get what is served to the other inmates. They were getting so much bad publicity. Most of the states limit it to \$20 what can be spent on the meal."

Hayes also records their last words.

The final words of Jesse Walter Bishop, the last man to die in Nevada's gas chamber in 1979 were, "I've always wanted to try everything once ... Let's go!"

Others have also displayed a

sense of humor with their last words. James Donald French, who was electrocuted in 1966, turned to a newsman on his way to the electric chair and said, "I have a terrific headline for you in the morning, 'French fries.'"

Why does Hayes keep such quirky items? Because people ask him for them.

Hayes left active duty in 1979 and moved his family to Leesburg to care for his late father-in-law's citrus grove.

He had trouble landing a teaching position until he took over a class of troublemakers in 1979 at Tavares High School. The following year he was hired at Leesburg High School and remained there until he retired in 2007. He started out in special education and later became head of the social studies department. He also became the

de facto computer expert for the school, something he continued even after retiring.

Hayes was an Eagle Scout and was later involved in scouting in Texas. It only took a few years in Leesburg before he began helping scouts with their projects. In 2008, he was asked to be head of the district council's advancement committee.

"Since then gone berserk," he said.

In addition to the scouts and Leesburg High School, Hayes was a member of the Leesburg Lions Club before it was disbanded and is a longtime member of the Leesburg Sunrise Rotary Club.

"My priorities changed after I retired," Hayes said. "It used to be school and then the death penalty. Now it's Boy Scouts and the death penalty."



# 55 years in office, and elections supervisor still loves her job

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Lake County Supervisor of Elections Emogene Stegall, who turns 88 in July, holds the distinction of being the county's longest-serving employee.

She started working in the elections office in May of 1958, back when Lake County had about 17,000 voters. Today, the county is home to 202,181 registered voters — the most in Lake's history.

"The thrill of elections is kind of like Christmas morning. It's so exciting," she said.

Stegall doesn't occupy her mind with the outcome of the races but rather that everything is fair, honest and by the law. "The security of the ballots is my No. 1 priority."

Her dedication has made a difference.

"We never had a problem in Lake County, never had an election contested or involved in court of law, and we get our returns out timely," she said. "In 2012 for the presidential election,

we had all of our early voting, absentee ballots and Election Day ballots counted and out on the Web by 8:31 p.m., and we had 103 precincts."

Stegall is just as passionate about her work today as when she began 55 years ago.

"I love it just as much today as I did in 1958, but probably more so today," she said from her Tavares office, where photos of swearing-in ceremonies fill the walls.

She began working in the elections' office making \$143 a month. When she ran for the supervisor of elections position in 1972, after the previous supervisor retired, Stegall was paid \$14,000 a year for the top post.

As Lake County's population boomed, so did her paycheck. Stegall's salary is now \$112,000 a year, along with an additional \$2,000 for being certified, yet she lives modestly in a small house 1 1/2 blocks from work.

How does she spend her money? By giving back to the community. Stegall said she donates 50 percent of her income to charity and favorite causes, including her church, First United Methodist in Tavares. She also donates to food banks and the educational foundations at Lake-Sumter State College and the Lake County Schools,



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Lake County Supervisor of Elections Emogene Stegall, 87, shown in her Tavares office. In the background are a few of the swearing-in ceremony photographs throughout her 55-year career.

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to name a few.

"I feel that I am generous in my contributions," she said. "I feel that we are here (on Earth) to help people. I love giving to people who need help."

She attributes her energy to thoroughly enjoying her work and being surrounded by a wonderful staff of 12. The office is preparing now for the Aug. 26 primary and Nov. 5 general election and will have early voting sites in place throughout the county to provide the commu-

nity with more options for casting their ballots.

"Lake County is a big county. We have one precinct that is 40 miles from the county seat," she said. "We have to make it fair for people and we are here to help people vote, make it convenient and a positive experience for everyone."

When she's not at work, the widow is devoted to her family of one daughter, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, who all live in the area. She's called "Gaga" by the little ones.

"When my granddaughter just started to talk, they were trying to teach her to say Grandma and it

came out Gaga," she said with a grin, noting she had the name before singer Lady Gaga. Stegall's granddaughter is 43, and the name Gaga has stuck all of these years.

"I call them my board of directors. They try to tell me what to do," she said of her great-grandchildren.

Stegall will be up for re-election in 2016, and the question she's been asked numerous times is whether she will run again.

"I don't know today of what my health is going to be in two years as anyone else," she said. "If the elections were today, yes, I'd run. Lake County is a great place to live and to work and it's filled with great people."

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# Fire union VP: The job is hazardous but rewarding

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What began as a routine basketball game ended in tragedy.

Lt. Brian Gamble of Lake County Fire Rescue remembered the high school basketball game he participated in with his best friend, Stan.

One minute, things were fine and the next Stan went into cardiac arrest and later died.

"It is a helpless feeling when you don't know what to do," he said of the incident when he was 17-years-old.

The event had such a profound effect on him that Gamble aspired to become a firefighter/EMT. Gamble said he did



Lake County Fire Rescue Lt. Brian Gamble responds to a medical call in Lady Lake.  
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not want to be in a position where he could not help someone in distress again.

He began volunteering in 1991 and in 1999 began working full-time as a firefighter.

For the past three years, Gamble has also served as vice president of the Professional Firefighters of Lake County, and he also has taught CPR and first aid to health care providers for the last 15 years.

"Lt. Gamble has been

dedicated to the service since I have known him," said Assistant Fire Chief

Jack Fillman. "He

is one of our primary CPR and first aid instructors."

Gamble said the job is more than just responding to emergencies.

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managers and owners we protect," he said.

Fillman said Gamble also volunteers as a battalion aide technician, helping the department in numerous ways.

"We have 24 stations and only two battalion chiefs," he said. "The battalion chief has to monitor and visit 12 stations, which is nearly impossible. We have given each of the battalion aide technicians eight stations they are responsible for."

Gamble said he particularly appreciates those moments when he can make a difference.

There was a worker at Sam's Club in Lady Lake who went into cardiac ar-



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**Gamble said he particularly appreciates moments when he can make a difference.**

rest, along with similar stories, where he applied his skills to save lives.

The job has its grueling moments, such as work-

ing 24-hour shifts.

Stationed in Lady Lake, Gamble said there is often little time for sleep.

"We are one of the busiest stations in the county," he said. Gamble has experienced his fair share of close calls. "The most dangerous part of the job is being out on the road treating someone," he said, explaining that many times drivers will not see the firefighters. "Someone almost hit us the other day when we were working on a guy on the side of the road."

As vice president of the Professional Firefighters of Lake County, Gamble said he has seen improvements over the years in building better relationships with officials.

The hardest part of the position is politics and bureaucracy, Gamble said.

"I have seen a lot of positive changes," he

said. "Hopefully we can continue to move in the right direction."

Gamble said he also is proud to be part of the group that helped establish the Lake County Firefighters Charity to support the community.

"We have been able to support the Boy Scouts, American Cancer Society, Helping Hands and Hearts, as well as open a free community toy store

during Christmas time to help those in need," he said.

As Lake County Fire Rescue marks its 30th anniversary, Gamble said he wants to adopt traditions such as the annual fire ball held to recognize those retiring from Lake County Fire Rescue.

"It is an opportunity to recognize those that go above and beyond during the year," he said.



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Poetry Under the Oaks, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St., Mount Dora. The cost is free. Celebrate National Poetry Month beneath the oak trees enjoying poets from Central Florida and beyond. Guests should bring a bag lunch.

## APRIL 11

Mount Dora Art Stroll and Second Friday Movie in the Park from 6 to 8 p.m., 138 E. Fifth Ave., in downtown Mount Dora. The cost is free. Visitors can browse area galleries and studios. Independent artists will display and sell their work in special locations. For information, call Beth Miller at 352-383-0880 or go to [www.mountdoracenterforthearts.org](http://www.mountdoracenterforthearts.org).

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## APRIL 19

Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. at W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St., Mount Dora. The hunts are divided into four age groups: up to 2 years old, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10. Bring your camera for a photo with the Easter Bunny. Also features face painting, balloon art and snow cones. Call the library at 352-735-7180 for information.

## TAVARES

### APRIL 4-5

Rotary Club hosts the Golden Triangle Dragon Boat Festival at 5 p.m. April 4 and 9 a.m. April 5 at Wooton Park, 100 E. Ruby St., Tavares. Pre-race ceremonies begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and guests can join the teams for dinner

by going to [www.cfdragonboat.org](http://www.cfdragonboat.org) for tickets. Awakening of the Dragon Ceremony, a performance from the Orlando Taiko Drummers and at dark a grand display of fireworks over Lake Dora.

### APRIL 12

Planes, Trains & BBQ will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Wooton Park, 100 E. Ruby St., in Tavares. The cost is free. Features an air show, seaplane rides, train rides, state-sanctioned barbecue competition, car show and musical entertainment throughout the day. There will also be aerial acrobatics, and a special operations parachute team will

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perform high-flying fun. Call 352-742-6176 or email [lforrell@tavares.org](mailto:lforrell@tavares.org).

### APRIL 14

"When Radio Was," a performance of the Lake County Ladies Chorus, will begin at 6 p.m. at the Tavares Civic Center, 100 E. Caroline S. Chorus will be broadcasting their musical program, "When Radio Was," as part of National Library Week. Refreshments will be provided by Tavares Friends of the Library. For information, call 352-742-6204.

### APRIL 26

Tavares Spring Fly-In and 100 Years of Seaplanes, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at

Wooton Park, 100 E. Ruby St., in Tavares at the Seaplane Base. Admission is free. Go to [www.tavares.org](http://www.tavares.org) for information.

## UMATILLA

### APRIL 12

Evening on the Avenue, 5 to 8 p.m. Umatilla merchants join together every second Saturday of the month to present the Evening on the Avenue on Central Avenue in Umatilla. The event raises funds for local youth organizations by offering several 50/50 drawings. Ten percent of all participating merchants' proceeds during the event

also go to charity.

### APRIL 12

Golf for Education, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Red-Tail Golf Club, 26026 Member Lane in Sorrento. Entry fee is \$75 per player and includes greens fees, cart, tee bags, range balls, pre-tournament lunch and more. Proceeds benefit Umatilla High School scholarships. Call the Chamber at 352-669-3511 for information and sponsorships.

## GROVELAND

### APRIL 25

Arbor Day Scrub Oak Planting. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Lake Thomas Cove Park, 3020 Thomas Cove Dr., Groveland. Cost is free. Celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree that could serve as a future home to baby Florida scrub jays. Call Lake County Parks and Trails Department at 352-253-4950, email

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## FRUITLAND PARK

APRIL 3

SHINE ( Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders), offers free, unbiased Medicare information and counseling by trained SHINE volunteers at Fruitland Park Library, 205 W. Berckman St., from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Jo-Ann Glendinning at 352-360-6561 for appointments.

APRIL 16

16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m. at Fruitland Public Park Library, 205 W. Berckman St., Fruitland Park. The cost is free. Sign-up for this event at the circu-

lation desk or call the library at 352-360-6561. Don't forget your Easter basket.

## LADY LAKE

APRIL 12

Town of Lady Lake Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the junior baseball field on Hermosa Street behind the Lady Lake Public Library. Cost is free. This event will feature games and the egg hunts beginning at 10 a.m. For information, call Mike Burske at 352-430-0451.

## CLERMONT

APRIL 10

Comics, Cartoons and Children of the Holocaust: Is Superman Jewish?, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr., Clermont. Cost is free. Call Dennis Smolarek at 352-536-2275 or email [d\\_smolarek@lakeline.lib.fl.us](mailto:d_smolarek@lakeline.lib.fl.us) for information.

APRIL 12

Got Kidz? Festival and Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1072 W. Magnolia St., downtown Clermont. Cost is free. Call Mary Prescott at 352-406-0904 or email [info@clermontdowntownpartnership.com](mailto:info@clermontdowntownpartnership.com) or go to [www.clermontdowntownpartnership.com](http://www.clermontdowntownpartnership.com) for information.

## LEESBURG

APRIL 3

18th Annual Spring Fish Fry, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Historic Mote-Morris House, 1401 W. Magnolia St., downtown Leesburg. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children age 13 and younger. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.fishfry.leesburgpartnership.com](http://www.fishfry.leesburgpartnership.com), at the Partnership office, or at the event. Call the Leesburg Partnership at 352-365-0053 or email [info@leesburgpartnership.com](mailto:info@leesburgpartnership.com) for information.

APRIL 11

Driving for a Cure Golf Tournament. Registration and lunch is at noon with lunch, putting contest at 12:30 p.m. and shotgun start at 1

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**The 18th Annual Leesburg Bikefest will be from April 24-27.**

p.m. at Harbor Hills Country Club, 6538 Lake Griffin Road in Lady Lake. Hosted by Tom Grizzard Realtors, the tournament benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association fighting muscle disease. For information or to register, call

the Leesburg Area Chamber of Commerce at 352-787-2131 or email Sandi Moore at [sandi@leesburgchamber.com](mailto:sandi@leesburgchamber.com).

APRIL 24-27

18th Annual Leesburg Bikefest. This weekend-long

event runs from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, in downtown Leesburg. The cost is free. Call the Leesburg Partnership at 352-365-0053, email [info@leesburgbikefest.com](mailto:info@leesburgbikefest.com) or go to [www.leesburgbikefest.com](http://www.leesburgbikefest.com) for information.

## EUSTIS

APRIL 5

Amazing Race for Charity, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ferran Park, 200 Ferran Dr., Eustis. The cost is \$100-\$125. Participants will navigate a course through the city, completing mental and physical challenges at local businesses, schools and churches. Call Tim Totten at 321-287-0628 or email [amazingracecharity@gmail.com](mailto:amazingracecharity@gmail.com) or go to [www.amazingraceforcharity.com](http://www.amazingraceforcharity.com).

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