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CLERMONT

## City manager, 27-year veteran, resigns

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Clermont City Manager Wayne Saunders surprised those attending Tuesday night's city council meeting with an announcement that he was resigning.

Saunders, who has held the position since 1985, thanked current and past board members just prior

to his resignation.

"I would respect that this chapter can be put behind us and the City of Clermont can move on," the city manager said.

Saunders also presented the council with a "volunteer retirement agreement" drawn up by City Attorney Dan Mantzaris that includes provisions that make his resignation effective Jan. 1, 2013.

However, the agreement would essentially keep Saunders on the city's payroll as a consultant until Jan. 1, 2014, at his full \$141,772.80 annual salary.

Councilman Jack Hogan made a motion the city pay Saunders his full salary through Jan. 1, 2013, and for the first six months during his consultant stint, then reduced the compensation for the final six

months. That motion died when it received no second.

Instead, council members voted 3-2 to accept the terms of the proposed retirement agreement.

Mantzaris, however, did get council to insert language that would allow the agreement to be terminated by either party at any

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CITY MANAGER  
WAYNE SAUNDERS

GROVELAND | FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION



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Groveland's third annual Fourth of July Celebration last week featured music, food vendors from throughout the county, fun contests — like hula hoop, watermelon eating and sack races — games and activities for the children, and a variety of other attractions, including a car show and book sale at and around Lake David Park. Stephanie Morris, 10, joins in a watermelon eating contest at Lake David Park (above photo); Little Miss Firecracker, Lexie Sanchez, 4, of Groveland (right); a mother and daughter — showing off her blue tongue — enjoy their time at Lake David Park (below right); an attendee shows off his "patriotic" attire — red shoes, white shorts, and blue socks (below left).



CLERMONT

## 2 cops fired, 1 suspended

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Two off-duty Clermont police officers were fired and a third was suspended after leading a fourth officer on a high-speed chase they thought was funny, Chief Steve Graham said Tuesday.

"As a police chief you need to send a clear message that you don't tolerate this type of behavior," he said at an afternoon press conference.

According to an investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office that was requested by Graham, Officer Marc Thompson, Sgt.

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MASCOTTE

## White cop accuses police chief of racism

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Scott Thompson, a former Mascotte police officer, said he feels he was racially discriminated against while working for the city's police department.

Thompson, a self-proclaimed "Caucasian" man, claims the newly hired police chief's racial indiscretion played a role in his



MAYOR TONY ROSADO

termination in February.

"I am a Caucasian man. I was employed by the city of Mascotte Police Department as an officer. The city hired a new chief. The new chief is Hispanic. In

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## Monday marks deadline to register to vote in primary

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New to Lake County or planning to vote for the first time? Monday is the deadline for new voters to register in time for Florida's primary election in August, when several big local races will be on the ballot.

Lake County Supervisor of Elections Emogene Stegall said she's thrilled

that her office has been flooded with many new voters sending by mail.

"We're processing them fairly quickly," Stegall said Tuesday, adding a staff of five people are handling the applications and entering the data. They've been too busy to count the exact number coming in each day.

"I think there is an interest in this election and people are registering. My

hope is that they will go vote," Stegall said.

First, she wants more Lake County newcomers and those voting for the first time to realized it's not too late to fill out a voter's registration form.

"It's important for people to know that July 16 is the deadline for new people registering for the first time," she said of those

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### 2012 EARLY VOTING SITES

Lake County registered voters wishing to vote before Florida's Aug. 14 primary election may take advantage of early voting, which starts Aug. 4 and will be open daily through Aug. 11, including Sunday, Aug. 5. All early voting sites will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bring a signature and photo identification. The early voting locations:

- Cagan Crossings Community Library, 16729 Cagan Oaks, Clermont
- Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont
- Lake County Administration Building, 315 W. Main St., 2nd floor rotunda, Tavares
- Eustis Memorial Library, 120 N. Center St., Eustis
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## BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

Have you done any early shopping for the new school year?



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**JENNIFER AZEEZ**  
CLERMONT



I haven't yet, because my daughter doesn't really need much. She's been using what she has from last year. If I do end up needing a few things, I'll be shopping during tax-free week.

**BELINDA BREWER**  
CLERMONT



No, I usually leave the back-to-school shopping until the last minute. I always do it like the week before; for uniforms, book bags, supplies, everything.

**JENNILEE SUERO**  
MINNEOLA



No, it's not time yet.

**MELISSA RAULERSON**  
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No because I'm not sure what my son will really need. He's not in kindergarten yet, just VPK, so there's no list.

**APRIL MACIK**  
(WITH SON CAMERON, 4)  
CLERMONT

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time "with cause," or in the event that Saunders accepts another position at any time through Jan. 1, 2014.

The mood in the audience was split. Some employees, officials and residents pointed out that Saunders has been a big factor in the financial health of the city, and it helping to keep property tax rates low.

Others expressed disapproval of Saunders' management style and his ability to lead the city into the future.

Saunders' resignation followed in the wake of a question raised by Van Wagner at a visioning workshop last month as to whether Saunders was the right person to lead Clermont forward. Van Wagner said he feels Clermont needs "a change" in its leadership.

One-on-one meetings between the city manager and other council members and staff that occurred in the weeks following the workshop apparently led to Saunders' decision to retire.

"The council, at least the majority of the council, wanted to bring in a new city manager who will enthusiastically follow a vision plan once approved by the council with lots of citizen input," Ray Goodgame said in an email sent Wednesday to constituents. "Presently, we have a \$2.8 million pavilion and associated buildings just sitting idle. When we built this facility, the council was expecting entertainment that would benefit all citizens and not a dead monument.

"We need concerts, movies, stage productions, etc at this facility for the citizens. We need to have events that bring our citizens to all our parks and downtown," wrote Goodgame.

Councilman Keith Mullins called Saunders' resignation "honorable" and "in the best interest of the city," since it sidestepped further turmoil.

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Mark Edwards and Officer Dennis Hall were returning from an evening at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tampa on March 5 when they spotted fellow officer Christina Fowler on patrol at about 11:20 p.m. Thompson, who was driving his personal car with dark-tinted windows, decided to lead Fowler on a high-speed chase as a prank, the investigation showed.

"Basically, there are off duty officers and they entice an on-duty officer to actually come after them and stop them," Graham said.

Thompson repeatedly swerved on purpose to get Fowler's attention and then sped off, initiating a chase. The incident was recorded on Fowler's dash-mounted video camera and showed the pursuit reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph along U.S. Highway 27.

Thompson finally stopped his car,

jumped out and pretended to run away before laughing so hard he had to bend over, the investigation showed.

Fowler pulled out her gun and aimed it at Thompson before recognizing him. The incident left Fowler's hands shaking and she had to sit down for a few minutes to allow her "heart rate and adrenaline to return to normal," the investigation showed.

Fowler eventually reported the incident to her superiors.

"What they didn't realize is the officer that was pulling them over, she was pulling her side arm," Graham said. "This wasn't a game to her. It may have been to them, but it's not a game to her.

"And this could've have had really tragic consequences, not to mention if there'd been anyone driving through their path when they were going pretty quick, it could've involved the public as well."

The investigation concluded all three officers in the car displayed conduct unbecoming a member of the police department.

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front of multiple witnesses the new chief said he was going to pave the way for Hispanic officers and that he was going to flex his Hispanic muscle," Thompson wrote in a charge of discrimination complaint he filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in June against police Chief Ronaldo Banasco. Banasco, the city's first Hispanic/Latino police chief, was appointed as chief in late January.

In the charge, Thompson says he heard Banasco make other racially insensitive comments and claims that, almost immediately after becoming chief, Banasco fired him and hired two Hispanic officers.

"The chief did not follow protocols for terminating me," Thompson wrote. "I believe it was the chief's decision to terminate me based upon discriminatory

reasons."

According to city records, Thompson was terminated for lying to a superior about having reported to work at his scheduled time, based on a provision in the department's code of conduct, which states: "Members will truthfully answer all questions specifically directed and narrowly related to the scope of their employment and the operation of the Department."

A previous disciplinary-action form in Thompson's file dated Aug. 31, 2011, also shows where Thompson had been placed on a six-month probation by then police Chief Steve Allen, who is white, for using the department's computer system to find an address of "an old friend."

On Thursday, Banasco said racial discrimination had no part in his decision to terminate Thompson on Feb. 27, adding that he could not speak further on the matter because of the pending EEOC inquiry.

## CLERMONT

### Health, wellness fun fair is Saturday

Special to the South Lake Press

New Beginnings will host its second annual Community Health, Wellness and Fun Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, at First United Methodist Wesley Center, 950 7th St., Clermont.

New Beginnings of Lake County is a not-for-profit organization that since its inception in 2007 has continued to help homeless and hungry families.

"Not only is it a free event promoting healthy living, there will be free door prizes, free medical screenings, and a free bounce house and face painting for the kids," Marketing Director Sandy Farnsworth said. "It's really a family friendly event filled with activities for all ages."

Topics and speakers will include:

■ 10:30 a.m. — "Alzheimer's: How to Identify It and What to Do About It?"

■ 11 a.m. — Pamela J. Helton,

"Attorney Q&A"

■ 11:30 a.m. — Dr. Roe from Upper Cervical, "Your Health, Diabetes and Nutrition"

■ Noon — Dr. John Fleming, geriatrics specialist, "Q&A About Aging Gracefully"

■ 1 p.m. — Dr. Soyini Ayan, nutrition specialist, "What You Eat and How It Affects Your Body"

Also at the event there will be more than 70 vendors providing tips on healthy living, nutrition, eliminating back pain and providing an opportunity to meet specialty doctors and dentist.

"This event was a great success last year and we have some returning sponsors like Inter-Community Cancer Institute, Visiting Angels, Superior Residences, BJ's and Z-Max Radio, as well as some new ones like Golden Pond Communities, Upper Cervical Health Centers of America and Foundation Academy," Communications Director Stephen Elmore said.

## South Lake Briefs

### CLERMONT

#### Hit-and-run driver leaves cyclist in the hospital

A Clermont bicyclist was hospitalized in critical condition after being struck by a hit-and-run driver on Sunday, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

The accident occurred just after 7 a.m. when Curt Henderson was struck from behind while riding east-bound on County Road 561, just west of Palisades Boulevard. The vehicle that struck him — a white Toyota with a broken windshield — fled the area, the FHP said.

Henderson was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center.

### GROVELAND

#### Annual Kid's SAFE program takes place Aug. 11

Edge Memorial United Methodist Church has teamed up with the Groveland Police Department for the third annual Kid's SAFE on Aug. 11 at Lake David Park in Groveland.

Free socks and undergarments will be distributed to preregistered families from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hill Building across from the church.

If you have a child who will attend Groveland Elementary, Mascotte Elementary or Gray Middle School during the 2012-13 school year, come to the church office at 441 S. Main Ave., Groveland, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, to register.

Providing accurate sizes would be appreciated.

Registration deadline is July 23.

For information call 352-429-2572.

### CLERMONT

#### Next Health and Wellness Series program Tuesday

"Managing your High Blood Pressure Through Alternative Therapies" is the topic for South Lake Hospital's next Health and Wellness Series from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the National Training Center, 1935 Don Wickham Dr., Clermont on the hospital campus.

Dr. Jaime Gonzalez, M.D., an internal medicine physician, is the guest for the workshop.

The event is open to the public at no cost.

For information and to register call 352-394-4071, ext. 4412.

### CLERMONT

#### Art league to offer 'One Stroke' painting series

Kathie Camara will teach "One Stroke Basic Strokes Level 1," a six-week series of classes, beginning July 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the South Lake Art League's Cagan Gallery, 16640 Cagan Crossings Blvd., Clermont.

Cost for the complete series is \$180 (\$30 a week, or \$150 in advance for a \$30 savings).

Students will learn brush basics, basic strokes and elements of design to paint new flowers each week.

Register at 352-241-6407, or visit [www.butterflykissesstudio.com](http://www.butterflykissesstudio.com).

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wishing to cast their ballots in Florida's August primary. Applications with a July 16 postmark will be accepted, and the new voters should get their voter's registration card in time to take part in the early voting which runs Aug. 4-11.

Stegall said a voter's registration form can be downloaded online from [www.elections.lakecountyfl.gov](http://www.elections.lakecountyfl.gov) and mailed to Lake County Supervisor of Elections, P.O. Box 457, Tavares, FL 32778.

Lake County residents also may visit the Lake Supervisor of Elections Office in person, at the round courthouse, 315 W. Main St., Room 144, Tavares, to fill out a form, or applications may be picked up at local libraries.

Other local races that will be on the ballot next month: Property appraiser, supervisor of elections, county commissioner district 3, school board seats 1, 2 and 4, and Lake County Water Authority district 2.

Stegall said each and every registered Lake County voter — more than 190,000 in all — will receive a sample ballot, specific to their precinct, before Aug. 4.

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LEESBURG

# Talent Search helps kids get into college

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The parents of about 600 middle- and high-school students in 15 Lake and Sumter County schools never went to college, but a new program hopes to get these kids to aim for a postsecondary education.

Lake-Sumter Community College was one of 43 institutions in 25 states and Puerto Rico to be awarded shares of a \$14.2 million grant under the Talent Search program from the U.S. Department of Education. The college will get \$257,769 over the next five years to provide tutoring, workshops, social activities and college campus visits — all designed to give these 600-plus students the knowledge, skills and desire to further their education past the 12th grade.

“The Talent Search program supports students facing difficult challenges and gets them back on track to finish high school and enroll in higher education,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who noted overall, the grant will help more than 32,000 students and increase their potential of earning advanced degrees and going on to join the workforce.

The grant funding is part of the U.S. Department of Education’s initiative to “attain the critical, national goals of leading the world in college completion by 2020.”

Reinaldo “Rey” Cortés, director of youth outreach programs at Lake-Sumter Community College, credits the collaboration between LSCC and Lake and Sumter County Schools’ officials in applying for the grant and demonstrating the local need.

“There are almost 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the country that applied for this grant,” said Cortés, pleased that LSCC was one of two colleges in Florida selected to receive the award. The

other was Santa Fe College in Gainesville.

“This grant is geared to students whose parents did not have a chance to go to college,” Cortés said of Talent Search, which has been offered at LSCC since 1998. “The students are basically potential first-generation college students, and this gives them the knowledge and motivation to go to college. They see that college is attainable and we also help them to identify the resources for financial aid.”

Three LSCC staff members are involved in the educational Talent Search, which Cortés also hails as an early-intervention project. The staff works with guidance counselors at Carver, Clermont, East Ridge, Gray, Oak Park, Leesburg, South Sumter, Umatilla, Windy Hill, and Wildwood schools in identifying students that could benefit from the program.

Students learn about the Talent Search through a special program and are given applications to take home. LSCC screens the applications and the selected students are tracked from sixth grade all the way through high school.

“We visit the schools and we provide workshops and give advice to students on different things that have to do with college,” Cortés said. “We also bring them out here to Lake-Sumter and we take them on college tours as well, to other colleges and universities throughout the state, the University of Florida and UCF. It gives them exposure.”

Most of the students in the program have never visited a college campus before. During the college visits, they also have a chance to meet officials from admissions and financial aid about what it takes to get into college and fund their education.

Cortés believes the program makes a difference.

“On average, about 70 percent of our graduates go to college,” he said.



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LSCC Vice-President of Business Affairs, Dick Scott, addresses Talent Search students. The program is designed to give youths the skills, knowledge and motivation to go to college.

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MINNEOLA

## Brawl leads to 'stand-your-ground' defense

Staff Report

A 52-year-old Minneola man was at the center of an Osceola County Courthouse brawl on Monday after a hearing in a first-degree murder case where “stand your ground” is being used as a defense, WESH 2 News reports.

The case centers around the killings of two brothers, Joel Kun, 21, and James Kun, 23, both of St. Cloud, who investigators said were slain by Jayson Clair, 27, also of St. Cloud. He is charged with first-degree murder, but is claiming self-defense.

Investigators said about 30 friends and family members from both sides had just left a courtroom hearing at about 9:40 a.m. when Clair’s stepfather, James “Zeke” Parker of Minneola, had a confrontation with the victim’s friend, Jeremy Milyon, 23, of St. Cloud.

Milyon is accused of exchanging words with and then punching Parker, who responded, “You want a piece of me? Let’s go,” arrest reports stated. At least one woman was knocked off her feet when the slain men’s father, James Kun Sr., 45, also of St. Cloud, reportedly got involved in the brawl and traded punches with Parker.

A detective was also hit in the head when he tried to break up the shoving, punching and kicking. WESH 2 News reported.

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**OUR VOICE**

**It's time to continue in the right direction**

**FIRST STEP:** Taking a pay cut was great but only a small step in the right direction.

**G**roveland Mayor Mike Radzik certainly did what was right last week by taking a 27 percent pay cut.

But Radzik is the best of a bunch of economically tone-deaf elected public officials.

While we commend council members for the action they took at last week's meeting, those 10 percent pay cuts hardly carry the necessary punch to help remedy the city's fiscal problems.

Going into the meeting, each council member was making \$850 a month for their public service. They left knowing their pay would be decreased to \$765. Radzik, who was making \$1,050 a month, left also making \$765.

We say, good job — for stepping up to the plate and doing what was right. However, the council's action resembled more closely the slow awakening of a bear from hibernation.

This issue had been stewing for months, and the last time the council even broached the subject was at Radzik's urging.

Unfortunately for the astute mayor, nary a word was offered at the time on the subject of pay cuts. His motion — made at a meeting earlier this year — to reduce council members' municipal pay, the highest in Lake County, died for lack of a second.

Council members were discussing ways to stem a budget crisis and set their sights on cutting city employee bonuses and incentive pay.

One Groveland man, Glen Wilson, urged board members at the time to reduce their monthly compensation to \$300 a month — and \$400 for the mayor — to match their counterparts in Clermont, a larger city.

After all this time, council members suddenly seem to have acquired a little integrity.

"People were asking that in these economic times, cuts in Groveland start at the top, so the council cutting its pay I think is a positive and proactive step to show our willingness to make those sacrifices," Councilman James Smith said.

Considering council members' earlier silence, it appears "sacrifice" has only recently entered their vocabulary.

While their vote was praiseworthy, 10 percent hardly suffices. They have stepped up to the plate; now they need to swing a little harder this time.

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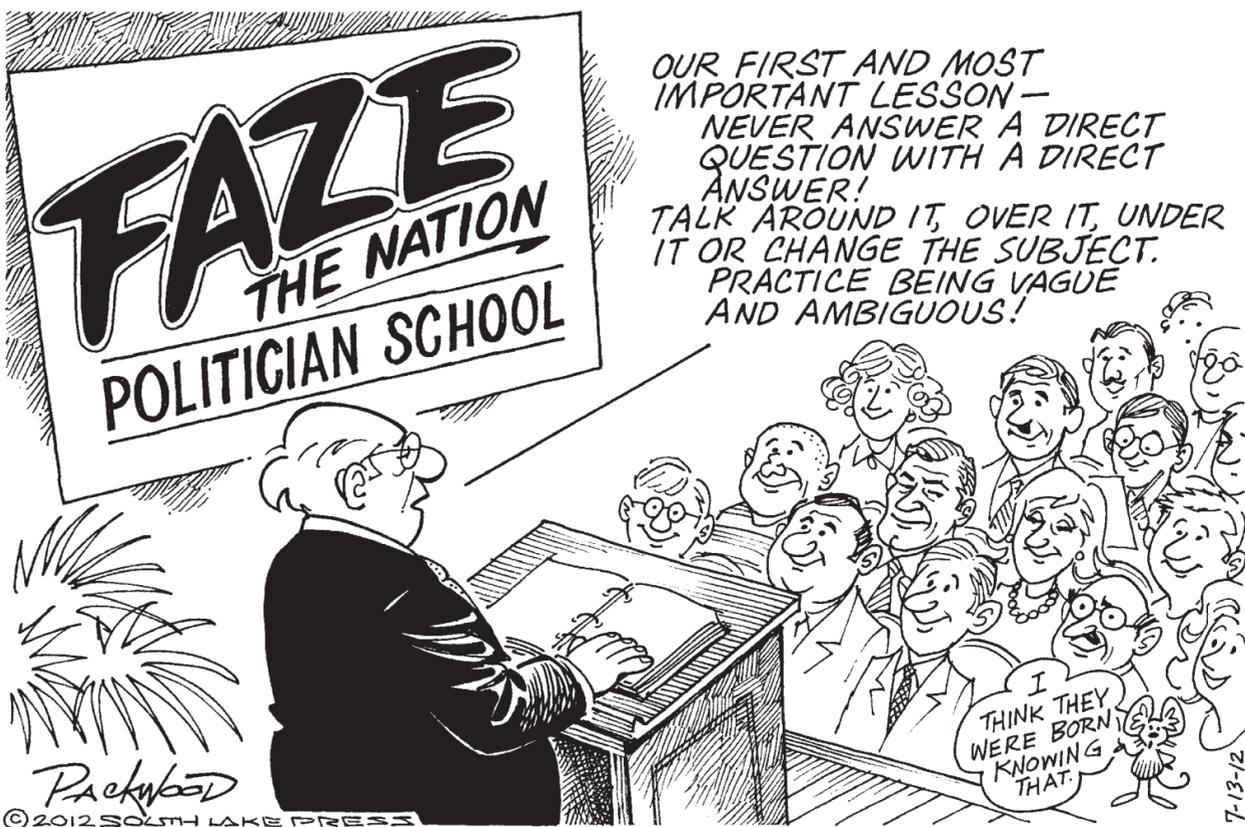
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**What we have Washington is a failure to communicate**

**T**o quote the warden in the movie "Cool Hand Luke," "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

The human mind can be compared to a multilevel department store. When two people are having a conversation, the first thing that they must ascertain is that they are both talking at the same level.

If I'm talking at one level and what I'm saying is being received at another level, my statement of offering a compliment at one level is being received by the listener at another level as an egregious insult. This happens more often than one may think, and I will be the first to admit that it happens to me more often than I want.

We have a multilingual world, and I have often wondered how many problems we have encountered because words passed on to our country's representatives by our president are then passed on to the recipient through the lips of an interpreter, who may not be functioning at the same level of understanding.

President Carter had an embarrassing situation when he went to a foreign country and told the crowd that he loved them and admired them profusely. When the interpreter passes on this complimentary statement it came out that he wanted to perform an indecent act with each and every one of them. Months of planning to improve relations between two countries were flushed down the drain by this failure to communicate.

My family background was German. For years I worked very closely with an individual with a Norwegian background. We both spoke English. Quite often he would begin a statement with the words, "As you have said," and then go on to utter words that were totally unfamiliar to me but indicated an intellectual level that I had never visited.

I had never said any such thing but I never corrected him. Now, I wonder how many times he heard words that I said at a lower, less flattering level.

My German immigrant grandfather would threaten me within an inch of my life with things that he would do to me if I threw my ball into his garden and stomped on his vegetables when I went to retrieve it. What I heard him say was, "Just be careful to stay on the other side of the yard with your ball."

In my family, it seems that we were always hearing at different levels than the level of utterance. This is not uncommon in this day of fast automobiles. One driver makes a move with his car that offends another driver, and soon we have a road rage incident. Had both drivers been thinking on the same level, the offended driver would have seen the necessity of the offensive maneuver and given a five-finger wave as he passed the first driver.

The written word is more likely to be read at the same level as the writer intended but the number of last wills and testaments contested in court

**LETTER of the WEEK**



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**Our flag: Is it a piece of cloth, or is it a symbol of a great nation?**

Is the American Flag just a piece of cloth or is it a symbol of a great nation?

Definition of symbol: "Something that represents something else by association, resemblance, or convention, especially a material object to be used to represent something invisible."

When an American Flag is assembled, the red stripes represent courage; the white strips represent purity; the blue stripes belief in justice.

These are the beliefs of American citizens.

The five points of the stars could be the representation of the rays of the sun, which symbolize light.

The 15-star and 15-striped flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Defense of Fort McHenry," later known as, "The Star Spangled Banner."

April 4, 1818, a plan passed in Congress to reduce the number of stripes to 13 to honor the original colonies, and to add a star each time a new state entered the Union. In 1818 there were 20 stars.

How much blood has been shed by the American military to protect American freedoms — freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom from want, freedom from fear?

Is the American Flag just a piece of cloth to use to publish a facsimile of a political candidate.

I think not.

George M. Cohan wrote a musical play, "George Washington Jr." One of the songs he wrote was, "You're a Grand Old Flag." I am sure the older Americans remember the chorus:

"You're a grand old flag.  
 You're a high flying flag.  
 And forever in peace may you wave.  
 "You're the emblem of  
 The land I love.  
 The home of the free and the brave.  
 "Ev'ry heart beats true  
 'Neath the Red, White and Blue.  
 Where there's never a boast or brag.

"But should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
 Keep your eye on the grand old flag."

JACQUELIN DUPUIS | Leesburg

clearly indicates that not all readers are on the same level of thought as the writer.

RAYMOND LOHSL | Leesburg

**Government no longer cares about Savings Bonds**

The U.S. government no longer wants the general public to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds. In the past, buying bonds was promoted to all Americans, and they were very easy to purchase. Today, it seems the Treasury is no longer interested.

If you want to give a gift bond to a grandchild, good luck. Financial organizations can no longer assist in the purchase. Bonds can only be issued in electronic form.

This may seem easy for some but not for grandpa.

Why has this now occurred? It is obvious that at least two thirds of our citizens have been eliminated from the bond market. There are also limits on the amount you can buy in a one-year period. What's that about? They never seem to stop borrowing by the millions elsewhere. It now appears that my gift bonding will have to cease.

My conclusion about the new bond program is that the government is not interested in any savings mode for our citizens. Spend everything you get your fingers on, including credit. That philosophy sounds familiar: Beg, borrow or print whatever you need for whatever you want.

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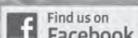
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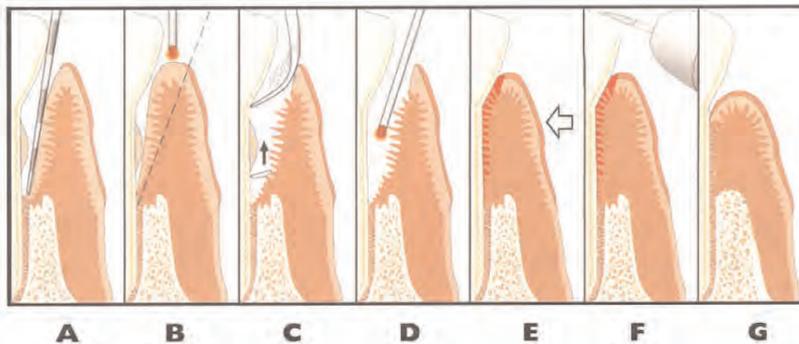
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## TAVARES

# Railroad bridge work blocks boat access

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A \$1.3 million railroad bridge replacement project will prevent boaters from using the mile-long Dora Canal to get from Lake Dora to Lake Eustis from July 16 through the middle or end of August.

Track replacement included in the project will also shut down Tavares' Orange Blossom Cannonball, a popular tourist train, during the busy summer months.

"We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we look forward to the new bridge, new track and the return of steam Locomotive No. 2 on Sept. 1," the Cannonball's operator, the Tavares, Eustis and Gulf Railroad, said in a statement.

Bill Neron, economic development director, said it is never a good time for construction in the downtown area, but the city will have detours set up around any road construction.

"This project will improve our transportation infrastructure," he said. "This is like any other road

improvement project, and there will be some inconveniences, but there is no other way to replace the bridge."

During the project, boaters will not be permitted under the bridge, which was built in the 1950s. Plans call for the replacement and relocation of support pilings, and raising the tracks higher above the canal, improving navigation.

Coinciding with the bridge project is a separate effort to sweep the canal free of large objects such as submerged logs. Contractor John Murphy is doing the work under a \$15,000 contract with the Lake County Water Authority.

The water authority and Lake County each contributed \$5,000 toward the work, with three cities — Eustis, Mount Dora and Tavares — chipping in \$1,670 each.

The bridge work also includes replacement of the train tracks along Ruby Street in downtown Tavares, where the Orange Blossom Cannonball is based. These track improvements will allow for

## Boaters won't be able to use Doral Canal to go between Lake Dora and Lake Eustis



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Kayakers enjoy a sunny afternoon on the Dora Canal.

safer transport of freight and passengers, and are part of a larger project to connect various cities in Lake County with Orlando's future rail upgrades, offi-

cial said.

The Florida Department of Transportation is picking up 75 percent of the \$1.3 project cost of the bridge and rail project with a fed-

eral stimulus grant. Tavares, the water authority and the Florida Central Railroad is paying for the remainder.

Originally called the Elfin River, the Dora Canal was

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# Growing a legacy with Discovery Gardens

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Charles Fedunak didn't have much to work with when he arrived at the Lake County Extension Office in Tavares almost two decades ago.

He had a patch of land set aside for gardening education purposes, but no funding and little spare time because, as an educator, he had to teach and publish articles. Fedunak did have one volunteer to help him, but had to provide his own gardening tools from the get go.

Today, the 4 1/2-acre Discovery Gardens behind the Lake County Agricultural Center in Tavares has 20 themed gardens, including a string of lush courtyards and six specially designed children's gardens. The botanical site is a virtual outdoor learning center for young students and aspiring gardeners alike.

"I saw what we could do here, and the potential of what this could be," Fedunak said. "It was a major reason I decided to come to Florida instead of taking a position at Colorado State."

Fedunak recently retired as Environmental Extension Agricultural Agent IV in order to start a landscaping business — CC Consulting — and travel with his wife. But he leaves behind a living legacy.

A popular feature of the Extension office is the plant clinic, which is staffed by Master Gardeners that diagnose plant problems and give home horticulture assistance. Discovery Gardens is an extension of this service as local gardeners can view different landscaping

themes from Oriental to Southwestern.

"There are a lot of botanical gardens in Florida, but for the size of Discovery Gardens and number of plants is just a tremendous asset," Fedunak said.

To get the gardens started, Fedunak went before the Lake County Commission in 1994, hat in hand. His funding request passed by a 4-1 vote, with the lone holdout telling him next year she was wrong.

"At that time they wanted to use the money for (Lake) Apopka," he said. "They only had some many funds to divvy out. She came back the next year and said, 'This was worth the money we spent.'"

"Ever since then we have always had support from the commissioners and the county and University of Florida. There is really no other place like this. There are other botanical gardens. There are larger areas, but there is nothing that is so dense and have so much to offer in such a small spot."

Ken Ricklick, a Master Gardener at Discovery Gardens, said he wishes Fedunak the best of luck in his new endeavors. But he'll miss the man's knowledge of plants and gardening, and his ability to lead and communicate. Ricklick, a former banker for more than 20 years, said this is the best job he has had, and Fedunak has a lot to do with that.

"You don't run into many people like him," Ricklick said of Fedunak. "He is top chef. He is an excellent coordinator and excellent teacher. He knows how to communicate what you need to know in a way it is fun. He helped build the place and design it. He has always been very



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Of all Charles Fedunak's accomplishments with the Lake County Extension Office, none are as close to his heart as the Discovery Gardens.

emphatic to make sure the right plant is in the right place."

Fedunak's boss, Lake County Extension Director Juanita Popenoe, says she has a big pair of gardening shoes to try to fill.

"We will have a difficult time getting someone with that range of knowledge and experience," she said. "We will likely start with someone new and young, and likely won't have that background. That is very difficult to replace. It is a big loss to have that kind of knowledge out of our

office now."

Fedunak believes his replacement will have an excellent opportunity to improve on what has been established. He said there are a good group of Master Gardeners available, which will help with the transition.

"You get to a certain point you ask yourself, 'What else is out there, and what else can I do,'" Fedunak said of his future. "I saw some opportunities. I can't go out to people's homes working here. Doing that

## IN MEMORY

### DEATH NOTICES

#### Dorothy Marie Anderson

Dorothy Marie Anderson, 85, of Yalaha, died Thursday, July 5, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

#### Betty Bogard

Betty Bogard, 81, of Wildwood, died Thursday, July 5, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.

#### Diane L. Coffey

Diane L. Coffey, 60, of Eustis, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

#### Zettie Mae Cole

Zettie Mae Cole, 76, of Clermont, died Monday, July 2, 2012. Floyd's Funeral Home, Clermont.

#### Charlie Davis, Jr.

Charlie Davis, Jr., 80, of Savannah, Ga., died Saturday, June 30, 2012. Anderson-Hence Funeral Home, Wildwood.

#### Samuel G. DeGrego, Jr.

Samuel G. DeGrego, Jr., 80, of Mount Dora, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

#### Omer L. Foster

Omer L. Foster, 86, of Wildwood, died Thursday, July 5, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.

#### Mary Margaret Gorman

Mary Margaret Gorman, 92, Mount Dora, died Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

#### Thomas B. Howell

Thomas B. Howell, 83, of Leesburg, died Friday, July 6, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

#### Isaac 'Uncle Bo' Lamar

Isaac "Uncle Bo" Lamar, 81, of Groveland, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc., Apopka.

#### William Andrew Lott

William Andrew Lott, 80, of Leesburg, died Monday, July 9, 2012. Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

#### John H. 'Mac' McPherson

John H. "Mac" McPherson, 93, of Eustis,

died Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

#### Sam Mullinax

Sam Mullinax, 95, of Lady Lake, died Tuesday, July 3, 2012. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

#### Alvin Robert Mutsch

Alvin Robert Mutsch, 83, of Wildwood, died Sunday,

July 1, 2012. National Cremation Society, Fruitland Park.

#### Hubert H. Nicholson

Hubert H. Nicholson, 86, of Fruitland Park, died Saturday, July 7, 2012. Page-Theus Funerals & Cremations, Leesburg.

#### Richard Scott "Steve" Paddock

Richard Scott "Steve" Paddock, 81, of Eustis, died Thursday, July 5, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

Wildwood. Elizabeth H. Uebrick, 96, of Eustis, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

#### Helen Ritter

Helen Ritter, 88, of Leesburg, died Saturday, July 7, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home,

Wildwood.

#### Elizabeth H. Uebrick

Elizabeth H. Uebrick, 96, of Eustis, died Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors, Eustis.

#### Basil Weir

Basil Weir, 81, of Fruitland Park, died Thursday, July 5, 2012. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.

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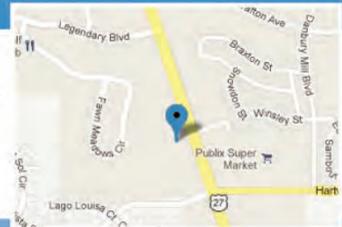
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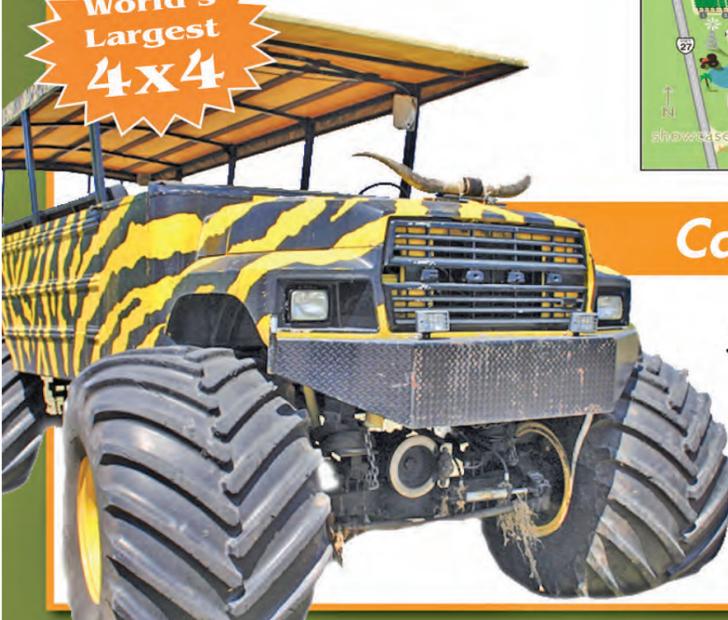
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## MONTVERDE | KEY CLUB



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Jake Labrador, Montverde Academy Key Club vice president; Dr. Robin Revis-Pyke, Montverde Academy's former Key Club advisor; Daniella Waitt, Key Club advisor; Dr. Iris Ayala, Montverde Academy's Builders Club advisor. They attended a June 26 meeting where Revis-Pyke received an award for her contributions as a Kiwanian and advisor for the Key Club. She is leaving Montverde Academy to move to Virginia.

## MONTVERDE | LEADER PROGRAM



COURTESY PHOTO

Lake County Sheriff Gary Borders was a recent guest speaker at Kiwanis Club of Clermont. He spoke about cost containment programs currently in effect to trim the department's budget, and about some of the programs geared to protect both the young and seniors. Some of the programs he discussed were targeted at keeping children safe on the internet from online sexual predators. He stated the sheriff's office recently arrested 32 persons from a sting operation and made more than a hundred arrests on street-level drug dealers in Lake County. Other programs he discussed were the Senior Watch Program that protect and provide safety for seniors, information on weather conditions and assistance in event of a disaster. Kathy Scherer, president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont, is also pictured.

## CITY | FOUNDATION ACADEMY



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Michael Conti, Gary Hebbert, Jeff Cole, Justin Harrison, Jeffrey Trudeau, Jacob Stimmell, Alex Butler, Daniel Osbourne and Alex Apuzzo are shown in this photo. Foundation Academy was off to a slow start at the University of Central Florida high school team camp recently, but finished strong by winning six straight games and its division championship game against Riverview with a score of 48-43. After a tough championship game, the Academy team went straight from the UCF camp and participated in the annual Embry Riddle high school team camp that started the same day. The team competed against some of the top teams in Florida and one of the top programs from England, which brought two teams to the camp. Foundation Academy was the only team chosen to receive a special England pin and patch from the England teams for their sportsmanship and play against the English teams. After a 4-1 start at the camp the team finished with a 5-5 record, and Jeff Trudeau was chosen for the Embry Riddle all-star game.

## NOTEBOOK

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## Featured Business of the Month: Lake Apopka Natural Gas

# Lake Apopka Natural Gas District

### History

In 1957, anticipating the enormous growth and development of West Orange and East Lake Counties, the city officials of Apopka, Clermont and Winter Garden, as well as investors and engineers, began to explore the opportunity of bringing natural gas into the area.

The governing body of the State of Florida was petitioned and introduced special legislation known as the "Act of the Florida Legislature Creating the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District." This bill was passed on June 20, 1959 and LANGD was established.

The original Board of Directors included John H. Land, Lester Morgan, William H. Hinson, L. C. Warden and Charles B. Roe. Honorable John H. Land remains on the Board to this day. Over the next several years, LANGD along with engineers, contractors and investors began the construction of the natural gas system and by 1963 was ready to set in motion the process of serving its community.

In June, 1963 with a recommendation to hire four servicemen three to four weeks prior to having gas in the system, the Company was moving forward. Two new trucks were purchased for \$2,200 each and soon there was a need for an additional serviceman to layout air conditioning jobs, design pipe lines and work on industrial burners.

With three salesmen actively soliciting customers, it was time to hire a sales manager, an accountant and to purchase additional office equipment. By January 1964 the discussion had begun for the proposed new office space to be built at 12184 W. Colonial Drive in Winter Garden on the South side of Highway 50. When the construction was complete, LANGD relocated to their new building. In November 1964, the meeting of the Board of Directors was held for the first time in the new office.

Over the next 35 years the Company prospered and with continued growth required additional office and warehouse space. The SR535 office building project began in 1997. After moving once more in 1998, the Company remains at Winter Garden-Vineland Road, also with an office in Clermont as well as in Apopka. With predicted development and the desire to meet future challenges, changes are currently being made to the warehouse and office to enlarge some areas, better utilize space in others and to create a training room.

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## CLERMONT | SHERIFF'S OFFICE



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Kiwanians Rich Bell and Gene Barbour; Daniella Waite, Montverde Academy Key Club faculty advisor; Jake Labrador; and Kathy Scherer, president of the Kiwanis Club of Clermont. Jake Labrador, sophomore at Montverde Academy, and vice president of the Key Club, recently attended the Kiwanis Key Leader Program, a Kiwanis International program that gives high school students an opportunity to experience personal development, growth and fellowship that are the cornerstones of Kiwanis and its high school service program, Key Club. The Kiwanis Club of Clermont sponsored Labrador for the event.

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CLERMONT

# Sylvan helps kids catch up, keep up

ROXANNE BROWN | Staff Writer  
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At Sylvan Learning Center, the goal is to help children catch up, keep up or get ahead.

Sylvan's certified tutors and staff have been doing it for the past 30 years; here in Clermont, Sylvan has helped hundreds of students since 2007.

In each case, the children have reaped the rewards in more ways than one.

"For three years now, my son's school had been telling me he's behind in his reading level but they couldn't give him what he needed. They called his case a borderline reading deficiency," Amber Bedgood said.

So she decided to seek summer help from Sylvan to ensure her son, Edward, 11, could start middle school on the right track this fall.

"In just 12 sessions, I can already see a huge improvement in his reading skills," she said. "I cried because he really struggles. But at the rate he's improving, he'll be caught up before school starts, and will be able to learn better and with more confidence."

Bedgood said her son didn't like school because he felt he was not good at it. It was a struggle just getting him there. She said she was worried because every subject requires reading — from science and social studies to history and math.

"Now, when he leaves a tutoring session, he's so verbal and excited telling me what he's learned. He's just really loving it," Bedgood said about her son's experiences with reading at



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Director of Education/Tutor Sarah Spencer helps Dewitt Holt, 13, center, and Edward Bedgood, 11, right, during a tutoring session at Sylvan Learning Center of Clermont.

Sylvan.

Cathy and Mark Graff, the owners of the Clermont's Sylvan Learning Center, said they love sharing in the successes of all their students.

"There is nothing more rewarding than watching a child blossom academically and know you've made a difference," Cathy, also one of the tutors, said.

Sylvan's programs are designed for all levels of learners from kindergarten all the way to those in college, and all instruction is individualized.

"In most instances, we do an assessment test, which gives us

the necessary information to customize a program to meet the individual student's needs," Mark said.

In addition, Cathy said that more and more students are coming for enrichment programs like writing and study skills.

"We customize the program to meet the needs of each student, whether it's remediation or enrichment. This enables us to address their needs without spending time on skills they already know," she said.

"Students set the pace; once a skill is mastered, we move on but if they are having difficulty,

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we stay with them until the concept is understood, which I think is very important."

The Graffs also own Graff Holdings, which is comprised of Graff Development, G.H. Residential, G.H. Commercial

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## Meet Your NEIGHBOR

PAULA HEIDORN



**HOMETOWN:** Cincinnati

**OCCUPATION:** Lakeridge Winery and Vineyards tour guide

**FAMILY:** Married 34 years to Rick. I am the proud mother of three sons — Hogan, married to Stacey, two granddaughters, Haley and Hannah; P.J. (Paul, named after me), married to Jolene, who is a mother-to-be in August with my third granddaughter, Zoey; and Bo, bachelor.

**What do you enjoy most about South Lake County?**

I love South Lake for its geography. In 1994, when Rick was asked to open a construction tool supply branch in Orlando for his company, he had to find us a place to live in central Florida. Transplants from Cincinnati, "City of Seven Hills," Rick found Clermont. He said, "Paula, you will love Clermont. There are hills and trees. It's not 'flat old Florida.'" Yes, the lakes, beautiful oak and palm trees, serene sunsets are all the geographical reasons I love South Lake County. South Lake gives opportunity. South Lake County has blessed me with several lucrative employment opportunities. I was hired by the South Lake Press, just two years after our move to Florida! It was my first job in South Lake

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FROM THE FILES | 26 YEARS AGO — 1986

# Reliving history through the pages of the South Lake Press



Ann Dupee

REMEMBER WHEN

A weekly column that reprints some of the more interesting news stories that have appeared over the years in the South Lake Press.

## WATER SUPPLY LONG A CONCERN IN SOUTH LAKE

The following was written by A.A. Pitt of Minneola around the end of the 19th century and published on Aug. 14, 1986, in the South Lake Press.

As the subject of drainage is now the topic of greatest interest in this section, I have concluded to write of what I have actually seen effected by the lowering of one lake in our Mountain Region.

Six miles east of Minneola and Clermont, in 1880, was a large body of water known as John's Lake, noted for its beauty, size, shape and the two large islands in it named Bear Island and Deer Island.

This lake was 30 feet higher

than and only one mile from Lake Apopka. Judge Spear of Oakland conceived the idea that by cutting a ditch between the two lakes several hundred acres could be reclaimed for pasture for his cattle.

As he lowered the ditch the water went down rapidly. Islands began to appear where deep water was supposed to be. People who had built their homes on the lake, and were proud of their lakefronts, became alarmed at the rapid receding of the water and sent a petition to the governor of Florida to compel Judge Spear to cease lowering the lake.

He did so, but the mischief was done. The clay and marl that had held the water to its normal level had been cut through and the seepage from below and the

evaporation from above were greater than the rainfall, and the waters continued to go down.

I came here in 1882. At that time the only way to get to Deer Island was by ferry from a point east of Killarney. From that time on the going down of the lake has been gradual and continual. At no time has the rainfall been sufficient to hold the water at a level for any great length of time.

There are no islands in Lake John now, it being dry on the north and south side of Deer Island. On the west and southwest of the lake are now only ponds and low places entirely dry. The ponds are now from 12 to 20 feet below the normal level of what the lake was in 1880, and the end is not yet.

Two miles south, in 1880 was another large body of water known as Flat Lake. This lake has been affected by the lowering of John's Lake, and has gone down until there is now only a good-sized puddle compared with its size and beauty in 1880.

Our Drainage Friends in Clermont speak glowingly of the beautiful white sand beach we shall have around Lake Minneola. If they would go over to John's Lake and see the hundreds of acres of white sand, thinly covered as it is with a grove of coarse weeds and grass, they would change their opinion. A more desolate looking country does not exist.

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**Michael A. Visconti**  
NATURAL MEDICINE

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Every year around Thanksgiving and Christmas I tell everyone who will listen the same thing: "Don't stress about being good around the holidays."

People tend to worry about what they are eating for Thanksgiving or at a Christmas party, or at work when co-workers bring in holiday baking items, etc.

That is not the time to worry about eating those calorie and guilt-rich foods. If you haven't eaten well the whole rest of the year, why worry about it now?

July is a good time to give yourself a mid-year evaluation. How am I doing with my New Year's resolutions? Have I been cutting down on the sodas, sweets and portion sizes, or have I been eating everything in sight? Have

I been doing my exercises three or four times a week like I am supposed to?

These are the questions to look at now while there is still time to salvage this year.

Implement lifestyle changes now. When you start before your health is too far gone, you will only have minor modifications to make compared to if you waited until something is seriously wrong with you.

Make your health a priority.

When you are around your proper weight, you will feel better about yourself. You'll have fewer health complaints, both now and as you age. You will have fewer aches and pains.

You will sleep better and your moods and stress response will be more stable.

Most importantly, you will not "have less time to do things" as is the popular argument for not making changes; you will have more time.

If you are well nourished, well rested, less stressed and more energetic, you will be better able to work more efficiently and effectively, thus improving your ability to work on whatever takes your time during the day. This means you will get things done faster, giving you more time to do other things, not less.

This mid-year evaluation is also good for your mental and emotional well being. You can identify things that are troubling you, things that you need to devote more energy to, and even things you have been doing right. Then make the appropriate changes.

Stress is a major health problem in today's America. It is being linked to every known illness, including heart attacks, strokes and cancers.

Changing your priorities and putting your health first enables your body to better cope with physical and emotional stress.

You may not be able to change the amount or type of stress in your life but you can change how it affects your body. Things like exercise, prayer, meditation, eating well, taking walks and tai chi are only a small number of things you can do to lessen stress' impact on you, making you more efficient and giving you more time to do things, not less.

As you reaffirm your New Year's resolutions in July, you will notice you are a bit leaner and more energetic when the

Christmas parties come around. You will fit better into that little red dress, or your "thin jeans." You will not be craving the "holiday sweets" like you did last year when you gained 10 pounds because you couldn't stop eating. You will not have the cravings so you can eat the cakes and cookies in moderation because you want to, not because you have to.

You will also not have the guilty feelings that accompany those cravings, giving you peace of mind. Next year's resolution will be easier since you actually accomplished something this year.

Prepare for your holiday parties now. Eat well now, exercise now, initiate changes in your priorities and lifestyle now so you can enjoy the holidays this year, and for years to come.

## SYLVAN FROM PAGE B1

and the Clermont Sylvan Learning Center.

Three of the companies are involved in real estate development, ownership and property management but the couple's passion is Sylvan.

"We've worked in corporate America and owned various businesses but this business (Sylvan) is the one we've enjoyed the most because we're changing lives," Mark said.

Cathy cited the case of an 11th grader who got into Sylvan to pass the FCAT reading test, then decided to continue with the program after realizing how much it was helping.

"We had met the family's objective and I thought they were done but the student asked to continue. He knows college is right around the corner and felt he could use more help getting ready," she said. "I don't know what the magic is but I would say



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From left, Sylvan Learning Center Owner Mark Graff, owner and tutor Cathy Graff, director of Education and tutor Sarah Spencer, and Executive Assistant Ashley Altpeter.

99 percent of our students really enjoy being here (at Sylvan)."

The programs Sylvan offers include reading, math, writing, college test prep, the new EOC exam prep and study skills.

Homework help and classes in speed-reading

are also offered but according to Cathy, Sylvan excels in remediation.

For Rena Andrews, that was a blessing.

Her son, a kindergartner who had attended classes in Washington State, though doing well, needed help catching up with the

Florida curriculum after moving to Groveland last year.

"He was behind and was getting a 'maybe' from his teacher about being promoted to first grade, so I brought him to Sylvan," Andrews said. "After one-and-a-half months, he

was doing great. He was caught up. His teacher was just amazed at his improvements, and she passed him with flying colors."

However, Cathy is quick to point out that Sylvan is not a replacement for school — but a supplement.

"We love our partnership with the schools, and work closely with our parents and the classroom teachers to make sure our program is meeting the students' needs," Cathy said.

That includes preparing the students for the new end of course (EOC) exams. The EOC exams, a new graduation requirement, will set new obstacles for our students.

"Many do not realize that failure to pass the EOC in algebra or geometry can mean failure to graduate. Just passing the course is not enough anymore," Cathy said. "Sylvan offers classes that can help students prepare."

No matter what a stu-

dent's needs are, parents and students love the positive energy they feel upon walking in the door.

"We provide positive reinforcement through a token system that the students just love," Mark said.

Students are given tokens based on various accomplishments that they can trade in for merchandise at the Sylvan Store.

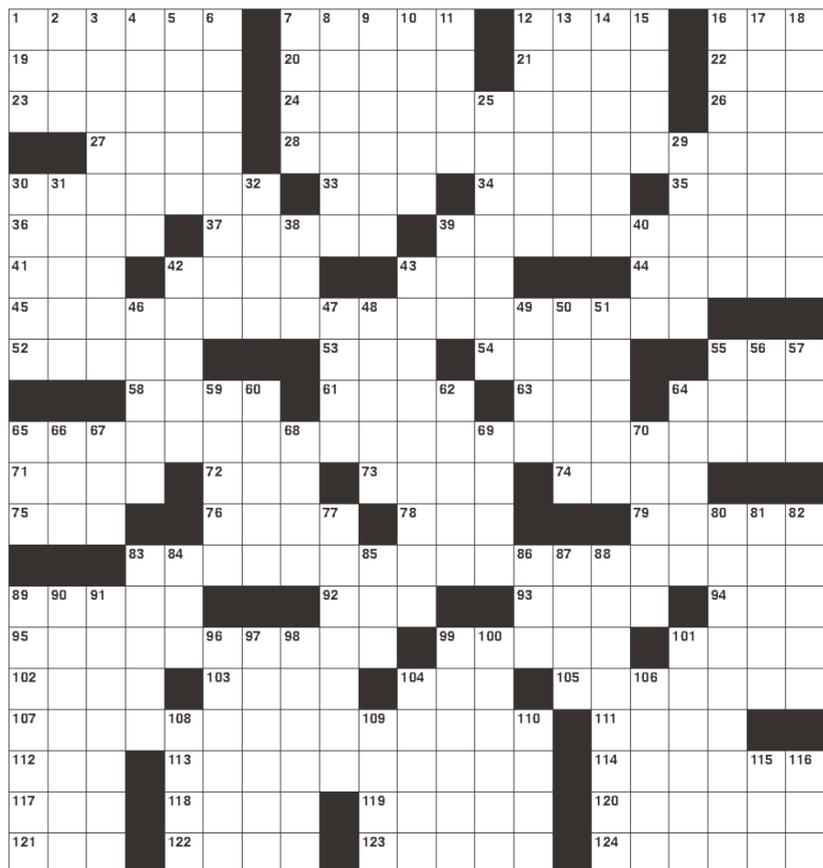
Most of all, however, Cathy said that the program allows students to realize their potential, boost their confidence and help them see that they can actually enjoy school.

"After completing our program, students have a more positive outlook. School is no longer something they dread," Cathy said. "In fact, many parents express relief that not only is their child more confident and successful in school, they are no longer struggling with them to get their homework done."

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## YANKEE DOODLE DANDIES By Dan Schoenholz / Edited by Will Shortz

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MONTEVERDE

## Registration under way for Pop Warner football, cheerleading

Staff Report

Registration for Montverde's Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading program for the 2012 season is under way.

Players and cheerleaders between the ages of 6 and 15 are eligible to play.

"We have certified, qualified professional coaches," said Mike Blanchette, president and commissioner of Mont-

verde's Pop Warner program.

"There are strict age and weight requirements, and the best equipment possible for the safety of children as well as a commitment to scholastics that is second to none. Our goal is, and has always been, to prepare well-rounded athletes for our local high schools.

"If your dream is to play or cheer in high school, college or pros, now is the time to start

preparing, and we offer you a top-quality program to start preparing your child.

Blanchette said limited roster spots available.

For information about the program, including age and weight restrictions and high-school boundaries, call 1-800-418-6911, send an email to mike.blanchette@montverde-football.com, or go to www.montverdefootball.com.

LEESBURG

## Lightning regain FCSL lead

STEVE LIVINGSTON  
Special to the Daily Commercial

The Leesburg Lightning got back on the winning track with a 10-7 win against the Orlando Monarchs on Tuesday at Tinker Field.

The lead changed hands several times.

Orlando scored three runs in the first inning to take an early lead. Leesburg then scored five runs in the top of the fourth to go ahead 6-4, but the Monarchs scored three runs in the bottom of the frame to regain the lead.

The Lightning went ahead for good with four runs in the fifth inning.

"We needed a win tonight," Lightning Manager Dave Therneau said. "We're still not taking care of the ball very well but I'll take it."

Both starting pitchers had rough outings. Leesburg starter Stetson Nelson gave up seven runs on nine hits in four innings. Tyrone Miller

went 3 2/3 innings and surrendered five runs on three hits.

Jonah Davis got the win in relief with two scoreless innings. Shawn Ferris took the loss for Orlando.

Trey Norris pitched a scoreless ninth inning to pick up his seventh save of the year.

"It feels good," Davis said. "I just went out there and pitched my game. My defense backed me up and the bats were hot tonight."

The Monarchs jumped out to a three-run lead in the first inning. Austin Lueck hit a two-run single to left-field to score on Anthony Stewart and Darryl Knight. Lueck scored on a double from Jean Gonzalez.

Leesburg got their first run in the third inning when Wesley Sargent scored on a sacrifice fly from Matt Singletary.

The Lightning added five runs in the top of the fourth to take the lead. Kevin Knapp, who was 3-for-5, hit a two-run

single and Jake Hanson hit a single of his own to drive in Sargent. Knapp and Hanson both scored on a single from Brett Moreland, who was 2-for-5 with four RBI in the game.

Orlando took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth. Stewart hit a single to drive in Jovany Felipe. Stewart and Deandre Lankford scored on another Lueck single.

Leesburg added four more runs in the fifth to regain the lead. Hanson, who went 2-for-5, hit a two-run double. Singletary and Hanson both scored on a Moreland double.

The Lightning entered the game tied with Winter Park for the FCSL lead, but picked up one-half game when the Diamond Dawgs were rained out against DeLand.

Teams have a week left before the annual FCSL All-Star game, slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Sanford Memorial Stadium.



PHOTOS COURTESY USA BASKETBALL

Montverde Academy rising junior Dakari Johnson has played on the USA Basketball's U-17 team during this summer's FIBA World Championships.

MONTEVERDE

## Eagles' center involved in World Championships

FRANK JOLLEY | Sports Editor  
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The national and international reputation of Montverde Academy's boys basketball program continues to grow.

Dakari Johnson, a 6-foot-10 junior center, has contributed to USA Basketball's U-17 team success during this summer's FIBA World Championships.

Even though a groin strain has slowed him down in recent games at the World Championships in Kaunas, Lithuania, Johnson averaged five points and 4.3 rebounds per game through pool play, which ended last week with a 116-47 win against China.

Team USA cruised through pool play with a 5-0 record.

According to USA Basketball officials, Johnson is listed as day-to-day. He did not play on July 6 in Team USA's 113-59 throttling of Canada in a quarterfinal-round matchup.

Johnson's best game of the tournament, arguably, came against the Czech Republic on June 30 — a 95-57 win for Team USA.

In that game, Johnson recorded a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"I just tried to come in the game and crash the offensive boards and really played hard," Johnson said.

Johnson grabbed 10 rebounds in a win against Australia during an exhibition game in the Canary Islands, and averaged 12 points and nine rebounds in two games prior to the World Championship.



Montverde Academy rising junior Dakari Johnson looks for a cutter during play at the FIBA U-17 World Championships in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Johnson transferred to Montverde Academy last year but sat out the season. Previously, he played for current Montverde Academy coach Kevin Boyle at St. Patrick High School in Elizabeth, N.J.

According to Florida High School Athletic Association rules, players who follow their coach to a different school are ineligible to play for a year.

Playing for St. Patrick in 2010-11, Johnson helped his team to a 26-1 record and a No. 2 ranking by one national poll. Johnson averaged seven points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots that season.

Johnson also was named the Freshman All-America second by MaxPreps.com in 2011 and was the National Freshman of the Year in 2011 by ESPN Rise.

He has received letters of interest from countless colleges, including Kentucky, Syracuse, Kansas, Ohio State, Georgetown and Louisville.

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Former South Lake High School track and field standout Jasmine Thompson from South Lake High School signed a national letter of intent to attend Webber International University as a member to the women's track and field team. "Jasmine will give us depth in the throws area," said cross county and track coach Dr. Peter Ormsby. "Our women's team is made up of hard-working selfless women who are truly warriors on the track. They fight for every point they get in the conference. I believe that Jasmine will fit nicely with our team chemistry."

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MINNEOLA

# Wild Turkey Federation banquet is Aug. 25

Special to the South Lake Press

Food, fun, fellowship and fundraising are set as the main events at the annual Hunting Heritage Super Fund banquet Aug. 25 at 5 p.m. at Minneola City Hall.

The event is hosted by the South Lake Osceola's chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The NWTF's Hunting Heritage banquets raise funds for wild

turkey conservation while combining a meal with a chance to swap stories with other sportsmen and women, win valuable prizes and purchase items unique to the NWTF.

By placing the highest bid or winning raffle games, attendees can go home with sporting art, unique hunting firearms, knives, wildlife calls, outdoor equipment.

Tickets to the South Lake Osceola chapter's Hunting Heritage Super Fund Banquet cost

\$100 for couples or \$55 for singles.

The cost of admission also includes a one-year subscription to "Turkey Country," the NWTF's full-color publication that includes stories about conservation issues, turkey calling and hunting, the NWTF's education program, JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship), Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF and Women in the Outdoors outreach programs.

## HISTORY

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They say they are going to lower the lake only about three feet. To do this it will be absolutely necessary to cut through the kaolin deposits northwest of Minneola that now hold the water to its present level. The same conditions will then exist here as at John's Lake, and no amount of locks and dams will hold the water to any desired level. The natural seepage from below and evaporation from above will never be counteracted by the rainfall, and the water will continue to go down.

Lake Louise, a shallow lake, will go dry, except in a rainy season. Lake Minnehaha, somewhat deeper, will become a series of different sizes, and I dread to think what Lake Minneola will become.

Lake Apopka is 25 feet lower than our lakes. The numerous lakes scattered through the Apopka Mountains, that have furnished water for our game and thousands of cattle and hogs, have been kept to a normal level in part by the seepage from our lakes which are above them. The source of supply will be taken away when our lakes have been lowered and they will go dry or nearly so.

Many of our people depend on surface wells for drinking and household purposes. These wells will go dry, causing trouble, loss and possibly, sickness.

Looking back over what I have written I cannot help seeing that I have painted a gloomy picture, but it is as I see it.

And yet I have said nothing of the miasmatic conditions that will exist over the marsh from the heat of the sun on the decayed and decaying vegetable matter of which the marsh consists, not mentioning still more that will be released by the constant stirring of the soil that is necessary to produce the enormous crops the drainage people think the marsh is capable of producing.

And as one man in Clermont told it, it was going to make us all rich in spite of ourselves.

**31 YEARS AGO — 1981**

■ The October 1981 Clermont, Minneola Area Chamber of Commerce newsletter listed room rates at hospitals in Citrus, Hernando, Lake and Marion County — with Citrus Memorial and South Lake the lowest at \$85.

Other South Lake Hospital rates were: emergency room, \$15; operating room 60 minutes, \$146; EKG, \$20; blood count, \$12; pulmonary function, \$151 (South Lake was highest of the nine hospitals listed) chest X-ray two views, \$23; upper GI series, \$41; urinalysis, \$6; available beds, 64; percentage of occupancy, 67; average charge for a day, \$181.

■ The September 1981 mean temperature was 79.10 degrees; highest temperature, 93 degrees on the fourth; lowest, 55 degrees on the 20th; total rainfall, 6.87 inches; nine-month total, 42.57; 9-month rainfall figure is only 1.75 inches short of the 35-year average for nine months. Coolest September since 1971. — Ed Olivenbaum, observer, whose weather reports ran weekly in the *South Lake Press*.

## NEIGHBOR

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county. While pounding the pavement and meeting virtually every business owner in South Lake County, I made many, many friends throughout Clermont, Groveland, Minneola Mascotte and Montverde. I found the people in this county to be very supportive and willing to help me get started. After many successful years in a very competitive career, I needed to get my stress level down and make a career change. I was hired by the Lakeridge Winery and Vineyards to give an educational tour and fun experience for our guests. I enjoy greeting guests from all over the world at the front door of our "big house on the hill," the winery. At Lakeridge Winery, it's not just a job, it's a family. There is no better place to live than South Lake County.

**If you had to summarize your philosophy of life in one sentence, what would it be?**

The best feeling in life is helping someone when they need it the most, by sharing your time, talent and treasure. That's how we make our world a better place to live.

**Name a person or incident you've come across recently that's touched you in some way. Why did this person or incident impress you so much?**

It has to be Jo Ann and Lou Doerr, my

mom and dad. Last week, I called them to share a joyful moment. They couldn't talk to me because they were sharing their hospitality with a widowed friend that day. Mom and Dad are in their 80s and spend most of their retired time visiting the sick in the nursing homes, comforting the mourning, talking on the phone with nieces and nephews that are victims of divorce, celebrating weddings, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries and praying for good health and taking tickets at the Cincinnati Reds games. They have hearts of gold. I understand, now, where I got the "heart of a servant." I have big shoes to follow but I am on the right path. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for showing me the way!

**How does what you do contribute to the welfare of the area?**

My marketing skills have helped small and large businesses grow their customer base and increase their profit, making our area an inviting place for people to live and shop. Educating tour guests at the winery on the health benefits of wine drinking keeps everyone happy and healthy. Mike Conley Hospice House is a nonprofit and needs volunteers to provide the quality care their patients need in their final days. Hospice is my "happy place." As ironic as that sounds, I love serving the patients' meals and comforting their family members. At Building Blocks Ministries in Minneola, we have started a diaper ministry for the babies in Uganda, and hope to have a local diaper

bank to provide cloth diapers to needy babies in our county. Jobs for "special needs" adults are not easy to find. I hope to be able to provide them a paycheck for their efforts.

**Name one of your greatest accomplishments.**

It took me five years to raise the money and get time off from work to travel. I accomplished what I set out to achieve! I am proud of myself and thankful that I had the encouragement and support of family, friends and community.

**What's something you've always wanted to do but haven't yet?**

Retire and volunteer on a full-time basis.

**What advice would you give to people who want to help out in the community?**

Talk to people at your church and workplace. I wanted to give back to a community that helped me succeed in my advertising career. I met Dr. Paula Whetro, the founder of Building Blocks Ministries, selling advertising. I was introduced to the hospice volunteer coordinator, Sandy Acht, through a friend I made at church. I am not the greatest cook, but somehow I ended up cooking in the kitchen at Mike Connelly Hospice House. I can make a "mean milkshake." We also sew "tie-on" cloth diapers for the babies in Uganda at Building Blocks Ministries. They are helping me serve the poorest of the poor. Giving back is a beautiful thing.

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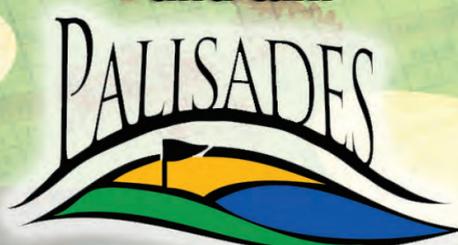
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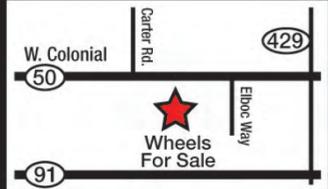
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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**  
Case No.: 201202074  
TO: David P. Barrow

A Notice of Suspension to suspend and an Administrative Complaint to revoke your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.

Ad No.: 00345911  
June 22, 29, July 6, & 13, 2012

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Statute**

Intends to register the said Fictitious Name located at the below address:  
**242 CARROLL ST. CLERMONT, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA 34711**  
That the interested owner in said business enterprise is as follows:  
**CHARLOTTE ROUSSEAU**  
Dated in Lake County, Florida this 6 day of July, 2012.  
/s/Charlotte Rousseau  
Ad No.00348516  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**

File No. 2012-CP-842  
Division Probate, IN RE: ESTATE OF WINSTON H. AMBROSE, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of WINSTON H. AMBROSE, deceased, whose date of death was July 2, 2012 is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is **July 13, 2012**.  
Attorney for Person Representative:  
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CLERMONT, FL 34711  
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Dennis L. Horton, P.A.  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

As required by Florida's "Self Storage Act", section 83.806, notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held to satisfy a Landlord's lien. Each unit will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. A clean-up and removal deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw any property from the sale and to reject any bid.

Date: July 25, 2012  
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Phone: 352-267-6491

Tenant Name - Lance Sayre  
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No: 00348150  
July 6 & 13, 1212

**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**

Case No:12CC1347  
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership Plaintiff,  
RAUL ANTONIO ALCANTARA MONTIEL et al Defendant(s)  
**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN**, that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the captioned, matter dated **June 26, 2012** I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, at 11:00 A.M. on **Aug. 02, 2012** the following-described property, all of which are SUMMER ISLES CONDOMINIUM I, according to the Declaration of Condominium, thereof recorded in Official Records Book 2172, page 2336, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, as amended.

Count 1 RAUL ANTONIO ALCANTARA MONTIEL Timeshare Period Week (E)38 in Condominium Unit No. 108207  
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**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**  
Case No:12CC1407  
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership Plaintiff,  
ELVIA Y. AGRAMONTE and MARTA BEATRIZ HERRERA et al Defendant(s)  
**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN**, that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the captioned, matter dated **June 26, 2012** I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, at 11:00 A.M. on **Aug. 02, 2012** the following-described property, all of which are THE VILLAS AT SUMMER BAY, according to the Declaration of Condominium, thereof recorded in Official Records Book 1897, page 1089, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, as amended.

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**IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**  
Case No:12CC1411  
SUMMER BAY PARTNERSHIP, a Florida general partnership Plaintiff,  
ALODIA ACEVEDO CANO et al Defendant(s)  
**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN**, that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the captioned, matter dated **June 26, 2012** I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, at 11:00 A.M. on **Aug. 02, 2012** the following-described property, all of which are SUMMER ISLES CONDOMINIUM I, according to the Declaration of Condominium, thereof recorded in Official Records Book 2172, page 2336, Public Records of Lake County, Florida, as amended.

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Count 6 ORTLAND HEXTON BODIE III and HEIDRE DEANNA STUBBS Timeshare Period Week (E)48 in Condominium Unit No. 104103  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION**  
File No. 2012-CP-798  
Division Probate, IN RE: ESTATE OF MELVIN PAUL LIGHTNER A/K/A MELVIN P. LIGHTNER Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of MELVIN PAUL LIGHTNER a/k/a MELVIN P. LIGHTNER, deceased, whose date of death was May 12, 2012 is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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**Candidates must be under the age of 40 as of September 1, 2012. We welcome your nominations now thru Tuesday, July 31, 2012.**

The nominations form can be filled out and submitted two ways. They can be e-mailed to: 40under40@dailycommercial.com or snail mailed to 40 Under 40, Daily Commercial, 212 E. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748. We cannot accept nominations via telephone.

Please fill out the nomination form and include: the nominee's qualifications and why the individual deserves to be one of the 40 under 40. We also need the person's age, workplace and place of residence as well as contact information - telephone number and email. You may also send backup information including resumes, Board Position(s), Committees or letters of recommendation.

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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

### Basement a new feature from Centex Homes

CLERMONT — Centex Homes has introduced a new floor plan that features a full walk-out basement at Verde Ridge, located off Old County Road 50 in Clermont.

Sean Strickler, vice president of sales for Centex Homes in North Florida said Verde Ridge is the perfect location for Centex Homes "Landon" home which

offers up to seven bedrooms and five baths.

The Landon with basement boasts 4,296 square feet of living space including the walk-out basement option and is priced from \$289,990, Strickler said.

"For families moving to Florida from up north, a basement in Florida isn't easy to come by," Strickler said. "The rolling hills of Clermont offer the perfect topography. It's one of the few places in Florida that can offer a full walk-out basement,"

he explained.

The "Landon" floor plan features a main living area with an 11-foot four-inch ceiling in the great room, a dining room with a foyer on the first floor, a vaulted ceiling in the kitchen, three bedrooms, three baths, flex room, three-car garage and the optional walk-out basement feature offering just under 2,000 square feet of space and a covered deck with stairs down to the backyard.

That space can be configured as extra

storage area, three bedrooms, one bath, a second great room and covered patio leading out to the backyard.

"We can also add a second kitchen in the basement and an additional bathroom," Strickler said.

The "Landon" floor plan also offers a convenient planning center and drop zone as options as well.

For information, contact Lyndsey Patterson at 407-661-2150, ext. 1416 or email to

## PEOPLE, EVENTS AND PLACES

### NAI negotiates office expansion lease

DEERFIELD BEACH — NAI Realvest recently negotiated an expansion lease agreement for 7,250 square feet of office space in suite 250 at 800 Fairway Dr., in Deerfield Beach.

NAI Realvest principals Paul P. Partyka and Christie Alexander, CCIM along with George Livingston, chairman of the firm, represented the Orlando-based tenant, TLC Engineering for Architecture, one of the largest engineering firms in the Southeast.

TLC Engineering, which also has Florida locations in Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami, and Fort Lauderdale, now leases a total of 14,500 square feet in the Deerfield office. "This expanded space will accommodate TLC's approaching business growth," Partyka said.

The landlord, Western National Life Insurance Company of Amarillo, Texas was represented in the transaction by Madelayne Garcia of Stiles Realty.

Contact Paul P. Partyka at 407-875-9989, or email to ppartyka@realvest.com, or Christie Alexander, CCIM, Principal, NAI Realvest, at 407-875-9989, or email to calexander@realvest.com, or Beth Payan or Larry Vershel, Larry Vershel Communications, Inc., at 407-644-4142.

### Cuhaci & Peterson Architects appoint 3 staff

ORLANDO — Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, based in Orlando's Baldwin Park, has appointed three top professionals to staff positions at the firm,

which ranks as one of the largest designers of retail space in the United States.

Lonnie Peterson,

chairman at Cuhaci & Peterson, said the firm has appointed James Solomon senior project coordinator. Solomon earned his associates degree in Architectural Design and Construction Technology from Seminole State College and has more than 14 years experience in architecture and project development.

Travis Read, E.I., had been appointed graduate engineer-mechanical. Read earned his bachelor of science in Mechanical Engineering (BSME) degree from the University of Central Florida and has recently passed his E.I. exam.

Peterson said the firm recently appointed Justin May senior project coordinator. May earned a bachelor of architecture degree and a bachelor of arts degree in Sociology from Florida Atlantic University.

May is a LEED Accredited professional with more than six years experience in project development.

For information contact Lonnie Peterson, at 407-661-9100.

### Ashton promotes Ashley Schlageter to manager

ORLANDO — Ashton Woods Homes has promoted Ashley Schlageter from sales counselor to sales manager at Laureate Park in Orlando.

Mike Roche, vice president of sales and marketing for Ashton Woods Homes, said Schlageter has been with the home builder for six-and-a-half years.

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For information call 863-420-0007 or visit [www.exitrealtych.com](http://www.exitrealtych.com).

### NAI negotiates lease for commercial service

MAITLAND — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease for 1,250 square feet of industrial space at 4157 Flex Court in Monroe Commerce Center South in Sanford.

Michael Heidrich, a principal in the firm, brokered the transaction representing the landlord, COP-Monroe, LLC of Maitland and the local tenant, Procom Services, Inc., a commercial cleaning service.

For information contact Michael Heidrich at 407-875-9989 or email to [mheidrich@realvest.com](mailto:mheidrich@realvest.com).

### Incentive constructs model home at Island Club

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS — Incentive Properties at the Island Club, a gated residential community located on AAA Drive in Lake Mary, has started construction of a luxury home that will be priced at \$485,000 when it opens later this year.

Joseph Schwartz, a principal who heads Incentive Properties, LLC, said Winston James Construction Company of South Daytona is the contractor.

The four-bedroom, three-bath luxury home with 3,228 square feet of living space will feature a downstairs master bedroom suite and two-car garage.

Contact Joseph Schwartz at 407-279-1876 or email to [josephschwartz@incentiveproperties.com](mailto:josephschwartz@incentiveproperties.com), or Larry Vershel or Beth Payan, Larry Vershel Communications at 407-644-4142 or email to [lvershelco@aol.com](mailto:lvershelco@aol.com).

### NAI negotiates lease at Semoran CommerCenter

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new seven year lease agreement for 10,179 square feet of office/warehouse space in suites 10-11 at 6830 Shadowridge Dr., in the Semoran CommerCenter in southeast Orlando.

Robert Blackwell SIOR, principal at the firm, brokered the transaction representing the landlord, Semoran Commerce Center LLC based in Maitland.

Avon, Connecticut based Magellan Behavioral Health Inc. is the new tenant, who was represented by Jamie Barati of Colliers International and Jamie Smith of Cassidy Turley in Baltimore, Maryland.

Semoran CommerCenter is being developed by Semoran CommerCenter, LLC., a joint-venture between Bavar Properties Group and Realvest Development with 190,000 square feet of flex-warehouse space on an 18-acre site off S.R. 436 near Orlando International Airport.

Contact Robert Blackwell, at 407-875-9989; or email to [rblackwell@realvest.com](mailto:rblackwell@realvest.com) or visit [www.NAIRealvest.com](http://www.NAIRealvest.com) for information.

### New Home Star offers home builders training

ORLANDO — New Home Star, which is entering the Central Florida market, now offers Florida home builders and developers a wide range of services including residential real estate sales staffing and training in addition to strategic marketing.

Bill Traback, Florida regional director for New Home Star, said the company is headquartered in Chicago and has offices in Denver, Colorado Springs, Illinois, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

Traback said New Home Star plans to relocate its national headquarters to Central Florida later this year. The company is already working with Park Square Homes in Orlando.

Traback has more than 20 years of experience in community development, home building and residential real estate sales, including executive positions with Ashton Woods Homes and D.R. Horton.

"Our mission is to help community developers and home builders sell more homes," Traback explained. "We bring decades of experience, the latest technology and a powerful, proven record of training and incentives to motivate real estate professionals to perform at their highest levels, while providing greater control and visibility to their builders," he said.

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### NAI negotiates new office ease with Global Insurance

ORLANDO — NAI Realvest recently negotiated a new lease of 2,666 square feet of Class A office space in the Crystal Center at 3300 West Lake Mary Blvd. in Lake Mary.

Senior Broker-Associate Mary Frances West, CCIM negotiated the transaction representing the landlord, Maya Associates LLC of Okemos, Mich.

The new tenant, Cunningham

Lindsey, is a leading loss adjusting and claims management company with over 600 offices and 7000 employees worldwide.

Kevin P. McCarron of CLW Real Estate Services Group represented the tenant.

Contact Mary Frances West, at 407-875-9989 or email to [mwest@realvest.com](mailto:mwest@realvest.com) or visit [www.NAIRealvest.com](http://www.NAIRealvest.com).



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very low 100's! The Plantation at Leesburg is a resident owned active adult gated golf and tennis community with 2 manned gates, a 3rd is monitored plus a roving patrol. On site restaurant, 2 golf courses with equity memberships available, 3 clubhouses, 3 pools, full time activity directors, 100+ activities per week, state of the art fitness centers, walking and biking trails & a 30-45 minute drive to all Orlando attractions. Stop by or call the sales office for your personal tour of this home and the facilities. Our office is located in Plantation Plaza, PAL Realty, 25327 US Hwy 27, Suite 202, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 326-3626. See more pictures of #1356 on our web site [www.PALREALTY.net](http://www.PALREALTY.net)



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cathedral ceilings and gas fireplace. Master Bedroom Suite is spacious with lovely crown molding and leads into the Master Bath. Lovely His and Her vanities, separate shower and garden tub with jets. Second and Third Bedrooms has Guest bath with tub and shower combo. For those who love to entertain family and friends you will enjoy this screened enclosed heated pool. For the worker bee in the family who wouldn't love a separate custom built oversize detached 2 car garage with workshop. For your viewing pleasure call Theresa Morris 352-360-3736 \$330,000.

# Some lose homes over as little as \$400

DANIEL WAGNER  
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The elderly and other vulnerable homeowners are losing their homes because they owe as little as a few hundred dollars in back taxes, according to a report from a consumer group.

Outdated state laws allow big banks and other investors to reap windfall profits by buying the houses for a pittance and reselling them, the National Consumer Law Center said in a report being released.

Local governments can seize and sell a home if the owner falls behind on property taxes and fees. The process helps governments make ends meet at a time when low property values and the weak economy are squeezing tax revenue.

But tax debts as small as \$400 can cause people to lose their homes because of arcane laws and misinformation among consumers, says John Rao, the report's author and an attorney with NCLC.

The consequences are "devastating for individuals, families and communities," Rao said. He said states should update laws so speculators can't profit from misinformed homeowners and people who have difficulty managing their finances.

The rules for property tax sales can be confusing, especially to elderly people who can't keep track of their finances and people in minority-heavy communities that were targeted by subprime lenders. Here's how it works:

■ The government files a public document called a tax lien saying that it can seize the property if the taxes remain unpaid.

■ If the taxes aren't paid, the government auctions the lien to investors. Past investors include JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and people who respond to Internet get-rich schemes, the report said. Homes typically are sold at steep discounts.

■ For a limited time, the homeowner may buy back the home by paying to the investors the purchase price of the lien, plus interest, fees and other costs. That's possible because investors haven't bought the home itself — they have purchased the tax lien, which gives them the right to seize the home later.

■ If the owner fails to pay all the costs, investors can sell the home at a big profit compared with the cost of buying the tax lien.

The report said state governments should make it easier for homeowners to retake their homes after tax lien sales. It said they should limit the interest and penalties investors can charge and increase court oversight.

It also called on local governments to let people pay back taxes or fees to investors on an installment plan, and to increase notice to homeowners and make sure they understand their rights.

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# Wild roses offer all the beauty of hybrids, with less work

**JOE LAMP'L**  
Scripps Howard News Service

Roses are considered one of America's favorite flowers, with hybrid teas being right at the top of the list. But if you've grown these delicate and finicky princesses, you know they take a lot of work.

I'd like to introduce you to some alternatives to the prima-donna hybrid teas that are pest- and disease-resistant, simple to train, don't need a lot of fertilizer or elaborate winter protection and are beautiful to boot!

They're the wild roses. They start with a spectacular spring explosion of blooms, then these hardy, old-fashioned beauties provide great-looking foliage, vivid thorns and vibrant hips the rest of the year. And they don't have to be heavily pruned. In fact, it's better not to prune for

the first couple of years as they get established.

Once the roses are mature, remove any dead wood at the base, or cut back to the first healthy leaf node. Prune out crossing branches that rub together. Remove growth that's pencil-thick or less — it won't produce any flowers. Wild roses bloom on old wood, so prune right after they've flowered or you'll take off next year's buds.

Here are some to choose from:  
 ■ **Yellow Lady Banks.** A vigorous climber that thrives in warmer climates nationwide; needs support of a trellis, sturdy pergola or wall; dense clusters of 1-inch double flowers cover the plant for up to 6 weeks; thornless, but has very little scent; flowers on second- and third-year growth, so will have better blooming in warmer climates.

Thirty feet tall, spreading habit; full sun; no serious pests; Zones 7-9.

■ **Scotch briar.** This little rose is mighty tough; very disease-resistant and tolerates most any soil; one of the first to bloom in the spring with small, 1-1/2-inch white flowers with yellow throats; beautiful deep-purple to black hips in the fall; fernlike foliage is a good contrast to coarser plants; small stature makes it a good choice for smaller gardens. One to 4 feet, spreading habit; full sun to light shade; no serious pests; Zones 4-9.

■ **Sweet briar.** Pale pink-to-white flowers; wonderful green apple scent from the foliage when it is brushed or bruised; covered with red-orange hips in fall; hooked thorns can grab as you pass, so plant away from paths; plant other flowers or

shrubs at the base, this rose has "bare ankles." Fifteen feet by 12 feet; full sun; no serious pests; Zones 4-9.

■ **Swamp rose.** Although they prefer wet, slightly acid soil, you don't need a swamp to grow these roses — they love ordinary garden soil, too; vivid pink 3-inch flowers in spring; round 3/4-inch bright red hips in fall; hooked thorns cover the canes, so be careful when pruning; dark green foliage and relatively small size make it a great backdrop for other garden flowers. Eight feet by 6 to 8 feet; full sun; no serious pests; Zones 4-9.

■ **Labrador rose.** If you have a large, undisciplined space, this is the rose for it. A colony of this native rose makes a great ground cover for erosion control; it suckers freely but isn't invasive; 2-inch white flowers grow along

the canes, but its real beauty comes in fall, when round red hips hang in dense clusters along the thorn-less, purple-red canes and the foliage changes from yellow to red and violet. Also commonly known as smooth rose, Northern prairie rose, meadow rose and Hudson Bay rose. Six feet tall, spreading habit; full sun to light shade; no serious pests; Zones 4-9.

■ **Blue-leaf rose.** Star-shaped, vivid red, 1-inch flowers in spring change to red hips in fall; more temperamental than other wild roses, it drops leaves in response to weather and other stress, plant in groups of three or more so the loss isn't as obvious; new foliage is red, matures to blue-gray; great back-of-the-border plant to highlight other annuals and perennials. Five feet by 4 feet; full sun; no serious pests; Zones 4-8.

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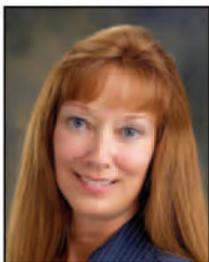
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# Bay-laurel leaves will keep pantry pests away

MAUREEN GILMER  
Scripps Howard News Service

The contents of a bin of flour should not move. Small black bugs should not gather at the bottom of a box of cereal. And though they are nearly identical to rice grains, small maggots may not take up residence in that bag, either. Ditto crackers and dog food.

The genesis of pantry moths and flour weevils? Microscopic eggs that arrive in your kitchen inside all of these foods sealed in airtight wrappers. Once you open the bag, oxygen and heat enter to make microscopic eggs hatch into larvae. These tiny maggots spoil the food, then move on to pupate into an adult moth or beetle to infest the rest of your kitchen.

All over America, flour bins are coming alive with the heat. It starts in early summer when the house itself heats up to the perfect hatching temperature. What grows in your flour may be any one of a dozen different insects that roughly follow this same life cycle. They were once pernicious residents of old gristmills, spread far and wide in the bags of flour. Such pests infested hard-tack rations of every war, and a century ago they were so ubiquitous that soldiers ate this rare protein source on the battlefield.

But all of this is a thing of the past because there is a simple, cheap plant remedy that will keep your grain bins free of such infestations without chemicals. It is the ancient bay-laurel tree of the Mediterranean, favored for crafting victors' crowns and bachelors' laurels. This is the same type of bay leaf you purchase when it's old and dry and most of its oils have evaporated.

In front of my office were old bay-laurel street trees the city clipped to keep from encroaching onto the sidewalk. Every year I'd watch for Public Works to start pruning, and then I'd go out to gather the cuttings. These

were my first adventure in the world of bay-leaf pest control.

I'd stuff a good-sized sprig or bundle of rubber-banded fresh leaves into every box, bag and bin. The oils are potent enough to give you a headache if freshly crushed foliage is inhaled. The evaporation of the oil from leaves is enough to kill off pantry pests and discourage new ones. Not once did any residual flavor of bay tinge my baked goods.

If you grow a bay-laurel tree in the yard, you'll have an endless supply of this highly effective natural pesticide in its most potent state. Hardy to Zone 8, this tree grows easily outdoors and is tolerant of both heat and drought. If you live farther north, bay trees adapt nicely to a large pot so you can bring it indoors for the winter.

When I lived in a cabin in the Sierra Nevada wilderness, I discovered a close relative called the California bay tree. It grew prodigiously in the cool hollows of the foothills, where I could cut all the sprigs I needed to stuff into every food-bearing cupboard of my kitchen. There was even enough left over to create fresh bay wreaths for holiday gifts.

This native evergreen may be even more potent than its European cousin, and is a full climate zone hardier. These make a fine shade tree, privacy screen or background plant for more colorful perennials and shrubs. They're ideal for the all-native garden and xeriscapes.

Both bays may be obtained by special order from your local garden center. California bay may be purchased online through Las Pilitas Nursery at [www.laspilitas.com](http://www.laspilitas.com) in 1-gallon containers.

There is no better way to keep your bins, bags and cupboards pest-free. It's safe, and it's Mother Nature's own design for keeping unexpected sources of protein from showing up every summer in your flour bin.



PHOTOS BY MAUREEN GILMER / SHNS

Bay trees reach large sizes and offer foliage for seasoning, gifts and deterring pantry pests all over the house and barn.



The leaves of *Laurus nobilis* are shorter and wider than those of the California bay, *Umbellularia californica*, but both are equally effective pesticides.



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Little red flower beetles can infest dog food unless there is a healthy sprig of fresh laurel leaves tucked inside the bag.

## 101 Ideas: Preparing for an open house

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#### HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN OPEN HOUSE:

**1** Eliminate half of your belongings, as clutter can cost a sale. Rent a storage unit or portable pod for extraneous pieces of furniture or knick-knacks. Another idea is to ask a friend if you can borrow some space in his or her garage.

**2** Use "home wash" (hose attachment available at home-improvement stores) to clean the outside of the house.

**3** Clean rain gutters as well as outside windows and screens.

**4** Make sure the front door is inviting. Paint the door if needed. Also, replace any outdated outdoor lighting fixtures.

**5** Buy new house numbers if the old ones are dated or faded. Be sure buyers can see the new ones from the curb.

**6** Buy a new welcome mat.

**7** Organize all closets and drawers. Buyers might look there.

**8** Make any necessary repairs so that buyers don't have to add that to their list of expenses.

**9** Rearrange furniture to make rooms appear as large as possible.

**10** Make every surface shine, from ceiling fans to baseboards. Don't forget interior windows, mirrors and floors.

**11** Scrub every inch of the kitchen and bathrooms.

**12** Depersonalize each room, removing photo frames and posters or artwork.

**13** Buy new linens and pillows if necessary. Be certain they are a neutral color.

**14** Buy air neutralizer and spray it often.

**15** Let go emotionally of your home, and get ready for an offer!

## Calif endorses law on 'abusive' home lending

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — California has a new law to stop what Gov. Jerry Brown calls abusive home lending tactics.

The Democratic governor signed the law at a ceremony in Los Angeles.

It makes the state the first to write into law much of the national mortgage settlement

negotiated this year with the nation's top five banks, and expands it to all lenders.

It prohibits lenders from seizing a home while considering homeowner requests for alternatives to foreclosure. It also lets homeowners take legal action to stop foreclosures and seek monetary damages if a lender violates state law.

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**FEATURES:** 4BR/3BA, 2,383 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$195,000  
**SELLING PRICE:** \$195,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:**  
 Allen Mates, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Ron Lawson, Watson Realty Corp.



**LOCATION:** 32405 Scenic Hills Drive, Mount Dora **FEATURES:**  
 3BR/2.5BA, 2,350 sq. ft., on 1 acre in quiet neighborhood. Enjoy a swimming pool, fireplace and great split floor plan. **LISTING PRICE:** \$225,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$220,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Loretta Maimone, Real Living Performance Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Linda Kellerman, CB Camelot.



**LOCATION:** 3480 Harbour Drive, Mount Dora **FEATURES:**  
 2BR/2BA, 1,612 sq. ft. Pool home a block from Lake Dora. Enjoy winters by the fireplace and summers by the pool or enjoy lake access. **LISTING PRICE:** \$220,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$180,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Buddy & Lloyd Atkins, Atkins Realty of Lake County. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Loretta Maimone, Real Living Performance Realty.



**LOCATION:** The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:**  
 3BR/2BA, double garage, newer roof. 1,437 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$117,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$112,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brenda Greenlee, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brenda Greenlee, PAL Realty.



**LOCATION:** 8685 SE 177th Grassmere Street, The Villages **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA **LISTING PRICE:** \$474,905 **SELLING PRICE:** \$462,500 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Lena Williams & Camie Kennedy, Morris Realty & Investments. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Cathy Hill, Zip Realty.



**LOCATION:** The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:**  
 Furnished 2BR/2BA, den, 2+ car garage. 1,741 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$175,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$153,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mark Brooks, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Dawn Brooks, PAL Realty.



**LOCATION:** 1016 Glenraven Lane Legends, Clermont **FEATURES:** 5BR/3BA, 4,846 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$315,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$300,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Rhonda Moretti, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Bridgette Barry-Smith, Bay Vision Realty.



**LOCATION:** The Plantation at Leesburg **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, Great room & Florida room, Newer roof & AC, 2 car garage. 2,031 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$132,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$130,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Mark Brooks, PAL Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Audrey Mackiewicz, PAL Realty.



**LOCATION:** 6050 Armada Street, Tavares **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,963 sq. ft., Built in 2003, Block/Stucco **LISTING PRICE:** \$144,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$145,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Carole Thompson & Cynthia Wheeler, ERA Tom Grizzard Inc. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Duane Lanier, Vangie Berry Signature Realty.



**LOCATION:** 18112 E Apshawa Road, Clermont **FEATURES:** 3BR/4BA Pool Home with 3,148 sq. ft. Large private screened-in pool, fireplace and bonus room. Home is on one acre with beautiful grounds. **LISTING PRICE:** \$3305,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$275,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Chelsea Nevius, Re/Max 200 Realty. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Brandie Mathison-Klein, Keller Williams Classic Realty III.



**LOCATION:** 1805 Carolina Ct., Tavares **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA **LISTING PRICE:** \$129,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$128,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Joleen Cooper, Morris Realty & Investments. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Larry Pierce, Pierce Realty.



**LOCATION:** 308 Tuscanooga Drive Mascotte Hills, Mascotte **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,096 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$42,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$40,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Andy Hernandez, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Andy Hernandez, Watson Realty Corp.



**LOCATION:** 3739 Peaceful Valley Drive Hartwood Reserve, Clermont **FEATURES:** 4BR/4BA, 3,169 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$269,000 **SELLING PRICE:** \$245,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kris Persaud, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kris Persaud, Watson Realty Corp.



**LOCATION:** 227 Lake Shepard Drive Lake Doe Cove, Apopka **FEATURES:** 3BR/2BA, 1,631 sq. ft. **LISTING PRICE:** \$109,900 **SELLING PRICE:** \$115,000 **LISTING AGENT & OFFICE:** Kris Persaud, Watson Realty Corp. **SELLING AGENT & OFFICE:** Adria Nunez, Union II Realty & Investment, LLC

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