Birthday hug

Sydney Southard, 5, patiently waited as five or six other children rushed in to hug Smokey Bear before she got her chance Tuesday for his 70th birthday party.

For more on Smokey's appearance in Bartow, turn to Page 2.

Wonder House foreclosed

One-time city attraction now owned by bank

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During the Monday, Aug. 4 City Commission work session, City Attorney Sean Parker announced that the foreclosure sale on the Wonder House on Mann Street had taken place earlier that day and that the bank — Wells Fargo — which held the mortgage note, had been the successful bidder, at $80,000. In 10 days, said Parker, the bank will officially get title to the house. This, he said, was good for the city. "If nothing else, we’d have an up-to-date contact," Parker said. It is something the city needs as it has a lien against the Wonder House for property maintenance the city has performed in lieu of the previous owners.

"Who will be the contact?" Commissioner Trish Pfeiffer asked, to which Parker said he did not know whether administration of the property would be through the local Wells Fargo bank or elsewhere. He expressed the hope it would be through the Bartow branch.

Murder for hire thwarted in Fort Meade

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A bizarre alleged murder for hire case that involved a Winter Haven man and his wife came to an end in Fort Meade last week.

Vincent Madhavath, 43, was charged with solicitation to commit murder and possession of a firearm during a felony after meeting with an undercover agent from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Fort Meade on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The suspect was arrested after his vehicle was stopped at the intersection of North Seminole and Langford Street shortly after 11:30 a.m.

LAKELAND (AP) — The curiously oval-shaped structure at the new Florida Polytechnic University, designed by noted Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava, is a symbol of the state's latest higher-education experiment.

It is the centerpiece of what will soon be Florida's 12th state university and the only one dedicated almost exclusively to producing science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, degrees.

Adorned with curved awnings and a roof that adjusts with the sun's angle, the 162,000-square foot, $60 million Innovation, Science and Technology building will house the school's laboratories, classrooms, auditoriums and other meeting rooms. It is the perfect symbol of a university built with the Silicon Valley-type industry in mind.

The waiting is almost over

Grand opening set for Polytech this week

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The Wonder House, once a city attraction, is now owned by the bank that foreclosed on it. Shelly Drummond, Education Curator at the Polk County History Center, shows old photos of the celebration of the opening of the Polk County Courthouse in 1909, after it was built in just 11 months.
Smokey celebrates his 70th

If you want to get a look at what Smokey Bear looked like in the 1950s, go to the Bartow Public Library and check out the stuffed bear on the second floor.

And Tuesday, many children saw the real Smokey Bear at the library as there was a 70th birthday party for him. He looked a lot different than the stuffed bear.

“You can see that Smokey’s look has changed over the years,” said forest ranger Meng Chuor at the packed house of children. Located in the cabinet in the hallway is Andy Tovrea’s stuffed toy that dates back to the mid 1950s. He said the shovel and other items are original, as he recalled to the audience how he was a Junior Ranger when he was young.

During the celebration, children made birthday cards before Smokey arrived. They then watched a film about safety in the forest. When Smokey arrived, he was greeted with children trying to give him cards or get hugs.

— Jeff Roslow

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Before Smokey Bear showed up for his 70th birthday party Tuesday, dozens of children made cards for him at the Bartow Public Library. Here, Jacob Sizemore, 12, makes his card.

Liliana Munoz, 5, gets a sneak peak at the birthday cake for Smokey Bear’s 70th birthday Tuesday during a celebration at the Bartow Public Library.

All birthdays need a cake and there was plenty to go around in this full house Tuesday for Smokey Bear’s 70th birthday. Miss Jackie cuts the pieces while Makai Everett went to see Smokey and the cake.

Smokey Bear from the 1950s. This doll belonged to Andy Tovrea and is on display at the Bartow Public Library. Tovrea doesn’t know what year he got it (nor does his mother) but he says he got it in the late 1950s.

Sydney Southard, 3, relaxes on grandma’s lap Tuesday at the birthday party held there for Smokey Bear.

Ivecscie Arman, 3, warms her hands by the fire at the Bartow Public Library Tuesday during Smokey Bear’s 70th birthday party.

Left: James Drasky, 4, makes a birthday card for Smokey Bear Tuesday at the library for his 70th birthday. In fact, he was so busy on it, he nearly missed Smokey Bear come into the room.

Smokey Bear high fives Makai Everett Tuesday during his 70th birthday party at the Bartow Public Library.

Smokey Bear was greeted when he walked into the room Tuesday during his 70th birthday party at the Bartow Public Library. To Smokey’s left is Forest Ranger Meng Chuor.
Dimmig says help needed

Public Defender’s Office could use community assistance

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Rex Dimmig said despite the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing people will be represented by legal counsel in court, it wasn’t until the 1960s that was provided. In 1961, Clarence Earl Gideon was arrested for a burglary at the Bay Harbor Pool Room in Panama City, Fla., and had to defend himself in court because he could not afford an attorney. A Florida court declined to appoint a lawyer to Gideon and he was eventually convicted and sentenced to five years in state prison.

From his cell, he prepared a lawsuit against the Florida Department of Corrections arguing in his appeal that he had been denied counsel and his Sixth Amendment rights as applied through the 14th Amendment had been violated. He ultimately won his case and it’s been 51 years that the Public Defender’s Office has existed.

Dimmig, the Public Defender for the 10th Judicial Circuit which encompasses Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties, asked if it works. “In 1960 according to the Census there were 5 million people living in Florida and 8,000 in prison. In 2010 the Census showed 19 million people live in Florida and now the prisons have over 100,000. So maybe the way we are doing such a good job,” he suggested.

Being asked so many times why the crime rate has risen he has given that a lot of thought. He attributes that to a few things. Specifically he mentioned air conditioning, automatic garage door openers as well as one of the three types of people who commit crimes.

“When I was growing up we didn’t have air conditioning in our house,” he said. “We’d sit on the front porches and talk to people in the neighborhood,” he said.

He said when someone did something wrong, everyone knew about it. Now, he said, people get home from work, push a button and the car is in the garage. Then, they spend the evening inside the house in air conditioned comfort and can choose from hundreds of channels on the television.

“We never leave the house,” he said.

He also said in representing people for 35 years, he said there are three kinds of people who will commit crimes. The first he called bad and mean people. He said any effort to change them is usually for naught because these people are mean to the core.

Another type of criminal, he said, are not really criminals, but someone who did something stupid and he or she got caught.

“They come into the legal system and they say they’ll never do something stupid again,” he said.

The third type, who commit a majority of the crimes, are not really bad people but commit crimes for the wrong reasons.

“There’s a saying that an ounce of prevention is worth an ounce of cure. That’s what these people need. If we don’t address these people, we’ll be paying for it and add to the 100,000 people in prison,” he said.

He said through the years, community based organizations that help people in need and those that commit crimes have dried up. Alcohol and drug help facilities are struggling or no longer exist.

This, he said, adds to the crime problem continuing. The case load is very heavy for the Public Defender’s Office. He said in this circuit there are 57 lawyers that handle some 35,000 cases per year. He would like to say they are handling everyone efficiently, but obviously with that load, not everything can be dealt with equally.

The community’s help is necessary. “I’d like to be put out of business,” he said. “I’ll like for us to spend money up front so we don’t spend the money on the tail end.”

Haas inducted into Rotary

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Brian Haas has fondly thought of the Rotary Club for 21 years and Wednesday when he became a member, he let club members know that. Haas, the spokesman for the State Attorney’s Office, vividly remembers what the scholarship the club gave him when he graduated from Bartow High School in 1993. He also recalls how a Rotarian, he let club members know that.

Now as a member of the club, Haas said it “feels good to be a member and to be serving the community.”

“Remembering the scholarship Rotary awarded him when he finished Bartow High School in 1993, Brian Haas said he was pleased now to be a member when he was inducted into the club Wednesday. To his right is his sponsor Anita Stasiak.

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Rex Dimmig, the 10th Circuit Public Defenders speaks Wednesday at the Bartow Rotary Club meeting at the Bartow Civic Center. Seated is Rotary President Shawn Iles.

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Our Viewpoint

Going into election season, voters were scheduled to elect two circuit judges this month. But the withdrawal of one candidate for the Group 2 position due to campaign finance issues left Michelle Pincket unopposed for that post. She impressed our editorial board, and we believe she will be a good judge.

The remaining judicial race on the ballot is between Taylor Davidson and Larry Helms for the Group 16 judgeship.

Evaluating judicial candidates presents a special challenge. Most lawyers with the ability to get through law school and a few years of practice exhibit knowledge of the law, and it is the nature of their profession to be persuasive advocates.

Adding to the challenge is the fact that they are limited in what they can say in their campaigns. Beyond pledging “fair and impartial” administration of justice, there’s not a whole lot they can promise as to their performance if elected. And we cannot remember a candidate who ever ran on a platform of prejudice and bias.

Most of the decision, in our opinion, boils down to the quality and quantity of their legal experience, and the opinions of peers who are willing to give us an off-the-record appraisal of their abilities.

We also discuss in depth with each candidate the issue of judicial temperament. Judges have a great deal of power and operate with minimal oversight. It is easy for them to become hyper-impressed with their own importance. Lawyers call it “robe-itis.”

Both candidates in this race have substantial experience, and both are candid in acknowledging the need for a judge to remain respectful of the parties who come before his (or her) judicial bench.

Taylor Davidson has 27 years of practice, and boasts of his board certification in the areas of workmen’s compensation and civil trial practice. He calls himself “a trial specialist.” He says a judge must “know the law and control the courtroom,” while showing respect to all parties.

He describes himself as “even tempered, slow to anger,” but “quick to cut off shenanigans.”

Larry Helms has practiced law for 39 years, of which 38 have been in Polk County. He has tried cases in 16 of Florida’s 20 judicial circuits, and in federal courtrooms in Tampa, Orlando, Ocala, and Jacksonville.

He has argued cases before two of Florida’s District Courts of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court.

He boasts of experience in civil and criminal practice, probate, family law, and juvenile justice, which are the five divisions of circuit court.

He is candid and direct on the issue of judicial temperament:

“You can get away with rudeness and arrogance because you are the judge. It damages respect for the judicial system for the judge to think the trial is about him. Being a judge is about customer service.”

Both candidates make good impressions; both have support from their peers.

Based on his wealth of experience and his forcefulness on the issue of judicial temperament, this newspaper recommends the election of Larry Helms.

Letters to the editor

Kudos to staff

I am writing in praise of your courthouse bailiffs, namely Ruthie Smith, Adrian McNair, Ralph Hawkins, Troy DeBrab, and Carlos Suarez. When the Polk County Courthouse was evacuated this morning due to an emergency, they carried a participant (an elderly, sometimes confused, gentleman with leg braces) down seven flights of stairs. They were efficient, kind, courteous and professional.

I wanted you to know it was appreciated and that their efforts did not go unnoticed. They were great!!

I understand that a similar event occurred in the other stairwell. KUDOS TO YOUR STAFF!!!

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Scott’s Birkenstock flip-flop

On the campaign trail, Gov. Rick Scott launched his latest themed tour. This one is pleasantly named “Let’s Keep Florida Beautiful.”

What a lovely thought.

His initiative includes:
$50 million a year for alternative water-supply projects.
$50 million a year for natural springs restoration.
$150 million a year for Florida Forever.

That sounds great. Those of us who have worked hard to preserve our natural resources, restore our degraded water bodies, develop alternative water supplies and promote nature-based recreation should be ecstatic, right?

Well, not so much.

Under current law, funding for alternative water supply and other restoration projects is supposed to be $100 million a year and Florida Forever, the widely popular land-acquisition program, is to receive $50 million yearly to be fully funded, twice the amount Scott is proposing.

And while his proposal is less than what is expected, it’s more than he has provided during his four years as governor.

Let’s take a look at the history of Florida Forever funding as an example.

Under Gov. Jeb Bush, Florida Forever was fully funded at $300 million in each of the budgets from 2000 to 2007, totaling $2.1 billion over seven years.

Gov. Charlie Crist fully funded the program the first two years of his term and cut funding to zero and $19 million the next two years when the state budget itself was drastically cut. Crist’s total was $619 million over four years.

Even though Gov. Scott took office during the economic recovery, there was zero funding for Florida Forever in his first two years. And while the next two years brought the largest budgets in state history, the program received minimal cash of $10 million and $17 million.

Scott also undertook an ill-fated plan to identify and sell “unnecessary” conservation lands in state ownership to fund “better” lands for purchase. The list was controversial, no lands were sold and the hare-brained idea was abandoned.

There were many other questionable decisions and actions by Scott that riled environmental advocates, including hiring a shipyard executive to head the Department of Environmental Protection; firing science-based DEP employees for not being lax enough on permitting; replacing experienced water management district directors with more developer-friendly ones; cutting water district revenues and decimating their staffs; and abolishing the state’s Department of Community Affairs, the agency responsible for comprehensive planning based on available resources such as water.

The list goes on.

Scott also showed his lack of environmental curiosity by denying climate change even though Florida is particularly vulnerable to sea level rise. To address questions, Scott simply repeats the non-answer, “I’m not a scientist.”

In response to his declaration of scientific ignorance, a group of scientists from various disciplines generously
Care to Dance?
Groups debut dancing program at Savannah Court

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The Dancer Buds and the Sutton Law Firm filled a room at the Savannah Court Thursday and cut a rug with them. Thursday two dancing groups made their debut at Savannah Court, reacting to a 21-year study where the National Institute on Aging monitored people 75 and older and found ballroom dancing reduced, by 76 percent, the risk of dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Dancing doesn’t necessarily help cure these afflictions, but it can prevent people from slipping further into dementia or may even prevent it entirely.

Debra Sutton said dancing provides people with being able to move around and forces their brains to think about what they are doing.

“The neuro-pathways allow a person to think how to get from Point A to Point B. The movement always changes and there are unanticipated pathways a person has to follow,” she said.

The appearance of Sutton Law Firm and Dancer Buds is just a start, Sutton said.

He said they don’t have other nursing homes where they plan to go but, they plan to and they are open to anyone interested. He mentioned there will be members of Dancer Buds throwing a sock hop in September in Winter Haven.

As to the question of whether or not the dancers will return to Savannah Court, it is likely they will. Among the 80 or so residents who attended, most danced after the demonstration of dances was over. And while most danced with one of the dancers on hand, Marie Van Sickle, got up from her chair, held on to her four-legged cane and danced by herself while wearing an oxygen apparatus. In her younger years, she said, she was an Arthur Murray dancer.

“I’ve been dancing since I was about 5 or 6 years old,” she said. “I still dance. I just put on the radio and jitterbug everyday.”

Calling it the best medicine in the world, dance instructor Betty Ski, agreed, as she not only danced with residents, but also with at least one maid, the chef and a nurse.

“Your’e got to live, laugh and dance,” she said.

She emphasized that while not only does dancing help older people suffering from dementia but it also helps their morale. Dancing not only helps the heart and can help with weight loss, but also provides fun and laughter.

“You’ve heard that laughter is food for the soul. Dancing is for the whole person,” she said.

She said, “Ten years ago a friend of mine in Canada took me to an assisted living facility and for days and weeks later they were still talking about it. We had people in wheelchairs and we were just pushing them around.”

For more information, Debra Sutton can be reached at the Sutton Law Firm at 863-533-8912, and Dancer Buds can be reached at 352-638-4122.

Right: Betty Ski was able to get smiles from Josephine DeKoven, also known as Miss Jo, during the dancing demonstration at Savannah Court.

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offered their services to educate him. First, he declined their invitation, then he agreed to have his staff meet with them. Then after Crist met with one of them, Scott said that he, too, would personally meet with them. Weeks later, no such meeting has taken place.

So why his newfound love of the environment?

It could be because a day earlier, billionnaire environmentalist Tom Steyer hinted at spending $10 million or more in the governor’s race to defeat Scott — a boon to Crist. Steyer’s interest is in climate change, an issue Scott has negligently dismissed.

Or it might be a preemptive strike against Amendment 1. The popular citizen initiative that restores environmental funding with no new taxes is on course to pass overwhelm-ingly in November. It should provide about $10 billion over the next 20 years.

Or it might be in response to the recent negative press reports of Scott’s hunting trip to the King Ranch in Texas, courtesy of U.S. Sugar. A month later, he appointed one of their executives to the powerful South Florida Water Management District Board that oversees Everglades restoration.

Perhaps we should take it on faith that Scott really has embraced his inner green — just three months out from a tight re-election. While I’d like to believe he is sincere, based on his actions over the past four years, color me skeptical.

Paula Dockery served in the Florida Legislature for 16 years as a Lakeland Republican.
Architectural tour

The dome and clock atop the Polk History Center, once the Polk County Courthouse, are signatures and make the building’s profile unmistakable as the heart of the democratic process in the county seat.

From the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue in downtown Bartow, one can see the Corinthian columns that give it the stately appearance for which it is known.

These mosaic tiles are the centerpiece of the rotunda under the dome of the Polk County History Center and replicated in the centerpiece of the Fort Blount Park across the street.

The 1908 courtroom looks much today like it did when in use with the wooden bar, the jury box and the massive and impressive carved oak dais where the judge presided.

This shield is visible on the roof line of the Polk History Center’s Main Street entry above the impressive eight-foot oak doors and covered porticoes.

The courthouse columns are capped with acanthus leaves, which Research and Assistant Curator Stephanie Lang, said were also called “bear’s britches.”

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Right: Decorative mosaic designs are obvious throughout the flooring of the downstairs of the Old Polk County Courthouse and on the second floor mezzanine outside the two flanking courtrooms.

The swags painted in the inside of the Polk County History Center are repeated on the outer walls and sides of the dome.

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Our family chain is broken and nothing is the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. It’s been ten long years since you left us.

Love and Miss You,
Dad, Mom, Danny,
Tanya & Kaitlyn
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Minority owner of Bartow Beef 'O' Brady's also owns three others

Gainesville location named No. 1 in the nation

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As much as a success Joe and Ryan Bullara are, owning and operating the Beef 'O' Brady's restaurant here in Bartow, so to say, their minority share partner, Don Bosko, who owns and operates two Beef 'O' Brady's in Lakeland and one in Gainesville.

In fact Bosko and his son Andy were recently awarded the brand's Franchisee of the Year. Being in this service industry as "dayparts"), Bullara said. "It's hard to find someone to work them." He told me, open it anywhere but Hillborough County," said Bosko. It was through a friendship he had with a man named Pete Combe who led to Polk County. "I'm one of the better lunches in the Beef chain," he said. Nearly 45 percent of his business during the work week comes during lunch. "Beef's not known for lunch." Much of the lunch daypart is attributable to Bartow being the county seat; that plus the convenience of being located in the shopping plaza at the intersection of U.S. 50 and East Van Fleet Drive which offers the benefits of being close to downtown, ease of access into the shopping plaza and plenty of parking. "It's really to find people like them, and they and their staff are why the Beef 'O' Brady's in Bartow is a success."
School board candidates spar on bullying

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In dealing with a question on how to combat bullying, candidates for the Polk County School Board said the district has much to do to accomplish something, while incumbents maintained it is a hard issue to deal with because it has gotten more far reaching.

“Currently we set a system but we don’t have the numbers,” candidate Lisa Bone Miller said at Tuesday’s forum that was sponsored by the League of Women Voters. “We had a tragedy last year that set us to retroactively hire people.”

She, who is running against incumbent Tim Harris, added policies are different school to school in dealing with bullying and it makes it harder to deal with.

Candidate Lynn Wilson said, who is facing incumbent Debra Smith Wright in the Aug. 26 election, said, “I’ve seen schools go from A to D. As leadership changes and there is significantly less bullying in schools that are higher performing. So when you get to an A level that problem can be reduced.”

His opponent felt the issue was deeper than that and much harder to solve. In fact, with as much as bullying has grown from one person picking on another and delving further into electronics and away from school, she questioned how much of it can be solved.

“I can’t tell you we can’t solve this,” she said. “Bullying is human nature.”

She said the district can set policies and define bullying, but for parents to understand exactly what bullying is sometimes falls short of what it really is, she said without elaborating.

District 3 incumbent Hazel Sellers said the issue is complex and the addition of technology has made it moreso. She said more information to teachers on recognizing the signs is necessary and while the school district has several ways to inform students and parents not enough is being done. More community involvement is necessary and while Sheriff Grady Judd has helped the school district with public appearances more still has to be done.

She also expressed the problem isn’t just about the victim.

“Kids that do bullying are having issues also,” she said. “We have to resolve to help them.”

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School Board District 3 candidate Randy Wilkinson talks with circuit judge candidate Joe Helms Tuesday night at the political forum the League of Women Voters sponsored at the Neill Combee Administration Complex. To his left is his opponent Lisa Bone Miller.

School board members face off in primary

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In the primary for the Polk County School Board, candidates sparred over a wide range of issues, but the biggest discussion centered around bullying.

“Bullying is human nature,” said Incumbent Hazel Sellers, who is running for another term in District 6. “We’ve never been pleased.”

She said the school district has been working to reduce bullying, but there is still more to be done.

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Helms, Davidson square off — sort of — at candidate forum

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Only two candidates for the race for 10th Circuit Group 16 judge — Taylor Davidson and Larry Helms — made up the panel at the Tuesday, Aug. 5 candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Polk County. That was because the only other judicial race, for Group 2, had already been determined and Michelle Pincket will be on the bench. Her then-opponent, Christine Trakas Thomhill had withdrawn from the race this past July as part of a pre-tri- al intervention agreement with the State Attorney's Office of Jerry Hill, which had investigated and determined deliberate financial campaign wrongdoing going to circumvent state statutes had occurred.

The forum between Helms and Davidson followed an earlier forum with the six candidates — three of them incumbents — vying for seats on the Polk County Public Schools Board, in which only a small number of people were present, estimated between 25-35 people; a number of those chose not to remain in the Board of County Commissioners chamber following the school board presentation.

Quite often, each candidate's re- sponse to questions posed mirrored one another, beginning with what each considered the two most important characteristics or traits a judge should possess. Davidson's immediate answer was short. "Intellect and temperament," he said, who also took the opportunity to mention that unlike Helms, Davidson is board certified in two areas of the legal profession, which he did not elaborate why. He then tied in his answer to his belief what the court's purpose is. "You have to let the people know the court is there for them."

Larry Helms, one of two candidates running for 10 Circuit Court Judge, District 10, Group 16, responds to a question posed at the Tuesday, Aug. 5 League of Women Voters of Polk County candidate forum.

Helms followed that by agreeing that intellect and temperament are important. He also added that in almost all courtroom situations that the majority of people are intimidated and in a state of awe when they appear before the bench. "You are in a situation where people are not comfortable," said Helms. "Only judges, clerks and sometimes lawyers are the only one comfortable."

That, he said, also extends to how a judge treats to the people standing before him. "You have to treat people with respect and dignity in order for them to have respect for the courts," he said. "It goes without saying that the only other characteristic a judge has to have is a sense of fairness and impartiality."

One area in which there was a marked difference arose with the second question, which Helms was given the opportunity to answer first. That question was whether county and circuit judges should be elected or appointed, and why.

"There are pros and cons to both," he said. "When it comes to the appointment process for years and it didn't work as hoped," he said. "The problem is ... it becomes poli- tized and it becomes a breeding ground for political favors."

At the same time, Helms pointed out problems exist with an election system. "We can't answer the questions people want to ask us. People want to know how we feel about issues and we can't tell them."

That was, he said, in part because judicial races are non-partisan. Also, that if a judge comes out with a stance on an issue while running as a candidate, what happens when that person, if elected judge, is faced with a court case on that very issue.

"When I was a citizen and a member of the judicial nominating commission, I personally favor the appointment process as long as the judicial nomi- nation commission does their job," said Helm. "I think it's the best way to do it, but the Constitution says we're going to do it otherwise."

"I would actually disagree," said Davidson, who added he had served on the judicial nominating commission.
Seven charged in drug investigation

Detectives and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area task force members concluded an investigation of Joseph Orozco, 24, of Winter Haven Wednesday and arrested him for allegedly facilitating, directing, and providing members of his drug selling organization with trafficking amounts of methamphetamine.

On Aug. 6, detectives executed a search warrant at 2633 Ave S NW, Winter Haven. Detectives found about 29 grams of methamphetamine, a large bag of MSM (Methylisoulyfentanyl) for cutting methamphetamine, digital scales, packaging materials, and 4 firearms. One of the firearms had an altered serial number.

Aaron Gill, 24, James Donovan, 54, Kevin Donovan, 26, and Dennis Amos, 53, were located inside the residence and were arrested, police reported.

Detectives went to 232 Tyler St., Lake Wales, and found and arrested Ashley Reyes, 20, who was located and seized. Detectives also went to 924 Roberts Rd., Lake Hamilton and arrested Orozco. Detecives found Mauricio Artelaeza, 42, at 228 Remington Place, Haines City.

As a result of the investigation, 29 grams of methamphetamine and six firearms were seized, and seven suspects were arrested.

Man charged with attacking wife

Kelvin Alonso Harrison, 36, was charged with forcibly shaking his wife, the Bartow Police Department reported.

Harrison was charged with domestic violence for this incident on July 27.

At 9:30 a.m. the woman was in bed at their home. Harrison awakened her and demanded that she go out and UNReleased, the report.

She said she couldn't do it because her leg was hurting. Harrison grabbed her by the upper arms and shook her and pushed her back onto the bed, the report said.

Police found Harrison a short time later and he was arrested.

Man charged with beating girlfriend

Juan de La Cruz, 37, was charged with domestic violence on July 27 after he allegedly grabbed his girlfriend by the hair and swinging her around, the Bartow Police Department reports.

At about 7 p.m. de La Cruz and his girlfriend were having a verbal argument when he grabbed her, police reported. She was able to eventually leave the building, also at which time de La Cruz left the area.

The victim did not appear injured and she was taken for medical treatment, the report said.

Eventually de La Cruz returned home and the police were there and he was arrested.

Man charged with resisting arrest

DeShawn Dean Garcia, 20, of 7102 Carillion Place, Lake Wales, was arrested July 26 for not giving a police his name nor a driver's license after he was pulled over, the Bartow Police Department reported.

Garcia was charged with violation of probation, resisting arrest not having a driver's license, police report.

Garcia was stopped along 1060 Golivue Ave. Police report the car had a broken windshield. The car went west on East Gibbons Street and he was stopped before again noticing the broken windshield he was pulled over.

Garcia stated he was not driving the car and despite being asked to get in back, he refused. When explaining the reason he was stopped a woman got out of the passenger seat and started shouting.

When Garcia refused to provide his name or license he was handcuffed.

When asked several more times to provide his name or license he cursed at the officer and he was then charged.

Garcia was taken to Polk County Jail to identify him via his fingerprint. There, Garcia became belligerent and resisted arrest. He pulled off his fists, police report. Jail staff then took him to a holding cell where he was booked.

Domestic violence reported

A 37-year-old Bartow man was charged with choking his wife during an argument they were having on July 28, the Bartow Police Department reported.

Donntrell Caprese Jones, 37, of 1050 Golivue Ave., Apt. 1211, Bartow, told police they were arguing about her 4-year-old son swinging a golf club, police reported.

During their argument, Jones grabbed his girlfriend around the neck as she was walking away and started to choke her. He then threw her to the ground. She then told police Jones left.

Upon being examined the girlfriend was not injured and declined medical attention.

A person on the scene advised police that Jones did grab the woman around the neck, however, he refused to give his name, police reported.

As he was being booked Jones said they were in an argument over the woman's child. He said he was trying to stop him from swinging a golf club. He said he did not touch or strike the child. The police reported they did not see any harm that any came to the child.

Lakeland man arrested for possession of child pornography

A man charged on four counts of possession of child pornography last Friday was charged Thursday with 48 additional charges of possession of child pornography, the Polk County Sheriff's Office reported.

During his original arrest for possession of child pornography on Friday, Aug. 1, detectives seized Clint Charles Englund's desktop computer for further analysis. Later, detectives found two additional videos and 52 images depicting the sexual performance of children. The victims depicted in the videos and images were approximately 3 to 10 years of age, with at least four images depicting children younger than 3 years of age being sexually abused by an adult.

In light of this, the State Attorney's Office directly filed 48 additional charges against Englund, 44, of 310 Palmola St., Lakeland, and booked him into the Polk County Jail. He had previously bonded out on Aug. 2.

In the original arrest, at 9 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1, Polk County Sheriff's Office Computer Crimes detectives arrested Englund, on four counts of possession of child pornography.

According to reports, undercover detectives learned England was in possession of child pornography in July and began an investigation.

A search warrant was obtained and detectives made contact with England at his Lakeland residence. Detectives said that, located in England's bedroom, was a desktop computer. A forensic preview of the computer revealed four videos of pre-pubescent children involved in sexual conduct, according to the PCSO, who says videos were graphic and depicted children engaged in sex with other children, adult males and a dog.

Post Miranda, Englund admitted to downloading images of child pornography, which he said he would later delete. Englund stated the youngest child he has ever seen involved in child pornography is about 5 years old.

Englund told detectives he was curious about bestiality and had viewed videos containing bestiality but "doesn't recall" ever viewing any videos involving children, according to reports.

Burglary reported

According to reports, at approximately 4:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5, Lake Wales Police responded to a burglary at the BP Gas Station, 704 N. Scenic Hwy., Lake Wales. While responding, police say they saw two suspects running across Scenic Highway and heading to the back of the Tip Top Grocery. Police noticed that at the BP station, the door to the south side had been removed from the hinges. Police went to the First Street area, as other officers and Polk County Sheriff’s Office also responded.

According to reports, the suspects were inside the fenced in area of Taylor Industries. One suspect was then seen running east on Dr. J.A. Wiltshire by Lake Wales Police officers.

The LPD went to attempt to locate that suspect. Along with Lake Wales and PCSO K-9 units responded and searched the area for a few hours, but did not locate the suspect. Police say the suspects attempted to pry open the ATM machine while inside the store and stole several packs of cigars. A small crow bar was recovered at the scene along with clothing items, and a Smith & Wesson 40 caliber handgun near Taylor's fenced in compound.

The case is under investigation.

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The information is gathered from police, sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol, jail and fire records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction and guilt or innocence is determined by the court system.
Shelby Duncan hits .407 in All-Star tournament

By BARBARA BOXLEITNER

Shelby Duncan had a summer vacation to remember. The Bartow High School graduate was among 16 softball players representing the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Stars in the Canadian Open Fastpitch Women’s International Championship. “It really doesn’t get better than this,” said Duncan, a former Indian River State College standout who will play for University of North Florida beginning this year.

The junior said she learned during the fall that she was nominated to be included on the team. She heard at the end of her sophomore year that she was selected. She was one of six from Florida schools on the squad, which faced four national teams, including Team USA, and three elite squads.

The team flew to Seattle, then drove to Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, for the July 13-21 tournament. The women finished 2-5 in round robin play and 1-1 in the playoffs.

Duncan played right field and hit second in the batting order. She hit .407 in nine games with a team-high 11 runs batted in. Twice she had three hits in a game and twice two hits.

The velocity and movement of the pitchers required an adjustment, she said. She was hitless, with two strikeouts, in three at-bats against Team Japan pitchers.

“Thier movement is crazy,” Duncan said. “They got me on changeups.”

She was recognized as a national Marucci Elite Hitter for the past year. She said North Florida starts training in late August for the season.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at BKLE3@aol.com.
**Back to School Fun Day, 10 a.m.-noon.** Healthy back-to-school Ag-venture. Journey through the rich cultural heritage of Polk County – from cattle to citrus – and learn about fun fitness and food ideas. Practice barnyard yoga and try your hand at making refreshing fruit kabobs. Free back-to-school items while supplies last. Polk County History Center, 100 E. Main St., Bartow.

**Monday, Aug. 11**
State of the Schools meeting where The superintendent will present key achievements and future objectives for the School District followed by a brief question-and-answer session. 6 p.m. Spook Hill Elementary, 321 Dr. J A Wiltshire Ave. E, Lake Wales.

**Tuesday, Aug. 12**
Polk County School District work session and meeting. 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Superintendent’s Conference Room for work session, School Board Auditorium for meeting, 1915 S. Floral Ave., Bartow.

Book Club. 12:15-1 p.m. Zora Neale Hurston’s unpublished play, “Polk County.” Polk County History Center, 100 E. Main St., Bartow.

Career-Source Polk Bus, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bartow Public Library, 2150 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow, 863-534-0131.

**Wednesday, Aug. 13**
Guardian Ad Litem, noon, Bartow Public Library, 2150 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow, 863-534-0131.

GED Class, 6 p.m., Bartow Public Library, 2150 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow, 863-534-0131.

Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 9:30 a.m. Sebring Airport Authority Boardroom, 129 Authority Lane, Sebring, 863-534-7130.

**Thursday, Aug. 14**
Candidate Forum, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Congress, Neil Combee Administration Building, 330 W. Church St., Bartow.

School Orientation, 9-10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Fort Meade Middle Senior High School, 700 Edgewood Drive N., Fort Meade, 863-287-1180.

State of the Schools meeting where The superintendent will present key achievements and future objectives for the School District followed by a brief question-and-answer session. 6 p.m. Elbert Elementary, 205 15th St. SE, Winter Haven.

Polk County Commission, 9 a.m. Agenda and minutes available at www.polk-county.net/agendas.aspx. 330 W. Church St., Bartow, 863-534-6000.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**
Polk Emerging Leaders Awards, 6 p.m. Awards to annually recognize five young professionals between age 21-42 who have made significant contributions and commitment to the Polk County community. Sponsored by Engage Bartow, Emerge Lakeland, Winter Haven Young Professionals. Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Ave., Bartow.

GED Class, 6 p.m., Bartow Public Library, 2150 S. Broadway Ave., Bartow, 863-534-0131.

**Thursday, Aug. 21**
Bartow Poltical Rally, 5-8 p.m. Free. Candidates for elected office to be on hand to answer questions. Bartow Civic Center, 2250 S. Floral Drive, Bartow. 863-533-7125 or email linda@twoboc.com.

State of the Schools meeting where The superintendent will present key achievements and future objectives for the School District followed by a brief question-and-answer session. 6 p.m. Davenport. A panel of the Arts. First United Methodist Church, 4751 County Road 547 N., Davenport.

Fun Run, about 6 p.m. People take a 5K run starting and ending at the Wine Stable restaurant each Thursday. Usually they stay at the Wine Stable afterward. They start at approximately 6 p.m. Wine Stable, 150 S. Broadway, Bartow.

**Saturday, Aug. 16**
Summer Family Program, 10 a.m.-noon, activities vary each week. Polk County History Center, 100 E. Main St. Bartow, 863-534-4386.

Fundraiser for the family of Bobby Marcan, doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is $15 and tickets can be bought at Elite Detail N Tint, 195 N. Third Ave., Bartow, 863-533-0681; and Ronnie’s Hair Design, 1382 Sixth St. NW, Winter Haven, 863-294-1970. Show is at Theatre Winter Haven, 218 Cypress Gardens Blvd.

Back to School Spa Day, 10-11:30 a.m. Massages, manicures, tea party, facials back to school goodie bags. Space is limited call to reserve your spot. Also, learn about the Bartow Girl Scouts. Girl Scout House, 355 N. Wilson Ave., Bartow, 813-0032-1630.

Mensa, 6 p.m. Mike’s Fine Dining, 1500 U.S. 528, Bartow. 863-701-7109.

Uptown Yard Sale scheduled, 8 a.m. -1 p.m., corner of Main Street and Wilson Avenue. 863-519-0508, or Irene at 863-646-0644.

**Monday, Aug. 18**
Bartow City Council, 5:30 workshop, 6:30 p.m. meeting. 459 N. Wilson Ave., Bartow, 863-534-0131.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**
Lunch and Learn is from 12:15-1 p.m. Rick Kilby presents “Finding the Fountain of Youth: Discovering Florida’s Magical Waters.” Learn about the legacy of Ponce de Leon’s search for the legendary Fountain of Youth in Florida. Polk County History Center, 100 E. Main St., Bartow.

Irrigation School, 6-8 p.m. Learn about ways to conserve water while landscaping. Cooperative effort by Florida-Friendly LandscapingTM Program, UF/IFAS Polk County Extension Service; Florida Automated Weather Network; City of Lakeland Water Utilities and Polk County Utilities. Circle B Bar Reserve, 4399 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMITS

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit (File # FLA013046-004) to Lake Aurora Assembly, Inc., Stephen K. Bonemann, Director of Facilities, 237 Golden Bough Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33890 to modify an existing 0.016 mgd domestic wastewater treatment facility by constructing an additional restricted slow-rate land application system designed to handle 0.0044 mgd of reclaimed water. The facility is located at latitude 27°53’14.006” N, longitude 81°27’54.765” W on 237 Golden Bough Rd, Lake Wales, Florida 33890 in Polk County.

The intent to issue and application file is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department’s Southeast District Office, 18581 N Edcouchepy Foxway, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637-0700, at telephone number (813) 470-5700.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department’s proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department in writing for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

Petitions filed by any person other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice of the intent to issue a permit in the Florida Administrative Register. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department’s action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 26-108.20, Florida Administrative Code:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency’s file or identification number, if known.
(b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative, the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner’s representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner’s substantial interests will be affected by the determination;
(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department’s decision; and
(d) A statement of all alleged issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
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In another matter, Parker provided a summary of a recent municipal commission meeting in which a landowner had requested the title to the courthouse be placed on the historic register to mark the building's 25th anniversary as a National Register of Historic Places. "There was a huge party right here. There were only about 4,000 people in this area then, but the party and barbecue drew 6,000. They had a parade and a barbecue and it was a grand day," she explained. The courthouse front on Main Street features two story Corinthian columns so identified by the sculpted acanthus leaves at the tops, while the Central Avenue entrance features Ionic columns that are relatively plain by comparison. Drummond showed photos that displayed how the east corner of Broadway Avenue and Main Street.

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This opening ends nearly three years of political squabbling that culminated with the former satellite school's separation from the University of South Florida in 2012. It also clears the way for its lofty goal of increasing the number of undergraduates receiving STEM degrees by 1 million by 2025.

Political nudging by then-local state Sen. JD Alexander led to legislation that Gov. Rick Scott signed in April 2012 to create Florida Polytechnic. It included $33 million in transfer funding from USF and a strict set of benchmarks that FPU must achieve by Dec. 31, 2016. Those include completing facilities and infrastructure; achieving accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; developing new programs; and attaining full-time enrollment of at least 1,200.

FPU's land and construction cost is more than $120 million. It will open its doors with only a handful of buildings.

State University System of Florida board member Dean Colson applauded the new university's commitment to innovation and technology. "I remain skeptical about whether FPU architect Santiago Calatrava espoused the cheaper," he said.

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After the meeting was complete, Madhavath left and traveled south on U.S. 17, and turned left on to West Broadway before turning onto North Seminole. He was stopped by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. During the stop, Madhavath indicated he was carrying a loaded Smith and Wesson revolver, which was discovered in his right front pocket and disarmed.

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As part of the staged home invasion plan, Madhavath himself was to be physically assaulted, the FDLE added.
Appeals court allows charter school rejection

Ruling against the Florida Board of Education, an appeals court Wednesday backed a decision by the Polk County School Board to reject plans for a proposed charter school.

The decision by a three-judge panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeal stems from a state law that allows charter-school operators to seek to replicate “high performing” charter schools.

Renaissance Charter School Inc., sought to open a charter school in Polk County and argued it was replicating a school from Miami-Dade County, the Polk County School Board, however, rejected the application, at least in part because the proposed Polk school would serve children in kindergarten through eighth grade, while the Miami-Dade school served grades six through eight.

The dispute went to the state Board of Education, which ruled in favor of Renaissance. But the appeals court Wednesday overturned the state board’s decision to approve the charter-school application.

“We agree with the School Board that Renaissance’s proposed charter school’s educational program did not substantially replicate that of (the Miami-Dade school),” said the ruling, written by Judge Daniel Sleet and joined by judges Steven Northcutt and Patricia Kelly.

“The proposed school, composed mostly of kindergarten through eighth grade students, and the middle school on which the application was based neither share the same characteristics, nor are they alike in substance or essences. Furthermore, nowhere in the record did any represent-ative of Renaissance articulate how the educational program of the high performing middle school would be replicated so as to serve the students of different age and grade levels.

Fourth Annual Carillon Classic 5K Run & Walk scheduled

With the third Carillon Classic over for just a number of reasons, including bad weather, it is already set and it’s coming on May 2, 2015.

Sponsored by The Dick Pope/Polk County Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association the Carillon Classic 5K Run & Walk is to benefit of the George W. Harris, Jr. Runaway & Youth Crisis Shelter in Bartow. It is held at the Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales.

We are announcing the May 2, 2015 date for the next Carillon Classic at this time to give runners and walkers the opportunity to mark it on their calendars as soon as possible,” said Marybeth Soderstrom, chair of the 2015 Carillon Classic 5K Run & Walk.

“We also want to make potential corporate sponsors aware of the date so they can include it in their 2015 budgets.”

Soderstrom said the course layout will be changed due to a multi-million dollar renovation project at the Bok Tower Gardens.

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Governor appoints two Florida Education Fund Board of Directors

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Terrell, 39, of Lakeland, is a physician for Polk State College and the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lakeland.

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Villain, 51, of Orlando, is the vice president of Aramark. He succeeds Magda Orta and is appointed for a term beginning Aug. 6, ending June 24, 2016.

General information about the run and walk, including online registration, can be obtained by calling Soderstrom at 863-838-9762 or by sending her an email at marybeth.soderstrom@careersource polk.com.

County building sidewalks at Old Dixie Highway

Polk County has started building the first of three sections of sidewalk along the west side of Old Dixie Highway.

This 1,300-foot long section between Schalamar Creek Drive and Carroll Road includes a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk connected to curb and gutter. The sidewalk is 60 feet wide, and has dappled shade from citrus groves and mountain vistas.

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Terrell, 39, of Lakeland, is a physician for Polk State College and the administrative assistant, position known as a deans at Crystal Lake Middle School.

He succeeds Magda Orta and is appointed for a term beginning Aug. 6, ending June 24, 2016.

Villain, 51, of Orlando, is the vice president of Aramark. He succeeds Elliot Carr and is appointed for a term beginning Aug. 6, ending June 24, 2016.

Aaron Adams to be featured artist

Aaron Adams is a man interested in people and the human experience. His artwork, inspired by everyday heroes and the human plight, will be on display at The Loft Art Gallery through Sept. 30.

The show debuts during the First Friday festivities on Sept. 5. A reception with live music, wine and hors d’oeuvres is scheduled for 6-9 p.m.

Adams recently made the transition from drawing to painting under the tutelage of David Collins of Paint Along Studios. Adams, who relocated to Lakeland last year, has quickly made up for lost time. He took a hiatus from drawing for five years, but has dabbled in the creative medium his whole life. In his off time, he often sketches and doodles in downtown.

His artwork showcases polarizing public figures he respects and admires. The pieces range from Native American activist Leonard Peltier and Chuck D of N.W.A to the late comedian George Carlin. When asked what he hopes people will take away from the exhibit he said, “There is the inherent ability for humans to connect and share in the human experi-ence without hatred or a political agenda.”

The Loft Art Gallery is upstairs in Paint Along Studios in downtown Lakeland at 123 S. Kentucky Ave. Call 863-499-5771 for more information or visit www.lovewallart downtown.com.

Runners gather at the starting line for the 2014 Carillon Classic 5K Run & Walk at Bok Tower Gardens on May 5. The 2015 installment of this charity event, sponsored by The Dick Pope/Polk County Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association for the benefit of the George W. Harris, Jr. Runaway & Youth Crisis Shelter in Bartow, will be held on Saturday, May 2 at Bok Tower.

FPFA hopes to draw 500 runners and generate more than $4,300 for the youth shelter through the 2015 Carillon Classic.

INDIANTOWN – Mr. Robert Wayne Smith, 74, passed away Tues., Aug. 5, 2014, in Stuart, Fla., of heart failure. Wayne was born in Fort Meade, Fla., on Aug. 31, 1939, to William Louis and Minnie Lee Martin Smith, and was a lifelong resident of Martin County. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and worked for First National Bank and American Bank for many years.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; son, William Robert Smith; sisters, Vera Mae Smith, Verna Lee Rhodeen, and Ethel Lorette Smith; brothers, Clifford Louis Smith, Sr., William Raymond Smith and John Marvin Smith.

He is survived by his son, Tyler Smith, Indiantown, Fla., daughter, Lisa Turley and husband Joe, Orlando, Fla., brother, Clarence Melburn Smith and wife Edith, Fort Meade, Fla., sister, Evelyn Marie Atanasoff, Grafton, WV. Memorial services are 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at Hancock Funeral Home, 945 E. Broadway, Fort Meade, Fla.

Obituaries may be sent to the family at www.hancockfh.com Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade, is in charge of arrangements.
Looking for that special car or truck? Check out the DEALS here...
CLASSIFIEDS August 9, 2014

110 N. Reedy Rd - Frostproof - Single wide mobile home on corner lot. 3 bed 2 bath with a Florida room, central air and heat. Living room, dining room and kitchen. Master bedroom with a large walk-in closet. Home is located on Lake Reedy. Asking price $59,700. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

307 Sunset Rd - Frostproof - Single wide mobile home on a nice lot in Frostproof. 2 bed 2 bath with a carport and 2 storage sheds. Asking price $54,900. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

19 McCarthy Ave - Frostproof - Single wide mobile home on a quite street. Home has fresh new paint inside and out, new flooring, beautiful tile floors. Living room features a beautiful ceiling fan, fireplace and large tv and surround sound system. Extra large master bedroom with a large walk-in closet, bathroom vanities and fixtures, and a large whirlpool tub. This home has 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, large family room, kitchen, laundry room, and 2 utility buildings. Asking price $139,800. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

262 Walker Ave - Frostproof - Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on large corner lot. Home has 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, eat-in kitchen, large living room, front porch, bonus room, private fenced yard, storage room, and an attached carport. Asking price $48,000. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

1115 Hwy 630 - Frostproof - Very spacious home with lots of land and 3 bathrooms, central air and heat. Main part of the home was built in approx 1992, 2 story addition was built in approx 2004. Large family room, outside of city, 10 min to Frostproof, 15 min to Lakeland. Asking price $149,000. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

260 Walker Ave - Frostproof - Spacious 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Living room has brand new hard wood floors, condition bathroom, large kitchen, tile throughout, open patio, large fenced yard. Asking price $56,400. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com


331 W. "F" St - Frostproof - 3/2 home with additional 1/1 apartment with separate entrance and 1 car garage. Quiet neighborhood, close steps from Clinch Lake. Center hall plan with new floor, large room, large laundry, family room and family room. Large eat-in kitchen with all appliances to include fridge, dishwasher, stove and washer and dryer. Asking price $47,900. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

385 Quinn Road - Frostproof - 4 bedroom, 2 bath home with porcelain tile flooring, an open floor plan with ceramic tile, large family room, dining room and kitchen. This home has a new kitchen with granite countertops, a large island, and stainless steel appliances. The master bath has a spa shower and a large walk-in closet. This home has been updated, has living room, family room and family dining room. There is a large yard looking lake, double carport and new carport. Asking price $139,800. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

285 Quail Run Road - Frostproof - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, double wide. 0.3 acres. This home has a front living room, large kitchen with an island, glass front doors and windows. This home has a large pie shaped lot with brick wall, tiled floor, round surround sound system. Extra large utility room 2 car dock and storage cabinets, workshop, well and septic. This home is 1 mile east of Frostproof. Reduced price $38,900. Frostproof Realty, LLC (863) 635-4246 - www.frostproofrealty.com

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sink and cabinets. The French doors in the dining room lead to the lanai/pool/patio which has a privacy block wall surrounding the area. There is an oversized lot, pet area, large patio and freshened paint interior and exterior and a 2 car garage. Listed for $187,000 ID #901 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**LOVELY HOME** near golf course Located near Lake Jackson in the cornet. This is a very nice corner, all new carpet and a large 3 car garage with star case leading to the front entrance. Reduced to $115,000 ID #4063 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**SPACIOUS HOME**Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home with tile floor throughout, large open kitchen, large family room, family room, laundry room, and 2 car garage. Listed for $299,000 ID #322 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**GOLF COMMUNITY HOME** 2 bedroom 2 bath townhouse with open floor plan, screened porch, and 1 vehicle carport. Listed for $92,000 ID #1858 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**MODERN 3 BED 2 BATH** split plan. Features: all appliance kitchen, huge master suite, 2 guest bedrooms, 2 guest baths, large detached garage/ workshop/storage. Listed for $79,900 ID #235 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**SUN RAY HOME** 3 bedroom 2 bath home with a large fam- ily room, living and dining rooms, and 2 car garage. Listed for $145,000 ID #4450 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**CORNER LOT WITH QUIET HOUSE** This nice 2 bedroom 2 bath home features a 1 bedroom 1 bath detached guest house. A private house, a screened patio area with a Jacuzzi, all new paint, new windows, new large detached garage/workshop/storage. Listed for $79,900 ID #235 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**SPOACIOUS POOL HOME** 4 bedroom 2 bath home with breakfast bar, kitchen, garage and bonus room. This home features French doors and patio, new carpet, fresh painted interior. Listed for $269,900 ID #457 PRIME PLUS REAL ESTATE INC. 863-676-7040 www.primeplusrealestate.com

**CONTEMPORARY HOME** Spacious 3 bedroom home with stainless steel appliances, breakfast bar & nook,.

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IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

Case No.: 2012CA-008350-CIV

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: MICHAEL RICKLEFS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida.

Defendant(s):

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PIERRE RALPH SALVADOR, DECEASED
Case Number: 14CP-1473-TP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Pierre Ralph Salvador, deceased, whose date of death was May 19, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Polk County, Florida, at Bar- tow, Florida, Case Number 14CP-1473-TP. All creditors of the decedent, or any persons having claims or demands against the decedent’s estate, are respectfully notified to present their claims or demands against the estate, or so much thereof as may be unpaid, at the time and place specified below.

If you are a person with a disability who desires to have this notice read aloud to you, you should call the Court Administrator at 863-651-4511.

The administration of the estate of Pierre Ralph Salvador, deceased, whose date of death was May 19, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Polk County, Florida, at Bartow, Florida, Case Number 14CP-1473-TP. Personal Representatives: Mr. and Mrs. Pierre R. Salvador Sr., whose address is 531 North Hill Road, St. Cloud, Florida 34772, and the legal representative of the estate is Berger, Mandel & Loew, Esq., whose address is 2411 N. Summit Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33815. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the legal representative are as follows:

Deceased:

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531 North Hill Road
St. Cloud, FL 34772

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, FLORIDA, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM M. HEADLEY, DECEASED.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, FLORIDA, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH M. BRADY, Deceased.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF POLK, FLORIDA, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARC R. BUSH, Deceased.

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(RECORDED IN PLAT OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.  

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, 

CASE NO.: 53-2011-CA-000549WH  

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSION TRUSTEE BY MERGER TO BAC BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSEE BY MERGER TO BAC BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSION TRUSTEE, FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, P.A., FKA COUNTRYWIDE MORTGAGE ACQUISITION COMPANY, L.P., and, Pickett, George, et al., the highest bidder for cash,

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in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. RONALD R. WOLF & ASSOCIATES, PLC; TRUSTEE FOR VOLT ASSET TRUSTEE FOR VOLT ASSET, et al., are the Defendants.

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 property is located at 2189 RIO CORDOVA, LAKES AT LUCERNE NEIGHBORHOOD 6, VIL- LANO BEACH, FL 34758

 If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534- 7777 or Florida Relays 711.


In the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida

PLATE OF FLORIDA, Polk County Florida; LESS AND FREE OF ALL LIENS, LIENS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REDUXED TO THE COURT, AND PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO FORECLOSURE SALES

By: Philip Jones

Attorneys for Plaintiff

6409 Cypress Street, Suite 100

Telephone: (954) 382-3486, Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380

Dated this 28 day of July, 2014.

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PLATE OF FLORIDA, Polk County Florida; LESS AND FREE OF ALL LIENS, LIENS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REDUXED TO THE COURT, AND PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO FORECLOSURE SALES

By: Philip Jones

Attorneys for Plaintiff

6409 Cypress Street, Suite 100

Telephone: (954) 382-3486, Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380

Dated this 28 day of July, 2014.

IMPORTANT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 53-2012-CA-008517, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein LNV Mortgage Loan Corp., Attorney for Plaintiff, have entered in Final Judgment, to wit:

 property is located at 2189 RIO CORDOVA, LAKES AT LUCERNE NEIGHBORHOOD 6, VIL- LANO BEACH, FL 34758

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The notice of foreclosure includes a clause about a lis pendens, which is a legal notice placed in the public record to inform interested parties of a lawsuit that might affect the property's title.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, may file a claim with the Clerk of Court. If the claim is not filed within 60 days after the sale, your interest may be extinguished.

For more information, please contact the Clerk of Court at (863) 534-4600, or visit the website www.polk.realforeclose.com.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in 2012CA-00056-0000-00 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, and filed in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, entered in 2012CA-00056-0000-00.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in 2013CA-006099-0000-00 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, and filed in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, entered in 2013CA-006099-0000-00.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in 2014CA-000616-0000-00 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, and filed in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, entered in 2014CA-000616-0000-00.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in 2014CA-000706-0000-00 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, and filed in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, entered in 2014CA-000706-0000-00.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in 2014CA-000706-0000-00 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, and filed in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, entered in 2014CA-000706-0000-00.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in 2014CA-000706-0000-00 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, and filed in the Public Records of Polk County, Florida, entered in 2014CA-000706-0000-00.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, that the Court in and for Polk County, Florida, will sell at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, situate in Polk County, Florida, described as:


The property situated in Polk County, Florida, described as:

The abovenamed cause, in the Circuit Court in and for Polk County, Florida, entitled:

Case No. 53-2011-CA-005729-0005.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Civil Case No. 53-2012-CA-005729-0005, the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Polk County, Florida, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at 3:00 p.m. on October 12, 2014, at the Polk County Courthouse, Polk County, Florida, situate in Polk County, Florida, described as:

The property situated in Polk County, Florida, described as:

Your receipt of this Notice serves as your notice of the time, place, and manner of the sale. Any person claiming an interest in the property, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in this proceeding, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (866) 866-6717 (Voice Relay). If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in the court program or service, please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (866) 866-6717 (Voice Relay). If you need certain assistance, please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (866) 866-6717 (Voice Relay) to arrange for the provision of certain assistance. Any person claiming an interest in the property, or the owner of the property, or other person as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale of the property.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Case No. 2012-CA-006095

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A claim, if any, will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

AMBER J. DONNELLY, CLERK OF THE COURT
ADMINISTRATOR, (863)-534-4690
TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 129, PAGE 43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

To the highest and best bidder for cash, or upon terms and conditions as hereinafter set forth:

IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Case No.: 2013-CA-001177-WH

NOTICE TO BIDDERS TO APPEAR AT THE SALE

IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.: 2013-CA-001177-WH

VIKING NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, et al.

Case #: 2013-CA-004444 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee of the FBR Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-5, is the Plaintiff and Rachel V. Pagan, Ronald Pagan, Ghyonah McIntosh, Italo Malagoni, Laydi Pagan, Albert G. Wendel, Sherry L. Weckennmann, Tracey Rapley, Peter Rapley, Unknown Parties claiming by, Bennett M. Smith, Lawyer and Husband; Unknown Parties in Possession, including any and all unknown Parties claiming by, Bennett M. Smith, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession, including any and all unknown Parties claiming by, Bennett M. Smith, Wife and Husband; and, the Federal National Mortgage Association, as Indenture Trustee of the FBR Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-5, are defendants, the Court having entered an order for sale of the following described property as set forth below:

IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Case No.: 2013-CA-00230419-WH

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORCERY

IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Case No.: 2013-CA-0014444

IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Case No.: 2013-CA-001177-WH

NOTICE OF SALE TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2014

Case No.: 2013-CA-00230419-WH

IN THE COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Case No.: 2013-CA-00230415-WH

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Case No.: 2013-CA-00120483-WH

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NOTICE OF SALE

10th Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida in which Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash after giving notice as advertised, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 8, 2014, and a copy of the public record of such judgment as entered in the Circuit Court of Polk County, Florida: tract 26, blocks 5 & 6, Oveida Annex, Elevation Heights Subdivision, located in the County, Florida, to wit: the surplus funds from the sale, if any.

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**Notice of Sale Pursuant to Lis Pendens**

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk County, Florida, in the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Polk County, Florida at 250 South Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida, P.O. Box 23028, Port, FL 33897, on or before 10:00 A.M. on September 2, 2014, for the purpose of contract award for Polk County, Florida in which any person claiming an interest in the property or the surplus from the sale, if any, after the date of the Lis Pendens must file an action against the herein named Defendant(s).

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This Notice preserves the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS and RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS, as recorded in Original Records Book 2024, page 5884, Public Records of Polk County, Florida, and all amendments thereto, and the provisions of Section 120.569, Florida Statutes. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of July, by AMANDA MORSE, as President of, and JEDIDIAH JONES, as Secretary of RIDGEMONT HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION OF POLK COUNTY, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the “Association”), in the presence of two legally qualified witnesses, who duly appeared before me, and is recorded in Official Records Book 2024, page 5884, Public Records of Polk County, Florida, and all amendments thereto, and the provisions of Section 120.569, Florida Statutes. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of July, by JUDY V CORKUM, as President of, and HOWARD H JONES, as Secretary of RIDGEMONT HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION OF POLK COUNTY, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the “Association”), in the presence of two legally qualified witnesses, who duly appeared before me, and is recorded in Official Records Book 2024, page 5884, Public Records of Polk County, Florida, and all amendments thereto, and the provisions of Section 120.569, Florida Statutes. This Notice is incorporated into the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS and RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS, as recorded in Official Records Book 2024, page 5884, Public Records of Polk County, Florida, and all amendments thereto, and the provisions of Section 120.569, Florida Statutes. This preservation action shall include and extend to all of the Rider, Declaration of Easements, Conditions, and Restrictions for RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS and RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS, as recorded in Official Records Book 2024, page 5884, Public Records of Polk County, Florida, and all amendments thereto, and the provisions of Section 120.569, Florida Statutes.

I further attest that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 712, and Chapter 817, Florida Statutes, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Notice, less than two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association approved preserving and protecting the Declaration of Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for RIDGEMONT ADDITION SUBDIVISIONS, as recorded in Official Records Book 2024, page 5884, Public Records of Polk County, Florida, and all amendments thereto, and the provisions of Section 120.569, Florida Statutes.

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Happy kids learn
New school year, new adventure

By KATHY LEIGH BERKOWITZ
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Morgan McMullen, 12, of Winter Haven, says she is really excited about seeing her friends when she goes back to school this fall.

In less than a couple weeks, students all over Polk County will don the backpacks and set off for school, on foot, in cars and on buses.

Parents and teachers hope students are excited about learning.

And that, according to Polk Avenue Elementary teacher Gail Quam, is why it is “really critical” to infuse “fun” into the classroom.

“When students are engaged, they remember what they are learning in a deeper way,” Quam says.

She notes students learn more when they can actually talk in class and speak to each other.

“As long as fun is focused on academic enrichment, I think it is all good,” she says.

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His principal, Damien Moses, agrees.

“Happy kids learn,” he said, especially true in “the state of affairs in education and added stress from testing.”

And of course, academics are important, he notes.

“We facilitate both,” says Moses.

“We work from the time they get off the bus until the time that they leave, having relevant activities so they can socialize and enjoy their peers.”

Moses says Bok has some very unique Keystone classes that are relative to their students.

This year, in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), the school is going to be offering aeronautical science and working with drones.

The last couple of years, Bok has “launched” a rocket program, which has done quite well. Every year it ends with a rocket launch, attended by the entire school.

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From Goliath to leaping lemuris
Florida aquarium among the most diverse ecosystems on the planet

By CATHY PALMER
Correspondent

If you didn’t get enough fins in Shark Week and missed Sharknado II, you’ve still got a chance to get your ocean denizen fix … head to the Florida Aquarium in Tampa’s Channelside district.

At only an hour’s drive, the Aquarium is home to Florida’s native gators, groper and guppies and all things oceanic in between. Opened in 1995, the Tampa attraction has received endorsements from Parents’ Magazine as one of the most child-friendly aquariums in the nation and

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Poly two-day launch celebration planned for next weekend.
Which of the following does not belong on this list:

a. Church of the Nativity (Bethlehem)
b. Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes (France)
c. Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C.)
d. Pro Football Hall of Fame (Canton, Ohio)

Tough, huh?

A shrine, a shrine, a shrine, and a place that honors football players. Really good football players, but still, football players. Immortal players: deities or divine beings who will never die.

Whoa, have we lost control of the language?

In the past few days, I fear, we have. For several days of shameless fawning, WTFLA-TV gushed about the upcoming “enshrinement” of Derrick Brooks in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

And Sunday’s Tampa Tribune ran a one-word caption in inch-and-three-quarters bold face capitals over a photo of Brooks. It said simply “immortal.”

I once worked for a Florida National Guard officer who referred to those of us who wrote military directives as “guardians of the printed word.” That may be an exaggeration, but at least the military knows that there is no such thing as “preventative” maintenance. The word is “preventive.”

Some might argue that academia is the last bastion of defense of the printed word.

As a journalist for more than half a century, I would cast my vote for the press as defenders of the King’s (OK, for most of my life, the Queen’s) English. We put our admittedly imperfect linguistic efforts before the public on a daily basis.

Not trusting to a less than encyclopedic mastery of linguistics, I did a little research on what constitutes a “shrine.” I found terms like “holy place,” “divinity,” “sacred place,” even reference to “religious relics.” Nowhere did I find mention of football or museums honoring those who play the game.

Similar research on “immortality” disclosed terms like “eternal life,” “deity,” and “divine being.” Again, the gridiron was conspicuously absent from the discussion.

Perhaps (though I doubt it) sports writers and broadcasters can be forgiven, in the excitement of the moment, for calling a 97-yard punt run-back “brilliant,” though I insist on refusing to call the ball carrier who performed it a “hero.”

To me, heroes are found on battlefields, in police and fire departments, manning emergency rooms, and yeah, in my opinion, teaching in classrooms.

Sure, a really good football player can make as much money in one season as a school full of teachers or a company of infantrymen can earn in a year.

We know their names; we cheer them from the sidelines (or the comfort of our living rooms); we may even buy our kids sports jerseys bearing their names and numbers. But calling the place where we display their likenesses “shrines” and declaring them to be “immortal”? Guardians of the printed word, whoever we are and wherever we may be found, sometimes need a reality check.

(S. L. Frisbie is retired. Precision in the use of the language is but one of many lost causes he champions. This makes him neither brilliant nor heroic. The word is “stubborn.” Or on a good day, “Quixotic.”)
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The driving force behind the service volunteers who provided more than 3,500 rides to 411 clients, logged more than 64,000 miles and contributed more than 7,800 hours of service last year.

In this Saturday, July 12, 2014, photo, visitors walk into the Commons under the lowered atrium on the second floor of Florida Polytechnic University’s innovation, Science and Technology Building in Lakeland, Fla. When it opens in August 2014, the school will be Florida’s 12th state university and the only one dedicated to providing rides on weekends. “Anyone who needs to transport a senior or disabled person can become a client,” said Hammond. Hammond works to piggyback those rides on with medical trips.

Faculty and staff are in the process of moving into the new IST building and readying for both the launch events and the kick off of classes on Aug. 25. The student body this fall is expected to number about 900 including both undergraduate students and graduate scholars. FPU has even more reasons to celebrate, according to Lauderdale. She says the university recently received a $1 million donation from Saddle Creek Logistics and a $5 million challenge match from an anonymous donor. Proceeds raised from a charitable cross country drive in a futuristic Tesla electric vehicle will also go toward scholarships for the inaugural class.

The Florida Polytechnic University’s Bluebird of happiness has ElderPoint Ministries’ Bluebird Mobility Network flying high now that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged named it the 2014 Operator of the Year. The Polk County non-profit also received the Innovation of the Year award in 2011 for the design of this program.

"It’s exciting that we won for the concept of it, and now we’ve won for actually operating it," ElderPoint Executive Director Jane Hammond said about the network of volunteers that provides transportation to elderly, disabled and otherwise needy clients.

The Florida Polytechnic University’s signature clam-shaped building designed by world-famous architect Santiago Calatrava. These milestones, according to Lauderdale, “and the future innovation of our students, faculty and staff are made possible by our state, our community, our industry partners and our donors.”

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The Florida Polytechnic Students and visitors look around the north lobby area on Florida Polytechnic Reveal Day Saturday, July 12, 2014.

About 90 percent of the transportation provided is healthcare related, Hammond added. Medical needs are met first. If there is a client who wants to visit a spouse in the hospital or an assisted living facility, Hammond works to piggyback those rides on with medical trips. One client has a husband in a VA hospital in Tampa, so the Bluebird Mobility Network takes her to visit him.

ElderPoint also has a Dodge Caravan handicapped-accessible van that it loans to the public to provide rides on weekends. “We’d rather have it being used than just sitting there,” said Pat Gruber, volunteer coordinator, who will receive a second van soon. “Anyone who needs to transport a senior or disabled person can become a volunteer driver and sign out the van on Friday to use on the weekend.”

Funded in part by the Florida Department of Transportation, ElderPoint’s Bluebird Mobility Network office is at 145 E. Edgewood Drive, Lakeland. Call 863-692-7260 or visit www.bluebirdpoint.org for more information.

Florida’s newest university is pulling out all the stops to launch its opening … a special evening soirée for the major backers and heavy donors on Friday, Aug. 15, followed by an open house for the general public on Saturday, Aug. 16.

The Florida Polytechnic University’s formal launch activities will also introduce to the public the new school north of Lakeland’s first president Randy K. Avent, formerly of North Carolina.

The PIVOT launch, the Friday gala event, is to support the university’s mission and scholarships, and to honor its many philanthropic supporters, according to FPU’s Marketing and Communications Director Crystal Lauderdale. The event is “a pivotal moment in Florida Polytechnic University’s history,” Lauderdale says.

The event, as well as the Saturday open house for the public, will be held on the Polk State College campus.

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The Florida Polytechnic University’s signature clam-shaped building designed by world-famous architect Santiago Calatrava.
Do you think greyhound racing should be stopped?

SHERRY HICKS OF WINTER HAVEN
Yes, only because I love animals and it bothers me. I have had people adopt greyhound racing dogs and the dogs are so gentle.

MIKE SINE OF WINTER HAVEN
Yes. It's a form of gambling but it has been around awhile.

RUTH TUCKER OF WINTER HAVEN
I'm not really sure.

SUZIE BRABANT OF LAKELAND
I have no opinion either way.

KARLA KLOFT OF POLK CITY
Yes. I think it is abusive of animals the way they house them and treat them.

MIKE SINE OF WINTER HAVEN
Yes, it's a form of gambling but it has been around awhile.

SHAWN JILES OF WINTER HAVEN
I don't have a strong problem with it. I don’t know if any of the animals are being mistreated.

Get your motor running and your appetite in high gear. Food trucks rally in downtown Lakeland every second Thursday ready to fill up hungry diners craving a variety of unique cuisine.

Since Nov. 9, 2012, thousands of foodies from Polk and surrounding counties have flocked to downtown Lakeland’s Munn Park for the Thursday Squared Food Truck Rally.

The monthly food truck rallies run from 6 to 9 p.m. and host as many as 25 food trucks. The majority of these food trucks are members of the Tampa Bay Food Truck Rally, while others like Drica’s Favorites, Palace Pizza and Got Candy are Lakeland locals.

The idea for a food truck rally is the brainchild of Downtown Lakeland Partnership, a nonprofit organization with the goal of promoting downtown Lakeland as a destination.

“The DLP is always looking for ways to increase downtown foot traffic,” said Ellen Smurr, who owns Two Hens & A Hound in downtown Lakeland and also serves as co-executive director of the DLP. “Bringing people downtown for an event like a food truck rally gives them the opportunity to discover a business they have never seen before. They may visit that shop tonight, or have dinner at that restaurant tomorrow. Either way, those kinds of visits are what we use to measure the success of our events.”

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Each group meeting begins with a short business session, discussion of stamp activities and a show and tell about stamps — where the stamp shows are being held in the state and the next one coming up and who is going.

“Members participate in a stamp auction at each meeting,” said Bob Berry, spokesman for the group. “Members bring in their own stamps for the auction and collections owned by the club also are sold. The secretary/treasurer authorizes me to put in the advertisements online to disperse the collections that have been given to or left (willed) to the club many times by people who just don’t know what to do with them when a family member dies or they (a collector) just get tired of stamp collecting.”

Berry breaks the collections up into auction lots either by the type of stamps, like vehicles, plants, geography

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MEMBERS OF THE WINTER HAVEN STAMP CLUB VIEW THE VARIOUS ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR THE EVENING’S AUCTION.

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FOOD

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Truck Rally, which also supplies a music truck that keeps the mood fun, the rallies are family- and pet-friendly. It’s a safe, fun place for children and pets to play, and adults to mingle and catch up on gossip.

BENCHES AND A BEAUTIFUL WATER FOUNTAIN PROVIDE COMFORTABLE SEATING, ALTHOUGH MANY CHOOSE TO GO PICNIC-STYLE WITH BLANKETS OR FOLDING CHAIRS.

As many as 25 food trucks are expected from 6 to 9 p.m. the second Thursday each month in downtown Lakeland with members of the Tampa Bay Food Truck Rally, and Lakeland locals like Drica’s Favorites, Palace Pizza and Got Candy.

“Actually, from the very first food truck rally, we experienced a big influx in business,” said Chris McArthur, owner of Black & Brew Coffee Shop and Bistro. Other downtown restaurants have even jumped on the food truck rally bandwagon by getting food trucks of their own. Palace Pizza operates Lakeland’s only brick oven food truck, and Got Candy is working with designers to create a food truck, which she promises will look as sweet as the cakes and candies she sells.

Munn Park is located at 100 N. Kentucky Ave., Lakeland. Free parking is available throughout downtown Lakeland after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

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Rachel Cashdollar and Amanda Ehrhard enjoy sampling a variety of cuisines in downtown Lakeland’s Munn Park at the Thursday Squared Food Truck Rally from 6 to 9 p.m. the second Thursday each month.

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**Is English getting dissed?**

By AMMON SHEA

*Los Angeles Times*

Is the English language being massacred by the young, the linguistically untidy and anyone who uses the Internet? Absolutely. Is that anything new? Hardly.

Many words and expressions in common parlance today would have raised the hackles of language scolds in the not-so-distant past. For evidence, let’s look at some examples from recent newspaper articles.

Take this sentence from a Toronto Star piece about preparing dinner for a magician. “He tells me about a bogus seance he used to host in his Cabbagetown home.” That sentence would have appalled Alfred Ayres, author of the 1894 book “The Verbalist.” He considered the word “bogus” to be “incompatible with dignified diction.”

Ayres would also have disapproved of an article in the New York Daily News about policing on Staten Island, in which one resident was described as believing “the police were overly aggressive.” In Ayres’ view, “overly” was a word “used only by the unschooled.”

American journalist and short story writer Ambrose Bierce, author of the opined on 1900 tome “Write It Right,” would have quibbled with a New York Times book review last week that called Dan Chaon’s poetry “genially brainy.” Bierce dismissed the word “brainy” as “pure slang, and singularly disagreeable.”

A writer from the Saturday edition of the Canadian paper the Globe and Mail would have felt affronted by a New York Post obituary of a woman who died as a “bogus seance” hostess.

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Carolyn Mason talks with instructor Melon Dash at a Miracle Swimming class, while others explore the deep end with another instructor.

**Class shows it's never too late to learn swimming**

By KATHY BERGEN  
SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

SARASOTA (AP) — In an hour it will be time, but Carolyn Mason feels a strange sense of calm as she waits on her bench on this warm Saturday in April. A gentle breeze rocks her hanging plants and eases the humidity for a couple of hours. The perfect beach day, she thinks, of the kind of day that calls people to pile into cars and head to South Lido Park.

When she was a child and the family traveled to Caspersen Beach — the "colorless" south of Venice — her mother would issue a sharp warning. "You stay away from the water, because you can’t drink it," said her mother, whose stern voice Mason adored, even when it made her shake. So Mason was content to dip her ankles into the Gulf, and the girl who avoided the water, who would one day be a teenage mom and Sarasota’s first black female mayor, turned her attention to other things. Friends and acquaintances drowned in the Gulf over the years, and a little girl’s reluctance to go in the water turned to fear.

Mason sighs now and heads to her car, leaving slightly early for a small, complete complex that houses a swimming pool. It’s as if she is impatient to get started, to see if this time will be different.

Her cell phone rings in the parking lot. Her grandson, calling from North Port, wants to fish that afternoon in a nearby pond near his home. "You can’t come until 5," Mason remembers the boy. "I have swimming." • • •

Knowing how to swim seems an innate part of living in Southwest Florida. Tourists and locals alike head to the beaches on the weekends for sport and leisure. Yet for many people here and throughout America, learning to swim is a privilege, thwarted by barriers such as the cost of instruction, access to water and cultural factors, including the lasting effects of segregation. (Studies show that African-American children drown at a rate nearly three times higher than white children.)

Drownsings are proof that there is performance not other skill or activity where a lack of proficiency so often costs lives.

Adults like Mason, 64, harbor another significant impediment: a deep-rooted fear of water.

Mason tried lessons last summer. She dreaded putting her face in and struggled as an instructor tried to teach her body to move. Once, she drove all the way to a lesson and parked, gripping the steering wheel and hyperventilat- ing until she turned back for home. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 37 percent of American adults can’t swim the length of a pool. It’s difficult to track how many adults are considered “proficient” of water, but the condition cuts across race, class and age.

As a child, Luisa Carrasco, 41, a tall, expressive woman from the Dominican Republic, sank to the bottom of a river, where she was helpless until someone rescued her.

Maribel Castillo, 38, didn’t have access to a pool when she lived in Mexico. She wants to take her three kids to the pool, or the ocean, but then the fear comes.

Nancy Gosh, 50, has a pool in her backyard in Sarasota, but she rarely goes in it. She worries she can’t save her young grandson if he gets in trouble. These women heard of a new swim program taught this spring by Sarasota instructor Melon Dash, who founded the Miracle Swimming swim program for fearful adults in 1983.

This year, Mason got a call from Rob Butcher, the executive director of Sarasota-based U.S. Masters Swimming, who was aware of her failed attempts to learn to swim.

Butcher knew that a U.S. Masters Swimming grant had helped support Dash’s program, and that it was again ready to offer a free adult class as a USMS national campaign rolled out this year aimed to create more learning opportunities for adults.

Try again, Butcher told Mason. I have the perfect program for you.

On the first day of Dash’s class Mason listens as others answer the question: Why are you here? When did the fear start?

For as long as she can remember, Mason says, she has been terrified of water, of pools and lakes and oceans. Mason talks about her asthma. About her mother — who died abruptly when Mason was 14 — and her warnings about water. About a childhood friend swallowed by the Gulf.

"It was really traumatic because she was a playmate," Mason says. "That made me more afraid of the water." Mason, a longtime resident of Newtown, and a Booker High and Sarasota High student who got her GED at night school after becoming pregnant is a high school senior.

Later in life, the woman who was brought up from her home and taken in by her boyfriend’s grandmother would return to Newtown and enter politics. Mason, a former mayor and current county commissioner, has worked to bring swimming opportunities to children. And still, the fear of water is real.

Dash, a former University of Massachusetts at Amherst swimmer, listens as the women share their personal traumas, and then outlines the philoso-phy on which her class is based. Her teaching method is centered on five “circles” or states of mind — in control, nervous, scared, panicked and panicked. The women are not to exceed their comfort zones, and proceed only if they can remain in the “first” circle. They will complete weekly readings on panic prevention and self-exploration. Throughout the next eight weeks, the women will learn that Dash’s sessions are not about learning strokes or becoming fast or even swimming the complete length of the pool.

"People think learning how to swim means knowing how to do freestyle and get from here to there," Dash says. "The sessions are lessons in control — mastery over ‘fight or flight’ — and how the human body acts in water."

Dash sums up the class expectations with a mantra she echoes frequently throughout the next several weeks: "Don’t do it unless it sounds like fun." Mason kicks off her water shoes when the group heads to the pool. She quickly slides her waist into the water, but keeps her hand close to the metal railing. "How is your heartbeat?" Dash asks. "Mine’s good so far," she replies. The group walks the shallow width of the pool for more than an hour. Their feet feel the pool bottom, smooth and uneven. They feel the water depth change slightly. Mason’s eyes are open and her hands float gently below the surface. She does not get her face wet or venture to deeper water, as others do by the end of class. "A baby doesn’t know it can drown in three feet of water," she says, "but I do." As she grew older, Mason says, avoiding opportunities to swim was not just about fear but about priorities. She didn’t know how to swim, so she avoided the ocean. As she grew up, it seemed less important.

She realizes the foolishness of this now, of living on the Gulf with access to pools and the ocean and not knowing how to save herself or her 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren should they need help. There is a disconnect, she acknowledges, between her public efforts to bring swim lessons to local clubs and summer camps and her private aversion to water.

On the wall in her County Commission office — across from the snapshot of her greeting President George W. Bush in Sarasota shortly before Sept. 11, 2001 — is a framed picture given to her by the local Boys and Girls Club. It shows a smiling boy perched on pool steps with goggles on his head. "To overcome fear is important because I have my grandchildren and this community that I live and work in and that I adore," Mason says. "I need to do my part.

Mason’s inability to swim is partially rooted in a troublesome part of Sarasota history, where swimming opportunities skewed toward whites.

Born in 1950, Mason grew up in segregated Sarasota. Blacks were not welcomed at Lido or Siesta key beaches and traveled to the “colorless” beach near Venice to swim.

A Newtown Recreation Center pool, small and shallow, was built to quell the black community’s desire for beach access, even though Sarasota voters had approved a $250,000 bond issue that would establish a local “Negro” beach, among other things.

Mason’s brother, an Army veteran, was a pool lifeguard here. She stayed far away from him, since he had a tendency to throw young kids in the deep end. Her younger brother took a sink-or-swim approach, learning to swim by jumping off the John Ringling Causeway.

Mason has spoken publically about the disconnect in swimming opportunities here.

"In 2002, when she was mayor and Tropical Storm GBrielle damaged the pool at the popular Lido Casino, citizens called for its renovation. Mason agreed, but added a sobering message. "I wish that when we talk about the pool and the casino, that we don’t say it was there for all of Sarasota, because my parents couldn’t go there," she said then.

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Carrasco says, "I don't know what else. We don't tell people to relax.

Mason takes them out. "I think I'll go first," she says. But when she emerges from under the surface, her eyes are still shut tight.

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**Ingredients:** 4 whole graham crackers; 2 c marshmallow cream; 1 pt. chocolate ice cream, softened; 1 pt. vanilla ice cream, softened; 2 c hot fudge.

**Method:** Line a 9 by 5-in. loaf pan with plastic wrap, letting the ends of the plastic wrap overhang the pan by 6 in. Break one of the crackers into 4 pieces along the dotted lines.

Spread one side of 1 whole graham cracker and 1 graham piece with 1⁄2 c of the marshmallow cream and lay in the loaf pan, cream side up. Spoon the softened chocolate ice cream over the crackers and smooth the top.

Coat both sides of another whole cracker and 1 piece using 1 more cup marshmallow cream and lay over the chocolate ice cream. Spoon the softened vanilla ice cream over the crackers and smooth the top.

Spread the remaining whole cracker and 1 more piece with the remaining 1⁄4 c marshmallow cream. Lay the crackers over the vanilla ice cream, marshmallow side down. Wrap the pan tightly with plastic wrap and freeze until firm, about 6 hours.

To soften ice cream, scoop ice cream into a large mixing bowl. Use a large rubber spatula or wooden spoon to break up the ice cream. Stir and fold to create a smooth consistency. Makes 8 servings. Recipe from Cook’s Illustrated.

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**ROCKY ROAD RICE PUDDING**

**Ingredients:** 2 1⁄2 c milk; 1⁄2 c instant rice; 1 package vanilla pudding mix (4-serving-size); 1⁄4 c miniature marshmallows; 1⁄4 c semi sweet chocolate piece; 1⁄4 c chopped walnuts.

**Method:** In a medium saucepan combine milk and rice. Bring just to boiling over medium heat.

Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 5 minutes. Stir in the marshmallows and chocolate pieces. Evenly pour milk mixture over all. Let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle with crushed graham crackers. Bake, uncovered, for 35 minutes. Sprinkle with 1⁄4 c of the remaining marshmallows. Bake about 5 minutes more or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean.

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It’s only for a while that we must be apart, so bless the memories in my heart.

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If you've had a bit too much summer fun at the beach, it may be time to “Rafa” your skin.

“The word Rafa means to heal and what better way to heal than to get away with your girlfriends for a Summer Spa Night,” said Kim Williams, owner of Rafa Natural in Lakeland who created all natural products comparable to big name brands like Aveda and Origins. “We do everything from head to toe with products for all skin types and ages so you can pick what's right for your skin. If someone has sun damage, we would probably recommend something with alpha hydroxy to help the cells turn over faster.”

Williams was a marketing major working as a pharmaceutical rep when she was inspired by a Martha Stewart craft. “I love to make gifts for people and found a great idea on Martha’s website for making bath bombs with secret messages hidden inside printed on waterproof paper,” Williams explained. “After several failed attempts and about $100 in supplies I had to custom order, I finally was able to make them work and the response from my family was great. They loved the idea!”

Williams warned to start with a safety net revealed. “Too often in life I'd like a product to become a commercial and someone would make millions off it, but I wasn't so lucky to be able to turn that idea into a business.”

“After opening her original 100 sq. ft. retail space in 2010, Williams now shares space with the Black Swan Bazaar where she creates her products in a back room using the best quality organic ingredients available.”

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Too often in life I'd like a product line but only be able to afford one of their products and not the entire line,” Williams added about her goal to keep the prices accessible to the average person. “Because I make the products here, including the packaging and labeling, I don't have markups since I am the manufacturer, distributor or retailer. A lot of steps are removed so I can sell an $80 cream for $20.”

“Williams stresses the need to start early taking care of your skin. “Once you’ve done sun damage, you can’t undo it, but my skin looks better now than it did five years ago because of these products. Preventative care is always better than corrective.”

Busy developing new products for the fall, Williams will unveil three new scents, fall soy candles and an organic pumpkin facial masque; Rafa Natural tote bag; different products including a face scrub with lemon and mint water, cheese and crackers, and fruit; an opportunity to try at least eight other products as well.”

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Swept away: Elevating the sand castle to an art form

By WENDY DONAHUE
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Is building an impregnable sand castle on your family’s summer bucket list? Ted Siebert of The Sand Sculpture Co. (sandsculpting.com) can dig you out of the holes in your technique:

Siebert, who wrote “The Art of Sandscasting” and “Sandcastle in a Box,” has built more than 600 professional sand sculptures in 35 countries and 42 states over the past 25 years. Siebert and his teenage son Gus met us at a local Chicago beach recently to construct a 2-foot-tall, one-bucket wonder, drawing a crowd of young onlookers licking ice pops.

“Every kid at some point in his life has pushed sand together,” Siebert said. “There’s just a fascination, whether it feels good on your hands or because it lasts for a day and then the tide takes it away. It’s like a rose or a baseball game; you enjoy it and then it’s done and gone.”

Like summer. But take heart. Some of his tactics can be applied to another medium: snow.

We’ll think about that after the equinox.

Basic tools:

Shovels and tapered buckets
Consider graduating from a child’s pail to a larger bucket from a home improvement store. Siebert took it to the next level by cutting the bottom out of a 5-gallon bucket — “definitely not something I would ever let a teenager do,” he said. “You need a strong razor knife and lots of muscle.” Because 5 gallons of sand is too heavy and clumsy for someone to flip over, removing the bottom lets you fill the bucket when it’s already inverted.

Add-ons:
Concrete-finishing trowel ($15-$40), Marshalltown trowels with superthin blades: The best, Siebert said. Paint palette knife (around $4), Artist’s loop tool, to create curved ornamentation or faces (sandsculpting.com) can dig you out of the holes in your technique.

Decorative figurines, such as dragons (sandsculpting.com) can dig you out of the holes in your technique.

Spray bottle to keep sand moist
Willysphere, a sand-carving tool (invented by a guy in Holland," Siebert said. “You will need a strong razor knife and lots of muscle.” Because 5 gallons of sand is too heavy and clumsy for someone to flip over, removing the bottom lets you fill the bucket when it’s already inverted.

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1: Judge quality of sand. Ideally, it’s fine-grained with silt, a natural binder.
2: Estimate the angle of repose — the steepest angle your sand can stand. Fine-grained sand can be compacted tightly, allowing you to build higher vertically. If it’s full of shells or other debris, lower your expectations.
3: Fill your bucket, or if it’s bottomless, invert it on a level expanse and out of direct sunlight, for the most dramatic, final result. “The biggest tactical error is using sand that’s not wet enough,” Siebert said. He and Gus shoveled sand into the 2-foot-tall bottomless bucket and dumped lake water over the top to pack the sand and reduce air pockets. Excess water will run through to the beach beneath. “If it isn’t packed properly, you’ll get holes like Swiss cheese.”
4: Pound the top and gently lift bucket straight up. do not tilt it or twist it back and forth to cajole it.
5: Scan your structure for cracks; these could portend calamity. Pack more sand against them, lop off the top of the castle or shave the sides at an angle from the top with a trowel or other tool — a narrower top will reduce structural stress.
6: Buttress the foundation by pushing sand up around it at an angle. Use trowel (or any flat-edged tool) to create a tidy slope around it, which also can be the basis for a stairway.
7: Begin windows, doors and, stairs, of his window frame, so that the angles meet midway. He also framed a door that was pushed in on a diagonal. When digging out any opening, don’t fuss over precision until you’ve removed the bulk of the sand. “Then it’s time to make that final cut, which will be the sharp edge.”
8: Scavenge for decorative objects — bottle tops for a crest over the door, sea glass for windows, etc. “Kids love this part,” he said.
9: Secure the perimeter with your fire-breathing dragon.
10: Builder’s remorse? If at any point you cringe over what you’ve created, con-trive a “forced collapse” (kick, pummel or whittle structure into oblivion). Start over.

“Like any art form,” Siebert said, “sand sculpting requires patience and practice.”

Ted Sieber and his son Gus Sieber, 17, form the outer walls while demonstrating sand castle building techniques at North Avenue Beach in Chicago.

Ted Sieber, right, and his son Gus Sieber, 17, form the outer walls while demonstrating sand castle building techniques at North Avenue Beach in Chicago.

Ted Sieber and his son Gus Sieber built this sand castle while demonstrating sand castle building techniques at North Avenue Beach in Chicago.
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The fun adventures we have, like outings and field trips. We do all kinds of fun things. She kayaking. We use our campus to the best of our ability.

I don’t have a favorite part of going back to school. (She says she is having too much fun with her friends.)

I think it would be meeting new friends and learning the new curriculum.

Getting to see some of my teachers and friends. (She says she misses them in the summer.)

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Man killed in traffic wreck

At approximately 7 p.m., on Thursday, July 31, a gold, 2011 Sonata being driven by Heidi L. Carmichael, Lake Hunter Drive, Lakeland, was stopped at the intersection of Highlands Parkway and Southland Church Road, in Lakeland. According to witness information, the traffic signal turned green and Carmichael began to drive through the intersection. At the same time, Howard D. McKinley, Barron Drive, Plant City, driving a black, 2008 Suzuki Marauder motorcycle, was traveling westbound on New Tampa Highway. McKinley failed to stop at the intersection through the red light; it appeared McKinley said to himself, "I'm going to his left side in an attempt to avoid collision, according to reports. The motorcycle was traveling at a speed of 100 mph when McKinley collided with the Sonata. Neither vehicle sustained significant damage, however, McKinley was ejected from the motorcycle and came to rest in the center of the intersection. McKinley sustained significant injuries. His motorcycle came to rest in the westbound lane of travel. The Sonata made a controlled stop approximately 20 feet south of the intersection. Lake Wales Fire and Polk Medics responded to the scene and transported McKinley to Lakeland Regional Medical Center as a trauma alert. According to reports, at 1:30 p.m., at 1716 SW McKinley, he was declared dead by hospital staff.

Carmichael was wearing her seat belt and there was no air bag deployment.

McKinley did not appear to have been wearing his helmet at the time of the accident, according to the Polk Sheriff's Office reports. Speed and impairment do not appear to be factors in the accident.

Lake Wales Police Department

Burglary reported

According to reports, at approximately 4:20 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 5, a burglar entered the residence through the east side window and took a television and jewelry. The crime is ongoing.

Deputies arrest pair for car filled with stolen merchandise

Two Winter Haven people were charged with buying items from a Publix supermarket in Lakeland on Thursday, July 31. Dalma Serrano, 32, 2120 Kings Crossing St. SW, Winter Haven, and Marcus White, 43, 3324 Ave. T, NW, Winter Haven, were being detained by store loss prevention personnel after trying to leave the store with merchandise they had not paid for and that they had attempted to conceal, the sheriff's office reports.

A silver, 2000 Pontiac Grand Am, was located at the nearby Starbucks at the north end of the parking lot and inside, in plain view on the backseat were new clothing items with tags and large amounts of household merchandise. Detectives learned the suspect in the Grand Am was her vehicle and gave detectives coordinates to retrieve the suspect.

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Home front buddies: Program offers free homeless pets to vets

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI
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AKRON, Ohio - With the aid of a cane, Navy veteran Rick Eggers slowly crossed the parking lot of a county veterans service office. It was his first visit to the agency. He came seeking assistance.

Instead, it was the Navy veteran who ended up giving aid. Eggers, 79, of Stow, Ohio, didn’t get to the front door before he was blindsided by two brown eyes in a face that silently beseeched the vet to stop and give him a “scratch.”

“I’ve gone five years without a dog,” Eggers ruefully admitted as he spoke with county animal control pound keeper Fran Kline as she held the leash of an American bulldog mix named Clyde, who was looking for a home.

The gentle dog, estimated to be between 5 and 6 years old, was found wandering the streets in May and has been living in a cage at a shelter ever since, said J.J. Bahr, a pound keeper who accompanied six shelter animals on the outing to the veterans office recently to meet veterans.

“Somebody cared about him enough to get him neutered,” said Bahr. The white and black bulldog had been taught some manners as well as a few commands, the handlers said.

The agency is teaming with the animal control office to pair veterans and homeless animals in a program sponsored by a nonprofit called Pay It Forward For Pets. The group is funding the program to bring vets and pets together at no cost to veterans, said Georjette Thomas, founder and director of organization advancement.

The program, Pets for Vets … No Buddy Left Behind, is one of the funds dear to the heart of her organization, said Thomas.

“It doesn’t leave a pet behind and it doesn’t leave a vet behind,” she said.

More than 60 veterans visit the service office each day seeking help to make the transition from military to civilian life, said project manager David Burden.

“When the county shelter and Georjette called, I thought this would be a great way to help our older veterans,” said Burden.

Service dog programs are available to help combat veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, he said, but the dogs are quite costly.

“It’s a proven theory that it helps. It can be a great partnership,” Burden said.

Not all vets suffer from PTSD, but many could benefit from a relationship with a four-legged friend, said Thomas. “Pets can give our veterans purpose, motivate them, give them something to care for and offer unconditional love,” Thomas said.

Craig Stanley, an administrator for the county, volunteered as a dog handler at a recent event to pair pets and vets.

He said the county was enthusiastic when Thomas approached officials several weeks ago with the idea to help get the homeless cats and dogs living at an area shelter adopted by folks who need them.

“We are fortunate in this community to have good relationships with our rescue groups, and we are behind them 100 percent,” Stanley said.

Pay It Forward for Pets is using grant money to pay the adoption fees for as many as 40 cats and dogs plus an $18 license fee for dogs living at the county shelter, Thomas said.

No Buddy Left Behind is an extension of the nonprofit’s program to help bring one pet each year home from overseas with a returning local soldier.

“Pets serve as a family member that gives them comfort and peace while they are stationed overseas. If someone is so connected to an animal they can’t bear to leave it, we want to bring that pet home,” she said.

But on that recent morning as a reluctant Rick Eggers went inside the veterans office to conduct his business, he worried Clyde might be snapped up by another vet. He asked Kline to keep Clyde for a while and give him a half-hour to make a final decision.

The resolute veteran emerged from the office a short time later, filled out Clyde’s adoption forms, got his rabies and license tags and the two headed home.

Scrapy, a 6-year-old male Cane Corso mix, is one of the dogs up for adoption at an adoption event at Summit County Veterans Services. The agency partnered with the Summit County Animal Control shelter to pair veterans with homeless animals in a program sponsored by Pay It Forward For Pets.

Jeeojette Thomas, right, director of advancement for the non-profit Pay It Forward For Pets, pets Clyde, a 5-year-old male American bulldog/boxer mix that is being adopted by Navy veteran Rick Eggers, during an adoption event at Summit County Veterans Services in Akron, Ohio. The agency partnered with the Summit County Animal Control shelter to pair veterans with homeless animals in a program sponsored by Pay It Forward For Pets.
AQUARIUM

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has partnered with state agencies and maritime groups to provide top-notch educational and environmentally friendly exhibits.

On the Wetlands Trail, one can see alligators, otters and free-flighted birds, encounter Great Blue herons and roseate spoonbills and come face-to-face with non-native species like Burmese pythons.

The wetlands dome contains more than a thousand sand glass panels and mimics the outer shell of a nautilus shell, and the theme continues as guests follow the spiral to the touch tank.

Penguin Point is a must-see and while there, one can see African black-footed penguins dive, swim and play in their South African beachy home. There, one can get up-close-and-personal with the warm-weathered and endangered birds while a resident biologist talks about the flightless birds.

Leaving the wetlands behind, next stop is the brackish waters in the Bays and Beaches Gallery. From sea grass beds and sandy beaches, one can see videos of turtles nesting and little visitors can climb on replicas and crawl into an egg. Daily stingray feedings are always a hit as they play out their endless ballet.

One can’t miss the Goliath grouper that tops the scales at more than 300 pounds, unless he’s busy blending into the environment which is his natural defense.

Black drum fish and triple tails are his swimming partners.

There’s even a cross section of beach so one can learn about what makes the water swirl and see rays, a young sea turtle and see life both on and off the shore.

Leaping lemurs and hissing cockroaches, oh my! Adventure is rampant at the aquarium’s newest exhibit, Journey to Madagascar. The adorable lemurs are joined by colorful chameleons and other denizens of the rainforests, deserts, mountain highlands and coral reefs that are all found on the island.

The Coral Reef Gallery is an open door to the most beautiful and diverse ecosystems on the planet — a habitat normally only explored by divers. It simulates a 60-foot dive that starts in shallow water and reaches depths to visually explore its wonders.

The coral reef exhibit is modeled after the formations of the Dry Tortugas off the Florida Keys and is housed in a 500,000 gallon tank that provides a home for 2,000 coral reef residents, and more than 100 species, many found in Florida’s native waters.

The newest gallery, Ocean Commotion, is home to Raldo, an intrepid reporter, who interviews animated characters and shows off innovation, education and animation, all in an ocean-inspired setting.

Traipsing through a fog screen, one may experience the amazing energy of the ocean. Lights, sounds and interactive content flow throughout the gallery.

If that’s not enough, there’s Explore a Shore, a two-acre outdoor water park where kids can cool off while parents can relax in the shade of the Cantina bar and grill. Watery waves, slippery slides, gushing geysers and an assortment of animal models will keep the kids busy while a few minutes of rest are captured by their guardians.

Just for toddlers, there’s also the shipwreck shore where they can play in the water fountains and a replica pirate ship.

For information on other activities, people can log into www.flaquarium.org or call 813-273-4015.

The Florida Aquarium is located at 701 Channelside Drive in downtown Tampa. Admission is $23.95 for adults, $20.95 for senior citizens, $18.95 for children ages three to 11. Discounts are available for on-line ticket purchases at the aquarium’s website. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Christmas and Thanksgiving days. Parking is $6 a day.
You’ll feel right at home
Floridino’s has been home to patrons since late 1980s

When you walk into Floridino’s Italian Kitchen, you’re instantly right at home. Whether it’s on a stand at the bar in front of a big-screen TV, or in a cozy booth, there’s a welcoming atmosphere, kind of like visiting an old friend.

And you are. Floridino’s has been a home-away-from-home to patrons at one location or another, off and on since 1988.

That’s when Mike Floridino, the patriarch of the Italian cuisine experts, opened the doors of his first pizza parlor in Polk County. Now, he and sons, Michael and Jonathon operate two Floridino’s Italian Kitchens, one in Winter Haven on 6th Street and the other on U.S. Highway 27 in Lake Hamilton.

It hasn’t been an easy road, says the senior Floridino. There have been a series of moves, from Bartow, to Lakeland and ultimately back to the Winter Haven area where it all started all those years ago.

“I wanted to do something for myself and my family,” the Italian immigrant says. “I had worked in pizza restaurants since I landed from Italy in Boston in 1977.”

With not much more than guts and a love for his homeland’s cuisine, he ventured into free enterprise and the mini-chain was started.

“It took us a while to find the right locations,” he says. “But now, with the restaurant here (Lake Hamilton) and on 6th Street, we’ve got it.”

The family trio re-established the Italian eateries in 2008 after an eight-year hiatus during which the elder Floridino managed a car sales business and served as a consultant. During that time, the family underwent a tragedy when one of Floridino’s sons, Tyler, then 23-years-old, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

“I needed something to occupy my time and I realized that reopening the restaurant may be the answer,” he recalls, with touches of the still-felt grief visible around his eyes. “So, with my two sons, we decided to reopen.”

Michael, 32 and Jonathon, 26, run the day to day operations while Mike handles the overall efforts, from ordering supplies, testing the menus to managing the finances.

“It works out well,” he says. He also operates the company’s franchise side, which, so far, has expanded into at least one more restaurant in Chandler, Ariz.

“All about the food and the people,” Mike explains. “We want to serve good food, reasonably priced, provided by good people who enjoy preparing it and serving it to their customers.”

While visitors to the restaurants are customers, “we see them all as friends,” Mike says. He says there are dozens of customers who visit regularly, “just like they would come to your home. They sit down, have a drink, watch TV and grab a bite to eat.”

What originally started as a pizza and pasta place, Floridino’s has expanded its menu to “become more of a bistro, with a more metropolitan menu.”

“We want to serve a broad customer base,” he explains. “We want the seniors to come in for pizza, the younger set to drop by for a fabulous salad or lighter meal, or bring the kids in for pizza.”

The menu offers everything from meats, which was sliced and sold with Italian sauces, cheeses and with everything in the kitchen, to an in-house invention: pizza muffins. The muffins resemble a cinnamon bun, but with Italian meats, cheeses and sauce swirled in the dough, he explains.

Gourmet white pizzas are favorites with some of the crowd, including the chicken and roasted pizza with Floridino’s secret white sauce. They hit the menu from $8.45 to $14.95.

On the lighter side, a cranberry chicken salad is just $8.75 and eggplant rollatini is just 20 cents more.

“We have a good and wide variety of things on the menu that is all reasonably priced,” Mike says. “And we’re always trying out new recipes or improving the ones we have.”

Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, and also offers a full-service bar in the Lake Hamilton location. In Lake Hamilton, there also is a separated dining room for those who don’t want their dinner conversation in competition with TV’s mounted in the lounge area.

Floridino’s also the home of the “World’s Largest Calzone” a feat Mike took on in 1991 to benefit his favorite charities. He and his crew built a conveyor system to bake a 409-foot baked dough ribbon stuffed with Italian sauces, cheeses and meats, which was sliced and sold with all the proceeds going to the MS foundation and the American Cancer Society.

“We want people to see us as their neighbors and their friends and we want to be just that,” Mike says. “They are important to us and we want them to be at home here.”

Judging from the customers in Lake Hamilton on a recent Saturday, they are.

PHOTOS BY CATHY PALMER

Floridino’s Italian Kitchen is located at 29400 U.S. Highway 27 in Lake Hamilton or at 1919 6th St. NW, in Winter Haven

Mike Floridino rolls out a pizza at Floridino’s Italian Kitchen in Lake Hamilton

Mike Floridino with sons and partners Jonathon and Michael in the family’s restaurant in Lake Hamilton

Above: Beverly Tuck of Winter Haven gets ready to enjoy a Margherita pizza at Floridino’s Italian Kitchen in Lake Hamilton

Right: This Margherita pizza is just one of the offerings at Floridino’s Italian Kitchen in Lake Hamilton and Winter Haven
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For sale: 83 years of special

By Ben Montgomery
Tampa Bay Times

Nowadays, the weathered roadside sign seems to beg for attention, but narrow your eyes and you can see better days.

Better days, when Duncan Hines found Chalet Suzanne in the Florida hills and told all his friends. When Burt Reynolds and Dinah Shore dropped by, when Robert Redford and Johnny Carson and Kevin Costner and Don Johnson clinked mismatched glasses and dropped their forks across secondhand china.

And so it would go. The rows of Golden Spoons from Florida Trend hang outside the dining room, a testament to doing things right and long. For 83 years, Chalet Suzanne has kept the doors open. That's no small task in a state that's been what's the word? Humbling.

“Can you believe that this is the last time we'll be here?” said her friend Sandy Wienk, 69, who remembers that she ate chicken salad and drank a pitcher of sangria here for her 30th birthday.

“I want my eyes to take photographs,” Wienk said. “I've stayed in every room here.” Wienk said. “We just fell in love with the place from Eric's parents in 2005, the latest generation of Hinshaws to take over. They had big plans: new cottages, a south wing, rooms large enough for an empress, a room with three washbasins, another with a tile bathtub so small one has to double up to get into it, and one room sandwiched between two others that is appropriately designated ‘In Between.’”

“We've been working here for about five years,” Dee said.

Eric, 58, started here as a server’s assistant 37 years ago. She met Eric here. Their three kids grew up here. Parting with Chalet Suzanne is like losing a family member.

She and Eric started buying the place from Eric’s parents in 2005, the latest generation of Hinshaws to take over. They have big plans: new cottages, a south wing, rooms large enough for an empress, a room with three washbasins, another with a tile bathtub so small one has to double up to get into it, and one room sandwiched between two others that is appropriately designated ‘In Between.’

Business was so good the family opened a cannery to send soup into supermarkets. Astronaut Jim Irvin took a can to the moon.

The restaurant and inn have been owned by a Hinshaw since Bertha, and each generation has dealt with the leaks in the roofs and the taxed air conditioners and equipment. Like the rest, Dee and Eric tried.

“When it's yours, you want it to succeed, and you work very hard,” Dee said. “We've stayed in every room here.”

Late last year, as the financial struggle wore on, they asked God for a sign. When December's numbers were bad, they knew, January and February and March convinced them further.

Since news of the closing broke, the heat here has been frenetic. The phone won't stop ringing. Callers want a table, or a room, one last chance to celebrate a slice of Old Florida. The reservations list is so crazy that Dee asked your correspondent to relay a message to readers of the Tampa Bay Times: Don't even try.

“It's overwhelming in a way,” Dee said. “It's overwhelming with nostalgia.”

Valerie and Larry Cooper got married here 36 years ago and drove over from Punta Gorda to say goodbye. “It's the coolest place in Florida,” Larry said.

Mike and Linda Wadel have flown in from Punta Gorda to say goodbye. “We've stayed in every room here,” Mike said. “We just fell in love with the place.”

“We're like a funeral, and this is kind of like the finale,” said Glenda Johns, who lives nearby and stopped in for one last meal with friends. “This place was part of it.”

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“Busy behind the bar is Alice Fuller, 67, who started working here in 1973. She has been retired for four years, but came back to help out when Dee told her about the crush. Her husband was a cook (all cooks, no chefs at Chalet Suzanne), and all three of her children worked here. The news nearly broke Fuller. “When I first heard, I thought I'd cry,” she said, pouring a glass of chardonnay. “It's the end of an era. I thought it'd be here forever.”

There's still a chance.

“Our dream is that someone would come in and have the money to fix things, make repairs,” Dee said. “Keep the place running.”

We’ll help with the ad.

For Sale: 83 years of special.

(Tampa Bay Times researcher Natalie Watson contributed to this report.)
A battered sign in Yiddish hangs near portraits of rabbis on a gleaming white-tile wall. Jewish memorial yahr-zeit candles occupy a high shelf. The chalkboard menu lists soul-warming comfort foods: whitefish salad and chopped liver, schmaltz herring and lox, rugelach and halvah.

Shelsky's of Brooklyn looks like a classic New York "appetizing" shop, where Eastern European Jewish specialties have been sold for generations. Except it's three years old. And it's run by a wisecracking 30-something former chef whose right arm bears a pig tattoo. And its luscious house-cured salmon can come in such palate-popping flavors as Szechuan Kung Pao or Jamaican jerk.

Welcome to the New York Jewish deli, circa 2014.

Grumpy waiters, grimy rooms, so-so edibles? Fuhgeddaboudit. At hip Hebraic hangouts like Shelsky's (141 Court St., Brooklyn, 718-455-8167, www.shelskys.com), gourmands are rediscovering the foods of their forebears in thrilling new ways. And they've made Jewish food an unlikely hot ticket in New York's appetizing culture. "People are spending "hours" in line each weekend at Russ and Daughters, the century-old shop around the corner; owners Josh and David Heffernan took the same restaurant is the first sit-down extension of the beloved Russ and Daughters shop around the corner; owners Josh and David Heffernan took the same project, Black Seed (170 Elizabeth St., 212-730-1950, www.blackseedbagels.com), salutes the legendary bagel stores of Montreal, where we both grew up. His bagels, a hybrid of Montreal chew and New York lightness, have achieved crouton status among Manhattan cognoscenti; expect long lines if you visit the sleek, wood-paneled Nolita shop on weekends. Lex and loll spendere with radishes and sours ($7), heaven on a rich pumpernickel bagel, is worth the wait.

"Black Seed is about classics," Bernamoff said. "We're not making stupid flavors like blueberry or chocolate chip. The great institutions of bagel serve basics, and that's what we do."

Down the street, Bar Musachio and David Heffernan took the same approach with Bagel 181 (1 Grand St., 212-335-0069, www.barbagel.com), their two-month-old appetizing shop and bagelery on Little Italy's eastern fringe. The paie met at legendary 100-year-old Upper West Side smoked-fish emporium Barney Greengrass, where Heffernan was a server and Musachio a longtime customer. Both lived in Manhattan's Nolita neighborhood; why, they commiserated, don't we have a place like this near us?

"We're not reinventing the wheel," Musachio, 32, told me over a plate of butter-soft house-cured gravlax ($10) with a puffy, perfectly chewy bagel forged in Baz's own kitchen. "Our food's straightforward. There's no need for deconstructed lates on tiny plates."

Decked out like a mid-century diner, complete with a shiny white counter and vinyl banquettes, Baz Bagels might offer the most traditionalist menu of the new wave, with respectful treatments of comfort food such as kasha varnishkes ($5), matzoh brei ($9), and perfect latkes ($10) - "all the things I ate growing up," Musachio said.

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WASHINGTON — As the second American stricken by Ebola returned to the United States on Tuesday, concern is mounting about the lack of a coordinated international plan to fight the growing outbreak in West Africa.

Nancy Writebol, a missionary from Charlotte, N.C., wore a protective suit as she arrived in Atlanta on Tuesday morning from Liberia. Writebol, 59, was admitted to Emory University Hospital. She will remain in an isolation ward along with Dr. Kent Brantly, a 33-year-old physician from Fort Worth, Texas, who contracted the deadly virus while also treating Ebola patients in Liberia.

The worst Ebola outbreak in history has killed nearly 900 people, mainly in the West African nations of Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, which share a common border. Ebola only spreads through contact with infected bodily fluids. It cannot be transmitted through airborne particles. But there is no cure or treatment for the virus, which has a death rate of roughly 60 percent.

Writebol and Brantly were infected while working at a clinic for Ebola patients in Liberia. Both were part of a missionary response team sponsored by the Christian relief organizations SIM USA and Samaritan’s Purse. Writebol and Brantly remained in serious condition on Monday after being treated with an experimental drug that the organization said had “reached the limits of our capacity to treat.

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A sign designates a workstation dedicated to Ebola in the Emergency Operations Center at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.
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The story in the house’s third-floor garret, Superman’s first issue. From that point, the appearance was in 1938, in Action Comics’ first issue. From that point, Superman was up, up and away. Siegel is said to have typed out the story in the house’s third-floor garret, in the middle of the night, where he could, without waking his family, pursue his dream of becoming a writer of pulp fiction.

That room is now the cosmic navel of the Superman universe; fans swing by on tour buses or park their cars in front of 10622 Kimberley Ave. Some jump out, take photos and zoom away; others hesitatingly mount the porch to knock on the door. They know they’re at the right place: At the corner of Kimberley and Parkwood Drive, an ornamental city street sign doubles as markers Kimberley as Joe Shuster Way. And there’s a red S-in-a-triangle sign affixed to the sidewalk. And there’s a red S-in-a-triangle sign affixed to the sidewalk.

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Hattie Gray is the keeper of the flame at the Cleveland home where Superman was created. The S.C. native and her husband, Jefferson Gray, bought the house in 1983. and were later informed of its Superman ties. During the day, if she’s home and not too busy, she invites visitors in, free of charge.

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Disabled man encourages others to like themselves

By DAVID CRUMPLER
The Florida Times-Union

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Ra’Shad Solomon is in a battle with cerebral palsy that seldom lets up, but these days he feels he’s winning more often than losing.

A lot of it comes from not letting his condition define who he is or what he hopes to become. Solomon, 25, wants to help others with disabilities achieve the same kind of feeling. Through Comfortable With Myself, an organization he started last year, he’s reaching out to the disabled to offer encouragement.

Being comfortable with himself, Solomon freely admits, did not come easily.

“I had problems when I was growing up accepting who I am,” he said. The Jacksonville native has spent a lot of his life in a wheelchair, and he grew up with a sense that the wheelchair was all that many people saw.

He has had a total of nine surgeries on his legs, hips and back.

Pain is a constant. Depression occasionally overwhelmed him, largely because he didn’t see much potential for someone with his challenges. In junior high, he attempted suicide by overdosing on prescription drugs.

Solomon’s outlook began to change as a junior in high school. He took a fashion design class at Ed White and became interested in the fashion world. He saw dressing well as a way to gain acceptance, and maybe he was right. He got a “Best Dressed” award that year.

And he decided he wanted to become a model, or as he specifically puts it, “a model with disabilities.”

Though he hasn’t had much success, Solomon has held onto that dream. He’s recently found encouragement through the Beautiful Bodies competition at The Jacksonville Landing.

Contestants are asked to define beauty in an abstract way; said Jasmine Rhay, the event’s co-host, in any four categories: art, fashion, fitness and dance.

“We came up with the concept because we wanted to change the concept of beauty,” Rhay said. It’s an open-ended concept, giving contestants the freedom to create something that expresses how they feel beautiful.

Solomon got a phone call from Max Sturdivant a week before the July qualifying round, encouraging him to enter in the fashion category. Sturdivant, known as Dr. Fitness to Jacksonville radio listeners, was Solomon’s personal trainer for more than two years.

“I said, ‘I don’t think people in a wheelchair have ever done that before.’” Solomon said. “He said, ‘Then you can be the first.’”

Solomon chose not to model for the qualifying round. Instead, he went onstage and talked about how beauty is not defined by your abilities. The presentation was a little short of 10 minutes, he said.

He received a standing ovation, and qualified for the finals, which are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Landing courtyard.

In addition to the recognition, a cash prize of $500 comes with winning the competition.

But the outcome won’t affect Solomon’s determination to become “a model of persistence” through Comfortable With Myself.

“There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t wonder what it would be like without a disability,” Solomon said. “But I don’t let it beat me up anymore.”

The group is still in its formative stages, and Solomon is using Facebook as the primary platform for getting the word out.

Its 10 or so members meet every other Friday at the Northside home Solomon shares with his mother, Cynthia Collins, and his younger brother, Javone, who is 18 and also has cerebral palsy.

Participation is not limited to those with cerebral palsy, a disorder that can affect such things as body movement, muscle control, coordination and posture, speech, depression, spasms, kidney failure, sickle cell anemia, leukemia and HIV are among the topics currently being addressed in meetings.

It’s for anyone struggling to be comfortable with himself “no matter what your problems are,” Solomon said.

“A lot of people are scared to talk about their problems. We want to reach out and be there for people who are suffering inside.”

He hopes that Comfortable With Myself will evolve into a nonprofit “where everybody can come for support and leave your troubles behind.”

Most important, he wants to be a role model for his younger brother.

“Javone is my inspiration,” Solomon said, “to put people in a mind-set of what a disability is. I would hate for him to go through what I’ve been through.

“To be comfortable with yourself — that’s what a model is in my eyes.”

SUPERMAN
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Illustrating comic strips and publishing his own fantasy

Drawing from “Tarzan” books and comic strips and “Tarzan” movie star John H. Thurston, the late Bud Bice, Dick Tracy, Buck Rogers and other pop idols, their Superman gradually evolved from a villainous mass-market to a good guy with super powers and a secret identity.

Comic books — initially strips compiled into a magazine format — were catching on, and pulp publishers wanted a piece of the pie. National Comics (later DC Comics) finally bought Superman, who made his debut in Action Comics in spring 1938.

Siegel and Shuster were happy to sign the 10-year deal that called for more than losing.

As Hattie and Jefferson Gray and their daughter Fannie are well aware.

Mundane and proudful of their home’s history and wanting to keep it in family hands, the Grayseded the property to grandson Christopher Jefferson Gray, of Columbus, Ohio.

When he visits “Super Nana,” “Super Papa” and aunt “Super Te-Te,” he is usually wearing his Superman cape, Hattie said. She added that the 6-year-old isn’t thrilled when tourists ask him to stop leaping and just pose for a picture.

Up, up and away! Hattie Gray asks for no donations when visitors stop by the Superman birthplace home; the Siegel and Shuster Society, which honors Superman’s creators, pitches in to keep the Gray’s two-story gray-and-white house well-painted. The boyhood home of artist Joe Shuster is gone, but the Cleveland-based society devoted to the Super boys maintains a fence at that site that displays placards from Action Comics No. 1 debut. It’s at the corner of Amor and Packwood — an intersection double-signed as Joe Shuster Way and Lois Lane, respectively.

The society’s current president, Mike Olszewski, is a longtime Cleveland DJ currently testing economics at Kent State University and Cleveland’s Notre Dame College. An avid reader of comic books when he was a kid, he got involved with the S&SS in recent years — initially attracted by accounts of Superman’s Cleveland origins.

As are others. Cleveland Hopkins International Airport has long had a display noting Superman’s local roots. It was recently under repair: Its don’t-cross barrier was wrecked by too many travelers wanting to shoot too-close selfies with the photo-op Superman statue there.

Olszewski points out that when Ohio approved the society’s suggestion to offer motorists a Superman vanity plate, S&SS — a nonprofit — earned a $30,000 share in the first three months. The tagline on Ohio’s Superman plate reads: “Truth, Justice and the American Way.”

Mike Olszewski, president of the Siegel and Shuster Society, looks at Superman items in the Kimberly Avenue garage. With him is Fannie Gray (“Super Te-Te”), whose parents bought the home in 1983.
This newt is native to Florida and Georgia.

By JENNIFER PORTMAN
TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST, Fla. (AP) — Not far from a Tallahassee Publix, a big, bold effort is quietly underway to try to save a small, secretive creature.

For millennia, the western striped newt skittered in and out of isolated wetlands dotting the sandy, longleaf pine forest here, continually transforming over its lifespan from egg, to gilled water dweller, to air-breathing land walker, back to the water to breed, then to land again. The Munson Sandhills is its stronghold.

No more. After years of decline, by 2007, the creature was gone, its local extinction likely caused by a combination of factors, including drought, disease, a lack of forest—healthy fire and loss of habitat.

Today, the western striped newt, indigenous only to north Florida and south Georgia, can reliably be found in just one small wetland in the Tall Line Sandhills Natural Area in Butler, Ga.

But if husband and wife conservation biologists Ryan and Rebecca Means and their team have it their way — and things are looking promising — the striped newt may again call the Apalachicola National Forest home.

“This year, I’m going home every day and saying, ‘Damn honey, we are being successful!’” Means said out in the field last week with Rebecca and their ever-present 5-year-old daughter and fledgling reed duckling, Pocahontas. “We do have great news and something to cheer about.”

In 2010, the Meanses’ Coastal Plains Institute (CPI) with Chuck Hess, a now-retired Apalachicola National Forest biologist, to initiate a five-year, $215,000 cost-share agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to try to bring the striped newt back to the forest. The effort is in use.

“Now one has ever done this before,” Ryan Means said, “at least with this group of salamander in this part of North America.”

Institute president Bruce Means, a well-known herpetologist and Ryan’s father, has been studying the striped newts in the region for decades. Along with the mysterious demise of that species, he also recorded the disappearance of the Southern Dusky Salamander from the Florida Panhandle in habitats that are pristine even today.

“Ryan’s attempt to repatriate the species in the Munson Sandhills is one of the very few of its kind,” Means said. “It’s a species that is emerging out into the upland forest of the Southeast,” Means said. “It’s not a panda, it’s no Bengal tiger, but it is an important component of the longleaf pine forest of the Southeast.”

Steve Johnson, a University of Florida assistant professor of wildlife ecology and conservation working with the Means on the project. “As stewards of our earth we are bound to help. It’s a cool little critter, and it’s worth saving.”

The biodiversity value of the striped newt is not fully understood, Johnson likened its loss to pulling a thread from a carpet — pull out enough of them, the carpet unravels. The extinction of the striped newt could have far-reaching consequences to its native ecosystem as a whole.

“It’s something that could affect many other species that people might think are important,” said Rebecca Means, who heads up an educational component of the project that provides hands-on learning for school-aged children. “The fact that they are going extinct means something is going on here. They don’t just up and decide to move away.”

Kim Sash, a herpetology expert and conservation biologist at Tall Timbers Research Station, said the plight of the striped newt in the Apalachicola National Forest and elsewhere in the Red Hills rais- es bigger issues than the species’ survival.

“It’s about water, it’s about habitat, it’s about disease, and it’s about the ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter and ever-present 5-year-old daughter 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“Every report I’m getting from the ground has health care workers describing themselves as in a state of fear, even (a state of) siege, feeling that the populations despise andloathe them,” Garrett said.

Local rumors are circulating that volunteer health workers are deliberately infecting people and cutting off their arms and selling the limbs. Others claim that “there are health care workers who are foreign contractors,” Garrett said.

Many feel the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit now under way in Washington should focus more directly on the Ebola outbreak, rather than economic development issues. But White House press secretary Josh Earnest said an important goal of the meeting is to help people understand that the U.S.-Africa relationship is broad.

“We stand with our African partners in their time of need, particularly when it comes to something as threatening as an outbreak of a disease like Ebola ... our relationship is much more diverse and broad than just focusing on that one specific issue,” he said.

Senior White House aides have been briefed regularly on the Ebola crisis, and President Barack Obama has gotten periodic updates as well, Earnest said.

Earnest declined to comment on any specific on-the-ground response. But he did reiterate that the administration, through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been focused on the virus since March, when initial reports of an outbreak began.

The U.S. Agency for International Development announced Tuesday that it is deploying a team to West Africa to coordinate the government’s response to the outbreak. It will also provide another $5 million to expand programs in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia that help trace people who may be infected and provide health clinics and house-holds with supplies to help prevent the spread of disease.

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maintaining functional ecosystems,” Sasha said. “Scientists refer to amphibians as environmental indicators; because of their permeable skin they are often the first animals to decline when something is awry with the environment. How long do we ignore the demise of indicator species before we start making changes to our behavior?”

Beshel, who cuts up tiny worms and grows countless brine shrimps in his zoolab to feed to his carnivorous brood, conceded a lot of people don’t even know what a newt is. But he offered three simple reasons why they should care.

“They are a native species to Florida, they need help and you know what their favorite food is?” he asked. “Mosquitoes.”

Working to see the western striped newt live again outside the Noah’s Ark of zoos has been a labor of love for the entire team.

“It requires a lot of sweat equity, time and devotion,” Johnson said.

For the Meanses, who monitor the project wetlands every day for months on end, the work is all-consuming. And it is only expected to become more so next year with more zoos on tap to join the captive breeding effort.

“I want to put thousands of larvae out here next year, not just 433,” Ryan Means said.

Time and money, however, are running out. It likely will be another two or three years before victory can be declared, and the project is only funded through next summer.

“The success of the project will be known in the future when — and if — breeding populations in Munson, Sandhills ponds become established and maintained on their own without continuous repatriation,” Bruce Means said. “This could be as soon as next winter, or in subsequent winters since we don’t really know how long the land stage stays in the uplands until it returns to breed. Individuals have been kept in captivity for at least 15 years!”

The season for emerging striped newts is over for this year. Ryan and Rebecca Means, who also run Remote Footprints, a nonprofit dedicated to educating families about biodiversity and unspoiled natural places, are set to head west with Skyla to document remote spots of seven states in seven weeks. When they return, they’ll resume preparations for next year’s larvae and efforts to find financial support to keep the project going.

“The news have a place in the bio-universe out here. You take them out of here, it’s going to change and shift in ways we can’t even talk about,” Ryan Means said. “We have been great sus- cess. I don’t want to walk away without the job done.”

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LUGGAGE
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Baggage on a plane or in a train or bus that is checked is subject to a certain limit in size. The airlines regularly post their size limits, but they are generally between 20 and 24 inches in width, height, and depth. Some airlines allow for smaller bags, but it's best to check before you travel. If your bag exceeds these limits, you may be charged additional fees or forced to check it as a checked bag.

HOW MANY WHEELS?

- Two-wheeled bags are the most common, especially for carry-on luggage. They are easy to pull and roll, making them ideal for short trips.
- The most common bag that's 20 inches in height.
- Wheels are slightly recessed, allowing them to roll only forward and backward. They can be easily cleaned and kept in good condition. They are also available on in-line skates.

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• Two-wheeler bags are the most common. They allow for easy movement and have two wheels, also called rollers, that swivel 360 degrees, like on a skateboard.

- If you are concerned about ergonomics, the spinner is a better choice than the rollercase because it does not put stress on your shoulder.

- There are some down-sides to the four-wheeler. Since the wheels are externally mounted instead of recessed, they are more prone to snipping off. Spinner wheels also occupy valuable real estate within fixed allowable dimensions, reducing the amount of internal packing space. It's wise to check if the published size of the bag includes the wheels — they will be included in the allowable dimensions for a carry-on. Another drawback: If your suitcase is on an incline, it could roll away.

- Hard-sided or soft-sided? Soft-sided luggage is made of fabrics that move and yield. The two biggest advantages are that it is usually lighter in weight and that it can flex and compress to conform to tight spaces.

- Hard-sided luggage, also known as hard-shell luggage, has come a long way. It used to be, you went with hard for maximum protection and soft for minimum weight. Today, hard-sided luggage is made with such high-tech plastics as ABS (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene), polycarbonate and others that are lightweight and durable.

- Hard-sides are best for protecting the contents of your luggage from breakage. They also provide better security because they have integrated locks and can't be ripped open with a blade. That said, most composite plastic hard-sides close with a zipper, which can be vulnerable. Hard-sided luggage stacks easily, making it ideal for cruise ships, which stack baggage in the belly of the boat before departure.

- If you're buying larger luggage, you may want to consider a three-wheeled bag. The third wheel is usually on the side close with a zipper, which can be vulnerable. Hard-sided luggage stacks easily, making it ideal for cruise ships, which stack baggage in the belly of the boat before departure.

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Events in our area

Winter Haven Downtown
www.mywinterhaven.com

Saturday, Aug. 16
Fundraiser for the family of Robby Marczan, doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is $15 and tickets can be bought at Elite Detail ‘N Tint, 195 N. Third Ave., Bartow, 863-533-0681; and Ronnie’s Hair Design, 1382 Sixth St. NW, Winter Haven, 863-294-1970. Show is at Theatre Winter Haven, 210 Cypress Gardens Blvd.

Pickin’ in the Park
Every First Friday of Month 6:00pm
Praise in the Park
Every Second Friday of Month 6:30pm
Dulcimers in the Park
Every Third Saturday 5:30pm
Strings at Scores
Every Fourth Friday of Month 6:00pm
Score’s Restaurant (58 4th Street, NW)
Winter Haven Main Street
Special Events
Every First Thursday 5:30pm
Cruisin’ Winter Haven
First Saturday every month 4 to 9 p.m.
Cypress Gardens Ski Show
Every Third Saturday Lake Summit 4:30 p.m.
Downtown Market Day
Every Fourth Saturday Central Park 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Farmers Market
Every Thursday City Hall 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Work Out With Us
Fitness at the Fountain
First Saturday every Month Central Park 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Theatre Winter Haven
863-294-7469

Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story
July 18 - Aug. 3
Mary Poppins (Musical)
Sept. 18 - Oct. 12
Second Samuel
(Comedy/Drama)
Dec. 4-15
Unnecessary Farce
(Comedy)
July 8-25, 2015

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Lake Wales Little Theatre
863-676-1266

Princess Whatsername
Children’s Theatre
Sept. 19-28, 2014
It’s a Wonderful Life!
(Radio Play)
Nov. 7-23, 2014
Simply, Divided
Radio Play
Jan. 9-25, 2015
Squabbles
March 13-29, 2015
The Election (Teen Theatre)
June 12-21, 2015

Amway Center, Orlando
407-440-7000

Blaze Shelton
Aug. 30
Super Freestyle Explosion
Sept. 12
Demi Lovato
Sept. 15
Cirque du Soleil
Sept. 17-21
Marc Anthony
Oct. 5
Enrique Iglesias & Pitbull
Oct. 21
The Black Keys
Dec. 17

The Lakeland Center
863-834-8100

Classic Albums Live
Previews Greatest Hits by Elton John
Aug. 15
8 to 10 p.m.
Just Between Friends Sale
Sept. 11-14
10 a.m.
Classic Albums Live
Previews Prince Purple Rain
Sept. 12
8 to 10 p.m.
F.I.R. Expo! Repticon
Sept. 13-14
9 a.m.
Original Lakeland Gun Show
Sept. 20-21
9 a.m.
Concealed Weapons Classes
Sept. 20-21
10 a.m.

Buckler Arts & Crafts Show
Oct. 4-5
10 a.m.
PC Bridal Exhibit
Oct. 5
1 to 5 p.m.
Classic Albums Live
Presents The Beatles
White Album
Oct. 10
8 to 10 p.m.
Collectorama
Oct. 17-19
10 a.m.
Ring of honor Wrestling
Oct. 25
6 to 9 p.m.
Gulf Coast Cheer Classic
Oct. 26
7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Last Comic Standing
Live Tour
Oct. 30
8 to 10 p.m.
Free Life Chapel —
Sunday Service
Nov. 2
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Tickets are not required for this event.
Mannheim Steamroller
Nov. 14
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cirque Dreams Holidaze
Nov. 23
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
National Acrobats of China
Nov. 29
7:20 to 9:30 p.m.
A Little Christmas
Starring Rich Little
Dec. 10
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

American Youth Football & Cheer
Dec. 13-14
8 a.m.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer — The Musical
Dec. 24
1 to 3 p.m.
Moscow Ballet Great Russian Nutcracker
Dec. 30
7 to 9 p.m.
Sister Act
Jan. 5, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Don Williams
Jan. 10, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Grits and Glamour featuring Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan
Jan. 16, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Famous Tate Pro
Rodeo Classic
Jan. 16, 2015
8 p.m.

Annual Snowbird Extravaganza
Jan. 27-28, 2015
9 a.m.
Tickets are not required for this event.
An Evening with Yakov Smirnoff
Jan. 29, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Million Dollar Quartet
Feb. 4, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Under the Street Lamp
Feb. 11, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Dancing Pros Live
Feb. 17, 2015
7:30 p.m.
Rhythm of the Dance
Feb. 18, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

America
Feb. 19, 2015
8 to 10 p.m.
Michael Feinstein
Feb. 25, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
An Evening with DL Hughley
Feb. 25, 2015
9 p.m.

Cesar Millan Live
March 12, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Pink
March 13, 2015
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers
Steve Winwood will appear as a very special guest
Sept. 21
Joyce Meyer Ministries
Oct. 23-25

The Black Keys
Turn Blue World Tour
Dec. 16

Fleetwood Mac
Dec. 20

PBR Touring Pro Division
Jan. 24, 2015

2015 NCAA Women’s Final Four
April 5-7, 2015

Disney on Ice presents Frozen
May 14-17

Maxwell
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Aug. 1
7 p.m.
Under the Sun Tour
featuring Sugar Ray, Uncle Kracker and Smash Mouth
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Aug. 3
7 p.m.

Crosby Stills and Nash
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Aug. 9
7:30 p.m.
Rock n Blues hippiefest
featuring Johnny Winter, Edgar Winter, Vanilla Fudge, Peter Rivera and Kim Simmonds
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Aug. 16
7 p.m.

Michael McDonald with special guest Toto
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Aug. 19
7:30 p.m.

Tori Amos
Ruth Eckerd Hall
Aug. 22
8 p.m.

The poster for the final Elvis concert Monk Polly is to perform.

Flashdance the Musical comes to the Lakeland Center March 30.

Flashdance
The Musical
3-5-7
10 a.m.
Sun News Retriever Maggie Mae is digging up safety tips to prevent heat exhaustion and stroke during the dog days of summer.

Never leave dogs in a parked car. Even parked in the shade with the windows open slightly, the car can heat up and put your dog in fatal danger within just a few minutes.

Know your breed. A brachycephalic (smushy-faced) breed like a Pug or Bulldog has unique anatomy that makes them especially sensitive to hot weather.

Always carry water when walking your dog and restrict outdoor exercise to early morning and late evening.

Just over a year old and 87 pounds, this water dog is a natural born swimmer who loves to leap in the air and belly flop in the water. Medium to big dogs that panic in the water can drown a human so be sure to train your dog where the steps are and how to get out of the pool.

Back on dry land, keep the fresh water flowing. Dogs don’t sweat in the same way humans do and can easily become overheated, which can lead to heat stroke and severe medical complications, including death.

Panicking is a dog’s primary way to cool off. Carry water when walking your dog and watch for indications of over-heating. A fully open-mouthed pant accompanied with a swollen tongue that hangs out to the side is a sign of heat stroke, according to www.dogmd.com, www.pets.webmd.com and www.wikihow.com/Treat-Heat-Stroke-in-Dogs.

Other signs of heat stroke include excessive drooling, frequent panting, and any obvious weakness, a lack of appetite or neurological symptoms such as stumbling and seizures at any point after being in the heat, a bright red tongue and pale gums, skin around the muzzle or neck doesn’t snap back when pinched and the rectal temperature rises to 104° to 110°F (40° to 43°C).

Take emergency actions immediately. Since much of a dog’s heat is dissipated through the bottom of their feet, if available, apply rubbing alcohol to the bottoms of their feet. Pour cool, but NOT iced water over the dog’s head and body and drape wet towels over your dog. Give pediatric electrolyte solution, repeating as often as your dog wants to drink it. Monitor the rectal temperature and continue the cooling process until the rectal temperature falls below 103°F (39°C). At this point, stop the cooling process and dry the dog. Further cooling may induce hypothermia and shock. Take your dog to your vet as soon as possible.


Dog Days of Summer safety tips

Sun News Retriever Maggie Mae loves to fetch a bumper in the pool, but at 87 pounds, a panicking dog could drown a human, so be sure to train your dog where the steps are and how to get out of the pool.

A water dog like Sun News Retriever Maggie Mae helps prevent heat exhaustion by swimming as often as possible. Never leave dogs in a parked car, always carry water when walking your dog and restrict outdoor exercise to early morning and late evening.

Tampa Bay Rays

Baseball

Tropicana Field

• Angels
  Aug. 1 — 7:10 p.m.
  Aug. 2 — 7:10 p.m.
  Aug. 3 — 1:40 p.m.

• Yankees
  Aug. 15 — 7:10 p.m.
  Aug. 16 — 4:10 p.m.
  Aug. 17 — 1:40 p.m.

• Red Sox
  Aug. 29 — 7:10 p.m.
  Aug. 30 — 7:10 p.m.
  Aug. 31 — 1:40 p.m.
  Sept. 1 — 1:40 p.m.

• Blue Jays
  Sept. 2 — 7:10 p.m.
  Sept. 3 — 7:10 p.m.
  Sept. 4 — 7:10 p.m.

• Orioles
  Sept. 5 — 7:10 p.m.
  Sept. 6 — 1:05 p.m.
  Sept. 7 — 1:40 p.m.

• Rays
  Sept. 9 — 7:10 p.m.
  Sept. 10 — 1:40 p.m.
  Sept. 11 — 1:40 p.m.

• Rays
  Oct. 1 — 7:10 p.m.
  Oct. 2 — 7:10 p.m.
  Oct. 3 — 1:40 p.m.

• Rays
  Oct. 4 — 1:40 p.m.
  Oct. 5 — 1:40 p.m.
  Oct. 6 — 1:40 p.m.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Football

Raymond James Stadium

PRE SEASON

• Dolphins
  Aug. 16 — 7:30 p.m.

• Redkins
  Aug. 28 — 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR SEASON

• Vikings
  Oct. 26 — 1 p.m.

• Falcons
  Nov. 9 — 1 p.m.

• Bengals
  Nov. 30 — 1 p.m.

• Packers
  Dec. 21 — 1 p.m.

• Saints
  Dec. 28 — 1 p.m.

• Indy Eleven
  Nov. 1 — 7:30 p.m.

• Orlando City SC Soccer

Espin Wielde World of Sports Complex

• Charlotte Eagles
  Aug. 2 — 7:30 p.m.

• Harrisburg City Islanders
  Aug. 16 — 7:30 p.m.

• Richmond Kickers
  Sept. 6 — 7:30 p.m.

• Dayton Dutch Lions
  Aug. 31 — 7:30 p.m.

• Clearwater Threshers
  Aug. 31 — 11 a.m.

Tampa Yankees

Baseball

George M. Steinbrenner Field

• Brevard County
  Aug. 6 — 5 p.m.
  Game 1-2

• Brevard County
  Aug. 7 — 7 p.m.

• Lakeland
  Aug. 13 — 7 p.m.

• Dayton
  Aug. 15 — 7 p.m.

• Dayton
  Aug. 16 — 6 p.m.

• Dayton
  Aug. 17 — 1 p.m.

• Brevard County
  Aug. 20 — 7 p.m.

• Brevard County
  Aug. 21 — 7 p.m.

• Dunedin
  Aug. 22 — 7 p.m.

• Dunedin
  Aug. 23 — 6 p.m.

• Dunedin
  Aug. 24 — 1 p.m.

• Clearwater
  Aug. 30 — 6 p.m.

• Clearwater
  Aug. 31 — 11 a.m.

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ACROSS
1 Tip, as one’s hat
5 Empty spaces
9 Sublodges
14 Suffice with switch
15 Wilson of "Wedding Crashers"
16 Texas shrine
17 Tall tale teller
18 "Dock the Halls" syllables
19 Tear to shreds
20 Residential loan
23 About to happen
24 Bronze from a day at the beach
28 Reno’s friend
29 Appear to be
31... Unis of Irish carrier
32 Russian fighter jets
35 ‘I’d like to hear the rest’
38 Italian violin
40 Squeak stopper
41 Rigs on the road
42 1974 Jimmy Buffet hit
43 Expel
45 Reasons for capital
46 Italian violin
47 Who’s Poet’s inspiration
49 Broadway hit
50 The magical number
51 Proof of kitchen gadgets
52 Simple trap
53 Far from square off, so...
54 Intro giver
55 Snooped
57 Pulls the plug on...
58 More than...
59 Gangster John
60 Big name in Level-Intermediate
61 Profs’ helpers
62 Twice-monthly tidbit
63 Paths of pop-ups
64 Place on a pedestal
65 Show some spunk
66 “That makes sense”
67 Saunter
68 Turkish on runners
69 Proof of ownership

DOWN
1 New...: India’s capital
2 Hunter constellation
3 Heads on beers
4 Hint of the Future
5 "Take a shot”
6 Informed (of)
7 Attack, as with snowballs
8 Stocking tear
9 Military practice
10 Visitor from afar
11 Treat jet lag, perhaps
12 Earthbound
13 Dip, as bread in gravy
21 Dad’s partner
22 Laama...’
25 Vocalist Judd
26 Really strange
27 Bride’s purchase
28 Extra innings
29 Base runner’s option
30 Scat legend
31 Dies at New York City’s Herald Square
32 Flagship store at New York City’s Herald Square
33 Words from one with a bad hand
34 Letter after beta
35 Long, long time
37 Parking ticket issuer
39 Resistance to disease
40 Military
41 8th note in a 9/8 time signature
42 1st note in a 9/8 time signature
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