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FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**CASE NO.: 2022-CA-001329**  
**LEGACY PARK MASTER HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation,**  
**Plaintiff, vs.**  
**PETER JOANNIDES, individually;**  
**ARLENE JOANNIDES, individually;**  
**Defendants.**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Award of Attorneys Fees and Costs, dated May 11, 2023, and entered in Case Number: 2022-CA-001329, of the Circuit Court in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein LEGACY PARK MASTER HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff, and PETER JOANNIDES, individually; ARLENE JOANNIDES, individually; are the Defendants, the Polk County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, by electronic sale on-line at [www.polk.realforeclose.com](http://www.polk.realforeclose.com), beginning at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 11th day of July, 2023 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Award of Attorneys Fees and Costs, to-wit:

Property Address: 127 Bridge-water Drive, Davenport, Florida 33897  
Property Description:  
Lot 208, HIGHGATE PARK - PHASE TWO, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 130, Pages 30 through 32, inclusive, of the public records of Polk County,

Florida.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33801, (863) 534-4686, at least seven days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

/s/ Alicia S. Perez  
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FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
**CASE NO.: 2021-CA-002602**  
**GULF HARBOUR INVESTMENTS CORPORATION,**  
**Plaintiff, vs.**  
**NATHAN R. GOODWIN; DAVID T. GOODWIN and LINDA C. GOODWIN and all unknown parties**  
**claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant who are unknown to be dead or alive whether said unknown are persons, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NATHAN R. GOODWIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID T. GOODWIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA C. GOODWIN; POLK COUNTY CLERK OF COURT; COUNTY OF POLK, FLORIDA; TENANT I/UNKNOWN TENANT; and TENANT II/UNKNOWN TENANT, in possession of the subject real property,**  
**Defendants.**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the final judgment/order entered in the above noted case, that the Clerk of Court of Polk County, Florida will sell the following property situated in Polk County, Florida described as:  
LOT 84, OF SHEFFIELD, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 65, PAGE 38, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD, IF ANY, AND TAXES SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2002

Property Address: 2326 Duff Road, Lakeland, FL 33810  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at [www.polk.realforeclose.com](http://www.polk.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 a.m. on July 19, 2023. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Court. Final payment must be made on or before 12:00 P.M. (Noon) the day following the sale by cash or cashier's check.  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
LAW OFFICE OF GARY GASSEL, P.A.  
2191 Ringling Boulevard  
Sarasota, Florida 34237  
(941) 952-9322  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
By /s/ Gary Gassel  
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FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
**CASE #: 2019CA004628000000**  
**DIVISION: 15**  
**Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper**  
**Plaintiff, -vs.-**  
**Gedzel A. Quiles-Carmona a/k/a Gedzel A. Quiles Carmona a/k/a Gedzel Quiles Carmona; Unknown Spouse of Gedzel A. Quiles-Carmona a/k/a Gedzel A. Quiles Carmona a/k/a Gedzel Quiles Carmona; United States of America, Acting Through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Polk County, Florida; MidFlorida Credit Union; Holly Hill Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants**  
**Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2019CA004628000000 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Plaintiff and Gedzel A. Quiles-Carmona a/k/a Gedzel Quiles Carmona are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Stacy M. Butterfield, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.polk.realforeclose.com](http://www.polk.realforeclose.com) at 10:00 A.M. on June 27, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT 71, HOLLY HILL ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 123, PAGES 27, 28 AND 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.  
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, (863)-534-4690 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8770.  
Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
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FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
**CASE #: 2022CA002597000000**  
**DIVISION: 8**  
**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**  
**Plaintiff, -vs.-**  
**Michael David Smith, Sr.; David M. Smith, Jr.; Wilbert Leon Edwards; Robert Dallas Smith; Alicia Gaskins; Unknown Spouse of Michael David Smith, Sr.; Unknown Spouse of David M. Smith, Jr.; Unknown Spouse of Wilbert Leon Edwards; Unknown Spouse of Robert Dallas Smith; Unknown Spouse of Alicia Gaskins; Kristina Wray; William R. Lees, Jr.; W.S. Badcock Corporation; Lake Wales Hospital Corporation dba Lake Wales Medical Center; MidFlorida Credit Union f/k/a MidFlorida Federal Credit Union; Wonder Emporium Millwork and Fabrication, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s); Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s)**  
**Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgment, entered in Civil Case No. 2022CA002597000000 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and Michael David Smith, Sr. are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Stacy M. Butterfield, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.polk.realforeclose.com](http://www.polk.realforeclose.com) at 10:00 A.M. on June 23, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT(S) 58, OF SOUTHERN LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 27, ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.  
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, (863)-534-4690 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8770.  
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION  
DIVISION  
**CASE NO. 2023CA000080000000**  
**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,**  
**Plaintiff, vs.**  
**MICHAEL GABOR, et al.**  
**Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 09, 2023, and entered in 2023CA000080000000 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL GABOR are the Defendant(s). Stacy M. Butterfield as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.polk.realforeclose.com](http://www.polk.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on July 11, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF WINTER HAVEN, POLK COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 5560, PAGE 105, ID# 262833649400000211, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 21, SOUTHEAST TERRACE UNIT 2, PER PLAT OF PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY FLORIDA, AS FILED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGE 11.  
Property Address: 1818 6TH ST SE, WINTER HAVEN, FL 33880  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
Dated this 5 day of June, 2023.  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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highest and best bidder for cash at [www.polk.realforeclose.com](http://www.polk.realforeclose.com) at 10:00 A.M. on June 23, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:  
LOT(S) 58, OF SOUTHERN LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 27, ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.  
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, (863)-534-4690 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8770.  
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LOT(S) 58, OF SOUTHERN LAND COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 27, ET SEQ., OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.  
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATION, (863)-534-4690 WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 1-800-955-8770.  
Submitted By: ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:  
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FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION **CASE NO.: 53-2023-CA-004244 CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, BUTCH W. KAISER A/K/A BUTCH WILLIAM KAISER, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).** To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, BUTCH W. KAISER A/K/A BUTCH WILLIAM KAISER, DECEASED Last Known Address: Unknown

Current Address: Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Polk County, Florida: LOT 500, LESS THE NORTHERLY 29.50 FEET THEREOF, AND LOT 501, LESS THE SOUTHERLY 14.61 FEET THEREOF, ELOISE WOODS EAST LAKE MARIAM UNIT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 32, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 110 DUVAL RD WINTER HAVEN FL 33884 has been filed against you and you are required to file written defenses with the clerk of court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publication of the Notice of Action, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the

Business Observer. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 3rd day of June, 2023. Default Date: July 10, 2023 Stacy M. Butterfield, CPA Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller (SEAL) By: Asuncion Nieves Deputy Clerk Albertelli Law P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 tna - 23-001698 June 9, 16, 2023 23-00815K

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA. **CASE No. 2023CA000595000000 PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, VS. CURTIS O' HARROW, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S).** To: CURTIS O' HARROW A/K/A CURTIS OHARROW RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1880 Crystal Lake Dr N 65, Lakeland, FL 33801 To: UNKNOWN TENANT # 1 RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 1880 Crystal Lake Dr N 65, Lakeland, FL 33801 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Polk County, Florida: Lot 65, A Replat of Willow Point

Estates Phase Three, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 76, Page(s) 4, of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC, attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 1515 South Federal Highway, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33432, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before July 10, 2023 or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Business Observer. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding,

you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Date: June 1, 2023 Clerk of the Circuit Court Stacy M. Butterfield (SEAL) By: /s/ Asuncion Nieves Deputy Clerk of the Court Tromberg, Morris & Poulin, PLLC, attorneys for Plaintiff, 1515 South Federal Highway, Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33432 Our Case #: 23-000100-FHA-FSC\2023CA000595000000 \PRMI June 9, 16, 2023 23-00810K

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION **CASE NO.: 2023-CA-004391 TRAKISHA LASHUNDA BRIGGS and ASHLEY DUKES, Plaintiffs, vs. KENYETTA ANDREA WILLIAMS, NATASHA RENE MILLER, and CRYSTALL LATOYA WILLIAMS, Defendants,** NOTICE is hereby given that a civil action commenced on April 25, 2023 and is now pending as case number 2023-CA-004391 in the Circuit Court in the State of Florida, County of Polk. The name of the unserved party to the action is: KENYETTA ANDREA WILLIAMS ADDRESS UNKNOWN and the nature of the proceeding is a partition on Real Property - Non-

Homestead \$1 - \$50,000 or less. This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Business Observer publication. Each defendant is required to serve written defenses to the Complaint on plaintiff's attorney, John Paul Green, Esq., whose address is 10853 Boyette Road, Riverview, FL 33569, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this Notice, and to file the original of the defenses with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If a defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Av-

enue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Default Date: July 3, 2023 WITNESS my hand and the seal of said court at Polk County, Florida on the 26 day of May, 2023. STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CPA AS CLERK OF THE COURT BY /s/ Asuncion Nieves As Deputy Clerk /s/John Paul Green John Paul Green, Esq. Law Office of Stephen K. Hachey, P.A. 10853 Boyette Rd Riverview FL 33569 Phone: 813-549-0096 E-service: jpgreen@hacheylawpa.com June 9, 16, 2023 23-00795K

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION **CASE NO.: 2023CA-000515-0000-00 PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ADRIAN HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ, et al., Defendants.** TO: AMANDA HERNANDEZ Last Known Address: 1351 POMPAY DRIVE, DAVENPORT, FL 33896 Current Residence Unknown YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 121, OF TIVOLI RESERVE PHASE 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 180,

PAGE 44, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 5026, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33310 on or before July 10, 2023, a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in THE BUSINESS OBSERVER) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should con-

tact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 1st day of June, 2023. STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CPA As Clerk of the Court (SEAL) By: /s/ Asuncion Nieves As Deputy Clerk De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. BOX 5026, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33310 23-00096 June 9, 16, 2023 23-00812K

FIRST INSERTION

NOTICE OF ACTION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA **CASE NO.: 2023-CA-004247 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF BKPL-EG HOLDING TRUST, Plaintiff, v. JASON A. HART, et al., Defendants.** To the following Defendant(s): UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON A. HART (Last Known Address: 17 Tennessee Lane, Auburndale, FL 33823) YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose based on boundaries established by acquiescence, on the following described property: LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF POLK IN THE STATE OF FL BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, RUN THENCE EAST 1,191 FEET TO CENTER OF UN-RECORDED LAKEVIEW STREET, RUN THENCE ALONG CENTER OF SAID UNRECORDED STREET NORTH 18 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 279.5 FEET

FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE EAST 18 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH (NORTH 71 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST) 424 FEET TO CENTER OF CANAL; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG CENTER OF CANAL 106 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST 18 DEGREES 30 MINUTES (SOUTH 71 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) 430 FEET TO CENTER OF UNRECORDED LAKEVIEW STREET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID UNRECORDED STREET NORTH 18 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 102.5 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 17 TENNESSEE LANE, AUBURNDALE, FL 33823 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Ghidotti| Berger LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1031 North Miami Beach Boulevard, North Miami Beach, FL 33162 on or before July 3, 2023, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Business Observer and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default

will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2010-08. IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 255 N. BROADWAY AVENUE, BARTOW, FLORIDA 33830, (863) 534-4686, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this day of MAY 26, 2023. STACY M. BUTTERFIELD As Clerk of the Court By /s/ Asuncion Nieves As Deputy Clerk Ghidotti| Berger LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, 1031 North Miami Beach Boulevard, North Miami Beach, FL 33162 June 9, 16, 2023 23-00789K

SUBSEQUENT INSERTIONS

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE The following personal property of Lakesha Wilson and Carolyn Ivey Smith will on 16th day of June 2023, at 10:00 a.m., on property at 3801 Saint Johns Avenue, Lot #69, Palatka, Putnam County, Florida 32177, in River Oaks MHP, be sold for cash to satisfy storage fees in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 715.109: Year/Make: 1978 DIAD Mobile Home VIN #: GDWTGA02781723 Title #: 14999175 PREPARED BY: Rosia Sterling Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A. 2155 Delta Blvd, Suite 210-B Tallahassee, Florida 32303 June 2, 9, 2023 23-00778K

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION **File No.: 2023-CP-001224-0000-XX IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN M. DAY, Deceased.** The Administration of the Estate of EVELYN M. DAY, deceased, whose date of death was January 18, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Polk County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P. O. Box 9000, Drawer CC-4, Bartow, FL 33821-9000. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this Notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's Estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is June 2, 2023. **Personal Representative:** /s/ Dennis L. Day DENNIS L. DAY 5270 Arthur Road Slinger, Wisconsin 53086 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Brian W. Hurd BRIAN W. HURD, ESQUIRE Law Office of Brian W. Hurd 400 E. Merritt Ave., Suite A Merritt Island, FL 32953 Telephone (321) 453-5007 Fax (321) 453-5027 E-Mail: brian@brevardlawoffice.com Alt E-Mail: probate@brevardlawoffice.com Florida Bar Number: 0802271 June 2, 9, 2023 23-00773K

SECOND INSERTION

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION **CASE NO. 532022CA002462000000 LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL ANTHONY STOUTAMIRE SR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL ANTHONY STOUTAMIRE SR; VILLAGES AT BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA; CLERK OF THE COURT OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s)** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed April 11, 2023 and entered in Case No. 532022CA002462000000, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Polk County, Florida, wherein LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC is Plaintiff and MICHAEL ANTHONY STOUTAMIRE SR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL ANTHONY STOUTAMIRE SR; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; VILLAGES AT BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA; CLERK OF THE COURT OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA; are defendants. STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.POLK.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on June 26, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 4, BLOCK A, VILLAGES AT BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 159, PAGE(S) 33 THROUGH 35, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.1-21.5. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830, Phone No. (863) 534-4686 at least seven days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated this 25th day of May 2023. /s/ Marc Granger Marc Granger, Esq. Bar No.: 146870 Kahane & Associates, P.A. 1619 NW 136th Avenue, Suite D-220 Sunrise, Florida 33323 Telephone: (954) 382-3486 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com File No.: 22-00660 LND V6.20190626 June 2, 9, 2023 23-00762K

SECOND INSERTION

NOTICE OF ACTION (Foreclosure Case) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA **CASE NO.: 2023CA000074000000 MAINSTAY FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff, vs. ROEYA KHOSHNOODI F/K/A ROEYA LANGMAN; DAVID LANGMAN A/K/A DAVID ANDREW LANGMAN, II; JENNIFER LANGMAN; STATE OF FLORIDA; UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION #1; and UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION #2, Defendants.** TO: DAVID LANGMAN A/K/A DAVID ANDREW LANGMAN, II Last known residence and address: 5029 Bridle Path, Lakeland, FL 33810 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Polk County, Florida: Lot 9, OAK TRAIL, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 71, Pages 29 and 30, of the Public Records of Polk County, Florida. Together with that certain 1989 Manufactured Home, I.D. No(s). GAFLJ54A/B00247LP, being permanently affixed thereto has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Bradley J. Anderson, Esquire, Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 3000, Orlando, FL 32802, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition. The name of the Court in which the action was filed and the abbreviated title of the case is listed in the caption above. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Court on the 24 day of May, 2023. Default Date: June 29, 2023 STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CPA CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA (SEAL) By: /s/ Asuncion Nieves Deputy Clerk Bradley J. Anderson, Esquire, Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney P.O. Box 3000, Orlando, FL 32802 BJA/jbc 14800-16 June 2, 9, 2023 23-00759K

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The History  
How We Got Here

# Cradle to Grave

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

BY MILTON & ROSE FRIEDMAN

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

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

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

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

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

At the same time, both before the election and during

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ROOSEVELT'S UTOPIAN FANTASY

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

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

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

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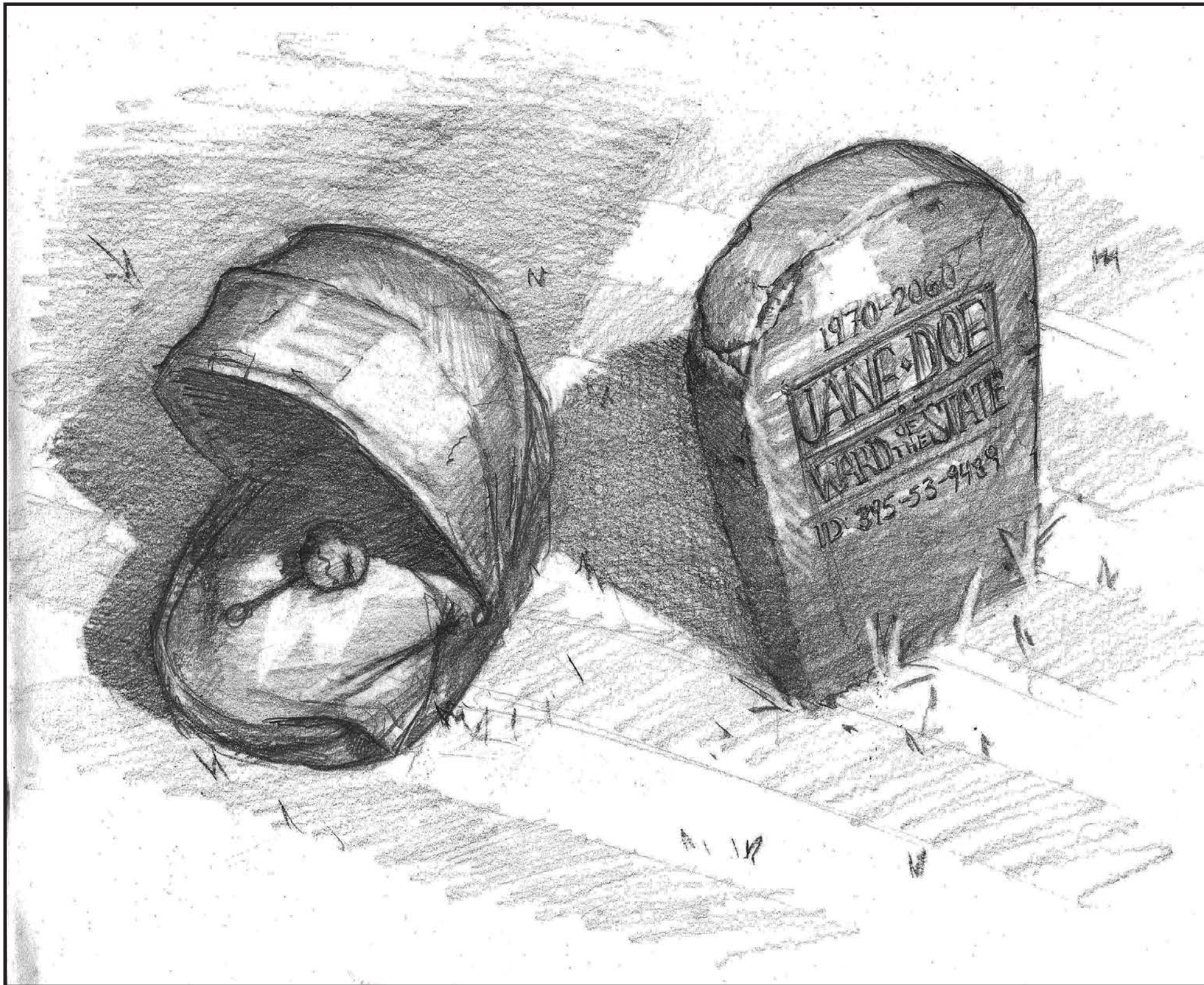


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belief in individual responsibility, laissez faire and a decentralized and limited government to belief in social responsibility and a centralized and powerful government. It was the function of government, they believed, to protect individuals from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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **SOCIALIZING RESULTS OF PRODUCTION**

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

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

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

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U.S. government and of the Soviet Union.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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