

CANADIAN FLAG HAD VETERAN SEEING ONLY RED

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Brooksville

Every time Walter Fallica saw the flag of Canada flying at the same height as the Stars and Stripes outside the Brookridge Country Club pro shop, his national pride felt bruised. Fallica, a self-proclaimed disabled veteran, complained several times, but nothing was done. He took matters into his own hands Monday and tried to haul down the Canadian maple leaf. He insisted the U.S. flag should be flown higher. He was wrong. Fallica, 62, of Brooksville was arrested Monday and charged with criminal mischief and resisting an officer without violence.

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Tampa

Megahed's trial may be in August

Youssef Megahed's trial on immigration charges could take place in August. Immigration agents arrested Megahed last month on charges similar to the federal explosives charges a jury had acquitted him of a few days earlier. Immigration attorney Charles Kuck said a trial, which could decide whether Megahed stays in the United States or heads back to his native nation of Egypt, could begin Aug. 17 or Aug. 24. Immigration officials have indicated they may need five days for witnesses to testify.

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St. Pete Beach

Body of man, 55, found at beach

Police are investigating the death of a 55-year-old man whose body was found in the surf Tuesday morning. The body of Monte Ray Schnelder of St. Petersburg was found about 7 a.m. in the 800 block of the beach, police reported. Schnelder's vehicle, a 1993 Ford Aerostar, was found parked in the 800 block of Gulf Way, the release said. The St. Pete Beach Police Department, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Medical Examiner's Office are investigating.

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Clearwater

Girl admits her fib in abduction story

The 8-year-old girl who told police a man tried to abduct her Sunday has now come clean: She told detectives Tuesday that she made up the story because she went too far on her bicycle and feared getting into trouble,

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Clearwater police say. The girl originally told police she was outside at a Mother's Day celebration at the Palmetto Park Apartments at 1001 N Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. about 5:40 p.m. when the man approached her.

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New Port Richey

Man sentenced for assaulting officer

More than two years after taking a deputy's bullet in the chest, Terrance Moore went to prison Monday. He took a plea in court on charges of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and driving with a suspended license. Moore, who was then 33 and living in Tarpon Springs, had gone to see his lawyer in Port Richey on Feb. 8, 2007. Two Pasco sheriff's detectives followed him, believing he had drugs, and were waiting for him outside. The Sheriff's Office said Moore smashed his Suburban into one of the officers' cars, injuring the detective inside, and accelerated toward Detective Abe Carmack, who was standing outside his car. Carmack fired his gun, hitting Moore in the chest.

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