



**Florida Press Association  
2008 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest  
Random Listing of Winners**

**1 General Excellence**

Pelican Press, Sarasota; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers; The Longboat Observer; Collier Citizen, Naples; News-Sun, Sebring; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon; Marco Eagle, Lake Wales News, Ponte Vedra Recorder, Winter Park/Maitland Observer, The Apopka Chief,

**2 Overall Graphic Design**

Tampa Bay Business Journal, **Pam Hulf**; Orlando Business Journal, Marco Eagle, **Nadine Ouillette**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Florida Weekly, Fort Myers; The Longboat Observer, **Nancy Schwartz**; Miami New Times, **Pam Shavalier**; Collier Citizen, Naples; Crestview News Bulletin, Navarre Press, The Coastal Star, Ocean Ridge; Boca Beacon, Boca Grande;

**3 Front Page Makeup**

Florida Weekly, Fort Myers; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, **Marvin Cortner**, **Rick Madewell**; Marco Eagle, **Nadine Ouillette**; The Business Journal, Jacksonville, **Diane Pimentel** and **Lisa Lenda**; The Destin Log, **Kathy Harrison**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny; Sumter County Times, Bushnell, **Bob Reichman**; Crestview News Bulletin; The Longboat Observer, **Nancy Schwartz**

**4 Community Service**

The Anna Maria Island Sun, *Bridging the Gap*; Orlando Business Journal, *Water Woes*, **Bill Orben**, **Denise Hicks**, **Anjali Fluker**, **Chris Kauffmann**, **Tiffany Beck**, **Dan Ping**; The Islander, Holmes Beach, *Veteran Community Service*, **Rick Catlin**; Chiefland Citizen, *Uniform crisis threatens basketball* **Jenna McKenna**; The Levy County Journal, Chiefland, *Local bank contributes \$100,000 for new campus* **Terry Witt**; Navarre Press, *Drugs in School Series*, **Angye Morrison**

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## 5 Editorial Page

Pelican Press, Sarasota; Miami Today; *Viewpoint*, **Michael Lewis**; The Longboat Observer, *The next fight with Sarasota/When evaluating the manager* **Matt Walsh**; The Suncoast News, New Port Richey; The Venice Gondolier Sun, **Bob Mudge**; The Islander, Holmes Beach, *Our Opinion, Your Opinion*; The Business Journal, Jacksonville, *Do You Believe these Guys*, **John Burr**; Riverland News, Dunnellon, *Opinion Page*, **Pat Faherty**; Navarre Press, The High Springs Herald;

## 6 Editorial Award

Navarre Press, *Perception hurts Sansom's credibility*; The High Springs Herald, *Delaney must do what's right*; The Apopka Chief, *Are kids or money important?*, **John Peery**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Change can be good-when it's necessary* **Bob Mudge**; Capital Outlook Newspaper, Tallahassee, *Treat STD as health crisis not sex issue*; **Roosevelt Wilson**; Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon, *Neugent may hold cards...* **Larry Kahn**; Pelican Press, Sarasota, *City's homeless don't need more harrassment*, **Rachel Hackney**; Miami Today, *Time to boot school yard bully out of superintendent's chair*, **Michael Lewis**; The Suncoast News, New Port Richey, *Costly yet pointless*, **Robert Hibbs**

## 7 Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Clearwater Citizen, Seminole, **Dan Smith**; Pelican Press, Sarasota, *School Board*, **J.R. Riley**; The Suncoast News, New Port Richey, *Foreclosure* **Don Brown**; The Jupiter Courier, Stuart, *Hmmm Hope I can make this*, **Dale Nesemann**; The West Orange Times, Winter Garden, *New priorities with an elected school board chair*, **Mike Mallory**; The Taco Times, Perry, *Another Creative Revenue Source*, **Clint Tipton**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Big Government*, **Ed Hall**

## 8 Humorous Column

The Venice Gondolier Sun, *My Fast Woman*, **Bob Mudge**, Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon, *It's a Trend...* **Larry Kahn**; Marco Eagle, *Ja mon, it's a clock ting*; **Quentin Roux**; The Suncoast News, New Port Richey, *A course in dining for one* **Mark Schantz**; Pelican Press, Sarasota, *Ben and Jerry take a hike*, **M.C. Coolidge**; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *Death by Gas* **Artis Henderson**; Chiefland Citizen, *So this is what going nuts means*, **Carolyn Risner**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Yule tree too alluring for felines*, **Kelley Lannigan**; Navarre Press, *Nothing wrong with don't-do-it-yourself* **Gary "Mad Dog" Maddock**

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## 9 Serious Column

The West Orange Times, Winter Garden, *Remembering Carl*, **Amy Quesinberry**; The Belleair Bee, Seminole, *Get upset and then get involved* **Chary Southmayd**; Clay Today, Orange Park, *Slow decline brings fears*, **Greg Walsh**; Cedar Key Beacon, *Still working to be apart of the solution*, **Jenna McKenna**; The High Springs Herald, *Killing a pet correctly can be an act of love* **Richard Foster**; The Sanford Herald, *You packed it in... You pack it out*, **Gene Kruckemyer**; Pinellas Park Beacon, Seminole, *Ink in the Blood* **Tom Germond**; Osceola News Gazette, Kissimmee, *And I'll use English words so you can understand* **Juliana A. Torres**; New Times Broward/Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, *Stop Charlie* **Bob Norman**; Collier Citizen, Naples, *Stand up for those in uniform*, **Brenda Hawkins**

## 10 First Amendment Defense

Polk County Democrat, Bartow, *Government in a Hurry Isn't a Good Idea*, **S.L. Frisbie**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *These are the signs of troubling times* **Bob Mudge**, West Orange Times, Winter Garden, *Sorry No dogs allowed*, **Andrew Bailey**,

## 11 News Story

Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon, *The Long Goodbye*, **Sean Kinney**; Tampa Bay Business Journal, *Dirt Bonds*, **Janet Leiser**; Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, Tavernier, *No arrest one year after murder of live-aboard*, **Robert Silk**; The Sumter Express, Lake Panasoffkee, *Officer's death shocks community*, **Rose Davis**, The Apalachicola/Carabelle Times, *A Landmark Lost*, **Lois Swoboda & David Adlerstein**, The High Springs Herald, *Falsely Accused of Murder*, **Ronald Dupont Jr.**, The Lake Wales News, *Detectives say Lake Wales Police Officer inside man for area drug ring* **Kathy Leigh Berkowitz**, Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *Officer Says he was fired for disputing unequal pay*, **Juliana A. Torres**; Suncoast News, New Port Richey, *Future of Pasco homeless camp in jeopardy*, **Carl Orth**; The Miami New Times, *Redemption Run*, **Gus Garcia-Roberts**

## 12 Investigative Reporting

New Times Broward/Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, *To Hug a Porcupine*, **Deirdra Funcheon**; The Miami New Times, *The F-School Bomb*, **Francisco Alvarado**; Orlando Business Journal, *Water Woes*, **Bill Orben**, **Denise Hicks**, **Anjali Fluker**, **Chris Kauffmann**, **Tiffany Beck**, **Dan Ping**

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### 13 In-Depth News Reporting

The West Volusia Beacon, *\$5 million in 5 weeks*, **Barb Shepherd**; The Business Journal, Jacksonville, *Special Report: New warehouses circle port* **Christian Conte, Caty Van Housen, Terry Brown, Mark Szakonyi**; Orlando Business Journal, *The Graying Workforce* **Bill Orben, Anjali Fluker, Chris Kauffmann, Tiffany Beck, Dan Ping**; The Herald-Advocate, Wauchula, *Zoning Board to Consider Labor Camp* **Joan Seaman**; Nassau County Record, Callahan, *Feeling Fay's Fallout*, **Amanda Bishop & Kathie Colgrove**; High Springs Herald, *Why They left Alachua Police Department* **Rachael Anne Ryals**; Pelican Press, Sarasota, *Red Sox Move* **Rick Barry, Stan Zimmerman**; The Miami New Times, *Black October* **Tim Elfrink**; Independent Florida Alligator, Gainesville, *Special Report: Under the Infurlance* **Brett Daly, Alyssa LaRenzie, Drew Harwell**, Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *The Girls of 192* **Juliana A. Torres**

### 14 Feature Story

Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *New Home For Single Mom*, **Juliana A. Torres**; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *Homeless Pets*; The East County Observer, Bradenton, *Court's Operation*, **Michael Eng**; The Miami New Times, *Drop Dead Sexy* **Natalie O'Neill**; The High Springs Herald, *Walking the path of most resistance*, **Rachael Anne Ryals**; Alachua County Today, *One year later Little Earl...Big miracle* **Ashley Cain**; Chiefland Citizen, *A Soldiers Story* **Carolyn Riser**; Navarre Press, *State nixes memorial decorations*, **Ken Garner**; Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, Tavernier, *Counting mosquitoes one swat at a time*, **Robert Silk**; The News/Lutz, Citrus Park & Odessa, Lutz, *Pacemaker helps give pug a new leash on life* **Debbie Carson**; Marco Eagle, *Great Depression unlike today's troubling times*, **Brenda Hawkins**

### 15 Individual Graphic (Non-Photo, Non-Cartoon)

Tampa Bay Business Journal, *We (almost) built this city*, **Abe Rios**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Sea turtles had their ups and downs in 2008*, **Rob Broyles**; Orlando Business Journal, *The race is on* **Adam Evans**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Retiree benefits*, **Jessica Prevatt**; The Ponte Vedra Recorder, *Art at the Beach*, **Steve Becker**; The Coastal Star, Ocean Ridge, *Traffic Map* **Bonnie Lalky-Seibert**

### 16 Spot News Picture

Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *Craigslist prostitution sting*, **Andrew Sullivan**; The Bay Beacon, Niceville, *Back-to-school paperwork*, **Del Lessard**; The Longboat Observer, *Siekmann sails, Amendments pass*, **Jessica Luck**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Kitchen Store blamed in blaze*, **Jim McGauley**; The Franklin Chronicle,

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Eastpoint, *Roads Flood in Storm's wake* **Paul Puckett**; Navarre Press, *Welcome Home Daddy* **Christine O'Connor**; Boca Beacon, Boca Grande, *Flying Blind* **Katie Throne**

## 17 Feature Picture

The East County Observer, Bradenton, *Lakewood Ranch High graduation*, **Michael Eng**; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *Mutton-Missile Rider*, **Andrew Sullivan**; Pinellas Park Beacon, , *Duck!* **Bob McClure**; The Bay Beacon, Niceville, *Which way is up?* **Del Lessard**; Marco Eagle, *Blessings come in all sizes* **Quentin Roux**; The Beaches Leader, Jacksonville Beach, *Matt Gray Memorial surf contest a success*, **Robert DeAngelo**; The Reporter, Tavernier, *Croc Eye*, **Melody Novoa**; Orlando Business Journal, *Gencor paves way to better times*, **Jim Carchidi**; The Polk County Democrat, Bartow, *It's Obvious: Jackson Polazzo loves Pumpkins*, **Peggy Kehoe**; The Apopka Chief, *Cheerleaders*, **John Peery**; Navarre Press, *Pumpkin patch kids* **Christine O'Connor**; The High Springs Herald, *Hot weather brings out summer fun* **Marianne Lijewski**

## 18 Sports Picture

Lake Placid Journal, *Lake Placid splashes*, **Tom Staik**; High Springs Herald, *High Springs Women Raising Funds to compete in Olympic trials*, **Laura Heald**; Chiefland Citizen, *Jamantye Thompson Secures*, **Dave Colon**; The Herald-Advocate, Wauchula, *Flying Forward* **Ralph Harrison**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Shooting woes doom venice*, **Justin Fennell**; The Beaches Leader, Jacksonville Beach, *Nease girls return to state final four*, **Robert DeAngelo**; The News/Lutz, Citrus Park & Odessa, Lutz, *CDS Prep's Dillion Floyd snags* **Keith Carson**; Seminole Beach Beacon, *Battle at the net*, **Jim Layfield**; Waterfront Weekly, Lutz, *The Throw to First*, **Keith Carson**; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *Forced Time Out*, **Andrew Sullivan**

## 19 Photo Series in One Issue

The Business Journal, Jacksonville, *Women of Influence*, **James Crichlow**; Orlando Business Journal, *IAPPA* , **Jim Carchidi**; The News, Lutz, *Triple Murder*, **Keith Carson**; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *Presidential Elections*, **Andrew Sullivan**; The East County Observer, Bradenton, *Packed House* **Michael Eng**; Pelican Press, Sarasota, *Bodies Revealed*, **Rebecca Wild Baxter**; Gulf Coast Business Review, Sarasota, *Crabs Hedge*, **Brian Tietz**; The Apalachicola/Carrabelle Times, *Come dance with me* **David Adlerstein**; The Star, Port St. Joe, *Turtles Return Home* **Marie Logan**; High Springs Herald, *High Springs Bike Fest*, **Jasmine Luoma & Megan Warner**

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## 20 Portfolio Photography

The Beaches Leader, Jacksonville, **Robert DeAngelo**; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *2008 Portfolio*; **Andrew Sullivan**; The Business Journal, Jacksonville, **James Crichlow**;

## 21 Best Headline

The Suncoast News, New Port Richey, **Michael Terry**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *No. 2 keeps beaches from being No. 1* **Bob Mudge**; The Star, Port St. Joe, *Naughty ;P or Nice* ©; *Yes Wii Can*; *Born in a Beehive*; *Holy Shiitake*; *Whatta Watermelon*, **Despina Williams**; Nassau County Record, Callahan, *Record entices readers* **Amanda Bishop & Kathie Colgrove**

## 22 Sports Page or Section

The Jupiter Courier, **Michael English**; The Islander, Holmes Beach, *Island Passion*, *National Pasttime* **Lisa Neff**; Marco Eagle, **Roger LaLonde**; Navarre Press; The Lake Placid Journal, **Tom Staik & David Rinald**; The Sanford Herald, **Dean Smith**

## 23 Sports Feature Story

The Longboat Observer, *Longboaters take steps to fight breast cancer* **Robin Hartill**; The Bay Beacon, *Little Leaguer hopes to break new ground*, **Kenneth Books**; The East County Observer, Bradenton, *Anchoring the O-line* **Jen Blanco**; Fernandina Beach News-Leader, *McCloskey grappling with the guys*, **Beth Jones**; The Islander, Holmes Beach, *Memories of an 'Earl' of baseball* **Lisa Neff**; The Destin Log, *It was a pretty shot...then Bam!* **Tina Harbuck**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Wrestling with the big boys*, **Joel Addington**; Crestview News Bulletin, *Exclusive club-The stories behind Crestview's record kicks*, **Randy Dickson**; The Ponte Vedra Recorder, *Vedra Weightlifter aims for national event* **Erica Opisso**; The High Springs Herald, *High Springs woman raising funds to compete in Olympic trials*, **Mike McCall**

## 24 Sports Game Day Story

The East County Observer, Bradenton, *Pirate Invasion* **Jen Blanco**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Charlotte slips past indians*, **Tripp Miller**; The Beaches Leader, Jacksonville Beach, *Garcia elated after player's victory*, **David Rosenblum**; Gulf Breeze News, *Double play*, **Jason Thompson**; Nassau County Record, Callahan, *Cousin's legacy inspires championship* **Dan Shanks**; The Sanford Herald, *State Champions* **Devon Jeffreys**

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## 25 Sports Column

Osceola News-Gazette, *It's a paradise lost....* **Rick Pedone**; Miami Today, *584 People at a ballgame prove folly of building a stadium*, **Michael Lewis**, The Miami New Times, *Bambi Bump Off* **Chuck Strouse**; The Islander, Holmes Beach, *The house that Spahn built*, **Lisa Neff**; Marco Eagle, *Coach Selvey's courtside manner a minus from the sideline*, **Roger J. Lalonde**; The Beaches Leader, Jacksonville Beach, *Craig's list of broken rules* **Robert DeAngelo**; The Apopka Chief, *You can never be too old to learn, whether on the field or off*, **John Peery**; Ponte Vedra Recorder, *Our Team bus is an ambulance*, **Jerry Norton**; Nassau County Record, Callahan, *Cooksey let go, focusing on future*, **Dan Shanks**

## 26 Outdoor Writing

The Islander, Holmes Beach, *Day by day: Celebrate the Earth, Earth day stories*, **Lisa Neff**; Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, Tavernier, *Survival*, **Steve Gibbs**; Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon, *Anglers cast options*, **Kevin Wadlow**; The Sumter Express, Lake Panasoffkee, *Outdoorsman sharing the Gospel*, **Rose Davis**; The Apalachicola/Carabelle Times, *Wildlife biologist rescues drowning bear*, **Lois Swoboda**; The Gadsden County Times, Quincy, *Wildgame supper draws the timid and the bold*, **Alice Dupont**; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *Cold front puts the big chill on FLW anglers on day one*, **Rick Pedone**; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *Why it's Better on the Water*, **Betsy Clayton & Evan William**; The Longboat Observer, *An ounce of hope*, **Jessica Luck**; The Miami New Times, *Hog Huntin'* **Natalie O'Neill**

## 27 Agricultural Writing

Pelican Press, Sarasota, *The Preservation of Agriculture* **Rick Barry**; Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, Tavernier, *Water Works* **Steve Gibbs**; The High Springs Herald, *Escaping Mexico to Work Here* **Maria Fernanda Castro**

## 28 Environmental or Conservation (Single story or Series)

The Anna Maria Island Sun, *Birds* **Cindy Lane**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Sea Turtles* **Kim Cool & Bob Broyles**; Orlando Business Journal, *Water Woes* **Bill Orben, Denise Hicks, Anjali Fluker, Chris Kauffmann, Tiffany Beck, Dan Ping**; The West Volusia Beacon, *Special Energy Edition*; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Wild about grounds*, **Kelley Lannigan**; The High Springs Herald, *Huge, ecological clean-up, all by hand*, **Rachael Anne Ryals**; The Lake Wales News, *Polks \$200 milliam hope*, **Brian Ackley**

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## 29 Business Writing

Orlando Business Journal, *Groveland fast becoming biodiesel central*, **Bill Orben**; The Destin Log, *The Other St. Joe*, **Fraser Sherman**; West Orange Times, Winter Garden, *Blue Earth Solutions paving path for greener planet* **Michael Laval**; The High Springs Herald, *Eateries finding ways to fight high food prices*, **Rachael Anne Ryals**; The Baker County Press, Macclenny, *Slump catches homebuilders* **Joel Addington**; Gulf Coast Business Review, Sarasota, *Flower Guru* **Mark Gordon**; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *Biotech Boom* **Evan Williams**; The Miami New Times, *Budget Ballin'* **Gus Garcia-Roberts**; The Sarasota Observer, *Pumps run dry* **Robin Roy**; The Longboat Observer, *Circle Reassessments*, **Robin Hartill**

## 30 Special Issue, Section or Supplements (locally prepared)

Florida Courier, Tampa, *Special Election Issue*; The Laker, Lutz, *2008 Football Preview* **Steve Lee, Matt Mistretta, Keith Carson**; Miami Today, *Best of Miami Supplement*; The East County Observer, Bradenton, *The Little Paper That Could - 10th Anniversary*; The Destin Log, *The 7 ancient and modern wonders of Destin*; The Business Journal, Jacksonville, *Corporate Relocation Guide*; Orlando Business Journal, *Green*; Clay Today, Orange Park, *Clay County 150 years 1858—2008*; Alachua County Today, *Alachua Chamber of Commerce booklet*; Navarre Press, *Navarre Progress 2008*; Boca Beacon, Boca Grande, *Tarpon Times*;

## 31 Newspaper Promotion

Monticello News, *Meet our staff*, **Ray Cichon**; The Sanford Herald, *Paper 100th Birthday Promotion*; The News-Sun, Sebring, *News-Sun's Metamorphosis*; The West Orange Times, Winter Garden, *Best Fest*; Orlando Business Journal, *You spoke, we listened* **Adam Evans, Marla Sachs, & Cheryl Bence**; The Coastal Star, Ocean Ridge, *A1A is our main street*

## 32 Community History

Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *85 years young*, **Roger Williams**; Miami New Times, *Frogmen* **Janine Zeitlin**; Sumter County Times, Bushnell, *Discover Sumter County 2008*

## 33 Website Development

Ft. Myer Beach Observer; The Baker County Press; Crestview Bulletin; News-Sun; Florida Weekly; The Suncoast News; Miami New Times; Boca Beacon; Florida Keys Keynoter

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## 34 Religion Writing

The West Volusia Beacon, *Religion: Taking it to the Streets* **Pat Hatfield**; The Destin Log, *Reverse offering lauches 'Pay it Forward' at Shoreline Church*, **Pam Griffin**; The Orlando Business Journal, *A crisis of Faith* **Tiffany Beck**; The Herald-Advocate, Wauchula, *A season of hope* **Cynthia Krahl**; The High Springs Herald, *Religious Photo Essay*, **Pat Canova Tipton**; Sumter Express, Lake Panasoffkee, *Outdoorsmen sharing the gospel* **Rose Davis**

## 35 Criticism

Miami New Times, *Mexican marvels, Unhinged at the hinge, His Satanic majesty's bequest* **Carlos Suarez de Jesus**; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *No doubt, "Doubt" is a winner*", **Nancy Stetson**; The West Orange Times, Winter Garden, *Meals worth stopping for in Florida is a trip* **Mary Anne Swickerath**

## 36 Blooper Headline of the Year

No entries for this category

## 37 Best Obituary by a Newspaper

Clearwater Citizen, Seminole, *Gracie's Wisdom* **Chary Southmayd**; Osceola News-Gazette, Kissimmee, *He always wanted to be a firefighter*, **Juliana A. Torres**; The Bay Beacon, Niceville, *Slain deputy mourned* **Mike Griffith**, The Star, Port St. Joe, *A Master Craftsman* **Despina Williams**; Florida Weekly, Fort Myers, *The Lives They Led*, **Evan Williams**; The Beaches Leader, Jacksonville Beach; *Cooper 'touched a lot of lives' at FHS*, **Johnny Woodhouse**; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Venice, *Family Friends mourn a truly awesome guy*, **Brooky Brown**; Marco Eagle, *Popular Marco Restaurateur Tony Rainone dies at 54*, **Quentin Roux**; Apalachicola Times, Apalachicola, *Remembering Jiggs* **Despina Williams**; The High Springs Herald, *City Remembers Wray*, **Rachael Anne Ryals**

## 38 Shining Star Award

The Star, Port St. Joe, **Despina Williams**; The Baker County Standard, Macclenny, **Bryana Stafford**; Orlando Business Journal, **Cindy Barth**

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