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Finding their voice



Sebring High School seniors gather in protest Friday afternoon to voice their concerns about topics they have been discussing in their American Government course.

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SHS students take their views to the streets

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SEBRING — The corner of Commerce Avenue and the Sebring Parkway was unusually busy Friday afternoon, but it wasn't a regular traffic jam.

Nearly 30 seniors took the things they have been learning in Bill Serey's American Government class at Sebring High School and applied it to their everyday lives, staging a peaceful protest at the busy intersection.

Every current issue from the "stand-your-ground" law to gas

prices were addressed in the colorful, sometimes amusing posters the students held on the corner.

"When the students were talking about some of the protests going on in the country now, they all agreed that a lot of the issues were wrong. They asked 'Can we protest?' I can not tell them no," said Serey.

Each of the posters the students carried represented an issue or hot-button topic that that student felt passionate about or had a

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Nearly 30 American Government students voiced their concerns about issues currently plaguing America.

County veterinarians to recommend changes to Animal Control policy

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SEBRING — County veterinarians are on the agenda at the upcoming Highlands County Commission meeting to discuss their proposal for Animal Control.

Animal Control was recently under fire from

On agenda for Tuesday's county commission meeting

animal activists who stated that vast improvements were needed in how animals were treated and handled.

County commissioners

voted to form a citizens committee to advise how best Animal Control should work and decided to not take a look at a proposed tagging ordinance until the

citizens group met.

The proposal from the county vets includes merging Animal Control with law enforcement in order to enhance the enforcement of current county ordinances. The group of vets also asked that only trained and

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Cane toads can be kiss of death to dogs

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LEISURE LAKES — Bufo marinus, which are also known as the bufo toad, marine toad, giant toad or cane toad, are ugly animals. Originally brought into South Florida cane fields from Central America to fight insects, they quickly became more of a problem themselves. Prolific breeders, with no natural enemies, they have become an invasive species, slowly making their way north.

According to Dianne Jacobson at

Believed to have killed dog in Leisure Lakes

the county extension office, the toads reached Highlands County about three years ago.

Squat, with faces set in what seem to be permanent scowls, they are muddy in color, covered with unappetizing bumps and creases and grow to intimidating sizes.

Bufo toads eat almost anything,

from insects to table scraps. Inconveniently, cat and dog food are about a bufo's favorite meal.

This is unfortunate, because bufo toads are a deadly menace to small animals and children. They produce a viscous substance through glands behind their ears which is poisonous if ingested.

Joe and Rosie Earp know this better than most. Having lived in rural Leisure Lakes for decades, they have seen their share of toads

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
This cane toad was found in a yard in Leisure Lakes off of Henscratch Road Monday night.

Board wants to restore teachers' planning

Would cost school district about \$2 million, Cox says

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Members of the school board want to return planning periods to teachers' schedules. It quickly became clear Tuesday evening at a board workshop, however, that it won't be simple.

There are several challenges, not the least of which is principals have already begun their master planning for the 2012-2013 school year. Once a master plan is in place, rescheduling teachers is more difficult to work out logistically. Additionally, the high schools are experimenting with class times. This complicates things further.

In addition to working out the schedule before the school year, the issue of finding the money to pay for planning periods has to be addressed.

Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox told the school board the district saved \$2.5 million annually when teacher planning periods were cut a couple of years ago.

It would be a little less expensive to restore some of them now, but estimates are close to \$2 million.

This means there is not enough money to ensure every teacher will benefit, which leads to real problems — as in who gets the extra time to prepare? Do high school teachers need planning time more than elementary teachers? ESE teachers more than middle school teachers?

Ronnie Jackson, the only former teacher on the school board, felt strongly on the subject. He



Jackson

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Question:

Should same-sex couples be allowed to get married?

Yes 29.2%

No 70.8%

Total votes: 168

Next question:

Should the tourism tax be raised from 2 cents to 3 cents?

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Julia Butler

Age 85, of Sebring

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What's in a name? A lot of history

I had the opportunity once again to stop by the Historical Society and sit with Archivist Carole Goad. If you haven't had the chance to visit her, make some time to do so, you'll be glad you did. The conversations are wonderful and the history of Sebring is most fascinating; this information is from the 1983 files of the late historian Allen C. Altvater, Sr. (1897-1994).

"If people changed their names as often and with the randomness that places do, you couldn't walk down the street and say hello without a roster. It was Thomas Jefferson who once argued that each generation should have the option of choosing its own government and institutions with his statement that there should be a revolution every 20 years. Critics of such a philosophy point out that the result would be pure anarchy and little order.



Centennial Notebook

"Such is the situation with place names. In Highlands County, Lake Placid takes the title in the city category. Both Sebring and Avon Park have had their respective names since their establishment. Lake Placid, on the other hand, was known as Wico, Wicco or Weco, depending on your source, up until the early 1920s when Albert DeVane platted the town of Lake Stearns. DeVane's town didn't survive

the bust and Dr. Melville Dewey established Lake Placid in 1927. Since then it's been pretty stable.

"Prior to being known as Wico, the area was also served by a post office a few miles south known as Buck Lake. Buck Lake's post office was closed about 1914 when a post office was established at Hicoria, further to the south. Hicoria, derived from the botanical name for hickory, was established in an area of sand hills that had been Indian Territory prior to 1908, when it was opened for homesteading. Earlier, the area had been known as the Red Hills.

"The south part of Highlands County was also named as early as 1837 on a government map. The area was then known as Good Water, derived from its

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LP council to hear presentation on CRAs

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LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Town Council will take the next step at its meeting Monday night in deciding if a Community Redevelopment Agency should be established.

The council is scheduled to hear a presentation from Carol Westmoreland, the executive director for the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA).

Council member Debra Worley led the project and wanted to add several properties north of the town limits to the proposed district.

Worley is currently seeking annexation agreements from several properties to solidify the CRA boundaries.

"I have been working on this since I was elected in 2002," Worley said.

Based on information gathered from the FRA, a Community Redevelopment Area, or CRA, is a dependent special district in which any future increases in property values are set aside to support economic development projects within that district.

Under Florida Statute chapter 163, local governments are able to designate areas as CRA when certain conditions exist, like slum and blight.

Since all the money used in financing CRA activities are locally generated, CRAs are not overseen by the state, but redevelopment plans must be consistent with local government com-

prehensive plans. A shortage of housing, inadequate infrastructure, inadequate structures and a lack of roads are all conditions that can justify a CRA.

To document that the required conditions exist, the town of Lake Placid will have to survey the proposed redevelopment area and prepare a finding of necessity.

There are currently 178 CRAs in Florida.

According to the Florida Redevelopment Association's website, the

designation is used by Florida cities of all sizes, from Jacksonville and Tampa to Madison and Appalachicola. Many familiar locations, such as Church Street in

Orlando, Ybor City in Tampa and the beachfront in Ft. Lauderdale are successful examples of CRA.

Avon Park has three designated CRAs: Main Street, the Southside, and the Executive Airport.

Sebring has two CRAs: downtown and the Sebring Airport.

Other Lake Placid town council members have shown caution about the regulations surrounding a CRA.

At a January Meeting, Mike Waldron asked questions about moving forward with the project, citing public involvement and a desire to get a possible downtown CRA started first.

"I don't feel that much of

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Worley

Marching for babies

March of Dimes event attracts 200

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SEBRING — It's looking as if it will be a great year for the local March of Dimes' March for Babies, according to Community Director Melissa Gutentag.

The annual March for Babies, beginning in 1938, raises funds for expectant mothers to ensure healthy pregnancies in hopes of bringing more healthy, full-term newborns into the world.

The march took place Saturday morning in downtown Sebring with many returning participants as well as some new faces in the mix.

As mid-morning approached, small groups of walkers and runners approached Circle Park as they ended their 3.5-mile route through the area.

"We have about 200 participants this year," said Gutentag.

This year's event was off to a good start with the help of a new partner agency that has gone above and beyond to raise funds for the good cause.

"Agero is one of our eight



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

More than 200 people participated in the annual March of Dimes March for Babies fundraiser walk Saturday morning in downtown Sebring.

'We are projecting to raise about \$10,000 more than last year. That is because of Agero, honestly.'

MELISSA GUTENTAG
event organizer

community partners. They have already raised over \$23,000 and they are one of

our new partners," Gutentag said.

With the same number of participants as the previous year, the community partners are what drive the success of the March for Babies.

"We are projecting to raise about \$10,000 more than last year. That is because of Agero, honestly," Gutentag said.

The eight community part-

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Investigation ongoing over a teacher's use of school computers

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SEBRING — An investigation of a Sebring High School ESE teacher's use of district computers for personal use during school time is underway by the Department of Education. The case was forwarded to the department after the district's own investigation, which is standard procedure.

Vivianne Waldron, director of human resources, explained that until the state's investigation is complete the facts and evidence regarding the case are not a part of the public record and may not be released.

Waldron said, however, "I can assure you this does not have anything to do with students. Nothing whatsoever.

"While there is a clear violation of the district's MIS policies and procedures, this is not a criminal procedure. It did not rise to that level."

The teacher, Matthew Stunkard, was put on administrative leave with pay April 16-20. Then he was suspended without pay April 23-27.

The issue for school board member Andy Tuck is the fact that neither he nor his fellow board members were aware of the situation. "The board did-

n't know," he said Wednesday. "I just saw that five-day suspension," and wanted an explanation.

At the meeting during which the Stunkard situation became public, Tuck was concerned that a district employee could be suspended without pay when an investigation into alleged rule violations had not been completed.

Stunkard has since been put back on administrative leave with pay.

Should he be found to have broken school board policy, especially if pornography is involved, Tuck does not feel a five-day suspension is an appropriate punishment. He feels that kind of violation merits termination of contract.

Waldron said Stunkard has had meetings with SHS principal Dr. Anne Lindsay and investigators. He has already received a written reprimand and has to take an district online course on ethics. His suspension without pay, a loss of about \$1,000, Waldron said, is the equivalent of a fine.

For now, the process waits for a reply from the Department of Education and the results of its investigation.

Stunkard, reached at home, said he had no comment.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

GiveBack program benefits cancer patient

SEBRING — The Sebring Moose and Women of the Moose are hosting a benefit for Brittany Kinney, a 23-year-old mom with cancer. As a partner, Ruby Tuesday will GiveBack 20 percent of your purchase today and Thursday, May 17 to the Moose's benefit for Kinney.

Coupon usage or other discounts can not be accommodated in conjunction with the GiveBack Program.

To make a reservation, call 386-1110 or visit online at rubytuesday.com. For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu, visit rubytuesday.com.

GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring meet

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at 4260 Lakeview Drive. The catered luncheon will be hosted by the Executive Committee;

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Manage the money you have first

The Tourism Development Council recently voted 7-2 to raise the tourism tax 1 percent to raise an additional \$150,000 per year. That tax increase is a bad idea.

The legal plan, drafted by an earlier commission and passed as part of the original tax ordinance, clearly states that no more than 29 percent of the revenue collected can be used to pay administrative costs such as utilities and salaries.

Somehow, county spending is now exceeding that percentage. Maybe by 20 percent.

County commissioners, county staff and even the county attorney have somewhat admitted that there "may" have been a problem with the numbers. They did this by stating that they "cannot guarantee" the money percentages were spent exactly as outlined by county ordinance.

Commissioners have properly stressed their concerns about the "possible" problem and have directed those in charge of accounting to correct any mistake.

To their credit, county staff took the time this budget season to establish the proper fund accounts and are now attempting to allocate both the income and the expenses to the proper columns.

But, the fact remains that the administrative costs are still over and above the maximum 29 percent. Allocating the salaries percentages to different fund accounts just makes it appear that the over-spending is for another purpose, like promotion.

Call it promotion if you like, but it's still similar to a false facade in a Hollywood B-movie. Don't lean too hard because the whole thing might collapse.

Even the auditors and the Clerk of Courts said the account is not high on the risk factor and so they have not kept an eye on how the money was being doled out. The clerk's auditor reluctantly said during a commission meeting an audit could be conducted, but just a spot audit. It takes too much time to go line by line apparently.

The voters have to remember that the tourism council is only making a recommendation; that group cannot levy a tax. Four out of five commissioners, what is called a super-majority, still have to vote for the tax increase.

The smoke screen put forth that "other counties are doing this, so why shouldn't we" is also bad logic. Although the tax is strictly a consumer tax with very little impact on anyone local, those paying for the increase are those who rent a hotel room for the 12 Hours of Race, Suzie's graduation or who come to town for uncle Joe's funeral.

We don't agree that it is OK to fleece them for more money just to raise the revenue to fix the percentages. Even if those folks won't notice another 1 percent, about nine cents, after they finish their continen-

tal breakfast and check out.

What rankles with this suggestion is the fact that the county has not been good at keeping track of the money it currently receives and are now asking for more money to correct its mistakes.

It seems to be a reoccurring theme with government these days. When you get into financial trouble, by all means, raise taxes.

There is no effort to say "Wait, let us live within our means!" or "Hey, let's actually bring the overhead numbers back into line with the law."

It is like a child asking for more allowance after spending everything for candy, leaving none left for savings. Hey, it's not their fault allowance only stretches so far. Candy prices have gone up.

We suggest buying less candy.

It is clear that raising a tax is not the best strategy for showing good money management in the best of financial times. To do this now with the recent discovery of mis-allocation coupled with what is now being called the "Great Depression" is just a bad idea.

When suggestions like these arise to fix over-spending, the public trust is broken.

To get that trust back, the government has to show that it can be diligent in the small things before we can allow it to be trusted with bigger piles of money.

But, of course, the commissioners do not need our permission to levy a higher tax.

They just need our votes.

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Stuff that caught my attention

A few things that came to my attention this past week:

- My friend Tina is studying to be a court reporter. This past Sunday she took her steno machine to church in order to try to take down the sermon during services.

She sent me her notes today. Now, I can read typo after years of practice. But this goes beyond that language. It looks like someone entered in random words and letters into one huge paragraph, which must have made sense at one point in time or another, since I doubt that her preacher speaks gibberish. Tina enjoyed my laugh at her attempt and admits she needs practice.

The moral of this story is that I am very impressed with those who do court reporting or closed captioning for a living. While it's easy to poke fun at their occasional mistakes, Tina has shown me their job is not easy.

- We all differ in our sense of humor. I get this. It's especially true when it comes to men and women. Call me sexist, but I'm convinced that guys and gals see humor differently, and that's why guys will laugh at stuff that makes women like me cringe.

What I don't understand is how anyone can find some things funny. A reader alerted me to the fact that there are a number of jokes about the Holocaust out there. Her daughter told her about them and when she searched the Internet she found pages of the stuff.

I did a quick search and found the same pages. There are also pages of 9/11 jokes. An upcoming movie, "The Dictator," features at least one 9/11 joke based on a misunderstanding.

What is funny about these events? I know laughter is good for the soul and all that, but shouldn't some things be off limits in the humor department?

OK, OK, the First Amendment says people have the right to make these jokes. I get that. Just don't expect me to laugh at them.

- I like to think that I am an intelligent person. I am also a person of faith. I

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

don't see a contradiction in the two.

Apparently, according to a study, I am not so much an analytic thinker as a person who follows a "gut instinct."

An article at www.latimes.com talks about the study, which was published in the journal Science. The lead author of the study, Will Gervais, postulates that religious thinking is rooted in intuitive processing, as opposed to analytical thinking.

Gervais and his team conducted a series of thinking tasks. For example, they asked college students the following: "A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?"

If you answered intuitively, as I did, and say, "\$1.00" sorry, you are incorrect. The correct answer, arrived at with some thought, is "\$1.05."

After answering three such questions, students were asked to rate a series of statements regarding belief. Those who answered with intuition were more likely to score higher on the belief scare than those who thought analytically.

Other tests appeared to show that forcing someone to think analytically caused them to score lower on a religious scale than a control group. So can faith be damaged by just a bit a mental power?

Nicholas Epley, a social psychologist, says not really, but that faith isn't static, and can change depending on a person's "context."

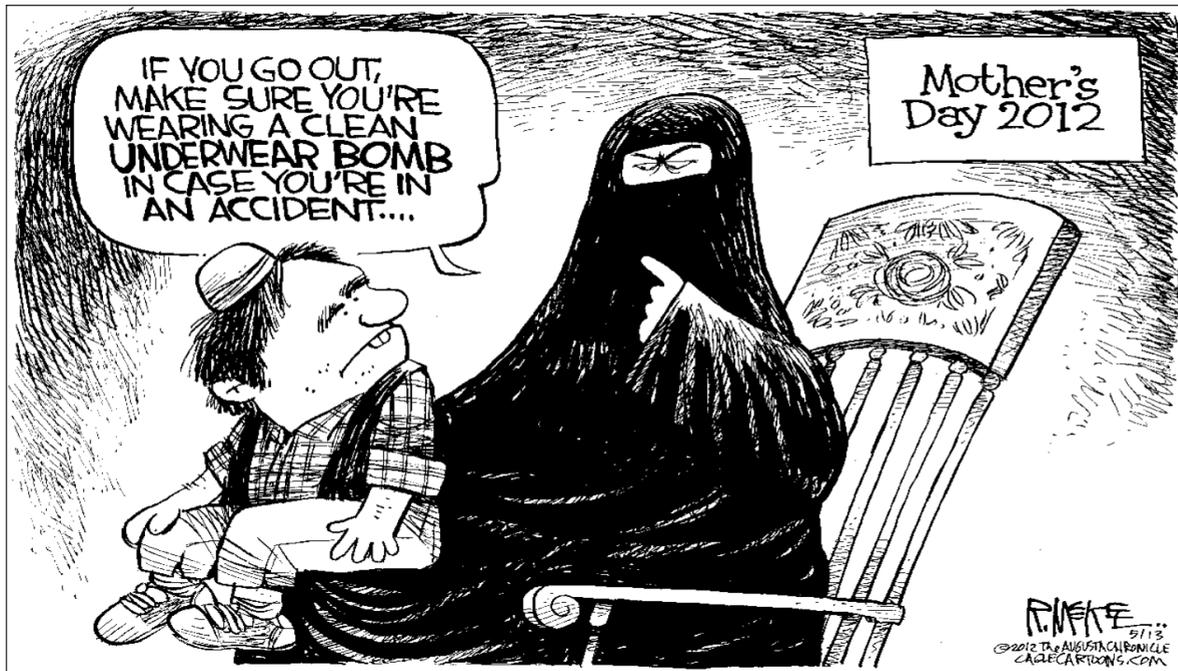
My opinion? Don is one of the most analytical people I know, and he believes. I'm not certain that my faith is so fragile that thought can hurt it. I'll keep thinking about it and get back to you, OK?

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TODAY'S LETTERS

A tribute to mothers everywhere

Editor:

Mothers are really special people. She is someone who can guide us, love us no whatever we do. She is blessed with patience and a wonderful gentleness to help us in our lives.

She watches over us so tenderly as children and then also as "older" more challenging children. It is not until we become adults that we really think about and appreciate who mother really is.

Is your mother living today? If so, you are lucky, so try and show her how wonderful she is not only on Mother's Day but every day that she is with you.

You do not have to go the store and buy her something just go up to her and tell her you love her and give her a hug and kiss (even helping with the chores will show her you care). Trust me this will mean a lot more to her than have you touched her heart with love and kindness. You will never know how much that little show of affection will mean until you become a mother.

My mom has gone to a better place and I will be eternally thankful for the good and kind memories we share. You might even thank your dad as he chose that great lady to be your mom.

Mother's Day started in 1907 and has been celebrated ever since. So let us all be

kind to our mothers as they are the only ones we will ever have. May we honor and cherish the true and precious things in life and be blessed with memories of a mother's love. Bless the influence of their love which still remains with us today and every day. If mom is with you today show her your love and if she is gone be thankful for the good memories.

Here is wishing all the "mothers" who read this a very, very happy and blessed Mother's Day. Enjoy yourself.

God bless Mom and God bless America.

*Suzanne Krueger
Lake Placid*

New business using local sub-contractors

Editor:

If you haven't noticed there is a new restaurant opening in Sebring called Cody's Original Roadhouse; they are out of Clearwater. I'm not one to write letters to the editor but I felt the need to encourage the citizens of Highlands County to support this new restaurant. The reason being is that I am in the construction industry and as most of you know there has not been a lot of new construction going on. And when there is a new commercial job most of the time they always bring in out-of-town contractors.

What has impressed me with Cody's is that they

hired all local sub-contractors to remodel their new restaurant. It seems that this company realizes that it is the people of Sebring and Highlands County that they will be relying on to support their business. And in return they have supported our local construction workers by hiring all local subs.

Also I have eaten at Cody's several times around the state and have been very pleased after each visit and I encourage all of you to give them a try.

*Jon Tolar
Sebring*

Voters need to get educated

Editor:

In my latest audit of a Highlands County ranking staff member I found the same wage increase system for them. Multiple pay raises per year, sometimes four in one year. Twice there were two COLA raises in one year. Five different years I found no document for why or how a raise was granted.

The commissioners do not seem to care, or worse, they support the system. It seems to me that the only thing the staff is really good at is stuffing their pockets with our tax money. I think their goal is to get their pay as high as they can so they get a higher retirement check.

They, the bureaucrats and commissioners, talk about serving the citizens of Highlands County. I see it as

they are servicing the citizens and taxpayers like the bulls service the cows.

Thirty-three percent of the Highlands County citizens and taxpayers are over age 65. (source: 2010 census). Nine percent are unemployed, 2 percent are unemployed and out of unemployed benefits. I don't have any figures on how many are disabled and are on SSI or disability pay. Many are working for minimal wages with no benefits. What with this being a county with many farm workers, retail, fast food workers, it has been determined this is the poorest county in the state of Florida.

As I have stated before, I am only talking about the top 10 percent of the county workers under the supervision of the Highlands County Board of County Commission. I have not started on the other elected officers yet. According to the public records supplied to me by the county information officer, the average wage of county employees is \$38,000, while the median is only \$30,000. They do get really great benefits.

Now I see two of the higher paid want us to consider electing them to a higher paid elected position.

I hope the citizens wake up before the primary and general elections.

*William E. Clagg
Lake Placid*

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Ride of Silence to honor Waldrup

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — On Wednesday cyclists from around the county will take to their bicycles for a solemn hour-long ride around Lake Jackson in memorial of a 7-year-old Avon Park boy who died recently.

They call it Ride of Silence, and Highlands Pedalers bike club members have been participating in this global initiative since 2006. The Ride started in Dallas in 2003. The Ride is limited to a maximum speed of 12 mph and can accommodate most rider skill levels.

A car struck Matthew "Matty" Waldrup on March 18 near his South Florida Avenue home in Avon Park, according to local media reports. His mother, Deborah Fisher, was grateful to learn of Ride of Silence and she plans to be at the 7 p.m. start Wednesday, May 16, said Randall Wilkins, the Pedalers member organizing this year's ride.

The ride honors and remembers all cyclists who have died while riding bikes to school, from work or for sport. A few members of Highlands Pedalers have had near-death brushes with motor vehicles that have required extensive surgeries, ongoing medical costs and pain.

The goal of Ride of Silence, and of the Highlands Pedalers all year long, is to educate motorists as well as cyclists that we all have a legal right to the road and we have an obligation to each other, ourselves and our families to follow the rules of the road and exercise good judgement.

To help spread this message of mutually beneficial safety, Highlands County Commissioners and Sebring City Councilmen have issued proclamations declaring May as Bicycle Safety Month. Lake Placid has agreed to consider doing so at their next meeting and Highlands Pedalers is in the process of asking Avon Park for the same.

Ride of Silence is free to all members of the community who can ride for an hour at a minimum speed of 10 mph. The Ride starts promptly at 7 p.m. May 16 from the parking lot of Sebring's branch of Highlands County Library. Participants are asked to assemble beginning at 6:30 p.m., bring water and helmets and have your bicycles in good working order.

A brief vigil will precede the ride and participants often socialize afterward.

They'll ride clockwise around Lake Jackson using the road and the lakeside multi-use path, depending on their individual comfort levels. No riders will be left behind. Other than for safety issues, there will be no talking or conversation for the duration of the ride.

Motorists are asked to observe the state's 3-foot minimum clearance law and to pass with care. Cyclists are expected to observe all state motor vehicle laws. Should the ride be cancelled due to inclement weather, the ride will postpone to 10 a.m. Saturday.

For more information please visit RideofSilence.org/. Learn more about local cycling at HighlandsPedalers.com/.

AP Relay wraps up with beautiful ceremony



The Avon Park Relay for Life Luminaria Ceremony took place Thursday night as the event's wrap up party came to a close. Although the April 25 Relay carried on despite the storms rolling through the area, the luminaria ceremony was postponed until the wrap up. Luminarias lined the sidewalk meandering through a section of The Mall. The luminarias were lit in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer. The wrap up party and slideshow took place at

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Legendary car designer, racer Shelby dies at 89

DALLAS (AP) — Decades after a heart condition forced him to retire from racing, Carroll Shelby still loved to drive muscle cars. Well into his 80s, the legendary car designer spent hours testing his last Mustang Shelby GT500, which sets a new record for horsepower and hits a top speed of more than 200 miles per hour.

A one-time chicken farmer, Shelby had more than a half-dozen successful careers during his long life: champion race car driver, racing team owner,

automotive consultant and safari tour operator. His fabled Shelby Cobra sports car became an automotive and cultural icon, and he was later credited with injecting testosterone into Ford's Mustang and Chrysler's Viper.

When Shelby, a member of the Sebring Raceway Hall of Fame, died Thursday night in a Dallas hospital, he also was one of the nation's longest-living heart transplant recipients, having received a heart on June 7, 1990, from a 34-year-old man who died of an

aneurysm. Shelby also received a kidney transplant in 1996 from his son, Michael.

Shelby first made his name behind the wheel of a car, winning France's grueling 24 Hours of Le Mans sports car race with teammate Ray Salvadori in 1959. He had turned to the race-car circuit in the 1950s after his chicken ranch failed. He won dozens of races in various classes throughout the 1950s and was twice named Sports Illustrated's Driver of the Year.

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Board eyeing return of planning periods

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leaned forward in his chair and spoke with uncharacteristic force.

"I think you are looking at a huge morale problem with your teachers," he said. "I don't see how you can provide a planning period for one teacher and not another."

All teachers work hard, Jackson said, whether or not they teach a core subject.

"I taught PE," said Jackson. "I worked just as hard as anyone else. I came before school one day and I stayed late after."

Board member Andy Tuck endorses the idea of planning periods. "There's nothing I've heard more about than planning time," he said. "I think we need to provide more."

Tuck, however, does have concerns. Like Jackson, he is worried about limited resources.

"I don't think we can be fair and give (a planning period) to everyone," he said. "Math, reading and science, I guess those are the classrooms we should start with."

Cox proposed a plan which would rely on substitute teachers to cover classes.

"I'm not at a point to make recommendations," Cox said, "I'm just trying to get the agenda on the table. I do need help (with feedback)."

Ned Hancock, chairman of the board, said he wants to hear from the principals. All three high schools are incorporating study halls into the school day. Perhaps, Hancock said, teachers could be freed of study hall two or three days a week. "I'm not as concerned about teachers in study halls," he said.

Cox and Steve Picklesimer, teacher union president, shared a concern.

"What you're going to give up is directed instruction," Cox said.

"I have concerns about the loss of teaching time," Picklesimer agreed.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

The corner of Sebring Parkway and Commerce Avenue was filled with students Friday afternoon in protest of numerous issues plaguing America today. The American Government students organized the protest together in order to voice their opinions.

Students display their views on pressing issues

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strong opinion about.

"These are issues or an item that are dear to them. These students were not told what to pick. They chose issues that were important to them," said Serey.

As afternoon traffic began to pick up in the area, honks and yells from drivers could easily be heard in response to the students' bold statement.

Several of the students were more than willing to tell the stories behind their posters as well as the protest itself.

"I feel like that youth doesn't have a say in anything and they are just kind of there. We need to have more say in what's going on in our country. There's strength in numbers," said senior Niko Tsakalos.

Tsakalos said that he is already registered to vote and plans on staying active in the issues before casting his vote in this year's presidential election.

Tsakalos and classmate Destiny Sutton were both voicing their opinions on poverty in the U.S. Sutton and Tsakalos held signs about money being spent for war as opposed to poverty stricken America.

Farther down the sidewalk, one sign stood out in the crowd like a sore thumb. Senior Grant



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Seniors take a stance in protest Friday afternoon during school hours against several topics they have discussed in their American Government class recently.

Strickland raised a sign that touched on a long-time hot button issue.

"I only had one that entered the racism issue. All his sign said was 'I am color blind are you?' That was his own creation," said Serey.

Strickland explained that his sign comes from a personal place and he felt the need to express his beliefs and feelings to the world.

"I think people need to evolve next. Technology has evolved, the world has evolved. Racism isn't getting us anywhere. I've learned to ignore it (racism)."

"Friends, family they sometimes give me crazy looks, I do this for me not for them. I'm here to make me happy and who I'm with is not for them to judge,"

Strickland said.

Strickland said that he and his girlfriend endure difficulties due to being in an interracial relationship, but he feels by voicing his opinion and standing up for himself he can make a difference.

Other topics such as anti-abortion, government waste, wars, gun control and President Obama himself were displayed through the eyes of the young adults Friday.

"It's good to see them finding their voices. It's good to know they are learning and growing and becoming informed members of the society. They are the future," Serey said.

Almost every one of the students are registered voters and November will be their first major election.

Names have been changed over history

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Indian name. At the time, according to accounts, it was a favorite hunting ground for the Seminoles and had clear, clean water and sandy beaches.

"Later government surveyors named Lake Stearns and Lake Childs after themselves, only to have their attempts at immortality squashed. The lakes have been renamed Lake June-in-Winter and Lake Placid since. The Lake Placid area at one time was also part of the Hamilton Disston Purchase, a large portion of Central Florida sold to Philadelphia investor Disston to bail out Florida's debts in the 1880s.

"Northwest of Lake Placid is Henscratch, originally known as the Guano Hammock Settlement and established around 1880. What today is known as Venus and was Highlands County's first settlement was first known as the Upper Fisheating Creek Settlement. Because the south end of the county was not settled in as definite a manner as the northern part, most of the name shifts occurred in the south.

"But Sebring, although it had stability in its city name, has had problems with its major lake. Old-timers can have their pick of four names for what is known as Lake Jackson. The lake was known as Lake Hare up until 1912, when the name was changed to Lake Jackson in honor of one of the original surveyors of the area. An attempt was made early on to give the lake the more romantic name of Nancesowee at a time when some of the townsfolk were caught up in Indian names, but that attempt failed.

"In the 1930's, author Rex Beach established a home in Sebring and it was

suggested that the lake be named in his honor. A bill was passed in the legislature mandating the change and Lake Hare/Jackson/Nancesowee officially became Lake Rex Beach. Despite the formality, the name never caught on and another bill was later introduced and passed changing the name back to Lake Jackson.

"The lake continues to bear that name today. Avon Park derives its name from the English town of Stratford-on-Avon, the hometown of William King, Avon Park's first settler. Prior to the naming of the town, it was generally known as the Lake Forest area."

Centennial plans include a boat parade on Lake Jackson along with many other events that will take place during the main celebration week Oct. 12-21.

Stop by the Sebring Historical Society or the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and get your coffee table book "The One-Hundred Years of Sebring" and your hat, T-shirt, lapel pin, grocery tote bag, cup or bumper sticker, all sporting the official Centennial logo. Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration. Call 863-655-5554, email events@sebring100.com, go to the website www.Sebring100.com and Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial/. Thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration. Reference this article every Sunday and you won't miss a thing.

Jan Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

CRA discussion on tap in Lake Placid

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the community has been noticed that we may be moving forward with this. You have a great plan that you have been working on since 2002. I am ready to move forward this year in just the downtown," Waldron said.

"Remember that in a CRA, you are freezing the tax base. If we had done this in 2002, the difference in the taxes could have been coming into our CRA" and not county coffers, according to Worley.

"Now is the perfect time to do a CRA because the taxes are lower again," Worley said.

"I can't tell you how excited I am about your idea," Councilman Steve Bastardi said.

"I just want to make sure that before we embark on it that we understand that the value from the new development ... you don't get to utilize that money for other places, it has to be earmarked in those places," said Councilman Ray Royce.

Worley estimated that those who annexed into the town would see a \$3.65 per thousand average increase in taxes.

Worley proposed two immediate projects: making the Lake Placid Tower operational again to increase tourism, and helping businesses hook up to the town's sewer system.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday at 5:35 p.m. in the Lake Placid Town Council Chambers.

Cane toads a danger to pets, kids

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come and go.

Just this last week Joe Earp killed a large toad in his yard. He called the News-Sun to warn pet owners and parents of young children.

Before anything could be written, however, the Earps' beloved 11-year-old dog, Gator, was rushed to the vet fighting for his life. Unfortunately, Gator died early Friday morning.

While there is no formal diagnosis for Gator's brief, sudden illness, the circumstantial evidence points to the toad the Earps found in their yard.

"He's such a good old dog," said Rosie Earp, fighting tears. "But, the kids, my goodness, that's what I worry about. Little boys are always

wanting to play with toads. I hate to see any child hurt."

It doesn't take much. A dog can become deathly ill just by licking a toad, or drinking from a water dish after a toad has sat on the rim. Children may hurt themselves if they play with the toads and then rub their eyes or eat something without washing their hands.

Anecdotal stories report that koi have died in ponds where bufo toads laid eggs.

Typically 6-9 inches long, bufo toads are significantly larger than southern toads, which look similar and have an irritating discharge, but pose no danger.

The biggest bufo toad, registered with the Guinness Book of World Records, was 15 inches long stretched out,

and weighed almost six pounds.

Jacobson reported holding a toad at shoulder height, whose legs stretched all the way to the ground. She has seen toads large enough to fill the bottom of a 5-gallon bucket.

The best rule of thumb, if it's bigger than 4 inches, treat the amphibian as poisonous.

If a pet show signs of contact with a toad — foam at the mouth for example — immediately rinse out the animal's mouth.

Mary Fondren, of fondren-petcare.com, recommends using a "drippy wet wash cloth," instead of a hose, because water could be forced into the animal's lungs causing more problems.

Take the animal to the vet

quickly because time is important. Fondren also said, "The smaller the pet or the larger the toad, the greater there is a risk of toxicity."

Getting rid of the toads is not always easy.

Joe Earp told a story of trying to kill one with a pitchfork only to have it survive. He then took it to work where a friend ran heavy equipment over it, to no avail. Finally Earp took out a gun and shot it.

Easier, safer and more humane, is to freeze the toad in a plastic bag.

Bufo toads are mostly nocturnal, drawn to light and will scavenge a yard for food.

Vets have ideas for Animal Control

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approved staff members should handle animals, not volunteers for animal care, in order to limit liability issues.

County licensing should be required and those funds set aside for Animal Control and a spay/neuter program

If the county agrees to the proposal, maintenance of the current Animal Control facility should be included in the county ground crews, allowing control officers more time to meet animal needs.

Additionally, the license to have a pet would have to be renewed each year and pet owners should be required to show proper vaccinations were given to the animal given before receiving a license.

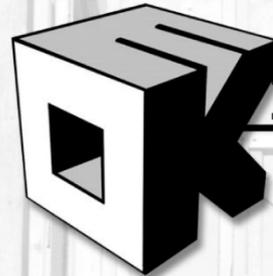
The veterinarian group used the current fee structure in Polk County of \$10 for altered pet, \$25 for unaltered pets, \$1 for collars, \$2 for replacement tags, \$50-\$100 for an impound fee, \$15 for microchip implants, \$40 for

cat adoption and \$40 to \$70 for dog adoptions.

The next item on the board agenda is appointment of the citizen's committee for Animal Control.

Commissioners will have to pick from 20 applications from those who requested to participate in making recommendations to the board.

The county meeting is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. at Highlands County Government Center at 600 S. Commerce Ave.



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Fred Wild choir goes back in time



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The Fred Wild Elementary School choir took their audience back in time in their performance of 'Dig It' by John Jacobson and Roger Emerson. A talking skeleton led two young explorers through an adventurous journey to Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Greece and Rome. Togas, Queens, Kings and Confucius were the theme of night in this comical adventure. The evening was a success with a large audience of family and friends.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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previous reservations are required.

The officers for 2012-2014 will be installed by Elaine Adelmann, District 9 eirector. The new officers will be: president Phyllis Summers, first vice president Dinah Metz, second vice president Johnell West, third vice president Bonnie Wiltgen, recording secretary Ruth Gault, corresponding secretary Pat Gangemi, financial secretary Tootie Marschke, treasurer Vicki Porter and historian Linda Leialoha.

Alberta Steffens will be recognized for her 25-year membership in the club. Sissel Hopper is resigning as publicity chair and will be recognized for her 12 years of service.

Members are asked to bring flip flops (adults and kids) for the ongoing Safe House project.

If you are new to the Sebring area and would like to know more about the Woman's Club of Sebring, call 385-7435. The club's building is available for rent; call 382-1415 for details.

Highlands Tea Party will meet Tuesday

SEBRING — The Highlands Tea Party will meet on Tuesday at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square, Sebring. Buffet at 5:30 p.m.; meeting at 6 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Sue Trombino, founder of "Woman Impacting the Nation." Trombino founded Woman Impacting the Nation (W.I.N.) in the fall of 2008 because she felt called to make a difference. Her passion for empowering people with God's truth and her strong love of America are the principles on which the foundation of W.I.N. is built.

Scribes Night Out features Ben Oswald

SEBRING — The next Scribes Night Out, set for

Mother's Day, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., at Brewster's Coffee House south of Home Depot, spotlights local author Ben Oswald as the "Featured Reader."

Oswald launched his writing career when he became editor of his fourth-grade newspaper and his dream of becoming a novelist was born. But he had to wait a bit. "... at age 72," he says, "I saw my name on a book cover for the first time."

But over the years, his writing has covered a lot of bases, including report-writing for his job as a federal agent. As a minister, he wrote sermons, articles for parish newsletters and occasional op-ed pieces for local newspapers. As a professor for 25 years, he wrote two text books, along with short stories, poems and essays for the college literary magazine.

Following the publication of that first novel at age 72, his name has appeared on the covers of four other novels — and contracts have been signed for two more.

Scribes Night Out is an open-to-the-public event held the second and fourth Sundays of the month at Brewster's at 6:30 p.m. These get-togethers also include an "Open Mike" portion, which allows local writers to showcase their work by reading brief samples, published or not.

Admission to Brewster's is free. For more information, call 385-8618.

Parkinson's support group meets Monday

SEBRING — The Parkinson's disease support group for the Highlands County area will meet at 10 a.m., on the second Monday, at First Baptist Church of Sebring (corner of Pine and Lemon Street).

The program this month will be Questions and Answers.

All persons with Parkinson's disease and their

families are welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-6589.

The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group is part of the national network of support groups affiliated with the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

More than one million Americans have Parkinson's Disease. Today people with Parkinson's disease and their families can find help and information from their local support group.

NARFE meets Tuesday

SEBRING — NARFE Chapter 288 of Highlands County will meet on Tuesday at Homer's Buffet in Sebring Square. Lunch is at 11 a.m., followed by the noon meeting and speaker. The speaker will be president "Corky" Dabe who will report on the Florida NARFE Convention he attended in Altamonte Springs May 8-10.

All current and retired Federal employees (and spouses) are invited to attend.

Model Railroad Club meets Tuesday

SEBRING — All Sebring Model Railroad Club meets most months at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (May 15), at Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, unless otherwise directed. Members run model railroads on their "HO" Gauge modular layout.

For more information or updates on meeting locations, call Curtis Petersen at 382-6967.

Nearly 200,000 Florida voters may not be citizens

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida officials are now saying that nearly 200,000 registered voters may not be U.S. citizens.

Earlier in the week, state election officials announced they had identified more than 2,600 people who are in Florida legally but ineligible to vote.

The Department of State is asking county election officials to verify the information. Election supervisors are contacting voters and if someone is not a citizen, their name will be dropped from the voter rolls.

But an initial list drawn up by the state — and not widely released — shows that a comparison of voter lists and driver's license

information turned up a list of nearly 182,000 people who may not be U.S. citizens.

State officials, however, note that some of those on list may have become citizens after first getting their driver's licenses. Still, the decision to screen the voter rolls for non-citizens could result in tens of thousands voters being dropped in the middle of a critical election year.

President Barack Obama won Florida four years ago, but recent polls have shown that he is neck-and-neck with likely GOP nominee Mitt Romney. The 2000 election between George W. Bush and Al Gore was decided by just 537 votes in the Sunshine State.

"The Department of State

has a duty under both state and federal laws to ensure that the voter registration rolls are current and accurate," said Chris Cate, a department spokesman.

There are currently more than 11 million active registered voters in the state.

Florida law requires voters to be a U.S. citizen residing in the state. Florida also does not allow someone to vote if they are a convicted felon and have not had their civil rights restored.

State officials said they did not know yet if any of the people on the list voted illegally in past elections.

The state has been responsible for helping screen voters since 2006 when it launched a statewide voter registration database.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Leandro Suarez, 3, of Lake Placid and Domanick Angel, 5, of Sebring, strike up a friendly duel after walking with Team Publix on Saturday during the March of Dimes March for Babies event in Sebring.

March for Babies draws in 200

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ners for the March of Dimes include Agero, Publix, Wells Fargo, Florida Hospital, Heartland Women's Health, Alan Jay Automotive Network, Mason Smoak Foundation and Highlands Regional Hospital.

Participants as young as 1-year-old walked, or

strolled, back up to Circle Park, where they voted on which partner had the best spirit station. Each of the partners set up a station that helped the participants along their trek to the finish line.

Following the walk, participants dropped in their vote for the best station before mingling and enjoying burgers, hot dogs,

clowns and other treats in Circle Park.

Gutentag was happy with the outcome and looks forward to the final count of funds.

"A lot of the money, most of it, stays right here in the county. It's a great event and people really enjoy it and keep coming back," Gutentag said.

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Julia Helen (Cruz) Butler, 85, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Thursday, May 3, 2012, at her residence. She was born Jan. 17, 1927, to Frank and Rowena Cruz in Key West, Fla. and had been a resident of Sebring for many years. She was Christian by faith.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Sharpe and

son, Kim Shaw, both of Sebring; grandson, Michael Shaw of Sebring; granddaughter, Melissa Morris of Orange City, Fla.; and great-grandson, Reed Shaw.

Arrangements were handled by Cremation Services of Mid Florida, Davenport, Fla. Family suggests contributions be made to the American Breast Cancer Foundation in lieu of flowers.

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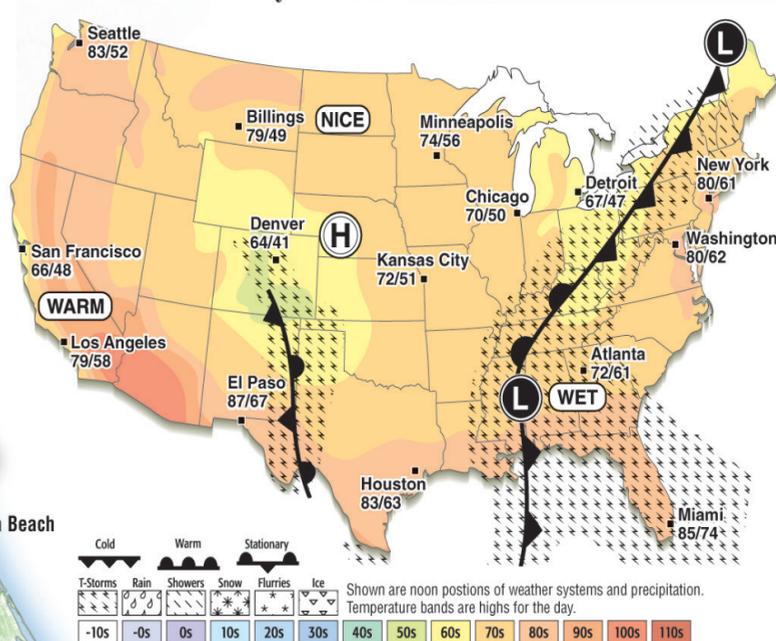
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| An afternoon thunderstorm | Partly sunny with a thunderstorm | Some sun with t-storms possible | Partly sunny, a t-storm possible | Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible |
| 87° / 68° | 87° / 67° | 89° / 67° | 89° / 66° | 88° / 65° |
| Winds: SE at 7-14 mph | Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph | Winds: WSW at 3-6 mph | Winds: W at 4-8 mph | Winds: NW at 4-8 mph |

National Forecast for May 13



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| High Tuesday | 88° |
| Low Tuesday | 61° |
| High Wednesday | 90° |
| Low Wednesday | 65° |
| High Thursday | 91° |
| Low Thursday | 64° |

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Relative humidity | 50% |
| Expected air temperature | 87° |
| Makes it feel like | 90° |

Barometer

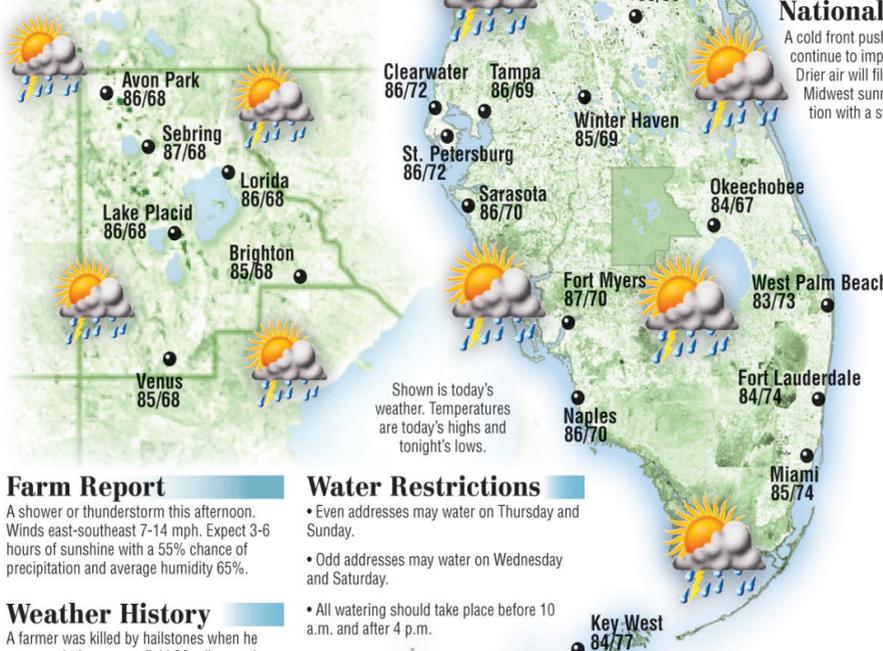
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| Tuesday | 29.89 |
| Wednesday | 29.79 |
| Thursday | 29.92 |

Precipitation

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| Tuesday | 0.64" |
| Wednesday | 0.10" |
| Thursday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 1.13" |
| Year to date | 6.33" |

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm around during the afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm in spots this evening. A shower or thunderstorm around tomorrow. Tuesday: a few showers and thunderstorms possible.



National Summary

A cold front pushing into the Northeast will bring a few showers to the region today. A more significant storm will continue to impact the Deep South with drenching showers and thunderstorms, some producing localized flooding. Drier air will filter into much of the Mississippi Valley region, while high pressure keeps the northern Plains and Midwest sunny and nice. A few storms will linger from the Front Range of Colorado to western Texas in association with a stalled out frontal boundary.

U.S. Cities

| City | Today | Mon. | Tue. | City | Today | Mon. | Tue. |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 78/53/pc | 74/51/t | 83/57/pc | Los Angeles | 79/58/pc | 78/58/pc | 81/58/pc |
| Atlanta | 72/61/t | 75/59/t | 76/58/t | Louisville | 72/55/t | 77/53/c | 85/55/pc |
| Baltimore | 80/60/pc | 71/61/t | 72/60/r | Memphis | 78/59/t | 79/56/c | 83/57/pc |
| Birmingham | 75/60/t | 78/59/t | 84/55/c | Milwaukee | 65/49/pc | 72/50/s | 74/55/s |
| Boston | 79/58/pc | 71/57/t | 69/55/sh | Minneapolis | 74/56/pc | 81/56/s | 82/55/s |
| Charlotte | 72/61/pc | 74/59/t | 82/59/t | Nashville | 71/56/t | 77/54/t | 83/52/pc |
| Cheyenne | 61/40/pc | 71/45/pc | 79/49/s | New Orleans | 83/67/t | 85/67/pc | 85/63/pc |
| Chicago | 70/50/pc | 76/55/s | 78/57/s | New York City | 80/61/pc | 72/61/t | 67/60/r |
| Cleveland | 67/48/t | 69/48/pc | 72/46/pc | Norfolk | 80/64/pc | 78/65/t | 80/64/r |
| Columbus | 68/53/t | 74/51/t | 78/53/pc | Oklahoma City | 74/57/pc | 76/50/pc | 84/53/pc |
| Dallas | 79/62/pc | 79/59/pc | 86/59/pc | Philadelphia | 82/61/pc | 74/61/t | 70/61/r |
| Denver | 64/41/t | 77/48/pc | 83/51/s | Phoenix | 102/72/s | 102/72/s | 104/72/s |
| Detroit | 67/47/pc | 74/50/pc | 77/53/pc | Pittsburgh | 68/53/t | 73/52/t | 74/49/c |
| Harrisburg | 77/60/pc | 70/61/t | 73/59/sh | Portland, ME | 70/52/pc | 60/53/c | 63/51/c |
| Honolulu | 84/66/s | 84/66/s | 85/68/s | Portland, OR | 88/56/s | 85/50/s | 80/47/s |
| Houston | 83/63/pc | 83/61/pc | 81/62/pc | Raleigh | 79/61/s | 76/62/t | 83/62/t |
| Indianapolis | 72/52/t | 75/51/pc | 78/51/pc | Rochester | 69/50/pc | 72/48/pc | 73/48/c |
| Jackson, MS | 76/58/t | 81/57/c | 85/53/pc | St. Louis | 74/55/t | 76/56/pc | 84/57/pc |
| Kansas City | 72/51/c | 76/54/pc | 83/56/pc | San Francisco | 66/48/pc | 63/48/pc | 72/51/pc |
| Lexington | 64/52/t | 73/49/t | 77/51/pc | Seattle | 83/52/s | 80/52/s | 78/51/s |
| Little Rock | 79/59/t | 79/49/pc | 84/54/pc | Wash., DC | 80/62/pc | 73/63/t | 75/62/t |

World Cities

| City | Today | Mon. | Tue. | City | Today | Mon. | Tue. |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 91/77/t | 91/79/t | 92/80/t | London | 61/45/pc | 61/43/c | 55/39/sh |
| Athens | 84/63/s | 80/63/pc | 77/63/sh | Montreal | 67/53/pc | 72/57/pc | 76/55/pc |
| Beirut | 78/63/sh | 73/63/pc | 75/65/s | Moscow | 55/43/c | 58/43/c | 62/48/c |
| Berlin | 55/43/pc | 63/45/s | 66/41/sh | Nice | 73/56/r | 66/53/pc | 75/56/s |
| Bermuda | 71/65/s | 72/66/pc | 74/68/c | Ottawa | 69/51/pc | 74/55/pc | 79/53/pc |
| Calgary | 77/50/s | 72/51/s | 81/42/pc | Quebec | 65/44/pc | 69/51/pc | 74/50/pc |
| Dublin | 55/45/c | 55/37/sh | 52/33/sh | Rio de Janeiro | 76/68/r | 72/66/r | 76/67/r |
| Edmonton | 76/50/s | 69/46/s | 74/41/pc | Seoul | 74/57/pc | 70/54/t | 72/49/s |
| Freeport | 82/75/pc | 82/76/t | 83/74/pc | Singapore | 88/78/t | 90/78/t | 90/78/t |
| Geneva | 63/35/s | 68/43/s | 65/36/pc | Sydney | 66/46/s | 64/46/s | 68/48/pc |
| Havana | 88/71/pc | 88/70/t | 91/69/r | Toronto | 69/46/pc | 74/51/pc | 76/50/pc |
| Hong Kong | 88/81/t | 88/79/t | 88/79/t | Vancouver | 69/50/s | 69/50/s | 67/46/pc |
| Jerusalem | 74/57/s | 73/56/pc | 75/58/s | Vienna | 60/41/c | 63/42/sh | 68/49/pc |
| Johannesburg | 69/49/pc | 69/47/s | 68/46/s | Warsaw | 57/38/sh | 63/41/pc | 59/48/pc |
| Kiev | 53/46/c | 60/48/pc | 74/57/s | Winnipeg | 78/53/pc | 79/53/s | 72/51/s |

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

| | |
|------|------------|
| High | 10:37 a.m. |
| Low | 3:18 a.m. |
| High | 9:18 p.m. |
| Low | 3:46 p.m. |

Readings at Palm Beach

| | |
|------|------------|
| High | 3:24 a.m. |
| Low | 9:35 a.m. |
| High | 3:57 p.m. |
| Low | 10:01 p.m. |

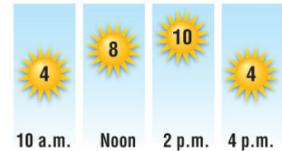
Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Lake Jackson | 78.36' |
| Lake Okeechobee | 11.62' |
| Normal | 14.51' |

UV Index Today

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme
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Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds east-southeast 7-14 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average humidity 65%.

Weather History

A farmer was killed by hailstones when he was caught in an open field 36 miles northwest of Lubbock, Texas, on May 13, 1930.

Sun and Moon

| | Today | Monday |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sunrise | 6:41 a.m. | 6:40 a.m. |
| Sunset | 8:04 p.m. | 8:05 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 2:06 a.m. | 2:41 a.m. |
| Moonset | 2:02 p.m. | 2:55 p.m. |



Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.

• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

• All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

| City | Today | Mon. | Tue. | City | Today | Mon. | Tue. |
|---------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Cape Coral | 87/70/t | 88/70/t | 89/69/t | Miami | 85/74/t | 84/73/t | 88/73/pc |
| Clearwater | 86/72/t | 87/71/t | 86/71/t | Okeechobee | 84/67/t | 85/67/t | 90/67/t |
| Coral Springs | 84/73/t | 85/70/t | 89/72/pc | Orlando | 86/69/t | 87/67/t | 90/67/t |
| Daytona Beach | 81/69/t | 83/66/t | 86/66/t | Pembroke Pines | 85/73/t | 86/71/t | 89/72/pc |
| Ft. Laud. Bch | 84/74/t | 84/73/t | 87/72/pc | St. Augustine | 80/70/t | 83/67/t | 86/65/t |
| Fort Myers | 87/70/t | 87/70/t | 90/69/t | St. Petersburg | 86/72/t | 86/69/t | 88/70/t |
| Gainesville | 83/64/t | 86/65/t | 88/64/t | Sarasota | 86/70/t | 85/68/t | 87/69/t |
| Hollywood | 85/74/t | 86/71/t | 89/72/pc | Tallahassee | 80/66/t | 84/64/t | 88/62/t |
| Homestead AFB | 84/73/t | 83/71/t | 87/72/pc | Tampa | 86/69/t | 87/70/t | 86/70/t |
| Jacksonville | 82/66/t | 84/66/t | 87/64/t | W. Palm Bch | 83/73/t | 84/70/t | 88/71/pc |
| Key West | 84/77/pc | 84/75/t | 85/74/pc | Winter Haven | 85/69/t | 86/67/t | 88/68/t |

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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TAKE A ROCK 'N' ROLL MOTHER'S DAY QUIZ

By Tom Borgman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Actually, more often than not, it's Mama and not Mother in rock 'n' roll parlance. But whatever you call her, she inspired some of the most memorable songs in rock. Honor Mom by taking this quiz related to her. Then give her a call and thank her for rocking your cradle.

1. On July 5, 1954, Elvis Presley recorded "That's All Right (Mama)" at Sun Records in Memphis and changed music forever. What was Elvis' Mama's name?

- A. Doreen Melvis Presley
- B. Thelma Velvet Presley
- C. Gladys Love Presley
- D. Wilma Betty Presley

2. According to the Rolling Stone's song released in 1966, what is "Mother's Little Helper"?

- A. Valium
- B. Vince, Mother's personal trainer
- C. Vitamins
- D. Viagra

3. Who wrote the lyrics: "I turned 21 in prison doing life without parole. No one could steer me right but Mama tried, Mama tried."

- A. Snoop Dogg
- B. Hank Williams Jr.
- C. Eminem
- D. Merle Haggard

4. The Beatles song "Your Mother Should Know" accompanies John, Paul, George and Ringo performing an elaborate dance scene in which of their 1960s movies?

- A. "Help!"
- B. "Magical Mystery Tour"
- C. "Hard Day's Night"
- D. "Yellow Submarine"

5. "Your Mama Don't Dance" reached No. 4 on the Billboard pop chart in 1972 for which duo?

- A. Hall and Oates
- B. Seals and Crofts
- C. Loggins and Messina
- D. Brewer and Shipley

6. According to a 1972 interview with Rolling Stone magazine, where did Paul Simon get the title for his song "Mother and Child Reunion"?

- A. PTA meeting pamphlet
- B. Painting at an art gallery
- C. Chinese restaurant menu
- D. Newspaper headline

7. "Mama Told Me Not to Come" was a No. 1 hit for Three Dog Night in 1970. Complete the lyric: "Open up the window/let some air into this room/I think I'm almost chokin'/from the smell of . . ."

- A. "magic 'shrooms"
- B. "stale perfume"
- C. "poppy blooms"
- D. "your costume"

8. Not the most charming motherly advice ever given, "Mama Said Knock You Out" was a song and album by which rapper turned actor?

- A. L.L. Cool J.
- B. Ice-T
- C. Will Smith
- D. Ice Cube

9. "Mother, do you think they'll drop the bomb?" is the first line of Pink Floyd's song "mother" from which album?

- A. "Wish You Were Here"
- B. "Animals"
- C. "Dark Side of the Moon"
- D. "The Wall"

10. The Mothers of Invention was the sometime backup band for which singer-songwriter?

- A. Frank Zappa
- B. James Brown
- C. Iggy Pop
- D. Neil Young

11. "Mamma Mia!" was a hit for ABBA that became the title of a musical written around their songs, and a movie starring Meryl Streep. Where did the name ABBA come from?

- A. Norse god of music
- B. Traditional Scandinavian cheer
- C. Anagram of their first initials
- D. Chord progression of every ABBA song

12. The Mamas and the Papas had 11 Top-40 singles in a short four-year career. Which was their only single to hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart?

- A. "Monday, Monday"
- B. "Go Where You Wanna Go"
- C. "California Dreamin'"
- D. "Creeque Alley"

13. Willie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton recorded "Ball and Chain," which was a hit for Janis Joplin many years later. Big Mama also had a No. 1 hit in 1952 with which song that later became a trademark for Elvis Presley?

- A. "Hound Dog"
- B. "Don't Be Cruel"
- C. "Jailhouse Rock"
- D. "Heartbreak Hotel"

MOMS ROCK



14. "Stacy's Mom" peaked at No. 3 on the Billboard pop chart in 2003, fueled by the music video featuring scantily-clad model Rachel Hunter. Which one-hit wonder recorded that song?

- A. Five for Fighting
- B. Fountains of Wayne
- C. Bowling for Soup
- D. Baha Men

15. Ozzy Osbourne's hit 1991 song "Mama, I'm Coming Home" is actually about his wife. What's her name?

- A. Sharon Osbourne
- B. Kelly Osbourne
- C. Aimee Osbourne
- D. Jackie Osbourne

ANSWERS:

1. C. Gladys Love Presley
2. A. Valium.
3. D. Merle Haggard. Haggard served time in San Quentin (not life without parole) despite the efforts of his mama, Flossie Mae Haggard.
4. B. "Magical Mystery Tour." Although the song gives Mom her props, it also repeats "she was born a long, long time ago" four times. Rubbing it in.
5. C. Loggins and Messina.
6. C. Chinese restaurant menu. It was the name of a chicken and egg dish.
7. B. Stale perfume.

8. A. L.L. Cool J. His real name is James Todd Smith.
9. D. "The Wall." A disc to give you and Mom that warm-and-fuzzy feeling on Mother's Day.
10. A. Frank Zappa. His wife, Gail, was the mother of Moon Unit, Dweezil, Ahmet and Diva Thin Muffin. But not Invention.
11. C. Anagram of their first initials: Anni-Frid, Benny, Bjorn and Agnetha.
12. A. "Monday, Monday."
13. A. "Hound Dog."
14. B. Fountains of Wayne.
15. A. Sharon Osbourne, who is mother to the couple's three children: Aimee, Kelly and Jack.

DIVERSIONS

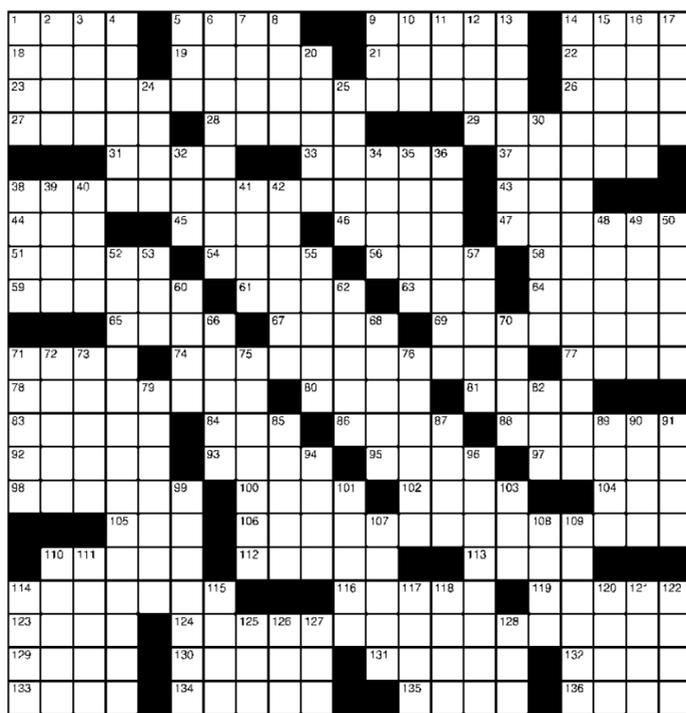
I'LL DRINK TO THAT

ACROSS
 1 Invites
 5 Miami's former county
 9 Wild fancy
 14 Yaks and yaks
 18 Old U.K. carrier
 19 Last stage of insect development
 21 Posturepedic maker
 22 Company with a cool-looking logo?
 23 Music group that can't march in a straight line?
 26 Iditarod terminus
 27 Doomed mission
 28 German menace
 29 Quip
 31 Hill regulars
 33 "There!"
 37 Change for the better
 38 Preoccupied with a green liqueur?
 43 ER procedure
 44 Waitress at Mel's
 45 Put a line through, maybe
 46 Serb, for one
 47 California locale where "Maria Maria" fell in love, in a Santana hit
 51 Brindled cat
 54 Spreadsheet input
 56 Times to remember
 58 New England seafood
 59 Engross
 61 See-through item
 63 NBC post-prime time staple
 64 Bundle
 65 One with a mouse
 67 Garfield's "purebred clown"
 69 Manhattan Project, e.g.
 71 Growl
 74 Draft critiques?
 77 "... long ___ both shall live?"
 78 Reuben component
 80 Summers on the Seine
 81 Opera starter?
 83 Sandbox reply
 84 Letters in TV Guide
 86 Genesis grandson
 88 Home of The Trop

92 Flowering tropical plant
 93 One may involve scales at La Scala
 95 Shepeak this way
 97 Daisy lookalike
 98 Belle and Bart
 100 ___ buco
 102 Sylvan bounders
 104 Beach shade
 105 Linguistic ending
 106 Single-malt liquor store
 110 Ghanaian former U.N. leader
 112 Perot's "giant sucking sound" maker
 113 Chick chaser?
 114 Precipitated, in a way
 116 "To recap ..."
 119 Speed reader?
 123 Lobster delicacy
 124 New Year's Eve assurance?
 129 Little bit
 130 Many a chat room visitor
 131 Had a bug
 132 View from Presque Isle State Park
 133 Small-runway aircraft acronym
 134 Swampy tract
 135 Brand of women's socks
 136 Old wanted poster word

DOWN
 1 Magician's opening
 2 Motown genre
 3 ___ Sutra
 4 Red Lobster offering
 5 Finished
 6 Attacked from hiding
 7 Apply, as finger paint
 8 Thick & Fluffy breakfast brand
 9 U.S. Army medal
 10 Antique auto
 11 Sympathetic attention
 12 French high spot
 13 Forgotten social network
 14 Spicy liqueur?

By PAMELA AMICK KLAWITTER



Solution on page 5B

15 Item in a fall stash
 16 Hit the roof
 17 Come across as
 20 Early Norwegian king
 24 Whistle time
 25 Preppy jackets
 30 Gridlock
 32 Old Ford luxury car
 34 Warming the bench, maybe
 35 Some corporate rides
 36 Forward motion
 38 Mennen product
 39 Run off at the mouth
 40 Convulsive sounds
 41 Its frequent flier program is called Matmid
 42 High streaker
 48 Financial off.
 49 Rich, as soil
 50 Charge based on line count, perhaps
 52 "Another Wild Turkey, please," e.g.?
 53 Timeline data: Abbr.
 55 Giant of wrestling
 57 Loses steam
 60 Emmy winner
 62 Número de días en una semana
 66 Vaquero's rope
 68 Chooser's call
 70 U.K. mil. medals
 71 Some clippings
 72 Queens player, briefly
 73 Company name inspired by a volcano
 75 '50s Bears quarterback
 76 Tristan's love
 79 Finds hysterical
 82 One-time connector
 85 Tyler of "The Talk"
 87 Chop ___
 89 Words to a double-crossover
 90 It may be taped
 91 Shore eagle
 94 "No way!"
 96 Overhauled
 99 Native New Yorkers
 101 Old Roman seaport
 103 Checker choice
 107 Hundred Acre Wood mom
 108 Fictional Wolfe
 109 Yoked
 110 Divvy up
 111 "Awesome!"
 114 Some H.S. courses
 115 Indian Ocean vessel
 117 Salon sound
 118 Ubangi tributary
 120 Like some straits
 121 China setting
 122 Robert of "The Brady Bunch"
 125 In the style of
 126 Tillis or Tormé
 127 Cautionary beginning?
 128 Some may be dirt-covered: Abbr.

Motherhood's origin



Pause And Consider
 Jan Merop

What is it that makes a woman so nurturing and willing to sacrifice so much for her children?

She wears her heart on her sleeve and holds her children's hearts forever...even though she only gets to hold their hands for a short while. Why?

When my son was small, his every need was of primary concern to me. When the trauma of divorce kicked down my white picket fence, my impressionable and innocent son went through it with me. Like a mother bear, I instinctively acted to protect him in every way I could. 'Sacrifice' took on new meaning though I didn't think of my actions as anything but love.

Through the blessing of a second marriage, God gave me the privilege of mothering two more sons.

At last, when each one of our sons was ready to spread their wings and fly; when the years of hand holding had long passed, their hearts encompassed my own. No longer in close proximity to where we lived, I learned to cherish each phone call or note; entering into their joys and accomplishments from a distance. I bore their hurts and failures inwardly; yet, with a heart visible to any who cared to notice.

If not for the Who in my life, this would sound like a major pat on the back for me. Likewise the women

who affected my life...my own precious mom, my husband's dear mom and aunts with nurturing influence; along with so many others that have embraced mothering as a serious calling and gift from God.

God's "mother" heart cannot be ignored even as we call him Father. For within his creation of man and woman resides his image.

I need only go to Psalm 139 where being known of God is extolled.

There we see the tender, nurturing heart of God as he creates, cherishes, protects and participates in the plans for our lives.

A mother's thoughts are not far from her children whether they've flown from the nest or not. She recalls them instantly in sweet memories and fervent prayers.

How often does God think of his children? Psalm 139:17 answers that question when it says, "How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand."

Mothering originates with God and we are most blessed when we thank him for that gift. Happy mothering! Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Aries is feeling restless, in need of a change

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Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 20) — It's easy for your mind to wander and get caught daydreaming, Aries. That's because you are feeling a little restless and in need of a change. A vacation may just do it.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, though you're intent on saving money, some situations arise that will require you to open your wallet. But you can handle these unforeseen expenses.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, sometimes you are misunderstood and that can leave you feeling frustrated. It's best not to change a thing, though, because you want friends who appreciate you for you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Exciting prospects are on the horizon, Cancer. This is something you have been looking forward to for quite some time, and you can only count the days until you get news.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Leo, you have to fight for what you believe in, even if that means being unpopular with some friends and family members. Stick with it and you'll like the results.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, though it seems like you are caught between a rock and a hard place, there is a way out. It just may mean swallowing your pride — something you may not find easy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, accept help on an important project and things will go swimmingly. Just be sure to reciprocate that assistance down the line to show appreciation.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov.

22) — Scorpio, sometimes the things you believe to be a big deal really aren't a big deal at all. Simply changing your perception about things can bring on real change.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — The biggest lesson you can learn is how to deal with conflict in a productive way, Sagittarius. If you look at your track record, you just may find that the old way isn't working.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, you have a full plate but somehow you always manage to pull through — even when you are all on your own with the work. Start scheduling a day off.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, you have to be in the mood to finish some projects around the house. Procrastination won't help, but a plan of attack can help you get everything done.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, think about ideas for the future if what you are doing right now is not very exciting. Having a plan can keep you motivated.

Famous birthdays

May 13 — Robert Pattinson, actor (26); May 14 — Miranda Cosgrove, actress (19); May 15 — David Charvet, actor (40); May 16 — Pierce Brosnan, actor (59); May 17 — Bob Saget, actor/comic (56); May 18 — Tina Fey, writer/actress (41); May 19 — Nora Ephron, screenwriter (71).

Adopted daughter is grateful for birth mother's sacrifice

Dear Abby: I hope you will print this on Mother's Day. This Mother's Day greeting is for all those incredibly unselfish mothers who chose to place their child up for adoption. I am an adopted child whose life has been a wonderful journey.

If I could send a message to my birth mother, it would be one of eternal gratitude for allowing someone else to give me the life she was unable to provide. My adoptive parents love me and instilled a value system and belief in God that have carried me through every challenge life has sent my way. I never felt abandoned, but knew that I was chosen by people who were unable to have children.

There is no love like a mother's love. That is why I want to tell all those mothers out there who gave their children to another parent to love and nurture that their sacrifice and heartache became a miracle for so many of us. God bless all of you on this Mother's Day.

— Thankful Daughter

Dear Thankful Daughter: I'm pleased to print your Mother's Day greeting, and I hope it will bring comfort and reassur-

ance to any woman out there for whom today is a reminder of a painful sacrifice.

I would also like to wish a happy Mother's Day to mothers everywhere, be they birth mothers, adoptive and foster mothers, or stepmothers. I applaud you all.

Dear Abby: As graduation time approaches, I begin to shudder. Graduation ceremonies have become more like rock concerts than a time to acknowledge student achievements.

Families, friends and graduates behave horribly, making it impossible to watch or listen to the proceedings. As both a parent and an educator, may I please offer some graduation etiquette advice?

1. Do not yell, blow horns or leap into the air as your special graduate crosses the stage. It's rude, immature, inappropriate and prevents those around you from hearing the names being called and seeing the next graduates. The noisemaking instruments hurt sensitive ears, so leave them at home. Your special person knows you are there and proud of



Dear Abby

him or her.

2. Honor all of the graduates. Each one deserves the same audience as the first to cross the stage. Do not disrupt by leaving after your grad has had his/her moment. Stay seated until all of them have received recognition.

3. Small children do not belong at graduations. They get bored, cry, run around, etc., and I don't blame them. Hire a sitter and let them stay home.

4. The presenters have worked hard to prepare for the ceremony. Listen to them and behave like the mature, thoughtful adults you expect the graduates to become.

5. Have the wild party after the formal ceremony.

— Frustrated in Columbus, Ga.

Dear Frustrated: I agree that there are certain rules of conduct that should be followed on important occasions — and a graduation ceremony is one of them.

I'm printing your very basic rules of behavior in the hope that they will serve as a reminder to those who have forgotten their manners or never learned them in the

ABC televising Nik Wallenda's tightrope walk over Niagara Falls June 15

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC is turning Nik Wallenda's attempted tightrope walk over Niagara Falls into a prime-time television event next month.

The network said Friday it will devote its entire prime-time schedule to a three-hour special on June 15 with the daredevil's attempt. Part of the show will be an examination of the greatest stunts of all time.

Wallenda is a member of the famous daredevil family. His great-grandfather, Karl, fell to his death in a tightrope walk in Puerto Rico at age 78.

Daredevils routinely used to make tightrope walks over the Niagara River gorge, downstream of the falls, until the practice was banned. Nik Wallenda's stunt will be the first attempted walk over the falls themselves.

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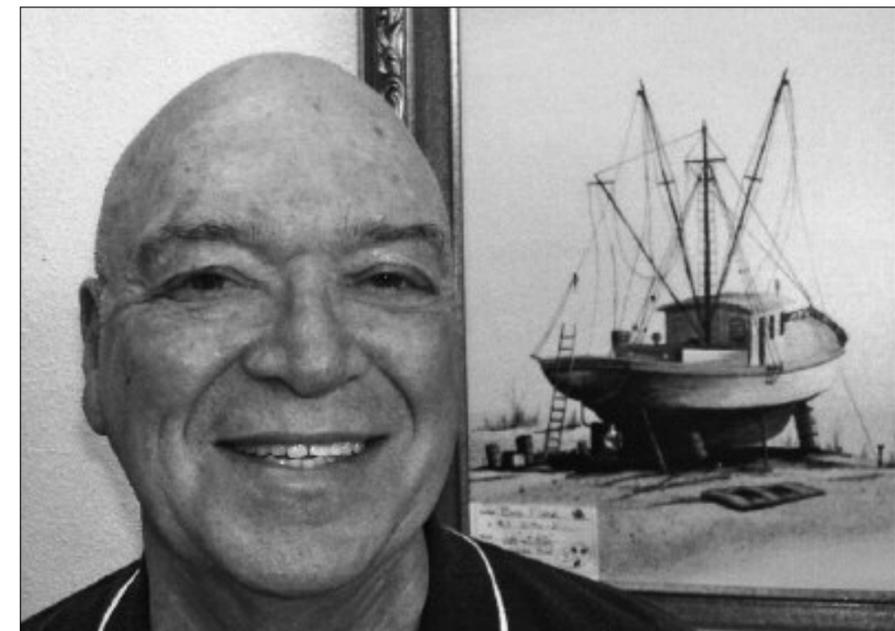
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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Bob Fishel is an artist with The Artists Group in Avon Park.

Bob Fishel, retired to paradise and painting it

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — The SFCC TAG Studio and Art Gallery in the Jacaranda Hotel is pleased to announce the addition of a new TAG artist, Bob Fishel.

In 2003, Fishel, a self-taught artist, retired and started living permanently in his summer home on Lake Letta. He has been working with The Artists' Group (TAG) for two weeks, but will soon be returning to his summer home in North Carolina. In the fall, he'll return to Avon Park to teach acrylics painting two days per week.

Fishel, born and reared in Winston Salem, N.C., has been painting since he was a child. While attending Bible school one summer, his teacher took the kids out in a field to sketch some flowers. As she walked around looking at their art work, she instructed them in how to put in shadows. "My drawing appeared on the paper like magic," Fishel said. "I was hooked."

From then on Fishel started drawing and painting. The first time he ever got paid for his art was in 1955 when he won \$25 in a city-wide safety poster contest held among the three high schools in Forsyth County, N.C. After graduation in 1957, Fishel ran the South Florida Operations for Fruehauf Corporation, the world's

largest semi-trailer manufacturer. He ended his business career as Vice-president of Sales and Marketing for the Asphalt Division of Hilcro Transport.

Fishel bought his summer home on Lake Letta 35 years ago. "My kids were raised on Lake Letta," he said, "fishing and skiing." One son and daughter are doctors married to doctors. His other son is in retail. "I still spend summers in North Carolina and I winter here."

At TAG, Fishel paints a little bit of everything in acrylics and watercolor: Landscapes, seascapes, birds, or coastal scenes. He plans to do more tropical and beach scenes. He also loves woodworking and builds tables, hutches, cabinets and benches out of pine or hardwood. His mother had been in the Salvation Army, which had a large wood-working shop in the basement. Fascinated, Fishel began to enjoy woodworking and still carves decoys and shore lines.

Fishel's paintings for sale at TAG include "Off Season" (old house on beach), 12-by-24 inches, \$180; "You Looking at Me?" (three parrots), 12-by-24 inches, \$180; and "Retired to Paradise" (home on Lake Jackson), 16-by-20 inches, \$190.

"I'm very excited to be a part of this TAG group," Fishel said. He praised the

TAG artists for their help in his acclimation and is looking forward to teaching for the college next year.

"I love the quiet, rural atmosphere of Avon Park. It's just beautiful. I used to drive through here and I said, 'I want to check this place out.' My children spent their summers on Lake Letta. I feel as if I really have retired to paradise."

Other TAG artists include: Betty Heim, Kathleen Morgan, Betty McCarthy, Louise Weis and Dr. Nancy Adams. The studio will remain open throughout the summer but classes won't resume until SFCC's fall semester. Art lovers are encouraged to visit the studio on a regular basis to be aware of new paintings and new jewelry as they are completed by the artists. All of the original art and giclee prints are for sale at low prices. Gallery visitors often exclaim, "Oh you should see how much this costs where I live!"

SFCC's cultural endeavors include the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, the SFCC Museum of Art and Culture and SFCC's TAG. Experience all three. Be sure to stop in at SFCC's TAG Studio and Art Gallery in the fabulous Jacaranda Hotel, a must-see on Avon Park's Main Street.

For further information, call TAG at (863) 784-7346.

Wells Fargo presents grant to Toby's Clowns

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Wells Fargo Branch Manager Paula Dillon presented Toby's Clown Foundation with a \$1,000 grant. Sandy "Giggles" Pelski, vice-president, and Jan, "Poodles" Rudolf, executive director, received the grant as part of a community partner breakfast (a corporate giving program) held in Winter Haven at the New Beginnings school on May 1.

Toby's Clowns continues to teach the art of clowning to both adults and children in Lake Placid.

A Junior Joey Class (for children eight to 12 years old) is being held June 4-6 and the adult class is set from June 22-24. Call 465-2920 or 243-9473 for complete details.



Courtesy photo

Sandy 'Giggles' Pelski (left) and Jan 'Poodles' Rudolf (right) accept a \$1,000 grant from Wells Fargo Branch Manager Paula Dillon as part of a community partner breakfast.

Youth programs set at the Lake Placid Memorial Library

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County schools will start the summer break in a few weeks. Children of all ages are invited to visit the library to participate in the summer programs and to borrow materials that will bring fun, entertainment and information during their vacation.

This year, the Lake Placid Memorial Library will be offering two five-week programs for different age groups. The "Dream Big" program for children ages 5-13 will include Native American storytelling, a "StarLab" astronomy presentation, a pajama party, reading and crafts with Miss Kathy.

The young readers will be encouraged to keep track of their daily reading activities on a reading log. Their

names will appear in a star paper chain that will be displayed at the library throughout the summer. They will also receive small incentives as they complete their weekly readings. The five summer reading sessions are scheduled at 1:30 pm on Wednesday afternoons. Dates are June 20, 27, July 11, 18 and 25. Contact the Lake Placid Library for StarLab program's hour on July 11. Children's movies will be shown Saturdays at 2 p.m. on June 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21.

Teens in middle and high school are encouraged to participate in the library's "Own the Night" program. Also a five-week program, it will offer several events including ghost stories, a "Live Clue" game, a monster costume contest, library lock-in, and a visit from the

director of Scott Funeral Home. Teens may also complete a summer reading log in order to gain incentives. Program dates are June 19, 28, July 12, 17, and 28. See the library for specific times and to register. Teen movies will be shown Fridays at 3 p.m. on June 22, 29, July 13, 20 and 27.

In addition to the summer programs, the Lake Placid Memorial library continues to offer free story time for 3- to 5-year-old children every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Lapsits for infants and toddlers through 3 years of age will take place the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

The library is at 205 W Interlake Blvd on the circle. For more information contact Lake Placid Memorial Library at 699-3705 or visit www.myhlc.org/.

Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts
 by Patricia Valentine

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself". Exodus 19:4.

God's strong but loving care in delivering Israel from Egypt is compared to that of an eagle. As she leads her young from the nest, she flies under them, guiding their journey. And if they become weary, she carries them home on her wings. God is our guide. When we cannot go on any longer, he carries us to our destination. You can always count on the strength of his wings, for they will never let you fall. That's the same strength we have in our mothers. She will be there when everyone else leaves. Show her that you love her on this Mother's Day. From my heart to all the mothers, **Happy Mother's Day!**

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FBLA attends conference



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The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) from Avon Park High School (APHS) and Avon Park Middle School (APMS) attended their State Leadership Conference in Orlando last month. Students attending were (back row, from left) Kenneth Millan, Koy McGrath, Kyle Jahna, Kenny McGrath, Mitchell Guernndt, and Zack Farr; (middle row, from left) Jocelyn Jackson, Kathryn Millan, Kristie Millan, Emily Whitman, Jordan Jackson, Juliana Jackson, Wade Jackson (advisor); and (front row, from left) Lorie Ann Love, Sara Heier, Kami McGrath, Nick Ramnarain and Christopher Loomis.



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Five Avon Park High School students placed in their events at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference and are the Florida alternate to compete at the National Leadership Conference in July in Texas. They are Juliana Jackson (front left), who placed fourth in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, as well as the APHS Parliamentary Procedure team consisting of Kyle Jahna (back row from left), Mitchell Guernndt and Zack Farr, Mitchell Guernndt, Kyle Jahna and Emily Whitman (front right).

Locals graduate from Florida Gulf Coast University

Special to the News-Sun
FORT MYERS — The following local residents recently graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University:

Jessie Tomblin of Avon Park graduated with a bachelor of arts from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alexandra Brock of Avon Park graduated with a bachelor of science from the College of Professional Studies.

Amanda Gallegos of Lake Placid graduated with a bachelor of arts from the College of Arts and Sciences.

MarQuavius Crenshaw of Lake Placid graduated with a

bachelor of science from the College of Business.

Casey Gallatin of Lake Placid graduated with a bachelor of science from the College of Professional Studies.

Amber Copeland of Sebring graduated with a master of science from the College of Health Professions.

Ashley Hoffner of Sebring graduated with a bachelor of arts from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Whitney Belcher of Sebring graduated with a bachelor of science from the College of Business.

Park Elementary Science Night offers NASA guest speaker and rockets

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Exciting things are happening at Park Elementary. The school will be hosting its annual Science Night on May 17th from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday. The public is invited to attend this big event.

Guest speaker Ann Micklos is an engineer who works at Kennedy Space Center and was a tile specialist on the former space shuttle program. She will share her experiences and challenges she experienced while working on the shuttle.

"Ms. Micklos will be an inspiration to our students especially the girls who may consider science or math as a career. We are honored to have been chosen to have her come to our school," said JoLynne Crout-Deuel, science specialist and co-coordinator of the Science Night at the school.

Every grade level in the school has been working for months to prepare for this big event. All classrooms have been doing a class experiment where they are learning the scientific method and process.

Grant money awarded to Brenda Anderson, Libby Ayala, Dianne Mc Pherson, Nola Wright, Cathy Johnson, Jennifer Barber, and Crout-Deuel through the Highlands County Education Foundation and another grant to Crout-Deuel from the Southwest Florida Water Management District were used to do scientific study in a newly built garden area. Each class planted seeds, vegetable plants, or Florida friendly plants in the garden and observed their growth changes.

"We even have hydroponic stackers," said Anderson.

The grants also allowed Crout-Deuel's classes to purchase rain barrels to learn about water conservation. Airoponics was tried and the school built a coy fish pond, and an erosion table in the enclosure. Tours of the handicapped accessible garden will be given Science Night as well.



Courtesy photo

Dylan Branch, Mason Huertas, and Martin Parra prepare their project for Science Night at Park Elementary School.

Fourth and fifth grade students paired up to build, experiment, collect data and drew conclusions from what they learned about their self-designed projects. Every student performed their own hands-on experiment and was proactive in synergizing to learn about the scientific method.

The teachers and staff at the school used the project to teach students to take responsibility for their own learning as they practiced their "Covey" skills. Teachers are hoping these skills will teach and lead students to be responsible learners and future leaders in our community. Basis for all projects

were taken from the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

The evening will end with an exciting rocket launching by Daniel Deuel, retired United Space Alliance engineer who worked at Kennedy Space Center on the space shuttle project.

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Forty-five teachers and staff, combining 883 years of experience retired this year from the school district. Twenty of them stopped by The School Board of Highlands County Tuesday evening for a farewell reception and recognition. (Back row from left) Theolia Williams, Paul Williams Jr., Mary Comers, Thomas Scobey, Rachel Perez, William Avedisian, Katherine Main, John Altic, Dolores Libby and Douglas Fairchild. (Front row from left) Stephen Young, Linda Wortinger, Carole Dishler, Elizabeth Sizemore, Clara Brassell, Mary Ann Overfield, Brenda Anderson, Mary Lillpop, Roy Allen, and Linda Alexander.

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Butterflies provide many benefits

Butterflies may be one of the most beautiful and fascinating creatures on the planet. These insects are very unusual and interesting because of the many stages of life they go through.

The term to describe these life cycle phases is metamorphosis. Wikipedia defines the term as "a biological process by which an animal physically develops after birth or hatching, involving a conspicuous and relatively abrupt change in the animal's body structure through cell growth and differentiation. Metamorphosis is usually accompanied by a change of habitat or behavior."

When a butterfly egg hatches, what comes out of the shell is a tiny caterpillar. As the caterpillars age, they go through several stages of growth and shed their skin between each stage. The larger and older they get, the more their colors stand out.

After the caterpillars have eaten their fill of the "host plant" for about two weeks, they move to a safe place and hang upside-down where they curl up into a "J" formation. They'll hang that way until they shed their skin a final time and turn into a chrysalis.

About 10 days later, the butterfly will emerge from the chrysalis. The abdomen will be puffy with fluid. Some will be pumped into the wings to extend them, and the rest will be excreted. Then the creature will have to hang upside-down for a couple of hours to dry out its wings before it can fly. It is important for the insect to do this upside-down hang to dry the wings, otherwise the wings can dry bent and it will not be able to fly.

Attracting butterflies to urban and rural areas is very rewarding. One can watch the life stages from egg to winged creature. By providing the right kind of plants, butterflies will not only lay their eggs in an area, but stay to dine.

Creating a butterfly garden can be complex or simple. If space is a problem, a simple windowsill garden will suffice. For the butterfly diehard, an entire yard or even acres can be planted to attract the colorful insects. Butterfly gardening does require knowledge of the creature's plant preferences and a little bit of gardening savvy.

Different species of butterflies are attracted to different plants. A simple Internet search will offer an enormous amount of information on butterfly plants. Florida is home to more than



Zebra caterpillars munch on their host plant, the native passion vine *Passiflora Vines*. Courtesy photo

180 species of butterflies so a variety of nectar and larval host plants is best. The nectar producing plants will attract the creatures and the larval food plants will keep them coming year after year.

The first step is to find out what types of butterflies are in the area. Deciding which butterflies to attract is important in the selection of plants. Second, make a list of larval and nectar plants. Once this information is gathered, its time to start planting.

One butterfly that is found in Florida is the zebra heliconian (*Heliconius charithonia*). This beautiful creature has long and slender wings with narrow yellow stripes. It has a wing span of 2.5 to 4 inches. These beautiful creatures lay their eggs in groups on their host plant, native passiflora vines (passion vine). Once the tiny yellow eggs hatch into caterpillars, they munch on the passion vine until they enter into their chrysalis stage.

Once they emerge as a beautiful butterfly, they are looking for nectar and pollen. Firebush is a favorite plant of the zebra heliconian. Other plants they enjoy are lantana and shepherd's needle. These plants, which provide the food they need in their butterfly stage, are called nectar plants.

Another Florida butterfly is the monarch (*Danaus plexippus*). This beautiful bright orange creature has a wingspan of about four to five inches. Adult butterflies can be seen basking on a surface to soak up the sun. The females lay their eggs singly under the leaves of most milkweeds. The milkweed is not only the host plant for these amazing creatures; they also feed on the nectar when they are adults.

Milkweed serves the but-



News From The Watershed
Corine Burgess

terfly in more than a host and nectar plant. The larvae and the butterflies retain poisonous glycosides from their larval host plant, the milkweed. This toxin is stored in the bodies of both the caterpillar and adult. Birds and other predators find milkweed fed butterflies extremely distasteful. This highly effective defense strategy shields them against almost all predators that soon learn to avoid these species after attempting to eat them.

However, if milkweed is not available or hasn't bloomed yet, they will feed on other flowers which include dogbane, lilac, red clover, lantana, thistles, goldenrods, blazing stars, ironweed and tickseed sunflowers.

Hundreds of other species of butterflies and moths can be attracted to areas simply by a little creative gardening. Butterflies bring many benefits.

Of course, the obvious advantage to having these creatures around is their magnificent beauty. However, areas abundant in butterflies are also rich in other invertebrates, which provide a wide range of environmental benefits including pollination and natural pest control.

Moths and butterflies are an important element of the food chain and are prey for birds, bats and other insectivorous animals. In addition, these winged wonders are educational. Scientists have learned much from the

insect by studying intricate wing patterns and iridescence, and as examples of insect migration.

Butterflies and moths have developed their own suite of chemicals to discourage predators and parasites, find a mate, and overcome the chemical defenses of its host plant. Many of these chemicals have value to humans. For example, powerful antibiotics have been found in the meadow brown, a common species of butterfly.

Countless other benefits have been enjoyed by humans for many years. So this spring why not plant a butterfly garden and reap the many benefits that these picturesque creatures bring?

Corine Burgess is an Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.

Loretta Lynn wants Zoey Deschanel in her musical

By CAITLIN R. KING
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country Music Hall of Fame member Loretta Lynn is taking her life story to Broadway, and she has tapped film and TV actress Zoey Deschanel to play her on stage.

Lynn, 80, unveiled plans for a musical adaptation of "Coal Miner's Daughter" during a Grand Ole Opry show at the Ryman Auditorium on Thursday night. Wearing one of her signature long sleeve, floor length dresses, the singer blew through four songs before bringing Deschanel onstage to sing the title tune.

The announcement mirrored the way Lynn invited actress Spacek on the Opry stage in 1979 to reveal that Spacek would play her in the upcoming film. Spacek later won an Academy Award for her portrayal of Lynn.

"I have a friend here tonight. I don't know if ya'll remember when Sissy Spacek was with me. I brought her out here with me. She about fainted," Lynn said with a laugh. "She went on to do the 'Coal Miner's Daughter,' and you know from there. Well, there's a little girl back stage that's going to do the play of 'Coal Miner's Daughter' on Broadway," Lynn continued. "Zoey, where you at honey?"

Deschanel, 32, the star and a producer of the Fox comedy "New Girl," then emerged in a short, vintage-inspired white dress. She grabbed Lynn's hand and flashed a dazzling smile.

"Are you going to help me sing 'Coal Miner's Daughter'?" asked Lynn.

"I'm going to help you sing," said Deschanel, who has been nominated for a Grammy Award. "This is a great honor for me."

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Heeere's Johnny Carson, an 'American Masters' film

By FRAZIER MOORE

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Johnny Carson didn't invent late night, whose all-encompassing darkness, according to Genesis, even predates TV by many millennia.

Nor did Carson invent late-night talk shows. He didn't invent their desk-and-couch format or the monologue with which they typically begin, or the game of golf, which inspired the golf swing he stylishly mimed to finish his own monologue each night.

Carson didn't invent the talk-show host's sidekick, or the obligatory house band. Even many of his most popular comic characters were lifted brazenly from other performers, such as Jackie Gleason and Jonathan Winters.

So what set Carson apart? Why is he unrivaled by any other TV comedian or late-night star? What made him a trusted, enduring, influential and altogether likable presence unmatched by anyone in the history of the medium except, arguably, Walter Cronkite and Oprah Winfrey?

Finding out is the mission of "Johnny Carson: King of Late Night," a two-hour "American Masters" portrait premiering Monday at 9 p.m. EDT on PBS (check local listings).

A few stats gathered for the film begin to tell the tale: With his debut as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show" 50 years ago this October, until his exit on May 22, 1992, he was seen by more people on more occasions than anyone else in American history.

Carson reigned for nearly 30 years, hosting 4,531 episodes and receiving 23,000 guests. For most of his run, he had no competition, or none that mattered. His nightly viewership, averaging as much as 15 million, was more than the current audience of "Tonight" successor Jay Leno and CBS rival David Letterman combined.

But who was he? "King of Late Night" does a fine job of penetrating the familiar veneer of Carson, a preternaturally private man in spite of his vast, decades-spanning exposure.

He grew up in small-town



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Johnny Carson will be the subject of an 'American Masters' portrait on PBS Monday night.

Nebraska, the son of a father who worked at the local power company and an emotionally withholding mother whose approval he seems to have sought, fruitlessly, his entire life.

But as a boy, he discovered the way to win approval — at least from others — was by performing magic: "You can be the center of attention without being yourself," he explains as an adult.

This led to showbiz as his chosen profession. And after college, he landed a job at an Omaha radio station, where, with the advent of TV soon after, he hosted a program on the infant medium. A

1950 film clip captures him at work, blinking and breathless behind his desk — much in contrast to the cool, unflappable on-air manner he would grow into, but with the boyish looks and robust, man's voice he kept for a lifetime.

Soon he went to Los Angeles, where he hosted a sketch-comedy show on a local station. He scored a prime-time network show on CBS, but it flopped. Then, his career flaring out, he retreated to New York in 1957 to host a daytime quiz show for also-ran ABC.

During his five years on "Who Do You Trust?" he

was able to establish himself as an attractive, quick-witted personality, while building bonds with his chosen sidekick, Ed McMahon, who, of course, would remain at his side for the rest of his career.

Hired to replace the departing Jack Paar on "The Tonight Show," Carson made his first appearance on Oct. 1, 1962. No video exists of his debut, just an audio tape that finds him sounding cool and confident even as he jokes about his jitters.

"King of Late Night" follows Carson from there all the way to his retirement from the show (and, as it turned out, his total withdrawal from the public scene) in 1992, and his death, at age 79, in 2005.

Narrated by Kevin Spacey, "King of Late Night" is written, directed and produced by Emmy- and Peabody-winning filmmaker Peter Jones, who for years penned an annual letter to Carson seeking his cooperation in the creation of a documentary about him. Carson always declined, but after his death, Jones successfully approached Carson's

nephew, Jeff Sotzing, who controls his uncle's archives.

From that vast trove comes many clips from "Tonight," including classic moments such as Ed Ames' misdirected hatchet throw and novelty singer Tiny Tim's 1969 marriage to Miss Vickie, which drew 45 million viewers — 85 percent of all television viewers. There are also home movies and personal photos.

The film hears from dozens of performers and colleagues, as well as from the second of Carson's four wives, Joanne. All of them labor to explain him and his appeal.

"This is a guy who was as familiar as a bedtime story," says Arsenio Hall in a pithy description of the man who put so many viewers to bed every night. Hall, whose syndicated show arrived in 1989 to become Carson's only real threat, is lavish in his praise of Carson as an interviewer: "He had the perfect barometer in his head for when to go and when to stay out. He could save you if the show needed it, or he could let you do your thing."

In addition, he was a

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■ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

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■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

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■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

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■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delp, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church

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1. "Deadlocked" by Charlaine Harris (Ace)
2. "The Wind Through the Keyhole" by Stephen King (Scribner)
3. "The Innocent" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "Calico Joe" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
5. "The Witness" by Nora Roberts (Putnam)
6. "Robert B. Parker's Lullaby" by Ace Atkins (Putnam)
7. "Unnatural Acts" by Stuart Woods (Putnam)
8. "Guilty Wives" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
9. "The Lost Years" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
10. "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani (Harper)
11. "Sacre Bleu: A Comedy d'Art" by Christopher Moore (Morrow)
12. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
13. "Born of Silence" by Sherrilyn Kenyon (Grand Central Publishing)

14. "The Reverend's Wife" by Kimberla Lawson Roby (Grand Central Publishing)

15. "Skinnydipping: A Novel" by Bethenny Frankel (Touchstone)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson" by Robert A. Caro (Knopf)
2. "My Cross to Bear" by Gregg Allman (Morrow)
3. "Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)
4. "Prague Winter" by Madeleine Albright (Harper)
5. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food from My Frontier" by Ree Drummond (William Morrow Cookbooks)
6. "The Blood Sugar Solution" by Mark Hyman, M.D. (Little, Brown)
7. "The Power of Habit" by Charles Duhigg (Random House)
8. "Drift" by Rachel Maddow (Crown)
9. "Vegan Cooking for Carnivores" by Roberto

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

Martin (Grand Central Publishing)

10. "The 17 Day Diet" by Dr. Mike Moreno (Free Press)

11. "Imagine" by Jonah Lehrer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

12. "The Presidents Club" by Nancy Gibbs & Michael Duffy (Simon & Schuster)

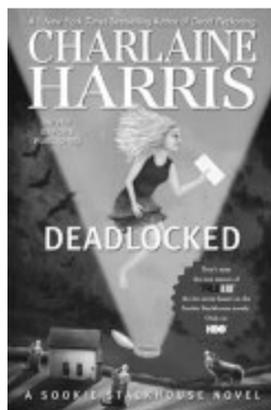
13. "Weeknights with Giada" by Giada De Laurentiis (Clarkson Potter)

14. "Manhunt: The Ten-Year Search for Bin Laden—from 9/11 to Abbottabad" by Peter L. Bergen (Crown)

15. "Total Memory Makeover: Uncover Your Past, Take Charge of Your Future" by Marilu Henner (Gallery)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Vision)
2. "Under a Vampire Moon" by Lysay Sands



(Avon)

3. "The Fifth Witness" by Michael Connelly (Vision)

4. "Buried Prey" by John Sandford (Berkley)

5. "A Clash of Kings" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

6. "Sunrise Point" by Robyn Carr (Mira)

7. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

8. "Mystery" by Jonathan Kellerman (Bellantine)

9. "Chasing Fire" by Nora Roberts (Jove)

10. "Prey" by Michael Crichton (Ballantine)

11. "A Storm of Swords" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

12. "The Affair" by Lee Child (Del Ray)

13. "Vision in White" by Nora Roberts (Dell)

14. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)

15. "Karma" by Carly Phillips (Berkley)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)

2. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)

3. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)

4. "The Last Boyfriend: Book Two of the Innsboro Trilogy" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)

5. "In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin" by Erik Larson (Broadway)

6. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)

7. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)

8. "The Art of Fielding: A Novel" by Chad Harbach (Back Bay)

9. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)

10. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)

11. "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man" by Steve Harvey (Amistad)

12. "Then Again" by Diane Keaton and Anna Quindlen (Random House)

13. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)

14. "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander (New Press)

15. "SEAL Team Six: Memoirs of an Elite Navy SEAL Sniper" by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin (St. Martin's Griffin)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

- **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.
- **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

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- **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

- **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

- **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries**, (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

- **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30

a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

- **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

- **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

- **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

- **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

- **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week serv-

ices Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

- **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

- **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

- **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

- **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org
- **Highlands Community Church**, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

- **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

- **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and

9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

- **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

- **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net. Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

- **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

- **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

- **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpclp.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Traditional Worship 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School for adults to grade school will be from 10:10-10:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study (7 p.m.), Youth Group - (Middle and High School), (7 p.m.), RockSolid (Kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church

offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

- **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com. Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

- **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com. Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org
- **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

- **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 1:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

- **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmyweb.org or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

- **First United Methodist Church**, 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary. Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

- **First United Methodist Church**, 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

- **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

- **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

- **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mural aims to 'fool the eye' in Downtown Sebring

Hahn's work on wall at 659 S. Commerce Ave.

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – If you have driven east on Commerce lately, you may have done a double-take.

A new mural that looks like a real display window with mannequins inside has magically appeared at Kathy's Consignment Boutique.

This style of mural, known as trompe l'oeil, which means "fool the eye," was created by artist James R. Hahn.

The work depicts four different ladies' fashions from the 1920s, '50s, '80s and today, all spotlighted in a row. In front of the faux window, a china tea set and plaque with Sebring's name, all hover magically and seemingly cast real shadows.

The whole idea for the mural came from a referral from Sebring resident Sherri Pickard, who had made many trips to see Hahn's other work and galleries in neighboring cities Vero Beach and Lake Wales. Hahn said, "Sherri has been a friend and proponent of our

'It is an attention-getter and is meant to slow traffic and encourage people to stop and shop.'

JAMES R. HAHN
Artist

art for many years and knew that Kathy Doherty, the owner of Kathy's Consignment Boutique, would be one to appreciate having one of Hahn's works at her business."

With Pickard's recommendation, Doherty contacted Hahn's company, James R. Hahn Productions, and began a dialog of ideas that culminated in the design everyone can see now, in real life. With Sebring's 100th anniversary this year, the artwork is a unique addition to draw more people downtown.

Hahn is best known for his extensive career in art and music, but mostly as being

the original muralist for the Cabbage Patch Kids. His specialized knowledge and skill was honed early on, and he saw how interesting twists of art and ideas can change an area for the better.

The small town where he created murals for the doll phenomenon, has enjoyed decades of tourism dollars and jobs from that one crazy idea. Hahn also had recently been doing work in Sebring, and noticed that the CRA was helping fund revitalization of facades and storefronts.

"We submitted our design to the CRA, with the entire plan laid out and were pleased to find real support for our work, as it is an attention-getter and is meant to slow traffic and encourage people to 'stop and shop,'" Hahn said.

"Kathy's business has such great clothing and accessories, and being one of the last on Commerce before cars continue out to the parkway; we wanted to literally turn heads, to enjoy the mural and shop for treasures



Courtesy photo
James Hahn stands beside the 'trompe l'oeil' mural at Kathy's Consignment Boutique in Downtown Sebring.

in her store."

Other projects from James R. Hahn Productions are in the works for downtown Sebring and the region,

including a new marquee, mural and interior work for Champion for Children Foundation's Circle Theatre. Hahn can be reached through

his website, jamesrhahn.com, and the mural can be seen at Kathy's Consignment Boutique at 659 S. Commerce Ave.

Exhibit celebrates 85 years ago in Lake Placid

Photos, artifacts on display at Depot Museum

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Step back in time by visiting an exhibit that celebrates the early days of Lake Placid by showing photographs, artifacts and information.

The display is titled "Pages from History; 85 Years Ago in Lake Placid."

In 1927, Dr. Melvil Dewey had come here with his wife, Emily, in search of a southern paradise to escape the cool winters of the Adirondacks. As a self-proclaimed reformer he began taking bold steps to develop the Lake Placid Club of the Southern Highlands by creating the amenities that satisfied the "unostentatious comfort" that fulfilled Dewey's vision for both Lake Placid clubs.

The doctor's first local project was the Club Loj in town, then the train station and later the Seven Lakes resort with his two fabulous mansions and finally the Lake Placid Country Club and Golf Course.

The former railway station is the location for the Lake Placid Historical Society that was formed in 1982.

You can discover even more examples of some of the many "firsts" that are an important part of the local history of Lake Placid, then promoted as the "Roof Garden of Florida" at the Lake Placid Depot Museum. There, visitors can learn more about other historically

relevant artifacts affiliated with this exhibit.

Some are new discoveries of treasures from the past and others are recent donations to the Historical Society.

The exhibit is housed in showcases that are graciously sponsored by the Historical Preservation Committee and the Highlands County Board of County Commission. The display was funded by a grant from the Heartland Cultural Alliance.

Lake Placid Museum Coordinator Kay Tarr said, "My goal for this project was to offer visitors and residents an entertaining, yet educational look at Dewey's era in Lake Placid. It is the first exhibit to feature the historic buildings and artifacts of Dewey's era of 1927 through 1931.

"We hope people will want to see even more of the artifacts and the few remaining historic buildings that reflect the boom period of this quant town of Lake Placid, now better known as the Town of Murals."

The Depot Museum is at 12 Park Street W. and is open through May 31 from noon to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Visit the Lake Placid Historic Society's website at www.lphsdepotmuseum.com or call the Depot Museum at 465-1771 or 599-1376 for further information.

A joint ribbon cutting ceremony with Historic

Preservation Commission for Historic Preservation Month, the Highlands Board of County Commission, and the Lake Placid Historical Society is scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Highlands County Government Building at 600 S Commerce Ave., Sebring.

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- Transition Assistance Program – operational at 11 military sites
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Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

Discuss mom's financial future

On Mother's Day, children of all ages thank their moms for the many sacrifices made during their childhoods – and well beyond, considering how many adult children still hit up their moms for a loan or free babysitting.

Unfortunately, for many mothers sacrificing extends well beyond sleepless nights and boring recitals. Women frequently leave the workforce during prime earning years to care for families. Consequently, they often fall behind on pay increases and promotions, so their retirement accounts and Social Security benefits are usually much smaller than men's. Plus, women live an average five years longer than men so their already smaller income

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

P.J. and Crystal Shannon have opened Dynasty Cycles in Avon Park.

Dynasty Cycles revs-up for business in AP

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — P.J. Shannon is a fire fighter for the city. He is also an avid motorcyclist who both rides and works on the machines.

He comes by it honestly, he said, his family owns a motorcycle repair and sales business in South Florida and he grew up turning wrenches and running down the highway.

"My mom and dad got me into this," he said. "I've been doing it basically my whole life, and they have always been my biggest supporters."

'I do everything from motors to custom paint work'

P.J. SHANNON
owner

Now he has opened his own motorcycle shop, Dynasty Cycles at 10 N. Anoka Ave.

"I do everything from motors to custom paint work," he said, and will be selling all makes and models of new and used bikes, as well as accessories. He plans

on steadily increasing his inventory.

"I'll sell on consignment," he said, "and am looking to buy used bikes, then fix them up and sell them. I will pick up and deliver throughout the county."

Shannon made it clear he is not a dealer, but does sell factory-direct parts and extras.

He attended fire school in south Florida, and came to Avon Park in 2010 looking for a better life for his family.

He originally meant to

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SBDC plans seminars

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — The University of South Florida's Small Business Development Center will hold several seminars this month at South Florida Community College's Avon Park Campus.

On Friday, May 18, from 10 a.m. until noon, the topic will be Small Business Administration loans and certifications.

SBA loans and certifications can be useful tools for a small business trying to enhance or strengthen its position in the market, but quite often the nomenclature and procedures can seem overwhelming. SBA, SBDC and other representation will lead a discussion on the what the loans and certifications are and how to apply

Speakers will be Frank A. Velasco of the SBA and David Noel of the SBDC. Admission is free.

The 2012 Small Business Week Growth Conference will be held Thursday, May 24 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

In honor of National Small Business Week, the Small Business Development Center hosts its annual Growth Conference so you can gain the tools and learn the strategies to grow your business with free a morning of speed consulting with business experts who can give

you practical insight toward growing your business.

Schedule: 7:30-8:15 Wells Fargo breakfast; 8:15-10:30, Speed consulting with local consultants, including attorneys, accountants, insurance agents and bankers. There will be several speakers.

On Wednesday, May 30, from 10 a.m. until noon, tax planning will be the focus.

There's no way to get around it—every business must report taxes. But how you pay your taxes all depends on the type of business you have. This class will explore the taxation process and filing requirements for sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.

Speakers will be Pearl Para, CPA and Noel. Cost is \$10.

Also on May 30, from 2-4:30 p.m., there will be a presentation on start-up assistance.

You've got the idea. Now you need to know how get on your way. Starting Your Business is a class that teaches just that. From how to determine feasibility and legal structure to the type of license you will need, this class covers all the essentials that will help you get started. Admission is free.

To register or for more information contact David Noel, 863-835-2066 or davidnoel@usf.edu/.

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LP chamber mixer Thursday

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce will hold a business mixer from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Sandy Pointe Lodge, 1110 Lake June Road.

This location is adjacent to Lake June West Townhomes.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and assorted refreshments will be available. RSVP the Chamber at chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331.

SFCC's Corporate Education offers new training classes

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College's Corporate Education is offering a new CPR Instructor Training program in May.

The CPR Instructor Training program is designed to teach participants the fundamentals of teaching basic life support.

Upon successful completion of the course and succeeding student teaching requirements the Instructor candidate will be issued an American Heart Association instructor card that will allow them to teach CPR and offer AHA course completion cards.

This program will be held Saturday, May 19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SFCC Highlands Campus. The course number (CRN) is 30737 and costs \$135 which includes a course book.

There are special requirements for class. Please contact Lorrie Key for information at 784-7033 or email Corporate Training at corporatetraining@southflorida.edu/.

Seacoast National Bank's 'Furry Fridays' a success



Courtesy photo
Lee Dyce, Seacoast National Bank manager, and Elizabeth Morris, Seacoast National Bank branch specialist, present a check to Amanda Helton, Humane Society of Highlands County shelter manager, of proceeds from the Furry Fridays event.

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — Seacoast National Bank's Lake Placid branch hosted "Furry Fridays" during the month of March to bring awareness to the Humane Society of Highlands County and promote animal adoptions. As a result of the promotion, 18 cats and dogs found forever homes and were adopted. The event generated more than \$200 in donations to the Humane Society.

"We will definitely do this again," said Elizabeth Morris, branch specialist at Seacoast National Bank and the event organizer. "It was very successful and so rewarding to see the animals find loving homes. Every animal that was spotlighted here at our branch was adopted within a

week, and two were adopted right here on site."

Customers and guests were served hot dogs and chips, and Seacoast donated \$5 for each account that was opened to the Humane Society. Attendees donated money and dog food in addition to the bank's contributions.

Seacoast National Bank is the operating arm of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida (NASDAQ: SBCF). With over \$2 billion in assets and 39 branches from Orlando to Palm Beach Gardens and south central Florida, it is one of the largest community banks headquartered in Florida. For more information please the bank's website at www.SeacoastNational.com/.

Dynasty Cycles open for business in on Anoka Ave in AP

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open his business in Sebring, but wanted to be loyal to Avon Park, which had hired and has welcomed him.

Coming from the crowded, fast-paced south, he said, "at first I wasn't sure how I would react to the culture shock, but I like it more every day. It's the best place in the world and I've met the nicest people."

He is building his own bike — currently in pieces — by the front door of the shop. It is a 1964 panhead chopper. "Riding a motorcycle gives you a sense of freedom and pride you can't get anywhere else," he said. "People actually become very close to their motorcycle mechanic."

Shannon hopes his shop becomes a social gathering place for motorcycle fans.

Perhaps because he is a firefighter, Shannon is safety conscious. He will have

weekly specials on oil changes and other routine maintenance, and will provide quick safety checks at no cost for those setting out on long trips. For example, making sure tire pressures are correct.

Shannon said he wants to give back to the community in other ways and plans to hold fundraising runs and events for worthy local causes.

"I'm not trying to make a killing, just a living," he said.

His wife, Crystal, and he are partners in the business as well as in life. They have four children.

She will be in the shop when he is on duty at the fire department.

Dynasty Cycles is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. It will be closed Sundays and Mondays. The telephone number is 453-3050.

Trauma education course



Courtesy photo
Florida Hospital Heartland nurses Lake Placid RN Sarah Smith (from left), Lake Placid RN Jennifer Gentry, Wauchula RN Bobby Garner and Sebring RN Kelly Ashworth attend a trauma education course at Florida Hospital Wauchula. Trauma medical directors and nursing directors from Pensacola Hospital, Tampa General, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Bayfront Medical Center, and St. Joseph's Hospital taught the one-day Rural Trauma Team Development class. This statewide course addresses the educational needs specific to rural communities, and emphasizes a team approach to initial care and resuscitation of a traumatized patient in a systematic, concise approach. Attending were emergency department nurses from Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center in Sebring and Lake Placid, Florida Hospital Wauchula, Emergency Medical Services staff, and paramedic students from South Florida Community College. Funding for the training was provided by a grant from the Office of Rural Health.

Talk about mom's financial future this Mother's Day

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most stretch even further.

I'm not trying to bring everyone down, but rather to suggest that your best Mother's Day gift this year might be to initiate a frank discussion about your mom's personal finances and how she can better prepare for the future. Here are a few topics you might discuss:

— Put retirement savings first. You can always borrow money to pay for college or a house, but you can't get a loan to pay for retirement. If she's still working, make sure your mom is enrolled in a 401(k) plan or an IRA and saving as much as possible.

— Social Security benefits. Even if your mother didn't pay into Social Security through work, she'll be eligible to collect benefits as long as her spouse did. And, if she qualifies under her own work record as well as your dad's, she'll generally receive the higher benefit amount of the two.

The longer your mom waits to draw Social Security, the larger her monthly benefit will grow. Social Security "full retirement age" is 65 for those born before 1938 and increases gradually to 67 if born after 1959. If she meets eligibility requirements, your mom can begin drawing reduced benefits beginning at 62; however, doing so will cut her benefit amount by up to 30 percent. However, by postponing benefits until after full retirement age, her

benefit will increase up to 8 percent per year, up to age 70.

Also keep in mind: Widows can tap Social Security benefits as early as age 60 (50, if disabled). And spousal benefits are available if she's divorced, provided the marriage lasted at least 10 years, she remains unmarried and is at least 62.

Although many states don't tax Social Security benefits, the federal government counts them as taxable income. So, depending on your mom's overall retirement income, she could owe federal tax on a portion of her benefit. IRS Publication 915 has full details.

If your mom begins drawing benefits while still working, they could be significantly reduced depending on her income. Read "How Work Affects Your Benefits" at www.ssa.gov for details. (Note: The reductions aren't truly lost since benefits will

be recalculated upward at full retirement age.)

Social Security has a great website for women with information on retirement, disability and other issues — in English and Spanish (www.ssa.gov/women).

You can help your mom estimate her retirement needs by using their Retirement Estimator, which enters her earnings information to estimate projected Social Security benefits under different scenarios, including retirement age and future earnings projections (www.ssa.gov/estimator).

Discussing finances isn't as much fun as a picnic in the park, but your mom will appreciate your looking out for her financial future.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000681
 DIVISION:
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RICHARD R. HIRSH A/K/A RICHARD RAYMOND HIRSH, et al, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 03, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000681 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and RICHARD R. HIRSH A/K/A RICHARD RAYMOND HIRSH; DEBRA L. HIRSH; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; LAKE HAVEN ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 LOT 7, BLOCK 25, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 61, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 5329 IVORY DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33875-0000
 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 sixty (60) days after the sale
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on May 4, 2012.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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 **See Americans with Disabilities Act
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 May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-000061
 GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF,
 VS.
 ROLANDO LOPEZ, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of Court of HIGHLANDS County, will on the 24th day of May, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. EST at HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at 11:00 a.m., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
 LOT 34, PLACID PARK LAND, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 40, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000061 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above.
 Dated this 24th day of April, 2012.
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 /s/ Tia Gibbs
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 Attorney for Plaintiff
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 /s/ Priscilla Michalak, D.C.
 May 6, 13, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000307
 ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY C. FERRELL, et al, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO:
 UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY C. FERRELL, DECEASED.
 Last Known Address: Unknown
 Current Residence: Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
 LOT 379, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 HAS been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, to, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before June 12, 2012, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN 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 contact 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 30th day of April, 2012.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 May 6, 13, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 12-118
 DIVISION PROBATE
 IN RE: ESTATE OF CRUZ F. SANTIAGO a/k/a CRUZ F. SANTIAGO, SR. Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the Estate of CRUZ F. SANTIAGO, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2010, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8118, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives 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 must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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 May 6, 2012.
 /s/ Nidia Santiago
 NIDIA SANTIAGO, Personal Representative
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 /s/ Cruz Santiago
 CRUZ SANTIAGO, Personal Representative
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/s/ Marshal D. Gibson
 Attorney for Personal Representatives:
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 May 6, 13, 2012

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MASTER LIFT STATION REPAIR AND UPGRADES
 RFP No. 12-06
 The Sun 'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District hereby requests proposals for services to repair and upgrade the existing sanitary sewer master lift station located at 4106 Navarre Avenue, Sebring, Fl. Specifications can be found at www.snidistrict.org.
 There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting Monday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m. at the Sun 'n Lake Improvement District Community Center.
 Sealed proposals may be hand delivered or mailed to the District office located at 5306 Sun 'n Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872, Proposal for Master Lift Station Repair Services, RFP No. 12-06, Attention: Michael Wright, General Manager by 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st. Proposals must provide three (3) copies of their proposal. Award will be based on Best Value.
 The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to re-advertise for proposals when deemed in the best interest of the District.
 May 6, 13, 2012

Pursuant to IRC Section 6104(d), the annual return of the Sonni Family Foundation, Inc. is available for public inspection at the office of CliftonLarsonAllen, CPAs, LLP. Located at 435 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to the Foundation's Trustee, Deborah Barber or Marcia Ward, at 863-453-6631 or the Foundation's C.P.A., Tammy Hancock, at 385-1577.
 May 13, 16, 18, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Notice of Public Sale or Auction of the contents of the following storage units located at CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW, 2609 BAYVIEW STREET, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 on 05/24/12 at 9:00 AM. Contents are said to contain Household Goods/Business Items unless otherwise specified.
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 A130 Ferguson, Mary W. - HOUSEHOLD
 F419 Gonzales, Phillip Alan - HOUSEHOLD
 D255 McGehee, Corrine - HOUSEHOLD
 A024 Mendoza, Sonya Rene - HOUSEHOLD
 Sale being made to satisfy landlord's lien. Cash or Credit/Debit Card accepted. Contents to be removed by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the sale.
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 May 6, 13, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000816
 DIVISION:
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JERRY WALDRON, et al, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 03, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000086 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and JERRY WALDRON; CHARLAN WALDRON; CHELSEA WALDRON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL 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; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 LOTS 214 AND 215, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 7017 ASTER PLACE, SEBRING, FL 33872
 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 sixty (60) days after the sale
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on May 4, 2012.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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 May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NUMBER: 11-726 GCS
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 FRANCES MAGGIO, an unmarried woman, if alive and if not, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against FRANCES MAGGIO, and all claimants under any of such party;
 PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC., a Foreign Limited Liability, as Assignee of Provident;
 AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. a/k/a SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF INDIANA, INC., a Foreign corporation; and, MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION 1/k/a MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-titled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 The Property: 5301 Lake Haven Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875
 Lot 16, Block 32, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SECTION TWO, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 61, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 Real Property Tax I.D. # C-01-35-28-030-0320-0160
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of May, 2012.
 SIGNED this 26th day of April, 2012.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk

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 Court Administrator (941) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of publication of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (941) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service (800) 955-8770.
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 May 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000811
 DIVISION:
 JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, ALMA HATHAWAY HEFLIN, DECEASED, et al, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, ALMA HATHAWAY HEFLIN, DECEASED
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL 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
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:
 DWELLING NO. 1-C, INTERLAKE APARTMENTS, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 378, PAGE 276, AS THEREAFTER AMENDED, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 HAS been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with 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 or petition.
 This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 7th day of May, 2012.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 May 13, 20, 2012

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 SIGNED this 26th day of April, 2012.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk

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 May 6, 13, 2012

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 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000811
 DIVISION:
 JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
 vs.
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 vs.
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 PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC., a Foreign Limited Liability, as Assignee of Provident;
 AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. a/k/a SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES OF INDIANA, INC., a Foreign corporation; and, MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION 1/k/a MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; Defendants.
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 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001209
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING L.P., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN ESTEVEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN ESTEVEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 24th day of April, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001209 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING L.P. is the Plaintiff and JOHN ESTEVEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN ESTEVEZ and UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 24th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK W, SPRING LAKE, VILLAGE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS 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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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 contact 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 r 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.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 6, 13, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 11000920GCS
FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,
vs.

JOEL SUAREZ; MARILYN SUAREZ; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, et al.
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 3, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11000920GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, is the Plaintiff and JOEL SUAREZ; MARILYN SUAREZ; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on May 30, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

PARCEL A, LOT 1, LESS THE EAST 3.96 FEET THEREOF OF BLOCK B, ORANGE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 55, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO DESCRIBED AS THE SOUTH 129.25 FEET OF THE WEST 67.04 FEET OF BLOCK B, ACCORDING TO THE REPLAT OF ORANGE HEIGHTS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 129, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS 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 within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2012.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
Dated this 4th day of May, 2012.
Important

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, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000581
DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JONATHAN BAILEY, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 03, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000581 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and JONATHAN BAILEY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JONATHAN BAILEY N/A ELAINE WILLIAMS; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 1, BLOCK 300, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 14, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9 AT PAGE 73, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
N/A 6504 COLMA AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875

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 sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on May 4, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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May 13, 20, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 11-000639GCS
LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN SECURITIES TRUST SERIES 2005-4, et. al.;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of April, 2012 and entered in Case No. 11-000639GCS, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in ad for Highlands County, Florida, wherein LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, is the Plaintiff, and HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN SECURITIES TRUST SERIES 2005-4, is the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT No. 644 Block No.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A
LOT 644 EXHIBIT A

A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART), FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4; THENCE RUN NORTH 90 DEGREES 00'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 102.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 09'06" WEST A DISTANCE OF 524.97; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 59'48" WEST A DISTANCE OF 218.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 12'35" EAST A DISTANCE OF 146.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47'25" EAST A DISTANCE OF 41.84 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27'16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 26.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 32'44" EAST DISTANCE OF 58.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27'16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 32'44" WEST A DISTANCE OF 58.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 316 BLANCO COURT AVON PARK FLORIDA 33825
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.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2012, in Highlands County, Florida.

BOB GERMAINE,
as Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 10-000876GCS
LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.

RALSTON G. PHILLIPS, MICHELLE E. RICHARDS-PHILLIPS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., et al.;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of April, 2012 and entered in Case No. 10-000876GCS, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in ad for Highlands County, Florida, wherein LAS PALMAS RESORT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation, is the Plaintiff, and RALSTON G. PHILLIPS, MICHELLE E. RICHARDS-PHILLIPS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. are the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT No. 650 Block No.
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A
LOT 650 EXHIBIT A

A PORTION OF LOT 12, BLOCK 4, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART), FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 12; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 59'48" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 12, 322.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12'35" EAST, 325.81 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47'25" EAST, 25.99 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 29 DEGREES 15'33" EAST, 58.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 44'27" EAST, 26.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 15'33" WEST, 58.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 44'27" WEST, 26.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 600 E CANFIELD STREET #650 AVON PARK FLORIDA 33825
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DATED this 27th day of April, 2012, in Highlands County, Florida.

BOB GERMAINE,
as Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: GC-11-000600
TAYLOR BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP
Plaintiff,
vs.

ROBERT A. WRIGHT A/K/A ROBERT WRIGHT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT A. WRIGHT A/K/A ROBERT WRIGHT, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 24th day of May, 2012, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:
THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 2, BLOCK 222, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION 20 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 31 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 24th day of April, 2012.

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provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (941) 534-7777, or Florida Relay Service 800-955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 6, 13, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000266

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC3 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff(s),
vs.
WILLIAM H. HAUCK; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on April 24, 2012 in Civil Case No. 28-2011-CA-000266, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC3 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM H. HAUCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM H. HAUCK N/A MARY RAMOS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/A GLORIA URBANOWSKI and UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/A RICHARD URBANOWSKI are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, at 11:00 A.M. on May 24, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:
LOT 358, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS 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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on April 24, 2012.

CLERK OF THE COURT
Robert W. Germaine
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak, Deputy Clerk
May 6, 13, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: GC-09-001115

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,
vs.
GERALD L. DUNCAN A/K/A GERALD DUNCAN; SYLVIA L. DUNCAN A/K/A SYLVIA DUNCAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 24th day of May, 2012, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:
LOT 11, GRAN-LORE RANCHETTES FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 76, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 24th day of April, 2012.

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 6, 13, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000411
Division Civil

CENLAR FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
JENI J. ALTERMAN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 3, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 5092 AND LOT 5093, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 16, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
and commonly known as: 2750 W. SOUTHAMP-TOWN RD., AVON PARK, FL 33825; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 30, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
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May 13, 20, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 11-248 GCS

IBERIABANK, Plaintiff,
v.
JOY THOMPSON; DEROY THOMPSON; SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(1) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment on Foreclosure entered on April 26, 2012 in Case No. 11-248 GCS of the Circuit Court of the Judicial Circuit for Highlands County, Florida, in which IBERIABANK is Plaintiff and JOY THOMPSON; DEROY THOMPSON; SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. are Defendants, I, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida, will sell at public sale the following described real property:

Lot 25, Block A, Spring Lake - Village VI, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, page 21 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida

Property address: 6209 Pebble Lane, Sebring, FL 33876

The sale will be held on May 29, 2012 at 11:00 a.m EST to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on the prescribed date in accordance with Section 45.031 of the Florida Statutes.

/s/ Priscilla Michalak
CLERK OF COURT
May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 11-000474-GCS

LANSDOWNE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and U.S. CENTURY BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiffs,

v.
JOEY D. KOVATCH, individually, RHONDA G. KOVATCH, individually, SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-for-profit Corporation, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said Court, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, at the Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 a.m., on May 29, 2012 the following property:

LOT 15, BLOCK I, SPRING LAKE SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA;

Property Address: 6101 Sherman Terrace, Sebring, Florida 33876.

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.

Dated on April 26, 2012
CLERK OF COURT OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk

Ryan Tables, Esquire
STOLZENBERG, GELLES & FLYNN, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1401 Brickell Avenue
Suite 825
Miami, Florida 33131

May 13, 20, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282010CA000103XXXXXX

WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,
vs
MIGUEL POLANCO, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 24, 2012, entered in Case No. 282010CA000103XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-NC1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, is the Plaintiff and MIGUEL POLANCO; MILAGROS GARCIA POLANCO; US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-NC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 24th day of May, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A PORTION OF LOT 3, AND ALL OF LOT 4 AND A PORTION OF LOT 5, BLOCK 267 OF LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE(S) 12-16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK 267, AS THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY R/W LINE OF AVALON ROAD ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,623.02 FEET AN ARC DISTANCE OF 0.4 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 32'37" EAST AND PARALLEL TO THE LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 3 AND 4, A DISTANCE OF 142.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE REAR OF LOT 3; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 37'58" WEST ALONG THE REAR OF LOTS 3, 4 AND 5, A DISTANCE OF 75.86 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 18'25" WEST AND PARALLEL TO THE LOT LINE COMMON TO LOTS 5 AND 6, A DISTANCE OF 139 FEET TO A POINT ON THE R/W OF AVALON ROAD, THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE R/W OF AVALON ROAD ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,623.02 FEET AN ARC DISTANCE OF 84.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on April 24, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
May 6, 13, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-178

IN RE: ESTATE OF IRENE MARIE SCHOENER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of IRENE MARIE SCHOENER, deceased, File Number PC 12-178, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO VACATE AN EASEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, upon petition of James & Darleen Patrick, will be on the 19th day of June, 2012, at 9:00 A.M., in the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room at 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, consider and determine whether the county will vacate the easement described below and renounce and disclaim any rights of the County and the public in and to the easement and land in connection therewith. The easement is described as: THE SOUTHWESTERLY 1.5 FEET OF THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT ENCUMBERING THE NORTHEASTERLY 10.0 FEET OF LOT 33, BLOCK 60, PLACID LAKES, SECTION SIX, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above. Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discriminatory policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. "Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), 863-402-6508 (TTY), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or email: mbruns@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to permit coordination of the service."

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Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City Of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 10:00 AM, Thursday, May 24, 2012, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §sect.287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §sect.287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

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Heat have an edge on Pacers

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Combined, the players in the current Indiana starting lineup have a total of 90 playoff games between them.

LeBron James and Dwyane Wade — each by himself — have more than that.

So if experience matters for anything in this Miami-Indiana matchup in the Eastern Conference semifinals, then advantage Heat, and in a big way.

This is the first trip to the second round for the Pacers since 2005, and of their starters, only George Hill and David West have ever appeared in anything beyond a first-round matchup.

“I know they’re a very good team and I know they have a good inside and outside game and have a few guys who can get it going,” Wade said Friday. “For the guys that they play, they’re all very talented and they’re very deep.”

The Heat say when they see the Pacers, they don’t see an untried group.

They see a team that won 42 games, something only San Antonio, Chicago, Oklahoma City and Miami topped in the regular season.

“They’ve earned it,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “A lot of teams have talked about circumstances and things that have happened during the course of the year,

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Publix bounces back

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Publix saw an increase in their offense this week, after overcoming a previous loss Thursday night as they beat Sabre Electric 12-6 at the Max Long Recreational Complex.

Publix took the early jump, seeing five runs in the bottom of the second as David DeGenaro, Garrison Dick, Donte Carpenter and Andrew Cordoso crossed the plate, capped off by a

two-run, in-the-park home run from Angel Ortega.

Publix starting pitcher DeGenaro warded off any scoring opportunities for Sabre for the first three innings of play as Luis Cervera battled back to keep his team alive.

Later, in the third, Shaka Machado and Carpenter managed to add two more runs to the Publix lead, seeing the score at 7-0 as the Electric company took their fourth at-bat.

This would be a key

inning as Cervera, JJ Rooks and Josh Williams would take away some of Publix’s insurance runs, turning it into a 7-3 game.

Publix was not going to let them off that easy, however.

DeGenaro led off the bottom of the fourth with a walk and was scored on an overthrow that put Luis Lugo on second base.

Alex Gomez took one for the team and later managed to make it home himself

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
 Angel Ortega celebrates as he crosses home plate after his inside-the-park home run Thursday as Publix topped Sabre Electric.

Glissons gives Pool Paradise a splash

By DAN HOEHNE
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SEBRING — “Those are the kind of games you love to play,” Glissons head coach Ed Crouch said of his Dixie Boys (13-14-year old) 7-6 win over Pool Paradise Thursday. “I’d be happy to play two games a week like that.”

Being on the winning end of things sure aids that feeling as the boys of Animal Supply got a bit of revenge for an equally thrilling loss to Pool Paradise earlier in the season.

“That was a great one,” Paradise front man Dean Frazier said. “A great pitcher’s duel that we took at the end.”

This one shaped up to be much the same as Josh Crouch for Glissons and Daniel Simons for Pool Paradise renewed their face-off.

“Last game I think we struck them out 15 times and

they struck us out like 14 times,” Frazier said of the dominance shown by the two right-handers.

It started out similarly with Simons working through the first two innings without a scratch and striking out two.

Crouch struck out two in the first but the Pool boys drew first blood in the second when Alex Colon drew a one-out walk, stole second and came in on Michael Ford’s single through the left side.

Ford then stole second and advanced to third and then home, on wild pitches for a 2-0 tilt.

But Glissons came right back, with Jacob Littrel taking a walk and one out later moving to third when Seth Cannady’s rope to right ricocheted off the infield umpire for a single.

Crouch then doubled to left to score Littrel and a sacrifice fly off Kyle Helms bat

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
 Josh Crouch had two doubles and pitched well Thursday, but it was his throw from center field that helped cinch Glissons’ win over Pool Paradise.

From Purple and Black to Orange and Blue

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — EDGE Cheer Center’s Josh Heflin makes the University of Florida Coed Cheer Team

Josh Heflin has been a Gator fan his whole life. He has experienced the excitement of watching the games from the stands. Now he has the opportunity of leading the excitement on the field.

This past weekend, Heflin attended tryouts for the Gator Spirit Squad competing for a spot on the University of Florida Coed Cheerleading team for the 2012-2013 season.

The three-day tryout process began on Friday and cuts were made throughout the weekend until the final announcements were made on Sunday evening.

“I was so nervous and excited all weekend,” Heflin said. “But, I felt confident because I went up there as prepared as I could be and just did my best. When they told me I made the team, it was one of the best moments of my life.”

He began preparing for that moment seven years ago when he joined EDGE Cheer Center in Sebring and began competing on their nationally ranked competition teams.

He has been training on his stunting and tumbling skills and was able to impress the coaches with his abilities.

Not that his making the team was a surprise to his current coach, Jenny Rowe, owner of the EDGE.

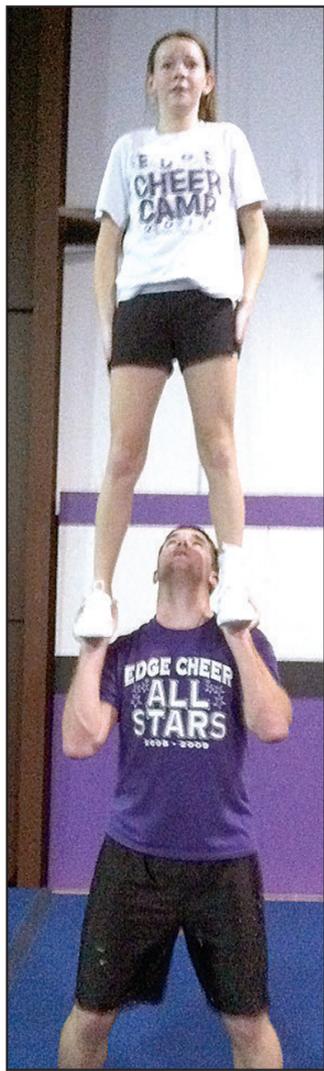
“Josh has always been a hard worker and when he puts his mind to something, he gets it done,” she said. “When he came to me this season and told me this was his goal, we contacted the coaching staff and immediately started preparing him. We are all extremely proud of his accomplishments.”

Getting kids into college and being able to continue their cheerleading careers is a huge goal for the EDGE.

“There are so many opportunities out there for these athletes and so many schools to choose from” Rowe said. “Depending on whether they are looking for competitive collegiate teams, coed or all-girl teams, small or large schools, if they want to cheer in college, we want to help get them there.”

Heflin and Rowe had made a deal earlier this year that if he made the team, she would have to come up and watch him at the games.

“I am not a Gator fan,” Rowe stated. “However, to get to see one of my athletes out on the field, I will happily put on Orange and Blue and cheer him on.”



Courtesy photo
 Through his hard work, multi-sport Sebring student athlete and EDGE Cheer Center’s Josh Heflin earned his way on to the University of Florida Coed Cheer Team.

Panther athletes named Academic All-Americans

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — South Florida Community College student athletes continue to set records for their work inside the classroom.

Panther softball player Morgan Huhn and baseball players Jared Hine and Sam Morgan have been named Academic All-Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

In addition, 16 additional student athletes were recognized with all-conference or all-state academic honors.

“We are especially proud of our student athletes who achieved academic honors in our conference, in Florida, and as All-Americans, said Dr. Norm Stephens, president, SFCC. “Not only do our student-athletes make excellent grades, but they graduate on time, and they are involved in campus student life as well as many community service projects.”

Three different distinctions are awarded to these student athletes based on their cumulative grade point averages.

The highest distinction, the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence, is for students with a 4.0 GPA or higher.

The second distinction, the Award for Superior Academic Excellence, is for student athletes with a

3.8 - 4.0 GPA.

The third distinction, the Exemplary Award for Academic Achievement, is for student athletes with a 3.6 - 3.8 GPA.

The NJCAA Academic All-Americans also must be of sophomore standing.

Huhn, an outfielder from North Palm Beach, received the Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence, the NJCAA’s top scholastic honor, after finishing the 2011-12 academic year with a 4.14

‘This is a tremendous honor for these athletes.’

RICK HITT

SFCC athletic director

grade point average (GPA). She plans to continue her education at the University of Tampa.

SFCC Sophomore Sam Morgan, an infielder from Valrico, also received NJCAA’s Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence and was the FCSAA Bill Tuten Award Recipient.

The Bill Tuten Award is presented to the top student athlete for baseball in Florida.

Morgan completed his second year at SFCC with a 4.0 grade point average and will continue his academic

and athletic career at North Carolina State as an infielder.

Hine, a sophomore pitcher from Valrico, closed out the school year with a 3.69 GPA.

He received NJCAA’s award for Exemplary Academic Achievement.

He plans to further his education at the University of South Florida.

“This is a tremendous honor for these athletes; they are an outstanding representative of the phrase student athlete,” SFCC athletic director and head baseball coach Rick Hitt said. “To be selected from all the outstanding candidates in Florida, this award is truly a credit to their dedication in academics and athletics at SFCC.”

These athletes were also named to the Suncoast Conference’s and the Florida College System Activities Association’s (FCSAA) All-Academic teams.

Several other SFCC student athletes also were recognized by the Suncoast Conference and the FCSAA for their academic accomplishments. They are:

Softball

Amanda Byers: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Julie Deyoe: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

See SFCC, Page 4D

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (x-if necessary) (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2
 Chicago 103, Philadelphia 91
 Philadelphia 109, Chicago 92
 Philadelphia 79, Chicago 74
 Philadelphia 89, Chicago 82
 Tuesday: Chicago 77, Philadelphia 69
 Thursday: Philadelphia 79, Chicago 78

Miami 4, New York 1
 Miami 100, New York 67
 Miami 104, New York 94
 Miami 87, New York 70
 New York 89, Miami 87
 Wednesday: Miami 106, New York 94

Indiana 4, Orlando 1
 Orlando 81, Indiana 77
 Indiana 93, Orlando 78
 Indiana 97, Orlando 74
 Indiana 101, Orlando 99, OT
 Tuesday: Indiana 105, Orlando 87

Boston 4, Atlanta 2
 Atlanta 83, Boston 74
 Boston 87, Atlanta 80
 Boston 90, Atlanta 84, OT
 Sunday: Boston 101, Atlanta 79
 Tuesday: Atlanta 87, Boston 86
 Thursday: Boston 83, Atlanta 80

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 4, Utah 0
 San Antonio 106, Utah 91
 San Antonio 114, Utah 83
 Saturday: San Antonio 102, Utah 90
 Monday: San Antonio 87, Utah 81

Oklahoma City 4, Dallas 0
 Oklahoma City 99, Dallas 98
 Oklahoma City 102, Dallas 99
 Oklahoma City 95, Dallas 79
 Saturday: Oklahoma City 103, Dallas 97

L.A. Lakers 3, Denver 3
 L.A. Lakers 103, Denver 88
 L.A. Lakers 104, Denver 100
 Denver 99, L.A. Lakers 84
 L.A. Lakers 92, Denver 88
 Tuesday: Denver 102, L.A. Lakers 99
 Thursday: Denver 113, L.A. Lakers 96
 Saturday, May 12: Denver at L.A. Lakers, late

L.A. Clippers 3, Memphis 3
 L.A. Clippers 99, Memphis 98
 Memphis 105, L.A. Clippers 98
 L.A. Clippers 87, Memphis 86
 L.A. Clippers 101, Memphis 97, OT
 Wednesday: Memphis 92, L.A. Clippers 80
 Friday: Memphis 90, L.A. Clippers 88
 x-Sunday, May 13: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBD

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE

Philadelphia vs. Boston
 Saturday: Philadelphia at Boston, late
 Monday, May 14: Philadelphia at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 16: Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Friday, May 18: Boston at Philadelphia, TBD
 x-Monday, May 21: Philadelphia at Boston, TBD
 x-Wednesday, May 23: Boston at Philadelphia, TBD
 x-Saturday, May 26: Philadelphia at Boston, TBD

Indiana vs. Miami
 Sunday: Indiana at Miami, 3:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 15: Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, May 17: Miami at Indiana, TBD
 Sunday, May 20: Miami at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, May 22: Indiana at Miami, TBD
 x-Thursday, May 24: Miami at Indiana, TBD
 x-Saturday, May 26: Indiana at Miami, TBD

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 3
 NY Rangers 3, Washington 1
 Washington 3, NY Rangers 2
 NY Rangers 2, Washington 1, 3OT
 Washington 3, NY Rangers 2
 NY Rangers 3, Washington 2, OT
 Wednesday: Washington 2, NY Rangers 1
 Saturday: Washington at NY Rangers, late

New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1
 Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3, OT
 New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1
 New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
 Sunday: New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 2
 Tuesday: New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix 4, Nashville 1
 Phoenix 4, Nashville 3, OT
 Phoenix 5, Nashville 3
 Nashville 2, Phoenix 0
 Phoenix 1, Nashville 0
 Monday: Phoenix 2, Nashville 1

Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 0
 Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1
 Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 2
 Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 2
 Sunday: Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1

CONFERENCE FINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE

Monday: New Jersey at NY Rangers or Washington at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 16: New Jersey at NY Rangers or Washington at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
 Rest of schedule: TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix vs. Los Angeles
 Sunday: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 15: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Rest of schedule: TBA

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| East Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|------|----|
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Baltimore | 21 | 12 | .636 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 20 | 13 | .606 | 1 |
| New York | 18 | 14 | .563 | 2½ |
| Toronto | 18 | 15 | .545 | 3 |
| Boston | 13 | 19 | .406 | 7½ |
| Central Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Cleveland | 18 | 14 | .563 | — |
| Detroit | 16 | 16 | .500 | 2 |
| Chicago | 16 | 17 | .485 | 2½ |
| Kansas City | 11 | 20 | .356 | 6½ |
| Minnesota | 9 | 23 | .281 | 9 |
| West Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Texas | 22 | 11 | .667 | — |
| Oakland | 17 | 16 | .515 | 5 |
| Seattle | 15 | 19 | .441 | 7½ |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| East Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|------|----|
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Washington | 20 | 12 | .625 | — |
| Atlanta | 20 | 13 | .606 | ½ |
| New York | 18 | 14 | .563 | 2 |
| Miami | 17 | 15 | .531 | 3 |
| Philadelphia | 15 | 18 | .455 | 5½ |
| Central Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| St. Louis | 20 | 12 | .625 | — |
| Cincinnati | 16 | 15 | .516 | 3½ |
| Houston | 15 | 17 | .469 | 5 |
| Milwaukee | 14 | 18 | .438 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh | 14 | 18 | .438 | 6 |
| Chicago | 13 | 19 | .406 | 7 |
| West Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Los Angeles | 21 | 11 | .656 | — |

AUTO RACING

SUNDAY

5 p.m. Lucas Oil Off-Road Racing CBS
5 p.m. ALMS – Monterey ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MONDAY

2 p.m. Vanderbilt at LSU SUN

GOLF

SUNDAY

Noon PGA – The Players Championship GOLF
2 p.m. PGA – The Players Championship NBC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Baltimore SUN
2 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee WGN
2 p.m. Atlanta at St. Louis TBS
8 p.m. L.A. Angels at Texas ESPN

MONDAY
7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis ESPN
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Toronto SUN

TUESDAY
2 p.m. Detroit at Chicago White Sox WGN
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Toronto SUN

NBA PLAYOFFS

SUNDAY

1 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Memphis ABC
3:30 p.m. Indiana at Miami ABC

MONDAY
7 p.m. Philadelphia at Boston TNT

TUESDAY
7 p.m. Indiana at Miami TNT

SOCCER

SUNDAY

9:55 a.m. English Premier League, Teams TBA ESPN2
1:30 p.m. MLS – N.Y. Red Bulls at Philadelphia ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

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| Los Angeles | 14 | 19 | .424 | 8 |
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Thursday's Games

Baltimore 6, Texas 5, 1st game
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3
 Cleveland 8, Boston 3
 Texas 7, Baltimore 3, 2nd game
 Toronto 6, Minnesota 2
 Detroit 10, Oakland 6

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Seattle 2
 Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 3
 Boston 7, Cleveland 5
 Texas 10, L.A. Angels 3
 Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 0
 Minnesota 7, Toronto 6
 Oakland 11, Detroit 4

Saturday's Games

L.A. Angels at Texas, late
 Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, late
 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, late
 Cleveland at Boston, late
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, late
 Toronto at Minnesota, late
 Detroit at Oakland, late

Sunday's Games

Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

LEADERS

BATTING

| | AB | R | H | BA |
|---------------|-----|----|----|------|
| Hamilton, TEX | 118 | 29 | 48 | .407 |
| Jeter, NYY | 137 | 23 | 51 | .372 |
| Sweeney, BOS | 102 | 10 | 36 | .353 |
| Ortiz, BOS | 125 | 22 | 44 | .352 |
| Konerko, CHW | 117 | 16 | 39 | .333 |
| Cabrera, CLE | 105 | 18 | 35 | .333 |

HOME RUNS

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|------------------|----|
| Hamilton, TEX | 17 |
| Dunn, CHW | 11 |
| Encarnacion, TOR | 11 |
| Granderson, NYY | 11 |
| Jones, BAL | 10 |
| Reddick, OAK | 8 |
| Hardy, BAL | 8 |

RUNS BATTED IN

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|------------------|----|
| Hamilton, TEX | 40 |
| Encarnacion, TOR | 29 |
| Cabrera, DET | 27 |
| Dunn, CHW | 26 |
| Swisher, NYY | 24 |
| Ortiz, BOS | 23 |
| Butler, KC | 23 |

WON-LOST

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|---------------|-----|
| Sabathia, NYY | 5-0 |
| Weaver, LAA | 5-0 |
| Lowe, CLE | 5-1 |
| Darvish, TEX | 5-1 |
| Shields, TB | 5-1 |

STRIKEOUTS

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Hernandez, SEA | 58 |
| Sabathia, NYY | 53 |
| Darvish, TEX | 51 |
| Verlander, DET | 48 |
| Weaver, LAA | 47 |

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|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| San Francisco | 15 | 17 | .469 | 6 |
| Arizona | 15 | 18 | .455 | 6½ |
| Colorado | 13 | 18 | .419 | 7½ |
| San Diego | 11 | 22 | .333 | 10½ |

Thursday's Games

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 2
 Houston 1, Pittsburgh 0
 Philadelphia 7, San Diego 3
 Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 5
 Washington 7, Cincinnati 3
 Milwaukee 8, Chicago Cubs 7, 13 innings

Friday's Games

Atlanta 9, St. Louis 7, 12 innings
 Arizona 5, San Francisco 1
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 3

Saturday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, late
 Houston at Pittsburgh, late
 San Diego at Philadelphia, late
 Washington at Cincinnati, late
 Atlanta at St. Louis, late
 San Francisco at Arizona, late
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, late

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
 Washington at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
 Houston at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
 San Diego at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Arizona, 4:10 p.m.

LEADERS

BATTING

| | AB | R | H | BA |
|-------------|-----|----|----|------|
| Wright, NYM | 106 | 21 | 41 | .387 |
| Jay, STL | 93 | 17 | 35 | .376 |
| Kemp, LAD | 112 | 29 | 42 | .375 |
| Furcal, STL | 127 | 24 | 46 | .362 |
| LaHair, CHC | 92 | 14 | 33 | .359 |

HOME RUNS

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|---------------|----|
| Kemp, LAD | 12 |
| Beltran, STL | 12 |
| Bruce, CIN | 10 |
| Braun, MIL | 10 |
| LaHair, CHC | 8 |
| 6 tied with 7 | |

RUNS BATTED IN

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|---------------|----|
| Ethier, LAD | 32 |
| Beltran, STL | 31 |
| Freeman, ATL | 27 |
| Kemp, LAD | 27 |
| Freese, STL | 26 |
| Gonzalez, COL | 26 |

WON-LOST

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| Lynn, STL | 6-0 |
| Capuano, LAD | 5-0 |
| Lohse, STL | 5-1 |
| Bumgarner, S-F | 5-2 |
| Nolasco, MIA | 4-0 |
| Cueto, CIN | 4-0 |
| Lilly, LAD | 4-0 |
| Cishek, MIA | 4-0 |

STRIKEOUTS

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|-----------------|----|
| Strasburg, WAS | 51 |
| Gonzalez, WAS | 50 |
| Greinke, MIL | 46 |
| A. Sanchez, MIA | 46 |
| Worley, PHL | 45 |

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Selected the contract of LHP Dana Eveland from Norfolk (IL). Placed RHP Matt Lindstrom on the 15-day DL. Designated INF Zelous Wheeler for assignment.
 BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired OF Scott Podsednik from the Philadelphia Phillies for cash considerations.

National League
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated LHP Josh Outman from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Drew Pomeranz to Colorado Springs (PCL).

Citrus Golf Day

SEBRING – Highlands County Citrus Growers Association and Heartland National Bank present Citrus Golf Day 2012, slated for Thursday, June 7, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The event will begin with a Noon lunch and check in, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Team cost of \$300 includes greens fee for four players, lunch, post-tournament hors d'oeuvres, water, soft drinks and beer on the course.

Also, \$50 gift certificates will be awarded to the winners of special events, including Long Drive and Closest to the Pin for A, B,C and D handicap players.

Range balls and a participation prize raffle ticket will be included for all golfing participants.

For additional information call 385-8091.

LP Chamber 5/10K

LAKE PLACID – The 2012 Lake Placid Chamber 5K/10K Run/Walk Team Challenge will take place Saturday, May 19, beginning at 7 a.m. at the DeVane Circle Park.

Early entry fees are \$10 for students, \$15 for team members and \$20 for individuals – fee the day of the race is \$25.

Register by May 4 to get a Dri-fit T-shirt.

Entering as a team can save on entry fee, as each member of a recognized organization or business team saves \$5.

Teams must consist of at least three members and may be mixed ages and genders.

For more information, call Niki Gregor at 386-1300 or email ngregor@heartlandnb.com.

SFCC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – The summer season is right around the corner, which means plenty of opportunities for aspiring area volleyball players to sharpen their skills and learn some new things at the SFCC Summer Camps, lead by head coach Kim Crawford and members of the Lady Panther squad.

Three indoor camps are going to be held, in addition to two sand volleyball camps.

Four-day indoor camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, July 9-12 and July 30-Aug. 2.

Each day, campers going into grades 6-8 will meet from 9 a.m.-Noon, campers going into grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m., with all campers then enjoying open pool time from 4-4:45 p.m.

Cost for the indoor camps are \$100 per week, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand court, four-day camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 and July 16-19, with campers going into grades 6-12 meeting from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost for the sand camps is \$60 per week or \$20 per daily session.

Individual, private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round for \$20 per hour.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/volleyball, click on "volleyball camp" and print out the Application Form.

Mail the completed form, or bring to the Cashier's Office in Building B.

For more information, call Coach Crawford at 835-2377 or email kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.

Flag Football

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is conducting a sign up for The YMCA/Eagle Youth Flag Football League.

Registrations are for ages 5-15 years of

age. For questions call 382-9622.

Football fundraisers

SEBRING – Sebring football will be hosting fundraisers each of the next two weekends.

This coming Saturday, May 12, the Streaks will be holding a Watermelon Sale, along with Bake Sale and Car Wash at two locations – at the Walgreens in south Sebring and at Eye Express on the north side of town.

The event will go from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with locally grown watermelons for sale, as well as baked goods and a host of hands to give the car a spring cleaning.

On Friday, May 18, the second annual Firemen Spring BBQ will take place at Firemen's Field from 4-6 p.m., with all proceeds going to benefit Sebring football.

For \$8, diners have a choice of 1/3-pound pulled pork sandwich or half-pound chicken, each coming with two sides.

Customers can drive through or dine in and stay for the annual Blue and White game at 7 p.m.

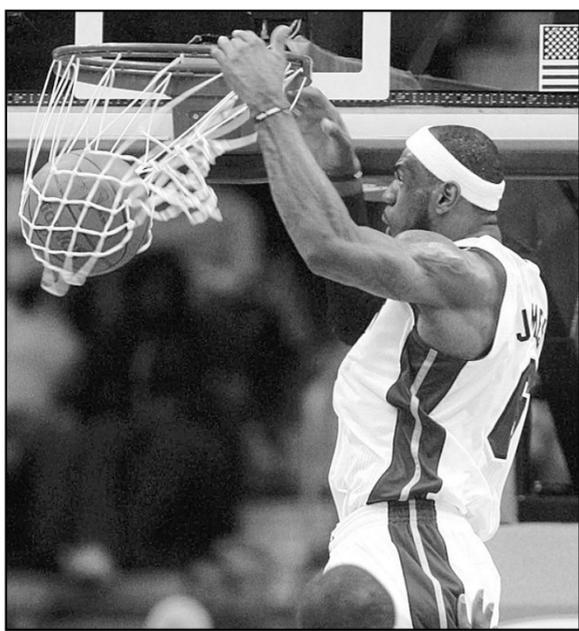
For tickets, contact Coach Scott at 214-3880, or Coach Averitt at 381-4098.

Sebring Cheer Clinic

SEBRING – The Blue Streak Cheerleaders will be hosting a cheer clinic from Monday through Thursday, June 11-14, in the Sebring High School gym.

AP Source: James wins 3rd NBA MVP award

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
Associated Press



MCT photo
LeBron James picked up his third NBA MVP Saturday.

MIAMI — LeBron James loves telling the story about his first MVP award.

In James' first season of organized basketball, he was the best player on an undefeated team, but everyone on the roster got an MVP trophy from coach Frank Walker Sr.

"Right then and there, I knew that this is what I wanted to do," James said Friday.

On Saturday, the Miami Heat forward was set to get another MVP award — one that puts him on a list alongside seven of the game's absolute greats.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press that James will be announced as the winner of the NBA's top individual honor, and that he'll be formally presented the trophy by Commissioner David Stern on Sunday afternoon before Miami faces Indiana in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

James is winning the award for the third time in four seasons.

Only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan, Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Moses Malone have won at least that many MVP trophies.

Abdul-Jabbar won six times, Jordan and Russell five times each, Chamberlain four times.

After this weekend, they'll be the only players with more than James.

"I think LeBron is an MVP candidate every year," Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers said last month. "It's just who he is. He only does everything. So I don't know what more you can ask from him."

"LeBron, to me, is the favorite every year. The years he doesn't win it, it'll usually be because people are just tired of voting for him. Statistically, if you go all-around game, I don't know how you don't vote for him every year."

James said last week that while another MVP award "would be amazing and would be humbling," it's not what drives him.

In his ninth season, James still has not won an NBA title and it's clear that, although he wanted to reclaim the MVP trophy, winning a championship is far and away his top basketball priority.

"I think he's probably as committed as he's ever been in his career," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said this week, asked to summarize James' season. "And he's always been committed. ... We all respond to his energy on the court."

A news conference was scheduled to take place on the court at AmericanAirlines Arena after Saturday's Heat practice.

James averaged 27.1 points, 7.9 rebounds and 6.2 assists — making him only the fourth player with those totals in at least two seasons, according to STATS LLC, joining Oscar Robertson (five times), John Havlicek (twice) and Bird (twice).

Add James' 53 percent shooting and 1.9 steals per game into the mix, and the club gets even more exclusive.

Only Jordan had a season with numbers exceeding what James did this season in those categories — 1988-89, when he averaged 32.5 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and 2.9 steals on 54 percent shooting.

And Jordan wasn't even the MVP that year, the trophy going to Johnson instead.

Voting results will be announced Saturday as well.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant was widely expected to be James' top competition for the MVP, after winning the NBA scoring title for a third straight season.

Chris Paul of the Los Angeles Clippers, Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Tony Parker of the San Antonio Spurs also had seasons that generated some MVP buzz.

James' teammates also lobbied for him to be defensive player of the year this season, noting that probably no one else in the league routinely plays four positions on offense while sometimes being asked to guard anyone from a point guard to a center on defense.

James was fourth in that balloting.

"LeBron has been unbelievable," Heat guard Dwyane Wade told The AP before the playoffs. "He's done it at both ends, every night, offensively and defensively."

Last season's MVP, Derrick Rose of the Chicago Bulls, appeared in only 39 of 66 regular-season games this season because of a variety

of injuries.

His season ended in Game 1 of the Bulls' first-round series against Philadelphia, when he tore a knee ligament.

Many in the Heat organization thought James should have won the award a year ago as well, when he dealt with constant fallout from "The Decision" to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers as a free agent and sign with Miami, where he, Wade and Chris Bosh formed a "Big Three" that has been celebrated at home and reviled in just about every other NBA arena.

James has said he played more out of anger and to silence criticism than anything else last season.

So this season, his mindset changed, with him trying to revert to old ways, first as a superstar-in-waiting at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in his hometown of Akron, Ohio, then during his seven seasons with the Cavaliers.

It apparently worked. "I wanted to get back to who I was as a person," James said.

It's the first time that the Heat will be hosting an MVP celebration.

Shaquille O'Neal won his only MVP award before coming to Miami, and James won the 2009 and 2010 trophies with the Cavaliers — receiving 225 of a possible 244 first-place votes in those seasons.

The NBA MVP trophy is named for Maurice Podoloff, the league's first commissioner.

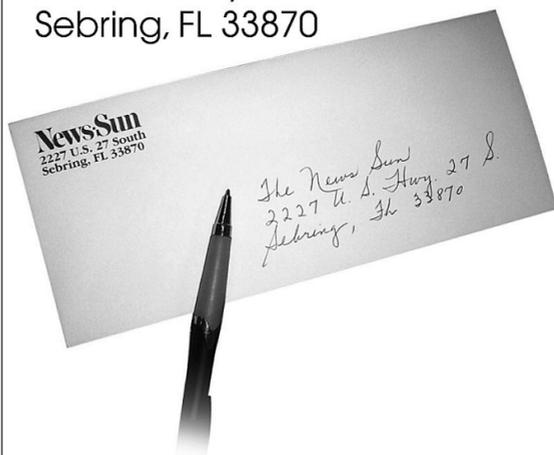
Heat assistant coach Bob McAdoo won the award once, for the Buffalo Braves in 1975.

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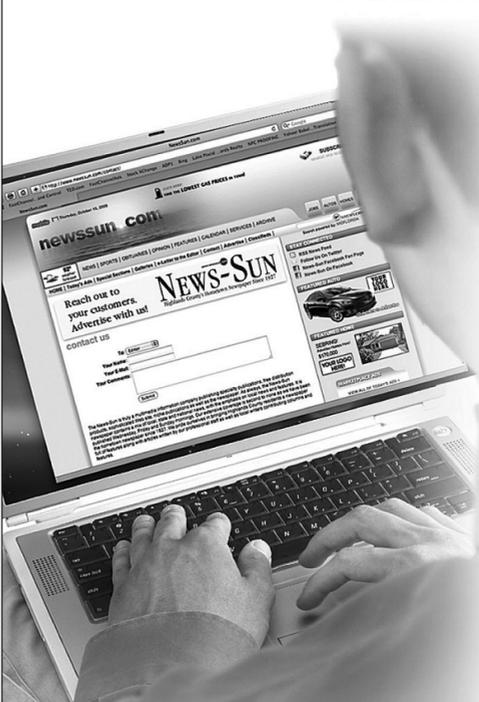


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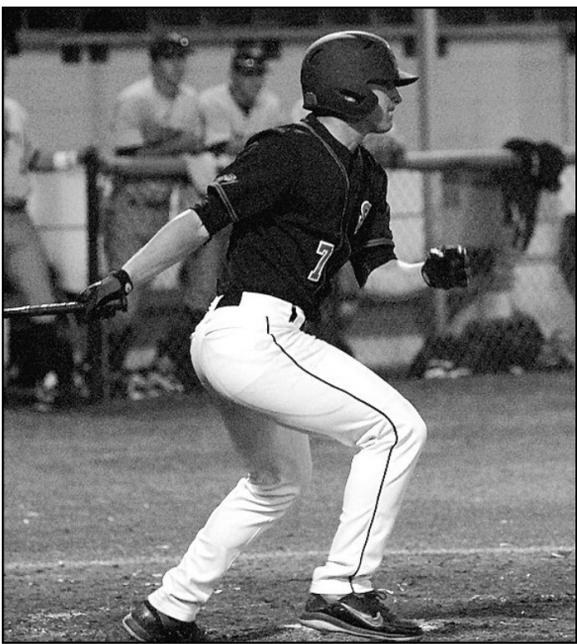
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Lake Placid native David Samperi was one of several SFCC student-athletes to be honored academically as he was named Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State.

SFCC student-athletes honored academically

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Morgan Huhn: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Samantha Peach: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Taylor Upchurch: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Volleyball

Desirae Burris: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Caitlin Carlander: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Shelby Flint: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Samantha Klemp: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Khaleesha Williams: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Baseball

Tyler Anderson: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Jared Hine: Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Evan Lewis: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Justin Machado: Suncoast Academic All-Conference

Travis McPherson: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Sam Morgan: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

Adam Quiles: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State

David Samperi: Suncoast Academic All-Conference and FCSAA Academic All-State.

Dixie win goes to Glissons

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evened it at 2-apiece.

It stayed there until the bottom of the fourth when Pool Paradise stretched Crouch to his limit.

Colon and Ford each singled to start the inning and Rowdy Sebring walked to load the bases with nobody out.

Crouch struck out the next two batters, but a wild pitch during Jordan Austin's at bat brought Colon in, and Austin worked a walk to reload the bases.

In the midst of this, Crouch reached his 80-pitch limit for the day and Cannady came on in relief.

Still trying to get his command, another wild pitch brought Ford home and it was a 4-2 lead, before Cannady closed the inning with a strike out.

Simons was also done for the night after the fourth, with Trey Frazier coming on just in time to see the heavy hitters in Glissons' line-up.

With one out, Cannady belted one over the center-field fence to make it 4-3 and Crouch doubled to right-center to put the tying run on.

Helms reached on an error that sent Crouch home and another error on a Rey Moro bunt brought Helms all the way around and moved Moro to second.

One out later, it was a Gunn single bringing Moro in for a 6-4 lead.

The boys of Paradise weren't going to hang their heads, however, and answered right back in the bottom of the fifth.

Jimmy Peck blasted a double to deep right center and scored one out later when Colon reached on an

error.

Ford then followed with another RBI hit, this a double, to tie it up again at 6-6.

With the time limit of 8 p.m. beginning to loom, the sixth inning would be the final one this night, and Glissons went right to work.

With one out, D.J. McPhail reached and was brought home by Cannady.

An infield single and a hit by pitch loaded the bases, but an attempted bunt was alertly grabbed and flipped home by Frazier for the force, and Trey then struck out the next batter to keep Pool Paradise within striking distance.

That distance grew ever closer when the fleet-footed Austin reached on a one-out single.

He soon stole second and when the ball sailed into center, the coaches yelled for him to keep going.

With Austin flying toward third, Crouch retrieved the overthrow in short center and fired a strike to Gunn, who made the grab and dropped his glove down for the tag, narrowly nabbing the runner for the second out.

Cannady then finished the job with a strike out to end it.

"Both these teams have the big bats at the top of the order, and they're going to get theirs," coach Crouch said. "But it's the guys at the bottom of the order who stepped up and did some key things. And this was a good game for some of our less experienced players as we're really just trying to continue to improve for tournament time."

Both teams are back in action Monday, with Pool



News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

Above: Seth Cannady glides in to make this catch and added a home run in Thursday's win for Glissons. Below: Daniel Simons follows through and though he didn't have his usual command, battled through four innings Thursday. It wasn't quite enough, however, to hold back Glissons.



Paradise at home to face to the Durrah Martin Sabre Electric from Avon Complex to square off with Park and Glissons traveling DevTech.

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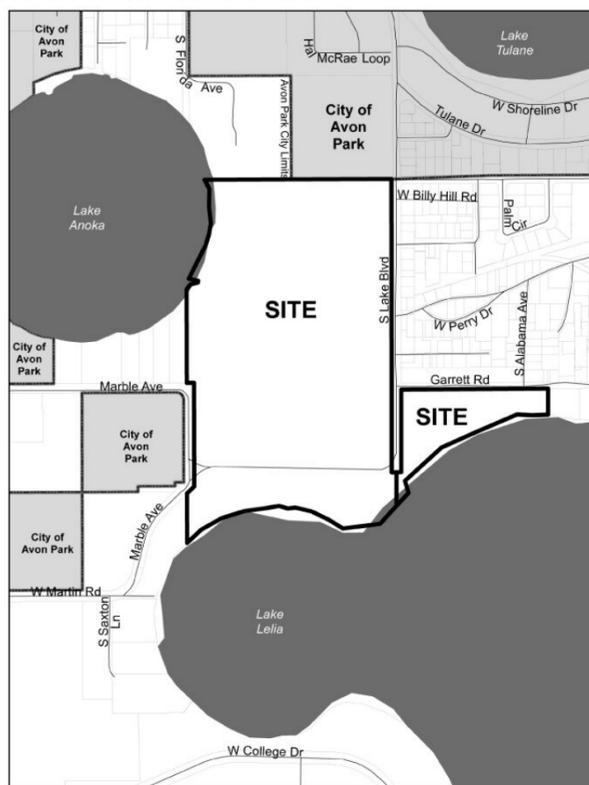
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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Andrew Cordoso beats out this throw to first in Publix' Dixie win Thursday night.

Publix gets Dixie win

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before a pitching change for Sabre Electric.

Dick then laid down a bunt to score one run and to put himself on base as well to later advance to scoring position.

Carpenter may not have made it to first, but he was able to occupy the Sabre Electric defense long enough for Dick to cross the plate.

Adrian Domes' RBI bloop-er would find a gap in the infield to score Cordoso for the final Publix run of the inning.

These events equaled to a

lead of 12-3 for Publix as Sabre Electric sent players into the batter's box into for the top of the fifth.

The Sabre Electric offense was not finished just yet, and would respond with two more runs this inning — one from Anthony Vela and another from Jeremy Helms.

Hunter Warren would add one more run for Sabre Electric in the top of the sixth to make the score 12-6, but given the home-team advantage Publix need not take their last at-bat to finalize the score.

Publix will go on to play next Tuesday against

Glissons with the confidence of a win on their shoulders, especially helpful after a rough start to the week.

"The boys regrouped and came to play ball today," said head coach Israel Gomez. "I told the kids, 'You've got to come out here and take advantage of every single opportunity that you can,' and they did."

"That's another tough team; I told the boys to stay positive and just be disciplined and play ball. Somebody's got to win and somebody's got to lose, we've just got to do our best."

Heat have experience edge on Pacers in playoffs

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right or wrong. The Pacers earned it. They were the third-best team in the East at the end of the day, fourth-best road record and the fifth-best record in the league. So despite all the different story lines, they earned that right."

Game 1 of the best-of-seven is Sunday in Miami.

The Pacers got off the first shots of this series Thursday, with coach Frank Vogel accusing Miami of manipulating games by flopping — "the biggest flopping team in the NBA," was his claim — when taking charges and forward Danny Granger bristling over the notion that

Indiana would be considered an underdog against the reigning East champs.

On Friday, the Heat hit the practice floor for the first time since ousting New York from the first round, opting not to add much to the verbal jousting.

"I'm speechless," Heat forward Udonis Haslem said when told what Vogel said, insisting he was unaware of it all before being told by reporters. "He's entitled to his opinion. A charge is a charge. I take mine. ... If that's the way he feels, that's the way he feels. That's not going to change how we play the game."

If the Heat were upset by it

all, they hid it nicely.

And Vogel knows that come Sunday, if his team plays like an inexperienced bunch, the perception of flopping might be the least of his concerns.

"I think the biggest point of emphasis is probably our offensive execution," Vogel said. "Their greatest strength offensively is getting in transition. If we are poor executing our offense and we turn the ball over a lot, or get bad shots, or take bad shots at the rim and allow them to block shots, all that stuff triggers their transition game. If we allow them to get out in transition, we're going to really struggle to guard them."

Only one player on Indiana's current roster — not including Jeff Foster, who's still technically listed but retired in March because of back problems — has appeared in more than 30 playoff games, and that's reserve guard Leandro Barbosa, who has been in 69 postseason contests, 64 of those coming during his time with the Phoenix Suns.

Next most: West has been in 29.

"Don't underestimate the experience that some of those players have that are playing big roles for them right now," Spoelstra said. "The young group that earned their opportunity last year and

played well in that first round against Chicago, it's gone a little bit under the radar that they've done a very good job of building that team."

Vogel went eight-deep for the most part against Orlando in the first round, and those eight players have a total of 2,062 points in their postseason careers, Barbosa leading the way with 686.

James has scored 2,717 playoff points. Wade has 2,356.

All the Pacers who may play in this series, combined, have 2,392.

It all might make for some interesting numbers for statisticians, but probably isn't worth much more than that,

Heat forward Shane Battier said.

As proof, he merely pointed to the series out West between the Los Angeles Lakers and Denver Nuggets — where one side seemed to have a decided edge in experience, and that matchup is going the distance anyway.

"Look at the Lakers' series," Battier said. "They trump the Nuggets' experience. The Nuggets don't know any better. They're just going out and playing and now the Lakers have their hands full in a Game 7 scenario. So it's tough to paint it with a broad brushstroke."

Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter May Activities

Special to the News-Sun

The Florida Trail Association — Heartland Chapter has a slew of activities on tap for the month of May to enjoy the wonders of nature throughout the area.

Date: Sunday, May 13

Activity: Hiking Trail Maintenance (come for the day or camp (primitive) overnight)

Location: Green Swamp, Lakeland, FL Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

Directions: From US-98 in north Lakeland turn east on Rock Ridge Rd., at fork bear left and continue 4.2 miles to gate on your left. From SR-33 in Polk City travel north, turn left (west) on Dean Still Rd., turn left on Rock Ridge Rd., after 2 or 3 miles gate will be on your right.

Bring water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact: Bob Yost at 644-5448 or bobalinks3@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other information.

Date: Saturday, May 19

Activity: Trail Maintenance

Location: National Scenic Trail at Boney Marsh, Bluff Hammock Rd., Lorida, FL (just south of Sebring).

Bring water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP David Waldrop at 605-3587 for meet-up time and other details.

Date: Sunday, May 20

Activity: Nature Walk

Location: Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Description: Approx. 3 mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles. Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance. Pets are not allowed.

Bring: Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or lplum@verizon.net for meet-up time and other details.

Date: Friday - Sunday, May 25-27

Activity: Memorial Weekend Camping Trip, Kayaking, Bike Ride, and Potluck Dinner

Location: Hillsborough River State Park

Directions: 9 miles north of Tampa and 6 miles south of Zephyrhills on US Highway 301.

From I-75, take the Fowler Ave. exit #265 east to Hwy. 301, travel north for 9 miles, and the park will be on your left-hand side.

Description: Come to camp; or come for kayaking on Sunday or bicycling on

Saturday, as day trips.

Contacts: RSVP Camping site #, Bicycling on Saturday, and Pot Luck Dinner to Maureen Jones at 293-5036 or mjones206@tampabay.rr.com

meet-up time and other information. RSVP Kayaking: Eileen Valachovic at 956-2145 for meet-up time and other information.



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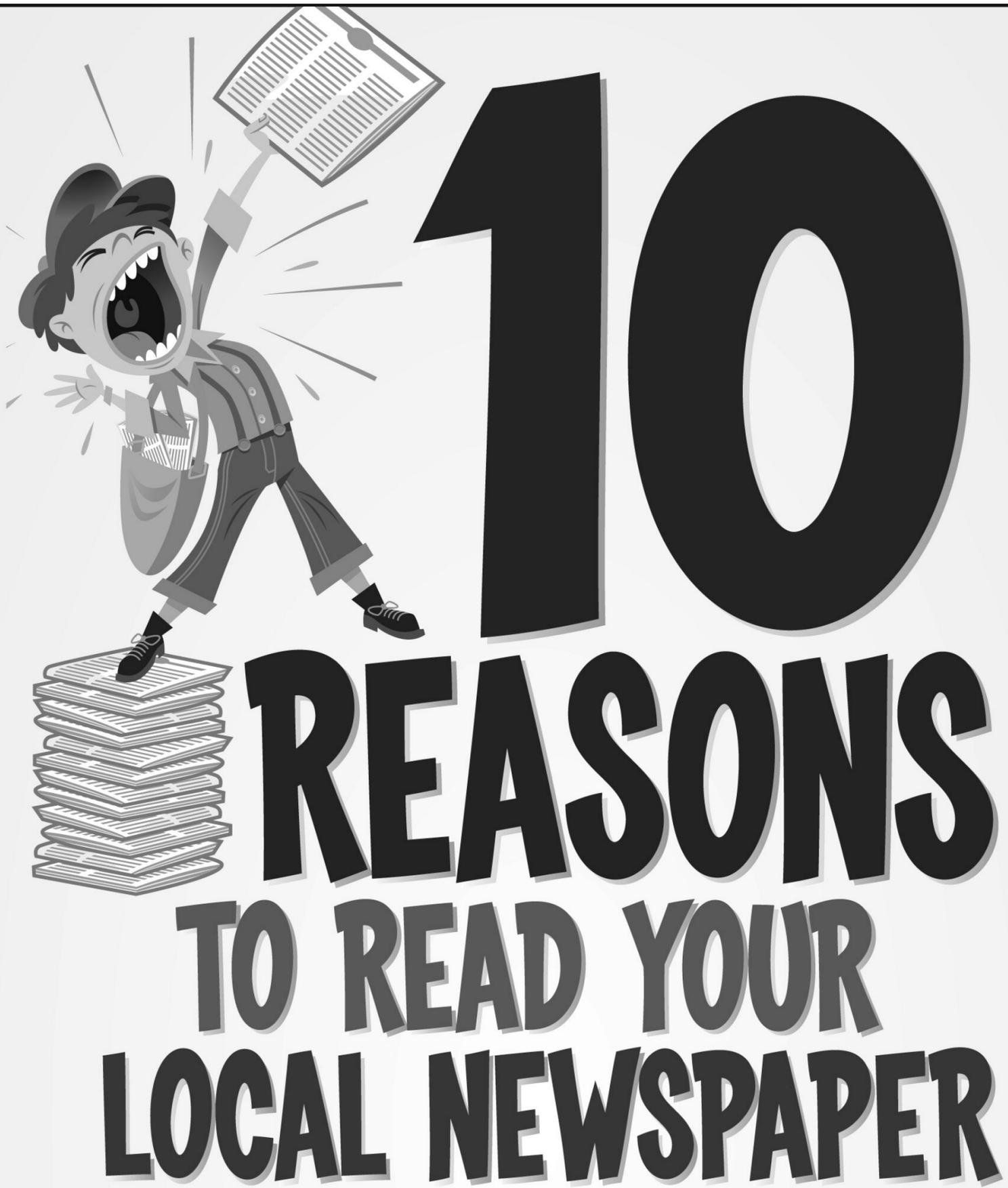
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