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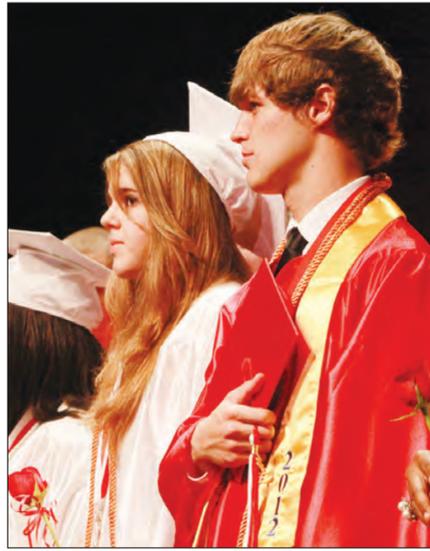
**'Ready or not, here we come'**



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
 Keandra Bowens celebrates as she receives her diploma Saturday during Sebring High School's 2012 graduation ceremony.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
 Everett Icao won both the Bailey Medal and the Fitzgerald Award on Saturday during the Lake Placid High School graduation at South Florida Community College.



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 Heidi Irizzary and Kyle Jahna recite the pledge Friday evening before Avon Park High School's commencement exercises at South Florida Community College.

**2012 grads receive nearly 700 diplomas**

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Graduates poured into the Highlands County Fair Convention Center and South Florida Community College auditorium Friday and Saturday to the time-honored notes of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Avon Park High School's graduation was held Friday night also at the SFCC auditorium. Class President Benjamin Auyang gave the students and the crowd a riveting speech on the class's history throughout the year.

"I was so nervous about that speech," said

Auyang. The guests however loved it.

APHS had a total of 180 graduates Friday evening, 28 of which were honor graduates. Auyang and the rest of his fellow classmates enjoyed their Project Graduation following Friday night's ceremony.

"It was great. You will always talk to your close friends, but you won't really talk to others after graduation. It gave us an opportunity to say good-bye to a lot of people," Auyang said.

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**2-year-old drowns in pool in Sebring**

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SEBRING — A 2-year-old drowned in a swimming pool Friday morning in the Golf Hammock subdivision, according to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

A call to central dispatch was received around 9:15 a.m. prompting emergency personnel to visit the scene.

A 2-year-old had fallen into the pool at a residence and was transported to Florida Hospital. According the HCSO

press release, hospital emergency room personnel were unsuccessful in resuscitating the toddler.

Sheriff Susan Benton issued a statement Friday regarding the incident.

"This is a tragic situation and our deputies and victim advocates will assist this family in any way possible", Benton said.

Benton encourages everyone to review pool and swimming safety tips as summertime approaches in order to prevent drowning.

**Number of special needs students rising**

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — School Superintendent Wally Cox warned members of the school board at a recent meeting that the district is seeing an increase in the number of pre-kindergarten children in need of special education. In particular, the number of children diagnosed as autistic has risen.

The district, for example, is adding two more ESE pre-K classes (for 3- and 4-year-olds) in the 2012-13 school year — one in Avon Park, one in Lake Placid.

ESE classes typically have 10 students, an ESE teacher and a trained paraprofessional.

"I don't know why (the numbers are increasing)," said Pat Landress, director of student support services. "There is a program

**By The Numbers**

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Number of ESE teachers in 1972

**29**

Number of ESE teachers now

**1,545**

Number of ESE students today, not counting gifted

called Early Steps which is designed to catch children early, between birth and 3 years. This includes referrals from doctors. It may just be that we are more aware."

According to the

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**Local artist's work sells for record-setting price**

By ED BALDRIDGE  
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SEBRING — The Heartland Cultural Alliance announced this week that an original painting by Peter Powell Roberts sold for \$10,000.

"When people in Highlands County learn that HCA sold a painting for \$10,000 their reaction hovers around shock and awe. It is

newsworthy. His is in sharp contrast to art and culture based communities and large population centers where it is business as usual," said HCA President Fred Leavitt, who announced the sale in a press release on Wednesday. It was the most ever paid for a piece sold by an HCA artist.

Roberts, 86, is a resident of Highlands County, and formerly the head of the

Ringling Collage of Art in Sarasota where he served for 23 years.

The painting, "Beside the Still Waters," is a 24-by-33-inch, oil on wood painting with the image wrapping around a 2-inch thick, museum-style, box frame.

According to Leavitt, the painting was purchased by

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Courtesy photo  
 Beside the Still Waters, a piece by Heartland Cultural Alliance artist Peter Powell Roberts, has sold to an Illinois couple for a record setting price.

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**Brantley to speak at chamber lunch**

LAKE PLACID – The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will be held at noon Wednesday, June 13 at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. Bill Brantley, District 4 member of The School Board of Highlands County, will be the presenter. He will give an update on school board items.

Reserve a place at the chamber on or before June 8 by email at chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331. It is important that there is a confirmation of attendance so sufficient food and seating are available. Cost is \$8 per person.

**Superintendent candidates to speak**

SEBRING — Three candidates for the Superintendent of Schools election will speak to the Highlands Tea Party on Tuesday. The meeting at Homer's Buffet in Sebring Square begins with a 5:30 p.m. buffet. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Rebecca Fleck, Roberta Peck and William "Pep" Hutchinson will address the members. Call 699-0743 for details.

**First Aid, CPR classes offered in June**

LAKE PLACID — The next First Aid class will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, and the next CPR class will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 at the Lake Placid Police Department, 8 N. Oak Ave.

**Scribblers and Scribes to meet Wednesday**

SEBRING — The Florida Writers Association Group, Sebring Scribblers and Scribes, will conduct its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Beef 'O Brady's in Sebring. Come early for dinner. The public is invited.

Membership in FWA is not required. The October conference will be discussed and applications are available. Contact Barbara Beswick at 402-9181.

**SFCC offers Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program**

South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is offering a series of Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program (SDAPP) courses for drivers who have received a traffic citation, were court ordered to attend, or were involved in a traffic accident and issued a ticket.

The four-hour courses will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16 at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park; and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N, Bowling Green.

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**'I made a difference'**

*Disler retires after 39 years in education*

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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LAKE PLACID — After decades full of students, teachers and all that comes along with them, Lake Placid Elementary School Principal Carole Disler will say farewell to the job she's had for so long.

Disler announced at the beginning of the school year that this would indeed be her last year as an administrator and that she was planning to retire.

Thursday afternoon was filled with colleagues, friends and family of Disler who wanted to share memories and bid farewell to the administrator during her retirement party.

"When I announced this at the beginning of the year I thought 'Ok. How am I going to do this?'" Disler said to the full room.

As she continued on, Disler said she still hasn't grasped how she will manage to be away from the career she's held for the past nine years but thinks she will be OK.

Disler arrived in Highlands County in 1986, working for several years as an elementary teacher.

"I've taught Pre-K, kindergarten, first grade and fifth grade," Disler said.

Disler arrived at LPE in 1995. After excelling in the classroom, Disler was hired as the assistant principal at LPE and served as an administrator for eight years.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
Soon to be retiree Carole Disler (right) shares a laugh with Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton (left) during Disler's retirement party Thursday afternoon at Lake Placid Elementary School. Dozens of friends, family and colleagues were present to say their good-byes to the longtime administrator.

In 2003, Disler was promoted to principal where she has continued to shine for nearly a decade. As Disler prepares to leave the education world this summer, she has made plans to stay involved with the school even after her job duties have ended.

"I technically don't retire until July 31. During the summer I plan to help whoever will be replacing me up until then," Disler said.

Disler, of course, will miss students and the faculty she's grown so close to over

the years of course.

"I will miss my staff. This whole staff has become my family. They're my second family ... I'll miss the community support. This community is so involved in the school. It's just a great community. People in Lake Placid still know each other and care about each other," Disler said.

Disler won't just be sitting around after retirement kicks in; she's got many things planned for her

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Courtesy photo  
Claude J. Ryan is flanked by staff members of Kenilworth Care Rehabilitation Center and the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, as well as his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Carol Ryan, as he receives a Distinguished Service Award from Sheriff Susan Benton.

**Benton presents Distinguished Service Award to Ryan**

Special to the News-Sun  
SEBRING – Highlands County Sheriff Susan Benton presented the Florida Sheriff's Association's Distinguished Service Award to Claude J. Ryan Thursday at the Kenilworth Care Rehabilitation Center. This award recognizes people who have been Honorary Members of the Florida Sheriff's Association for 25 years or more.

Ryan, originally from upstate New York, has lived in Highlands County for the past 28 years. Until recently he lived in the Avon Park area but currently resides at Kenilworth Care.

He was joined in the celebration by his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Carol

Ryan of the Bellvale, N.Y. area and winter residents of Avon Park.

Also in attendance at the presentation were Chief Deputy Mark Schrader and several other members of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office as well as a number of Kenilworth Care residents and staff.

According to the Florida Sheriffs' website, honorary awards "...give special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to progressive law enforcement by supporting the Florida Sheriff's Association."

Ryan was presented with a 25-year Distinguished Service Award plaque to commemorate the occasion.

**Correction**

A list of hurricane shelters that was printed in the Hurricane Preparation Guide distributed May 27 contained some misinformation. The Bert J. Harris Jr. Agriculture Center is wind compliant, as is a recently built wing of the Lake Placid High School. The complete and correct list of shelters will be reprinted in the News-Sun should the need arise during the 2012 Hurricane Season.

The News-Sun appreciates the opportunity to set the record straight.

**Sebring almost was home to longest beach**

Summer is upon us and beaches come to mind. Did you know that Sebring almost gave Miami Beach competition with its beaches? Yes, if it hadn't been for an environmental impact, Lake Jackson might have made Sebring the Miami Beach of Central Florida. At one time, plans were for the construction of Florida's longest white sand fresh water beach on Lake Jackson, to replace a beach and wayside park that was destroyed when U.S 27 was four-laned in 1966.

Many objected to the destruction of the existing beach, but were promised that a new beach would be built, and that the new beach would be even better. And while many of the promises were sincere, something that wasn't planned on, environmental objections was the downfall of the beach that was going to make Sebring famous.

Some citizens, wary that the beach would never be replaced, urged what was the State Road Department to not build a median on the section of U.S 27 that ran in front of the lake, which would have saved Lake Jackson Beach.

Most believed though, that Sebring really would be able to construct a two-mile long strip of beach by dredging the lake. The Sebring City Council went as far as to purchase a



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dredge boat for the operation for \$5,000.

The cost of constructing the beach would have been substantial, but plans were moving slowly along until environmental concerns successfully lobbied to have stricter controls on Florida's lakes.

For all practical purposes, the project ended in 1970 in Tallahassee when then Governor Claude Kirk and the Cabinet virtually cut-off future development that would require dredging or filling of state owned lakes.

The clincher was the cost factor. Hauled fill would have at least tripled projected costs of developing the beach. Without the option of pumping the material out of the lake itself, the idea was doomed. By the early 1970's, even the most fervent supporters of the beach were discouraged.

The construction of Florida's longest beach, to be on U.S. 27 along Lake Jackson was only a dream.

Lake Jackson is a healthy freshwater lake,

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# Str8Up Youth Ministry in Lake Placid opens

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LAKE PLACID —

Although it rained, the damp weather could not dampen the spirit of community on Friday night during the opening of Str8Up Youth Ministry at 113 S. Main St. in Lake Placid.

"We have an occupancy of 132 people, we are pretty close tonight," said Sammy Telesco, organizer and president of the non-profit organization geared to give youth something to do in Lake Placid.

"I guess God has his own plans and he packed us all together in here tonight," Telesco said.

Visitors and supporters of Str8Up were treated to food, music and games as well as a silent auction fundraiser at the opening. Many chose to fill the main room instead of going outside to the tent set for the event because of the weather.

The new center has a large compliment of activities with computers, video games, pool tables, a ping-pong table and lots of equipment for



Several youth pose for a picture at the grand opening of the Str8 Up Youth Ministry center on Friday night in Lake Placid. Over 100 from the community attended the event despite the downpour and tornado warning.

News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

outdoor activities in the neighboring field.

"There's lots to do and lots of friends," said Bethany McLean during the opening celebration.

"This is a really good environment where I feel safe. I am very glad to see this in Lake Placid. It's a small town, but this gives us some-

thing to do," said twin Aliyah McLean.

"This is more than we could have imagined. Many, many folks have stepped up throughout the community to help out. We went from a paint store 30 days ago to a youth center," Telesco said.

The youth center will be open daily and kids will be

assessed for academic levels before they are allowed to enjoy the entertainment and there will be a daily Biblical message.

"We concentrate on the spirit, academics and athletics," Telesco said.

For more information about the center, contact Telesco at 443-1176.

## ESE student numbers climbing in county

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Centers for Disease Control, roughly 1 in 88 children are now being diagnosed as autistic.

Landress said it is important to understand autism comes in a spectrum. It's not all about people like the movie character in "Rain Man," she explained.

"We're not seeing that. We're seeing kids with problems communicating, handling change and developing personal relationships."

Most ESE students are not autistic, Landress said. Many are dealing with issues having to do with speech and language.

Landress said that in 1980 the district only had two ESE classes — one for students with speech and language challenges, the other for students who were developmentally or physically disabled.

"Now I have 10 classes," she said, adding not all of the classes are identical, or even have the same population. Some classes, especially for those disabilities that are rare, are centralized.

In 1972, when Landress began teaching in Avon Park she was the first ESE teacher in the county. Now the district has an ESE classroom staff of 29.

At the February 2012 student count, Highlands County had 12,020 students K-12. Of them 1,931 were ESE students.

ESE, however, includes gifted children in its overall count. The actual disabled count in the county is 1,545.

A more important factor than rising numbers, Landress said, are the major changes in how children with special needs are identified and taught. Schools are being held to a higher standard.

The sweeping review of goals and methods began in 1974-75 when the federal government instituted the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) meant to level the playing field for all students. To help with some of the additional funding needed, the federal government also developed FAPE — Free Appropriate Public Education — which must be provided in the least restrictive environment.

Schools receive supplemental funding for non-gifted ESE students, not just the

*'We're seeing kids with problems communicating, handling change and developing personal relationships.'*

PAT LANDRESS

director of student support services

standard full-time student allotment from the state. Landress said a matrix is used to determine the supplemental funding, which is provided on five different levels.

In some cases the district receives funding for particular students through Medicaid. Mostly the district pays.

"No parent or student has to pay for a thing. It is a free education," Landress said. "We are responsible for all ESE children until they turn 22 or they graduate with a standard diploma from high school."

This does not mean, however, that parents may walk in demanding a diagnosis of autism or other disability. "Every child is evaluated," Landress said.

That is because the key to providing a useful education is the Independent Education Plan — customized to every student. The parent joins with teachers and specialists in a group to determine the extent of a child's disability, what kinds of services that child will need, and how those services will be provided.

For example, does a visually impaired student need to learn Braille or require large print books? Does a student with cerebral palsy need a personal paraprofessional?

Personal paraprofessionals, who are paid by the district, are assigned to students one on one.

Their job is to be sure their student has access to education — whether that is providing mobility, a set of hands, a pair of eyes, or

changing diapers.

It should come as no surprise this kind of care and closely monitored education costs money. The total ESE

proposed budget for the next school year is \$653,118, an increase of nearly \$100,000 over this year.

Most of the rise comes from the need for the additional teachers, paras and contracted therapists needed for the new classrooms.

In addition, rates for contracted therapists are going from \$55 an hour to \$58.

"It's hit on the budget," Landress said.

## Police arrest naked man

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — Deputies arrested an Avon Park man Monday for "being naked in a public place that has not been designated for that purpose."

Abel Angel Soto, 19, of 2417 Dunwoodie Road was found in a yard near North Berkley Road and North Cavilier Road, nude and impaired when deputy Phillip D. Morales answered the call at 2304 Cavalier Road, according to the arrest report.

Soto entered the front yard of that residence and approached the complainant's wife, the report stated.

The owner of the property informed Morales that Soto did not have permission to be on the property.

Morales wrote in his report that "In addition to several witnesses, this deputy also observed the naked Soto in the residential neighborhood not attempting to conceal his sexual organ."

Morales stated that Soto advised he had consumed the substance K2 earlier in the day and did not feel well.

Soto was charged with indecent exposure and was still incarcerated in the Highlands County Jail at press time. His bail is set at \$1,000.

## Man hospitalized after being shocked

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County Sheriff's Office is investigating the electrocution of a local forklift operator. Central dispatch received a call at approximately 10 a.m. Friday.

According to the HCSO press release, the accident occurred in a grove just south of State Road 70 East near Lake Placid. Details of the incident are still vague, however Public Information Officer Nell Hays said a forklift operator working in

the grove entangled the machine in power lines and the machine caught fire.

A co-worker witnessed the accident and attempted to retrieve the fire extinguisher off the machine. In the process, the co-worker was electrocuted.

The victim was admitted to Florida Hospital in Lake Placid for care of injuries resulting from the incident, however all injuries are currently unknown.

The HCSO is investigating the incident as an accident.

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# 10,000 votes for art and culture

Recently, a local artist sold a painting to a couple for \$10,000 and for some reason many in Highlands County were surprised it could happen.

The *News-Sun* was not surprised, but pleased.

The purchase shows that local talent has value outside our community, value that can be measured in dollars. Value that can be attributed to hard work and the inspiration of not only that one artist, but all those who spend time in chalk drawings, murals, oils, pottery or other mediums.

The Heartland Cultural Alliance has not always been greeted with open arms by the county. Hence, the surprise of some by the purchase amount.

Art is one of the items that separates humans from the

animal world. It makes us look into our very soul and allows all the reflections of light and dark to flow out and inspire others. It is the means by which the successes and failures of life are communicated.

Sometimes, those reflections make the connection and transcend the detailed painting of the feathers of the a flying bird and captures the soaring spirit of flight.

Art rises above the agendas. It cuts through the grind of government and the day-to-day of making a living. It inspires us to reach beyond hunting and gathering and encourages others to also lift

their head from the daily graze of survival.

The Heartland Cultural Alliance has struggled to convince everyone in the community that art and culture have value. Economic value, emotional value, recognition value and image value for the county.

Recently, the Tourism Development Council made some recommendations to set aside money specifically to increase recognition of art and culture available in our county.

Brochures, web pages and other means of media are going to be used to promote and market the talent and atmosphere that many of us are already aware exists in our county.

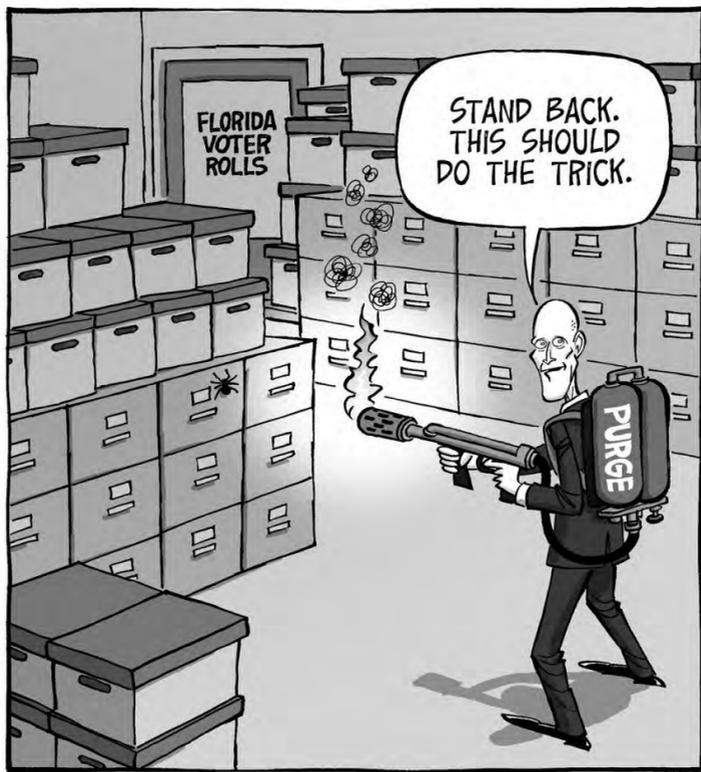
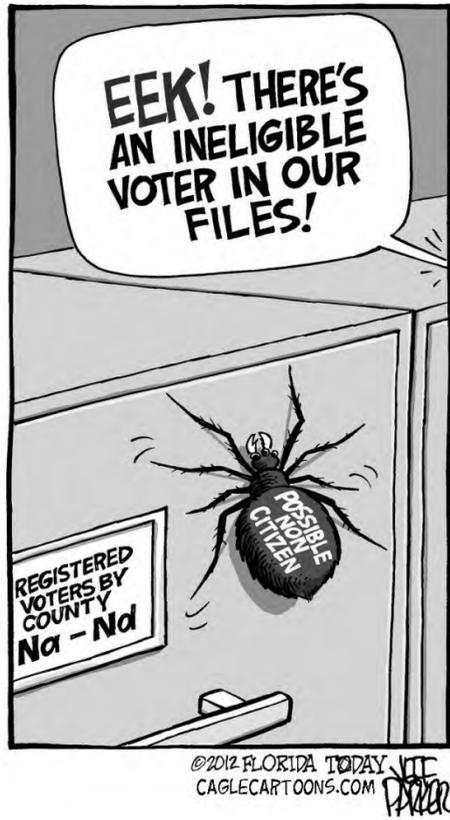
Those marketing efforts, and the current direction the TDC is taking to encourage

cultural tourism, is to be applauded.

We would also like to thank the HCA, not just the current board alone, but all who have worked hard to raise awareness about the talent and artistic value found here in the Highlands.

We hope that much more art transactions like this one continue and disposable income continues to flow into the economic coffers within the community. We hope that the sale of this one painting will motivate even more artists to share their work with us.

The *News-Sun* knew the inspiration existed, we are glad others are now discovering it and are excited a couple cast 10,000 votes to show their support for Highlands County.



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## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Army Air Corps Medivac deserves recognition

Editor:

Well it's Memorial Day and I'm back in my usual perch watching the birds and reminiscing the past. We have been out for breakfast, at sunshine, then to Walgreens to pick up prescriptions. Now I pick up my usual occupation these days, griping about things that I can do nothing to attain satisfaction.

Over the years that I have lived, I have honored the guys who gave all for their country. I have been a Legionnaire off and on for 50 years and have participated in many memorial services. My flag is flown every Memorial Day and other veterans' days. I attend as many of the memorials that I can to honor my buddies who are rapidly decreasing in numbers as the years pass...

What I wish someone would give me the pleasure of reading something that I did not author myself, honoring a group of folks who did their job, in and out of combat areas, the Air Corps Medivac Teams.

I had the honor of flying eight trips across the wide Pacific Ocean to the combat zones over the islands of the Western and Southern Pacific Islands and carrying back to the U.S.A. 36 sorely wounded G.I.s who needed immediate good hospital care that could not be provided in the combat area.

Our organization would have a wounded soldier on a stretcher suspended from straps in the fuselage of a C-54 four-engine transport back in the United States and excellent care in 36 hours from the time we left the combat zone.

We had hundreds of aircraft and thousands of pilots, navigators and crew chiefs in the organization flying unarmed planes into the area to pick these guys up and return them home.

Our people undoubtedly saved many lives and made a whole lot of wounded much more comfortable with their wounds by our service. There were fly-

ing nurses, male and female, flying with us and untold numbers on the ground assisting those airborne.

My gripe is that in the 75 years, I have never seen in print or on TV any credit given this organization.

We served but shed no blood; we were away from home on extended periods of time, flying unarmed planes in combat areas over water most of the time with little hope of rescue if we ditched! We are not heroes, just men and women doing the jobs that were assigned to us.

I think it's time someone puts out a little effort and gives the Army Air Corps Medivac organization a little notice.

Just a thought before I close, are there any folks reading this article who were transported from combat by us?

I would sure like to hear from anyone who qualifies.

Woodie Jackson  
Sebring

### The myth

Editor:

A nation that claims it leaves no veteran behind – there are more than 100,000 claims of World War II veteran claims that have not been brought to conclusions by the Veterans Administration. There are 740 World War II veterans dying each day.

But here is the rest of the story. The neglect of our past veterans.

The Bonus Occupation Army in Washington, D.C., 1932: The Bonus Army, which occupied Washington, came from all sections of our nation; some arriving on foot, others by car or truck. They numbered about 17,000 ex-servicemen. On the evening of June 28, 1932, U.S. troops forced the Bonus Army to evacuate their main camp in Anacostia. Their makeshift quarters were burned and all approaches to the city closed...

On July 28, violence broke out between the Bonus Army and the District Police; two men were killed and a number injured. District officials

requested federal troops to restore order...Five hundred U.S. troops consisted of cavalry, infantry and six light tanks under the orders of the Republican President Herbert Hoover and under the command of General Douglas MacArthur.

The treatment of World War II veterans by a Republican president is not forgotten. Senator Orrin Hatch, the Republican Hatchetman, introduced the Fairness In Asbestos Injury Resolution Act (FAIR) of 2003 as S1125. This legislation would create a trust fund under which victims of asbestos-related impairment could be compensated. For the veterans of World War II, which covered millions of veterans, the compensation claims have never been addressed on asbestos. The Fairness Act was used as a cover to deny the claims of millions of veterans.

The big winner of the Fairness Act was the former CEO, Dick Cheney of Halliburton and the Halliburton which stole millions in the Iraq War. The trust set up by the Fairness Act was to be paid by defendant companies and their insurance companies. The claims have never been addressed by the Veterans Administration. The danger of asbestos and asbestos products have been known since the late 1800s and outlawed by Europe. They, the defendants, knew the danger yet continued its use even as we speak.

The Republican Congress and Senate were lobbied for this Bill and they promoted same. Rob Portman and George Voinovich, public officials of Ohio, both promote this Bill that violated millions of veterans' rights to just asbestos claims. I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat, but I am one disgusted veteran whose asbestos claim has been denied by the V.A...

Any public official who has served more than two terms needs a striped suit. They are directly responsible for the breakdown of our nation and should be held accountable.

Term limits for all.

Billie E. Jewett  
Sebring

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## Letting go again

### Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Several years ago I wrote a column titled, "I Can Let Go." It talked about my oldest son John and his getting married, and how we let go of our children a little at a time. At the end of the column, I stated I was ready to let go of him this little bit more.

I now face another opportunity to let go a little more. This time, not with my oldest, but my youngest James, who you may remember recently graduated cum laude from college. And if you don't remember, trust me, I don't mind reminding you.

As a graduation present, James and his dad flew to the British Isles for 11 days. Fortunately they avoided sparking any international incidents and are now back, safe and sound in Florida.

But tomorrow, James plans to get into his car and return to Tennessee. He found a part-time job there and is hoping it will lead him to full-time work. In the meantime he plans to stay at Freed Hardeman and work on his MBA. He has a place to live there, a house that's located off-campus and shared with three or four other young men.

I saw the house. It looked about how you'd expect a house to look when it is populated with young men in their twenties. In other words, mildly disturbing. Nevertheless, James assures me it will be cleaned up at some point and tells me not to worry.

Here's the thing I'm dancing around as I type this column. I thought I was doing pretty well with this letting go business. Each tug that pulled one of my children a little farther from me I accepted with grace, even if that grace was moistened with tears. I was able to let go each time, knowing it was right and the way things are. A natural progression from child to adult.

But this time – this time I'm finding it very hard to let go.

Part of it is the fact that I have no idea when I will

see him again. While he was in school, I always knew there were set times he'd be coming through the front door, and I'd have a week or in the summer a couple of months with him. There is no such schedule to fall back on now.

I know intellectually it's not like we won't be in touch. There are cell phones and email and Facebook and all kinds of communication that gives me access to him. We have the means to talk every day, if he could stand it.

But my heart cries that it's not enough. I want his presence. I want to walk in the mall with him or listen as he plays piano or be able to give him a hug just because he's here and I love him.

And I worry about him. James has always been our strong willed child, determined to blaze his own path in life. Some of the directions he's gone in are not ones Don and I would have chosen for him. And so I'm concerned that what he's chosen isn't what's best for him.

But part of letting go is realizing that your kid will sometimes go a different way, and loving him anyway. I am trying very hard to do just that. But the worry is there, and I wish I could put him under my wing and keep him protected a little while longer.

Alas, this bird is poised to fly the nest, impatiently flapping his wings. I know I have to let him go. But it won't be easy. Or fearless. Hopefully he will be patient with my emotion tomorrow when we say goodbye. And I will be able to truly let him go a little more.

Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by e-mail at [bookwormlady@embarqmail.com](mailto:bookwormlady@embarqmail.com). Visit her website at [www.lauraware.com](http://www.lauraware.com). Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the staff of the News-Sun.

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All items will run on a first-come basis as space permits, although more timely ones could be moved up.

We believe your viewpoints are just as important as any community leader or government official, so consider this a personal invitation to get your two cents in.

**OBITUARIES**

**GEORGE ALLEN MANNING**

George Allen Manning, 88, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, May 28, 2012 at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was born in Harrison, Idaho, on May 11, 1924 to George and Alzada Mae (Donaldson) Manning. He spent most of his childhood growing up in Southern California.

George enlisted in the U.S. Navy, Feb. 4, 1942 and retired in 1969 completing 27 years of service to his country. During his service he was awarded the American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp, National Defense Service Medal, Koran Service Medal, Unit Nations Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

After retiring from the Navy, George went to work for the United States Postal Service in Miami, Fla., for over 20 years once again retiring in 1990. Following Hurricane Andrew, George moved to Sebring in 1992. Health issues required him to move in with his daughter and family in 2007. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren grow and telling stories from his Navy days.

George is survived by a sister, Betty Jean Michaud of Minnesota, daughter Tandi Mezie and husband Mike of Sebring, son George Manning II of Sebring, daughter Dawn Manning of California, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

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**Painting fetches large price at HCA gallery**

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Rex and Laura Diamond from Bloomington, Ill., while visiting relatives.

"They have disposable income and take pleasure in finding and investing in art that touches them," Leavitt said.

"The Diamonds came at a quiet time when there are no screeching tire (racing) events. They are quiet people who eat at our best restaurants, enjoy a glass of wine and tip generously. Just as quietly they return home with a piece of art they treasure and leave \$10,000 behind to reverberate through our economy," said Leavitt.

"We have the talent here to be discovered. We need only target tourist tax dollars to attract the cultural tourist seeking to discover it. It is within our potential to reach a point where the sale of a \$10,000 piece of art becomes business as usual."

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**FRED LEAVITT**  
HCA director

becomes business as usual. That which you seek seeks you. There are lots of Diamonds out there who just don't know about us," Leavitt added.

The HCA will receive 15

percent of the sale to help "nurture the local arts," Leavitt explained.

Roberts is also seeking to have prints of his work made that will continue to be sold through the HCA.

Roberts is nationally known and is part of the Florida Masters Collection and is also the subject of a book in progress by HCA writer Jan Merop.

Roberts' work is represented exclusively by HCA, Leavitt said, and the HCA has been made heir to his archives.

Four of his original paintings can be currently viewed at the HCA Gallery in the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring. A collection of his work is being housed by HCA and can be seen by appointment.

For more information contact Fred Leavitt at 402-8238 or by e-mail at info@heartlandculturalalliance.org.

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

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Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$40 and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Participants may register in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact the Community Education Department at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, 773-2252, or 382-6900, ext. 7388.

**Caladium Co-op offers children's classes**

LAKE PLACID — Children's summer art experience at the Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op begins Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 22. It's for ages 6 years old and older.

Class size will have a maximum number of children. Come in and see what is offered — Acrylic Painting with Jean Gragert; China Painting with Linda Carr; Wood Painting with Joyce DeSmet; Sculpting on Gourds with Suellen Robinson; Jewelry Making with LeeAnn Hinskey; Lots of Crafts with Peggy Taylor; and Make & Take Crafts with Margie Callas.

Art supplies are furnished by the instructors. Classes must be paid in full when the child is signed up.

The teachers need to be sure that they have acquired enough supplies for each class offered. Because of the cost of supplies there will not be any refunds offered.

Contact Jean Gragert at 699-5940 for information.

**Events planned at lodges, posts**

AVON PARK  
Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 12:30 p.m. today. The House Committee will

meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Mike King from 5-8 p.m. Friday and karaoke by J&J from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 452-9853.

**SEBRING**

The VFW Post 4300 will host Commander Fran's Final Deck Party from 2-4 p.m. today. The Caribbean Hoe Down music will feature Frank "E" and Gary Oliver. Karaoke will be from 5-8 p.m. with BilDi. The Honor Guard meets at 1 p.m. Monday. Ladies Auxiliary meets at 6:30 p.m. The House Committee meets at noon Tuesday. Frank "E" will have music from 6-9 p.m. There will be a D-Day flag raising at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Frank "E" has music from 5-8 p.m. Gary and Shirley will play music from 6-9 p.m. Friday and Big Freddie from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 will have its monthly golf scramble at Golf Hammock at 8 a.m. Monday. Orientation is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Wacky Wednesday will feature Boot-Scot-Boogie with Tom McGannon from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The Lodge meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday. Dance to the smooth voice of Buddy Canova from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday; cost \$3 (dinner available for \$11). Florida Elks National Convention will be June 29 through July 5 in Austin, Texas. For more information, call 471-3557.

**Get help with Medicare costs**

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)

volunteer counselors from the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging are available to help Medicare beneficiaries learn if they qualify for additional benefits. If they are eligible, SHINE volunteers can provide application assistance. If you or someone you know needs help with your Medicare costs, you can call (800) 96-ELDER or 1-800-963-5337 and speak with a SHINE counselor.

More than 86,500 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida are likely eligible for, but are not enrolled in a program called Extra Help. This program offers qualified beneficiaries assistance with their Part D (prescription drug plan) costs. In addition, many individuals may qualify for assistance paying their Part B premiums. Many of those who need help the most don't know about these valuable benefits and how SHINE can help.

SHINE provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers and family members. The goal is to help elders understand and receive the health insurance coverage they need through Medicare, Medicaid, prescription assistance, long-term care planning and insurance and other health care issues. The program is operated by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the state's 11 Area Agencies on Aging. Locally, its operated by the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging.

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# Disler honored for her decades in education

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upcoming free time. Big travel plans, family visits and more time with her church are the main things on Disler's agenda when her retirement begins. Disler has already been asked by her children to hold a "Granny camp" for one week during the summer so that she and her husband Mike may spend time with their young grandchildren.

As for Disler's colleagues, they are losing an important part of LPE. The "She Made a Difference" theme was used throughout the evening, giving a nod to the hard-working principal.

Superintendent Wally Cox became emotional as he said good-bye to one of the county's outstanding administrators and a woman he calls a

friend.

"It's been good working with her. She's a good girl," said Linda Wortinger, long time instructor and colleague of Disler.

Administrator Kathie Mann echoed Wortinger, "She's been great."

(Both Wortinger and Mann, along with Diane Jarvis, also retire this year after decades of work in the school district.)

Disler and her guests continued the party in high spirits as they congratulated her on making a difference in their lives as well as the lives of thousands of students in Highlands County.

"I made a difference," Disler said as she read an engraving from her staff. "It'll be an adjustment for sure. But I think I'll be OK."



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
Highlands County School District Wally Cox (left) says a tearful farewell to longtime administrator Carole Disler Thursday afternoon during Disler's retirement party. Disler has been principal at Lake Placid Elementary for the past nine years.

# Body of missing baby found in trunk

Associated Press

CORAL SPRINGS — A 1-month-old baby was found dead Friday in the trunk of a car in Florida, and the boy's father has been taken into custody, police said.

The infant was identified as Josiah Santil, said Coral Springs police Lt. Joe McHugh. The boy's father, Janus Saintil, 24, was arrested Friday outside a Coral Springs apartment.

Charges were not immediately filed.

An autopsy will be performed on the child.

"When you say you've seen it all, this is one of those things," Broward County Sheriff Al Lamberti said.

"It's almost like the baby was carelessly discarded inside the trunk."

Santil was with the child's mother, another female and a male adult Thursday night driving to a North Lauderdale Walmart when he became angry and pulled out a gun, according to the Broward Sheriff's Office. He kidnapped the group and drove about 85 miles north in a stolen car to Port St. Lucie, where Saintil left the baby at a house and then forced the male to take money from a nearby ATM. The elder Saintil fled the area after the male victim yelled for help.

He apparently retrieved the baby before returning to South Florida, authorities said.

# Long beach on Lake Jackson was promised, but never came to be

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approximately 25 feet at its deepest; most of the area is fairly shallow. The water is clear as compared to most lakes and the shores are sandy.

Presently, there are four beaches on Lake Jackson inside the city of Sebring that are all very beautiful and well worth enjoying; Hidden Beach near Faith Lutheran Church; Crescent Beach is a small beach at the end of Crescent Drive just off Southeast Lakeview Drive; City Pier Beach is just to the west of downtown Sebring, behind the Civic Center; and Veterans Beach on the north end of Lake Jackson, at 4261 Lakeview Drive. City Pier Beach offers covered tables, play area

fishing and public restrooms. The Civic Center can also be rented for big events by contacting the City Hall, Veterans Beach offers covered tables, grills, double boat ramp, a children's playground and restrooms.

Summer is a time to enjoy the outdoors, and the beauty of these fabulous beaches in Sebring, on Lake Jackson, is waiting to be yours. Help protect yourself from the sun with a Centennial hat that is available for purchase, as well as T-shirts, lapel pins, grocery tote bags, cups and bumper stickers, all sporting the official Centennial logo and all available at the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups,

clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee meets this Thursday, June 7, 4 p.m. at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center, the public is invited and encouraged to attend. To get involved, call 655-5554, email events@Sebring100.com, go to the website www.Sebring100.com and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SebringCentennial. 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.

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

# Zimmerman back to jail; judge says he lied

Associated Press

SANFORD — Trayvon Martin's shooter must return to jail, a judge ordered Friday in a strongly worded ruling that said George Zimmerman and his wife lied to the court about their finances to obtain bond in a case that hinges on jurors believing his account of what happened the night the teen was killed.

Zimmerman has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder for the February shooting.

Zimmerman was arrested 44 days after the killing, and during a bond hearing in April, his wife, Shellie, testified that the couple had limited funds available. The hearing also was notable

because Zimmerman took the stand and apologized to Martin's parents.

Prosecutors pointed out in their motion that Zimmerman had \$135,000 available then. It had been raised from donations through a website he set up and they suggested more has been collected since and deposited in a bank account.

Shellie Zimmerman was asked about the website at the hearing, but she said she didn't know how much money had been raised. Circuit Judge Kenneth Lester set bail at \$150,000. The 28-year-old was freed a few days later after posting \$15,000 in cash — which is typical — and has since been in hiding.

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# Graduates celebrate their big day

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Saturday morning brought Sebring High School's 330 students into the spotlight for their ceremony at the Convention Center.

The 2012 SHS graduating class included 94 honor graduates with grade-point averages of 4.0 or above.

Andrea Mendoza addressed her fellow graduates first during the ceremony Saturday.

"How does it feel to graduate?" Mendoza asked. "I think it feels great."

Following Mendoza's address, Highlands County School Superintendent Wally Cox presented the Bailey awards to two very deserving students, Katrynna Acosta and Donovan White.

Class President Mekenzie Suzanne Hargaden addressed the filled facility following the award presentations.

"When I think of the years here, I think of people. Students so involved in extracurricular activities that they have to schedule a time to go to the rest room," Hargaden said.

Hargaden went on to uplift students she felt inspired her throughout her high school career.

"Lindsey Hammortree has taught us that no matter what obstacles we face we will conquer them. I am so honored to have Lindsey join us today in celebration," said Hargaden.

Hammortree, who is battling cancer, walked the stage with the rest of her classmates to receive her diploma Saturday.

The class president closed out her address with these words.

"We have been given an opportunity to rise above the stereotype of the average teenagers. Ready or not here we come," Hargaden said.

Lake Placid High School rounded out the graduation ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

Class President Deta Waller addressed the crowd at the SFCC auditorium, revisiting fun memories at LPHS.

"You know you live in Lake Placid when someone parks a trailer in the parking lot with a hog still in it," Waller said with laughter.

Everett Icao followed Waller, giving his fellow classmates encouragement.

"This is a crossroads of our journey. A sense of purpose, a sense of humor and a sense of curiosity will help us on our journey," said Icao.

School Board members handed out 150 diplomas, 28 of which belonged to honor students. The Bailey Award recipients were Tess Lundy and Everett Icao.



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Bailey Medal recipients and honor graduates Donavon White and Sara Carol share a hug during the Sebring High School commencement Saturday morning at the Highlands County Fair Convention Center.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

A Lake Placid High School senior is eager to graduate Saturday at South Florida Community College in Avon Park.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Avon Park High School class president Benjamin Auyang's address was more a musical medley than a speech Friday evening at South Florida Community College in Avon Park.



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Danielle Acosta waves to family members as she and fellow Sebring High School seniors walk to their seats during the 2012 commencement exercises Saturday morning at the Highlands County Fair Convention Center.



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Summa cum laude graduate Sara Carol heads to the stage to accept the Citizenship Award during Sebring High School's 2012 graduation ceremony Saturday morning.



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Kyle Jahna, Tiffanie Clark and fellow graduates react to Benjamin Auyang's speech Friday night during Avon Park High School's graduation ceremony.



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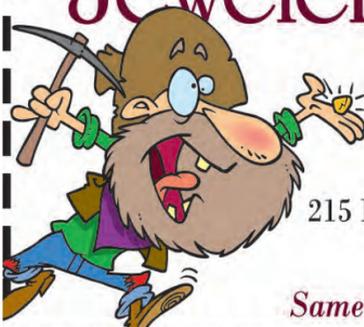
Lake Placid High School students applaud Everett Icao after his speech Saturday during Lake Placid High School's graduation ceremony.



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Avon Park High School graduates receive their diplomas Friday evening.

  
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# BUSINESS/FINANCE

## Cyber criminals using new tricks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Remember all those phony emails that purport to be from your bank, asking you to click on a link and turn over your account information?

Cyber experts say criminals have moved on and are using new methods.

A cybersecurity banking official told a House Financial Services panel Friday that criminals are now sending emails claiming to be from someone other than your bank. Newer scams use The National Automatic Clearing House Association, the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, the U.S. Postal Service, private delivery firms, telecommunications companies and social media providers.

One thing hasn't changed. Once an unsuspecting user clicks on a link, he or she is redirected to a server that downloads malicious software onto the victim's computer. The software captures the user's online banking credentials as they are typed.

Called "phishing," this tactic involves sending an email that falsely claims to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to trick the user into turning over information.

Michele Cantley, testifying on behalf of the Financial Services Information Sharing & Analysis Center, said that phishing "remains the most popular attack method that criminals use to infect victims' machines."

The center is a nonprofit organization funded by financial services companies, commercial banks, credit unions, brokerage firms, insurance companies, exchanges and clearing houses, and payment processors.

She said criminals are also using malicious advertisements, which appear on search engines and prominent news sites. When a user clicks on the link, malware gets downloaded onto his or her computer.

"A more recent method involves fraudulent messages sent from social media sites," she said. "These may include bogus friend requests, for example, that include links to malicious sites."

Mark Graff, vice president of the NASDAQ OMX Group, said his organization is not only concerned about rogue hackers or organized crime, but attacks backed by national governments.

"It is not reasonable to expect individual companies, no matter how large or sophisticated, to independently state off cyberattacks coordinated and backed by a foreign government," he said.

"If our headquarters or our physical infrastructure were under attack from foreign missiles, the U.S. government would work with us to defend our company."

"The same needs to be true for cyberattacks, especially since the U.S. government is equally under attack from these foreign entities."



Don't broadcast the dates you will be away on social media sites. It is an invitation for criminals to break into your home. Metro Services

## Make your vacation security checklist

With summer vacation right around the corner, you're probably busy planning itineraries, shopping for new bathing suits and finishing up work projects. But before you completely check out, take a few minutes to review a few financial safeguards that could save you a ton of grief and money — and protect your identity.

Credit and debit cards. If you're planning to travel — especially overseas — follow these precautions:

- Tell your card issuers where and how long you're traveling so they'll be on guard against unauthorized transactions. Also, bank fraud departments have sophisticated systems for detecting unusual account activity, so if a transaction raises concern and you're not home to field their call, your account could be frozen until you can be reached.

- Immediately report lost or stolen cards and/or unauthorized transactions to your card issuer.

- Carry at least two cards in case one gets damaged or closed temporarily. It might take a few days for the bank to mail you a new card.

- In case of theft, carry a list of card issuers' fraud hotlines and your account numbers separate from your wallet. Perhaps leave a copy with a trusted friend. I also program these numbers into my cell phone for quick access.

- Some bank's toll-free numbers may not work internationally, so ask for the right numbers before you leave.

- Avoid using standalone



### Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

- or unusual-looking ATMs not located in secure areas. They might be altered or have hidden cameras that can "shoulder surf" your account information and PIN.

- Beware of card skimming, where dishonest restaurant or store employees use a portable card reader to copy information from your credit or debit card's magnetic strip.

- Save and check all receipts against your statement; also scan your statement for unauthorized transactions.

- Guard your travel plans. Resist sharing your vacation itinerary on social networking sites or in outgoing phone or email messages. It can alert criminals that you're away from home or work. Even friends who know better might inadvertently forward an email or Facebook posting that contains critical dates and destinations. Also make sure your kids understand that this information is off limits until you're safely home.

- Streamline your wallet. Don't carry too much personal information. You'll of course need identification,

like a driver's license or passport, but don't bring your Social Security card or other highly sensitive papers. But do carry your health and car insurance identification. Also, photocopy, scan or make a list of your wallet's contents and keep it in a secure location, such as a hotel safe; and leave a copy with someone at home you can call should your wallet be stolen.

- Take electronic precautions. Whenever logging onto the Internet at a Wi-Fi hotspot, hotel business center or other public facility whose server may not be encrypted, be extra cautious before conducting online banking or other password-protected transactions. And, it probably goes without saying, but your computer and cellphone should always be password protected in case of theft.

- Safeguard your home. If no one will be housesitting in your absence:

- Have the post office hold your mail.
- Suspend newspaper subscriptions.
- Park a car in the driveway and put a prominent interior light on a timer.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to remove fliers, packages or free newspapers.

- Have a great vacation. Just don't forget to take basic identity theft precautions.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney)

## Schwab new director of Victim Services

Special to the News-Sun

BARTOW — Peace River Center announces Sheryl Schwab has been named director of Victim Services, the program serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties. Schwab comes to Peace River Center from Women in Distress of Broward County after serving as executive director of Programs & Services, and chief operating officer for more than 13 years.

In 2005, Schwab was named Broward Victim's Rights Coalition Advocate of the Year and also received the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Advocacy Award.

A licensed mental health counselor, she is also certified as a Batterer's Intervention Program assessor, facilitator and supervisor.

A graduate of Kent State University, Schwab earned Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa and National Gold Key honors.

Schwab will direct the Victim Services programs of Peace River Center, which include the Rape Recovery and Resource Center in Lakeland, as well as two domestic violence shelters that are in undisclosed locations in Highlands and Polk counties.

For more about services offered by Peace River Center call 386-1168 in Highlands County or (863) 413-2708 in Polk County.

## The Elliott Team joins Re/Max Realty Plus

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Chip and Linda Boring announce The Elliott Team, Norm and Mandy Elliott, have joined Re/Max Realty Plus. "It's like having a member of the family come back home," said Chip Boring about Mandy Elliott.

Mandy Elliott began her real estate career at RE/MAX Realty Plus at 15 years of age as an assistant to several top real estate agents and got her license in 1995. She went on to become a successful real estate salesperson prior to moving to Michigan in 2000.

Real estate was all Mandy had ever known, so it was natural to continue in the real estate industry in Michigan. She quickly became one of the top producing agents within her company in Genesee County, despite the depressing economic conditions of the state of Michigan.

In the summer of 2008 Mandy moved back to Florida to be closer to her family when she met Norm and the couple married in the summer of 2010. Together they have six children, from 16 years to 10 months.

Norm is a native to Highlands County and was a co-owner of a commercial painting contractor business. He bought into her

vision about selling real estate as a team and The Elliotts jumped into the business full time. "We burned the bridges. It was sink or swim; we have a large family and had to make it work. There was no trying it was doing," Norm said.

"We are a great team. I know this business well and with Norm's experience, he has gained first-hand knowledge at helping people realize their vision and goals. We are so glad to be back at Re/Max, a well run real estate company with owners who are Brokers and who create a positive, professional environment for us to be our best for our customers," Mandy said.

"We are so proud to have Norm and Mandy on our team who, in 2011, ranked in the top 12 in closed sales of single family homes and year-to-date they rank in the top six of all the agents in the county," said Linda Boring, co-owner of Re/Max Realty Plus.

Real estate is not just a job but a passion for this dynamic duo. Last year they were voted Best Realtors in the county by an area newspaper's People's Choice Award.

The Elliotts can be reached at 273-2861. Re/Max Realty Plus is at The Key Plaza just south of Hammock Road at 809 US 27 South.



Norm and Mandy Elliott, who make up The Elliott Team, have joined Re/Max Realty Plus. Courtesy photo

### LAKE DENTON CAMP

## SUMMER 2012 SCHEDULE

(All grades indicate having completed)

JUNE 8-10	.....4YR-1ST Grade	..... \$50.00
<small>(Parental/guardian participation highly recommended)</small>		
JUNE 24-27	.....2nd-5th Grade	..... \$95.00
JULY 8-14	.....6th-8th Grade	..... \$175.00
JULY 15-18	.....2nd-5th Grade	..... \$95.00
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- ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH TO SEE IF THEY OFFER ANY HELP.

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Questions: Call Pam at 863-634-9280 or camp in afternoons 863-453-3627, or e-mail: [lakedentoncamp@embarqmail.com](mailto:lakedentoncamp@embarqmail.com). Dates on website: [www.lakedentoncamp.org](http://www.lakedentoncamp.org)

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5 lines - 6 pubs **\$31<sup>50</sup>**  
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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-198 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT JOHN HARGREAVES a.k.a. ROBERT HARGREAVES 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 ROBERT JOHN HARGREAVES a.k.a. ROBERT HARGREAVES, deceased, File Number PC 12-198, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was July 9, 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$37,500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Shalene Louise Hargreaves PO Box 135 Yoncalla, Oregon 97499-0135

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 27, 2012.

Person Giving Notice: /s/ Shalene Louise Hargreaves PO Box 135 Yoncalla, Oregon 97499-0135

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: /s/ David F. Lanier

E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com Florida Bar No. 045399

DAVID F. LANIER P.O. Box 400 Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400

Tele: (863)453-4457

May 27; June 3, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-105

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET G. PAPP a/k/a MARGARET PAPP Division PROBATE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARGARET G. PAPP a/k/a MARGARET PAPP, deceased, whose date of death was December 22, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court 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 27, 2012.

Personal Representative: /s/ Paul J. Ballon Jr. 766 Moore Terrace The Villages, FL 32162

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Robert F. Welker

ROBERT F. WELKER, Esquire Florida Bar No. 098299

9385 N. 56th Street, Suite 303 Temple Terrace, Florida 33617

Telephone: (813) 985-5517

May 27; June 3, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CASE #: 2011-CA-000712 DIVISION #:

OneWest Bank, FSB Plaintiff,

-vs- Jay Cale; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Jay Cale, WHOSE RESIDENCE IS: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 6617 Coral Ridge Road, Sebring, FL 33876 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui jurs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: LOT 16, BLOCK C, FAIRWAY LAKES, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 21st day of May, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Circuit and County Courts By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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 Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 12-32 GCS

LAWRENCE WILSON WILLIAMS AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE A. WILLIAMS, SR. A/K/A EUGENE A. WILLIAMS Plaintiff,

-vs- MARIA BELIA POLANCO A/K/A MARIE BELIA POLANCO, ET AL, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lots 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 4, SECOND SUBDIVISION OF HOFFMAN'S GROVE ADDITION TO LAKE STEARNS, FLORIDA, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 96, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes (2008), at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 27th day of June, 2012.

NOTICE: 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. SIGNED this 31st day of May, 2012.

ROBERT GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Annette E. Daff Deputy Clerk June 3, 10, 2012

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000703

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,

-vs- RACHEL WELLER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL WELLER IF ANY; 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 SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated April 16, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000703 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff and RACHEL WELLER are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT 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., June 27, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT 14 IN AVALON PARK LAKES, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR AVON PARK LAKES, A CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY CLERK'S REGISTER'S OFFICE IN DEED/RECORDED BOOK 1781 PAGE 3, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO AS THE SAME MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER BE LAWFULLY AMENDED.

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 AT SEBRING, Florida, this 16th day of April, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Highlands County, Florida By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Highlands County, Florida June 3, 10, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No: FC 12-357 Division: Shinholsler

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: HECTOR M. AROCHO, Petitioner/Husband, and JOSEFINA LAURA FLORES RANGEL, Respondent/Wife.

NOTICE OF ACTION

FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE - NO PROPERTY OR CHILDREN TO: JOSEFINA LAURA FLORES RANGEL Aramburi 1433 Otc entre Julian Villareal y Alvaro Obregon, Centro de Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico 64000

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Petitioner/Husband's attorney NICHOLAS G. SCHOMMER, P.A. whose address is 329 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, 33870 before service on Petitioner/Husband or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2012. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Cyndi Dassinger Deputy Clerk

May 20, 27; June 3, 10, 2012

## 1050 Legals

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") gives notice of Agency action of entering into a Consent Order with the State of Florida Department of Corrections pursuant to Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes. The Consent Order addresses the effluent quality exceedances at the Avon Park Correctional Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Consent Order is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, 13051 North Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637.

Persons who are not party to this Consent Order, but whose substantial interests are affected by it, have a right to petition for an administrative hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition concerning this Consent Order means that the Department's final action may be different from the position it has taken in the Consent Order.

The petition for administrative hearing must contain all of the following information:

- a) The OCG Number assigned to this Consent Order;
- b) The name, address and telephone number of each petitioner; the name address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding;
- c) An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the Consent Order;
- d) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Consent Order;
- e) Either a statement of all material facts disputed by the petitioner or a statement that the petitioner does not dispute any material facts;
- f) A statement of the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Consent Order;
- g) A statement of the rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Consent Order;
- h) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Consent Order.

The petition must be filed (received) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 within 21 days of receipt of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the District Office at 13051 North Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637. Failure to file a petition within the 21-day period constitutes a person's waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing and to participate as a party to this proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Before the deadline for filing a petition, a person whose substantial interests are affected by this Consent Order may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes. Choosing mediation will not adversely affect such person's right to request an administrative hearing if mediation does not result in settlement. Additional information about mediation is provided in Section 120.573, Florida Statutes and Rule 62-110.106(12), Florida Administrative Code.

June 3, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-687-GCS

SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC. I/A/A AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. ALAN GLEN REAPSUMMER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ALAN GLEN REAPSUMMER, JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT(S), and HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will, on the 27th day of June, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Jury Assembly Room in basement, Sebring, Florida offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida:

The West 1/2 of Lot 17 and all of Lot 18, Block 1016, TIA JUANA VILLA, according to the plat thereof recorded in PB 2, Page 80, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida Together with the 1973 PRMO Mobile Home ID#G5885 and Sticker #R060362 situated thereon which is affixed to the afore described real property and incorporated herein. a/k/a: 5203 Barnum Street, Sebring, FL 33876 pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person, other than the rightful owner of the property, must file a claim to surplus funds within 60 days after the above held sale for the claim to be valid.

/s/ Priscilla Michalak Clerk of Circuit Court By: D.C.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the employment application, recruitment, and selection process within the Tenth Circuit, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), as much in advance as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest a reasonable accommodation that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the application, recruitment, and selection process. If you are a current employee of or are hired by, the State Courts System and require a reasonable accommodation in order to perform the essential functions of the job in question, you should consult with your supervisor.

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000371

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. HARRY L. JORDAN, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HARRY L. JORDAN

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 330 N E COQUINA AVENUE LAKE PLACID, FL

33852-3609

CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

FELICIA D. JORDAN A/K/A FELICIA JORDAN A/K/A FELICIA DOROTHY JORDAN

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 330 N E COQUINA AVENUE LAKE PLACID, FL

33852-3609

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 CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida:

LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 275, PLACID LAKES, SECTION TWENTY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 31, 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.L.C., 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 21st day of May, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine Clerk of the Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp As Deputy Clerk May 27; June 3, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 11-687-GCS

SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC. I/A/A AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. ALAN GLEN REAPSUMMER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ALAN GLEN REAPSUMMER, JOHN DOE, UNKNOWN TENANT(S), and HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will, on the 27th day of June, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Jury Assembly Room in basement, Sebring, Florida offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida:

The West 1/2 of Lot 17 and all of Lot 18, Block 1016, TIA JUANA VILLA, according to the plat thereof recorded in PB 2, Page 80, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida Together with the 1973 PRMO Mobile Home ID#G5885 and Sticker #R060362 situated thereon which is affixed to the afore described real property and incorporated herein. a/k/a: 5203 Barnum Street, Sebring, FL 33876 pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person, other than the rightful owner of the property, must file a claim to surplus funds within 60 days after the above held sale for the claim to be valid.

/s/ Priscilla Michalak Clerk of Circuit Court By: D.C.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the employment application, recruitment, and selection process within the Tenth Circuit, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), as much in advance as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest a reasonable accommodation that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the application, recruitment, and selection process. If you are a current employee of or are hired by, the State Courts System and require a reasonable accommodation in order to perform the essential functions of the job in question, you should consult with your supervisor.

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000099-GCS SEC.: Civil

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. SHIRLEY CHILDS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY CHILDS IF ANY; DOYLE LAMB A/K/A ALBERT DOYLE LAMB; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERT DOYLE LAMB IF ANY; 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 SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 4, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000099-GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 27th day of June, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 20, BLOCK 53, PLAT OF UNIT ONE OR LAKE LILLIAN SECTION OF HIGHLANDS LAKES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 77, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AND ALL OF LOT 21 AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 22, ABUTTING LOT 21, BLOCK 53, OF UNIT ONE OR LAKE LILLIAN SECTION OF HIGHLANDS LAKES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 77, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE SAID SOUTHEASTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 22 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING WHERE THE COMMON DIVIDING LINE OF SAID LOTS 21 AND 22 INTERSECTS WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF AVOCADO ROAD; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG AVOCADO ROAD A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH THE COMMON BOUNDARY OF LOTS 21 AND 22 TO THE REAR BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 22; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE REAR BOUNDARY OF LOT 22 A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO THE COMMON DIVIDING LINE OF SAID LOTS 21 AND 22; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COMMON DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN LOTS 21 AND 22 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. 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: Office of the Court Administrator Phone: (863) 534-4686 TDD: (863) 534-4686

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 of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 8TH DAY OF MAY, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA June 3, 10, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282009CA001318XXXXX THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-36 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-36, Plaintiff, vs JENNIFER DIAZ; ERIC A. DIAZ; NATIONAL CITY BANK; 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, 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. 282009CA001318XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-36 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-36, is the Plaintiff and JENNIFER DIAZ; ERIC A. DIAZ; NATIONAL CITY BANK; 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 27th day of June, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 8, OF LAKE JUNE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 48, 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.

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 June 3, 10, 2012

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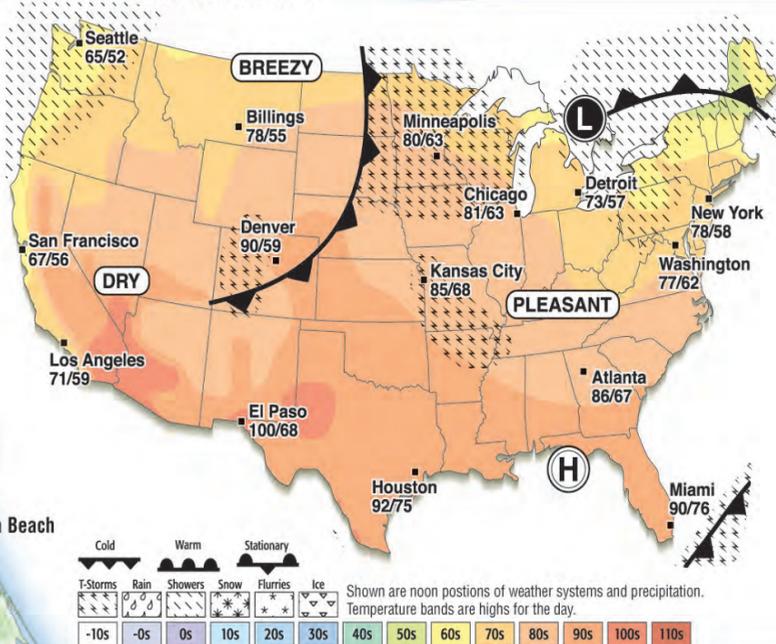
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly sunny	Humid with sun, some clouds	Partly sunny	Some sun with a t-storm possible	An afternoon thunderstorm in spots
93° / 69°	93° / 71°	92° / 73°	87° / 72°	90° / 72°
Winds: NW at 4-8 mph	Winds: W at 6-12 mph	Winds: W at 8-16 mph	Winds: SW at 8-16 mph	Winds: SW at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for June 3



Almanac

**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	93°
Low Tuesday	71°
High Wednesday	95°
Low Wednesday	66°
High Thursday	91°
Low Thursday	71°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	40%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	93°

**Barometer**

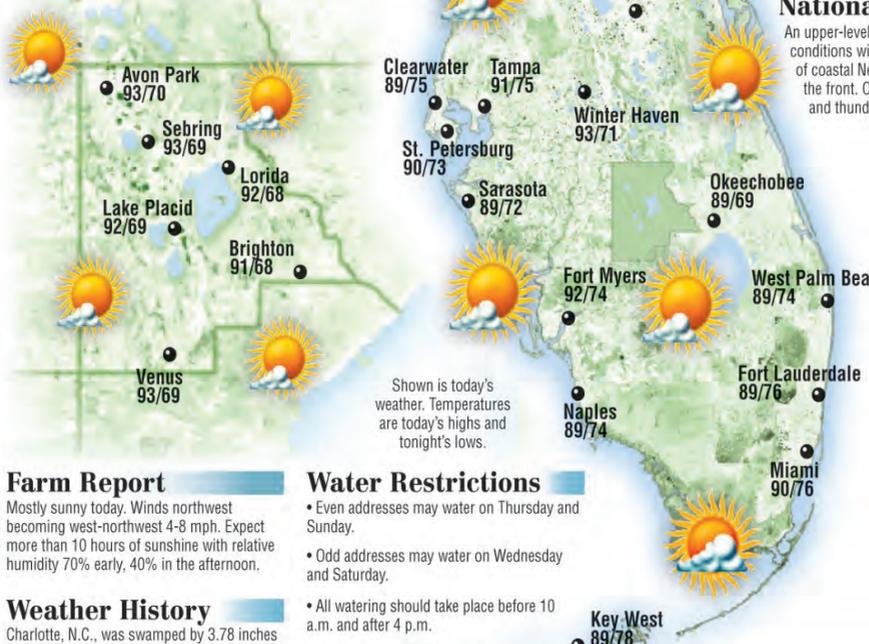
Tuesday	29.85
Wednesday	29.84
Thursday	29.86

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.09"
Thursday	0.05"
Month to date	0.05"
Year to date	10.06"

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny today. Patchy clouds tonight. Humid with sun and clouds tomorrow. Tuesday: partly sunny. Wednesday: some sun with a thunderstorm possible. Thursday: an afternoon thunderstorm possible.



Farm Report

Mostly sunny today. Winds northwest becoming west-northwest 4-8 mph. Expect more than 10 hours of sunshine with relative humidity 70% early, 40% in the afternoon.

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.

Weather History

Charlotte, N.C., was swamped by 3.78 inches of rain on June 3, 1909 -- the greatest amount recorded there in one day for decades. The storm represented almost a month's rain.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:34 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
Sunset	8:15 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise	7:41 p.m.	8:45 p.m.
Moonset	5:38 a.m.	6:38 a.m.



U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	92/66/s	92/61/s	89/63/s	Los Angeles	71/59/pc	72/59/pc	72/54/pc
Atlanta	86/67/s	90/67/t	85/66/s	Louisville	80/63/pc	81/66/pc	77/59/pc
Baltimore	78/53/pc	72/53/t	69/50/t	Memphis	86/73/pc	94/74/t	89/65/pc
Birmingham	89/68/s	93/70/t	85/63/pc	Milwaukee	76/60/pc	71/57/t	69/54/pc
Boston	68/53/pc	60/49/c	63/50/pc	Minneapolis	80/63/c	83/55/pc	75/56/pc
Charlotte	82/58/s	85/62/s	80/62/pc	Nashville	85/64/pc	87/68/t	83/58/pc
Cheyenne	90/55/pc	84/55/t	82/53/pc	New Orleans	91/74/s	90/74/pc	90/75/pc
Chicago	81/63/pc	78/58/t	74/55/pc	New York City	78/58/pc	69/56/t	68/56/c
Cleveland	74/58/pc	71/56/pc	71/56/pc	Norfolk	80/63/pc	80/64/pc	74/61/c
Columbus	78/57/pc	79/57/pc	71/54/pc	Oklahoma City	93/71/pc	92/69/t	87/62/t
Dallas	94/75/pc	94/75/pc	93/72/c	Philadelphia	78/59/pc	72/58/t	68/56/sh
Denver	90/59/pc	88/58/t	88/56/s	Phoenix	103/76/s	101/75/s	103/77/s
Detroit	73/57/pc	75/57/pc	72/54/pc	Pittsburgh	72/53/pc	71/53/pc	68/52/c
Harrisburg	76/54/pc	73/52/t	69/52/sh	Portland, ME	60/50/r	63/49/c	64/50/pc
Honolulu	85/73/s	85/72/pc	87/73/s	Portland, OR	67/53/c	64/48/r	61/45/sh
Houston	92/75/s	92/75/pc	92/75/s	Raleigh	82/56/s	84/62/r	77/60/pc
Indianapolis	80/62/pc	81/60/pc	72/56/pc	Rochester	68/53/sh	67/53/t	71/52/pc
Jackson, MS	94/67/s	92/71/pc	89/67/t	St. Louis	86/68/pc	88/66/pc	80/60/pc
Kansas City	85/66/pc	87/63/pc	82/58/pc	San Francisco	67/56/pc	61/50/pc	64/50/pc
Lexington	78/56/pc	81/61/pc	74/54/pc	Seattle	65/52/c	65/47/r	58/45/sh
Little Rock	92/71/pc	95/72/t	92/65/pc	Wash., DC	77/62/pc	76/60/pc	71/57/t

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	91/76/t	91/77/t	90/74/t	London	55/46/r	57/43/r	59/50/r
Athens	86/64/s	87/67/s	88/66/s	Montreal	55/44/c	61/50/pc	66/52/pc
Beirut	82/67/s	81/67/s	80/67/s	Moscow	55/43/r	63/45/pc	68/50/s
Berlin	61/48/c	64/45/sh	66/45/pc	Nice	76/62/sh	77/62/pc	76/62/s
Bermuda	80/71/pc	76/71/s	78/70/s	Ottawa	64/48/c	63/48/pc	69/51/pc
Calgary	64/41/pc	61/44/pc	56/50/t	Quebec	55/45/r	61/46/c	66/46/c
Dublin	52/44/r	59/48/c	57/50/r	Rio de Janeiro	87/72/s	88/73/c	86/72/pc
Edmonton	67/42/pc	70/48/s	61/51/c	Seoul	82/57/pc	81/57/pc	84/61/s
Freeport	86/73/pc	86/78/s	87/79/pc	Singapore	90/79/t	90/79/t	90/79/t
Geneva	73/54/r	64/50/r	69/48/pc	Sydney	63/46/sh	66/48/sh	61/48/r
Havana	88/73/t	91/73/t	89/74/t	Toronto	62/53/c	69/53/pc	69/51/sh
Hong Kong	84/79/pc	86/80/sh	87/82/pc	Vancouver	61/46/c	61/50/pc	58/48/sh
Jerusalem	85/65/s	82/60/s	81/62/s	Vienna	81/62/c	67/57/r	68/51/pc
Johannesburg	68/44/s	66/44/s	66/44/s	Warsaw	64/52/c	63/51/sh	59/46/r
Kiev	69/57/c	80/63/sh	82/58/t	Winnipeg	79/57/t	78/55/pc	77/66/pc

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## Friday's Dixie action all wet



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DAN HOEHNE

Friday's day-long rains left the Max Long Recreational Complex riddled with puddles and washed out the slate of Dixie City Tournament games scheduled. The tournament was set to get back on track Saturday and will push through Sunday, possibly moving into the early part of next week. See Wednesday's News-Sun for continued coverage.

# Reeves reaches new heights with Eagles

By LAUREN WELBORN  
News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — Holden Andrew Reeves, better known as Drew here in his hometown of Avon Park, has definitely had quite the successful baseball season his first year with Polk State College.

With a regular season record of 40-9 and a final record of 46-12, the Polk State Eagles had remarkable season.

In fact, he just recently returned from a trip to play in the World Series in beautiful Grand Junction, CO.

"It was absolutely the best time of my life hands down," Reeves shared.

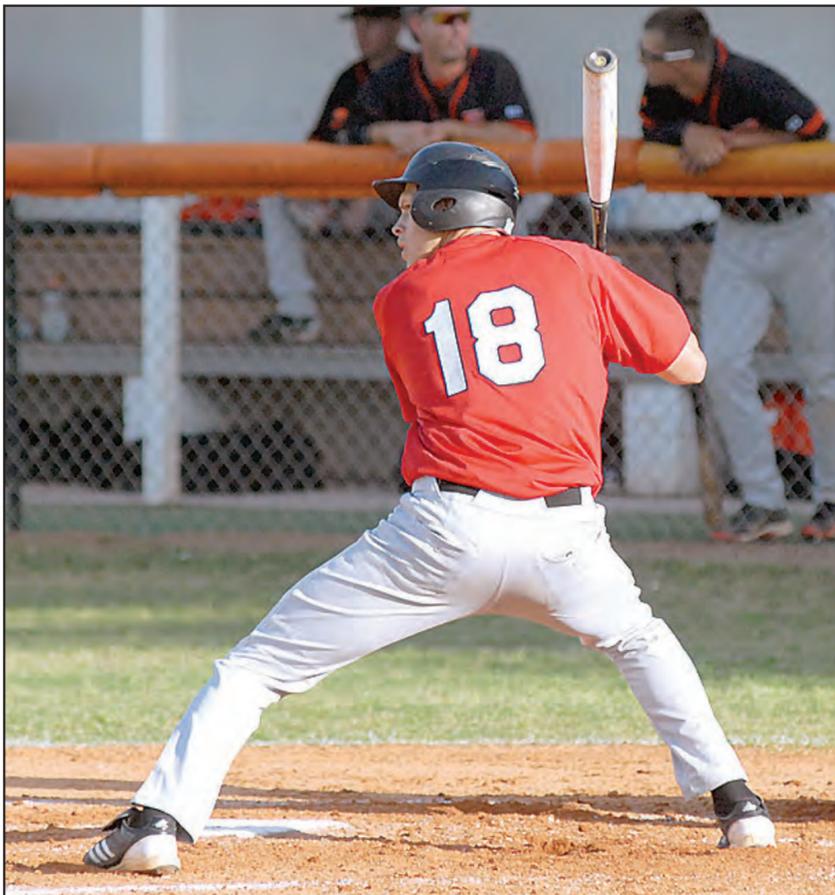
Of course, not every team can go to the World Series — first they must qualify to do so.

The Polk State Eagles won both the Suncoast Conference as well as the state championship, and thus they hit the road to The Centennial State.

They proceeded to win their first game, but lost the next two in a row and would be sent back home.

Before the elimination, Reeves managed to go four-for-ten with three RBI, a decent cap for his seasonal .233 average which included three home runs.

Reeves explained that one of the challenges of transition to the college level of play was the improved pitching.



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Avon Park's Drew Reeves saw the hard work pay off for him and his team this year as the Polk State College Eagles won the state championship and reached the NJCAA World Series.

"The hardest transition I had to make was learning a whole new position, first base," he said. "And trying to slow the game down and hit the ball to opposite field. The pitching I was facing in college was way better than

I faced in high school."

Drew started every game at first for the Eagles, a slight change from his middle-infield and hot-corner starts as a Red Devil.

Of course, this was a challenge he readily accept-

ed, and with much hard work and determination he saw improvement throughout the season.

"I got a lot better at picking the ball out of the dirt at

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## Lottery conspiracy seems unlikely

The talk has started again, you know, that annual grumbling that the NBA Draft Lottery is rigged.

Every year, it seems, disgruntled fans of moribund teams simply cannot believe that the order of the upcoming draft was left up to pure chance.

Surely there has to be some conspiracy going on, with Commissioner David Stern allegedly pulling the strings, weighting down the balls, freezing the envelopes so that certain teams get the top pick.

Some years the thought does actually seem logical — but this year isn't one of them.

This whole draft lottery system, or at least the initial version of it, came about after the 1983-84 season, when it was still a case of, the two worst teams flipped a coin for the top pick.

The only two teams who controlled their own picks were Chicago and Houston.

The Rockets and Indiana wound up as the worst two teams, after most of the lower echelon teams went on tanking binges vying for the top spot.

After all the draft class that year included future legends Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, Akeem Olajuwon (he hadn't added the H to his first name yet) and John Stockton.

This, as it would happen, was Stern's first year as commissioner, and what he saw unfolding had to change.

Houston won the coin flip and got the first pick, the number two pick went to Indiana and thus to Portland, which owned the pick via a previous trade.

Olajuwon went to the Rockets, Sam Bowie to the Blazers and Jordan to the Bulls in that infamous draft that would forever change the league.

But with the teams having taken tanking to such atrocious extremes, a draft lottery was implemented the next year, whereby being the



And Another Thing...

Dan Hoehne

worst team didn't assure the top pick.

That year, Patrick Ewing was the big prize in the draft, though the two worst teams in the league were Golden State and Indiana, with the New York Knicks having the third worst record.

Of course, the Knicks wound up with the first pick, through the lottery, and the first wave of conspiracy claims came about.

A potential franchise center such as Ewing, of course, had to go to the NBA's largest market, had to go to one of the league's signature teams.

At least there seemed some validity to these assertions, though never founded, and the trend would continue over the years.

And yet, as I glance over the list of number one picks, and the teams they went to, over the years since, it's really hard to see where such claims could come from.

I'm sure, at the times, there were some flimsy reasons thrown out, but really, in retrospect it's hard to imagine why.

Like the NBA wanted to make sure that Glenn Robinson ended up in Milwaukee in 1994?

Michael Olowokandi to the Clippers in '98, Kwame Brown to the Nets in '01, Andrea Bargnani to Toronto in '06?

Like any of those fortuitous selections altered the landscape of the NBA?

That also goes to show that even if you give a team

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## Florida's Crawford throws no-no versus Bethune-Cookman



AP photo

Florida starting pitcher Jonathon Crawford throws in the ninth inning against Bethune-Cookman, Crawford had a no-hitter as Florida won 4-0.

Associated Press  
GAINESVILLE — Jonathon Crawford was nearly perfect for Florida. Turned out the Gators right-hander was plenty good enough to make some college baseball history.

Crawford threw the seventh no-hitter ever in the NCAA tournament, shutting down Bethune-Cookman in a 4-0 victory in the opener of the Gainesville Regional on Friday night.

"When I came out for the eighth, I got really nervous and excited and that's when it hit me that I could get a no-hitter," Crawford said. "I was pumped. It was crazy, but

a lot of fun. I guess it's a pretty big deal."

No doubt about it. Crawford, a sophomore who wasn't even part of the Gators' three-man weekend rotation this season, faced the minimum 27 batters.

The only player to reach base was Bethune-Cookman's Jake Welch on a walk in the third inning, and Florida catcher Mike Zunino threw him out trying to steal.

Crawford (6-2) struck out five and walked one for the Gators' first no-hitter since 1991, by John Burke — also the last one thrown in the NCAA tour-

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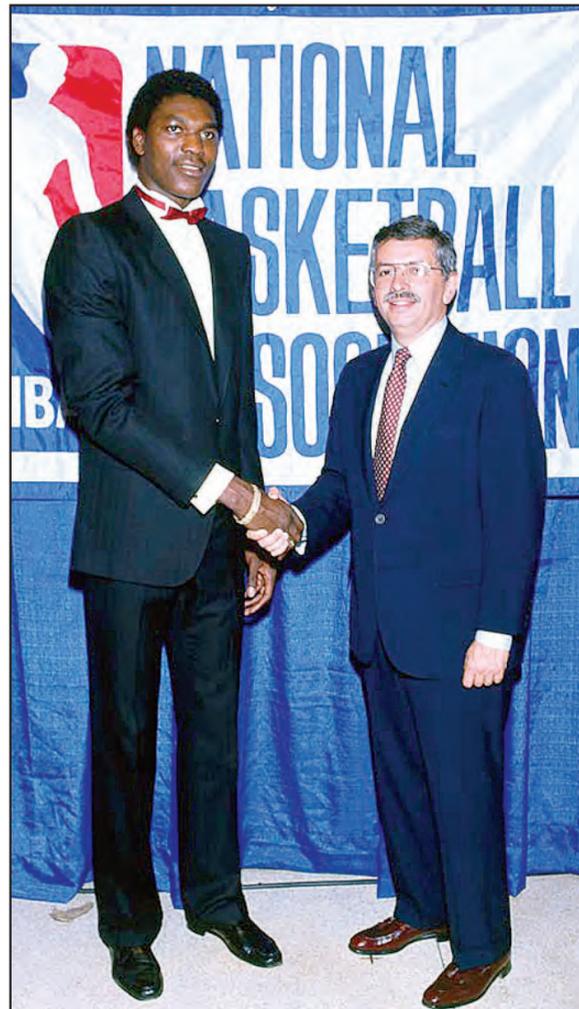


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Top pick Akeem Olajuwon shakes first-year commissioner David Stern's hand at the 1984 NBA Draft. The draft lottery was instituted the following year and conspiracy theories about it were born.

# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### NBA Playoffs

#### CONFERENCE FINALS EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Miami 2, Boston 1**  
 Monday: Miami 93, Boston 79  
 Wednesday: Miami 115, Boston 111, OT  
 Friday: Boston 101, Miami 91  
 Sunday: Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, June 5: Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.  
 x-Thursday, June 7: Miami at Boston, 8:30 p.m.  
 x-Saturday, June 9: Boston at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**San Antonio 2, Oklahoma City 1**  
 San Antonio 101, Oklahoma City 98  
 Tuesday: San Antonio 120, Oklahoma City 111  
 Thursday: Oklahoma City 102, San Antonio 82  
 Saturday: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, late  
 Monday: June 4: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, June 6: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 9 p.m.  
 x-Friday, June 8: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

### NHL Playoffs

#### STANLEY CUP FINALS

**Los Angeles 1, New Jersey 0**  
 Wednesday: Los Angeles 2, New Jersey 1, OT  
 Saturday: Los Angeles at New Jersey, late  
 Monday, June 4: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, June 6: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.  
 x-Saturday, June 9: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.  
 x-Monday, June 11: New Jersey at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, June 13: Los Angeles at New Jersey, 8 p.m.

### Major League Baseball

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	30	22	.577	—
Baltimore	29	23	.558	1
New York	28	23	.549	1½
Boston	27	25	.519	3
Toronto	27	25	.519	3
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	30	22	.577	—
Cleveland	28	23	.549	1½
Detroit	24	28	.462	6
Kansas City	22	28	.440	7
Minnesota	18	33	.353	11½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	31	21	.596	—
Los Angeles	27	26	.509	4½
Seattle	23	31	.426	9
Oakland	22	30	.423	9

#### Thursday's Games

Detroit 7, Boston 3  
**Friday's Games**  
 Cleveland 7, Minnesota 1  
 N.Y. Yankees 9, Detroit 4  
 Boston 7, Toronto 2  
 Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 0  
 Kansas City 2, Oakland 0  
 Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle 4  
 L.A. Angels 4, Texas 2

#### Saturday's Games

Boston at Toronto, late  
 Oakland at Kansas City, late  
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, late  
 Seattle at Chicago White Sox, late  
 Minnesota at Cleveland, late  
 N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, late  
 Texas at L.A. Angels, late

#### Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 4-5) at Detroit (Verlander 5-3), 1:05 p.m.  
 Boston (Bard 5-5) at Toronto (Hutchison 4-2), 1:07 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Arrieta 2-6) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 1-5), 1:40 p.m.  
 Oakland (Milone 6-4) at Kansas City (Mazzaro 1-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Millwood 3-4) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 6-2), 2:10 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Diamond 3-1) at Cleveland (Masteron 2-4), 3:05 p.m.  
 Texas (M.Harrison 6-3) at L.A. Angels (Haren 3-5), 3:35 p.m.

#### LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Konerko, CHW	178	31	67	.376
Hamilton, TEX	186	40	68	.366
Trumbo, LAA	159	22	54	.340
Jeter, NYY	215	29	73	.340
Ortiz, BOS	195	36	63	.323
Beltre, TEX	186	28	60	.323
Fielder, DET	199	30	64	.322
Jones, BAL	208	38	66	.317
Cabrera, DET	213	29	67	.315
Escobar, KC	181	21	55	.304
HOME RUNS				
Hamilton, TEX		21		
Dunn, CHW		17		
Encarnacion, TOR		17		
Granderson, NYY		17		
Jones, BAL		16		
Reddick, OAK		14		
Ortiz, BOS		13		
Bautista, TOR		12		
Butler, KC		11		
Konerko, CHW		11		
Viciedo, CHW		11		
RUNS BATTED IN				
Hamilton, TEX		57		
Cabrera, DET		42		
Encarnacion, TOR		42		
Dunn, CHW		38		
Ortiz, BOS		37		
Willingham, MIN		35		
Beltre, TEX		35		
Scott, TB		35		
Butler, KC		35		
WON-LOST				
Darvish, TEX		7-2		
Sabathia, NYY		7-2		
Price, T-B		7-3		
Lowe, CLE		7-3		
13 tied		6		
STRIKEOUTS				
Verlander, DET		82		
Hernandez, SEA		81		
Scherzer, DET		78		
Shields, T-B		74		
Sabathia, NYY		74		
Peavy, CHW		68		
Darvish, TEX		66		
Haren, LAA		66		
Lewis, TEX		64		

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	21	.580	—

### AUTO RACING

#### SUNDAY

**12:30 p.m.** NASCAR – FedEx 400 . . . . . FOX  
**3:30 p.m.** IndyCar – Belle Isle Grand Prix . . . . . ABC  
**4:30 p.m.** NHRA – SuperNationals . . . . . ESPN2

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### SUNDAY

**Noon** NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

#### SUNDAY

**1 p.m.** College World Series . . . . . ESPN  
**3:30 p.m.** College World Series . . . . . ESPN  
**MONDAY**  
**8 p.m.** College World Series . . . . . ESPN2  
**TUESDAY**  
**8 p.m.** College World Series . . . . . ESPN2

### GOLF

#### SUNDAY

**8 a.m.** EuroPGA – Handa Wales Open . . . . . GOLF  
**Noon** PGA – Memorial Tournament . . . . . GOLF  
**2 p.m.** PGA – Memorial Tournament . . . . . CBS  
**4 p.m.** LPGA – ShopRite Championship . . . . . GOLF  
**7 p.m.** PGA – Principal Charity Classic . . . . . GOLF

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

#### SUNDAY

**1 p.m.** N.Y. Yankees at Detroit . . . . . TBS  
**4 p.m.** Chicago Cubs at San Francisco . . . . . WGN  
**8 p.m.** St. Louis at N.Y. Mets . . . . . ESPN2  
**MONDAY**  
**7 p.m.** L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia . . . . . ESPN  
**TUESDAY**  
**8 p.m.** Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee . . . . . WGN

### NBA PLAYOFFS

#### SUNDAY

**8:30 p.m.** Miami at Boston . . . . . ESPN  
**MONDAY**  
**9 p.m.** Oklahoma City at San Antonio . . . . . TNT  
**TUESDAY**  
**8:30 p.m.** Boston at Miami . . . . . ESPN

### RUGBY

#### SUNDAY

**4 p.m.** Sevens Collegiate Championship . . . . . NBC

### TENNIS

#### SUNDAY

**1 p.m.** French Open, Fourth Round . . . . . NBC  
**TUESDAY**  
**1 p.m.** French Open, Quarterfinals . . . . . ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Miami	29	23	.558	1
New York	29	23	.558	1
Atlanta	28	24	.538	2
Philadelphia	28	25	.528	2½

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	29	22	.569	—
St. Louis	27	25	.519	2½
Pittsburgh	26	25	.510	3
Milwaukee	23	29	.442	6½
Houston	22	30	.423	7½
Chicago	18	33	.353	11

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	20	.615	—
San Francisco	28	24	.538	4
Arizona	23	29	.442	9
Colorado	22	29	.431	9½
San Diego	18	35	.340	14½

#### Thursday's Games

Colorado 11, Houston 5  
 Milwaukee 6, L.A. Dodgers 2

#### Friday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Miami 4  
 Atlanta at Washington, ppd., rain  
 N.Y. Mets 8, St. Louis 0  
 Cincinnati 4, Houston 1  
 Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 2  
 Colorado 13, L.A. Dodgers 3  
 San Diego 7, Arizona 1  
 San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 3

#### Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, late  
 Miami at Philadelphia, late  
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late  
 St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, late  
 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, late  
 Arizona at San Diego, late  
 Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, late  
 Cincinnati at Houston, late

#### Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Washington, 1:35 p.m.  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Houston, 2:05 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Diego, 6:35 p.m.  
 St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 8:10 p.m.

#### LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING				
	AB	R	H	BA
Ruiz, PHL	147	24	56	.381
Cabrera, SF	213	39	80	.376
Wright, NYM	172	34	63	.366
McCutchen, PIT	176	29	59	.335
Gonzalez, COL	194	44	65	.335
Prado, ATL	190	33	63	.330
Molina, STL	176	26	58	.332
Votto, CIN	173	31	57	.329
Furcal, STL	201	37	66	.328
Ethier, LAD	192	27	62	.323
HOME RUNS				
Beltran, STL		15		
Gonzalez, COL		14		
Braun, MIL		14		

Stanton, MIA	13
Kemp, LAD	12
Pence, PHL	12
Bruce, CIN	12
Hart, MIL	11
Holliday, STL	10
Freese, STL	10
LaHair, CHC	10

#### RUNS BATTED IN

Gonzalez, COL	45
Ethier, LAD	44
Beltran, STL	42
Stanton, MIA	40
Braun, MIL	36
Cuddyer, COL	36
LaRoche, WAS	35
Freeman, ATL	35
Holliday, STL	34
Bruce, CIN	34

#### WON-LOST

Hamels, PHL	8-1
Lynn, STL	8-1
Gonzalez, WAS	7-1
Dickey, NYM	7-1
Capuano, LAD	7-2
Miley, ARI	6-2
Greinke, MIL	6-2
Bumgarner, SF	6-4
11 tied	5

#### STRIKEOUTS

Gonzalez, WAS	79
Hamels, PHL	72
Strasburg, WAS	70
Greinke, MIL	69
Santana, NYM	68
A. Sanchez, MIA	67
Cain, SF	66
Happ, HOU	65
Samardzija, CHC	65

#### Transactions

##### BASEBALL

**American League**  
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed Of Nick Markakis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 30.  
 Selected the contract of INF-OF Bill Hall from Norfolk (IL).  
 BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned RHP Mark Prior to Pawtucket (IL).

##### National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Claimed RHP Jairo Asencio off waivers from Cleveland.  
 Designated RHP Michael Bowden for assignment.

##### FOOTBALL

**National Football League**  
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Claimed S Micah Pellerin off waivers from Indianapolis. Waived WR Marcus Rivers.  
 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed WR T.Y. Hilton.  
 MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed DB Harrison Smith.  
 NEW YORK JETS—Signed LB Demario Davis to a four-year contract.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:kim.crawford@southflorida.edu).

## 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.

The clinic is open to children from age 4 through eighth grade and will meet each day from 3-5:30 p.m.

There will be a different theme of crafts, fun and cheers each day and attendees will be taught cheers and chants from the nationally ranked and four-time state champion Blue Streak squad.

# Reeves sees hard work pay off

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first," he said. "I'm still looking to improve on swinging at better pitches and still slowing down more."

This "slowing down" he refers to is more of a mental challenge that Reeve faces.

"I try to do too much; I try to go too fast and get ahead of myself and that's what messes me up."

Reeves was not alone as he battled through these trials — he had his teammates as well as the coaching staff to give him support and motivation.

"I loved them. They may make you mad with all the stuff they make you do and, when you first get here, you may not understand it," he said. "But if you work hard it pays off big time."

"They keep you on a straight edge and pretty much

play a parent role in your life; if it wasn't for these guys there's no telling where I might be and what I might be doing with my life."

Reeves managed this same perseverance in the classroom, where he says that his work towards his Athletic Training major is going very well.

For other students looking towards the college athlete life, Reeves advises, "Never stop working hard and always remember that hard work will always pay off some time or another, whether it seems like it or not."

Because Reeves did not seek such instant gratification his efforts definitely paid off, and will surely continue to pay off as he puts another season under his belt as a Polk State Eagle.



Courtesy photo  
Reeves was moved to first base at Polk State College and the former middle infielder made the adjustment to his new position well.

# Gators ride Crawford no-hitter to NCAA tournament win

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nament — in a 2-0 win over Furman.

Crawford needed just 98 pitches, throwing 70 for strikes, for Florida (43-18).

It was the fifth no-hitter by a single pitcher in program history; Florida also has had three combined no-hitters.

"Unbelievable," Bethune-Cookman coach Jason Beverlin said. "It was a pretty unbelievable game. Crawford did an unbelievable job pitching, probably an understatement."

Crawford completed his no-hitter less than an hour before the New York Mets' Johan Santana threw the first no-no in the team's history, beating St. Louis 8-0.

The Wildcats managed to hit just six balls out of the infield, but nearly broke

through in their final at-bat when Carlos Delgado ripped a line drive to the right side. Florida second baseman Casey Turgeon leaped to make the catch and secure the no-hitter.

When Turgeon came down with the ball, the crowd roared and Crawford's teammates swarmed him on the field.

"I jumped as high as I could," Turgeon said, "and luckily I got it."

Crawford had first-pitch strikes against 19 of the hitters he faced, and his fastball reached 97 mph in the ninth inning.

"The last batter," Crawford said, "I was just throwing as hard as I could."

His brilliant pitching pushed Florida, the top overall seed in the country, to a matchup with Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Bethune-Cookman (34-26) will face the College of Charleston in an elimination game.

The Gators took an early 1-0 lead and piled on three more runs on Turgeon's homer in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Turgeon went 3 for 4 and drove in all of Florida's runs.

Crawford, 20, is a soft-spoken guy from Okeechobee, Fla., a town of almost 6,000.

Gators coach Kevin O'Sullivan said Crawford's level personality helped him finish out the game while the crowd was in a frenzy.

"You see a lot of innocence with Jonathon," O'Sullivan said. "His calmness helps and Mike Zunino helps a lot with that. They worked outstanding together all night and Mike deserves

a lot of credit for that."

The no-hitter was a milestone for Crawford, who threw a total of 3 2/3 innings as a freshman last season.

When Florida went to the College World Series a year ago, O'Sullivan chose to leave Crawford off the roster in favor of more experienced pitchers.

"Twelve months later, he's starting the first game of a regional and he throws a no-hitter," O'Sullivan said. "To me, this is what coaching is all about. This is a night he will never forget and I will never forget."

# Firecracker 5K set for July 4

Special to the News-Sun  
SEBRING — The 18th Annual FIRECRACKER 5K Run/Walk is set for Highlands Hammock State Park at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4.

The race celebrates the nation's birthday and will feature overall, masters and grand masters male and female awards, age group awards in 5-year age divisions, deluxe tee shirts and plenty of refreshments.

Entry fee is \$17 thru June 27 and \$22 after June 27 and race day.

Only pre-registered are guaranteed shirt size, so sign up early.

You may receive an email application form by contacting Chet Brojek via email [cbrojek@comcast.net](mailto:cbrojek@comcast.net) or by phone at 385-4736.

Mail entries to Firecracker 5K, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872.

Checks made payable to Central Florida Striders.

Proceeds of the race benefit the Avon Park High School boys and girls cross country teams.

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# Junior Golf Academy

SEBRING — PGA pro Geoff Lee returns to teach your child the values and traditions of the game at the Golf Hammock Junior Golf Academy June 25-29.

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# Harrelson says he won't change style

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago White Sox TV broadcaster Ken "Hawk" Harrelson says he snapped when he went on a tirade criticizing an umpire this week and will try not to let it happen again.

Harrelson spoke with baseball Commissioner Bud Selig and team owner Jerry Reinsdorf after the outburst.

He said Friday he can't guarantee a repeat won't occur.

"I didn't talk to the commissioner. The commissioner talked to me. I didn't talk with Jerry, Jerry talked to me," Harrelson said Friday.

Without a warning, umpire Mark Wegner ejected Chicago rookie starter Jose Quintana in the fourth inning Wednesday in a game at Tampa Bay after he threw a pitch behind the Rays' Ben Zobrist.

An inning earlier, White

Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski had been hit by a pitch.

Harrelson ranted in the booth at Wegner.

"I'll tell you what, they have got to start making guys be accountable. That is totally absurd. Here's an umpire in the American League that knows nothing about the game of baseball," Harrelson said on the air.

White Sox manager Robin Ventura was also ejected for arguing the call.

Harrelson wouldn't divulge the specifics of his conversations with Selig and Reinsdorf.

"It was one of those things that happens," said Harrelson, a former major leaguer now in his 28th season in the White Sox booth.

"I'll tell you I'm going to do everything in my power not to let it happen again, but who can say? ... I've snapped before. ... Bud is the boss and Jerry is the boss. Let's put it that way. It's one of those situations that if I can tell you right now it won't happen again, I mean it. But I couldn't guarantee it."

Harrelson said he'd been complimentary of the job umpires had done most of the season, but when Quintana got tossed, he snapped.

"I said it. It's out there," Harrelson said.

And the veteran broadcaster also added he'll continue to be himself and won't change his style.

"If I do that, I'll quit," he said.



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# Celtics beat Heat to pull to 2-1 in East finals

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Doc Rivers knew there was little to say to Rajon Rondo after the Celtics point guard scored a career-best 44 points in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals.

After Boston lost that one, Rivers couldn't resist offering one piece of advice: It starts with Kevin Garnett.

"Throw it up in the air, Kevin will go get it," the Celtics coach said he told Rondo. "The only thing we told him offensively was we had to get Kevin involved. Other than that, just go play."

Garnett did get involved, scoring 24 points — many of his baskets off lobs into the paint — and grabbing 11 rebounds to lead Boston to a 101-91 win over the Heat on Friday night that cut Miami's lead in the best-of-seven series to 2-1.

Paul Pierce added 23 points and Rondo followed his Game 2 performance with 21 points and 10 assists to help the Celtics avoid falling into a 3-0 hole after dropping the first two games in Miami.

Game 4 is Sunday night in Boston.

"They defended their home court," Rondo said. "In a couple of days, we'll do the same."

LeBron James scored 34 points, but the NBA MVP and the rest of the Heat went cold during a 7-minute stretch at the end of the first quarter and the beginning of the second, when Boston went on a 15-0 run to turn a six-point deficit into a nine-point lead.

The Celtics extended it to 24 early in the fourth quarter before Miami cut it to 95-87 with help from three 3-pointers by Mike Miller.

But James had a turnover and missed a 3-point attempt in the last 2 minutes to squelch the Heat's hope of a comeback.

"You're trying to fight back the whole time," said James, who scored 16 points in the first quarter but just four with one rebound and one assist in the fourth. "We made a run, but it was too much."

Miami still trailed by eight points with the ball when Dwyane Wade missed and Ray Allen grabbed the rebound, sending Rondo on a fast break that made it a 99-89 with 1:39 to play.

James threw the ball away underneath, then missed a 3-point attempt the next time down — one of only four



The Miami Heat's Mario Chalmers goes up against the Boston Celtics' Ray Allen (20) and Kevin Garnett in the first quarter in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Finals at TD Garden in Boston, on Friday.

MCT photo

shots he took in the fourth quarter.

Pierce found Garnett for a long jumper at the other end, and the teams began emptying their benches.

Coming off his 44-point effort in Game 2, in which he played every second of regulation and overtime, Rondo was 9 for 16 from the field and grabbed six rebounds.

Rivers said there was little he wanted his point guard to change.

"I'm like a pitcher throwing a no-hitter: you stay away from that joker," Rivers said. "The guy scored 44 points, what can I possibly tell him?"

Mostly: Get the ball to Garnett.

With Garnett posting up underneath the rim, Boston outscored Miami 58-46 on points in the paint.

"He (Rivers) kept preaching to just throw it up to him," Rondo said. "They went small, and no one can jump as high as Kevin. He stood up to the rim, and he went up and got most of them."

Marquis Daniels led Boston's reserves with nine

points and five rebounds in 18 minutes.

Wade scored 18 points and Mario Chalmers had 14 points and six assists for Miami.

Shane Battier was scoreless, missing all six shots, and Ronny Turiaf had three points while tangling with Garnett under the basket for much of the game.

The Celtics center, appearing rejuvenated during these playoffs at the age of 36, got called for another technical foul for a violent elbow but otherwise seemed to be enjoying himself.

While waiting to inbound the ball in the second quarter, he high-fived a young child sitting courtside in a No. 5 Celtics jersey.

At the other end, after behind slammed hard to the court by Udonis Haslem, Garnett gingerly rolled over onto his stomach before extending his arms to ease himself off the court.

Down and up he went, pushing off the floor on his knuckles eight times for some postseason pushups.

"I'm getting crap about my form, but I want people to know it's because it was

on my knuckles," Garnett said. "That's old school. My uncle taught me to do pushups on my knuckles. That's some Army-Navy stuff."

Wade was 9 for 20 from the field and did not shoot a free throw in the game.

James, who shot 24 free throws in Game 2, making 18, was 1 for 5 from the line.

James hit seven of his first nine shots, before making one of the next six.

That helped Boston score the last eight points of the first quarter and the first seven of the second to turn a six-point deficit into a nine-point lead.

Much of it came with Keyon Dooling and Daniels on the court for Boston.

**Notes:** During the first timeout, the Celtics acknowledged Boston Globe columnist Bob Ryan, who is retiring this summer. GM Danny Ainge was one of the first to stand and applaud. ... K.C. Jones, who was celebrating his 80th birthday, and fellow Celtic great John Havlicek were in the crowd. ... Miami was 10 for 20 from the free throw line.

# Draft is no sure thing, nor is the lottery

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the top pick, they're as likely to blow it as to get a franchise changer.

For every Dwight Howard, there's a Joe Smith, selected by Golden State in '95.

And then even if a team gets what many consider a sure-fire future all-star, there are no guarantees.

Diminutive Allen Iverson, to Philadelphia in '96, proved relatively indestructible in his likely Hall of Fame career, whereas massive Greg Oden, picked first by Portland in '07, has barely been able to stay healthy enough to get on the court and has a career that's likely done before it ever had a chance to start.

Which brings us to the conspiracy chatter this year, with New Orleans landing the top selection.

"Oh, the league just sold the Hornets and they're trying to appease the new owner and make up for the Chris Paul trade that they blocked," are what most are saying.

There is a potential franchise-changing player in Kentucky's Anthony Davis, who is the consensus number one pick.

But a conspiracy to put him in New Orleans?

Fact is, a case could have been made for such under-the-table dealings had the pick gone to Charlotte and its owner Jordan, who had

done so much for the growth of the league.

Or to the newly-moved Brooklyn Nets, to again tap the league's largest market.

If anything, New Orleans getting the pick would seem the least likely scenario for conspiracy.

There are just too many variables in any draft, too many downtrodden and/or small-market teams that happen to get the number one selections for there to really be anything that seems contrived.

Sure, it seems interesting that Cleveland was able to get the number one pick and draft hometown hero (then) LeBron James in '03, similarly for Chicago in '08 with landing native son Derrick Rose.

But while James made the Cavaliers perennial contenders, Cleveland isn't exactly a market that's going to really amp up the ratings meter.

And while Chicago is a massive market, it had been 10 years since Jordan retired, during which time the Bulls hadn't had any number one picks, even while being truly atrocious for much of that span.

Oh wait, they got one the next year, right after Jordan retired, selecting Elton Brand out of Duke in '99.

Hmm, wait a second...

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# Vanderbilt coach apologizes for wives comment

Associated Press

DESTIN — Vanderbilt coach James Franklin is apologizing for what he calls an attempt at humor saying he considers the looks of an assistant coach's wife before deciding whether to hire.

The coach apologized in a string of comments on Twitter on Thursday, saying he regrets how he conveyed his message and that his foot doesn't taste too good.

The coach apologized in a string of comments on Twitter on Thursday for comments he made Wednesday to a Nashville radio station, 104.5 The Zone, broadcasting beachside in Destin.

Franklin said on the show that he will not hire someone until seeing the man's wife first to see if she looks like a "D1 recruit."

His comments during the Southeastern Conference annual meetings also landed him a talk with his boss.

Vanderbilt vice chancellor David Williams said in a statement they discussed "how inappropriate and offensive" Franklin's comments were "no matter his state of mind or intent."

Franklin wrote on Twitter that his attempt at humor "fell a few yds short. Was speaking to the courage it takes 4 men 2 approach the women who become their wives!!!!!"

"I clearly used language that doesn't reflect my views on women and I am SORRY!" Franklin wrote.

Franklin is heading into his second season as a head coach.

# Bosh may be closer, and Heat show a need in Game 3

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
Associated Press

BOSTON — LeBron James has had too many nights like this, where he couldn't get enough help for long stretches of the game.

It's just that most of them

were back in Cleveland.

With a quiet first half from Dwyane Wade and little contributions from any other starter, James' 34 points were wasted in a 101-91 loss Friday night that cut the Miami Heat's lead over the

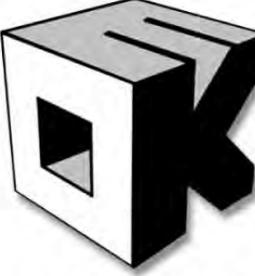
Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference finals to 2-1.

Chris Bosh seems closer to returning from injury, and for the first time since early in the last round, the Heat look like they need him. Game 4 is Sunday in Boston.

James had 30 points through three quarters, the rest of his teammates manag-

ing only 33. He had 14 of their 26 field goals at that point as the Heat dug them-

selves a 22-point hole, too big to climb out of even with a big fourth quarter.



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## CHALK TALK

# We built a zoo: Lakeview Christian art students go wild for project

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Where can you go to visit a zoo in Lake Placid? Lakeview Christian School is the place.

The fifth-grade class used clay for each student to create a zoo animal as a part of the art class. After molding and painting gorillas, rhinoceros, elephants, tigers, giraffes, zebras and more, the students designed mixed media habitats for each animal using architectural principles.

Individual projects came together to set up a zoo complex for viewing by students and parents. This was the end-of-the-year project for this class.

When the students were asked, "What was the most interesting part in making the project?" the answers were varied.

Zach Geitner and Anna Grace Wheeler both enjoyed making the clay animal the most. They liked getting the shape correct and using different instruments to get it smooth and add details.

Mitchel Coker and Lexi Maulden both found that making the figures of people that were at each habitat to view it was the most interesting part of the project.

Tanner Boley enjoyed using a wide variety of things to create the habitat for his gorilla.

All of the students in preschool through fifth grade had art with an art instructor each week this year. "The art program at Lakeview Christian School includes art history, a study of artists and their styles, elements of art, principles of design and technique," art teacher Krista Flores said.

Flores said that the classes "follow a timeline from pre-historic art through post-modern art. We relate the art of a particular period of time to what was actually occurring in the world at that time.

"We discover that, often times, the artists were trying to convey a message about how they perceived the world around them in terms of creation, gods or God, their personal experiences, and



Lakeview Christian fifth graders (back row, from left) Mitchell Coker, James Bellinder, Cody Colding, Tanner Boley, (middle row) Anna G. Wheeler, Rebecca Spohn, Lexi Maulden, Ayushi Patel, Jameson Waller, (kneeling) Seth Moon, Caleb Lott, Jacob Watts, Harrison Howes and Zach Geitner show off their completed zoo projects.

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how they as individuals or groups of people, fit into their universe.

"Of course, religious and political factors played a large part in what was created by artists and how they created art in general. The classes talk about how history influences our current circumstances and the conditions in our world today."

During the study of artists and their styles the students learn about various artists from different periods of time. "We talk about the contribution each artist made in their country and to the world at large," said Flores.

"The students look at the psychology of each artist and the circumstances surrounding their life. This helps the class understand the feelings and emotional climate of the artist, and how that reads in their art. The class

observes how each artist created their artworks, and we discuss the style and techniques they used. Then each student tries to replicate the artists' styles and techniques in their own original works of art.

"Throughout the school year, students are exposed to certain thematic units of study that cross over into other areas of curriculum such as science, math, language arts, and history."

Kathy White, the school administrator, said, "It cracks me up to listen to 4- and 5-year-olds talking about Wassily Kandinsky after an art class like he is one of their friends in their neighborhood."

Lakeview Christian School can be reached at 465-0313. Registration for the 2012-13 school year is open.

## Glades Electric honors top students

Special to the News-Sun

Glades Electric recently honored the achievements of a select group of students from its service counties: Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee.

The Glades Electric Educational Foundation, Glades Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees, senior staff, parents, teachers, counselors, and school administrators gathered to celebrate and reward the accomplishments of these high-achieving students.

The college scholarships are awarded to members' children who are high school seniors and have upheld academic excellence. Each of GEC's service counties receives both \$4,000 and \$2,000 scholarships. The student's academic achieve-

ment, leadership involvement and extra-curricular activities are among some of the variables taken into consideration.

The decision seems to grow more difficult each year as the number of applicants continue to rise. This is a wonderful testament to the hard work of the area's school administrators, staff, and teachers in encouraging more students to seek higher education, Glades Electric said in a press release.

Additionally, GEC awarded two high school juniors with an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit our nation's capital on an all expenses paid, week-long trip. There they join other juniors from cooperatives around the nation to tour Washington, learn the history



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Glades Electric Cooperative recently honored students (from left) Luis Rico (Washington Youth Tour recipient), Rhonwen Gavagni, Danielle Lower, Shelby Schlueter, Dustin Chapman, Casey Hurst (Washington Youth Tour), Lindsay Hall and Brian Hester.

of rural electrification, visit "Washington Youth Tour," is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

## Libraries offer summer programs

Special to the News-Sun  
AVON PARK — Children of all ages are invited to visit the library to participate in the Summer Program and to borrow materials that will bring fun, entertainment and information during their vacation.

This year, the Avon Park Public Library will be offering "Dream Big," a six-week program for children ages 5-13. Young readers will be encouraged to keep track of their daily reading activities on a reading foot. They will also receive small incentives as they complete their weekly readings. Children may register for the program at the library between June 14 and July 7.

In addition to the incentive reading program, the Avon Park Library is hosting five special events. These events are free and open to all children and their families and caregivers and no registration is required. The program dates are as follows:

Reptile Discovery: Thursday, June 15, at 10 a.m. Professional reptile owner Bruce Shwedick will bring some of his slithery friends to the library, bringing children up close and personal with some of the world's most marvelous creatures. Shwedick is the former Curator of Reptiles at Cypress Gardens and has visited thousands of libraries and schools all over the United States.

Seminole Storytime: Thursday, June 28 at 2 p.m. Vann Samuels, outreach specialist at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, will bring the Seminole Nation's fascinating history to life through stories and artifacts. The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is located in the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation and contains 5,000 feet of exhibit space, as well as a re-created ceremonial ground and living village.

NASA Starlab: Wednesday, July 11 at 1 p.m. Blast off into outer space with special guests from Kennedy Space Center. There will be a hovercraft, rocket balloons and space food, among other surprises. This program will be held at the Sebring Civic Center.

Dreaming is Magic: Friday, July 20 at 11 a.m. Reach for the stars with master magician, Dallas Smith. Smith has more than 20 years of experience as a magician and invents many of his own tricks. Children will have the opportunity to

participate in this show, which is sure to amaze all ages.

Star Wars Costume Party: Thursday, July 26 at 11 a.m. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite Star Wars character for this party, at which the final prizes for the incentive reading program will be given. Lunch will be served, to include pizza, chips, beverages and other snacks. At noon, there will be a special presentation of "Star Wars: The Clone Wars."

In addition to the summer programs, the Avon Park Public Library offers the story time for children under age 5 every Wednesday at 10 a.m. The library also shows a free children's movie every Saturday at 11 a.m., with popcorn for the kids. Call the library at 452-3803 to find out which movie will be shown.

The Avon Park Public Library is at 100 N. Museum Avenue. For more information, call the library at 452-3803, visit the library's website at www.myhic.org/.

### Lake Placid offers reading programs

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Memorial Library presents the 2012 Florida Library Teen Reading Sam "Own the Night" on the following dates: June 19 - "Ghost Stories" with Van Samuels at 4 p.m. June 28 - "America's Next Top Monster Contest at 3 p.m. July 12 - Dying to Know (behind the scenes at Scott Funeral at 3 p.m. July 17 - Live Clue at 3 p.m. July 28 - Locked in at the library from 6 p.m., until late (registration required). Also - Flee the heat for a movie at 3 p.m., on Fridays.

The Lake Placid library will also present "Dream Big: Read," for ages 5-13, on the following dates: June 20 - "Dreams and Wishes Craft/Dream Catcher." June 27 - "Night Nite," wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal. July 11 - "Night Adventures-STAR-LAB Time (TBD)." Call the library for details. July 18 - "Night Owls, Craft Owl Puppet." July 24 - "Night Shivers: Native-American Storytelling" by Van Samuels. All programs, except Starlab, are at 1:30 p.m. Call the library for Starlab program's time.

The Lake Placid Memorial Library is located at 205 W. Interlake Blvd.; phone number is 699-3705.

### Ag Literacy Day in Avon Park



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Avon Park High and Avon Park Middle school students visited Memorial Elementary, Avon Elementary and Park Elementary schools to participate in Ag Literacy Day on May 11, which is a sponsored event through Ag in the Classroom. The FFA members read the book 'Healthy Florida Farms' and did an activity. The students gained knowledge on the Food Pyramid, agriculture and a little something about the FFA. Tori Pringle is pictured helping a student do the project.



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



'Guede Mazaka' by Roland Rockville

## Haitian Drapo art on display at Highlands MOTA; reception set for Friday

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — Highlands Museum of the Arts is the venue for a dazzling display of Haitian Drapo, a traditional folk art of sequined and beaded temple flags from the collection of Butler H. Smith Jr., and Betty Ford-Smith.

More than 50 flags range in size and subject, from saints to snakes to mermaids, all hand-stitched and completely embellished with the tiny seed beads and shimmering sequins that define the art form.

Vibrant with reflection, the flags are by turns reverent, playful, uplifting, mysterious, political and spooky. Several of the displayed flags are featured in the book "Spirits in Sequins" by Nancy Josephson.

MOTA will host a reception from 5-8 p.m. Friday, with a presentation by Betty Ford-Smith on the history and symbolism of the artwork. Ford-Smith began her collection when teaching in the Caribbean during the 1970s, and has been able to support Haitian earthquake and hurricane relief efforts with more recent purchases.

The exhibit will be on display through July.

The Yellow House Gallery & Gift Shop will also feature a Haitian theme at the Friday



'Erzulie Danthor' by Maxon Sylla

reception with paintings, beaded bottles and more also loaned by the Smiths. The studio artists and HAL's member artists regularly change the displays throughout the Yellow House, and the second Friday Destination Downtown Sebring openings continue to be a popular event, free to the public with music by Steve Jones and

light refreshments served. MOTA's presentation of this Haitian exhibit is a part of the Journey Stories project, which is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support has been provided by the U.S. Congress.

## Weekend box office preview: could be 'Snow' on top

By PAUL DERGARABEDIAN  
*For The Associated Press*  
LOS ANGELES — The Evil Queen and "Men in Black 3" both have reason to fear "Snow White & the Huntsman" this weekend.

The queen's worries are the stuff of fairy-tale lore. The worries for Sony's "Men in Black 3" as it moves into its second weekend are all too real: "Snow White" is likely to earn \$35 million in its domestic debut. That compares to about \$30 million for "MIB3," dashing its short-lived hold on No. 1 following a \$70 million opening on Memorial Day weekend.

Starring Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron, "Snow White & the Huntsman" should attract women who will relate to the strong female characters and intricate story line as well as men who will enjoy the action elements and darker side of this reimagining of the Snow White mythology.

Disney's "The Avengers" should smash its way into third place with a domestic gross in the mid-\$20 million range, becoming the third highest-grossing film of all-time with around \$550 million by Sunday night.

Universal's "Battleship" and Paramount's "The Dictator," both in their third weekends, will face off for the fourth and fifth spots with receipts in the \$5 million to \$7 million range, and both should cross the \$50 million domestic mark by the end of the weekend.

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# Ants are highly organized and together work as one organism



## News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

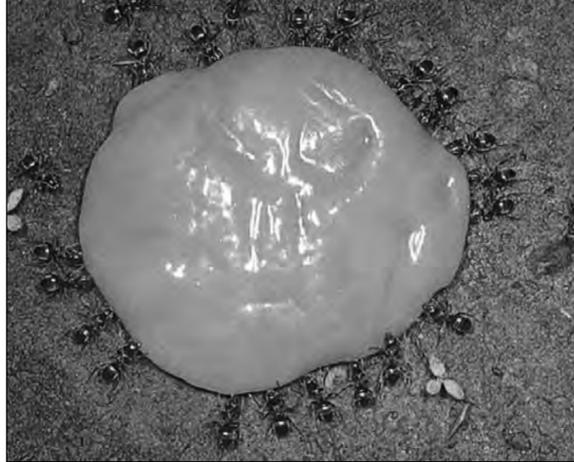
An ant can lift and carry more than 50 times its own weight. This is just one of many fascinating facts about these tiny creatures. Although most people think of ants as nuisances and pests, they are actually very intriguing creatures. They serve many important functions such as feeding on other pests like termites and caterpillars. They also contribute greatly to the natural decomposition of dead plants and animals, which enriches the soil. Other benefits of the ant include pollination, spread of seeds and providing food for many animals. Ants are even consumed as food in some cultures.

Ants are insects in the family Formicidae. They are related to wasps and bees and all of these insects belong to the order Hymenoptera. They are found on almost every

continent on earth. There are a few places void of ants such as Antarctica, Greenland, Iceland, parts of Polynesia and Hawaii.

There are more than 12,000 species of ants. They are highly organized and colonies can be made up of millions of individuals that seemingly act as one organism. Their colonies consist of workers, drones, and queens. The female workers are sterile and wingless. The drones are fertile males and the queens are fertile females. They all work together to support the colony.

Even though queens and workers are both female, there is a huge difference in their status. Their roles are determined by the feeding in the larval stage. For the most part, the queen ant is the reproducing female of the colony and is the mother of most of the other ants. She is usually larger than the other ants and has two pairs of wings, which are used only during mating. Once the wings are no longer needed, they are detached by the queen or chewed off by the worker ants. The queen ants are said to have the longest



Whatever the type of ant, they are all attracted to sweets; these ants surround a piece of candy on the ground.

life span of any known insect – up to 28 years in captivity.

The sterile female workers have many jobs. They are responsible for gathering the food, feeding the larvae, building tunnels and defending the entire colony. The male's only role is to mate with the queen.

Whatever the type of ant, they are all attracted to sweets. And although sweets is the most popular treat, other dietary needs include dead insects and plant seeds,

which are essential for the nutritional sources of the components of their body structures. When the worker ants find solid pieces of food, they carry it back to the nest. If the food is in liquid form, the ant stores it in their abdomen and walks back to the nest where it feeds the liquid food in drops directly from their mouth to the mouth of other ants.

All ants have a hard outer covering called an exoskeleton. They are divided into

three sections consisting of the head, thorax and abdomen. Ants are equipped with a pair of antennae used for investigating objects. Ants are insects that undergo complete metamorphosis consisting of egg, larval, pupal and adult stages. When in the larval stage, they have no legs but can move a little bit. The food received at this stage will determine their eventual adult form. If food is abundant the larvae will receive good nourishment and develop into a winged, fertile female ant that will leave the colony, mate and start another colony. If food is scarce, the larvae will develop into female worker ants.

Although not considered important pollinators, ants do their fair share. While foraging for sweet nectar, they visit flowers and pick up a few pollen grains along the way, which they transfer to other flowers. They are also important decomposers. Ants commonly feed on dead insects and other animals as well as discarded food. These tiny insects are also important in the role of spreading seeds. In fact, some plants

rely on ants so much that they actually attract the creatures by creating within themselves, a sweet liquid substance whose sole purpose is seemingly to attract them.

Ants are a mainstay in the diets of many animals including spiders, worms, other ants, insects, mites, fish, lizards, snakes, birds, and mammals. Ants are also considered food in some cultures. For example, in Northern Thailand the eggs of maeng mun ants are dug up from the ground, cleaned and eaten as a rare and special food.

Although no one enjoys ants in their food or in the house, these tiny creatures do serve some important functions. They are also fascinating creatures to watch and study. The organization of these tiny insects is astonishing. Ants are a part of nature and are a vital element in the balance of our ecosystems.

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begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610.

Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

### CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, [office@stcatho.com](mailto:office@stcatho.com); website, [www.stcatho.com](http://www.stcatho.com). Very Rev. José González, V.F., [frjose@stcatho.com](mailto:frjose@stcatho.com); Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Cavedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSIO: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825 (Saxon Hall in Reflection Community). Bill Raymond, Minister. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. Our goal is: Love Christ - Love People. For more

information call 453-7679 or 453-8929.

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culppepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at [www.firstchristianap.com](http://www.firstchristianap.com). Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

■ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-ser-

mons.

### CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Larry Roberts. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

### CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

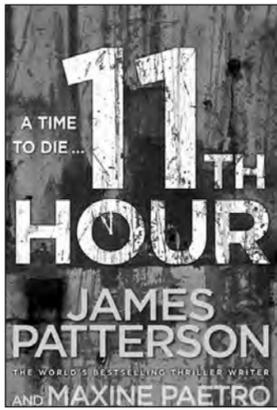
■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

# BOOKS

## HARDCOVER FICTION

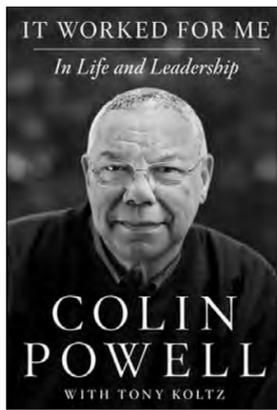
1. "11th Hour" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
2. "Stolen Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)
3. "Calico Joe" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
4. "The Innocent" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "Deadlocked" by Charlaine Harris (Ace)
6. "The Wind Through the Keyhole" by Stephen King (Scribner)
7. "In One Person" by John Irving (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Columbus Affair" by Steve Berry (Ballantine)
9. "Bring Up the Bodies" by Hilary Mantel (Holt)
10. "Canada" by Richard Ford (Ecco)
11. "The Witness" by Nora Roberts (Putnam)
12. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
13. "Home" by Toni Morrison (Knopf)
14. "The Family Corleone" by Ed Falco (Grand Central)
15. "Beautiful Sacrifice" by Elizabeth Lowell (William Morrow)

## PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

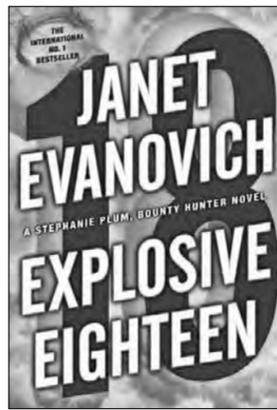


### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "It Worked for Me" by Colin Powell (Harper)
2. "The Amateur" by Edward Klein (Regnery)
3. "The Charge" by Brendon Burchard (Free Press)
4. "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard (Holt)
5. "The Skinny Rules" by Bob Harper with Greg Critser (Ballantine)
6. "The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson" by



7. "How Winning Works" by Robyn Benincasa (Harlequin)
8. "The \$100 Startup" by Chris Guillebeau (Crown Business)
9. "The Real Crash" by Peter Schiff (St. Martin's)
10. "My Cross to Bear" by Gregg Allman (Morrow)
11. "The Art of Intelligence" by Henry A. Crumpton (Penguin Press)
12. "Service" by Marcus Luttrell with James D. Hornfischer (Little, Brown)
13. "Bombshell" by



- Suzanne Somers (Crown Archetype)
14. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food from My Frontier" by Ree Drummond (William Morrow Cookbooks)
15. "Fearless" by Eric Blehm (WaterBrook Press)

### MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
2. "Buried Prey" by John Sandford (Berkley)
3. "Southern Comfort" by

- Fern Michaels (Zebra)
4. "Full Black" by Brad Thor (Pocket Books)
5. "The Fifth Witness" by Michael Connelly (Vision)
6. "The Bourne Dominion" by Robert Ludlum (Grand Central)
7. "Vision in White" by Nora Roberts (Dell)
8. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Vision)
9. "Mystery" by Jonathan Kellerman (Bellantine)
10. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)
11. "Abuse of Power" by Michael Savage (St. Martin's)
12. "The Island" by Elin Hilderbrand (Reagan Arthur Books)
13. "Betrayal of Trust" by J.A. Jance (Harper)
14. "Sunrise Point" by Robyn Carr (Mira)
15. "White Cargo" by Stuart Woods (Signet)

### 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. "Kill Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Grand Central)
6. "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson (Broadway)
7. "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett (Perennial)
8. "Thank You Notes 2" by Jimmy Fallon (Grand Central)
9. "The Art of Fielding: A Novel" by Chad Harbach (Back Bay)
10. "Then Came You" by Jennifer Weiner (Washington Square Press)
11. "Summer Rental" by Mary Kay Andrews (St. Martin's Griffin)
12. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "Mockingjay" by Suzanne Collins (Large Print Press)
14. "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins (Large Print Press)
15. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

# 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. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 12:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

- **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](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://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](http://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 sec-

ond 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 concretion 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](http://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 Faily 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](http://www.newlife-sebring.com).

- **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., 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 Preschool 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 services 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](http://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: Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:30 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site [www.bfcsebring.com](http://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. 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](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.weare-union.org).

- **Unity Life Enrichment Center**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistanet.net](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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, 11:15 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

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Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site [www.salvationarmysebring.com](http://www.salvationarmysebring.com) 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](http://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](http://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](http://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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## CHALK TALK

# We built a zoo: Lakeview Christian art students go wild for project

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Where can you go to visit a zoo in Lake Placid? Lakeview Christian School is the place.

The fifth-grade class used clay for each student to create a zoo animal as a part of the art class. After molding and painting gorillas, rhinoceros, elephants, tigers, giraffes, zebras and more, the students designed mixed media habitats for each animal using architectural principles.

Individual projects came together to set up a zoo complex for viewing by students and parents. This was the end-of-the-year project for this class.

When the students were asked, "What was the most interesting part in making the project?" the answers were varied.

Zach Geitner and Anna Grace Wheeler both enjoyed making the clay animal the most. They liked getting the shape correct and using different instruments to get it smooth and add details.

Mitchel Coker and Lexi Maulden both found that making the figures of people that were at each habitat to view it was the most interesting part of the project.

Tanner Boley enjoyed using a wide variety of things to create the habitat for his gorilla.

All of the students in preschool through fifth grade had art with an art instructor each week this year. "The art program at Lakeview Christian School includes art history, a study of artists and their styles, elements of art, principles of design and technique," art teacher Krista Flores said.

Flores said that the classes "follow a timeline from pre-historic art through post-modern art. We relate the art of a particular period of time to what was actually occurring in the world at that time.

"We discover that, often times, the artists were trying to convey a message about how they perceived the world around them in terms of creation, gods or God, their personal experiences, and



Lakeview Christian fifth graders (back row, from left) Mitchell Coker, James Bellinder, Cody Colding, Tanner Boley, (middle row) Anna G. Wheeler, Rebecca Spohn, Lexi Maulden, Ayushi Patel, Jameson Waller, (kneeling) Seth Moon, Caleb Lott, Jacob Watts, Harrison Howes and Zach Geitner show off their completed zoo projects.

Courtesy photo

how they as individuals or groups of people, fit into their universe.

"Of course, religious and political factors played a large part in what was created by artists and how they created art in general. The classes talk about how history influences our current circumstances and the conditions in our world today."

During the study of artists and their styles the students learn about various artists from different periods of time. "We talk about the contribution each artist made in their country and to the world at large," said Flores.

"The students look at the psychology of each artist and the circumstances surrounding their life. This helps the class understand the feelings and emotional climate of the artist, and how that reads in their art. The class

observes how each artist created their artworks, and we discuss the style and techniques they used. Then each student tries to replicate the artists' styles and techniques in their own original works of art.

"Throughout the school year, students are exposed to certain thematic units of study that cross over into other areas of curriculum such as science, math, language arts, and history."

Kathy White, the school administrator, said, "It cracks me up to listen to 4- and 5-year-olds talking about Wassily Kandinsky after an art class like he is one of their friends in their neighborhood."

Lakeview Christian School can be reached at 465-0313. Registration for the 2012-13 school year is open.

## Glades Electric honors top students

Special to the News-Sun

Glades Electric recently honored the achievements of a select group of students from its service counties: Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee.

The Glades Electric Educational Foundation, Glades Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees, senior staff, parents, teachers, counselors, and school administrators gathered to celebrate and reward the accomplishments of these high-achieving students.

The college scholarships are awarded to members' children who are high school seniors and have upheld academic excellence. Each of GEC's service counties receives both \$4,000 and \$2,000 scholarships. The student's academic achieve-

ment, leadership involvement and extra-curricular activities are among some of the variables taken into consideration.

The decision seems to grow more difficult each year as the number of applicants continue to rise. This is a wonderful testament to the hard work of the area's school administrators, staff, and teachers in encouraging more students to seek higher education, Glades Electric said in a press release.

Additionally, GEC awarded two high school juniors with an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit our nation's capital on an all expenses paid, week-long trip. There they join other juniors from cooperatives around the nation to tour Washington, learn the history



Glades Electric Cooperative recently honored students (from left) Luis Rico (Washington Youth Tour recipient), Rhonwen Gavagni, Danielle Lower, Shelby Schlueter, Dustin Chapman, Casey Hurst (Washington Youth Tour), Lindsay Hall and Brian Hester.

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of rural electrification, visit "Washington Youth Tour," is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

## Libraries offer summer programs

Special to the News-Sun  
AVON PARK — Children of all ages are invited to visit the library to participate in the Summer Program and to borrow materials that will bring fun, entertainment and information during their vacation.

This year, the Avon Park Public Library will be offering "Dream Big," a six-week program for children ages 5-13. Young readers will be encouraged to keep track of their daily reading activities on a reading foot. They will also receive small incentives as they complete their weekly readings. Children may register for the program at the library between June 14 and July 7.

In addition to the incentive reading program, the Avon Park Library is hosting five special events. These events are free and open to all children and their families and caregivers and no registration is required. The program dates are as follows:

Reptile Discovery: Thursday, June 15, at 10 a.m. Professional reptile owner Bruce Shwedick will bring some of his slithery friends to the library, bringing children up close and personal with some of the world's most marvelous creatures. Shwedick is the former Curator of Reptiles at Cypress Gardens and has visited thousands of libraries and schools all over the United States.

Seminole Storytime: Thursday, June 28 at 2 p.m. Vann Samuels, outreach specialist at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, will bring the Seminole Nation's fascinating history to life through stories and artifacts. The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is located in the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation and contains 5,000 feet of exhibit space, as well as a re-created ceremonial ground and living village.

NASA Starlab: Wednesday, July 11 at 1 p.m. Blast off into outer space with special guests from Kennedy Space Center. There will be a hovercraft, rocket balloons and space food, among other surprises. This program will be held at the Sebring Civic Center.

Dreaming is Magic: Friday, July 20 at 11 a.m. Reach for the stars with master magician, Dallas Smith. Smith has more than 20 years of experience as a magician and invents many of his own tricks. Children will have the opportunity to

participate in this show, which is sure to amaze all ages.

Star Wars Costume Party: Thursday, July 26 at 11 a.m. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite Star Wars character for this party, at which the final prizes for the incentive reading program will be given. Lunch will be served, to include pizza, chips, beverages and other snacks. At noon, there will be a special presentation of "Star Wars: The Clone Wars."

In addition to the summer programs, the Avon Park Public Library offers the story time for children under age 5 every Wednesday at 10 a.m. The library also shows a free children's movie every Saturday at 11 a.m., with popcorn for the kids. Call the library at 452-3803 to find out which movie will be shown.

The Avon Park Public Library is at 100 N. Museum Avenue. For more information, call the library at 452-3803, visit the library's website at www.myhic.org/.

### Lake Placid offers reading programs

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Memorial Library presents the 2012 Florida Library Teen Reading Sam "Own the Night" on the following dates: June 19 - "Ghost Stories" with Van Samuels at 4 p.m. June 28 - "America's Next Top Monster Contest at 3 p.m. July 12 - Dying to Know (behind the scenes at Scott Funeral at 3 p.m. July 17 - Live Clue at 3 p.m. July 28 - Locked in at the library from 6 p.m., until late (registration required). Also - Flee the heat for a movie at 3 p.m., on Fridays.

The Lake Placid library will also present "Dream Big: Read," for ages 5-13, on the following dates: June 20 - "Dreams and Wishes Craft/Dream Catcher." June 27 - "Night Nite," wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal. July 11 - "Night Adventures-STAR-LAB Time (TBD)." Call the library for details. July 18 - "Night Owls, Craft Owl Puppet." July 24 - "Night Shivers: Native-American Storytelling" by Van Samuels. All programs, except Starlab, are at 1:30 p.m. Call the library for Starlab program's time.

The Lake Placid Memorial Library is located at 205 W. Interlake Blvd.; phone number is 699-3705.

### Ag Literacy Day in Avon Park



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Avon Park High and Avon Park Middle school students visited Memorial Elementary, Avon Elementary and Park Elementary schools to participate in Ag Literacy Day on May 11, which is a sponsored event through Ag in the Classroom. The FFA members read the book 'Healthy Florida Farms' and did an activity. The students gained knowledge on the Food Pyramid, agriculture and a little something about the FFA. Tori Pringle is pictured helping a student do the project.

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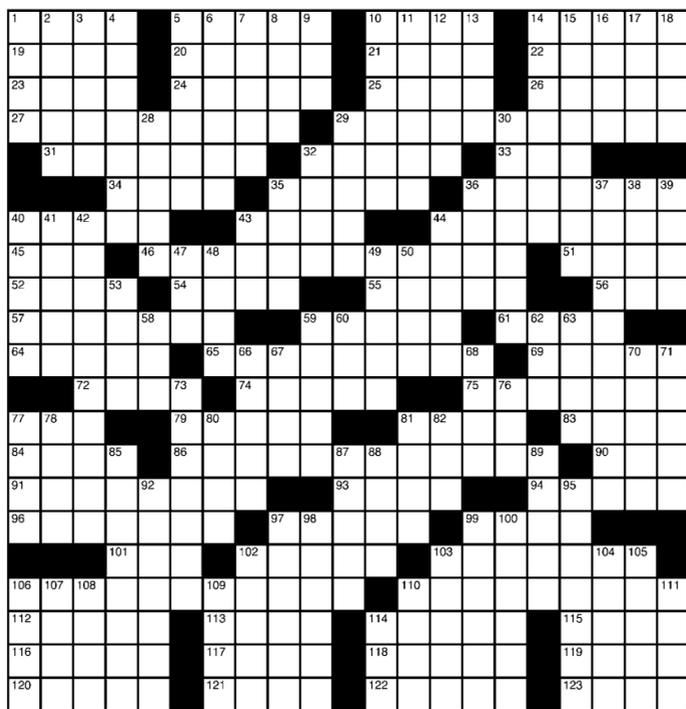
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 10 Name of four Holy Roman emperors  
 14 Cost for classified info  
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 27 Packrat's moving need?  
 29 Scan on a bulb?  
 31 How Hawaiian shirts are worn  
 32 Wears a long face  
 33 Cartoon dog  
 34 Multi-vol. references  
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 36 Like Handel's music  
 40 Big, in Variety  
 43 Stretched to the max  
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 45 Writer Santha Rama

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 84 Per  
 86 Spot for digital greeting displays?  
 90 Weather report staple  
 91 Like many rewards  
 93 Mysterious character  
 94 Acts as a shill for, say  
 96 Sheer  
 97 "All done"  
 99 Darth's daughter  
 101 Poetic preposition  
 102 They may need breaking in  
 103 Scholar's pursuit, briefly  
 106 Moisture-resistant pullover?  
 110 Touchscreen device with a strap?  
 112 Nocturnal disturbance  
 113 Bop on the bean  
 114 Rivera of Broadway's "West Side Story"  
 115 Hamlet, for one  
 116 Go easy?

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 1 Watch from behind  
 2 Praise highly  
 3 South American plain  
 4 Release  
 5 Served  
 6 Lofty standards  
 7 1964 Mary Wells hit  
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 10 Massage option  
 11 Takes care of dinner, say  
 12 Stage awards  
 13 In the know about  
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 16 Thrash  
 17 Pricing word  
 18 Formerly, formerly  
 28 Make \_\_\_ employ  
 29 Deletions  
 30 Filled (with)  
 32 Good word  
 35 The way it goes  
 36 Dull, ringing sound  
 37 Profit from a swab?  
 38 Man of Milano  
 39 "House" actor  
 40 UCLA athlete  
 41 Mirage, maybe  
 42 Silly-looking steak?  
 43 "Naughty!"  
 44 New addition  
 47 Cards with pics  
 48 '90s U.S. Poet Laureate \_\_\_ Dove  
 49 Sri Lankan language  
 50 Parade concern  
 53 "This comes \_\_\_ surprise"  
 58 Needing salt, perhaps  
 59 Asked for milk, in a way  
 60 Yard filler  
 62 "Yeah, right!"  
 63 Fightin'  
 66 Dental restoration  
 67 Poet's adverb  
 68 Put one's feet up  
 70 Trouble big-time  
 71 High-fives, e.g.  
 73 Nasty campaigner  
 76 Knot  
 77 Loud thuds  
 78 Letters often seen under antlers  
 80 Neutral tone  
 81 Beachgoer's shield from an offshore breeze  
 82 GPS reading  
 85 Ringer Starr predecessor  
 87 Golf course hazard  
 88 Couple's pronoun  
 89 "Luck of the Draw" vocalist  
 92 They may be idle  
 95 Hardly encouraging words  
 97 Hoops gp.  
 98 Game played with sticks  
 99 Hang around  
 100 Think pieces  
 102 Supercilious type  
 103 Heyday  
 104 Illusory display  
 105 "Zip your lip!"  
 106 Display aid  
 107 Lying atop  
 108 \_\_\_ B'rith  
 109 Passé TV attachments  
 110 Hit hard  
 111 "Paula's Home Cooking" host  
 114 Half a dance

## Where courage leads



**Pause And Consider**  
 Jan Merop

The day was perfect. The tree-tops swayed in the constant wind. "Pop-Pop, can we fly the kite now?" our grandson, Jonathon, asked with enthusiasm ringing in his voice.

With Pop-Pop's help, the kite left the ground and flew higher and higher. As the kite flapped in the breeze and swirled every which way, Jonathon, who now had control, whooped and laughed with joy.

I cheered along from the front porch. For 7 years old, he was doing remarkably well.

"Hang on tight," we reminded him as he maneuvered it skillfully.

And then it happened. "Noooo!" we heard him cry as he stumbled forward attempting to grab the handle that had slipped from his hand.

"Stop it! Please!" We tried; but, to no avail. He cried as we watched it soar over the house and treetops into the woods beyond his yard. At last, I saw it slowly fall down to the ground amidst the wooded area.

Ken immediately came running. As he walked toward the woods, Jonathon came along side.

"I'll come with you and help you Pop-Pop."

I knew he probably did so with some fear and trepidation. Yet, side by side they entered the 'dense jungle' beyond the house not sure what they might find. Sometimes God calls

upon us to walk by faith into dense places of the unknown. It's kind of scary. And while we are doing our utmost to accomplish the task before us, our adrenaline is pumping. And in our minds, God's

Spirit whispers from Joshua 1: 9, NKJV,

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

When the assignment is completed and we are back on the other side of the fence, we are exhilarated. The thing that frightened us has been conquered, our fear held at bay through praying faith.

When Jonathon came in the door with kite in hand and Pop-Pop beside him, his face shone like a conquering hero. He shared about being a little scared going into the woods; how he wondered about snakes and even got a scratch on his bare arm from a bush. But together, they had been successful in felling the giant of the unknown and rescuing his kite.

He remembered that courage is fear that has prayed.

His voice rang with this truth as he said, "My favorite part of your being here was going into the woods with Pop-Pop to rescue my kite."

Where courage leads, adventure follows. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

## Gemini, your creative energy will draw crowd

Metro Services

**Aries (March 21-April 20)** – An agreement will be nullified before you even get started, Aries. It is time to come up with a different plan of action if you want better results.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** – Relationship woes have slowed you down, Taurus. It could take a few days before you return to full speed. Delegate some of your responsibilities, if necessary.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** – Gemini, you're giving off so much creative energy that people may flock to your side for the next several days. This newfound celebrity could be an asset.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** – Cancer, there is no easy way around something you need to get done at work. Being scatterbrained this week may add to the pressure of getting things done.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** – Leo, you have to ask a lot of questions to get to the root of a problem that's been bothering you. You have the personality to get to the answers easily.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** – Virgo, an unexpected partnership could arise this week. While it may be bumpy at the start, after a few days, the two of you will have worked out all of the kinks.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** – Libra, after some busy months, you are ready for a vacation. This well-deserved respite could be an elaborate trip to some place exotic, if you should

### Horoscope

so choose.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** – Scorpio, with so many creative ideas constantly whirling in your head, it can sometimes be difficult zeroing in on one. Luckily this week you will get things in order.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** – Sagittarius, avoid passing judgement on someone else close to you. Listen to their problems and work with them to find a good solution.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** – There's no use procrastinating on something that needs to get done this week, Capricorn. It will only prolong the amount of time you have to worry about it.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)** – Aquarius, patience and motivation is all you need to start tackling that to-do list. Finding a partner to help will make the work go twice as fast.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** – Pisces, others often look to you for inspiration. You will not disappoint this week when you offer some unique ideas.

### Famous birthdays

June 3 - Anderson Cooper, reporter, 45; June 4 - Russell Brand, actor, 37; June 5 - Mark Wahlberg, actor, 41; June 6 - Staci Keanan, actress, 37; June 7 - Prince, singer, 54; June 8 - Kanye West, singer, 35; June 9 - Johnny Depp, actor, 49.

## Woman's long-distance move gets short shrift from family

**Dear Abby:** I am a 30-year-old woman in a long-distance relationship with an amazing man for more than a year. We visit each other every few months and chat online every night. We're in love and feel we are ready to move on to the next step – living together.

We live in different countries. He is much more established in his country and very close to his family. I am in a temporary job, and while I care for my family very much, there really isn't anything to tie me here. It makes more sense for me to move there. (It's a five-hour plane ride from here.)

My family, especially my parents, are making me feel extremely guilty about even considering this move. They say I am "abandoning" them, and ask how could I live with myself if something ever happened?

Abby, my parents are in their early 50s and in excellent health. My two sisters live near them. I fail to see why I am getting so much grief, when I just want to move on to the next stage of my life. Any advice?

– Pulled in Two Directions

**Dear Pulled in Two:** Your parents are anxious



Dear Abby

because even at 30, you are still their child, and they are experiencing separation anxiety. However, at your age, you should be mature enough to decide your future.

I do have a word of advice I hope you'll consider: Before you commit to leaving the United States to join your boyfriend, please do some research on the rights of women in his country. Here in the U.S. we enjoy many privileges that are not shared by women outside our borders. They concern marriage, divorce, division of property and child custody. It is important that if you choose to marry him, you do it with your eyes wide open. That way there will be no surprises.

**Dear Abby:** My adult son, "Jake," is in prison for the fourth time for an indiscretion in his early 20s. He has-

n't repeated the offense, but he doesn't comply with the rules of his probation and ends up back in prison. I fully supported my son when the incident happened because I felt he got a bad break, but I feel he should take responsibility for his actions.

Jake's repeated offenses for noncompliance are part of a rebellious and stubborn attitude and an unwillingness to accept the lifelong consequences of his initial offense. To compound the issue, he has three daughters. He keeps popping in and out of their lives, which is very disruptive.

If it weren't for them, I'd probably write him off (I have done that emotionally anyway), but I keep trying to maintain some kind of connection between them in case he comes around someday.

Is this foolish thinking on my part? By the way, my son never married the girls' mother and has never paid child support, but she has still been willing to let him be part of their lives.

– Writing Him Off in Illinois

**Dear Writing Him Off:** If you're asking me for permission to take yourself out of

## Emmys to combine acting awards for movies, minis

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Emmy Awards competition will be getting fiercer among TV movie and miniseries performers.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences said Thursday that it will merge the leading and supporting acting categories for longform programming.

Starting with the 2013 awards, new categories for outstanding actor in a miniseries or

TV movie and outstanding actress in a miniseries or movie will each include six nominees, equal to other performing categories.

Previously, the four movie and miniseries acting categories included five nominees each.

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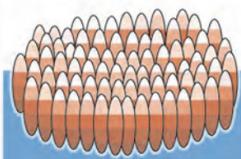
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## LIFE CYCLE



**EGGS LAID**  
DAY: 1

**1** Females lay 100 to 400 eggs in a "raft" that floats on the water's surface. Some species can lay up to 1,000 eggs in a lifetime.



**LARVAE GROW**  
DAY: 2-4

**2** Larvae breathe through tubes while remaining below the water's surface. They feed on organic matter and will shed their skin four times.



**METAMORPHOSIS**  
DAY: 5-6

**3** Pupae emerge after the fourth molt of skin. They move around actively as they change into adults.



**ADULT EMERGES**  
DAY: 7

**4** Adults rest until strong enough to fly. Feeding and mating begin in a couple of days. Females live up to three weeks in summer and perhaps as long as a month in winter, in order to lay eggs in the spring. Males live 10 to 20 days.

Standing water is their nursery. Within a week, thousands can emerge from a little water in a bucket. So while you are enjoying sunset drinks on the patio, watch your ankles. There are mosquitoes breeding in your yard year-round, but warm, humid weather accelerates their breeding cycle. Here's a look at skeeters and ways of avoiding their bites:

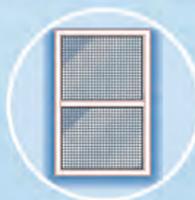
## CUTTING YOUR RISK OF ATTACK



**DEET and dress:** Spray clothes and exposed skin with mosquito repellent containing DEET. If weather allows, wear long sleeves, pants and socks. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin.



**Avoid peak hours:** Mosquitoes are particularly active around dawn and dusk. Consider avoiding outdoor activities during those times.



**Good screens:** Nothing is worse than hearing that buzzing sound in your ear while trying to sleep. Keep the screens on your windows and doors in good condition and fitting tightly.



**No standing water:** Eliminate standing water such as in watering cans, wheelbarrows, old tires, stagnant bird-baths, clogged gutters — anyplace water sits should be cleaned out.

## DID YOU KNOW

- There are about 2,700 species of mosquitoes, but not all species bite humans.
- Females drink blood and the nectar of plants; the males only sip plant nectar.

- Ultraviolet lights and ultrasonic devices are not effective repellents.
- Is it a bite or a sting? Well, that depends. A mosquito has no stinger, but part of its mouth is a syringe-like needle that

penetrates the skin, so it's usually called a bite.

- Crane Fly:** That "giant mosquito" you saw flying around your porch light is likely a crane fly, and it's harmless to humans.



## MOSQUITOES AND DISEASE

Mosquitoes transmit several diseases, including West Nile virus, encephalitis and malaria. West Nile virus first appeared in the U.S. in 1999. Since then, more than 30,000 people in the U.S. have had reported cases of

West Nile virus. Of those infected, 13,000 have been seriously ill and more than 1,200 have died. Many cases of illness are not reported, but the CDC estimates 300,000 is more likely the number of infected people.

Mosquitoes often prefer to feed on birds, so they can have a high rate of infection. Two common bird species known to carry the encephalitis virus are the house sparrow and house finch.

## KNOW THY ENEMY

Like all insects, the mosquito has a body divided into three parts — head, thorax and abdomen — with a hard exoskeleton and six long, jointed legs. Mosquitoes also have a pair of veined wings. They have a straw-like proboscis and only consume liquids.

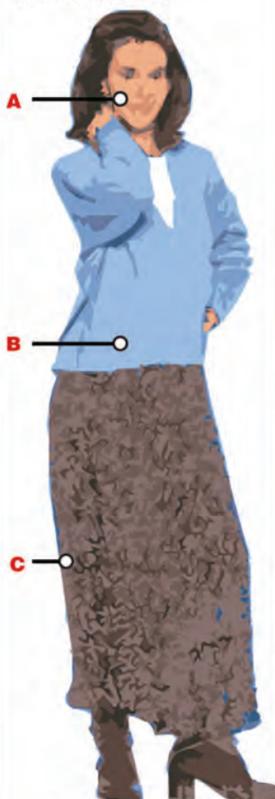
## THE HUNT

A mosquito has many ways of finding you — by sight, smell, chemical signals and body heat. Confusing the signals with DEET is one of the best solutions. Look at the wily ways she finds you:

**A CHEMICAL SENSORS:** They can sense carbon dioxide and lactic acid up to 100 feet away. Sweat also seems to attract mosquitoes — people who don't sweat much don't get as many bites.

**B HEAT SENSORS:** Mosquitoes detect heat, so they can zero in on warm-blooded animals. Staying cool — at least cooler than the person sitting next to you — may help avoid bites.

**C VISUAL SENSORS:** Dark clothing makes you stand out and attracts mosquitoes. Try wearing light-colored clothes. Movement also attracts them.



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