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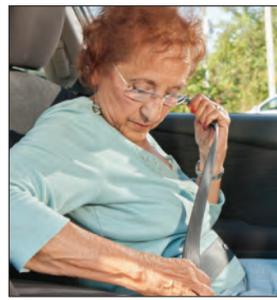
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Yes
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Everything Outdoors



Joseph Keiber, 4, holds a special African species of the ball python Saturday morning, while Carsen Crisafulli, 5, looks on during the outdoor expo in Sebring.

Expo turns Convention Center into outdoor lovers' paradise

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — It was an outdoor lovers' mini-paradise Saturday as the first day of the Everything Outdoors Expo Presented by Spurlow's Outdoor Outfitters kicked off at the Highlands County Fair Convention Center.

Visitors from all over Central Florida roamed the booths of vendors lined in the Center looking at interesting and handy merchandise.

Everything from camouflage to airboats,

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A view from atop Gabe White's monster truck Saturday morning at the Everything Outdoors Expo at the Highlands County Fair Convention Center in Sebring.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Cox seeking fourth bid as superintendent

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SEBRING — Incumbent school superintendent Wally Cox is running for re-election. He has served three terms.

Cox has deep roots in Highlands County. His great-grandfather was the first clerk of the court. His grandmother, mother and children all graduated from Sebring High School, as did he.

After graduating from Florida State University, Cox returned to Sebring taking a job with the school district in 1976, working in the finance, budgeting and account-

ing departments. "Thirty-six years later I'm still with the school district," he said, "that's important to me."

He grinned. "I've attended almost every school board meeting since 1976."

In early 2000, when then superintendent Bill Farmer decided to retire, Cox chose to run for the position.

"I worked with five superintendents," he said, "and looking at it from the day-to-day felt that most of their time was spent on the budget process."

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Wally Cox has served three terms as superintendent of schools.



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Four of the five newly united siblings met for the first time at Midway Airport in Chicago last Saturday. (From left) Carmen Andrea, Lois Baumann, Kathy Brooks and Rick Stadel.

Reunion with newly discovered family has local woman on 'cloud nine'

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — It was a week filled with hugs and laughter for Lois Baumann, a local pre-kindergarten teacher's assistant. Baumann recently discovered her four siblings after six decades of not even knowing they existed.

Baumann used her newly

gained birth certificate to track down the names of her biological parents, Katherine and Jack. Both birth parents are deceased, however, she was able to track down her four siblings.

Baumann flew to Chicago last Saturday to meet her siblings after a month's worth of phone conversations and getting to know one another.

The last to arrive at the Midway Airport, Baumann was greeted by smiling faces and cameras.

"They all waited for me at the airport. I can't even explain it; it was all so nice," Baumann said.

Following her arrival at the airport, Baumann and her sib-

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Increasing the marketability of Harder Hall is the goal of several proposed zoning changes in Sebring.

Rezoning aimed at Harder Hall sale

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The mission behind Tuesday evening's review of rezoning presented to the Sebring City Council was to make Harder Hall more marketable, according Planning and Zoning Director Jim Polatty.

A list of the proposed rezones and amendments revealed 18 properties that P&Z have recommended to city staff for changes. The rezones are intended to achieve easier redevelopment around Harder Hall, future development plans and to simplify the zoning codes.

"The purpose of this is to market Harder Hall," Polatty explained Thursday morning. Polatty also described the proposed rezones as "taking care of city issues".

The majority of the 16 proposed amendments were given the go-ahead by council members (excluding Scott Stanley who was not present during Tuesday's meeting). A couple of plans however did raise an eyebrow or two during discussions.

"I envision a push-back from the property owners on this one," council member John Clark said regarding the fourth proposed rezone.

Polatty and P&Z's plan to rezone existing residential homes between 3200 and 3292 Golfview Road would "allow light commercial" in the area according to the proposed plan.

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Courtesy photo

Jessica Garay works on a collage project in Marie Daniels' class at Memorial Elementary School. She is one of three students whose work was selected for an art exhibit.



Courtesy photo

Dylan Thomas, who is blind and a student at Memorial Elementary School, works on a patterning project during a special residency artist program last March. He was among three students whose work was picked for an exhibit at USF.

3 elementary students paint the town

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Memorial Elementary School teacher Marie Daniels couldn't have been more proud as she told members of the school board that art projects created by three of her students — Dylan Thomas (who is blind), Cameron Nacino and Jessica Garay — had artwork selected for a statewide exhibit at the University of South Florida student education department.

The students took part in a special program provided by VSA Florida, the state organization on arts and disability.

According to its website, "the VSA artist in residency program fosters opportunities for all students, including those with disabilities, to successfully learn life skills through the arts."

Daniels explained that beginning last March Florida artist Richard Bond spend five weeks with her students working on three separate art projects.

First the children were shown how to create patterns using primary and secondary colors. Each student painted his or her pattern.

Then they worked as a group combining their individual patterning effort into a group collage.

They created a tree and a house.

Finally they worked with paper mache, each making a frog.

Daniels said she tied-in the frog project with the science curriculum so the students learned about the life cycle of frogs.

Dylan, Cameron and Jessica's individual patterning projects were selected for the exhibition.

In a comment on the VSA site Bond wrote about Dylan: "Working in the visual arts with a student who was sight limited was a challenge, but after I got to know him the projects worked very well with him."

Daniels is not surprised. "My kids are super," she



Courtesy photo

Cameron Nacino gets help from Richard Bond, a Florida artist who spent five weeks creating art projects with disabled students. They are making a frog out of paper mache. Cameron's work was selected for an art exhibit.

said. She believes her students are successful because, "I try not to restrict my teaching to their handicap. I base it on the ability of the student."

VSA was founded in 1981 and is a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Centennial parade entry forms are now available

Calling all businesses, groups, organizations, clubs and citizens. This is for you and open to all to celebrate and join in the Centennial Parade, with the theme "Living the Legacy."

Showcase your business, group, club or organization during the one and only Sebring Centennial Parade on Oct. 15. After the parade route ends there will be a Centennial Party on the Circle with food, fun and more.

Street closures are from 3-10 p.m., and after the parade the streets will stay closed for the party. There will be food vendors and tables and chairs will be in the streets to sit, eat and enjoy the community as we celebrate Sebring's 100th birthday.

Toby's Clowns will be there for the little ones and California Toe Jam Band will take the stage and have us all dancing in the streets. The awards for best float and best costume of the period will be presented on stage as well.

With an entry fee of only \$25, you can be a part of history and be a vital part of the community as we celebrate 100 years of Sebring. The parade is limited to 100 entries and entry forms are accepted from all over Florida. If 100 entries are returned prior to the deadline of Oct. 1st, no further entries will be accepted. We already have quite a few



Centennial Notebook

great float ideas coming in from the Ol' South Parrot Head Club to Sebring Elks Lodge 1529, to 27 Degrees North Fine Cakes and Pastries' to ERA Advantage Realty and more.

There is also a boat parade on beautiful Lake Jackson scheduled for Oct. 19. Participants are now being accepted for that as well, and the entry fee for the boat parade is just \$10. Spectators will have use of City Pier Beach to watch the boats line up and ride by to be judged for the best boat.

Entry forms for both parades are available now. Call or email the contacts below and ask for yours today. Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration.

The Centennial Planning Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting held at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center, 355 West Center Ave., in Sebring.

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Do Not Call List is now free

Special to the News-Sun

Sheriff Susan Benton says now is the time to register for the improved Florida Do Not Call List. Administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, this program bans unsolicited telemarketing calls to residential, mobile and paging telephone numbers.

The most recent improvement in the program is the elimination of the annual fee. Your residential and/or cell phone number will be listed for five years at no charge.

"This only takes a few minutes on the internet and is sure worth a peaceful family dinner without a telemarketer calling. I did it myself and it is easy," Benton said in a press release. "If you do not

have access at home to a computer, check with a neighbor, go to the library, or come by the sheriff's office and we will help you out."

Phone numbers are added to the registry quarterly. For example, persons who signed up for this program prior to May 25 will be added to the list on July 1.

The next batch of numbers will be added on Oct. 1 and must be submitted by Aug. 25. According to the Department of Agriculture's website (www.freshfrom-florida.com) consumers can sign up at www.800helpfla.com or by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (1-800-435-7352) or 1-800-FL-AYUDA (1-800-352-9832) for Spanish speaking callers.

Unfortunately Florida law does not prohibit charities or political groups from making telephone solicitations. Sales calls from companies that you have done business with in the past are also exempt from the law.

Despite these limitations, the Department of Agriculture reports that almost 100,000 Floridians registered over 220,000 phone numbers by the end of May.

With these additions almost 300,000 phone numbers will be on Florida's Do Not Call list as of July 1.

For more information on Florida's Do Not Call list please visit the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website (www.freshfromflorida.com).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Buddy's Buddies plans adoption event

SEBRING — Buddy's Buddies Animal Rescue will be holding "Keeping Pets Off The Streets," an adoption and fundraising event at Under Pressure Sports from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at 5627 U.S. 27 North. Dogs of all sizes and ages will be available for adoption and a silent auction will also be held.

For more details or for volunteer opportunities, call Buddy's Buddies at 257-4228.

Orchid Society will meet Monday

SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its monthly meeting

at 7 p.m. Monday. This month's meeting will be at the Bert Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd.

The speaker for this month is Tom Aaron from Great Earth Nursery in Jacksonville. He will make a presentation on General Orchid Culture.

Guests are always welcome and knowledge of orchids is not necessary to attend. For more information, contact Loretta Thompson at 382-7924, by e-mail at oshc9@aol.com or go to the website http://orchidsociety-highlands.org/.

Meeting features theatre update

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment

Agency will host its next monthly "What's Up Downtown?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at GB's Formal Wear, 207 Circle Park Drive. Kevin Roberts, CEO of the Champion for Children Foundation, will provide a

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Correction

In the Sunday, June 17 edition a story appeared regarding the latest unemployment rates. The agency of reporting authority should have been Heartland Workforce, Region 19. The News-Sun apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused and appreciates the opportunity to set the record straight.

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	June 16	5 7 15 30 46 48 x:2	
	June 13	1 2 21 42 45 49 x:3	
	June 22 (n)	9 4 5 6	
	June 22 (d)	9 4 2 8	
	June 21 (n)	7 6 3 5	
	June 21 (d)	7 2 0 6	
	June 22	11 23 31 44 6	
	June 19	16 21 28 38 4	
	June 15	22 26 37 42 13	
	June 12	6 18 32 38 11	
	June 22 (n)	5 2 4	
	June 22 (d)	6 6 5	
	June 19 (n)	1 1 4	
	June 19 (d)	6 7 8	
	June 20	11 17 29 56 57	PB: 14
	Next jackpot \$60 million		
	June 16	8 14 15 16 27	PB: 26
	June 13	17 10 14 33 57	PB: 18

Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day; (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing. PB: Power Ball

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Come now, let us reason together

When it comes to making decisions about hiring local government administrators, everyone should be at the same table and have the same agenda.

And the public should be included in the process.

The Sebring council recently decided to withdraw from the hiring committee in the search for a Community Redevelopment Agency director. The motivations for doing so are a topic of another discussion, but the fact remains they should be at the table to protect those they serve.

"To protect and to serve" should be a motto on not only the side of police cars, but on every desk at every city hall and county office.

We are in no way trying to argue that the CRA is not capable, just that everyone should be at the table when the decision is made. Every group involved should participate in the process in order to bring out the full representation from different viewpoints.

Participating, not dominating, in the hiring process for an administrator is crucial to insuring the elected officials are doing what they can to protect the taxpayer.

By removing itself, the city council is removing the

public input it represents. It is showing it does not want to be an active part of the hiring process of a top official who will be paid for with taxpayer money the council is assigned to oversee. Not actively spend, in this instance, but oversee.

The public is being left out of the discussion when their representatives walk away from the table.

At the county level, the question of who will sit in the county administrator seat is also being discussed, but in this case, the public has been told by the board chair they are not invited to participate.

Again, the reasons are not the topic of discussion at this point. What is clear is the fact that the public pays for the salary of the county adminis-

trator with their own sweat and hard-earned tax money, but they are getting no say in the process.

Just because the county administrator is hired and fired by just five votes on the board, we cannot overlook the fact that job is also part of the public trust.

Just like in Sebring, although for different reasons, the public is not guaranteed their say in the selection of the directors and employees.

Whoever sits in that administrative seat is the not the board's employee, but the public's employee. All we ask is that all the agencies work together in the spirit of public trust.

Come now, let us reason together.

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Bookends

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Seven years ago in May, I traveled to the Oregon Coast. My purpose? A short story writing workshop, conducted by Kristine Kathryn Rusch and Gardner Dozois.

I went to this workshop armed with nothing more than a few Star Trek stories, a fantasy story I'd thrown together for the occasion and a burning desire to write fiction. Good fiction.

The week was an eye-opener. I was with 12 other writers, all in a house that where we shared two bathrooms and a kitchen. I knew no one before coming here. I had never been to Lincoln City. Some people in Florida probably thought I was crazy for going.

But I'd come to realize that writing was my passion. To be able to tell a story that affected others, to play in other worlds, to create something no one else could – I wanted to do this. I wanted to do it well.

The workshop promised to help me achieve those goals. So, even though it might have been crazy, I went. Besides, I never claimed to be sane in the first place.

I came out of that workshop with a number of things: Some writing tools I didn't even know existed at the time. Confidence that yes, while I had a ways to go, I had it in me to be that great writer I wanted to be. And relationships that continue to this day.

Fast forward seven years. I have been to the Oregon Coast many, many times. It has become familiar to me. I've lost count on the number of workshops I've been a part of.

My writing has grown. No longer am I that trembling woman whose fiction writing was barely readable. I'm not saying that my writing is perfect, but it is far, far better than those first attempts all that time ago.

And as I type this I am back in Lincoln City. I have been here since last Saturday attending, again,

a short story workshop.

Some things haven't changed. Kris is still teaching this class. Like last time, we were required to read a large number of short stories. The emphasis of the class is still on craft and how to take your writing up to the next level.

We still work hard. Sleep gets sacrificed in the name of getting work done. It is now mid-week and several of us are not sure of our names, much less anything else. This is considered normal.

I admit I still tremble a little when my work is evaluated, but my skin has grown thicker over the years. And I still have things to learn and I'm still gaining new tools. This hasn't changed.

Other things are different. There is no more workshop house. Instead, we're put up in a wonderful hotel called the Anchor. This means I have my own bathroom, a decided advantage.

We meet at a new place called WMG Publications. It's a great place to hang out if you're a bookworm like I am. Right now I'm sitting here in the classroom typing this up while we're on a break. Books and wifi. I'm a happy camper.

And of course I'm not the same person I was seven years ago. I'm somewhat older and hopefully a little wiser. And as I said earlier, I am a better writer than I was before.

I will leave here this weekend grateful for what I've experienced. And I will be back for more. If that makes me crazy, so be it.

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Political Maxims



TODAY'S LETTERS

Florida Hospital contributes to county's health

Editor:

We'd like to recognize Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center for its vision and support of the Heartland Triathlon, which was held this past Father's Day weekend. Seven years ago, Florida Hospital signed on as the title sponsor for our event whose goal is to "provide the highest quality Sprint Triathlon possible for our athletes, volunteers, guests, sponsors, and community."

The mission of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and its affiliates is to serve our community by providing quality health care services and promoting wellness and healthful living. One of the strongly held principles Florida Hospital lives by is a Focus on Community Wellness - We commit time, talent and financial support to educate our neighbors in the principles of illness prevention and healthful living.

We recall the health and fitness landscape in Highlands County prior to the Heartland Triathlon. At that time, it was rare to see someone walking on the sidewalk around Lake Jackson, let alone riding a bike or jogging. At that time, there was no biking/jogging/walking trail from the YMCA to Highlands Hammock State Park. Back then, Chet Brojek and Cherie Starr hosted the very few 5K run/walk events in the community.

During those first few years, there was a tremendous buzz surrounding the Heartland Triathlon. Hundreds of locals got off the couch and began exercising. Upon finishing their first triathlon, most were "hooked" after seeing the dramatic improvement in their quality of life due to being healthier and more fit. Positive word of mouth rapidly spread when there had been an obvious positive change in someone's life. This positive word of mouth continues today as dozens and dozens of first-time locals again challenged themselves to complete the 2012 event.

Today, seven short years later, the health and fitness landscape of Highlands County has dramatically changed, in a very positive way. Not a day goes by when we don't see walkers, joggers, and cyclists on the sidewalk around Lake Jackson. The trail from the YMCA to Highlands Hammock State Park gets used every day. There is a 5K run/walk event nearly every weekend somewhere within Highlands County. In addition to the health/fitness aspect of these 5K events, proceeds from nearly all of them go to a charitable cause.

Over the past several years, Highlands County has added several fitness center and personal training options to include: Gold's Gym, Fitness Together, Anytime Fitness, and a renovated YMCA, along with Florida Hospital's 24-Hour Fitness Center in Lake Placid. Franchises like these are now able to flourish in Highlands County due to the increased demand/awareness of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

In 2007, the Heartland Triathlon added a kid's event so children ages 5-15 could join in the fun while supporting the same health and fitness values of the adult event. Today, the event is host to the USAT Florida Regional Youth Championships. In addition, there is now a local youth triathlon team as well as a kid's race series.

Many have offered the opinion that the Heartland Triathlon was the stimulus for the very positive and obvious health and fitness trend that has taken place in our county over the past seven years. There is no question it has been a significant contributor to the healthier landscape that now exists in Highlands County and for that we want to again recognize Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center for its continued support as title sponsor.

Today, the Heartland Triathlon has grown to the point where it is acknowledged as one of the premier Sprint Triathlons in Florida. Today world and national champion athletes visit our county each June. Today, our hotels and

restaurants are packed with out of town guests every Father's Day weekend. Aside from the obvious very positive economic impact the Heartland Triathlon brings to our community, the health and wellness impact on our local community has been immeasurable.

Thank you again Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Heartland Triathlon Team

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Editor:

Highlands County in the news: Rick Helms (don't know him); Christina Anderson (heard great things and she even brought a new business here);

Roberta Peck (she's for the arts); Jeff Roth and Kevin Roberts (what can we say?);

Tourist Development Council; Darryl Scott; Aaron Doty; Jonathan Rodriguez and Kenneth Felipe;

Judge Ritenour; Judge Susan Barber Flood (great woman); Fred Leavitt (really trying);

All of us. Basically most of us all want the same thing:

Peace;
Change for the better (who decides what is better?);
Fulfillment and the chance to do good, making a difference;
Love;
Understanding from others and to others, to be heard as ourselves;
Less judgment against ourselves by ourselves and others;
Justice;
To lose a few pounds;
Wisdom and acceptance.

I guess our county is a small example of a big world trying to do our best and having success and failure simultaneously.

*Gail Leavitt
Sebring*

Outdoors Expo continues today

Pet piranha bites off toddler's fingertip

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coolers to fishing rods were set up for guests to enjoy and hopefully purchase. Vendors from all over the local community as well as the state demonstrated and sold items to eager customers.

One of the largest vendors at the Expo, the local Home Depot, even had a station dedicated to the little builders and handymen.

The Home Depot Kids Workshop booth was a hit, drawing in handfuls of little boys and girls creating their own tool boxes, shelves and other items Saturday morning.

Other vendors included Hunt'n Jewels, Lake June West, Spurlow's, Kline's Custom Airboats and much more.

Hunt'n Jewels is owned and operated by Deborah Durrance out of Lake Placid and features custom wildlife and game jewelry, accessories and decor.

"This is my first year here," said Durrance. "I have people who come who want personalized jewelry, so that's what we are trying to create for her."

Hunt'n Jewels' decorative and festive booth features wildlife decor and camo attire especially for the ladies who enjoy the great outdoors.

The Expo features numerous raffles including barbecue grills, air boat tours, party passes and a grand prize of a Hoyt Carbon Fiber Bow.

"I heard about it and have never been before so we came out. It's our first time here."

"We aren't really looking for anything but if something jumps out at us we'll



Hunt'n Jewels Owner Deborah Durrance of Lake Placid shows some of her handmade jewelry to Holly Quave of Arcadia on Saturday during the Everything Outdoors Expo in Sebring. The two-day event ends today at 4 p.m.

buy it," said Sebring resident Eric Keiber. Keiber and his young son, Joseph, were busy enjoying the different booths throughout the Expo.

Other guests, like 3-year-old Lillie Martinez and her mother and grandparents, came for a specific item and purpose.

"We're from Kissimmee. I heard about this on the radio so we drove down today. We've been looking for a camper and thought we could maybe find one here. She's here for the kid's camo contest," said Martinez's mother.

George White, president of the Highlands County Fair Association, was pleased with the first day's turnout.

"This is our second year, we have more quality vendors...It's hard to tell if there's more here than last year, but tomorrow is the second day of it so we'll



Lillie Martinez of Kissimmee finds a cozy spot Saturday in the wheel well of a monster truck on display during the Everything Outdoors Expo in Sebring.

see," said White. The Everything Outdoors Expo will continue from 10

a.m. - 4 p.m. today Entry fee is \$5 per person, children 12 and under are free (parking

is also free). For more information, visit www.hfcc.net/.

Chicago-area parents thought their pit bull was to blame when they heard their 18-month-old daughter crying and discovered one of her fingertips had been severed.

Turns out, the culprit was a piranha the family kept in an aquarium.

Doctors determined the bite wasn't from a dog after the girl was rushed to a hospital by ambulance Tuesday night.

Cook County Sheriff's Department spokesman Frank Bilecki tells the Chicago Tribune the girl's father cut open one of two piranhas and found the fingertip. He says doctors tried to reattach the fingertip, but he didn't know if they were successful.

He didn't immediately respond to messages left Saturday by The Associated Press, and a hospital spokesman couldn't provide the information.

Bilecki says the parents were distraught and aren't facing charges.

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Lois Baumann (right) is overwhelmed with excitement as she meets her siblings for the first time at Midway Airport in Chicago last Saturday.

Reunion unites family

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lings gathered at the home of her brother for a family reunion. The siblings spent their time getting to know each other and their families throughout the week.

"I never thought that this could happen. It is so weird that we found each other," Baumann said.

Though the siblings were brought together after years of not knowing their birth mother, they didn't spend a whole lot of time in the past.

"We don't know why she gave us up," Baumann said. "It's OK. The three of us that got adopted, we all went to really good homes. I have my mother and father; they raised me. Carmen and Angelo have their mother and father."

The siblings discovered each other's baby photos, grandchildren and even a bit of heritage.

"It's weird seeing people that look like you that you're just getting to know ... I had one of my baby photos with me. I saw one of Kathy's and we look so much alike."

"We all have dark hair and dark eyes being of Italian background and I found out I'm also part Portuguese," Baumann said.

The Portuguese heritage comes from Baumann's birth father, Jack; her birth mother, Katherine, was half Italian and half Sicilian, according to Baumann.

"We really didn't talk too much about that (parents). We spent our time together in the present," Baumann said.

As for the future, Baumann plans to keep in touch with Rick, Kathleen, Angelo and Carmen and the siblings all plan to visit one another frequently.

"Kathy is flying back in to

Chicago in July. Rick has a summer home down here over in Bradenton, so I will get to visit with him and his wife there and I'll see them a bit.

"We've already made plans for everyone to come here next Christmas. I'm on cloud nine," Baumann said.

Baumann made an enormous amount of new memories with a family she's always wondered about.

The trip was more than Baumann, or her siblings, could've ever dreamed of and she is happy how everything fell into place.

"My favorite moment was at the airport when I was walking through baggage claim. It felt like I was walking for about nine hours, then I saw them. Seeing each other for the first time, that was just such a very special moment. I'll never forget it," Baumann said.

Rezoning goal is marketing Harder Hall for city to sell

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Two other properties were not immediately accepted by council – Harder Hall Golf Course and Hidden Beach.

The proposed rezone would, if approved, change the zoning from MUQD (Mixed Use Quality Development) to an R-1 (Residential 1) zoning and the comprehensive plan from recreation to a medium density plan.

"The county owns the southern part of the course, the last 10 or 11 holes, and has it zoned as R-1 so that is what P&Z picked," Polatty said during the meeting

Tuesday.

The Hidden Beach proposal would retain the public zoning of the area but change the comp plan from medium density residential to recreation.

"The idea is that if we were ever to redevelop that, maybe we should leave it as medium density and then rezone it ... the zoning has been public there for a while," Polatty said.

"That one was given to the city, and so was Crescent Beach," council president John Griffin added.

"To be used as recreation, am I right?" asked Clark.

Council members finished

the list of proposals, quickly giving nods for the go-ahead to the remaining rezones and comp plan changes.

"The goal is to get rid of MUQD zoning, which may be impossible, but that is the goal," Polatty said.

Council members voted unanimously to instruct staff to continue with the plans.

"We will have to hold public hearings on these ... you're just instructing staff to go forward with the amendments," City Attorney Bob Swaine said.

P&Z will review the items again before bringing the information back to council.

What's next for Jerry Sandusky?

The Associated Press

A jury took less than two days to find Jerry Sandusky guilty of 45 of 48 counts of child sexual abuse, but the judge will need substantially more time to decide his punishment.

Judge John Cleland ordered a pre-sentencing report, which will take anywhere from one to two months to complete.

During that time, Sandusky will be examined by the state Sexual Offenders Assessment Board to decide if he should be treated as a sexually violent predator, and prosecutors could ask the judge for a hearing.

The judge determines whether someone is a sexually violent predator — it carries stiffer reporting and treatment requirements once someone is out of prison — and can use information from the board's investigation in a sentencing decision.

If he's sentenced to state prison — which appears to be certain in this case — then Sandusky will be transferred to Camp Hill, in south-central Pennsylvania, which has 3,000 to 4,000 inmates, about 1,000 of whom are held temporarily for classification.

New inmates are put through a battery of medical,

dental, psychiatric, psychological, vocational and educational testing, according to Department of Corrections spokeswoman Sue Bensinger, who spoke generally about a male inmate convicted in Centre County and not of Sandusky's case in particular.

He would then be placed in a state prison.

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Rubio calls for compromise on immigration reforms

LAKE BUENA VISTA (AP) — Republican Sen. Marco Rubio scolded politicians from both parties Friday for using illegal immigration as a political tool rather than finding compromise on a difficult, divisive issue.

He accused both sides of not being willing to make serious attempts to solve the issue because it's easier to raise money and win votes if left unsolved.

"I have seen people take the legitimate concerns about illegal immigration and turn it into panic, and turn that panic into fear and anger and turn that anger into votes and money. I have also seen people go in the other direction. Anyone who disagrees with their ideas on illegal immigration is anti-immigrant and anti-Hispanic. That's ridiculous," Rubio said at the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials annual conference.



Marco Rubio

As an example, Rubio mentioned his own efforts to seek support for a proposal that would allow young illegal immigrants to remain in the country under certain conditions. It was Rubio's attempt to find a compromise on the DREAM Act, formally the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act. Earlier this month, President Barack Obama said his administration will not deport young illegal immigrants — the same people that would have been helped under the Rubio proposal.

But Rubio said when he first proposed his idea, Democrats immediately dismissed it.

"I was accused of supporting a DREAM Act without a dream. Of course, a few months later the president takes a similar idea and implements it through executive action and now it's the greatest idea in the world. I don't care who gets the credit — I don't — but it exposes the fact that this issue is all about politics to some people. Not just Democrats, Republicans too," Rubio said.

He said the only way the issue will be resolved is if both sides admit it's complicated and look at it as a human, rather than political, issue.

"Yes, it is a law and order issue, but it's also a human issue. These are real people. These are human beings who have children and hopes and dreams. These are people that are doing what virtually any of us would do if our children were hungry."

Centennial parade entry forms here

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If you would like to sponsor the event of your choice during the main focus week in October, just let us know which one you want. The events include the downtown bed race, Centennial parade and after party, Community Church Service, the Mayor's street dance and setting of the time capsule and the boat parade.

Sponsorship levels are as follows: platinum, \$2,500; gold, \$1,000; silver, \$500;

bronze, \$250; and patron, \$25-\$250. Each sponsorship level comes with variable amounts of recognition and more.

Thanks to the wonderful sponsors that are helping to assure the success of the Centennial Celebration and their support of our community.

Remember to stop by the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce to get your hat, T-shirt, grocery tote bag, bumper sticker, tumbler or lapel pin, all sporting the

Centennial logo. For more information call 863-655-5554, email events@Sebring100.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SebringCentennial1, or Sebring100.com/.

Thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to help us 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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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presentation regarding the status and plans for the Champion for Children Circle Theatre.

This monthly "What's Up Downtown?" meetings are open to the public. Anyone who has an interest in Downtown Sebring is encouraged to attend.

The mission of the CRA is to bring about the economic revitalization of an established target area. For more information, visit www.DowntownSebring.org.

Shrine Ladies play Bunco

AVON PARK — The public is invited (men, too) to play Bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The event is open to new or experienced players; cost is \$3 per person. Call 471-2425 for information.

Canady to talk disaster preparedness

LAKE PLACID — Scott Canady, director of Highlands County Emergency Management, will present a program on Tuesday at St. James Catholic Church Social Hall on how to prepare for a hurricane, tornado or wildfire. All are welcome to attend and learn what to put in a survival kit, how to keep water and food safe without electricity, where are pet friendly motels and much more on storms. Also how to protect your home from a wildfire. The program is at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. James Catholic

Church, 3380 Placid View Drive.

'Night Nite' comes to 'Dream Big'

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Memorial Library presents the 2012 Florida Library Youth Reading Program "Dream Big: Read," for ages 5-13. The next program is "Night Nite" on Wednesday. Wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal.

All programs, except STARLAB, are at 1:30 p.m. Call the library for STARLAB program's time.

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

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
Combat Veterans, Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 2 p.m. today. Music by McGannon from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Karaoke from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID
The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host music with Bama Jam and have NASCAR on the screen today. Call for times. Moose Riders meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Music with BobKat from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, with Franke on Thursday, Blues Hounds on Friday and Tom McGannon from Saturday. For information, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 in Lake Placid, will host Ladies Auxiliary

bingo at 2 p.m.; with early bird at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 30. For information, call 699-5444.

SEBRING
The VFW Post 4300 will host Commander Fran's Final Deck Party from 2-4 p.m. today with a Caribbean Hoe Down and music by Frank "E" and Gary Oliver. Karaoke from 5-8 p.m. today with BilDi. Music with Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Gary Oliver from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. Friday and 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 Wacky Wednesday will feature music by Frank E. from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 (dinner for \$6.50). Dinner before/during dance on Friday for \$11. To only dance, cost is \$3; enjoy dancing to Too Smooth from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

For more information, call 471-3557.

OBITUARIES

JAMES LEON LOBBESTAEL

James Leon Lobbestael, 73, of Sebring, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in Sebring. He was born Oct. 31, 1938, to Alexander J. and Helen M. (Burrell) Lobbestael in Ypsilanti, Mich. and went to a Cherry Hill, Mich. two-room schoolhouse during his elementary years that Henry Ford had built. He attended Roosevelt School in Ypsilanti and transferred to Plymouth School in Plymouth, Mich., then attended Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Va., graduating in 1957. He attended Eastern Michigan College for one year before starting classes with Ford Motor Company for draftsman.

He worked for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Mich. for 30 years as draftsman in EEE building, retiring and moving to Sebring in 1989. He played hockey, baseball, softball, golf and bowling throughout his life, but golf was his interest during his retirement. He

was a member and past president at Pinecrest Golf and Country Club in Avon Park and played in Golfweek Seniors tournaments around the state of Florida

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Donna Lobbestael of Sebring; son, David G. Lobbestael and wife Tony, grandson, James and granddaughter, Jordan of Summerfield, S.C. and sister, Joanne Hildinger, of Ann Arbor, Mich. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Lobbestael.

In honoring his wishes, there will be no services. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Hope Hospice, 4840 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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Cox says he's ready for challenges

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He added that he was encouraged by friends and co-workers to run.

"I prayed over the decision," he said. "I'm not going to say (my wife Tricia Cox) was delighted.

"I will tell you I love it. It's not an ego thing. We have wonderful teachers and staff, it's a joy to go to work."

"The last few years have been challenging. We've lost \$18 million (in funding) over the last five years. We've not cut direct services to students, but it has impacted teachers who are doing more with less. I'm astounded at how well they do. They do mission work, that's what they do. I can't thank them enough.

"We have positioned ourselves well for 2012-2013," he said, adding the budget will balance. "There will be very few changes."

Cox said while he "did not want to cut salaries or jobs," he has had to cut 225 positions. He did most of that through attrition. "Last year it impacted my wife (a media specialist) when we had to cut media specialists from 17 to six."

What Cox takes the greatest pride in, however, is "how students are doing better over the last 12 years."

No bond for ex-principal charged in stabbings

LEALMAN (AP) — A former school principal accused of killing two people during a rampage has been denied bond.

Anthony Giancola made his first court appearance Saturday, when a judge refused to grant him bond.

The 45-year-old has been charged with first-degree murder and other counts. Authorities say he went on a drug- or alcohol-induced rampage on Friday, killing two people.

Officials say Giancola stabbed several people, crashed his car into a crowded porch and then attacked a couple at a motel.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be

submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Economic and Property Damages Settlement

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If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be

April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

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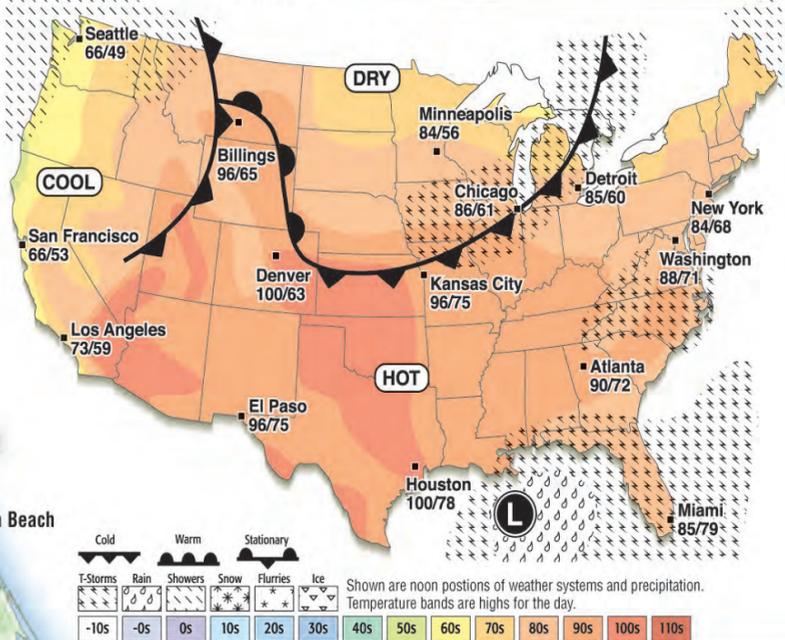
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The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Showers and a heavier thunderstorm	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Windy with thunderstorms possible	Some sun with t-storms possible	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible
84° / 76°	86° / 77°	88° / 77°	88° / 69°	91° / 71°
Winds: S at 10-20 mph	Winds: SSW at 10-20 mph	Winds: S at 12-25 mph	Winds: WNW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NW at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for June 24



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	88°
Low Tuesday	73°
High Wednesday	84°
Low Wednesday	7°
High Thursday	89°
Low Thursday	72°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	80%
Expected air temperature	83°
Makes it feel like	92°

Barometer

Tuesday	29.96
Wednesday	29.88
Thursday	29.81

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.20"
Thursday	0.13"
Month to date	3.49"
Year to date	1.50"

Regional Summary

A couple of showers and a heavy thunderstorm today; mainly cloudy and breezy. A shower or thunderstorm around tonight. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow. Tuesday: a couple of showers and thunderstorms possible.

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:41 a.m.
Low	12:06 a.m.
High	5:25 p.m.
Low	11:26 a.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	12:26 a.m.
Low	6:13 a.m.
High	12:46 p.m.
Low	6:29 p.m.

Farm Report

Showers and a heavier thunderstorm today. Winds south 10-20 mph. Expect less than two hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 85%.

Weather History

A microburst was blamed for the crash of a Boeing 727 on June 24, 1975, at New York's Kennedy International Airport. The catastrophe took 112 lives.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:35 a.m.	6:36 a.m.
Sunset	8:22 p.m.	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise	11:10 a.m.	12:08 p.m.
Moonset	11:52 p.m.	none

	First	Full	Last	New
	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 19

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City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	86/79/r	87/81/t	90/80/t
Clearwater	85/78/r	89/77/t	88/79/t
Coral Springs	85/78/t	88/78/t	89/80/c
Daytona Beach	81/75/t	85/76/t	84/77/t
Ft. Laud. Bch	86/79/t	89/81/t	90/81/c
Fort Myers	86/79/r	88/80/t	90/81/t
Gainesville	81/74/t	86/74/t	84/73/c
Hollywood	85/78/t	87/78/t	88/79/c
Homestead AFB	84/79/t	87/79/t	88/81/c
Jacksonville	84/74/t	84/73/t	84/74/c
Key West	86/79/t	87/80/t	87/81/c

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Miami	85/79/t	88/78/t	89/79/c
Okeechobee	84/77/t	86/77/t	88/79/t
Orlando	81/75/t	86/76/t	87/77/t
Pembroke Pines	85/79/t	88/79/t	89/79/c
St. Augustine	83/75/t	84/74/t	82/77/c
St. Petersburg	85/78/r	88/76/t	88/78/t
Sarasota	85/79/r	86/80/t	87/80/t
Tallahassee	85/74/t	87/74/t	92/67/pc
Tampa	83/77/r	86/78/t	88/78/t
W. Palm Bch	85/78/t	88/78/t	89/80/c
Winter Haven	82/74/r	84/76/t	86/76/t

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	98/69/s	97/72/s	97/73/pc
Atlanta	90/72/pc	93/72/pc	87/65/s
Baltimore	89/67/s	84/58/t	78/58/pc
Birmingham	95/72/pc	95/70/s	91/65/s
Boston	82/65/s	73/60/t	74/60/pc
Charlotte	90/69/pc	92/63/t	84/59/s
Cheyenne	90/60/s	93/62/pc	93/63/pc
Chicago	86/61/t	78/57/s	81/60/s
Cleveland	83/62/t	73/54/pc	77/59/pc
Columbus	88/66/t	78/56/pc	80/59/s
Dallas	100/76/s	103/79/s	101/73/s
Denver	100/63/s	101/69/pc	99/67/pc
Detroit	85/60/t	75/56/s	79/61/s
Harrisburg	86/66/s	81/55/t	79/55/pc
Honolulu	86/73/s	86/73/s	86/73/s
Houston	100/78/s	102/80/s	103/79/s
Indianapolis	90/66/t	81/57/s	80/55/s
Jackson, MS	97/72/pc	97/72/s	92/67/s
Kansas City	96/73/pc	84/61/pc	86/68/s
Lexington	92/67/s	82/53/pc	79/53/s
Little Rock	98/73/s	98/67/s	87/64/s

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	87/76/c	91/76/t	88/77/t
Athens	96/76/s	95/74/s	95/76/s
Beirut	82/73/s	83/74/s	84/74/s
Berlin	72/54/r	64/50/sh	64/54/c
Bermuda	80/73/s	80/71/t	77/73/r
Calgary	70/48/pc	72/53/pc	72/53/c
Dublin	64/48/pc	63/52/pc	66/54/pc
Edmonton	74/50/c	76/51/s	74/53/t
Freeport	84/80/t	86/82/t	87/82/c
Geneva	75/58/pc	71/59/r	77/57/sh
Havana	87/77/r	89/76/t	88/76/t
Hong Kong	90/82/t	90/84/t	90/84/sh
Jerusalem	86/65/s	83/66/s	83/66/s
Johannesburg	60/40/s	55/39/s	61/42/s
Kiev	78/56/pc	81/62/s	71/52/r

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FAMILY FEATURES

Since January 2011, nearly 10,000 Americans turn 65 every day, joining the fastest growing age group in the nation. According to a recent American Automobile Association (AAA) survey of that booming population, nearly half of seniors worry about losing their freedom and mobility when the time comes for them to transition from driver to passenger.

From understanding how vision changes can affect one's ability to drive at night, to researching the effects certain medications can have on one's driving ability, it's important to get the facts about driving for seniors. Use these tips from AAA to help ensure you and your family members are driving safely:

Evaluate your driving.

While most seniors are experienced drivers, it's important to take time to consider one's driving "health" and habits. For instance, how frequently do you wear a seatbelt? Do you use your signal and check for nearby traffic before changing lanes? Does traffic cause you to feel anxious? When was the last time you had an eye exam? You can take a Driver 65 Plus self-assessment at www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com to get a clear picture of just how good your driving skills really are, and you'll also get suggestions for improving your driving.

Be aware of how aging affects driving habits.

From hearing and vision loss, to mental fitness and reaction time, seniors may not notice the gradual differences that can impact their driving ability. For instance, by age 60, your eyes need three times the amount of light to see properly as they do for people 20 years old, which means it's more difficult to see at night. Likewise, one-third of Americans suffer from hearing loss by age 65. This can pose a problem, as senior drivers may be unable to hear high-pitched noises such as emergency response vehicles while on the road.

Reaction times can be slower for seniors as well. But preventative measures can go a long way.

- When following other vehicles, seniors should increase the distance between their car and the car in front of them, to allow more time to react to sudden braking.
- Eliminating distractions in the vehicle and avoiding heavy traffic can also help seniors identify emergency sirens, and avoiding driving at night is another safer option for seniors.

Find the right fit.

With the wide array of vehicles offering all sorts of convenience features, seniors may not realize that their car may not be optimally adjusted to fit them. For example, sitting too close to the steering wheel can interfere with steering and cause fatigue, as well as injury, should the airbag deploy during a collision.

- Make sure you have at least 10 to 12 inches between your chest and the steering wheel.

- When seated properly, you should be able to see the ground in front of your car within 12 to 15 feet and 1 1/2 car widths left and right.

- Visit www.car-fit.org to assess the safety of your vehicle, find the proper seat and mirror adjustments and more.

Take a refresher course.

No matter how many years a driver has been on the road, a refresher course can help reinforce the basics such as identifying road signs, as well as provide information on updated driving rules and new vehicle technologies.

Talk with your doctor and pharmacist.

Ensure that the medications you take — both prescription and over-the-counter — will not impair your ability to drive safely. In addition, make sure all your medications go through one pharmacy, so the pharmacists on staff can better assess any potential drug interactions.

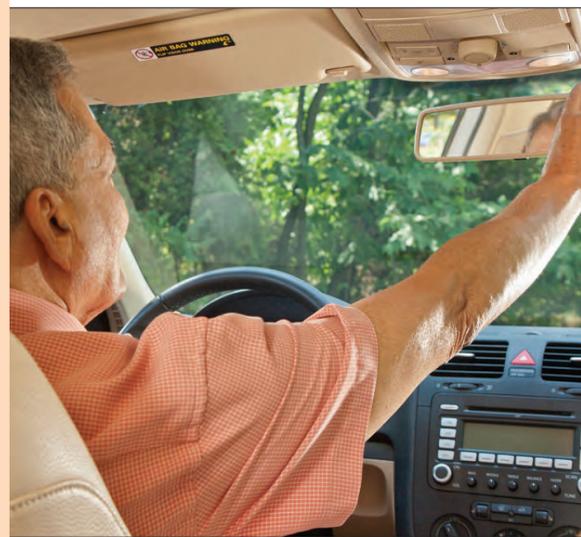
To help older drivers and their families deal with driving and mobility challenges related to aging, AAA has launched a new website (www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com) to make a comprehensive suite of tools and resources available at the click of a button. From an Ask-the-Expert feature to Roadwise Review — an online screening tool that measures functional abilities (like vision and reaction time) linked to crash risk — and more, all of the features are free to site visitors. The site also offers links and resources to help families find other means of transportation when their loved one is no longer able to drive safely.

Top 5 driving tips for seniors

1. Prepare for a drive by adjusting your mirrors and seat to ensure you can see properly. Always wear a seatbelt.
2. Eliminate distractions, such as the car radio, which can interfere with your ability to hear emergency response vehicle sirens and other important sounds.
3. Avoid driving in bad weather, heavy traffic or at night.
4. Making left-hand turns can be difficult for people with limited vision. Avoid left-hand turns at intersections with signals by making three right hand turns around the block when possible.
5. Manage slower reaction times by increasing the amount of space between your vehicle and the car in front of you, allowing for more time to react to sudden braking.



Always wear a seatbelt.



Adjust your mirrors and seat to ensure you can see properly.

Tips for family members

If you're concerned about the safety of a senior family member, look to resources such as their doctor or your local DMV, that can help identify their capacity to drive, and find transportation resources to help them manage daily needs:

- If your family member has received two traffic citations, warnings or been involved in two collisions or "near misses" within a two year period, it may be time to look for other forms of transportation.
- Make sure your family member speaks with their doctor and pharmacist about prescription and over-the-counter medications that may impair their ability to drive safely.
- Talk with family members, friends and neighbors about organizing a car pool to help seniors who need rides find transportation. Look to local help and supplemental transportation options as well.

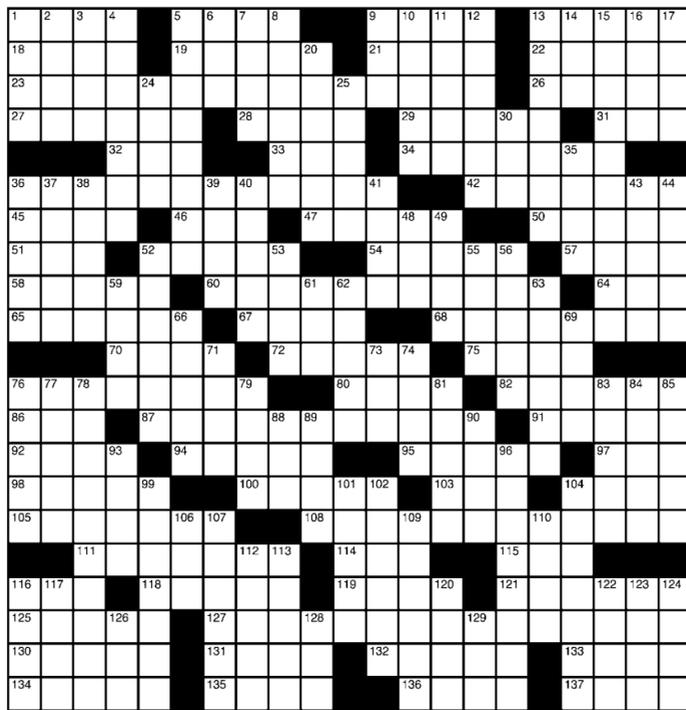
Read more about assessing your family member's ability to drive, as well as where to find alternative transportation, at www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com.

DIVERSIONS

NOVELTIES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pay to see cards
 - 5 He played Senator Vinick on "The West Wing"
 - 9 "Ma! (He's Making Eyes ___)": 1921 song
 - 13 Urge forward
 - 18 B&O part
 - 19 Mistake
 - 21 Marina feature
 - 22 Mazda two-seater
 - 23 Not a waste of time carving?
 - 26 Anti-apartheid author Alan
 - 27 Art in a park
 - 28 Noticed
 - 29 Union chapter
 - 31 "Star Trek" spinoff, briefly
 - 32 Always
 - 33 Jupiter, to Saturn
 - 34 Tendency toward disorder
 - 36 Tinker Bell's blabbing?
 - 42 Screenplays
 - 45 "Not ___ eye in ..."
 - 46 Busy IRS mo.
 - 47 ___ Team
 - 50 Frome of fiction
 - 51 Farm spread
 - 52 Type of daisy
 - 54 Be of use
 - 57 Name whose Japanese symbols mean "ocean child"
 - 58 Foul-smelling
 - 60 Municipal mascot?
 - 64 Revival prefix
 - 65 Political theorist Hannah
 - 67 First skipper?
 - 68 Run-down urban dwelling
 - 70 Not quite closed
 - 72 Blade
 - 75 Sushi bar soup
 - 76 Amount so far
 - 80 Whom Cordelia called "As mad as the vex'd sea"
 - 82 "Maybe later"
 - 86 It has a Bklyn. campus
 - 87 Pane in an infested attic?
 - 91 27-day pope of 1605
 - 92 ___acte
 - 94 Range rover
 - 95 Blue shoe material of song
 - 97 Limo passenger, often
 - 98 Place and Kett
 - 100 Flight units
 - 103 Moo goo ___ pan
 - 104 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 105 Eponymous microbiologist Louis
 - 108 Lollipop for a dog?
 - 111 Most cherished
 - 114 "Norma ___"
 - 115 Previously
 - 116 "Color me surprised"
 - 118 Airbus A380, vis-à-vis most other planes
 - 119 Bond foe
 - 121 Clumsy mistakes
 - 125 Breakfast cereal prefix
 - 127 Butterfly?
 - 130 Franny's title brother, in a Salinger novella
 - 131 Support girder
 - 132 Yes-Bob link
 - 133 Italian peak
 - 134 Pre-deal round
 - 135 Silent yeses
 - 136 Comes out with
 - 137 Retinal cells
- DOWN**
- 1 Intimidates
 - 2 "There'll be ___ time ..."
 - 3 Old Sicilian coin
 - 4 Hard-to-win game
 - 5 Like net income
 - 6 ___-di-dah
 - 7 Club charges
 - 8 Angels' div.
 - 9 On-target
 - 10 Best-seller list datum
 - 11 Juicy gourd
 - 12 Raises
 - 13 Plead with
 - 14 "O patria ___": "Aida" aria
 - 15 Duke's Droid?
 - 16 Thames school
 - 17 Kent's Smallville sweetie

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Solution on page 5B

- 20 It's periodically rung out
- 24 "The Kingfish" Long of early 20th-century politics
- 25 ___ tube
- 30 Circle piece
- 35 Sympathetic sorrow
- 36 Farmer Al ___: Paul Terry toon
- 37 Like ___ in the headlights
- 38 Boiling
- 39 In ___: miffed
- 40 Check for fit
- 41 Burn the surface of
- 43 Hoodwinked
- 44 Schnozzola
- 48 Prefix with fauna
- 49 Quarterback Hasselbeck
- 52 Pin money source
- 53 Furry sci-fi creature
- 55 Gossip page pair
- 56 Colleague of Trotsky
- 59 ___ the finish
- 61 Turic flatbread
- 62 Hot dog topping
- 63 Do some cobbling on
- 66 Cheerios
- 69 Dust speck
- 71 Band with the 2010 album "Infestation"
- 73 Wetland
- 74 St. Louis's ___ Bridge
- 76 Catch some z's
- 77 Utah's ___ Mountains
- 78 Where smoking remnants are stored?
- 79 P.O. deliveries
- 81 Coloring cosmetic
- 83 Evans's news partner
- 84 Nitrous ___
- 85 Drop remover
- 88 China's Sun ___-sen
- 89 Forks in the road
- 90 Have on
- 93 Assess
- 96 Neutralizes, as a bomb
- 99 Shipping routes
- 101 Hidden
- 102 Rude looks
- 104 Moped's cousin
- 106 Rhody the Ram's sch.
- 107 Brightly colored perch
- 109 Court activity
- 110 Fruit with a wrinkly rind
- 112 ___-Croatian
- 113 Traction aid
- 116 Mideast strip
- 117 Tar Heel State university
- 120 Another, in Ávila
- 122 Bart and Lisa's bus driver
- 123 Await judgment
- 124 Ladies in Mex.
- 126 Half a bray
- 128 PT separators
- 129 Enchanted

Surprise, surprise!

It's fun to get surprises. It's even more fun to be the surprise!

Our 7-year-old grandson, Jonathon, had just said to his Mommy and Daddy, "I wish we could go to Gramma's and Pop-Pop's for spring break."

With that a knock came at the door and Daddy said, "I think you should answer that Jonathon."

Not usually the one sent to answer the door he looked at his dad with puzzlement. However, his incredulous look of delight when he saw us on the other side was beyond description.

"Gramma and Pop-Pop!?!?"

He looked back at his parents for a brief moment before falling into our arms for a tight hug. Then we heard 3-year-old Hayley's delighted exclamation as she ran for our embraces.

That's when our son told us about Jonathon's recent wish. Though he didn't get to make the trip to our house, we were the main ingredient in his desire to travel. And there we were!

When our heart's desires are right and please God, our wishes develop wings and fly to God's ears as prayers. I believe this is what happened for Jonathon.

God didn't exactly give him the trip (which would have been impossible for his parents at that time), but he gave him us. In essence,



Pause And Consider
Jan Merop

this is a lesson in knowing that though we may not always know how God will answer; he will answer.

And his answer will surprise and delight us.

However, we often try to manipulate the circumstances ourselves. We want to be in control and may even get pretty far in our attempts to fulfill our aspirations.

However, it is pretty certain that when we take matters into our own hands we will encounter fretting and unwanted anxiety.

But, if we are really seeking God first and his best for our lives, then we need to do only that which we sense him directing us to do...and leave the rest with him.

In Psalm 37:1-7, NKJV, we read that we are not to fret, nor be envious; but rather to "Trust in the Lord, and do good...delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

The verses go on to encourage us to commit our ways to the Lord and rest in Him. The most difficult part of the verse is "wait patiently for Him."

When we do, though, God's rest will be the certainty we have in him that he will come through...while we remain breathlessly expectant of how he may choose to surprise us. Selah

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Cosmic fog is clouding Virgo's reality this week

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Aries, you could find yourself daydreaming this week, which will only make an important decision even harder to make. You need to focus, or the week will be wasted.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Common sense may be what you use to operate, Taurus, but this week a little imagination and spontaneity could be the secret to achieving great success in the next few days.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Be careful with whom you share your goals, Gemini. While there just may be a few copycats who want to steal your thunder, you could find a promotion is stolen away as well.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, explore new ways of doing things this week, especially in your professional life. There's always room to grow and a new perspective might make things easier.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Leo, be careful of a misstep when you move into new territory. Don't leak information before you have fully developed the ideas, or things could get tricky.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Cosmic fog is clouding your reality, Virgo. It is unlikely you will be able to make a sound decision, so it is best to wait a while before tackling difficult or life-altering projects.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, there is no time for daydreaming right now. There's simply too much to get done. Start on small tasks and build up to the

Horoscope

larger ones.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Sometimes the best growth comes from not knowing where you're heading, Scorpio. While you may want to have a game plan, let creative energy drive you instead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sagittarius, though right now you can probably get away with saying whatever comes into your mind, it's better to stick to the subject at hand. Censor yourself a little.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, a fear of failure may override your ambition. Don't let these feelings compromise your plan for doing something new and different.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, it can be a little challenging to figure out what is bothering you, but be patient. The truth will be revealed in due time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, you may have some unfinished business to complete, but it won't get done right away. Focus on the task at hand.

Famous birthdays

June 24 — Sherry Stringfield, actress, 45; June 25 — Ricky Gervais, comedian, 51; June 26 — Derek Jeter, athlete, 38; June 27 — Lorrie Morgan, singer, 53; June 28 — John Cusack, actor, 48; June 29 — Gary Busey, actor, 68; June 30 — Michael Phelps, athlete, 27.

July Fourth hostess thinks some guests have fizzled

Dear Abby: I have set the guest list for my Fourth of July party. A few people I entertained last year will not be invited back this summer. Perhaps they'll recognize themselves when they read the following list:

- (1) You arrived empty-handed.
- (2) You arrived early and stayed late.
- (3) You never reciprocated. It's OK if you don't entertain in your home, but how about a restaurant, bar or cafe?
- (4) You complained about what I served.
- (5) You solicited free advice from other guests who are legal or medical professionals. No guest in my home should have to work. (If you need a doctor or a lawyer, call their office during the week to make an appointment.)
- (6) You raided our liquor cabinet without permission.
- (7) You complained about how bad the traffic was getting here.

Abby, thanks for the forum.

— *San Francisco Hostess*
Dear Hostess: Hmmm. So you have been entertaining a collection of complaining moochers. I don't blame you for paring down your guest list. I'm sure it will make your



Dear Abby

Fourth of July parties more enjoyable and less stressful in the future.

Dear Abby: My mother-in-law, "Lisa," is 50 and married to husband No. 5. I'll call him "Steve." He is 38. (Lisa's son is 31.)

The problem isn't the age difference. It's the fact that her husband refuses to hold a steady job. Steve is often "between jobs" for six to eight months at a crack. Lisa had a job with the same company for 28 years and has a very nice income.

My husband and I are sick of seeing Steve mooching off his mom. He drives around in a new truck, dresses well, has a nice place to live and anything else he wants — all at my mother-in-law's expense.

Abby, she retired recently, and Steve is spending her retirement money faster than

it's coming in. What can we do to get rid of this bum?

— *Bummed Out in Georgia*
Dear Bummed Out: There is nothing you can do. After five husbands, Lisa knows what she wants. She wants a companion and is willing to pay the price. It's her money, and she has a right to spend it any way she wishes. I'm sorry, but not as sorry as she will be when her money runs out and Steve latches onto another meal ticket.

Dear Abby: My parents will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this summer. I know this is a huge deal for them, and I'd like to do something really nice.

I have been considering throwing them a party because they were never able to have a real wedding reception. It would probably include a guest list of about 150. However, because I am a full-time college student, my funds are limited.

I want to do something my parents will like, but I don't know how I'll pay for it. What could I do that will be nice, but not require me to take out a loan?

— *Amy in Tennessee*
Dear Amy: Under no cir-

Ga., SC mountains mark 'Deliverance' anniversary

ATLANTA (AP) — Four decades ago, the movie "Deliverance" introduced the lush north Georgia mountains to the world.

Though many in the region still bristle at the movie's portrayal of locals as uneducated hillbillies, the film helped create the \$20 million rafting and outdoor sports industry along the Chattooga River, which splits Georgia and South Carolina. Several movies have filmed in the area this year because of the natural beauty showcased in "Deliverance," including next year's "Killing Season" with Robert

DeNiro and John Travolta.

This weekend, communities along the Chattooga are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the movie's release with the first-ever Chattooga River Festival, even though some locals are unhappy with the idea of reminding the world of the area's connection to the movie.

"It's one of those cases where some good comes out of most everything," said Stan Darnell, chairman of the Rabun County, Ga., board of commissioners.

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The search is on for a mutt who will become Benji

By SUE MANNING

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Have you seen this dog?

It's a mutt — mischievous, medium-sized, scruffy and street-smart with soulful eyes. Comfortable as hero or underdog, yet likely to be a stray. Must be a fast learner, able to charm millions and willing to work for food.

Brandon Camp, whose father created "Benji" nearly 40 years ago, and veteran movie trainer Mark Forbes have set out to find a new Benji in a nationwide search that includes online tools and sites that weren't around when the first four Benjis were discovered.

A Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/benjithemovie>) has been set up so pet owners and shelter staffs can post pictures and videos of dogs they think could be the next Benji.

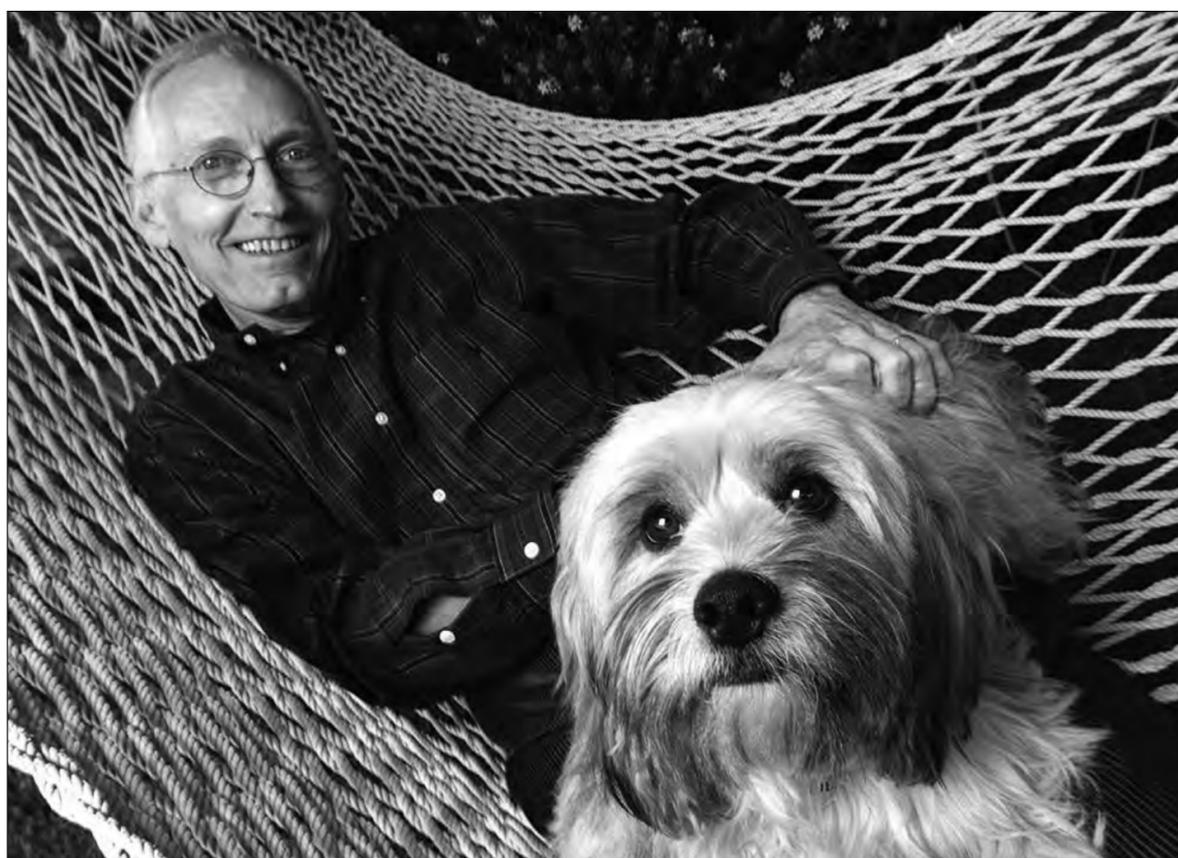
Camp and Forbes will scour photos of pets from shelters and rescues across the country, along with sites like petfinder.com and adoptapet.com. Forbes said he was personally visiting every shelter within 75 miles of Los Angeles, where he is general manager and head trainer at Birds and Animals Unlimited.

The original 1974 movie "Benji" is about a stray who helps save two kidnapped children.

It was written, produced, directed and financed by Camp's father, Joe Camp. When he couldn't find a distributor, he and his wife, the late Carolyn Camp, decided to do it themselves.

There would be four sequels, several TV specials, a Saturday morning TV series, a syndicated comic strip and all kinds of merchandizing deals. More than 73 million people would see "Benji" at theaters and more than a billion people around the world watch it on television. Millions of DVDs would be sold.

The original Benji was Higgins, adopted in the early



Joe Camp, shown with the 2002 incarnation of Benji, was the man who wrote and directed the original 'Benji' movie. Now his son, Brandon Camp, is overseeing the search for a new Benji for an upcoming movie. MCT

1960s from the Burbank Animal Shelter by late animal trainer Frank Inn. Higgins played Dog in the television series "Petticoat Junction" for several years. At the age of 14, he became Benji.

The second Benji was Higgins' daughter, the third was a distant relative and the fourth was adopted from the Humane Society of South Mississippi.

"I only have snapshot memories of the original," said Brandon Camp, who was just 3 years old when "Benji" came out. "The second Benji is the one I grew up with and traveled with and knew and loved."

The dog was so much a part of his life, he was nicknamed Benji at school. The two of them were constantly on the go — from White House Easter egg hunts to morning shows, late shows

'Parents and grandparents will recognize the spirit of Benji. He was always a mutt and will always be a mutt. He is the everydog.'

BRANDON CAMP
son of Benji creator

and show-and-tells. "I missed most of my first grade because I was traveling around with Benji," said Camp, who directed "Love Happens."

When he was 6 or 7, Camp went to New York so Benji could ride a float in the Macy's parade, where thousands of people were trying to get close to see him. "It was the first time I realized what kind of star he was," he remembers.

Camp said the new movie will stay true to the heart of the original Benji.

"Parents and grandparents

Camp is aware his father, who now lives in Tennessee, will be watching, too.

"The irony is he doesn't have to say a thing. I hear his voice constantly in my head. If I screw this up, I have to look him in the eye," he said.

Dad doesn't seem concerned. "His script is fantastic and I have no doubt that he will discover and be directing the best 'Benji' ever," Joe Camp said.

A Benji movie nearly four decades after the original has two main things going for it, said David Brokaw, a veter-

an Los Angeles publicist, personal manager and dog lover. First, the fans will span those decades, from kids to grandparents. Secondly, it's about a dog. "I don't think there's anything bigger right now," Brokaw said.

Camp says he will know instantly when he looks into the right dog's eyes. Forbes said he'll need to spend a little time with the dog to judge its temperament.

Forbes is used to animals. He's done "101 Dalmatians," "Dr. Doolittle," "Marley and Me," "We Bought a Zoo," "Mr. Popper's Penguins," "Evan Almighty" and "Zookeeper."

There will be backup Benjis, but no stunt doubles, the men said. The actors haven't been cast for the movie yet, but Walden Media ("The Chronicles of Narnia" series) is producing the film.

Forbes has watched the original "Benji" four or five times. He's looking for a dog that can perform a sad scene so that the viewer cries. The dog must be athletic, fearless, outgoing and happy to please with goofy traits.

When Forbes finds a movie dog at a shelter, he makes sure the dog has a home when fame fades. One of the dogs in his own backyard is Cole, who was also known as "The Shaggy Dog" and Tim Allen in 2006.

Camp and Forbes also hope happy endings extend beyond their own backyards. When a dog stars in a movie, there is usually a rush to own a similar dog, Camp said. He's hoping for a run on mutts.

Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

Deuteronomy 2:7, "For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great

wilderness: these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee, thou hath lack nothing." I just love the Word of God. It doesn't matter what you are facing, you can always find comfort in God's Word. We can sometimes make early decisions that end up having long-term negative consequences. Look at the above scripture. The Israelites learned a hard lesson that prevented an entire generation from entering the promise land. Making sudden decisions without acknowledging God first could affect our lives for years to come. He wants His children blessed. We must learn to trust Him with the outcome. He is the same God and His word does not change. **Be Blessed!**

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'I write because I must write'

Sunny Serafino explores the writing life

By LARRY LEVEY
News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — She's an award-winning, published author who writes because she must write. Sunny Serafino's most recent accomplishment has been the publication of "Finding Amy" by Double Edge Press, a Christian publishing company.

A copy of her 12th novel now sits in a book rack on a shelf in her at-home office, surrounded by her 11 other published novels and one memoir, with yet another novel in the works and two or three under development.

Talking about her writing career, she says, "I grow with each book I write. I feel 'Finding Amy' is my best-written book so far — but I love them all."

Like her other books, "Finding Amy" follows the Serafino format. "My major characters are always women. I write about courageous women. I'm familiar with their point of view."

"Finding Amy," she says, "was a true labor of love and was, in part, based on fact. I loved the story, the characters, the outcomes, even though at the start of the book I never expected the end that came about. The book took more time than any of my other novels, with a lot more research to be done with this book. Not that I'm complaining. I love researching because it's kind of like going back to school. You learn so much more than you ever need to."

"Research," she says, "means learning about what you don't know. The computer is a wonderful source. Or say you need some medical information. I find some nurse friends to talk to. Sometimes I want the plot to go in a certain direction but the research says no. I have to change my plot to accommodate the research."

Serafino said people often ask her how she gets her ideas. "It's my 'what if' syndrome. Something will come to my attention and I'll say, 'What if that happened to me? How would I handle it? What would be important?' And that's how I begin."

How did she come up with the idea for "Finding Amy?" "Something triggered me to the subject of children who run away. I didn't want someone who becomes a street person. I wanted a confused, only child who never knew her father and who wanted to express herself. She had just graduated high school, was a talented artist and planned on going to art school. She originally intended to come back home ... but circumstances change."

How does she know if her writing is good or bad? "I know something's good if I like it myself. If I like it, I know my readers will like it. I know it's bad if there's no flow. Flow means you come to the end of a chapter and you can't wait to start the next one. If it doesn't flow, you're fooling yourself if you don't change it."

"In my book, 'Secrets,' I got to Chapter 21 and realized my male character was wrong and the plot was going in the wrong direction. He was too nice. He had to



News-Sun photo by LARRY LEVEY
Sunny Serafino has written 11 novels and a memoir. Her latest novel, 'Finding Amy,' has been picked up by a Christian publishing company.

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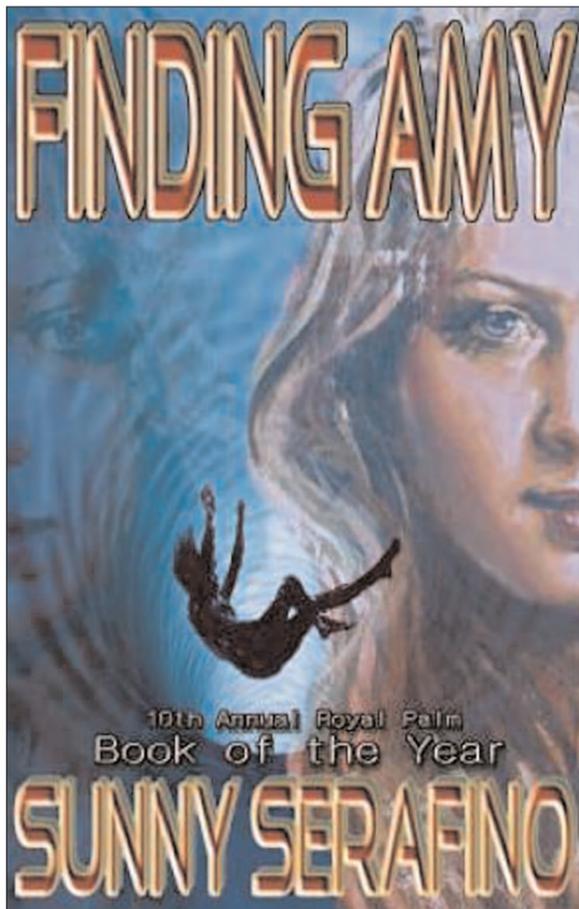
be much nastier. I had to rewrite every chapter." Except for her memoir, called "Following Daddy," all of Serafino's books are novels. "Those are my real love — but sometimes I write short stories for a challenge and submit them to a writing contest. This way you learn how to tighten up your writing, to say it in fewer words. It makes much more of an impact."

But they are more than "just novels." She's first and foremost a writer of Christian fiction, which means, "no bad language, not overly violent, no explicit sex. There's mention of God, but it doesn't have to be preachy. It's clean reading."

And Christian writing has almost as many facets as other types of fiction, like historical fiction, action, suspense, romance, contemporary, young adult, children's, with all types reflecting the theme of faith. "Finding Amy," by the way, is categorized by the publisher as "contemporary fiction."

Not surprisingly, Serafino was an avid reader and writer as a youngster.

"I read even before starting school and in school I would often get extra credit for doing writing projects.



Later, when I was working as a secretary, my bosses would tell me to go ahead and write their letters for them."

But it was not until she retired and married her husband, Lenny, that she could find time to pursue her passion for writing and teaching. "I try to write every day. Each novel, on the average, takes me eight or nine months to complete."

Along with burning the midnight oil at her computer keyboard, Serafino leads a weekly writing critique group, at times teaches creative writing at South Florida Community College, leads a class on memoir writing, and is a professional speaker through Toastmasters.

In the brief time she's been writing, Serafino has won five literary awards: one from the National League of

American Pen Women and four from the Florida Writer's Association's Royal Palm Literary Award, including two in 2011 for "Finding Amy," one as first place in Women's Fiction (then unpublished) and one as Book of the Year (then unpublished).

Speaking of awards, Serafino was once asked on an authors' website, "Is a story or a book special if it receives an award?" She answered, "Perhaps, but I like to think it was special because it reached the heart and soul of the reader; that there was something real, unique or compelling about the story and the characters which made it special."

"Finding Amy" is available through the publisher (doubleedgepress.com), amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and on Kindle.

New books offer to bring the food science lab home

The Associated Press

You may not aspire to the culinary theatrics performed by the wizards of modernist cuisine — transparent ravioli? edible balloons? — but your cooking probably still could benefit from a few lessons from their labs.

And learning those lessons will get a lot easier this fall when food science becomes far more home-friendly. Riding the buzz of science-driven cooking shows and hot modernist chefs like Ferran Adria and Grant Achatz, publishers are releasing two books this fall that demystify the secrets of everyday food science, such as searing meat, scrambling eggs and measuring flour.

"The Science of Good Cooking," from the test kitchens of Cook's Illustrated magazine, joins fifty basic concepts — why salt makes meat juicy, why high heat develops flavor — with 400 recipes that show you how to put those principles into practice.

Meanwhile, "Modernist Cuisine at Home," from the laboratory that produced "Modernist Cuisine," a six-volume encyclopedia of molecular gastronomy released last year, promises a bit more flair, urging home cooks to turn their blowtorches and meat injectors on comfy fare such as cheeseburgers and roast chicken.

"It used to be this obscure geeky thing, to talk about food science," says Jack Bishop, editorial director of America's Test Kitchen, which publishes Cook's Illustrated. "But now people see there's a real connection between that and the kind of cooking they do at home."

Bishop's goal is to harness this interest to create better cooks by putting the "why" behind the "how." Older, more experienced cooks may be using proper

technique, but may have no idea why it works or where it comes from, he says. For young people, who may not have grown up watching someone cook, the concrete explanations will provide a foundation.

"Somebody who's been cooking a lifetime, like your grandmother, might have internalized these concepts and might have known intuitively that a roast will continue to cook when it comes out of the oven," he says. "It helps you draw those connections that you might not intuitively see unless you've been cooking for 30 years."

The book offers practical takeaways, like sidebars with small tips (a skillet works better than a wok for stir-fries) and techniques (sprinkle sugar on wet fish to encourage browning). Charts for cooking a roast that's truly rare or for how much your cup of flour should weigh also provide easy references.

But if the levelheaded Yankees at the Boston-based test kitchen seek to educate, "Modernist Cuisine at Home" author Nathan Myhrvold wants to titillate.

He would have you turn your blowtorch on a steak or cook scrambled eggs sous vide, then deliver them as fanciful dollops through a whipping canister.

"We're living in a very exciting time for cooking because all these things are possible," Myhrvold says.

And not just in a professional kitchen, which admittedly is where so-called modernist cuisine earned its credibility (as well as a fair amount of derision).

Much of the equipment called for — pressure cookers, meat tenderizers, whipping canisters — is available in shopping malls or on the Internet. And many of the techniques are simple, Myhrvold says. And they produce better food.

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Mosquitoes bite some people more than others

Summer is almost here and we are already dealing with the uncomfortable sting of mosquitoes. First of all, know that the males aren't the enemy here; it's the female who sucks your blood. She must acquire the precious liquid to develop fertile eggs to make even more mosquitoes to bother us. And according to Jerry Butler, PhD, professor emeritus at the University of Florida, "One in 10 people are highly attractive to mosquitoes." Who are these unfortunate folks that make up the 1 percent?



News From The Watershed

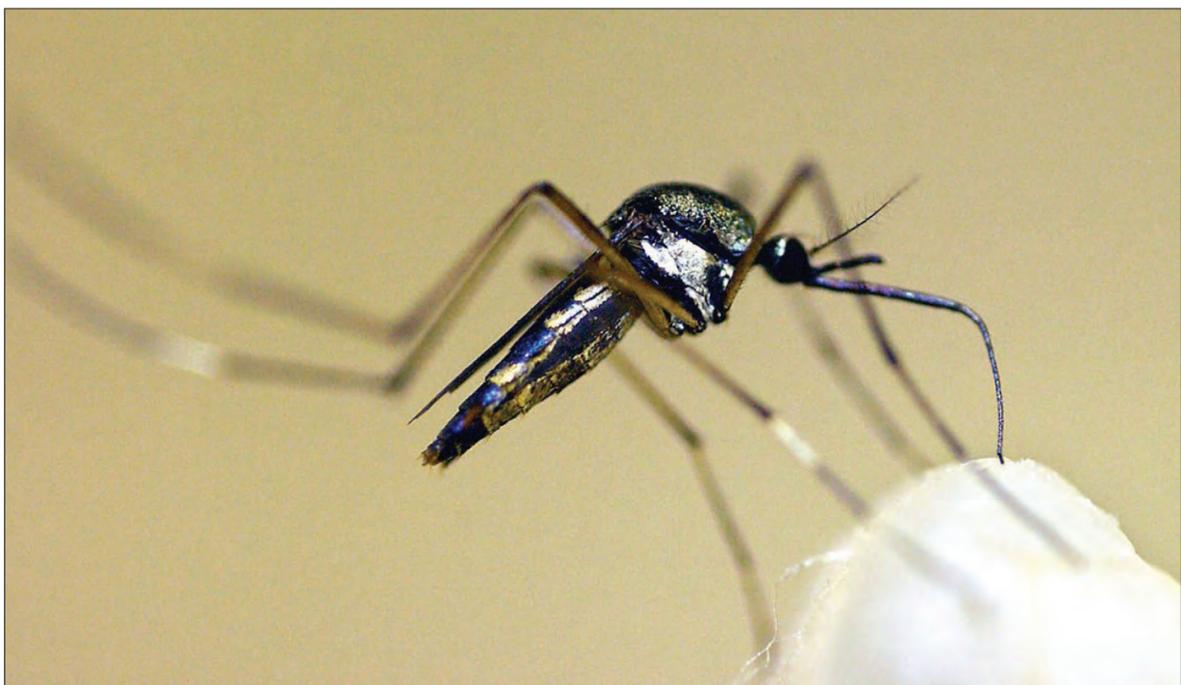
Corine Burgess

munching on adults to small children. Pregnant women are also at increased risk, as they produce a greater-than-normal amount of exhaled carbon dioxide. Movement and heat also attract mosquitoes."

Whether you are one of the unfortunate one in ten or not, these pesky creatures are not going to go away. Mosquitoes are believed to have evolved around 170 million years ago with the earliest known fossils from 65-144 million years ago. Some ancestral mosquitoes were about three times the size of the present pests.

For the mosquito to complete its lifecycle, water is a necessary element. And we all know that there is an abundance of water in our state. Many species of mosquitoes lay their eggs on the water's surface. The eggs may hatch within 24 to 48 hours. Once hatched, the larvae move up and down from the surface of the water. The larvae feed on microorganisms and organic material found in the water. About a week after hatching, the larvae change into the pupal stage. Once the female mosquito vacates her watery home, she begins to seek out a blood source. Once she has gorged on blood, she lays from 100 to 300 eggs. Each female may average 1,000 to 3,000 eggs within her short lifetime. The average life span of the female mosquito is from 3-100 days; the male's is 10-20 days.

There are about 200 species of mosquitoes in the United States and more than 2,500 worldwide. Their bodies are divided into three parts (head, thorax and abdomen) a hard exoskeleton, and six long, jointed legs. The mosquito's head is mostly eye. Each eye is made up of many tiny lenses forming two compound eyes. This type of eye allows for a very broad field of vision that easily detects movement. In addition, they have a straw-like proboscis and



Male mosquitoes feed on nectar but females need to find a blood source in order to develop fertile eggs.

Courtesy photo

Studies have shown that people with certain genes are more attractive to mosquitoes than others. Mosquitoes are apparently attracted to certain elements of body chemistry. According to Butler, "People with high concentrations of steroids or cholesterol on their skin surface attract mosquitoes. That doesn't necessarily mean that mosquitoes prey on people with higher overall levels of cholesterol. These people simply may be more efficient at processing cholesterol, the byproducts of which remain on the skin's surface."

Entomologist John Edman, PhD states that, "Mosquitoes also target people who produce excess amounts of certain acids, such as uric acid. These substances can trigger mosquitoes' sense of smell, luring them to land on unsuspecting victims. But the process of attraction begins long before the landing. Mosquitoes can smell their dinner from an impressive distance of up to 50 meters. This doesn't bode well for people who emit large quantities of carbon dioxide."

Joe Conlon, PhD, technical advisor to the American Mosquito Control Association explains, "Any type of carbon dioxide is attractive, even over a long distance. Larger people tend to give off more carbon dioxide, which is why mosquitoes typically prefer

can only consume liquids.

For the most part, mosquitoes do not venture far from home. They are not particularly strong flyers and generally travel at speeds of approximately one to one and a half miles per hour. Most mosquitoes remain within one mile of their breeding site. However, if carried by strong wind or if the female is seeking out a blood meal, the mosquito can travel further distances. They fly mostly in the cooler hours of the morning and evenings, preferring to stay in a cool place in the heat of the day.

Because we do have the facts about these pesky creatures, there is much we can do to avoid their bite:

- Wear long pants and sleeves, socks and shoes when outdoors.
- Wear loose clothes made of tightly woven materials that keep mosquitoes away from the skin.
- Follow the label's instructions if using repellent.
- Repair or replace old and torn screens around the house
- Since mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, and can do so even in very small quantities, remove any possible

breeding areas where mosquitoes could lay eggs.

- Drill holes in the bottom of containers that must be left outdoors.
- Keep your swimming pool aerated, cleaned and chlorinated, even if it is not being used.
- Keep your gutters clean to prevent standing water.
- Check under shrubbery and lawn coverings for hidden containers.
- Use landscaping to elim-

inate water that collects in low areas on your property. Mosquitoes can develop in any puddle that lasts more than 7-10 days during the summer.

- Repair any leaks from outdoor water pipes, joints or hoses. Replace washers on outdoor taps that drip.
- By taking a few moments to prepare your home and yard from being a mosquito breeding ground, you will have a much better chance of

enjoying your outdoor summertime activities. And remember, aquatic birds, frogs, beetles, water bugs and dragonflies eat mosquito larvae, so you might want to keep those critters around.

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

Tips for family fun in the sun

ARA Content

Summer days do not have to be lazy. Children may be used to action-packed schedules in school, but by stepping up their planning, families can enjoy outdoor activities that are engaging and help keep children active. Whether camping or simply exploring the park down the street, it's important to plan ahead for summer fun, especially when it comes to sun protection.

Alison Sweeney, host of NBC's "The Biggest Loser" and mother of two, says family routines do not have to be complicated. Sweeney has four practical tips for families as they gear up for outdoor fun this summer:

— Develop a sun-safe program for your family. Just like brushing your teeth before you go to bed, it's important to teach your children to practice the proper sun safety habits before heading outside for some time in the sun. Any good routine includes the use of essentials such as broad spectrum sunscreen, sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat.

— Time flies when you are enjoying the outdoors, but be sure you are making time to reapply sunscreen. Look for some new sun protection options that help sim-

plify reapplication so that you can get back to having fun with your family more easily. "I make sure we reapply every two hours or after towel drying, swimming or sweating," says Sweeney. "My children love to be in the water."

— Choose the right sunscreen for your activities. "It's so important to find a sunscreen that can keep up with the activities you have planned for the day," says Sweeney.

— Know when to break.

It's important to take breaks and get out of the sun for a while, especially on hot days and between the peak sun hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. When it's time to grab a snack with the family, find some shade and relax.

For more summertime fun, Coppertone is teaming up with Sweeney to help find the next Little Miss Coppertone through Facebook. Parents and guardians can enter photos of their little girls ages 2-7 at www.facebook.com/coppertone.

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With the 4th of July holiday coming up, the News-Sun has a fun challenge for the children. We would like to ask the children to do a short essay for us telling us what "Freedom" means to them. We want to print these essays in the newspaper and we will ask the VFW to vote on the essays. The winner will have a prize as a token of our appreciation for putting so much thought and hard work into each essay.

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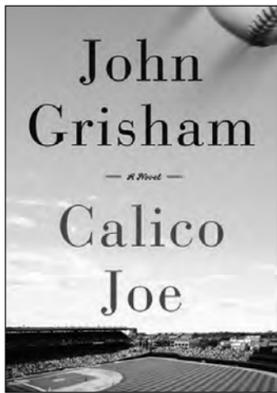
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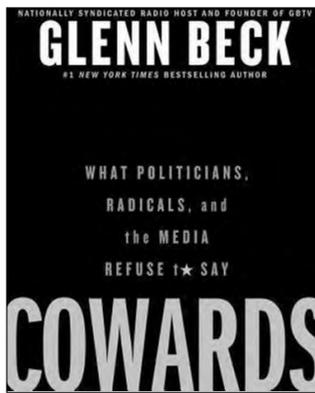
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11. "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
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■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

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■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way, Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

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

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catalyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

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

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardena St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbuckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **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@stcatholic.com; website, www.stcatholic.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcatholic.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 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 3:30-4:45 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 Culpepper, 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. 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-sermons.

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: Don Smith. 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.

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Jimmy Goins, pastor. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-cofc/>.

■ **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.

MOVIES

In honor of 'Brave,' 5 great movie redheads

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

LOS ANGELES — "Brave" comes out this week, Pixar's first feature with a strong female character at its center. And while it's not among the animation powerhouse's best films from a storytelling perspective, it is undeniably beautiful. Among its more appealing visual elements is the wild mane of long, red curls on the head of Scottish princess Merida.

So that got me thinking about other famous movie redheads. There are so many to choose from but I only get to pick five. Sorry, Carrot Top.

Katharine Hepburn

The classic redhead, even though it may not have been obvious in her early, black-and-white movies. Hepburn's hair — along with those sharp cheekbones, bright eyes and tall, athletic frame — gave her an aura of patrician bearing and strength. In color films, the red locks magnified her fiery persona, contributed to the sense that she was not a woman to be trifled with.

And even in later films like 1981's "On Golden Pond," when her tresses had faded a bit, she still exuded an air of irreverence and unpredictability.

Nicole Kidman

We see her as a blonde sometimes: on the red carpet for the Oscars, for example, or in her upcoming movie "The Paperboy," for which she bleached her locks platinum. She switched to a medium-brown shade for the biopic "Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus." But for the most part, Kidman's raven hair is a key component of her signature, statuesque look. In early films like "Dead Calm" and "Days of Thunder," the prodigious nature of her red curls signaled the presence of someone fierce and formidable. But she's also smoothed them out and tamed them to a softer strawberry shade for movies including "To Die For."

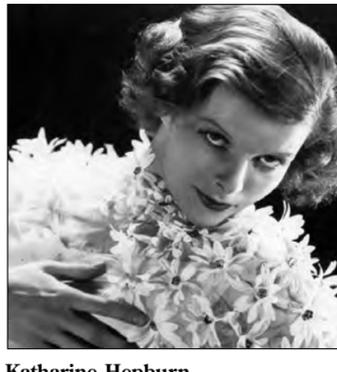
Woody Allen

They can't all be women, right? He's 76 now and the years have understandably grayed him, as evi-



Nicole Kidman

denced this week as he appears on screen in his latest movie, the ensemble comedy "To Rome With Love." But in his earliest films, like 1971's "Bananas" and 1977's "Annie Hall," the shaggy red hair combined with the eyeglasses, the demeanor and the delivery to create his trademark, neurotic persona. While red hair can seem so exciting on women, Allen's contributed to the sensation that he was an underdog, someone you always want to root for to get out of a predicament or fall in love.



Katharine Hepburn

Emma Stone

A redhead on the rise. Yes, she's back to her natural blonde hair for her latest role as Gwen Stacy in next month's "The Amazing Spider-Man." But in the movies that put her on the map — "Superbad," "Zombieland" and especially "Easy A," the high school comedy that made it clear she's destined for superstardom — her red hair adds to her sly, subversive allure. More mature roles came along last year in two big movies: "The Help" and "Crazy Stupid Love." Her entire

vibe suggests that she'd just be a cool chick to hang out with, and a lot of that has to do with the intriguing contrast of her dark red hair and bright green eyes.

Jessica Rabbit

OK, this is a bit of a cheat. So maybe she's not a "real" person (although she's inspired countless real fantasies, not to mention naughty Halloween costumes). But I have to admit then when I started pondering the notion of movie redheads, this cartoon character's name is the first one that popped into my head. The femme fatale from Robert Zemeckis' 1988 film "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," a groundbreaking mix of live-action and animation, simply oozes sex appeal, especially as voiced by Kathleen Turner. Crucial to her look is her long mane of wavy, red tresses, which cascade down all the right places on her curvy frame.

Think of any other examples? Share them with AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire through Twitter: <http://twitter.com/christylemire>.

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. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the 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 congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

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

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

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday 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 Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week 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.

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. 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. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Colleague Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church**, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

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■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825.

Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

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

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■ **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.

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■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcpl.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 pro-

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■ **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.

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FAMILY LIFE

Is there a Dad Divide to go with the Mommy Wars?

By LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hey, Mr. Mom.

What's up, Workaholic?

Whether they say it out loud or acknowledge it at all, that work-home divide traditionally reserved for the Mommy Wars can also rear between dads who go off to the office every day and the kind in the trenches with the kids.

There are bound to be rifts, given the growing league of dads staying home at least part-time. But do the paths of work dads and home dads intertwine enough to make them care quite so deeply as the ladies? How exactly are they perceived, not by researchers or journalists, but by each other?

"To be a stay-at-home dad requires a lot of confidence in who you are," said Paxton Helms, 41, in Washington, D.C.

He became one about four years ago, when his daughter was 3 months old. A son followed and he now takes part-time contracts as an international development consultant, with flexible hours. His wife also works part-time.

"The strangest thing that ever happened to me as a (stay-at-home dad) was riding on the Metro with both my kids and a guy asking me, 'So where's Mom?' I couldn't even think why in the world somebody would be asking me that question, so I couldn't even muster an answer," he said.

Suspicion over wives, layoffs

Other at-home dads worry about jealousy from working brethren (What are they really thinking about all that time spent with the women?). Or suspicion that they're out of work. And dads on both sides of the divide report the occasional cold shoulder.

"It seems that they try to avoid me or don't want to talk about what life is like for them," said dad-of-one Donald DeLong, 55, a Bloomfield Township, Mich., attorney who acknowledges a "deeply rooted need to work and 'earn a living.'"

"When I do talk to them, the topics stay guy-safe. That is, sports, cars. After all we're both still guys. We don't talk about that sensitive touchy-feely stuff."

Other at-home dads, those by choice or pushed out of the job market, said they've endured some snark, but they consider it more of a dad-on-dad discomfort than a serious divide.

Martin Weckerlein, 33, is among them. He simply doesn't have the time to care. He was a tank commander in the Germany military, then a bank worker for six years before he gave it up to be an at-home for his three kids, ages 8, 3 and 9 months. The family lives in suburban Washington, D.C., where his wife has a government job.

"When I'm with other dads who are my age, whether they work or stay at home, they tend to be pretty accepting and even curious as to how that works that we can afford me staying home, what I do during the day with the kids, and they say it must be nice to have that time," he said.

"When I am talking with men who aren't fathers or who are older, their questions usually focus on what my career goals are after I am done being home with my kids. They seem to assume this is only a temporary thing for our family, a pause in my career for a few

years, instead of an investment in our family," Weckerlein explained.

The stereotypes

Yes, Mr. Mom comes up, the newest iteration in the shape of Chris Rock and his goofy band of dads with infants strapped to their chests in the movie "What to Expect When You're Expecting."

It's been nearly 30 years since Michael Keaton was that guy on screen, setting the kitchen on fire and making his kids miserable in "Mr. Mom," but the lingering moniker feels more like yesterday for Weckerlein and other at-home dads.

"I hate that phrase, Mr. Mom. I can't imagine my wife going into the office and saying, 'Hi everyone, it's Mrs. Dad,'" said Dan Zevin, a humorist, at-home dad to two and author of a new book, "Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad."

In Boston, 32-year-old Nolan Kido is no stereotype. He's the exhausted at-home dad of an 11-week-old daughter as his wife completes her dental education. He deferred work on his doctoral degree in accounting after doing some recession-era math: his earning power versus her earning power in the face of more than \$360,000 in student

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loans.

"At the very beginning they were a little weirded out, like what do we talk about, what's the common themes, but now the impression that I get more is actually jealousy," he said of his working dad friends. "It's not, like, mean kinds of things but just, 'Oh, I wish I could stay home' or 'Oh, I'd love to go to that park.'"

The number of at-home dads who are primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million in 2010, or one in 15 fathers, according to one estimate. Al Watts, president of the National At-Home Dad Network, believes a more accurate count is about 7 million, using broader definitions that include part-time workers. That amounts to one-third of married fathers in the U.S. Most, he said, want to be there, as opposed to the kind who never thought about it until the ax fell on their careers. And more often than women, they do earn a bit of income at the same time, he said.

Could they do it?

Watts, in Omaha, has been home with kids for a decade, since the oldest of his four was a baby. He sees a subtle shift in attitudes emanating from working dads.

"Eight years ago, one of my wife's customers, when he found out that I was an at-home dad he said, 'Oh you know, I'd really love to do that.' I knew what he



MCT photos
Stay-at-home dads often face questions and even criticism from other men.

really meant was that he assumed he could then just hang out at home and play video games and watch TV and not have to go to work anymore," Watts said.

"Now when I have those conversations, they're generally like, 'You know, I really wish I could do that. But then they find out I have four kids and they're like, 'Well, I couldn't do that!'"

The raised eyebrows, pregnant pauses and need to hide their real interests — shopping, crossing guard duty, laundry — for more generic work-dad friendly fare is tedious sometimes for Trey Parker, 32, in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta.

With a full-time working wife and two boys, ages 2 and 9 months to care for, a trip to Costco holds more allure than last night's game or chatter about sales quotas.

"It's a little harder to speak with guys who are corporate dads," Parker said. "At Christmas parties and stuff like that, there's absolutely nothing in common with them. They're either talking about sports or whatever sales or whatnot they have going on at the office, and you can't comment on any of that stuff. You're naturally drawn to the women because they're talking about the kids and the family."

Weckerlein wasn't used to the idea that wanting to stay home with the kids was something other than perfectly natural: "It's kind of surprising that this is really a big deal because in the 21st century I thought we could think a little bit different. But yes, I get that 'Mr. Mom.'"

There won't be any of that from 41-year-old Marty Guise in St. Louis, but he does feel the distance.

He has a full-time job and a part-time one to pay the bills. The consultant for non-profit organizations has two kids, ages 13 and 11. His wife quit her teaching job to be home but now works as a substitute.

"What do you do for a living?" is a pretty common ice breaker," he said. "When a man tells me that he stays at home, it's usually preceded by or followed quickly with a justification, like 'I lost my job.'"

"I receive that as a defense for staying at home. Right or wrong, men like to be the breadwinners."

He quickly adds: "I think it's devaluing of men or women to say that staying at home is any less important than working 40-plus hours a week."

What's it like changing diapers?

Do you miss having a real job? Tony Reynolds, 47 and at-home dad for 11 years, has heard it all since a downsizing at a large insurance company solidified his decision to be home in suburban Columbus, Ohio, with his two youngest boys from a second marriage.

"The other dads make snide comments or ask bizarre questions sometimes," he said. "I say it IS a real job and I bet you couldn't do it."

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Great grilling to go

Beach's BBQ serves up full menu in mobile location

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — If the wafting aroma from the grill doesn't win you over the grillmaster's up-beat and fun-loving personality definitely will.

Beach Longley, owner and grill-master of Beach's Barbeque and Catering, has a unique story that began nearly a decade ago as he and his family were preparing for the nuptials of his oldest daughter LaToya.

"In 2003, my daughter was looking for a wedding caterer. I was looking for someone I could afford and something that they wanted but we couldn't find anyone. So I just asked 'Well what do they want?'" Longley said.

Longley took it upon himself to provide the wedding reception meals for his daughter and son-in-law in September of 2003. The food was a hit. Longley had found a new niche and acted on his new-found passion.

"After that I was living over in Indiantown for a few years. Over there, I was still working so me and a friend would cook together and I sold meals on Fridays in the parking lot at work," Longley said.

Longley worked for decades in law enforcement following his exit from the United States military before retiring from work last June.

Beach's BBQ has been Longley's priority (just behind getting his last two kids through college) for a while now, and he thoroughly enjoys his work.

Longley's mobile kitchen was first parked in Avon Park, but he has since relocated his barbecue joint to Sebring.

"I've been here in this spot since the first week in February," said



New-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Beach Longley checks on his ribs Friday morning at his mobile establishment Beach's Barbeque and Catering. Beach's is the new mobile restaurant in the area serving up tasty bbq and sides for customers.

Longley. "I'm here every weekend."

Longley parks his trailer — fit with grill, smoker and kitchen — adjacent to the Pier 1 Imports parking lot every Friday and Saturday. A friend of Longley's, owner of the Jewelry Box shop, allows him to set up shop there each weekend.

Longley is able to provide meals for one stomach or hundreds. He splits his time between serving up mouth-watering plates for quick

lunches and dishing out huge helpings to a room full of guests.

"I do a lot of catering. The past two months I've done three birthday parties, two weddings and a retirement party," said Longley.

The recent retirement party has become one of Longley's biggest jobs yet. The 250-person party in Brooksville called for a big menu for

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'Innocent Spouse Relief' protects against tax fraud

I'll wager that when most brides and grooms utter the phrase, "For better or for worse," the "worse" they're imagining probably involves situations like getting laid off or a prolonged family illness — not being the victim of tax fraud perpetrated by a current or former spouse.

Married couples typically file joint tax returns because it lets them take advantage of certain tax credits and other benefits not available if they file separately. However, one potential drawback is that you're each responsible, jointly and individually, for any taxes, interest and penalties due on returns filed while you're married, even if you later divorce.

So what happens if your spouse or ex-spouse — either unintentionally or deliberately — underreported income, overstated deductions, didn't report taxable IRA distributions or any of a host of other sins in the eyes of the IRS? Well, you could be left holding the bag, even if those things occurred without your knowledge or understanding.

That's why each year tens of thousands of people file



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

for "Innocent Spouse Relief" with the IRS.

Unfortunately, it can be very difficult to prove your case and many are denied. Plus, until recently, the law mandated that in all cases you must have applied for relief within two years of the IRS' first collection

activity or your claim would be disqualified.

But in one respect at least, the IRS has eased the burden of proof: Last year, the agency eliminated the two-year requirement for taxpayers filing for "equitable relief," a category open to taxpayers who don't meet the strict requirements of other provisions in the Innocent Spouse law.

The IRS' change of policy recognized that in some cases, the victimized spouse doesn't even become aware of the transgression until long after the fact. Often it's because the offending spouse has concealed the information or hid or did not forward mailed underpayment notifications from the IRS — or, in the case of domestic abuse, the victim was afraid to come forward.

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the solo cook.

"I used 200 pounds of chicken, 300 pounds of ribs. I started prepping for that job the night before. I started cooking at 7 a.m. that morning and everything was done around 5 (p.m.)," Longley said.

Though Longley tackled the Brooksville retirement cater on his own, his day-to-day operations of the barbecue joint are rarely done solo.

"My wife helps me out. I cook and she serves and helps the customers. Now that my youngest daughter Jasmine is out of school for the summer she is here helping us and my son B.J. helps out when he gets here too," Longley explained.

The business has been good and each day is different, but Longley doesn't mind. The cook makes his adjustments as he sees fit.

"I've been serving a lot more sandwiches and ribs here, so we've cut back on the chicken for right now, but we can bring it back. We have plenty of sides to go along with the meals," said Longley.

"I just enjoy it. I really do. I told Ann (wife) that if I can make back what I put into it then I'm happy. People have seemed to enjoy my cooking. I experimented with it for years before it got better at it; they like it. I mix my own seasonings I make my own



Beach Longley (left) welcomes customers to his mobile restaurant, Beach's Barbeque and Catering. Beach and his daughter Jasmine (right) serve up mouth-watering bbq and sides each weekend in the Pier 1 Imports parking lot.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

sauce. People have been saying I should market (the sauce) but I don't want to do that. I don't want to get that big," Longley said with a laugh.

Longley uses a number of techniques in his cooking but prefers the "low and slow" technique over traditional smoking most times. Longley's ribs, chicken, pulled pork and brisket are the main meats. Sides vary from collard greens, mac and

cheese, green beans, potato salad, cole slaw and more along with a sweet potato casserole for the dessert lovers. The reasonably cheap prices are sure to keep customers coming back.

"I do this because I love it. It's nice to do what you want with no one looking over your shoulder, punching a clock or being told what to do. I enjoy this, I like to cook for people," said Longley.

Beach's Barbeque and Catering

is a mobile establishment located Fridays and Saturdays in the parking lot between Pier 1 Imports and the Jewelry Box store on Highway 27 across from Lakeshore Mall. Beach's is open every Friday and Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. He is also available the third Saturday of each month at the Home Depot in Sebring from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Contact Longley at 212-0109 for more information.

American Airlines offers to drop plans to lay off pilots

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines is offering to drop plans to furlough pilots as it seeks union approval for a long-term cost-cutting deal that would help American rebuild while under bankruptcy protection.

The airline also gave ground on other areas including pay, where it

is now offering slight increases.

American disclosed the changes shortly after a federal judge granted a one-week delay in ruling on American's request to throw out existing labor contracts.

The judge's decision gives the pilots' union more time to consider American's final offer. It also

could help American regain the upper hand in its attempt to emerge from bankruptcy as a stand-alone company. US Airways Group Inc. wants to buy American parent AMR Corp. out of bankruptcy and has lined up support from American's three unions, which represent pilots, flight attendants

and ground workers.

The unions have disparaged AMR's turnaround plan as lacking a strategy to boost revenue. The leaders of American's unions and top executives at US Airways argue that the two carriers must combine to compete against United and Delta.



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The Elliott Team partners with law office to expedite short sale process

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Short sales are becoming increasingly more common in today's real estate industry. Millions of homeowners all across the country are finding themselves over-leveraged (owing more than the home is worth) on their properties, some with two, even three, mortgages. These homeowners are struggling to "stay afloat" financially and are facing foreclosure.

The Elliott Team of Re/Max Realty Plus specializes in short sales and is excited to announce their partnership with The Law Office of Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A. to expedite and simplify the process for everyone involved.

"A short sale is one of the most complicated transactions in real estate and experience is everything," said Norman Elliott. "It was only logical that it was in the best interest of our clients to partner with Cliff Rhoades' office. Not only will they get our real estate expertise, they will get professional negotiators working full time, just for them AND attorney repre-

sentation in the sale. If you needed open-heart surgery, you wouldn't go to a jack of all trades, you would visit a heart specialist. It's the same thing in a real estate transaction. Especially one as complicated as a short sale."

Clifford R. Rhoades and his full-time staff – which include paralegals, processors, and full-time short sale negotiators – have reduced the short sale process down to a science & have perfected the process through years of short sale negotiations.

"Surrendering a home worth half of what you owe is not a failure, it's a decision. A short sale is an opportunity for you and your family to take control and walk away free and clear. Nobody wants to lose their home; however, few loan modifications work and there is no need to go down with a sinking ship. Homeowners need to know when to say enough is enough," attorney Clifford R. Rhoades said. "Not to mention, a short sale is less detrimental to your credit history and easier to recover from than a foreclosure. Most short sale sellers can qualify



The Elliott Team of Re/Max Realty Plus (right) have teamed up with the Law Office of Clifford R. Rhoades to expedite and simplify the process of short sales for all involved.

Courtesy photo

for another home loan just 24-36 months after a successful short sale."

Although obtaining a short sale approval can be a complicated and lengthy process, short sales are better than a foreclosure for everyone: The homeowner, the banks and the communities as C.D. Boring, Broker of Re/Max Realty Plus, said, "Distressed homeowners can transition from a home they can no longer afford more easily through a short sale. Short sales are better for banks because they yield more revenue for banks than foreclosures. Short sales are also better for communities. The homes stay occupied since they go from homeowner to

homeowner, and the average selling price for a short sale home is higher than for a foreclosed home, which helps stabilize the neighborhood's home values."

In addition to successfully negotiating and closing short sales, The Elliott Team, with the help of Clifford R. Rhoades law office, has been able to negotiate a full release of liability for most of their sellers. This means the bank is actually not requiring the homeowner to repay the deficiency. They are agreeing

not to pursue the homeowner for the balance of their loan.

The Elliott team "has realized it takes more then a real estate agent to properly work a short sale," said Laura Vega of Clifford R Rhoades office, "and we are thrilled to offer our services in conjunction with their already successful short sale business, to allow them more time to help more homeowners in need!"

Call the Elliott Team at 273-2861. The office is in Keys Plaza at 809 US 27 South in Sebring.

GM recalls popular Cruze over fire risk

DETROIT (AP) — Engine fires are forcing General Motors to recall the Chevy Cruze, a popular model that has helped GM win back small-car buyers.

The recall covers 475,000 vehicles made in the U.S. from September of 2010 through May of 2012.

The fires can break out when fluids drip onto a hot plastic shield below the engine. The problem occurs mainly when oil is spilled and not properly cleaned up during changes, General Motors said Friday.

The company knows of 30 fires caused by the problem, but no injuries have been reported, spokesman Alan Adler said. Flames engulfed and destroyed cars in two cases reported to federal safety officials.

GM will notify Cruze owners about when to bring their cars to local dealers for free repairs.

Innocent spouses have legal protection

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There are three categories of relief you may seek: Innocent spouse relief; separation of liability and equitable relief. The differences between them (including eligibility, deadlines and statutes of limitations) are complicated, so read "Tax Information for Innocent Spouses" at www.irs.gov for details.

To apply for Innocent Spouse Relief, you'll need to file IRS Form 8857; however, one form will work for multiple years' filings. Don't delay filing just because you don't have all required supporting documentation, since in some cases the two-year filing deadline does still apply.

In making its ruling, the IRS will consider factors

such as your educational and business experience, the couple's financial situation and the extent of your participation in the action that resulted in the erroneous item. The IRS will deny a claim if they believe you benefitted from the tax avoidance.

Taxpayers whose past request for equitable relief was denied solely because of the two-year limit may reapply using IRS Form 8857 if the collection statute of limitations for the tax years involved has not expired.

Visit "Tax Information for Innocent Spouses" at www.irs.gov for details on the various types of relief available, eligibility qualifications, statutes of limitations and more.

I hope that your marital "worst case" never goes past a minor spat or two, but it's

good to know there is relief available for such terrible situations.

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

Hill bargainers: Student loan deal seems near

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional bargainers seem near an agreement that would avert a July 1 doubling of interest rates on federal loans to 7.4 million college students and end an election-year battle between President Barack Obama and Congress, Senate aides from both parties said Friday.

Both sides said they were moving toward a deal on how to pay the measure's \$6 billion price tag, the chief source of partisan conflict.

The goal is to push legisla-

tion through Congress next week so that the current 3.4 percent interest rate on subsidized Stafford loans can be preserved for another year. A 2007 law gradually reduced interest rates on the loans but required them to balloon back to 6.8 percent this July 1 in a cost-saving maneuver.

On another front, the two sides were also close to an agreement to overhaul federal transportation programs, according to House and Senate aides from both parties.

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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; 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, GRANTEE 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 June 19, 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., July 17, 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 19th day of June, 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 24; July 1, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 11-506-GCS
LEO H. CHRISTENSEN and CAROL A. CHRISTENSEN, Husband and Wife,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
GEORGE B. BRYANT and CLARA J. BRYANT,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT-PROPERTY
TO: CLARA J. BRYANT, if alive and if not, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against CLARA J. BRYANT, and all claimants under any of such party;
3130 Pocatello, Avon Park, FL 33825.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:
Lot 11041, Lot 11042, and Lot 11043, of AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT No. 34, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 38, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to James V. Loboza, Jr., Esquire, JAMES V. LOBOZZO, P.A., 211 South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870, the Plaintiff's attorney, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled court on or before July 18, 2012; otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS MY hand and seal of said Court on the 20th day of June, 2012.

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

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; telephone (863)402-6591, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

June 24; July 1, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001373
CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANA L. BAEZ A/K/A ANA BAEZ, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 15, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001373 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and ANA L. BAEZ A/K/A ANA BAEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC; SUNSET POINTE ON DINNER LAKE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
THE WEST HALF OF LOT 12, BLOCK 249, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 4603 GRANADA BOULEVARD, SEBRING, FL 33872
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on May 30, 2012.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
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**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

June 17, 24, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001373
CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANA L. BAEZ A/K/A ANA BAEZ, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 15, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001373 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and ANA L. BAEZ A/K/A ANA BAEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC; SUNSET POINTE ON DINNER LAKE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT FORTY, OF SUNSET POINTE ON DINNER LAKE, A SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 55, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 3038 CEDORA TERRACE, SEBRING, FL 33870
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 19, 2012.

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

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000734
DIVISION:
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JACQUELINE DILLON A/K/A JACQUELINE C. DILLON A/K/A JACQUELINE DILLON, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 29, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000734 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JACQUELINE DILLON A/K/A JACQUELINE C. DILLON A/K/A JACQUELINE DILLON; 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, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC.; F/K/A SPRINGLEAF HOME EQUITY, INC.; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 12, BLOCK X, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE V, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 833 WINSTON DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33870
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on May 30, 2012.

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

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June 17, 24, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000770
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
Plaintiff,
vs.
WALTER K. McGRATH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB; THE BLUFFS OF SEBRING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000770 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 WALTER K. McGRATH 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., July 18, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
UNIT J-5, THE BLUFFS OF SEBRING CONDOMINIUM, PHASE 9, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 849, PAGE 363, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 883, PAGE 323, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 916, PAGE 579, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 916, PAGE 581, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 934, PAGE 293, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 934, PAGE 738, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 952, PAGE 222, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 952, PAGE 229, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 958, PAGE 456, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 967, PAGE 486, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 972, PAGE 99, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 973, PAGE 510, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 985, PAGE 34, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 990, PAGE 309, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1028, PAGE 272, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1130, PAGE 1768, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1209, PAGE 412, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1213, PAGE 52, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1281, PAGE 64, AND AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1398, PAGE 1158, AND BEING A PART OF LAKE SEBRING TRACTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 146, 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.
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.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-228
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALBERT DOYLE LAMB
Division PROBATE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ALBERT DOYLE LAMB, deceased, whose date of death was March 15, 2012, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-2746, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. 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 June 24, 2012.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael Curtis Lamb
57 N. Graham Road
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ David F. Lanier
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June 24; July 1, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000072
DIVISION:
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOANTRUST 2005-10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANDREA J. WHITE, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 29, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000072 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOANTRUST 2005-10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-10, is the Plaintiff and ANDREA J. WHITE; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 17th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 2, BLOCK 250, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 4925 VILABELLA DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on May 30, 2012.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 11000808GCS
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEVEN E. THORNE, et. al.
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 26, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11000808GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff and CARMEN GALLARDO 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., July 25, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 288, GOLF HAMMOCK UNIT III-A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 38, 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.
Dated this 26th day of April, 2012.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
Dated this 26th day of April, 2012.

Important
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

June 17, 24, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-001673
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CARMEN GALLARDO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION; LAWRENCE DEAN MORRIS A/K/A LAWRENCE D. MORRIS A/K/A LAWRENCE MORRIS
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-001673 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 CARMEN GALLARDO 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., July 18, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 59, IN BLOCK 5, OF ERIN PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, AT PAGE 77, 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.
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.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-001003
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN E. MCCLELLAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC; 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, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-001003 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 JOHN E. MCCLELLAN 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., July 18, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
THE SOUTH 140 FEET OF THE EAST 105 FEET OF THE WEST 135 FEET OF SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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June 24, July 1, 2012

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of EXCELL PHARMACY, LLC located at 273 US HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33870, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 21st day of June, 2012.
 Dr. Kwabena Boateng

June 24, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000641

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 RUSSELL ATTREE; SWAINE & HARRIS, P.A.; TRI-ANGLE CHEMICAL COMPANY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SUNTRUST BANK
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000641 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff and RUSSELL ATTREE 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., July 18, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THAT PORTION OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS: BEGIN AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF STATE ROAD 25 AND THE COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS STATE JOB 09650-2151-03-41; RUN SOUTH 78 DEGREES 38'52" WEST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD, 518.88 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE, THE CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 2,864.79 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 8 DEGREES 13'50"; RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD ON THE ARC OF THE CURVE, A DISTANCE OF 411.53 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 26'02" WEST, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD 70.01 FEET TO A POINT; RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 24'28" EAST, 36.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE COUNTY ROAD, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 26'02" WEST, ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 323.74 FEET; RUN SOUTH 30 DEGREES 35'32" EAST, 410.42 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE WATERS OF LAKE PLACID; THENCE MEANDER NORTH 63 DEGREES 14'15" EAST, ALONG THE WATERS OF LAKE PLACID, 93.97 FEET; THENCE MEANDER NORTH 78 DEGREES 00'07" EAST, ALONG THE WATERS OF LAKE PLACID, 86.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 17'36" WEST, 61.22 FEET; RUN NORTH 31 DEGREES 41'09" WEST, 104.42 FEET; RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 24'28" WEST, 253.32 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
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June 24, July 1, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST HEARING NO. 1219

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 10th day of July, 2012, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a variance request to allow for 7.0 and 7.2 foot side yard setbacks instead of the required 7.5 feet and 17.7 and 23.5 front yard setbacks instead of the required 25 feet for an existing dwelling and an existing attached carport within the area described as follows: approximately 0.30 acre parcel located along the southwest portion of the cul-de-sac on Eventide Avenue, west of Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard; the address being 140 Eventide Avenue, Lake Placid, Florida; and legally described as follows: Lot 13, Block 256, Section 20, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 89, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED ABOVE.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COMMITTEE/GROUP, IN PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE UPON THE BASIS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY STATUS. THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY INVOLVES EVERY ASPECT OF THE THE BOARD'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING ONE'S ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TREATMENT IN ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. ANYONE REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OR SECTION 286.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, SHOULD CONTACT MRS. MELISSA BRUNS, ADA COORDINATOR AT 863-402-6509 (VOICE), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 711, OR BY E-MAIL: MBRUNS@HCBCO.ORG. REQUEST FOR CART OR INTERPRETER SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT COORDINATION OF THE SERVICE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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FILE NO. PC 12-215

IN RE: ESTATE OF
SANDRA KATHERINE SHAVCE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SANDRA KATHERINE SHAVCE, deceased, whose date of death was May 20, 2012, and whose social security number is 264-84-8840, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal 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 June 17, 2012.

Personal Representative:
/s/ William J. Shavce
2310 Gettysburg Drive
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ ROBERT E. LIVINGSTON
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156

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All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 17, 2012.

Personal Representative:
John David Lewis
20832 S.W. 103 Place
Miami, Florida 33189

Attorney for Personal Representative:
David M. Glassberg
13615 South Dixie Highway
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of WILLIAM E. LEWIS, SR., deceased, File Number 12-208, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Highlands County, Probate Division, 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.

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A short NBA Finals, perhaps a long rivalry

By BRIAN MAHONEY

Associated Press

MIAMI — Workout partners, NBA Finals foes, and in a few weeks, Olympic teammates.

LeBron James and Kevin Durant were together from the delayed start to the quick finish of this shortened NBA season, sharing a lengthy embrace moments after James' championship chase was finally complete.

Humbled last year in his first attempt in Miami, James

allowed himself only a couple of weeks off before returning to the gym.

He invited Durant to join him, not realizing they would be on a much bigger stage than his Ohio home so quickly.

"I envisioned it, but I didn't know it was going to happen," James said. "But to see a few

months later that we was going to meet each other in the finals, it was a great

moment for myself and for him."

Get used to it.

The Heat and Oklahoma City Thunder are likely to be back here

again, perhaps as soon as next season, when James gets to see how it feels to defend a

title and Durant inherits his role as the best player without one.

"You know, this is not the last time we'll see the Oklahoma City," James said. "I wouldn't be surprised — this won't be the last time we see them in the finals."

The Heat were too good in this one, finishing off the Thunder with a 121-106 victory in Game 5 on Thursday night.

James had 26 points, 11

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OK, now what?

So LeBron James and the Miami Heat won the NBA Championship Thursday night, in convincing fashion over the young Oklahoma City Thunder.

This nets the team its' second title and James his first.

James was spectacular, no doubt, and the television ratings for the series showed that this was must-see TV.

But I'd be curious as to what happened to the ratings from, say, the mid-third quarter on of the final game.

Once the Heat blew it open and had the 20+ point lead late in the third, to be honest, I lost interest, changed channels and only found out the final score later.

The next morning, my usual staple programs to watch, Mike and Mike in the Morning and First Take, were purposely avoided.

Again, while not taking anything away from the Miami squad, I just had had enough and knew that those programs were going to be wall-to-wall Heat.

Much like the complaints in recent years of how ESPN would talk non-stop about the likes of Brett Favre and Tim Tebow, so too have the last two seasons been a bit of overkill about Miami, James and the Big Three.

It drove ratings, sure, as much of America reveled in the hopes of seeing them fail.

But Thursday night, once their goal of producing a championship was virtually assured, I get the feeling that that segment of the viewing audience tuned out.

The drama was in the villainy of it all.

Three mega-talents coming together to form the Big Three that had pundits gushing as to how great they could be — which only made non-Heat fans that much more



And Another Thing...

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hoping for it to fall apart.

James calling a televised news conference to inform his hometown team and fans that he was leaving them — which turned that many more fans against him and his new team.

When Dwyane Wade and James mocked Dirk Nowitzki's illness during last year's finals, it only added to them being cast as the bad guys and had that portion of the viewing population tuning it all the more to see them get beat.

And this year, with Derrick Rose going down and sealing the Bulls fate, the Heat seemed to have a much easier path to that title they came together for.

But Indiana gave them a bit more resistance than expected, Boston pushed them to the brink and the ratings jumped.

Then came the series with what many would call the anti-Heat, Oklahoma City.

Assembled more, let's say, organically and without nearly the fanfare or media attention — Kevin Durant, when faced with the opportunity to explore free agency, opted to stay and did so with a mere mention along the press wires.

Extremely talented and younger than Miami, the Thunder were going to be the foils and halt the Heat in their tracks.

But they didn't.

Much like Miami last year, and for countless teams before them, before

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Sertoma off to a stellar start

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — The gloomy weather was not enough to dampen the spirits of countless dedicated Sertoma Junior Golf Tour participants Thursday morning as they teed off for the tour's second event of the season held at the Pinecrest on Lotela Golf Club.

Sweeping the 14-18 Girls division for the second week in a row was Kendall Griffin with a score of 79.

Griffin shot a 76 to win the group in last week's season opener at Harder Hall.

'I was playing well up until the last five holes.'

KENDALL GRIFFIN

"I was playing well," she said. "Up until the last five holes."

Which brought her back to the back a bit, but not enough to lose the lead.

Griffin was followed by Savana Fisher with an 83, Lindsey Moffat with a 91 and Chloe Nelson trailing just one stroke behind for fourth.

For the Boys 17-18 group, Daniel Miller bounced back from last week's second-place finish to card an 80 for first place while Will Bennett came in a close second at 83, moving up from last weeks



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Kendall Griffin watches this putt fall on her way to a second consecutive win to start the Sertoma Junior Tour season.

tie for third.

Following them would be Jonah Brown and William Beattie who tied with a score of 88.

Cole Berger's score of 76 was one over his 75 of last week and won the 15-16 division again this week, while Ben Tubbs moved up from

sixth to take second and Jeremy Camino finished third with rounds of 80 and

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Lady Eagles wrap up Spring Cheer Camp

Special to the News-Sun

For the first time ever, Highlands Youth Football and Cheer (HYFC) offered a spring cheerleading camp free for ages 5-14 years old at the Highlands County Sports Complex.

The camp began on May 21, consisting of three-day-a-week practices and ended on Friday, June 8.

Chrissi Merrick, Cheer Director for HYFC, coordinated the event with the sole purpose to introduce all the players and cheerleaders to each other and their coaches, as well as provide other girls not associated with the Eagles the opportunity to learn some cheers, stunts and most of all to have fun.

The main goal of the camp was to teach some basic cheer skills, learn cheers and do some stunts with the older group of girls.

The most important value of having this camp was to give the cheerleaders and coaches an opportunity to begin to develop a relationship with their teammates and coaches.

Meeting their teammates gives them an opportunity to become friends and know one

another when they may see each other during the summer before the season begins.

The turnout of the camp was a great success, with approximately 60 cheerleaders on the fields.

"I love being a cheerleader and I had a great time" said Flag Cheerleader Abby Moore.

"I am so happy we did a camp, I love cheering" added Bryona Merrick, Mitey Mite Cheerleader.

Katie Forman, parent of a first-time cheerleader stated, "the camp was great and my daughter learned a lot for her first time cheering."

"I must say this is a great league for holding this great cheer camp and doing it for free, it was like giving back to the community and the best part is you were not required to sign your child up for the season," parent Melissa Walsh said. "The Coaches and Cheer director worked really hard to make this possible and I would like to say Thank you for all you do for these kids."

"I think the spring cheer camp for the Highlands Eagles was a big hit," Cheer Director Chrissi Merrick

said. "We had a large amount of girls attend the camp and they all learned 10 cheers. The girls got to make a new group of friends and really enjoyed the cheering."

Camp wrapped up on Thursday, June 8 at the Highlands County YMCA due to the rain.

Each squad got the opportunity to show off what they had learned by doing cheers and stunts for the parents and family.

Each participant was given an award certificate and treated to Pizza by the Cheer Coaching Staff.

HYF would like to extend their appreciation and a special "Thank You" to the YMCA for allowing us to use your facility at the last minute.

All of the HYFC Board of Directors and Cheer Coaching staff would like to thank all of the camp participants and would also like to thank the parents for your continued support.

Youth sports would not be possible without the helping hands of the parents and the community as a whole.

"I am going to miss my girls and can't wait for the



Courtesy photo
The flag cheer squad wearing their Cheer Camp T-shirts, coached by Roxanne Meixner and Jessica Cabrera.

fall season to begin" said Roxanne Meixner, Flag Head Cheer Coach. "I think the camp was great and the kids in each squad really had a lot of fun."

This camp represents the first step in what HYFC feels will be a successful cheer season. It has often been said "Success is not how success-

ful on person becomes, but how successful we make others."

Cheer Registration is still available for the fall season that begins on Monday, July 9 for all divisions — Mitey Mite, Pee Wee, Junior Varsity and Varsity with the exception of Flag Cheer.

This squad is full and will

not be accepting any more registrations.

If you are interested in registering, please visit our website at www.highlandseagles.com, click the registration tab and submit your application online.

Registration fee is \$75 and must be paid in full by Monday, July 9.

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

FINALS
Miami 4, Oklahoma City 1
 Oklahoma City 105, Miami 94
 Miami 100, Oklahoma City 96
 Miami 91, Oklahoma City 85
 Tuesday: Miami 104, Oklahoma City 98
 Thursday: Miami 121, Oklahoma City 106

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	41	28	.594 —
Baltimore	40	30	.571 1½
Tampa Bay	38	31	.551 3
Boston	36	34	.514 5½
Toronto	36	34	.514 5½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	37	32	.536 —
Chicago	36	34	.514 1½
Detroit	34	36	.486 3½
Kansas City	31	37	.456 5½
Minnesota	28	41	.406 9

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	44	27	.620 —
Los Angeles	39	32	.549 5
Oakland	34	37	.479 10
Seattle	30	42	.417 14½

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 2, St. Louis 1, 10 innings
 Oakland 4, L.A. Dodgers 1
 Pittsburgh 9, Minnesota 1
 Washington 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Boston 6, Miami 5

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1
 Baltimore 2, Washington 1
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
 Atlanta 4, Boston 1
 Minnesota 5, Cincinnati 4
 N.Y. Mets 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Toronto 12, Miami 5
 Cleveland 2, Houston 0
 Texas 4, Colorado 1
 Milwaukee 1, Chicago White Sox 0, 10 innings
 St. Louis 11, Kansas City 4
 L.A. Angels 8, L.A. Dodgers 5
 San Francisco 5, Oakland 4
 San Diego 9, Seattle 5

Saturday's Games
 Toronto at Miami, late
 St. Louis at Kansas City, late
 Colorado at Texas, late
 Cleveland at Houston, late
 Detroit at Pittsburgh, late
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, late
 Minnesota at Cincinnati, late
 Atlanta at Boston, late
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 Seattle (Noesi 2-8) at San Diego (Volquez 3-7), 4:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Cobb 3-3) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-3), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game
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LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

AB	R	H	BA
Konerko, CHW	233	35	.348
Trout, LAA	198	42	.338
Hamilton, TEX	245	46	.327
Trumbo, LAA	229	34	.323
Beltre, TEX	259	40	.317
Mauer, MIN	220	32	.314

HOME RUNS

Bautista, TOR	23
Dunn, CHW	23
Hamilton, TEX	22
Granderson, NYY	21
Encarnacion, TOR	20
Jones, BAL	18
Ortiz, BOS	18

RUNS BATTED IN

Hamilton, TEX	64
Cabrera, DET	55
Bautista, TOR	55
Dunn, CHW	53
Ortiz, BOS	49
Encarnacion, TOR	49

WON-LOST

Nova, NYY	9-2
Harrison, NYY	9-3
Sabathia, TEX	9-3
Price, T-B	9-4
Darvish, TEX	9-4
Romero, TOR	8-1

STRIKEOUTS

Verlander, DET	106
Sabathia, NYY	102
Scherzer, DET	100
Darvish, TEX	96
Hernandez, SEA	91
Sale, CHW	89

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Colorado	26	43	.377 15
San Diego	25	46	.352 17



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SUNDAY

Noon Formula One – European Grand Prix... **FOX**
2 p.m. Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series... **CBS**
3 p.m. NASCAR – Toyota/Save Mart 350... **TNT**

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8 p.m. Championship, Game 1... **ESPN2**

MONDAY
8 p.m. Championship, Game 2... **ESPN**

TUESDAY
8 p.m. Championship, Game 3... **ESPN**

GOLF

SUNDAY

1 p.m. PGA – Travelers Championship... **GOLF**
3 p.m. LPGA – Manulife Financial Classic... **GOLF**
3 p.m. PGA – Travelers Championship... **CBS**
7 p.m. PGA – Montreal Championship... **GOLF**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Philadelphia... **SUN**
1:30 p.m. Atlanta at Boston... **TBS**
2 p.m. Milwaukee at Chicago White Sox... **WGN**
8 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets... **ESPN**

MONDAY

7 p.m. Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees... **ESPN2**
8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Kansas City... **SUN**

TUESDAY

8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Kansas City... **SUN**

OLYMPICS

SUNDAY

3 p.m. U.S. Olympic Diving Trials... **NBC**
7 p.m. U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials... **NBC**

MONDAY

8 p.m. U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials... **NBC**

TUESDAY

8 p.m. U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials... **NBC**

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RUNS BATTED IN

Ethier, LAD	55
Beltran, STL	52
Braun, MIL	51
Gonzalez, COL	51
Bruce, CIN	46
3 tied with	45

WON-LOST

Dickey, NYM	11-1
Lynn, STL	10-3
Hamels, PHL	10-3
Strasburg, WAS	9-1
Cain, SF	9-2
G. Gonzalez, WAS	9-3

STRIKEOUTS

Strasburg, WAS	110
Dickey, NYM	103
G. Gonzalez, WAS	101
Cain, SF	100
Hamels, PHL	99
Greinke, MIL	99

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned RHP Jeffrey Wendelken to Gulf Coast Red Sox and RHP Matt Nevarez to Greenville (SAL). Assigned OF Jason Repko outright to Pawtucket (IL).
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed RHP Philip Humber on 15-day DL, retroactive to June 17. Designated OF Kosuke Fukudome for assignment. Selected contract of RHP Brian Bruney from Charlotte (IL).
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Reinstated C Salvador Perez from 60-day DL. Transferred OF Lorenzo Cain to 60-day DL. Optioned LHP Tommy Hottovy to Omaha (PCL).
 SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned OF Jose Guedez to the Arizona League Mariners.
 TAMPA BAY RAYS—Placed OF Matt Joyce on 15-day DL, retroactive to June 20. Reinstated 2B Jeff Keppinger from 15-day DL. Designated 3B Drew Sutton for assignment. Optioned OF Rich Thompson to Durham (IL). Recalled RHP Brandon Gomes from Durham. Assigned RHP Damion Carroll to the Gulf Coast Rays.
 TEXAS RANGERS—Selected contract of RHP Roy Oswalt from Round Rock (PCL). Placed 1B Mitch Moreland on 15-day DL, retroactive to June 20. Designated RHP Mark Hamburger for assignment.

National League
 ATLANTA BRAVES—Recalled RHP Jair Jurrjens from Gwinnett (IL).
 CINCINNATI REDS—Activated LHP Bill Bray from 15-day DL. Optioned RHP J.J. Hoover to Louisville (IL).
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Reinstated 2B Jonathan Herrera from 15-day DL. Optioned 2B DJ LeMahieu to Colorado Springs (PCL).
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Livan Hernandez on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Juan Perez and INF Edwin Maysonet for assignment. Reinstated SS Cesar Izturis from 15-day DL.
 NEW YORK METS—Activated SS Ronny Cedeno from 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Elvin Ramirez to Buffalo (IL).

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Gonzalez, COL	256	51	.332

HOME RUNS

Braun, MIL	20
Beltran, STL	19
Gonzalez, COL	17
Stanton, MIA	16
Bruce, CIN	16

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, one more four-day camp will be offered Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, with campers in grades 6-12 meeting from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost for the sand camp is \$60 per week or \$20 per daily session.

Individual, private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round for \$20 per hour.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/volleyball, click on "volleyball camp" and print out the Application Form.

Mail the completed form, or bring to the Cashier's Office in Building B.

For more information, call Coach Crawford at 835-2377 or email kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.

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.

All physical aspects of the game along with rules and etiquette will be covered in an atmosphere of fun.

Prizes awarded in games, contest and a 3-hole tournament will be held on Friday with parents/guardians welcome.

Cost: \$95 each. Registration available at the pro-shop, or call 382-2151 to have one faxed to you.

Friends in the Fight Golf

SEBRING – Friends In The Fight is an organization formed to support youth battling cancer in the community.

Friends In The Fight will hold a Golf Tournament and Barbecue Saturday, July 14, at the Country Club of Sebring. The tournament starts at 8 a.m. and the format is 2 players per team, with the Front 9 a Scramble and the Back 9 an Alternate Shot.

The registration fee is \$65 per player and includes greens fees, cart and lunch. Barbecue tickets are available for \$10 per person.

Meals can be picked up at the Country Club of Sebring or in Lake Placid, with 100-percent of the money raised used to help local families.

For additional information call Renee Kohl at 273-1112, Kym Smoak 441-7119 or email growstrong@live.com.

Forms are available online at www.fbclp.com – click on "events." Look for updates on Facebook at "Friends in the Fight Highlands County."

Habitat 5K

SEBRING – Home Run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will take place at Highlands Hammock State Park Saturday, July 14, beginning at 7 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15 through July 6, and \$20 after and through race day.

Entry fee includes a race T-shirt. Awards will be given to age groups and overall male and female winners.

The entry fee will be waived for those who collect \$50 or more in pledges.

Funds raised will benefit a Habitat home in Sebring.

Top three entries, with the most raised in pledges, will be given a special award on race day.

Pledges must be collected and turned in at race check-in on July 14.

Download entry form at www.habitathighlands.org or email spallone@habitathighlands.org.

Call 385-7156 for more information.

Firecracker 5K

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 T-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 at 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 cross country teams.

Participants are urged to wear Red, White and Blue as we celebrate in our beautiful state park.

See you all at Highlands Hammock State Park on July 4.

Sebring Pool Hours

SEBRING – The Sebring High School Pool is open to the public with availability Mondays through Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. and from 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

Additional hours will be added once school is let out for the summer.

Cost is \$2 per swimmer, with family passes available at \$50 for first member and \$20 per additional family member.

Other activities at the pool include Water Aerobics, which meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$2 per class, though with a summer pool pass, the cost is trimmed to \$1. Swimming lessons are also going to be offered throughout the summer.

The first session runs from June 11-22, the second from June 25-July 6, the third from July 9-20 and the fourth from July 23-August 3.

Cost is \$50 for each two-week session. For more information, call and leave a message for Ms. Pat Caton at 471-5500, ext. 229, or email catonp@highlands.k12.fl.us.

Florida Trail Association

June Activities

Saturday, June 23

Activity: Tubing
 Location: Kelly Park at Rock Springs Run.

Carpool from Posner Shopping Center at Junc. of I-4 and Hwy. 27, in front of Dick's Sporting Goods.

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch (food also available at park concession), swimsuit, water shoes, bug and sun protection, large tube suitable for river floatation (tube rental available from roadside vendors near the park, cost: approx. \$5).

Contact: RSVP Eileen Valachovic at 956-2145 for meet-up time and other information.

Saturday, June 30

Activity: Off-road Bike Ride
 Location: Aafia River State Park, Hillsborough Cty.

Address: 14326 South County Road 39, Lithia, Florida 33547

Description: Some of the most challenging off-road bicycling trails in Florida can be found at Alafia River State Park. Located on what was once a phosphate mining site, the unique topography of the reclaimed land offers some of Florida's most radical elevation changes.

Alafia State Park is home to 17 miles of bike trails, ranging from beginner to advanced. The Trails were constructed by volunteers from the Southwest Association of Mountain Bike Pedalers (SWAMP).

Bring: Bicycle with all terrain tires (wide), helmet, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP Teresa Newgent at (813) 695-9721 cell or email newgt7@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other information.

Firemen Memorial Golf

SEBRING – The 13th Annual Sebring Firemen, Inc. Memorial Golf Tournament, presented by AXA Advisors LLC and Home Depot, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 11, at Sun 'N Lake.

Guillen fumes after Marlins lose again

Associated Press

MIAMI — Nobody seems to be sure what the Marlins need to get out of their funk.

Miami manager Ozzie Guillen is certain it's not a psychiatrist.

Jose Bautista homered and drove in three runs, Kelly Johnson also had three RBIs and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the skidding Marlins 12-5 on Friday night.

Brett Lawrie had three hits and scored four times to help the Blue Jays end an eight-game losing streak to the Marlins, who own a 17-5 advantage in the series.

Miami has lost five straight and 14 of 16 overall.

"Great players don't need a psychiatrist," Guillen said. "I didn't see Pete Rose talking with any psychiatrist — Paul Molitor or all those guys. They talked with nobody. The (bad) players are the ones that need the psychiatrist next to them. Last five years, you see a lot of this in baseball. When players fail, they need a doctor. When managers and coaches fail, they get rid of (them)."

Guillen, who played 16 seasons in the majors from 1985-2000, believes players have to help themselves.

"I was from an era in base-

ball when Budweiser and vodka took care of the psychiatric things," Guillen said. "You fail, you get drunk and you come back the next day to see how good it feels. The psycho guys — the doctors — they never played this game. They never wore the uniform. They never came out of a slump. They're not used to it, so how are they going to help?"

Giancarlo Stanton, Omar Infante and Gaby Sanchez homered for the Marlins, but runs have been hard to come by.

Miami hasn't scored more than five in a game since a 7-6 win over San Francisco on May 25.

"Players are making excuses," Guillen said. "They don't have the shrink when they go 4 for 4, they only need the shrink when they fail. I don't believe in that. Some people do. Good for them.

"If (a psychiatrist) really worked, I would need one now," he added.

Ricky Romero (8-1) provided the Blue Jays with seven much-needed innings after Toronto placed three starters on the disabled list in the last week.

Kyle Drabek was lost for



MCT photo
Ozzie Guillen is none too pleased with the play of his team — nor their psychics.

the season after undergoing Tommy John surgery, and Drew Hutchison (elbow sprain) and Brandon Marrow (strained rib cage muscle) also went on the DL.

Romero allowed four runs and struck out five.

"I've been lucky," he said. "The hitters have done their part every time I've pitched it

seems like."

Lawrie led off the game with a triple down the right-field line and scored on a groundout by Colby Rasmus.

Bautista singled home Lawrie in the third, and Johnson's sacrifice fly scored Bautista.

Toronto chased Anibal Sanchez (3-6) in the fourth

after the right-hander walked in a run with the bases loaded, giving the Blue Jays a 4-0 lead.

Two more runs scored in the inning, both charged to Sanchez.

He gave up six runs, seven hits and four walks in 3 1-3 innings.

"I wanted to help the team," Sanchez said. "I know the situation right now with the team. I just want to do the best I can, like I do every time. I wanted to help the team get out of the hole we are in right now."

Stanton's homer and an RBI single by Hanley Ramirez cut the lead to 6-2 before the Blue Jays scored five more in the sixth off Ryan Webb, keyed by a two-run double from J.P. Arencibia.

Johnson and Rajai Davis each had an RBI single in the inning and Yunel Escobar drove in a run with Toronto's third sacrifice fly.

Bautista's 419-foot homer to left was his 23rd of the season and 11th in the past 18 games.

Infante's two-run shot was his first since May 8. Sanchez's only other home run came on April 26.

"Nothing's fair now,"

Stanton said. "That's pretty much the story. It's either nothing, or one or the other. We've got to turn it all at the same time."

NOTES: The Blue Jays have made an adjustment in their starting rotation. RHP Jesse Chavez will start Sunday against Miami and RHP Henderson Alvarez will start Monday against Boston. ... Marlins CF Emilio Bonifacio (sprained left thumb) took 25 swings from the left side for the first time since his May 18 injury and did not have any pain.

Although he would like to return sooner, Bonifacio is still expected to be out until after the All-Star break. ... ESPN basketball analyst Dick Vitale was in attendance. ... U.S. soccer stand-out Jozy Altidore threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Altidore will play in the World Soccer Masters Tour game at Sun Life Stadium on Saturday. ... Miami will send RHP Josh Johnson (4-5, 4.18 ERA) to the mound Saturday to face LHP Brett Cecil (1-0, 3.60). Johnson is 6-1 with a 2.06 ERA in his last 10 inter-league starts.

Cleveland moves on as LeBron crowned champ

By TOM WITHERS

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — On the same sidewalk where fans torched a LeBron James jersey in protest two summers ago, office workers on their lunch hours passed gamblers headed to the new downtown casino.

Just another summer day.

While James was in Miami celebrating his first NBA title, fans in the city he scorned to chase a championship had a much more subdued, internal reaction.

There were no angry protests, no public outrage, no threats of harm.

Those days have long past. The king got his ring.

And Cleveland, where sports despair's roots have grown for generations, seemed to sigh in acceptance.

"In a way I'm kind of happy for him," bartender Natalie Hardik said between serving pints of beer at Flannery's, an Irish bar and restaurant across the street from Quicken Loans Arena, where James once starred. "But I definitely still feel a lot of bitterness toward him — everyone does."

This city, yearning to celebrate its first pro sport championship since 1964, hasn't forgiven James for leaving as a free agent in 2010.

Many can't let it go.

There's lingering pain and resentment, but there's also a sense that it's time to move on.

Some Clevelanders already had.

"I hope they have moved on, and I kind of felt many fans had come to accept this would happen during the season," said TV sports anchor Jim Donovan, a longtime Cleveland resident. "Fans felt him winning it all was inevitable, and I think some of them may have given up

because it's exhausting to root against the guy. It's better to root for your team."

Cleveland reveled in seeing James fail in last year's finals.

This time, there was no stopping him.

And the sight of James, who grew up in nearby Akron and spent seven seasons with the Cavaliers, hugging and and hoisting a championship trophy was tough to stomach.

"I had mixed feelings," said Mike Kubinski, who watched Thursday's Game 5 at home in Cleveland's Tremont district. "It's a lot like when your ex-girlfriend or ex-boyfriend gets married. It's not fun."

As he spoke, Kubinski stood just a few feet away from an outdoor clothing kiosk at Westlake's Crocker Park, where "Lyn' King" T-shirts were sold after James' departure in 2010.

Now, there's hardly a trace of James anywhere to be found in Cleveland, where his No. 23 jersey was once omnipresent and his likeness loomed above the city on a giant downtown billboard.

"LeWho?" said Jimmy Pearl of Cleveland. "He left. Outta sight, outta mind, my man."

Coincidentally, at about the exact time James and the Miami Heat were dispatching the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night, a storm rumbled in across Lake Erie, its thunder and lightning providing the perfect backdrop for another dark moment in Cleveland sports history.

During the game, softball players at the Ironwood Cafe in Westlake glared at flat screen TVs showing the Heat leading by 25 points in the third quarter.

It was over, there would be no Game 6 and James' coronation as a champion couldn't be delayed any longer.

At the Dive Bar downtown on West 6th Street, Hardik muted ABC's telecast and played music so fans didn't have to endure the sounds of James winning a title — the sight was bad enough.

This didn't hurt nearly as bad as Cleveland's other well-known sports calamities like "The Drive," "The Fumble," Indians closer Jose Mesa blowing the save in Game 7 of the 1997 World Series or former Browns owner Art Modell packing up his beloved football franchise and moving to Baltimore.

But it was still a punch in Cleveland's collective gut.

And as James danced on the sideline in the closing minutes and later smiled as confetti engulfed him and his teammates, Kubinski felt as if he was watching a well-rehearsed play.

"He's always acting," Kubinski said of James. "He always knows where the cameras are and when they're on him."

Not long after James' victory, Twitter and other social media sites overflowed with negative comments directed at the three-time MVP.

But Cavs owner Dan Gilbert, who accused James of quitting on the Cavs and promised his team would win a title before the "so-called King" didn't pile on.

"Great NBA season," Gilbert posted on (at)cavs-dan. "Enjoyed playoffs. Congratulations to Miami & OKC for an exciting Finals. Back to work on next week's promising Cavs draft."

Instead of dwelling on James, many Cleveland fans

are focusing on what appears to be a bright future for the Cavs.

The team has the No. 4 overall pick in next week's draft, four selections in the top 34 and hope to add some quality players to put around guard Kyrie Irving, the reigning rookie of the year.

At last, it's time to look

forward, not back.

"I think people have moved on and are at peace with it," said Chuck Kyle, coach of high school football powerhouse Saint Ignatius. "It's been two years since LeBron left. It hurt for a while, but now it's time to forget it."

While there are those who

will never forgive him, James has a sprinkling of supporters in Cleveland.

"My dad loves him," Darrin Cappy said of his 82-year-old father, Bruno. "He'd love LeBron no matter where he played. He loves to talk about LeBron, and I know that's all I'm going to hear about all weekend."

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN Savana Fisher lifts this chip up toward the green on her way to an 83 Thursday, good for second in the Girls 14-18 division.

Tour heads to two-day tourney this week

Continued from 1D at 49.

Earning third place with a round of 53 was Jackson Griffin while Billy Carol took a close fourth at 54.

The littlest of the tour members at the age range of 6-8 saw some close competition.

Brody Hall take first with a score of 35, followed by Parker Griffin at 36, Nolan Chandler at 38 and Griffin Hall at 49 for the top four placings.

Coming up this week, the tour will hold its' two-day Junior Championship tournament at Highlands Ridge North.

Tee times begin Thursday at 8:30 a.m. with the tournament concluding on Friday.

82, respectively.

Easton Davis and Rhett Pooley tied closely behind this group with a score of 83.

The group of 13-14 year olds was led by Jason Cannon's 86 with Nick Kresl's 87 taking second place, Andrew Walley's 90 taking third, and Sam Weber-Callahan's 94 carding fourth.

The 11-12's saw the top four going to Joseph Flood with a 65, David Herbert with a 70, John David Spiegel with a 72, and Clayton Samuels with an 80.

The 9-and-under co-ed division was won by Zach Doorlag's shot of 44, followed by Beckham Donavon



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN Reed Woods watches his chip shot bounce toward the hole Thursday during Sertoma Junior Tour action at Pinecrest.

Wade's knee may keep him out of London Games

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press
MIAMI — Dwyane Wade played with knee pain throughout the playoffs.

He'll soon know exactly what was causing that problem, and if it could keep him out of the London Olympics.

One day after celebrating his second NBA championship, the Miami Heat guard told The Associated Press on Friday that he will soon have his ailing left knee examined, and acknowledges that surgery may be a possibility.

Wade appeared in all 23 postseason games for Miami, averaging 22.8 points, and scored 20 in the title-clinching win for the Heat against Oklahoma City on Thursday night.

"I've got to make a decision on what my knee needs and what's best, because my career and finishing my career strong is what's important to me," Wade said. "And I know, yeah, the Olympics are coming up. It's something I really want to do. But at the same time, if I have to make a big decision, if something has to happen surgery-wise, that will have to be a step I have to take. My loyalty and my commitment to Miami Heat basketball is the No. 1 thing."

An MRI exam will likely take place in the next few days.

Wade had the knee drained during Miami's second-round series against Indiana.

"From my small conversations with the doctor at that time, I think some kind of cleanup process might have to go on," Wade said. "And when that happens, from our previous experiences, it takes a while to recover. So I want to make sure that I want to recover strong and not like I did the last knee surgery that I had."

Wade had surgery on his left knee in May 2007.

He led the Americans in scoring at the Beijing Olympics, averaging 16 points despite coming off the

bench in all eight games. USA Basketball plans to have the national team convene in Las Vegas and for training camp to start there on July 6.

From there, the American team will go to Washington to begin training on July 13, with more sessions beginning July 17 in Manchester, England, and July 20 in Barcelona.

The Olympics begin July 27 and the first game for the Americans in London is against France two days later.

The time demands could be daunting, especially with this NBA season ending a bit later than usual because schedule changes necessitated by the lockout.

"This is the hand that's dealt to us," Wade said. "And I'm going to take this hand. I'm not going to complain and I'm going to move forward."

Wade said Heat doctors and trainers worked with him to find ways of ensuring that playing in the postseason would not make whatever the knee problem is any worse.

He also spent time with his longtime trainer, Tim Grover.

"You know what, I was playing in a lot of pain," Wade said. "Obviously, my knee has been an issue. I sat down with the doctors a little bit during the Indiana series and talked about the possibility of what's to come. But I didn't want to think about it then. I said, 'Listen, let's just do what we have to do to make sure that I can give my all.' And they did that. I thank them for that."

He said he was sitting on his couch watching television on Friday when his thoughts turned to his hopes of being able to play in London.

At that moment, he said an Olympic commercial appeared on his screen.

"Got a little emotional," Wade said. "I loved what we had and what we shared as a unit. The possibility of not being able to do that, man, it's a little different."

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July 4 - 7:30am Firecracker 5K Run/Walk at Highlands Hammock State Park. Call the chamber for more info at 863-453-3350.	July 5 Sebring's Centennial Celebration
July 6-7 - Heartland Football Camp for players entering grades 4-12. All day event at the Highlands County Sports Complex. For more info contact LaVaar Scott (863) 214-3880 or Princeton Harris (863) 381-8898.	July 13 Destination Downtown Sebring
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ALMS to explore natural gas as fuel for Prototype Challenge Class

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BRASELTON, Ga. — The International Motor Sports Association (IMSA), sanctioning body for the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón, announced that it has entered into an agreement with Jackson, Mich.-based Patrick Racing to research and develop natural gas as an alternative fuel for the Series' Prototype Challenge cars.

Embracing natural gas as a safe and abundant fuel, IMSA/ALMS and Patrick Racing will identify development and testing opportunities for the source to power the Series' PC cars, beginning as early as the 2013 season.

"We are the only racing series recognized to comply with the Green Racing protocols developed by the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and SAE International," said IMSA and ALMS Chief Operating Officer Scot Elkins. "These organizations see Green Racing as a way to foster technology developments for tomorrow's consumer production vehicles, enhance national energy security, and reduce carbon emissions. We view the addition of natural gas to the Series as a means of continuing our mission to be on the front line of automotive technology advancement, while providing unequalled entertainment for our fans."

ALMS' Prototype Challenge class features the ORECA FLM09, a race car with a minimum weight of 1,985 pounds and powered by a 430-horsepower Chevrolet LS3 engine. The FLM09 features a full carbon fiber chassis, carbon brakes and an Xtrac sequential gearbox with paddle shifting. Green Racing is a major component of ALMS' platform.

Two Green Racing competitions are in play every time ALMS cars hit the track: the MICHELIN® GREEN X® Challenge aimed at ALMS



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The American LeMans Series is looking to make a move to natural gas as soon as next season.

teams and the GREEN CHALLENGE™ aimed at vehicle manufacturers.

These challenges form a "race within a race" that build on the ALMS' intense competition while measuring the factors that determine which car is winning the world's most important race — the race to an energy-secure and economically vibrant future.

Both the Michelin Green X Challenge and the Green Challenge use a unique scoring system jointly developed by ALMS, DOE and EPA technical staff that rewards high performance on the race circuit, energy efficiency, and the smallest environmental impact.

Patrick Racing was founded by oil and natural gas exploration and racing pioneer U.E. "Pat" Patrick.

He developed the concept that natural gas — an extremely abundant American energy source that is clean, safe and economical — would be an ideal fuel for racing engines.

The company has also built and tested a natural gas-powered, turbo-charged, four-cylinder engine.

"We are excited to become a part of the world's premier sports car racing series and

eager to help spread this technology to a vibrant, visible and growing element of the racing world," said Patrick, whose teams have three times visited the winner's circle of the Indianapolis 500 and have claimed multiple IndyCar series championships.

"Natural gas is destined to become a major player in the transportation industry for everyday passenger vehicles, and not just fleet operations," he added. "It is abundant, domestic, affordable and ecologically responsible. For more than a century, racing has been at the tip of the spear in developing new technology for the transportation industry. This is in line with and in the spirit of that history."

Heading the natural gas technical development for ALMS' Prototype Challenge cars will be Indianapolis 500 Hall of Fame and Motorsports Hall of Fame inductee Jim McGee.

With more than 90 victories in his portfolio, McGee is universally respected as the one of the most successful team managers/chief mechanics in IndyCar racing history.

The American Le Mans presented by Tequila Patrón returns to action at Lime Rock Park for the American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix on Saturday, July 7.

The two-hour, 45-minute race is scheduled for 3 p.m. from the 1.5-mile, seven-turn Lime Rock Park circuit.

ESPN2 airs the race the same day at 4 p.m.

Live coverage is available at 2:45 p.m. on ESPN3.

The Series' website offers additional content such as live in-car cameras, and timing and scoring for all users around the world.

Viewers outside the U.S. can watch the Lime Rock round and all ALMS races live on ALMS.com.

Visit ALMS.com for current and future event information including tickets and area accommodations.

Rays place OF Joyce on DL with oblique strain

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Tampa Bay Rays placed outfielder Matt Joyce on the 15-day disabled list Friday with an oblique strain.

Joyce left Tuesday's game against the Nationals with the injury.

In 62 games this season, he was batting .279 with 11 homers and 34 RBIs.

Rays reliever Joel Peralta will drop his appeal and begin serving his eight-game suspension immediately for using a foreign substance on his glove in Tuesday's game against Washington.

Also, Tampa Bay reinstated INF Jeff Keppinger from the 15-day DL after missing 29 games with a broken right big toe, recalled right-hander



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Story has ended, what's next?

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winning it all, there are steps to be taken, losses to endure in order to learn how to make that final push for the ultimate prize.

Oklahoma City had to go through that, and how they respond will be the story.

The Heat had virtually ordained themselves as champions last year, before ever playing a game.

Nobody likes a braggart, but at least it made them compelling.

Which is what ESPN and sports media played upon these last two seasons.

But with the villain having

won, now what?

We wanted them to at least wait a bit longer before they got their spoils, suffer a little more.

Had they lost it this year, ratings for next year, it would seem, would be ever-increasing.

Since they've won, ratings among Heat fans will be up for sure, but around the league?

For two seasons the story has been, when will they win it all?

Well, they've won it all, the conclusion has been reached.

Sure, they might win more, which will drive the Miami

ratings for their team.

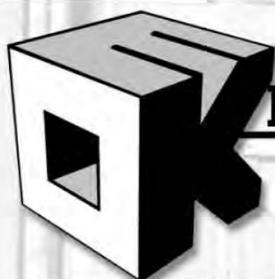
For the rest though, it's kind of like the endless speculation about Favre.

Will he retire? Now that he's retired, will he try another comeback?

When he finally did retire and another season came with no comeback, the story ended and we moved on.

Sort of like I did when the Heat blew game five open in the third quarter — that story was all but over and I changed the channel.

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Rivals could become more familiar in years to come

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rebounds and 13 assists, then picked up all nine votes in balloting for the MVP award and one tip of the cap from Durant.

"Like I say, I'm not one for giving guys credit during the season, but it's over with, and that guy is an unbelievable player and an unbelievable person," Durant said. "I enjoyed working out with him this summer. It was fun playing against him in the finals, but you could just tell he was very focused from the beginning of the season."

The Heat have reached both finals since James and Chris Bosh joined Dwyane Wade in Miami two summers ago.

They had to experience finals failure their first time, a path the Thunder will have to take.

"Well, they're going to gain a lot," Wade said. "You know, it's scary to see those young guys, man, and to be in this position. They're so talented. They have an unbelievably bright future here. But one thing I've learned, nothing is promised. You have to seize every moment."

Wade won a title in 2006, then needed six years and a historic free agency haul before the Heat could add a second.

With their Big Three in place, it seems unlikely the wait for another will be as long, especially if James remains as driven as he was this season.

They will have to continue finding supporting players such as Mike Miller, who signed on shortly after the All-Star trio.

After battling numerous injuries the last two years, the reserve made seven 3-pointers in the clincher.

"Well, we believe that we built a team that's going to be around for a while, and our goal is to hopefully come back every year," team president Pat Riley said during the trophy presentation.

Riley wouldn't guarantee a repeat, as he once famously did at a championship celebration while coaching the Los Angeles Lakers.

The closest he came to a prediction this time came as he congratulated the Thunder organization.

"We hope to see them again," Riley said. "I'm sure that we will."

In Durant and Russell Westbrook, the Thunder have their two All-Stars locked up long term.

Their difficulty will be in retaining fellow 23-and-under core pieces James Harden, the Sixth Man of the Year, and Serge Ibaka if they become free agents after next season.

The new spending rules that came out of the lockout included a much steeper luxury tax system that could deter most teams — especially a small-market one like Oklahoma City — from wading too far over the salary-cap line in search of a contender.

The James-Durant matchup,

together with all the attention the Heat already drew, gave the NBA one last triumph in a season that was already better than it expected.

The lockout hardly hurt at all, with fans coming right back and tuning in even more for the 66-game season that began on Christmas with the Heat routing the Dallas Mavericks in a finals rematch.

The Mavericks never gave themselves a shot to get back, letting key pieces leave so they could save money for free agency that begins July 1.

The Thunder have no such concerns, and they will join the Heat as the favorites to be playing in mid-June next year.

The teams delivered in their first finals matchup, drawing the finals' highest TV ratings since 2004 to watch James outduel Durant for the Larry O'Brien trophy and the title as best player in the game.

So, how about doing it again?

"This is one of the best finals, when you talk about matchups, when you talk about everyone tuning in and wanting to see, because these are two teams that in the summer everyone said they should be in the finals," Wade said. "We lived up to the billing. They're going to be around for a while, and we would love to be around just as long and just as much."

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MCT photo
Miami Heat's LeBron James hugs Kevin Durant at the end of game 5 as the Miami Heat defeated the Oklahoma City Thunder, 121-106 in the NBA championship.

Heat G Miller says he has tough decision to make

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Mike Miller showed how tough he is while playing through injuries all season.

Now he needs to make a tough decision about his future.

Miller plans to meet with doctors soon to determine if his injured back needs surgery that includes a lengthy rehabilitation process.

The Miami Heat guard also played with a foot problem this season, and typically declines to discuss his injury woes in any specifics other than saying he's well enough to play.

Miller set an NBA Finals record by making seven 3-pointers as a reserve in Miami's title-clinching win over Oklahoma City on Thursday night.

He limped with nearly every step while scoring 23 points in 23 minutes — Miami won the game 121-

106, taking the series with the Thunder in five games — and Miller raised the possibility afterward that the final game of this season may have been the final game of his career.

"It's been a roller coaster ride for everybody," said Miller, who has three years and \$18.6 million remaining on his contract with the Heat. "Everyone is dealing with something. Through the injuries, I'm just glad they didn't take me back to the barn and put me down. I'm just happy to be here."

On Monday, he'll be at a championship parade.

City officials announced the event celebrating the Heat title would begin at 11 a.m. Monday, with about 90 minutes needed to complete the route.

Since signing with the Heat two years ago, Miller has dealt with a slew of thumb, ankle and shoulder

injuries, plus needed surgery before this season to correct a hernia issue.

There were many times this season when back pain prevented him from sitting on the bench; he'd either sit on the court, or sprawl out on the baseline or sideline to keep his back stretched.

"Mike Miller, I don't know how this guy was playing," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Miller is not the only Miami sharpshooter who is weighing his future options. Miami native James Jones said he is not absolutely certain about returning next year when the Heat try to defend their title.

Like Miller,

Jones also has dealt with some injury problems in recent seasons.

"I really couldn't tell you what the future holds for me," Jones said. "Growing up in Miami and playing basketball on the biggest stage with the world's best team and have an opportunity to win a championship is something that I never believed would come true."

"Now that it has come true, I

don't know. Who wouldn't want to go out on top?"

Combined, Miller (53) and Jones (46) made 99 3-pointers for the Heat this season.

Miller said he was still thrilled that Heat owner Micky Arison and team president Pat Riley wanted him in Miami two years ago, adding that whatever decision he makes will be with the team in mind.

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