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FEMA opens Recovery Center for Debby victims

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SEBRING — Highlands County residents affected by Tropical Storm Debby now have a place to apply for assistance and help in the aftermath of the storm.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has set up shop at the Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center at 4509 George Blvd. in

Sebring to help disaster stricken individuals and families to receive the assistance they need through their Recovery Center.

Recovery Specialist Mary Margaret Walker explained the process and the purpose behind the Recovery Center.

"It can be frustrating and overwhelming after a disaster. People don't really know what to do next. That's what we are here for, we have

recovery specialists available to help answer questions and walk people through the process," Walker said.

The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center offers a registration center on site, though pre-registration is recommended for those seeking assistance.

There are two types of assistance available through FEMA: IA (individual assistance) and PA (public assistance).

"Public assistance is available for municipalities through SBA, Small Business Administration," explained Walker. "The SBA looks at applications and decides whether or not the applicant is eligible for a loan. They look to see if the applicant is currently financially sound enough to be able to re-pay a loan. Most people don't real-

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Middle, elementary school grades released Good news, bad news

Some schools soar, but others take a step back

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Grades for Florida's elementary and middle public schools were released Wednesday. High school grades are pending until December.

In Highlands County, the two standouts are Lake Placid Elementary School and Sebring Middle School, both of which maintained their consecutive string of A's — Sebring Middle for seven years now, Lake Placid Elementary for six.

Two other schools did very well. Lake Country Elementary School advanced to a B, jumping two grade levels from a D in 2011.

Avon Elementary School advanced a grade level

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What goes into creating an A school

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — For over a decade Lake Placid Elementary School has been "a school of excellence," earning six consecutive As and before that, five consecutive Bs.

In a telephone interview Friday morning, retiring principal Carole

Disler couldn't keep the pride and pleasure out of her voice.

After a difficult year of seismic changes in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, changes that impacted a majority of Florida schools for the worse, Lake Placid did more than hold its own.

"It was a good solid A," Disler said

of this year's achievement. "I'm ecstatic. We've been celebrating ever since. I'm very proud of my staff and students."

Asked what she thought led to the school's tradition of superior performance, Disler said — as if the answer

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Pigman talks health care at Oaks of Avon

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — "My favorite doctor," said a passerby Friday morning at the Oaks of Avon Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility about Dr. Cary Pigman.

Then she hugged him.

Pigman, a Republican candidate for District 55 of the Florida State House of Representatives, was on hand in the City of

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Dr. Cary Pigman, candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 55, discusses health care issues with Paul G. Wetmore, administrator for The Oaks at Avon Nursing Home and Assisted Living Center.

League of Cities offers Avon Park pension plan option

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — One option for providing a retirement plan for the city's police and fire fighters is to contract with the Florida League of Cities municipal pension trust fund.

Essentially this means outsourcing the fund and its administration and relinquishing local control.

Paul Shamoun, an account executive for the League, presented a brief overview of his organization's program at the city council's special meeting Wednesday.

Shamoun said the Florida League of Cities pension fund began in 1983 and collectively manages plans for Florida

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By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — The city of Avon Park Police Department arrested a registered sexual predator on Tuesday who allegedly tried to lure a small boy into a van.

Louis J. Gutierrez, 43, of 108n Wiggins Ave., Avon Park, on charges of probation violation and attempting to lure or entice a child.



According to the report

Gutierrez

form APPD Det. Nathan Coogan, Gutierrez was identified by witnesses after he ordered an 11-year-old boy into his car on Monday at a business at 1901 W. Main St.

The arrest report stated that Gutierrez exited a gold Saturn and told the child in Spanish to "get in the car" and motioned with his hand for the child to come to him.

The child yelled for

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New tool

HCSO website offers way to track sexual predators

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Medal of Honor winner McGuire remembered with dedications

As mentioned in last week's article, there is a special dedication to Major Tommy McGuire during the Centennial focus week at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. It will be held at Sebring Regional Airport.

It's hard to imagine why so few people know the name Thomas McGuire. Besides being a top pilot, an Air Force base is named in his honor and he's buried in a prominent place in Arlington National Cemetery.

Even in Sebring only a few remembrances of McGuire remain. In an exceptional place in the foyer of Sebring High School is a photograph of an Air Force officer and below it is the following inscription: "The late Thomas B. McGuire, whose memory is preserved by the naming of McGuire's Air Force Base, was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, on August 1, 1920. He graduated from Sebring High School in 1938 and attended the Georgia School of Technology and entered the United States Army Air Corps in 1941. In February 1942, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and was rated a pilot. During World War II he was assigned to the Fifth Air Force, where he received honors including the Purple Heart with one cluster, the Air Medal with nine clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with five clusters, the Silver Star with two clusters, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Congressional Medal of Honor, all for gallantry in action against the Japanese.



Sebring High School graduates H. McDonald (from left), Thomas McGuire Jr., B. Dutton and J. Bates served together in New Guinea during World War II.

Courtesy photo

His battle citations include the Asian-Pacific Campaign Medal and the Victory Medal.

"McGuire lost his life in the service of his country on January 7, 1945, while flying over Negros Island in the Philippines. It was for his extraordinary gallantry and action beyond the call of duty on this final mission and for shooting down seven Japanese aircraft in aerial combat over Luzon on December 25 and 26, 1944, that he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Major McGuire destroyed thirty-eight enemy aircraft in aerial combat and was one of the most skillful and courageous airmen of World War II."

The year was 1944. Major



Centennial Notebook

Thomas B. McGuire Jr. was celebrating Christmas in the cockpit of a Lockheed P-38 Lightning. Flying support for a B-24, it didn't take long for the Japanese to come calling. McGuire aimed his sights at the first Japanese to hone in on the bombers. With a quick burst of .50 calibre machine gun fire, McGuire sent the Japanese fighter spinning out of sight. It was his 31st kill of the war, only nine behind

the record.

The war was nearly at Japan's doorstep when McGuire inched toward becoming top ace of the war. His record earned him top billing in newspapers across the country, especially in Sebring.

The people who knew McGuire as a Sebring High School daredevil teenager marveled at how he was becoming the deadliest American fighter pilot alive. The same Tommy McGuire who gave local lawmen headaches with his driving exploits was becoming the great American hero as he neared the leading American ace, Richard Bong.

McGuire never achieved

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Candidates speak at Tea Party meeting

SEBRING — School board candidates Mary Lewis and Jan Shoop, as well as current school board member Donna Howerton, will speak at the Highlands Tea Party meeting Tuesday. The meeting is at Homers Buffet, 1000 Sebring Square, with a buffet at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6 p.m.

Dr. Wes Johnston will also deliver a brief update on Heartland Christian School.

Visit www.thehighlandsteaparty.com or call 699-0743 for details.

Social Circle meets today

LAKE PLACID — Placid Lakes Social Circle meets from 1-3 p.m. today at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. There will be an ice cream social.

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, a casino trip will be taken, leaving from Lake Placid American Legion at 7:45 am. September's plans call for a bus trip to Tarpon Springs.

Monday, Oct. 8 will see Rusty Eurich on Mango Street starting at 3 p.m. with a jam session.

Sebring Masons serve barbecue lunch

SEBRING — Sebring Masons, Lodge No. 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat barbecue chicken lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today for an \$8 donation.

The menu is chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverage.

The lodge is located on the corner of Home Avenue and Sebring Parkway. The public is invited; take-out orders are available.

Road construction set for US 27

SEBRING — The south-side lane of County Road 29 (U.S. 27) for approximately 2,100 linear feet east will be closed during daylight hours periodically from July 16-20. One "Lane Road Ahead" and "Flagmen Ahead" signs will be posted when lane is closed.

Excavation Point Inc., working for Central Contractors Inc., will be constructing new curb along the roadway.

For more information, contact Excavation Point Inc. at 471-1997.

Free diabetes classes set for July

SEBRING — The Highlands County Health Department is offering Diabetes Self-Management Education classes as part of its Wellness and Diabetes Education Program. This program serves Highlands County residents of all ages, especially those with diabetes or at risk for developing diabetes. These classes are free of charge and provided by Peggy Pierce, R.N. and Aleyda Oliveros, nutrition educator.

Classes in English are

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Boys & Girls Club Emporium now open



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

From left: First President Boys and Girls Club of Highlands County Pat Dell (left) speaks passionately about his time at the Club during the Club's grand opening of the Emporium Thursday evening. Dell is joined by current board member Dawn Balasamo and B&GC Executive Director Woodraun Wright. The Emporium is a store open to the public which will serve a dual role, sustaining the Club's funds and providing work training for Club kids. The Emporium is at 205 Circle Park Drive.

OffenderWatch comes to sheriff's website

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — Sheriff Susan Benton announced on Friday that her office has launched a new sex offender registration and public notification website called OffenderWatch.

"Highlands County will now be part of a nationwide network of over 5,000 law enforcement agencies, which includes 12 full state applications," Benton said in a press release.

According to Benton, the new service is a citizen-friendly, easy-to-use website that enables citizens to search for potentially dangerous sex offenders and predators who may be in close proximity to their homes, places of work, schools, churches and day care centers.

The information is avail-

able 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is updated in real time by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office as offender information changes and is reported.

"As part of this new, innovative service, citizens may enter any address of interest to them, and see a map and listing of all offenders within a user defined radius from .25 miles out to 2 miles," the release stated.

Citizens can then register the address to be continuously monitored and receive e-mail alerts if an offender or predator should register an address within their specified radius of their address.

Citizens may confidentially register as many addresses as they like, at no cost.

"Citizens have a right to know who may be living near them and could potentially

pose a threat to their families. The Florida Sheriffs have the most up-to-date information on all offenders registered in the state and I am happy to be able to provide that information to our citizens," Benton said.

Along with the maps and e-mail alerts, the sheriff has provided additional web-based resources designed to educate and inform the public on ways to keep their families safe.

Citizens can access the OffenderWatch registry at the HCSO OffenderWatch web page at

www.sheriffalerts.com/fl/highlands/ or by going to the HCSO home page at www.highlandsheriff.org/ and clicking on the Offender Watch box at the bottom of the page.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Everyone would profit from triathlon in Lake Placid

At its Monday night meeting the Lake Placid Town Council debated whether or not to allow a for-profit business access to public property for a money making event.

The council was unable to decide, however, voting instead to request more information.

The situation seemed straightforward to us.

Dan Andrews, of Paragon Event Professionals, asked the town's permission to host a two-day, four-event, Olympic-distance triathlon experience that would potentially bring 500 athletes and 1,500 spectators into Lake Placid.

We can see no downside.

The idea is a perfect fit with the Tourism Development Council's mar-

keting efforts. It supports the tried-and-true formula of using sports as one of the three legs of tourism in the county. It also creates a family friendly atmosphere.

Visitors to the town have to eat and sleep somewhere, and maybe buy gas — so it brings cash into the county.

Paragon made clear it would include all of the community and offer non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise funds over the two days.

Paragon also made clear it was willing to pay for any expenses incurred to the city

for the use of public property and services.

Finally, all the proceeds from one of the events would be given back to the Highlands County YMCA and Julie's Fund's for Kids, both non-profit organizations.

During the debate it became clear the council was concerned about how Lake Placid was going to be represented, and how it would be protected from all liability.

But, was that the real problem?

We think the reluctance was more philosophical.

Paragon is a for-profit company and it stands to make money from the event. Some folks on the dais and in the audience were opposed to that. They took exception to a for-profit business using pub-

licly funded parks to make, well, a profit.

It's that pesky profit that's the fly in the ointment.

The question is, why?

If a for-profit business is willing to reserve a park or beach, pay the fees and provide insurance and cleanup, what can be wrong?

Aren't for-profit businesses taxpayers too? Don't they deserve use of the parks and beaches they help support?

Go a step further. Aren't jobs being created? Isn't money being circulated?

Let's not be silly. Profit is how business survives. Surviving businesses are how communities thrive. Thriving communities create the biggest pies.

Which means there is a slice for everyone at the table.

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Laura's Look

Laura Ware

So it was one of those nights when I woke up way earlier than anyone should be up and could not fall back asleep.

I tried different things to induce slumber. I lay in bed with my eyes firmly shut, telling myself to go to sleep. Didn't work. I got up and goofed around on Facebook for a little bit. Nope. My body wasn't going to fall back asleep until it was good and ready.

At one point I was laying in bed, trying to relax. That was when I noticed the roach on the ceiling.

This bug got my attention and held it. He wasn't over the bed, but off to the side, completely still on the ceiling. He was probably the size of a quarter.

I mentioned his existence to Don, who was wide awake at this horrendously early hour on purpose. He acknowledged the roach's presence and proceeded to get ready for work.

I eyed the insect suspiciously. It moved a little bit away from me but seemed content to stand on the ceiling, ignoring my death glare.

While Don was getting dressed I asked him a rational question: "How am I supposed to sleep with a roach on the ceiling?"

This should have been his cue to do something about the intruder. Instead, he replied, "By closing your eyes and forgetting about it."

Yeah, right. Furthermore, Don told me that the roach had no interest in coming off the ceiling to get me and was probably shedding his old shell and growing a new one because he was getting bigger. For some strange reason none of this was reassuring.

The upshot was that the man I love left me with a roach on the ceiling in the bedroom to go to work. I am trying not to hold this against him.

You may ask why I didn't get up on a chair or get a broom and dispatch the critter myself. It is a good question. Had it been on

the floor I might have been able to make myself stomp on it, even though that's a lot closer than I want to be to a roach.

But I kept having visions of my swinging something at the roach and it falling down somewhere on me. My head, for example, or my arm. Such an occurrence would have turned me into a shrieking, shuddering mess of a woman. Don probably would've found me huddled in a corner, hands over my head, whimpering when he got home from work that day.

Instead — and I can't believe this happened — I finally fell asleep. When I woke up, the roach had moved further away from the bed, which was good news. The bad news was it hung on the ceiling near my closet, between me and the bathroom, meaning I had to pass under it if I was going to go about my day.

I managed to scuttle past the thing without it dropping on me (and I knew it was just waiting for the chance) and spent the day avoiding it as much as possible. When Don came home I noted the bug was still on the ceiling and it needed to die. Now.

Thankfully, this time Don was kind enough to send the roach into the afterlife for me, and my bedroom is bug-free. At least I think it is.

And if I see another bug on the ceiling in the wee hours of the morning? I'm going to do the mature, rational thing this time, and insist Don kill it before he goes to work. After all, one must have their priorities straight.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Sacrifice seems too much of an imposition

Editor:

In 1776, Thomas Paine wrote: "These are the times that try men's souls the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country ..."

He went on to set a standard for American patriotism, a standard that recognizes that true patriotism involves sacrifice. In our current malaise, we have come to mistake flag wavers and posturers as patriots, not recognizing the need for sacrifice on behalf of the country as the true mark of patriotism. Those who have served in the military understand the essence of that sacrifice.

In our politics today the top 1 percent of our country, those who have accumulated most of the wealth in our country have resisted an attempt to increase their tax obligations in order to help the economy. Sacrifice, a mere increase in financial contributions to the government in the current crisis, seems too much of an imposition, an unreasonable sacrifice, despite the needs of the country and the unquestionable ability of the wealthy to pay.

Today's "summer soldiers and sunshine patriots" drape themselves with the mantle of "job creators" while they invest offshore and pursue profit at the expense of all else.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Good teachers influence life

Editor:

I am a Sebring High School graduate. My most memorable teachers were Joe Moore, Alan Rankin, Larry Isbell and Paul Gustat. One never forgets the teachers who pushed the hardest.

I do remember being embarrassed to the point of tears by all four. I also remember staying up all night and studying until I got it right. I am 60 years old, and I got it right.



Thank you Mr. Moore, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Isbell, and Mr. Gustat.

Sherry Poff
Florida

'Act of kindness' a great thing to share

Editor:

I've read many a story of "acts of kindness" and I always get goose bumps when I read them. Well, today was my turn.

After having a stressful morning at the doctors, I went to the drive-thru at McDonalds in Lake Placid. When I got

to the window to pay I was told the lady in the vehicle in front of me had paid for my order. I asked the cashier, "what do you mean and who was she." She said, "I'm sorry, I didn't think to ask."

I wasn't paying attention to the vehicle or the person in front of me, so I don't know who she is or why she did this. I just want to thank her. This "act of kindness" really made my day. Now it's my turn to give the "act of kindness".

Lois McGrady
Lake Placid

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Melvil Dewey DVD wraps up production

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LAKE PLACID — It's a wrap for the newest production in Highlands County, a short film based on the life of former Lake Placid resident Melvil Dewey.

The Melvil Dewey DVD is produced by the local company Big Byte Video Productions, but was thought up by Harriet Potter, head of the Tour Lake Placid organization.

"Tour Lake Placid is designed to bring visitors into town. When people come to look at our murals we do all we can to make their visit much more appealing than just that. We are hoping that this movie will bring a lot more people into the Historical Society to see this," said Potter.

The last few scenes of the production were shot Saturday morning at the Lake Placid Historical Society Museum.

The production began in November but was spread out due to the school schedules of two of the actors, Chabeli Ravelo and Jackie Alonso.

"We are hoping to have a 15- to 20-minute DVD," said Director Rick Shorrock.



News-Sun photo by KATARINA SIMMONS
Lake Placid Town Council Member Debra Worley talks from a podium Saturday morning during the filming of a short piece about Melville Dewey at the Depot Historical museum in Lake Placid. Dewey was a librarian and invented the Dewey Decimal system of library classification.

There is no set date for the release of the film, but producer Kay Tarr hopes to have the DVD completed and ready to sell by the fall.

The DVD depicts the famous Dewey, his life and how he brought the town of Lake Placid through its early years.

"There's a lot of history in it that deals with Dewey and the early settlers of the town," said Tarr.

The film will be shown at the 21st Annual Caladium Festival on Aug. 24-26. For more information visit www.bigbytevideo.us/.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Little Miss Highlands County Aubrey Lanier holds Chihuahua named Bruiser, her family's dog. They are taking part in the fashion competition at the Dog Daze of Summer event Friday evening in Sebring.

Health Department earns national recognition again

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — For a second time, the Highlands County Health Department has received national recognition from the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) for preparedness planning, ability to respond to public health emergencies and quality improvements. This national recognition is called Project Public Health Ready (PPHR).

The Highlands County Health Department has been working diligently to achieve this recognition since 2007 when it initially applied for and received this honor. Recognition can be applied for every five years after meeting a comprehensive list of national standards.

"I would like to thank our Emergency Management Team for this huge accomplishment. This recognition reflects tremendous effort, dedication and cooperation on the part of our employees and community partners," said Robert Palussek, administrator for the health department. "This recognition means we can protect our community more effectively and efficiently from public health threats."

"Also, I know that I should thank Paula Anderson who had been such a big help as the Project Public Health Ready Project Manager in Tallahassee and her recent replacement, Aaron Otis, Training and Exercise Unit Manager, who had presented our completed work for

National Review. And much appreciation goes to Chuck Krug, Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning Consultant, who served as our mentor through this process," added Tom Moran, Planning Consultant for the health department.

PPHR is a competency-based training and recogni-

tion program that assesses preparedness and assists local health departments, or groups of local health departments working collaboratively as a region, to respond to emergencies.

It builds preparedness capacity and capability through a continuous quality improvement model.

With a woof and a wag

Dog Daze of Summer draws K-9 crowd

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — Dogs and the people they love met at Circle Park Friday evening for the Destination Downtown Dog Daze of Summer's second event.

On their best behavior, dozens of dogs — repre-

senting a wide variety of breeds, half-breeds and Heinz 57 one-of-a-kinds — sniffed front ends and back ends, showing off their best canine etiquette.

From stately standard poodles looking disdainfully upon their inferiors, to the Bichon Frise with twinkling black button eyes, to weeks -old puppies tripping over their paws, the atmosphere was festive, friendly

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Dog Daze a doggone success

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and fun — a true animal paradise.

It was not just about the animals, though. Local merchants pitched in with water stations for the dogs and goodies for their owners. Children had a field day getting up close and personal.

There were contests like a tail wagging event (where a Pug named Baby Nelson was at a disadvantage on account of her tiny, curled tail), an agility demonstration, live music and free biscuits for those with four legs.

Some of the dogs were in costume. A Jack Russell named Bo Jack looked like the Sheriff of Tombstone, Ariz., complete with badge, fringed vest, chaps, handcuffs and a six shooter.

A Chihuahua named Bruiser was perhaps the most self-confident. He totally relaxed, he was decked out as Sebring High School cheerleader, right down to the pleated skirt and pom-poms.

Most important were the many opportunities to meet dogs in search of a home.

"It's great," said Judy Spiegel, president of the Humane Society of Highlands County. "We need more events like this to bring awareness to the community."

While the Humane Society did not have any orphans on hand, Buddy's Buddies Animal Rescue and Sophie's Adoption did.

In fact, many of the dogs enjoying the party had been rescued by their families. They included Abby, who volunteers as a therapy dog, Fuzzy, a 10-week-old shepherd, and Levi, an adorable wire-haired mutt who nestled against his human's chest.

Buddy's Buddies Animal Rescue telephone number is



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Dolly, an English cocker spaniel, meets greyhound Atticus for the first time.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Sebring mayor George Hensley, who has a long-haired dachshund at home, chats with Ingra Gardner (left) and Gardner's "Little sister" Taiyonna Phillips. Gardner holds Snowball. Taiyonna pushes Cotton.

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The Humane Society's telephone number is 655-1522.

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McGuire to be remembered during Centennial celebration

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Tommy McGuire

that goal. During the last months of the war when he was only two kills short of the record, he crashed during a combat maneuver over Los Negros Islands. But with 38 kills to his credit, McGuire is recognized as the second greatest ace of World War II. More importantly, he left behind a legacy as probably the most skillful pilot to ever sit in the cockpit of a P-38.

McGuire moved to Sebring with his mother when he was 9 years old and lived at 10 Kenilworth Blvd. Even as a boy, he had a love for airplanes.

Immediately after graduation he left Sebring for Georgia Tech University. In 1941, before receiving his college diploma and before the outbreak of the war, he enlisted in the Air Force as an aviation cadet. McGuire was first stationed in Alaska and didn't get into combat until 1943.

McGuire piloted the P-38, one of the most versatile fighter planes of the war. With a top speed of 414 MPH, the P-38 shot down more Japanese planes than any other fighter. Day after day during 1943 and '44 McGuire proved himself, cutting a deadly swath through enemy defenses. In a

two-day period, he shot down seven Japanese planes. For that he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. When Bong was sent home in 1944 it seemed certain that McGuire would surpass his record, but fate would soon catch up.

Ironically, it wasn't the enemy that sent McGuire to his death on January 7, 1945; it was the law of aerodynamics.

During desperate low-altitude maneuvers while trying to help a fellow fighter who was being attacked by a Japanese Zero, McGuire's engines stalled. His airplane plunged into the jungle and burst into flames. McGuire was killed instantly.

During the Centennial celebration focus week, at 3 p.m. Oct. 20, make it a point to attend this wonderful ded-

ication to Thomas B. McGuire. According to the Marker Dedication Committee, some dignitaries have been invited to attend and Charles Martin, author of "The Last Great Ace; The Life of Major Thomas B. McGuire Jr." should be in attendance as well.

Further, the McGuire Dedication Committee also has plans to add signs along Kenilworth Boulevard, dedicating the road to Tommy McGuire, to have Kenilworth Boulevard also known as the "Thomas B. McGuire Memorial Highway", and very deservedly so.

For more information on how you can have a Centennial event, or take part in this exciting time in Sebring's rich history, please call 655-5554, find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SebringCentennial, go to Sebring100.com, or email events@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.

Jan Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

Lake Placid Elementary earns sixth consecutive A grade

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was obvious — "We work very hard."

Beyond the team's hard work, however, Disler credits community support, especially from the Parent Teacher Organization, and specific programs and policies within the school.

Disler said the key to successful teaching is in building a relationship with the student, which is why her starting point is hiring the most energetic, best trained and passionate teachers she can. "Then we work very hard to provide our teachers with specific training that focuses on what needs to be done," she said.

Beyond that, in-class tutoring is emphasized and provided by volunteers in reading, math and writing — either individually or in small groups, at all levels, but especially in the second grade.

After-school tutoring is provided for migrant children, especially in the first, second and third grades.

Disler said another impor-

tant component is that the school has a culture of teacher communication. Not only does she insist that all teachers of a particular grade level meet every week after school for sessions of common planning, but teachers themselves created three professional learning committees that meet once a month for more in-depth discussion and communication.

The school strongly benefits from its community and a dedicated PTO, Disler said.

She described a variety of contributions — from individual dentists and opticians who provide care to students, to local businesses — that bring enhancement programs into the classrooms.

But the PTO is outstanding, she said, with "phenomenal fundraising and ideas."

This year alone, she said, the PTO bought 150 new classroom computers.

Which led Disler to another element, keeping the school on the cutting edge of technology.

"Teachers have smartboards, projectors and lap tops," she said. "We're try-

ing to stay on top of technology and integrating it into the classroom. It makes learning more interesting for the students and prepares them for the future. I'm very proud of being able to do that." She added an effort is made to also keep software up to date.

Finally, Disler said, she had essential support from the district. The school was allocated an additional paraprofessional, for example, to help with its large population of non-native English speakers. The school was also provided with a second computer lab this year, and there is a plan for a third.

Disler said the district has kept Lake Placid — the largest elementary school in the county, with 800 students — from being overwhelmed by its population. Class sizes have been kept down to manageable levels.

District administrators specializing in federal and state grants and programs find ways to provide enhancement the school.

Disler laughed. "I could go on and on," she said.

APPD arrests sexual predator

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Gutierrez to "get away," which was heard by a witness, and pulled out a cell phone. The witness intervened and Gutierrez fled the area in his Saturn.

Gutierrez was later stopped and identified by police in the vicinity of the incident.

Coogan reported that Gutierrez has two prior conviction — one for lewd and lascivious assault and one for sexual battery by threats,

both in 1990.

"The City of Avon Park Police Department is actively looking for other children Gutierrez may have had the same type of encounters with," Coogan said.

Gutierrez is currently being held without bond in the Highlands County Jail.

Anyone with knowledge of this case or any other potential victims of Gutierrez are encouraged to contact the APPD Criminal Investigation Division at 452-4422.

look around," said Walker.

Within a few days of calling, if the applicant is approved, a check is either mailed to the specified address or direct deposited into the applicants bank account. The entire process usually takes between 7 to 10 days, according to Walker.

The FEMA Recovery Center is open daily from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Registration takes approximately 30 minutes and can be done online at www.disasterassistance.gov/ or by phone at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The center provides a small phone bank for registration purposes, but pre-registration is recommended.

aster. There are funds available for some repairs to make a home habitable; minimal repairs like roof replacing, things like that," Walker said.

IA also covers medical needs, equipment replacement (washer, dryers, computers) and funeral assistance. Each of the previous items are "other needs assistance" items and funds will only be granted if the assistance is needed to a direct result of the disaster.

"The first step in this process is to contact FEMA. There is a number or you can come in here to the Recovery Center. After that we have an appointment set up for an inspector to visit the damaged property. They come out and

FEMA opens local center

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ly want a loan so these are mostly for businesses like non-profits or cities. The applicant must provide a public service and it goes to things like infrastructure support."

The IA is available to just about anyone who has suffered property damage. The grants are given to any eligible renters, homeowner or businesses and cover a number of needs including rental and housing assistance, repairs and vehicle replacement.

"We have grants for temporary housing. We can provide rental assistance for up to 18 months following a dis-

GED test offered on computer at SFSC

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — To provide more adult learners throughout Florida with a high school credential, the South Florida State College Testing Center is partnering with GED Testing Service to offer the GED test on computer. Registration and scheduling will be available to candidates on Monday and testing will begin on Monday, July 30.

Registering, scheduling and testing on computer will provide a new experience and new benefits for GED test-takers.

These new features will improve the GED testing program which is a gateway for adults to find jobs or better paying jobs, enter the workforce or college training programs, and better support themselves and their families.

is the same test content currently offered on paper. Its accompanying systems will provide an array of new benefits for both the testing center and GED test-takers.

Some of the initial benefits include one-stop online registration and scheduling available 24/7, flexible testing appointments for test-takers, instant test scores on four of five content areas, an introduction of basic keyboarding and computer skills and enhanced test security.

Test-takers interested in taking the test on computer at the SFSC Testing Center should go to www.GEDtestingservice.com.

The SFSC Testing Center is located on the Highlands Campus in Avon Park.

Offering GED testing on computer also has increased accessibility and flexibility for test-takers, since a dou-

ble-digit increase in the number of GED test-takers is expected by 2013.

A new GED assessment is scheduled to be released in January 2014, and a significant number of adults who haven't taken or passed all five content areas will want to test before their scores expire at the end of 2013.

To learn more about the GED testing program at the SFSC Testing Center, email testing@southflorida.edu or call 784-7214.

Grades deliver mixed news

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to a C.

Two schools held their own. Avon Park Middle School and Cracker Trail Elementary School both maintained C's.

The remaining schools all lost a grade level, but only Memorial Elementary School was graded a D.

Park Elementary, Sun 'N Lake Elementary and Hill-Gustat Middle schools all dropped to a B.

Fred Wild Elementary, Woodlawn Elementary and Lake Placid Middle schools went from a B to a C.

There was considerable trepidation this year regarding individual student scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and the school grade assignments based on those scores.

In an effort to raise rigor and overall standards, the test itself was made more difficult and students were required to get a larger number of correct answers to be judged as performing at grade level.

In addition, in order to earn an exemption from portions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, students with disabilities and non-native English speakers testing results were included in the school grade calculations.

Because of these changes, school grades were predicted to fall. In fact, they have.

According to an article by John O'Conner, at StateImpact Florida.npr.org, last year "58 percent of Florida elementary and middle schools earned an A grade. This year the percent fell to 43 percent. That's 357 fewer schools earning an A".

"At the other end of the spectrum, an additional 16 schools also earned an F — for a total of 47.

"The percentage of schools earning B, C, and D also increased, with the number of D schools almost doubling."

Highlands County educators are pleased with the results.

Because of the entire district's hard work, "93 percent

Report Card			
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			
	2012	2011	2010
Avon	C	D	B
Cracker Trail	C	C	C
Fred Wild	C	B	C
Lake Country	B	D	C
Lake Placid	A	A	A
Memorial	D	C	B
Park	B	A	B
Sun 'N Lake	B	A	C
Woodlawn	C	B	B

MIDDLE SCHOOLS			
	2012	2011	2010
Avon Park	C	C	C
Hill-Gustat	B	A	A
Lake Placid	C	B	C
Sebring	A	A	A

of our elementary and middle schools earned a grade of A, B or C. This exceeded the state total of 89 percent," the school board said in a press release.

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OBITUARIES

ARTHUR ALLYN

Arthur Paul Allyn, 81, also known as Blackie and Auggie Doggie Daddy Dog, left this world on July 13, 2012. Born April 18, 1931 in Greece, N.Y., to Paul Eugene Allyn and Marion Bruce Allyn. On Oct. 8, 1950 he married the love of his life, Aiko Ishikawa.

Art served in the United States Army from 1947 until 1968, attaining the rank of sergeant first class. His military service locations include Japan, Korea, Vietnam and various locations in the United States. Other employment included Highlands County building inspector and Art was the owner of AA Electronics.

After retiring, they moved to Sebring, Fla., where he resumed hobbies of bowling, golfing, and flying airplanes. Art was a member of the N.J. Volunteer Fire Dept, the VA, the Masonic Temple, the Purple Heart Club, the Promise Keepers, Sebring Community Golf Course, and Golf Course Ranger.

Art will be especially remembered as "the friendliest, do anything for you kind of guy" and for having four hole in ones on the golf course.

Art is survived by, Aiko Ishikawa Allyn, spouse, Sebring, Fla.; June Winstead, sister, and spouse Herbert, Sebring Fla.; Karen Zajicek, sister, Fort Collins, Colo.; Thomas P. Allyn, brother, and spouse Janet, Tampa, Fla.; sons,



Allyn

Paul E. Allyn of Sebring, Fla. and Marc L. Allyn and spouse Kemella of Athens, Tenn.; daughters, Doriana Allyn and Laurie Huze of Hillsborough, N.J.; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and lifelong friend, Kenneth Garrabrant.

Art was preceded in death by Paul E. Allyn, father; Marion Bruce Allyn, mother; and Geraldine Allyn Whalen, sister.

No formal services will be held. The family is asking in lieu of flowers; please contribute donations in the name Arthur P. Allyn to the Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 County Road 634/Hammock Road, Sebring FL 33870, phone 402-1066.

The Allyn family wants to especially thank the Good Shepherd Hospice Facility for all their special care and compassion.

RITA OVERBEY

Rita T. Overbey, 86, resident of Lake Placid, Fla. over 35 years, passed peacefully in Tamarac, Fla. on June 25, 2012 after a

long courageous battle with cancer. She is predeceased by her husband, L.E. (Gene) Overbey, married on July 21, 1944; a son, William R. Oberbey and three sisters. Rita was born Jan. 19, 1926 in Leavenworth, Kansas to the parents of Adolph and Anna Matilda (Marie) Flora Heitlinger.

Loving survivors include three sisters, Regina Burton and Anita Samson of Kansas, Dorothy Stubbs of Arizona; a brother, Gordon Heitlinger of Arizona; a daughter, Deanna Overbey Penland Grimm of Tamarac, Fla.; a son Lawrence (Ed)

Overbey of Boca Raton, Fla.; a stepson, Owen Kerbs of Montana; seven grandchildren, Glenn Penland, Michael Penland, Tracy Penland Bristol, Angela Overbey, Bradley Overbey, Sabrina Kerbs Hickman and Shane Kerbs; six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial and celebration of her life will be held by the family on Sunday, July 29, 2012 at her Lake Huntley home where family wish to greet any family and friends between the hours of 1-3 p.m.

Memorial contributions to be given to the American Cancer Associety in her name. 1-800-227-2345.



Overbey

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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scheduled in Sebring from 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 16-18, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 23-25 at the Highlands County Health Department (7205 S. George Blvd., conference room A).

Enrollment is limited and registration is required.

To register and for more information, contact the HCHD Wellness and Diabetes Education Program at 382-7294.

Live Clue planned for 'Own the Night'

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Memorial Library presents the 2012 Florida Library Teen Reading Sam "Own the Night" at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Live Clue is on the schedule.

Also, flee the heat for a movie at 3 p.m. Fridays.

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

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at noon today.

Music by Tom McGannon is set from 5-8 p.m. Friday and karaoke by J&J from 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

Subject to change without notice. For details, call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Naomi on Sunday.

Riders meet at 6 p.m. Monday.

Karaoke by Double D on Wednesday. Music by Patsy on Friday.

Legion Riders 69 First Welcome Ride on Saturday.

Call for times. For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will have NASCAR on the screen today and music with Bama Jam. Call for time. Moose Legion meets at 7 p.m.

Monday. Music with Fireman on Wednesday, by Franke on Thursday, with Big Freddie on Friday and with Tom McGannon on Saturday. All music times set from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will hold its BPOE Indoctrination meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday. For more information, call the lodge at 465-2661.

Todd Allen will provide music at the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 on Saturday. Call 699-5444 for time.

SEBRING

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will host karaoke with BilDi from 5-8

p.m. today. The VFW Post meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Frank "E" plans music from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Big Freddie from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Gary Oliver from 6-9 p.m. Friday, and Lora Patton from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Events are subject to change without notice. For more information, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 will have orientation at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The lodge bar will be closed. Wacky Wednesday is from 5-6:30 p.m. Food for \$6.50; dance only for \$3 to Steve Baker from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Christmas in July is from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday for \$11. Dance only for \$3 to Buddy Canova from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Only one lodge meeting during July and August. For details, call 471-3557.

The AMVETS Post 21, 623 U.S. 27 S., will host karaoke with Peggy and Perry from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Pizza will be available.

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AP hears pension plan proposal from Florida League of Cities

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The fund encompasses 199 plans, of which 133 are Defined Contribution Plans, 48 Defined Benefit plans and 15 Other Post Employment Benefit Plans.

Shamoun said there were more than 5,500 participants in total and \$360 million in assets.

The plan is overseen by a board of trustees and an investment advisory committee.

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todial banking, record keeping and actuarial services are bundled into a full-service administration.

According to Shamoun, the municipal pension fund "has a high quality bias and makes conservative investments to seek long-term growth of capital, consistent returns and avoiding extreme volatility in the market valuation.

"Big spikes in the market, mean big spikes in the budget," he said. Typically, the pension plan assumes a 7.5 percent return on investments.

One of the biggest advantages to the League's pension plan is the economy of scale, Shamoun said. Another is lowered administrative costs.

He said Avon Park police officers could expect \$27,000 to \$28,000 in administration savings and firefighters would see approximately \$25,000.

By state statute, it is up to the to board of trustees of the Avon Park police and fire pension fund to decide on the pension fund's future.

The city council, on the other hand, has the right to decide whether or not to contract law enforcement services to another organization.

According to the Florida constitution, however, electors have the ultimate say when transferring power from the local to the county — i.e. from police department to sheriff's office.

Pigman visits Oaks at Avon

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of Charm Friday morning to talk about issues with potential constitutions.

"I am hear to listen," he said when asked why the visit.

"Folks at the Oaks have health care as well as other concerns. I want to learn and discuss what their issues are," Pigman said.

"We are discussing health care, Medicare and Medicaid. We all have to pay for Medicare and Medicaid," Pigman said. "That social contract is extremely important."

Pigman stated that he strongly believes the country must "solve the challenges facing health care in America without losing the quality of care or damaging the doctor-patient relationship."

Pigman does not want to turn health care over to government bureaucracy and

bury it in red tape, but states that he believes in helping small businesses offer affordable health care to their employees, and providing an insurance deduction for the self employed.

Pigman spent six years in the U.S. Navy as a battalion surgeon attached to the 2nd Marine Division.

When his tour was over, Pigman went on to become a faculty member at George Washington University.

According to his website, Pigman moved to Highlands County 17 years ago and currently resides in Lake Placid.

"The challenges Florida

faces require a mix of bold leadership and common-sense principles. I've proudly served my country and now I would like to serve our community in Tallahassee," Pigman stated on his website.

Pigman recently completed a tour of duty in Northern Iraq as a Lt. Colonel and physician and has worked in all facets of the medical field, including health insurance and utilization, his website says.

Pigman is competing for the House seat against Democrat Crystal Drake and fellow Republican Randy Johnson.

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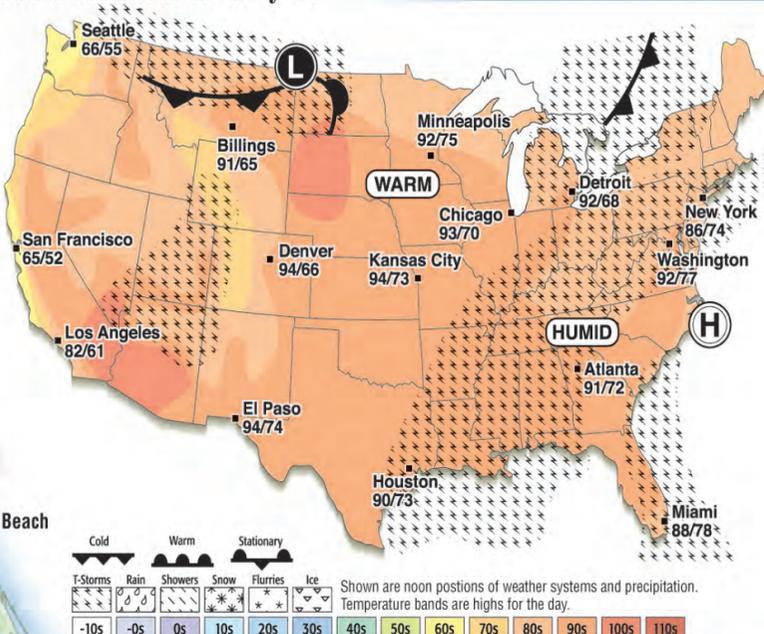
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A couple of afternoon thunderstorms	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Some sun with a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	An afternoon thunderstorm possible
90° / 74°	92° / 75°	93° / 75°	93° / 75°	93° / 74°
Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: S at 3-6 mph	Winds: S at 3-6 mph	Winds: S at 3-6 mph	Winds: S at 3-6 mph

National Forecast for July 15



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	94°
Low Tuesday	69°
High Wednesday	90°
Low Wednesday	65°
High Thursday	86°
Low Thursday	70°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	55%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	98°

Barometer

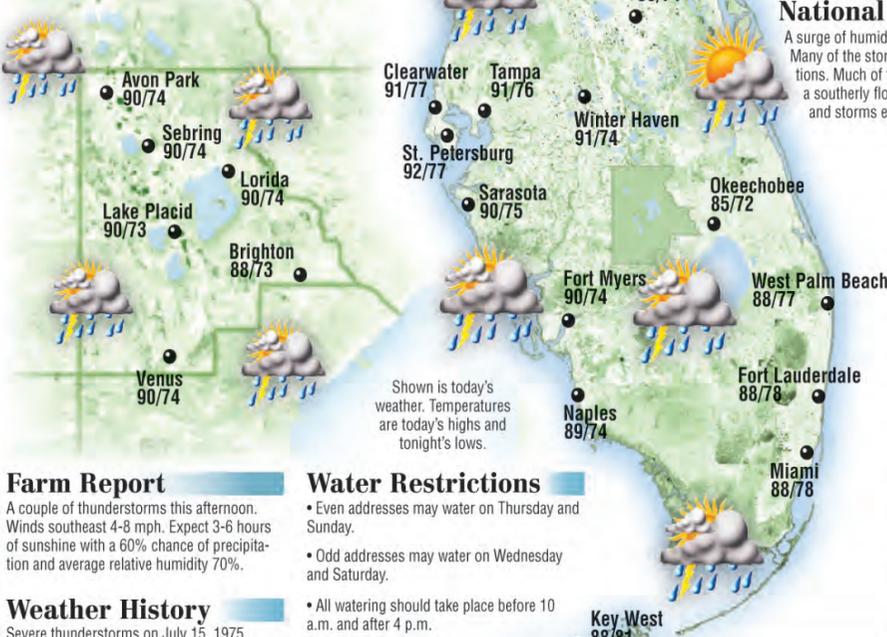
Tuesday	29.95
Wednesday	29.94
Thursday	29.93

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.64"
Month to date	1.21"
Year to date	20.87"

Regional Summary

Clouds and breaks of sun today with showers and a thunderstorm during the afternoon. A thunderstorm this evening. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow. Tuesday: a shower or thunderstorm possible.



Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms this afternoon. Winds southeast 4-8 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

Severe thunderstorms on July 15, 1975, produced damaging downburst winds from the Carolinas to Maryland and flooding rain in areas just to the north.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:44 a.m.	6:44 a.m.
Sunset	8:20 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
Moonrise	3:39 a.m.	4:28 a.m.
Moonset	5:35 p.m.	6:24 p.m.



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Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	91/75/t	92/74/t	93/76/pc
Clearwater	91/77/t	91/76/t	91/77/pc
Coral Springs	89/77/pc	90/77/t	91/80/pc
Daytona Beach	89/74/t	90/74/t	90/74/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	88/78/pc	90/79/t	91/79/pc
Fort Myers	90/74/t	92/74/t	94/76/pc
Gainesville	91/71/t	91/71/t	92/72/pc
Hollywood	89/77/pc	91/77/t	91/79/pc
Homestead AFB	88/76/t	90/76/t	89/78/pc
Jacksonville	88/72/pc	90/72/t	91/72/pc
Key West	88/81/t	89/81/t	91/82/pc

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

National Summary

A surge of humid air across the Eastern Seaboard will prolong the threat for showers and thunderstorms today. Many of the storms will contain drenching downpours, a welcome sight for those suffering through drought conditions. Much of the Plains and Upper Midwest will catch a break from the scattered storms, but will stay warm along a southerly flow. Meanwhile, the interior Southwest and Four Corners region will stay humid with more showers and storms expected. The Pacific Northwest will cool off and stay mainly dry.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	91/68/pc	91/68/t	92/69/pc
Atlanta	91/72/t	93/72/t	94/74/pc
Baltimore	92/72/t	95/72/t	91/74/pc
Birmingham	93/73/t	92/74/t	91/73/t
Boston	88/72/t	90/71/t	90/76/pc
Charlotte	92/70/t	92/71/t	93/72/pc
Cheyenne	90/62/t	88/63/t	82/59/pc
Chicago	93/70/pc	91/75/s	91/75/pc
Cleveland	88/70/t	88/66/t	93/74/pc
Columbus	88/71/t	90/71/t	93/73/pc
Dallas	94/76/s	93/78/t	96/77/s
Denver	94/66/t	93/64/t	88/61/pc
Detroit	92/68/pc	92/73/pc	94/73/pc
Harrisburg	90/71/t	94/70/t	91/73/pc
Honolulu	87/74/pc	86/74/s	86/73/s
Houston	90/73/t	92/75/t	93/76/pc
Indianapolis	92/70/t	91/74/pc	96/73/pc
Jackson, MS	92/72/t	94/73/t	95/73/t
Kansas City	94/73/s	91/75/s	102/77/pc
Lexington	87/68/t	90/70/t	93/70/pc
Little Rock	92/74/t	92/75/t	94/75/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	91/75/t	92/76/t	91/78/t
Athens	103/83/s	105/79/s	92/76/s
Beirut	92/75/s	91/76/s	92/77/s
Berlin	64/54/sh	68/54/sh	66/57/sh
Bermuda	85/76/s	83/77/pc	84/77/t
Calgary	73/51/t	72/51/t	76/55/pc
Dublin	63/54/sh	69/58/sh	72/60/sh
Edmonton	78/51/r	67/51/c	74/55/pc
Freeport	87/81/pc	87/81/t	88/81/t
Geneva	67/49/sh	71/49/s	75/51/s
Havana	89/71/t	91/73/t	90/73/t
Hong Kong	91/84/t	91/84/t	90/82/t
Jerusalem	92/71/s	90/70/s	92/73/s
Johannesburg	52/31/s	54/33/s	60/36/s
Kiev	83/60/sh	72/57/sh	73/54/pc

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:31 a.m.
Low	4:40 a.m.
High	11:32 a.m.
Low	7:42 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	6:19 a.m.
Low	12:14 a.m.
High	7:09 p.m.
Low	12:32 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	11.97'
Normal	14.51'

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A Summer survival guide



Summer's here!
Time to fire up the grill, soak up some rays, head to the pool and, well, relax.

But don't let your guard down too much. The summer months can bring a few dangers, too.

Here's guide to playing it safe this summer.

By Sharon Thompson and Le Datta Grimes
Illustrations by Chris Ware

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SUN SAFETY

- To avoid sunburn, babies younger than 6 months old should be kept out of the direct sunlight.
- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside, and use sunscreen even on cloudy days. Reapply every two hours and make sure you get the ears and at the hairline
- Use a water-resistant sunscreen labeled "broad-spectrum protection" (protects against UVB and UVA rays) with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Limit your family's time in the sun during the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — that's when the sun's rays are strongest.

FIRST AID

- Make a first-aid kit to take on picnics, to the beach, wherever. Some things to include: a box of bandages, sterile gauze, elastic bandage, small scissors, tweezers, adhesive tape, needles, matches, hydrocortisone cream, ipecac syrup, antibiotic ointment, instant cold pack, alcohol swabs, prescription medicines and emergency phone numbers (for your doctor, hospital and poison control).

BUG OFF!

- To remove a visible bug stinger from skin, gently scrape it horizontally with a credit card or your fingernail. You also can remove a stinger by pinching it out with a pair of tweezers or your fingers.
- To help keep bugs away, don't use scented soap, perfume or hairspray on your child.
- If the mosquitoes are biting, spray clothes and exposed skin with mosquito repellent containing DEET. Don't apply repellents containing permethrin directly to skin.

PLAY TIME

- Carefully maintain all play equipment, including playground swings and slides.
- Swings should be made of soft materials such as rubber, plastic or canvas.
- Make sure children cannot reach any moving parts on equipment that might pinch or trap a body part.
- Make sure metal slides are cool to prevent children's legs from getting burned.

OUTTA HERE?

- Whether trekking across country or running to the grocery store, be sure to buckle up car seats and seat belts.
- Keep children entertained with car games, activity books and story tapes.
- Keep supplies in the car, such as snacks, water, a first-aid kit and any medicines your family takes.
- Always use a car seat, starting with your baby's first ride home from the hospital. Help your child form a lifelong habit of buckling up.
- Put your child in the back seat. It is the safest place in the car

because it is farthest away from a head-on crash (the most common type).

IN THE SWIM

- Never leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.
- Make sure adults watching young children in the pool know CPR and can rescue a child if necessary.
- If you have a pool at home, surround it with a sturdy, 5-foot fence.
- Keep rescue equipment (a shepherd's hook and a life preserver) and a telephone near the pool.
- Avoid inflatable swimming aids, such as "floaties." They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children a false sense of security.
- Children are not developmentally ready for swim lessons until after they are 4. Swim programs for children younger than 4 should not be seen as a way to decrease the risk of drowning.

YUMMY IN THE TUMMY

- Give the grill a thorough cleaning with grill or oven cleaner. If you have a gas grill, check all the connections and replace any hose as needed. Clean the grill's rack by setting it in place as soon as the ignited coals have been spread out. Let the heat burn off any food residue on the grills. Clean the grill every few weeks to avoid buildup of carbon and residual food and grease.
- If you're in a hurry, speed up grilling time by partially pre-cooking chicken, ribs, potatoes, carrots and other slow-cooking food in the oven or microwave.
- Light coals about 30 minutes before cooking. To determine if the coals are ready, hold your palm 5 inches over the fire. If you can hold it there for only two to three seconds, the fire is hot; if you can stand four to five seconds, the fire is medium; tolerating a full six seconds means the fire is low.
- Never use kerosene or gasoline to start a charcoal fire in the grill. Avoid using chemical starters or chemically treated briquettes as well, as they will affect the taste of your food.
- If you're picnicking, keep perishable foods — ham, potato or macaroni salad, hamburgers, hot dogs, lunch meat, deviled eggs, custard or cream pies — in a cooler with ice. Put leftovers back in the cooler as soon as you finish eating.
- Toddlers can choke trying to swallow many picnic foods whole, such as hot dogs, hard-boiled eggs or marshmallows. Cut hot dogs lengthwise in narrow strips before serving; slice up other foods into small bite-size pieces and keep children seated while eating.
- If you're traveling, store the cooler in the passenger area of the car during the trip. It's cooler there than in the trunk.

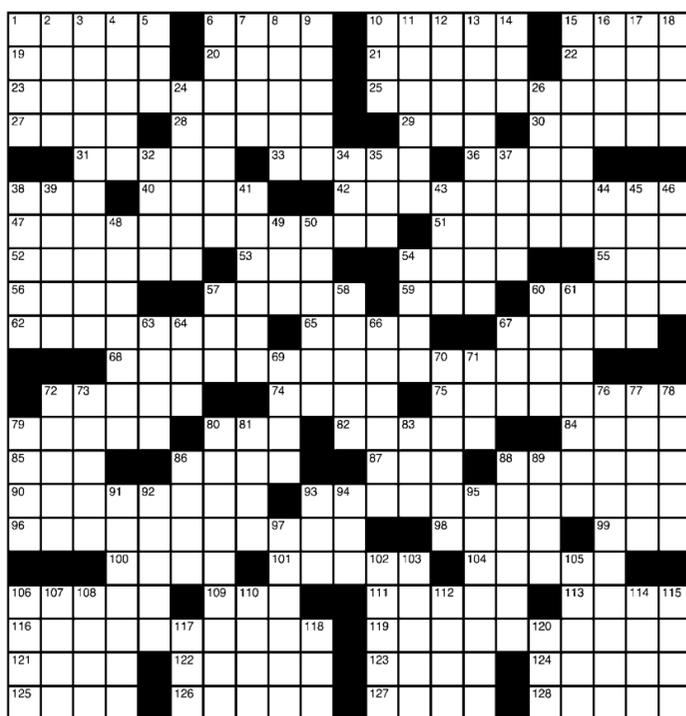
Researcher Linda Niemi contributed to this article.

DIVERSIONS

SAY WHAT?

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old West gunslinger Jack
 - 6 Converse
 - 10 Sound off
 - 15 Wall St. hedgers
 - 19 "Enough of that!"
 - 20 Like gossamer
 - 21 Nobelist Curie
 - 22 Joint malady
 - 23 Area for religious zeal
 - 25 Actress turned princess
 - 27 Contemptible
 - 28 ___ voice: softly
 - 29 "Told you!"
 - 30 "Who'd've thought?!"
 - 31 Political handout
 - 33 Suffix with Zola
 - 36 Rapper ___ Dogg
 - 38 Shade of gray
 - 40 Dragon slayer's destination
 - 42 Jackie Coogan's "Addams Family" role
 - 47 A Bible, to many
 - 51 Rummage event
 - 52 Big dos
 - 53 Personal account, briefly
 - 54 Roughly
 - 55 Big weight
 - 56 Et ___
 - 57 Quaint graphic, for short
 - 59 Ferdinand II, por ejemplo
 - 60 Dropped off
 - 62 Chef's measure
 - 65 "The Raven" opener
 - 67 Hobbits' home, with "The"
 - 68 1961 Marvelettes #1 hit
 - 72 "... all snug in ___ beds"
 - 74 Organ parts
 - 75 Volcanic depressions
 - 79 Longest river in France
 - 80 Club date
 - 82 Eventually become
 - 84 Human plant?
 - 85 Bruins legend
 - 86 Superior at work
 - 87 Pussycat's partner
 - 88 Deceive
- DOWN**
- 1 Sign of healing
 - 2 Very high priest?
 - 3 It can knock you out
 - 4 Eatery with its own lingo
 - 5 "Yadda yadda yadda": Abbr.
 - 6 Major artery
 - 7 Insinuate
 - 8 Rugged ridge
 - 9 They're hardly old hands
 - 10 Texter's "Heavens to Betsy!"
 - 11 Interstellar unit
 - 12 "Dies ___": hymn
 - 13 Clairol hair-coloring brand
 - 14 Width designation
 - 15 Forever young, seemingly
 - 16 Kaiser ___
 - 17 Filament container
 - 90 Queen who bankrolled Columbus
 - 93 O'Neill play
 - 96 "I'm full!"
 - 98 Round-of-four game
 - 99 Sugar suffix
 - 100 Starts to doze
 - 101 Derby setting
 - 104 Like volcanoes
 - 106 King of Judea
 - 109 Realm from 800-1806: Abbr.
 - 111 2001-'08 White House Deputy Chief of Staff whose middle name is Whitehouse
 - 113 Whipped cream amount
 - 116 Start of an opinion
 - 119 Everly Brothers classic
 - 121 "Farewell, Luigi!"
 - 122 Sea eagles
 - 123 English horn relative
 - 124 Crockett contemporary
 - 125 Mfg. guidelines
 - 126 India's first one took place in 1974
 - 127 Cheer
 - 128 They generate interest

By GARETH BAIN



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- 18 Eyelid problem
- 24 Annual black-tie affair, with "the"
- 26 Cashed, as a forged check
- 32 Skin irritation soother
- 34 Status ___
- 35 Sturm ___ Drang
- 37 High style
- 38 Swinging time?
- 39 Rock often containing quartz
- 41 Kilmer's nestful
- 43 Ancient strings
- 44 Certain tuber, slangily
- 45 Skip church, in a way?
- 46 Musical with the song "Seasons of Love"
- 48 A secret may be told in one
- 49 Be the right size
- 50 Call it a night
- 54 Nabisco trademark
- 57 Mauna ___
- 58 Ham ___
- 60 River herring
- 61 Guy with wires
- 63 Ballet bend
- 64 Anthem contraction
- 66 "Strangers and Brothers" novelist
- 67 Tee buyer's options, briefly
- 69 ER readouts
- 70 Racing craft with an anatomical-sounding name
- 71 Exploit
- 72 Common statue
- 73 Distiller Walker
- 76 Bull rider's protector
- 77 Posted ___: didn't break even
- 78 Have a feeling
- 79 Filet mignon cut
- 80 Pro shop purchase
- 81 World Golf Hall of Famer Aoki
- 83 "One for the road" offense, briefly
- 86 Wasn't colorfast
- 88 Snicket of children's books
- 89 St. Patrick's land
- 91 Rare great apes
- 92 Lose ground?
- 93 Roadie's load
- 94 Cock and bull
- 95 93-Down measurement unit
- 97 '50s Superman player George
- 102 "This will be awesome!"
- 103 Equivocator's word
- 105 Block house
- 106 Sounds from a wino
- 107 Work on one's work
- 108 "The ___ Not Taken": Frost
- 110 Artist Magritte
- 112 Rock sci.
- 114 Banished Roman poet
- 115 Waggle-dancing insects
- 117 Deighton of thrillers
- 118 Superlative finish
- 120 Go back

Her children call her blessed

This is a special day. It's my Mom's birthday and a milestone worthy of extra notice.



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Today my Mom is 90. Any who know her wouldn't even consider that she is near that age. She is spirited and active, appropriately fashionable and looks much younger than her years.

Even in the various trials of life...most recently Glaucoma surgery that had many challenges in recovery...she persevered. Oh, she had her moments, as we all do. But, she exhibited faith, hope and endurance in handling the delicate balance of caring for herself and my Dad. And, because she is very active, her most supreme test came in obeying doctor's orders of doing next to nothing while she healed.

Mom gave birth to me when she was 25 years old. That, too, was a time when this young and vibrant mother-to-be was called upon to rely on God's strength and not her own.

In her mid-sixties, an age I am now experiencing, my Grandmother graduated to her heavenly home before my Mom had given birth to me. That trauma caused her doctor to order bed rest for the remaining months of her pregnancy so not to risk losing me.

What a bitter-sweet time. Unexpected grief in death mingled with joyful

expectancy of new life. Her diligence and love demonstrated in that time of grieving and hope are character traits I admire and aspire to; and, for which I'm so grateful.

Mom has taught me so much; yet, she would be the first to let you know she is not perfect. None of us are. I used to think if I could be half the mother to my children that she was to me, I'd be doing great. And, yet, she always encouraged me to strive for more and go beyond...to be all I could be in the Lord.

Mom lived through the Great Depression and World War II with all of her brothers serving at once. She remembers how difficult it was to find a wedding dress right after the war.

But, she did. And, what a beautiful bride she was. But, it is her inner beauty which has and continues to shine through in her sacrificial love for her husband and children.

Happy birthday, Mom. "Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her," says Proverbs 31:28, NKJV.

I thank God that you are a woman who fears the Lord and has honored him in your life with faith, hope and love. Selah

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Scorpio should take a chance this week

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Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 20) — A vacation could be in the works in the next few weeks, Aries. Because tasks can seem to sneak up on you, get the planning started early and work up an itinerary.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Take some time to look through your checkbook or online bills history, Taurus. You may have a few unexpected expenses on the horizon and you'll need some extra cash.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Loss is not something easily overcome, Gemini. If you've lost someone you love due to relocation or illness, surround yourself with a good support team until you rebound a bit.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Never say never, Cancer, because you may look foolish when you eventually do the things you said you never would. Instead, be open to all possibilities and opportunities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Great ideas often arrive with little effort, Leo. It's turning those ideas into a working project that can often take a lot of energy. However, you're up for the challenge.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — For the most part you're insistent on doing things yourself and taking the difficult route, Virgo. Try to let go a little this week and let someone else handle things for a change.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, you may have your heart set on making a change, but you have not quite narrowed down what that change will be. Sit down and work on some ideas this week.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — The only way you will know if your ideas have merit is to stick your neck out and take a chance once in a while, Scorpio. You just may be surprised at the feedback.

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21) — There's not much else you can do with regard to a tenuous relationship, Sagittarius. So it's best if you just cut your losses and move on. You'll make new friends easily.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Although you want to be everything to everyone, there's only so much of you to go around, Capricorn. Don't spread yourself too thinly because it can take quite a while to recuperate after.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, you are ready to dabble in something that you and you alone enjoy. Figure out what you need to get started and begin building around your specific interest or hobby.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — With so many friends seeking your attention, Pisces, you just may be the star of a particular social event that may come up this week.

Famous birthdays

July 15 — Jesse Ventura, former wrestler, 61; July 16 — Corey Feldman, actor, 41; July 17 — David Hasselhoff, actor, 60; July 18 — Joe Torre, baseball executive, 72; July 19 — Brian May, musician, 65; July 20 — Gisele Bundchen, model, 32; July 21 — Robin Williams, actor, 60.

Couple who want kids wonder if they can live without them

Dear Abby: Shortly after my wife and I were married, my wife got pregnant. Due to complications with the pregnancy, the baby had to be delivered early through a C-section. Our baby didn't make it. That was four years ago.

After unsuccessfully trying to conceive for almost a year now, my wife decided she wanted to find out why. We learned that there is a problem that was most likely caused by the C-section. Although we are still trying to see what can be done, there is a good chance that things won't be as easy as we expected regarding a pregnancy.

I'm personally in no hurry, but my wife is suffering a great deal as a result of this. I'm trying to ease things for her, telling her that this is not her fault and that we're in this together, and trying to reassure her that she is more important to me than kids.

However, she keeps saying that I'm just saying it, and with time I will change my mind and start to think about having kids. She says this is a basic instinct and it will eventually show up. My question is: Is life without kids unbearable to an extent



Dear Abby

that we might reach a point we won't be able to continue together?

— *Confused Husband in Jordan*

Dear Confused Husband:

There are many happily childless couples. But before you and your wife reconcile to being one of them, consult an ob/gyn who specializes in infertility. Thanks to advances in medical science, there is more than one way to become parents. If your wife isn't able to carry a pregnancy to term because of her surgery, you may be able to hire a surrogate to do it. The baby would result from your sperm and your wife's egg and be your biological child.

It's possible that your wife is depressed and could benefit from talking with a mental health professional. I hope you both will start doing some research to find out what options are avail-

able to you — including adoption — if you wish to become parents.

Dear Abby: I am a happily married English lady who came to the United States in 1985. I have a good career working for the same company for more than 20 years. My husband and I have no children. We enjoy travel and twice a year visit my aging parents in England.

My problem is that my guilt for not being there for my parents is growing stronger by the day. I'm an only child and feel that although they are both in relatively good health, they really need me. To move there would be financially impossible for us. Every year for the past 10 years we have spent a total of four weeks with them in England. I call them every three days on the phone, and yet the guilt continues to build.

Is what I'm doing acceptable, or am I a bad daughter for choosing to live my life so far away from my? They know that if anything happened and they needed me, I'd be on the next plane to be with them.

— *Conflicted in Florida*

Dear Conflicted: You are not a "bad daughter." You are

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Girl crusaders get cold shoulder from Teen Vogue

NEW YORK (AP) — Two girl crusaders who staged a mock red carpet show against Teen Vogue said their meeting with the magazine's top editor was brief and chilly.

The two met with Editor in Chief Amy Astley for less than five minutes Wednesday, when they delivered a petition bearing more than 28,000 signatures.

Astley did not talk to Emma Stydahr, 17,

or Carina Cruz, 16, about their request for Teen Vogue to declare in its pages that it doesn't digitally manipulate images. Instead, the girls were given copies of Teen Vogue and told to use them to learn more about the magazine.

"It was kind of shocking how rude they were to us," Carina said in a statement released by their all-girl activist group.

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Burton recalls his Batman as lighter Dark Knight

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Back in the day, Tim Burton remembers critics finding his take on Batman rather gloomy.

Burton's Dark Knight looked as though he was having fun in the sun compared to where the current Batman series has taken the comic-book vigilante on the big-screen.

"I recall at the time, people worried about our version being too dark," Burton said of his 1989 "Batman" and the 1992 sequel "Batman Returns." "It's like, well, it looks like a lighthearted romp in comparison. 'Batman on Ice.'"

Opening next week, "The Dark Knight Rises" wraps up director Christopher Nolan's trilogy that launched with 2005's "Batman Begins" and continued with 2008's "The Dark Knight."

Nolan elevated the superhero genre to grand proportions, with Christian Bale's Batman becoming a haunted wreck and a hunted fugitive unjustly condemned by the city which he gave his all to protect.

Burton's Batman, played by Michael Keaton, was a dark soul, too, but the films had a levity and a campier quality that has diminished as today's stream of superhero flicks take their idols and action more seriously.

"The great thing about what comics have done is that you can take something and look at it in different ways," Burton said in an interview at the Comic-Con fan convention, where he showed off footage of his animated comedy "Frankenweenie," due Oct. 7.

"It's like a folk tale or fairy tale. You can kind of revisit things and show things in a different way."

Burton, whose biggest commercial success began a decade after his Batman movies with such blockbusters as "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Alice in Wonderland," is revisiting one of his own early stories with "Frankenweenie."

The tale of a boy who resurrects his dead dog, Frankenstein-style, started at a live-action short film Burton directed in 1984. He has expanded on the story to create a feature-length black-and-white update using stop-motion animation, in which puppets are moved and photographed meticulously one frame at a time.

"I felt quite grateful that I got to do the original in live action, because I was, A., a bad animator, and B., not very communicative, so it really forced me to talk," said Burton, whose "Frankenweenie" voice cast includes past collaborators such as Winona Ryder, Martin Landau, Catherine O'Hara and Martin Short. "If I'd done stop-motion at the time, which I don't think would have happened, I probably wouldn't have been able to move into live-action like I did."

"So all these years later, to come back and to do it in I think its more pure form, stop-motion, exploring other kids, other monsters, weird teachers, things related to the story that were kind of rattling around, made it feel like it was a new thing."

I didn't feel like I was



Steven Tyler is leaving American Idol to return to his 'first love,' Aerosmith.

'Idol' at crossroads after judges' exit

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES — "American Idol" is on the brink of an adolescent identity crisis.

Judge Steven Tyler is leaving and taking his naughty rock star vibe with him, fellow judge Jennifer Lopez is also leaving, and ratings for the Fox show have declined as TV's talent show field gets more competitive.

When "American Idol" returns for its 12th season next January, it will have to be a reengineered version of the once-powerhouse series that turned hopefuls such as Jennifer Hudson into stars and gave network rivals fits.

One big step would be a clean sweep of the judging panel. Aerosmith frontman Tyler got the ball rolling with his announcement Thursday that he was putting rock 'n' roll ahead of the show that he said had been "over-the-top fun."

"I strayed from my first

love, Aerosmith, and I'm back — but instead of begging on my hands and knees, I got two fists in the air and I'm kicking the door open with my band," Tyler said in a statement. Aerosmith is on a nationwide tour with Tyler and has an album due out in the fall.

On Friday, Lopez announced that she was also leaving the show.

That means the show's judging panel is down to one, Randy Jackson, and there are reports that he may take a different role on the program moving forward.

Fox's "American Idol" has been TV's most popular program for nearly a decade. But it slumped severely in the ratings last season, and producers are looking for a way to shake things up.

Jackson and his "dawg!" exclamations have been a stalwart part of "Idol." But the show's multi-year contracts, such as the one Jackson signed, typically include an escape clause that

the network can choose to exercise or not.

A call to Jackson's representative was not returned Wednesday. Fox declined to make an executive available to discuss the show and its judges, but one expressed measured regret over Tyler's decision in a statement.

"We are very sad that Steven has chosen to focus more on his music, but we always knew when we hired a rock 'n' roll legend, he would go back to his music," said Mike Darnell, the network's president of alternative entertainment.

Speculation about potential new panelists has focused on Mariah Carey, with former "Idol" runner-up Adam Lambert getting a shout-out from his fans. Much is at stake for the show and for its judges:

Ryan Seacrest, the other original cast member, will provide a stable center. He signed a two-year contract with "American Idol" producers this spring.

'Fifty Shades' author James delights fans at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Lola De La Cruz cried when she met author E L James. The 29-year-old fan had waited since 4 a.m. to accomplish the No. 1 thing on her Comic-Con to-do list — meet the writer of "Fifty Shades of Grey" — and 12 hours later, she got her chance.

"The relationship that's in the book is something that I've always wanted and haven't gotten in previous relationships, so it kind of gave me that hope that there's something still out there," she said as she wiped away tears after meeting James Thursday.

James can relate. The 49-year-old mother of two was a fan herself, moved to start writing after reading Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight" series.

"I don't think I've ever been swept up in something like I was swept up with that," James said Thursday

before her Comic-Con appearance in San Diego. "I read them and reread them, and then I sat down and wrote a novel."

That book hasn't been published — yet — but she followed by posting new pieces online. Those stories found an instant audience and eventually became "Fifty Shades of Grey."

Now, she's the bestselling author of her own literary phenomenon — a romantic trilogy that commanded a seven-figure publishing price, has been translated into 42 languages, is dissected by book clubs and talk-show hosts and set to be made into a movie.

"It's just crazy," James said. This whole thing has just been mindboggling, how it's happened and how it's exploded, and so quickly."

The "Fifty Shades" books, which follow the relationship between college student Anastasia Steele and billion-

aire-bachelor-with-a-taste-for-bondage Christian Grey, were published in April by a division of Random House, Inc. and have already sold more than 16 million copies.

'Chariots of Fire' lets Brits relive Olympic ideal

Associated Press
LONDON — The London Olympics are drawing near and British headlines are full of complaints about the weather, commercialization, chaos on the roads and the subway. Is it any wonder that the story of two athletes competing at a simpler games is capturing the public imagination?

This summer brings the blazing return of "Chariots of Fire," the reality-based story of two British sprinters going for gold in the 1924 Paris Games.

Harold Abrahams was an English Jew who overcame the ingrained anti-Semitism of the British establishment, while Eric Liddell was a committed Scottish Christian forced to choose between his faith and his ambition when his race was on a Sunday.

The story of their struggle against the obstacles, and each other, was first told in a 1981 film that struck a chord around the world, becoming a surprise box office hit and winning four Academy

Awards, including best picture.

It is being re-released in British movie theaters for a new generation. A stage adaptation has also opened in London's West End to rave reviews.

Ben Cross, who played Abrahams, thinks the movie's appeal lies in its depiction of "the pureness, the purity, the innocence" of the Olympic competition.

"We have security worries today, and it's turned into somewhat of a business enterprise," he said. "(But) at its core there is this sort of purity of endeavor. The film shows there can be a kind of dignity in losing."

Not too much losing, though. Without spoiling the ending, it's fair to say the movie, and Mike Bartlett's stage adaptation, are stirring sagas.

"It's a simple story about simple ideals, simple morals. Stand up for who you are. Stand up for your rights," the film's director, Hugh Hudson, said at a very British gala premiere.

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Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

Romans 8: 18-19, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." That is a powerful scripture. There is a time coming when God will so possess His children that we will manifest His glory to the whole world. We all await the day that we become like Christ. It is waiting for the day we become God's holy love revealed to a world that desperately needs that love. Suffering is part of the human experience. In life there will always be times of pain, sickness and misery. In a fallen world, they're unavoidable. But that suffering, as the scripture reads, is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. We have to share in Christ's sufferings in order to share in His glory. As the song writer wrote the words, no cross, no crown. You can know with an assurance, the glory has always far eclipsed the suffering. Go back and read Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Seasons have a beginning and an end. No season lasts forever. You may be experiencing some pain today, but remember, the suffering we endure is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. Be Blessed!

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Sweet, savory, crunchy or salty — whatever your snack cravings are, it's possible to satisfy them with something that's actually good for you. Popcorn is a versatile treat that you can feel good about eating.

These recipes let you enjoy popcorn several tasty ways: stove-popped with a satisfying, cheesy flavor; air-popped with a sweet and sour lemon glaze; baked into a power-packed sweet cookie; and mixed into a cranberry-almond muffin. Four delicious ways to pop up a healthier snack.

For more recipes the whole family will enjoy, visit www.popcorn.org.

Cheesy Popcorn

Yield: 10 cups

- 2 tablespoons garlic flavored oil or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup popcorn kernels
- 1 tablespoon melted butter, optional
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast (found at health food stores, it adds a cheese-like flavor without the calories or fat)
- 1 teaspoon curry powder, optional

In large, heavy-bottomed pot (with a lid), place oil and about 3 popcorn kernels.

Heat over medium-high heat until a kernel pops. Add remaining popcorn; cover.

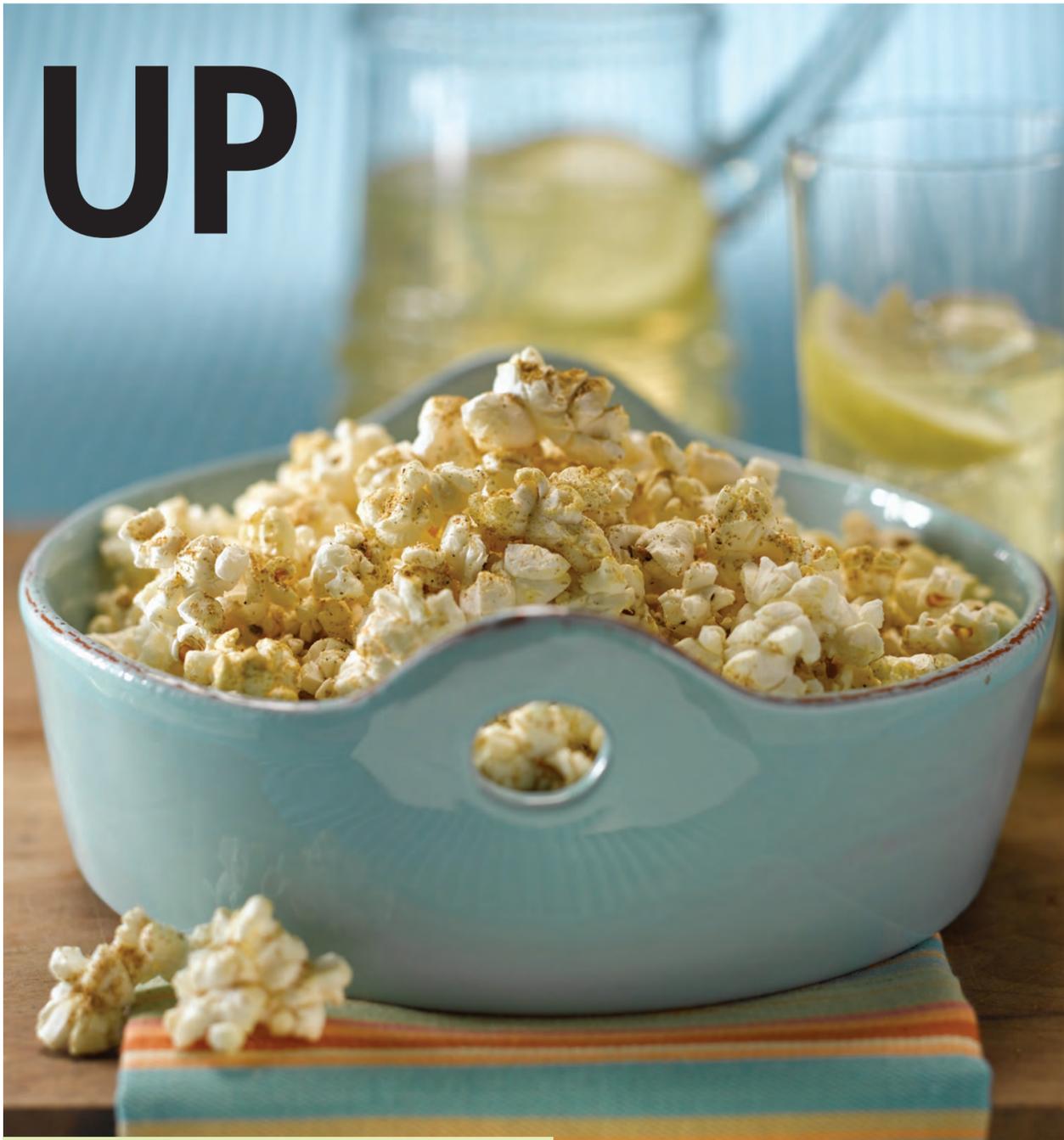
Once corn begins to pop, shake pot constantly over heat.

When popping slows, remove pot from heat and transfer popcorn to a serving bowl.

Pour butter over popcorn, if desired, and toss.

Sprinkle yeast and curry powder, if desired, over popcorn and toss to distribute evenly.

Serve immediately or store in an air-tight container.



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- Popcorn contains fiber, which your body needs every day.
- Popcorn is naturally low in fat and calories.
- Popcorn is ideal for between-meal snacking since it satisfies and doesn't spoil your appetite.
- 3 cups of popped popcorn equal one serving from the grain group.

Cheesy Popcorn

Power Packed Popcorn Cookies

Yield: 4 dozen cookies

- 1/4 cup whole wheat or all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter, softened
- 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup toasted wheat germ
- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 3 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup raisins, dried cranberries or other dried fruit, chopped
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds or chopped nuts, optional

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Lightly spray baking sheets with cooking spray and set aside. In small bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, soda and salt; set aside.

Cream butter and sugar together and add egg and vanilla; mix well.

Stir in flour mixture, wheat germ and oatmeal until well blended. Add coconut, popcorn, raisins and sunflower seeds, if desired, and mix until well blended.

Drop by rounded teaspoons onto baking sheet, with 2 inches between cookies to allow for spreading.

Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until edges are lightly browned.

Allow to cool on pan 5 minutes before removing to racks to cool completely.

Glazed Lemon and Poppy Seed Popcorn

Yield: 4 quarts

- 4 quarts unbuttered and unsalted popcorn
- 1 egg white
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds

Preheat oven to 300°F. Line large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper (or foil sprayed with cooking spray). Spread popcorn onto prepared baking sheet. In small bowl, whisk together egg white, sugar, salt and lemon extract until foamy. Pour over popcorn and toss to coat evenly. Sprinkle with poppy seeds; mix. Bake 20 minutes, stirring once midway through baking time. Cool completely before storing in an airtight container.

Note: The use of egg white helps the flavors adhere to the popcorn, without adding fat through the more traditional use of oils.



Cranberry Almond Popcorn Muffins

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Yield: 12 muffins

- 5 cups popped popcorn
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dried sweetened cranberries
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/4 cup sugar mixed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Spray a 12-cup muffin pan with cooking spray or line with paper liners; set aside.

Blend popcorn in blender or food processor until finely ground. Pour ground popcorn into large mixing bowl.

Add flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and cranberries and stir until blended; set aside.

Beat milk, egg, oil and almond extract together and pour over dry ingredients; stir just until combined.

Spoon batter into muffin cups, filling each about half full.

Divide almonds among muffin tops and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until tops are lightly browned; serve warm with butter.



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Positive effects of tree thinning at Sun 'N Lake Preserve being seen



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

Recently the Sun 'N Lake Preserve went through some changes. A pine thinning project took place on the northern portion of the



Only two months ago the Sun 'N Lake Preserve underwent a pine thinning project. Pine saplings are sprouting up in the open spaces allowing them the necessary space, nutrients, sunlight and water to become healthy trees.

Courtesy photo

property. For years, many people have viewed cutting down any tree as a destructive or harmful act. In reality, if done properly and for the right reasons, cutting down a few trees can actually benefit the forest.

Portions of the Preserve had formed canopies of pine trees so thick that it created a dome over the forest floor allowing little or no sunlight to penetrate. In many areas, the pines had become impenetrable causing wildlife such as white-tailed deer difficulty navigating their way through the trees. And even if they could get around the thick stand of pines, there was no vegetation to feed on because no sunlight had reached the forest floor to allow plant growth.

The pines that were springing up in the dense forest were thin and spindly and basically unhealthy due to lack of nutrients, space and water.

Since the canopy has been opened up by the selective thinning project, the abundance of wildlife to the area has increased. The trees that remain will begin to grow wider and taller.

Sunlight, once again, can reach the forest floor stimulating herbaceous plant growth that many wildlife species prefer. Rainfall will reach the ground, giving the pine roots and ground cover much needed moisture. Because the density of trees is reduced, pine beetles are less of a threat. Selectively thinning these pines will allow them to extend their branches and roots.

By thinning the forest, the ground is open to new pine

growth. Now that the saplings have some room to grow, they should become beautiful, tall and healthy trees. They will have the necessary space, nutrients, sunshine and water to reach their full potential.

Wildfire is much less of a threat than it was before the thinning process. With the rainy season upon us, this is a very important issue. Lightning strikes were once nature's way of naturally thinning pine forests. Historically, a fiery bolt would strike a tree, catch fire and burn through the pine flatwoods for miles and miles until the flames reached a natural fire break. But, as populations have increased it is no longer practical to allow fires to burn unchecked for safety and economical reasons.

Adding to the safety issues from wildfires, a prescribed burn will take place this winter to eradicate downed fuels and further increase the health of the forest. Pine forests are fire dependent, which means that they actually need fire to survive and thrive.

Older pine trees have a

very thick bark that protects them from the flames and a deep taproot, which ensures their hardiness after the fire. Prescribed burning will continue the thinning process, killing the weaker trees and furthering herbaceous growth from the nutrient rich soil.

Fire also eradicates hardwoods that are trying to take over the pine forests. This is called succession. While hardwoods such as oaks, maples and hickories are beautiful, they have their place and that isn't the pine flatwoods.

If grown unchecked, these huge shade producing trees will eventually shade out and kill the pines that naturally grow in these areas. Why is this a problem?

Some of the plants that thrive in the pine flatwoods include wiregrass, gallberry, palmetto, fetterbush, American beautyberry, wax myrtle and blueberry.

Many animals depend on these and other vegetation to survive in this plant community.

Pine flatwoods are an essential habitat for many species of wildlife. These

creatures not only find forage here, but depend on the shrubs and grasses for nesting purposes. They also seek refuge for predators in the understory.

Pine flatwoods are the most abundant plant community in Florida. These pine forests have always been and continue to be valuable to Florida's landscape. Not only do they provide homes and forage to countless species of wildlife, but they also provide necessary products to humans.

Many threatened and endangered species are found in the pine flatwoods.

The days of allowing nature to "take its course" are over in many instances.

With mankind moving in to the natural areas, the landscapes have changed drastically.

It has become necessary for land managers to give mother earth a helping hand by doing what nature has been prevented from doing on its own.

Selective thinning and prescribed burning are two tools that are necessary to keep our natural areas pristine and beautiful.

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.

'Lego Batman 2' top video game for June

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. retail sales of video game hardware, software and accessories fell 29 percent in June, marking the seventh consecutive month of decline.

Sales totaled \$700 million. Sales of console and portable software — the video games themselves — fell 29 percent from a year earlier to \$329 million.

Sales of hardware fell 45 percent to \$201 million. That was offset partly by a 4 percent increase in sales of accessories, to \$170 million.

The study from NPD Group tracks sales of new physical products — about 50 percent to 60 percent of the total spending.

Excluded are sales of used games and rentals as well as digital and social-network spending.

NPD also listed the top-selling games in June:

1. "Lego Batman 2: DC Super Heroes."
2. "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon: Future Soldier."
3. "Diablo III."
4. "Max Payne 3."
5. "NBA 2K12."
6. "Batman Arkham City."
7. "Pokemon Conquest."
8. "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3."
9. "Battlefield 3."
10. "The Amazing Spider-Man."

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 7. "The Skinny Rules" by Bob Harper with Greg Critser (Ballantine)
 8. "The Great Destroyer" by David Limbaugh (Regnery)
 9. "It Worked for Me" by Colin Powell (Harper)
 10. "American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" by Chris Kyle, Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice (William Morrow)
 11. "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
 12. "The President Club:

BEST-SELLERS

Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity" by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy (Simon & Schuster)
 13. "I Hate Everyone...Starting with Me" by Joan Rivers (Berkley)
 14. "Let's Pretend This Never Happened" by Jenny Lawson (Amy Einhorn Books)
 15. "Barack Obama" by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Dell)
 2. "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central)
 3. "Split Second" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
 4. "Private Games" by James Patterson (Vision)
 5. "Savor the Moment" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
 6. "Family Affair" by Debbie Macomber (Avon)
 7. "Samurai Game" by Christine Feehan (Jove)
 8. "Midnight Promises" by Sherryl Woods (Harlequin Mira)
 9. "The Silent Girl" by Tess

Gerritsen (Ballantine Books)
 10. "Summer Nights" by Susan Mallery (Harlequin HQN)
 11. "Summer People" by Elin Hilderbrand (St. Martin's)
 12. "Gun Games" by Faye Kellerman (Harper)
 13. "Moonshell Beach: A Shelter Bay Novel" by JoAnn Ross (Signet)
 14. "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
 15. "Afraid to Die" Lisa Jackson (Zebra)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 2. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 3. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 4. "Bared to You" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
 5. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Bantam)
 6. "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern (Anchor)
 7. "Private Games" by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Vision)
 8. "To Heaven And Back" by Mary C. Neal

(WaterBrook Press)
 9. "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson (Broadway)
 10. "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles (Penguin)
 11. "Home Again" by Kristin Hannah (Ballantine Books)
 12. "Kill Alex Cross" by James Patterson (Grand Central Publishing)
 13. "The Last Boyfriend: Book Two of the InnsBoro Trilogy" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
 14. "A Stolen Life: a Memoir" by Jaycee Lee Dugard (Simon & Schuster)
 15. "Farenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury (Simon & Schuster)

USA Today

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 2. "Fifty Shades Darker" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 3. "Fifty Shades Freed" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 4. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown)
 5. "Mockingjay" by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press)
 6. "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press)

7. "Fifty Shades Trilogy Bundle" by E.L. James (Vintage)
 8. "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press)
 9. "Bared to You: A Crossfire Novel" by Sylvia Day (Berkley)
 10. "The Litigators" by John Grisham (Dell)
 11. "Samurai Game" by Christine Feehan (Jove)
 12. "Criminal" by Karin Slaughter (Dell)
 13. "The Next Best Thing: A Novel" by Jennifer Weiner (Atria Books)
 14. "Private Games" by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Vision)
 15. "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
 16. "Echoes at Dawn" by Maya Banks (Berkley)
 17. "Beautiful Disaster" by Jamie McGuire (Smashwords)
 18. "City of Bones" by Cassandra Clare (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
 19. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)
 20. "The Marriage Bargain" by Jennifer Probst (Indulgence)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping 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 Catechist 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. Johannat 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 Altwater 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. 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 Gardenia 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 Ar buckle 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@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.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 3-3:45 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil,

4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825 (Saxon Hall in Reflection Community). Bill Raymond, Minister. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. Our goal is: Love Christ - Love People. For more information call 453-7679 or 453-8929.

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray 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. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

BOOKS

Reviews: Three mysteries for summer reading

By JEFF AYERS

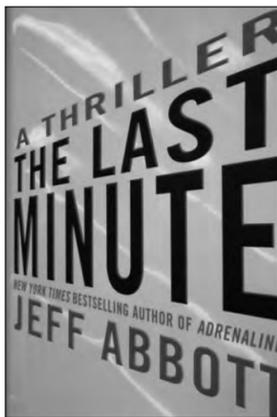
For The Associated Press

“The Last Minute” (Grand Central Publishing), by Jeff Abbott
What would you do to save your son?

Sam Capra experienced betrayal and loss in Jeff Abbott’s “Adrenaline.” In Abbott’s new thriller, “The Last Minute,” Capra’s wife is in a coma and he is desperate to find his infant son. An ex-CIA agent, Capra has the skills and resources for the search.

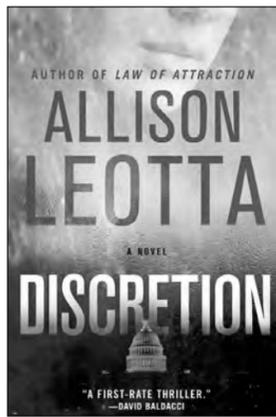
The kidnapers are part of a cartel called the Novem Soles (Nine Suns), and they have their hands in law enforcement and government agencies around the world. They even have allies in the CIA.

Capra is also confronted with a moral dilemma: The ransom demand isn’t for money, but for the execution of an innocent person.



Deliver proof of this man’s death and Capra can have his son back. He cannot count on his former allies for assistance, and his new boss is in hiding with a price on her head. It doesn’t matter why the Novem Soles want this man dead. All that matters to Capra is the opportunity to get his son back.

Abbott is one of the best thriller writers in the business, and he delivers action



and complex characters in an explosive cocktail. The next Capra novel cannot come fast enough.

“Discretion” (Touchstone), by Allison Leotta

Sex and politics collide in “Discretion,” an intriguing new thriller from Allison Leotta.

A high-priced escort arrives at the U.S. Capitol



for a rendezvous with one of her regular clients, a long-term Congressman.

A short time later, she falls to her death from the balcony.

Anna Curtis works for the U.S. Attorney’s office and Jack Bailey, the chief homicide prosecutor, is her boyfriend, though their colleagues are kept in the dark about their relationship. Their joint investigation

quickly hits a wall.

Congressional attorneys are afraid of legislative secrets leaking, and other clients of the escort service don’t want their activities revealed to their spouses.

Leotta, a federal former prosecutor, writes with authority and authenticity. Imagine one of the best episodes of the TV series “Law and Order: Special Victims Unit,” but set in Washington, D.C., instead of New York City.

Besides the realistic feel of the courtroom machinations, Leotta also takes readers on a journey inside the elite of Washington and the world of escort services. How can such an obvious prostitution enterprise operate immune from the law?

Curtis and Bailey find their relationship tested as people in power will use everything and everyone at their disposal to keep their private lives a secret.

“The Last Refuge: a Dewey Andreas Novel” (St. Martin’s Press), by Ben Coes

Ben Coes has created a hero who ranks with the protagonists in a Vince Flynn or Brad Thor thriller.

Dewey Andreas is a former SEAL who was forced out of active duty. When his life was in peril, a team of Israeli commandos led by Kohl Meir saved him. When Meir uncovers irrefutable evidence that Iran has developed a nuclear device and plans to detonate it in Tel Aviv, he goes to Dewey for help.

Dewey and Kohl develop a plan to sneak into Iran and destroy its nuclear facility. An officer high up in the Iranian government learns of the plan and captures Kohl. Dewey must rescue his friend — and save the world.

“The Last Refuge” is a winner, and it will keep readers turning the pages.

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. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican 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, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

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 second and fourth Sunday of each

month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to concretion and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Summer Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 10 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., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

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

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

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Summer Camp (middle school), 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

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

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

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, 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 website: www.fumcap.org.

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

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

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

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Study: Sept. 11 most memorable TV moment

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack is by far the most memorable moment shared by television viewers during the past 50 years, a study released on Wednesday concluded.

The only thing that came close was President John F. Kennedy's assassination and its aftermath in 1963, but that was only for the people aged 55 and over who experienced those events as they happened instead of replayed as an historical artifact.

Sony Electronics and the Nielsen television research company collaborated on the survey. They ranked TV moments for their impact not just by asking people if they remembered watching them, but if they recalled where they watched it, who they were with and whether they talked to other people about what they had seen.

By that measure, the Sept. 11 tragedy was nearly twice as impactful as the second-ranked moment, which was the coverage of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Minutes after the first airplane struck New York's World Trade Center on a late summer morning, television networks began covering the events continuously and stayed with them for days.

The other biggest TV events, in order, were the 1995 verdict in O.J. Simpson's murder trial, the Challenger space shuttle explosion in 1986 and the death of Osama bin Laden last year, the survey found.

Sony was interested in the study for clues on consumer interests and behaviors and found "that television is really the grandmother of all the social devices," said Brian Siegel, vice president of tel-



Joan Lasley, in hat, cries as she watches a TV monitor in Philadelphia, Pa., that is replaying the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001. The attacks rank as the most impactful television moment of the past 50 years. The explosion of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986 (below) ranked fourth.

evision business for the company.

Going into the study, Siegel said he had anticipated that entertainment events like the final episode of "M-A-S-H" (ranked No. 42), the Beatles' appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" (No. 43) and the "Who shot J.R.?" episode of "Dallas" (No. 44) would rank higher. Instead, television coverage of news events made the biggest difference in viewers' lives.

The Super Bowl is annually the most-watched TV event, with this year's game between the New York Giants and New England Patriots setting a record with 111 million viewers. The memories don't seem to linger, however: the top-



ranked Super Bowl Sunday event in Sony's study came in 2004 and had nothing to do with football. It was Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction (No. 26).

Men and women agreed on the three most impactful

television events — Sept. 11, Katrina and Simpson. After that, some of the interests diverged.

For example, women ranked the 1997 funeral of Princess Diana as the fourth most memorable event,

High impact coverage

The most impactful television events of the last 50 years, as measured in a survey conducted by Nielsen and Sony Electronics. The rankings are based on a questionnaire of consumers about events they had watched, if they remember where they were and if they discussed the events with others.

1. Sept. 11 terrorist attacks (2001).
2. Hurricane Katrina (2005).
3. The O.J. Simpson verdict (1995).
4. The Challenger space shuttle explodes (1986).
5. Death of Osama bin Laden (2011).
6. The O.J. Simpson White Bronco chase (1994).
7. The Japanese earthquake and tsunami (2011).
8. Columbine school shooting (1999).
9. BP oil spill in Gulf of Mexico (2010).
10. Princess Diana's funeral (1997).
11. Death of Whitney Houston (2012).
12. Capture, execution of Saddam Hussein (2006).
13. Barack Obama Election Night speech (2008).
14. Prince William/Kate Middleton wedding (2011).
15. John F. Kennedy assassination (1963).
16. Oklahoma City bombing (1995).
17. Bush/Gore disputed election (2000).
18. Los Angeles riots, Rodney King beating (1992).
19. Casey Anthony murder trial verdict (2011).
20. John F. Kennedy funeral (1963).

while men put that at No. 23. Women ranked last year's death of Whitney Houston at No. 5, with men judging it No. 21.

Similarly, the 2003 bombing of Baghdad at the start of the Iraq War was seen as the No. 14 most impactful moment by men, and No. 37 among women. Men were also far more struck by boxer Mike Tyson biting off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear.

The passage of time has also diluted some moments once thought as unforgettable, simply because succeeding generations have no personal memory of them. Man's first moon landing in 1969 ranked No. 21.

Age also made a big difference in the survey. JFK's assassination was the second-most impactful TV event among people 55 and

over, while for those between 18 and 34, it was the death of Osama bin Laden.

Young people also ranked Barack Obama's Election Night speech in 2008 at No. 3, while that didn't move older viewers quite as much (No. 24).

Simply because of their age, events like the JFK assassination, President Nixon's resignation and the moon landing didn't register at all among viewers 18 to 34. The oldest event to appear in their rankings was the 1980 shooting of John Lennon.

The study was based on an online questionnaire of 1,077 adults selected as a scientific sample from among Nielsen's panel of people measured for television ratings. It was conducted Feb. 15-17 this year.

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Lunch Club Wednesday meets monthly and enjoys stimulating speakers. A Florida Hospital nurse was presenting during Heart Month, offering information on symptoms of a heart attack, informing them about the new Heart & Vascular Center, and providing a reminder magnet for the fridge. Early one morning, Gloria felt the symptoms she had seen so often on that magnet. She followed the instructions to call 9-1-1 and told them she was having a heart attack. Fortunately for Gloria, Florida Hospital performed an angioplasty and was able to treat her right there, right then.



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Why you need a social media will

By most estimates, over half of adult Americans haven't written a will stating how their assets should be distributed after death. Fewer still have bothered to appoint someone to make financial and health care decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated. And now we can add another necessary, but probably overlooked legal document: a social media will.

That's right — in this age of email, password-protected accounts and social media sites like Facebook and LinkedIn, the U.S. Government, of all sources, recently pointed out why it's important for people to leave instructions for how they want their online identities handled after death.

The government's blog, www.usa.gov, suggests appointing a trusted relative or friend to act as your "online executor," taking responsibility to close your email accounts, social media profiles and blogs after you die. This could easily be an addendum to your will — assuming you have one.

Suggest actions that will help you write your social media include:

- Review the privacy



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

policies and the terms and conditions of each website where you have a presence.

- State how you would like your profiles to be handled. You may want to completely cancel your profile or keep it up for friends and family to visit and share their

thoughts. Some sites allow your heirs to create a memorial profile where others can still see your profile but can't post anything new.

- Give your social media executor a list of all websites where you have a profile, along with your usernames and passwords.

- Stipulate in your will that the online executor should be given a copy of your death certificate. He or she may need this as proof in order for websites to take any actions on your behalf.

I'd take it one step further and suggest that you also leave instructions for accessing your password-protected devices and accounts including computers, cellphones, and online banking accounts. The last thing you want grieving survivors to have to do is try and guess your account

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Industry forecasts say half a million new airline pilots will be needed over the next 20 years, raising questions about how well trained those new pilots will be.

MCT

Possible pilot shortage raises safety concerns

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An industry forecast that nearly half a million new airline pilots will be needed worldwide over the next 20 years as airlines expand their fleets has raised safety concerns that airlines will hire lower caliber pilots as they struggle to fill slots.

Boeing, one of the world's largest makers of commercial jetliners, forecasts about 460,000 new pilots will be needed worldwide between now and 2031 as global economies expand and airlines take deliveries of tens

of thousands of new commercial jetliners. The forecast includes 69,000 new pilots in the North America, mostly in the U.S. The greatest growth will be in the Asia-Pacific region, where an estimated 185,600 new pilots will be needed.

Likewise, Boeing predicts 601,000 new aircraft maintenance technicians will be needed over the same period, with greatest demand — 243,500 technicians — in the Asia-Pacific region. An estimated 92,500 new technicians will North America.

The rising global demand for airline pilots has raised

concern among industry and government officials that there will be a global and a domestic pilot shortage.

"In many regions of the world, a pilot shortage is already here," the Boeing forecast said. "Asia Pacific in particular is experiencing delays and operational interruptions due to pilot scheduling constraints."

That's particularly true in China and India, industry officials said. Airlines based in Asia and the Middle East have been holding pilot job fairs in the U.S. and thou-

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SBDC planning workshop on July 25

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SEBRING — You've got the idea. Now you need to know how get on your way.

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"Starting Your Business" is a free seminar presented by the Small Business Development Center at University of South Florida.

It is designed for persons thinking of starting a small business or who have started a business and want to make sure they did it correctly. It will be held from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 25 at South Florida Community College Corporate and Continuing Education Room T05.

The seminar will be presented by David Noel, Certified Business Analyst with the SBDC.

Seating is limited, so call Noel at 784-7378 to reserve a seat in the seminar or for further information.

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BUSINESS

Miss AP supports community as she celebrates Sweet 16

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — Breuna Washington, who was just crowned Miss Avon Park in April, is about to embark on a milestone of turning 16 years old this month. While planning her “Sweet 16” today, she wanted to support her local community by having her party in Avon Park and keeping purchases within Highlands County. “I want to show Avon Park that I care about my community even if it’s in a small way”, she said.

Being a representative of her town and community, she decided to hold her party at the Big T Event Center, behind Big “T” Tires on West Main Street. It is a venue that her and her mother came across when searching for party locations. Her mother, Kimberlie Washington, said, “It is a per-

fect atmosphere for the luau themed party Breuna is having.”

Miss Avon Park will use businesses such as Big Lots, Walmart, Winn Dixie, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Bealls Outlet, Office Depot and a number of others to help her with her party needs. She is also using Anna Garcia, an Avon Park resident, to help cater her party. Garcia has a good long-standing relationship with the family and has been used numerous times by both the Washingtons and Walker Memorial Academy, where Breuna attends school.

The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit corporation that unites hundreds of business and professional firms, creating a unique central agency working to improve business and build a better community.



Courtesy photo
Breuna Washington, the recently crowned Miss Avon Park, is celebrating her Sweet Sixteen birthday today. She is having her party at an Avon Park venue and planned the event through local businesses.

Shortage of pilots could be a problem

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sands of pilots laid off due to U.S. airline bankruptcies and mergers are now flying for foreign carriers.

“We have airlines around the world as they buy our airplanes and come to us on the training side of the house, saying ‘We’re struggling to fill (pilot) seats. Can you help us?’” said Carl Davis, Boeing’s chief of pilot services. Davis presented his company’s forecast Thursday at a conference in Washington on pilot training hosted by the Air Line Pilots Association, the world’s largest pilot union.

U.S. industry and government officials are also concerned that the rising global demand for pilots, combined with an anticipated wave in pilot retirements and tougher qualification standards for new pilots that kick in next year, will create a domestic shortage as well.

“I’m concerned because it has safety implications,” John Allen, the Federal Aviation Administration’s director of flight services, told The Associated Press.

Allen said he wants to spur a discussion among industry, labor unions and academia about a potential shortage that will “really look at this and address it, not to just sweep it under the rug ... Is this a problem? And, if it is a problem, how bad is it?”

He said he is fearful that if there is a shortage, airlines will hire pilots who

are technically qualified but don’t have the “right stuff.”

“If the industry is stretched pretty thin ... that can result in someone getting into the system that maybe isn’t really the right person to be a pilot. Not everybody is supposed to be a pilot,” Allen said.

Jean Medina, a spokeswoman for Airlines for America, responding to Allen’s comments, said: “Safety is always our top priority and our airlines hire pilots that meet the rigorous standards set by the FAA.” The International Air Transport Association didn’t respond to a request for comment.

Lee Moak, president of the pilots union, said he doubts a pilot shortage will be felt in the U.S. for about three to five years. If U.S. airlines start hiring pilots in large numbers, he said, pilots now flying for foreign carriers will likely return home. There are currently about 90,000 airline pilots in the U.S. and Canada.

“Globally is another matter,” Moak said.

Industry and government officials anticipate a wave of pilot retirements at U.S. airlines beginning this year. Five years ago, the FAA raised the mandatory retirement age for pilots from 60 to 65. The fifth anniversary of that decision is Dec. 13. Pilots who were age 60 on that date five years ago are reaching the age where they have to retire.

Prepare a will covering your digital assets

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user names and passwords.

In case you’ve been procrastinating about completing a will and other such documents, here’s a good motivator: Although wills aren’t mandatory, if you don’t have one when you die, the state will decide how your estate is settled. Similarly, if you haven’t filed financial and healthcare durable powers of attorney, someone else — not necessarily the person you wish — will make financial and healthcare decisions on your behalf should an accident or illness render you unable.

Here are a few things that could go wrong if you don’t make your wishes known:

- Court-supervised probate could hold up your estate and result in costly fees.

- Because the state usually awards assets to surviving spouses, children and other relatives, your friends and favored charitable institutions could be left out.

- With no will, the state decides guardianship for minor children whose parents have died.

- Your preferences for things like

life-support procedures and burial instructions may not be followed exactly.

Key documents that can prevent these kinds of scenarios include a will, revocable living trust, financial and health care powers of attorney and a living will.

In this Internet era, your legacy will likely live on long after you die. Do your family a favor and spare them from having to deal with these issues by addressing them now.

Jason Alderman directs Visa’s financial education programs.

JPMorgan says bad trade has ballooned to \$5.8 billion

By PALLAVI GOGOI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase said Friday that a bad trade had cost the bank \$5.8 billion this year, almost triple its original estimate, and raised the prospect that traders had improperly tried to conceal the blunder.

“This has shaken our company to the core,” CEO Jamie Dimon said.

The bank said managers tied to the bad trade had been dismissed without severance pay and that it planned to revoke two years’ worth of pay from each of those executives.

JPMorgan said it had lost \$4.4 billion because of the trade from April through June, and its chief financial officer said the bank had lost an additional \$1.4 billion in the first three months of the year.

Dimon’s original estimate of the loss from the bad trade, disclosed in a surprise conference call with Wall Street analysts in May, was \$2 billion.

On Friday, Dimon said he believed the loss was mostly contained. In the worst case, if financial markets deteriorate severely, the bank could lose an additional \$1.7 billion, he said. That would bring the total loss to \$7.5 billion.

Investors appeared relieved that the mess was mostly behind the

bank. They sent JPMorgan’s stock price up \$1.50, or more than 4 percent, to \$35.54. That made it the best-performing stock in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The bank said an internal investigation, including emails and voice messages, had called into question the values that traders placed on certain bets, and that the traders may have been seeking to mask losses.

A spokesman for the Securities and Exchange Commission declined comment. The Justice Department did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Dimon told Congress last month that the trade was meant to hedge risk at the company and protect it in case “things got really bad” in the global economy. Instead, the trade has backfired and damaged the bank’s reputation.

Speaking broadly about the trading loss on Friday, Dimon told analysts: “We don’t take it lightly.” He added: “We’re not making light of this error, but we do think it’s an isolated event.”

The bank said that it was reducing its net income for the first quarter by \$459 million because it had discovered information that “raises questions about the integrity” of values placed on certain trades.

Dimon said the bank had closed



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‘This has shaken our company to the core,’ CEO Jamie Dimon said of the bad trade that has cost the bank \$5.8 billion.

the trading division responsible for the bad trade and moved the remainder of the trading position under its investment banking division.

Overall, JPMorgan said it earned \$5 billion, or \$1.21 per share, for the second quarter, which covers April through June and includes the bank’s disclosure of the trading loss on May 10.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet, a

provider of financial data, had expected JPMorgan to earn 76 cents per share.

Investors were also cheered to hear that the bank might resume its plan to buy back its own stock. Dimon said the bank was in discussions with the Federal Reserve and would submit a plan in hopes of buying back stock starting late this year.

The big gain on Friday still left

the bank’s stock about \$5 shy of its closing price of \$40.74 on May 10, the day Dimon surprised reporters and stock analysts by holding a conference call to disclose the loss.

The company suspended an earlier plan to buy back \$15 billion of its stock after reporting the trading loss.

Just three months ago, JPMorgan was viewed as the top American bank, guided by Dimon’s steady hand. Since the disclosure of the trading loss, however, that reputation has been eroded.

Dimon, who originally dismissed concerns about the bank’s trading as a “tempest in a teapot,” appeared before Congress twice to apologize and explain himself, and several government agencies have launched investigations.

Under close questioning from lawmakers in June about his own role in setting up the investment division responsible for the mess, Dimon declared: “We made a mistake. I’m absolutely responsible. The buck stops with me.”

The trading loss has raised concerns that the biggest banks still pose risks to the U.S. financial system, less than four years after the financial crisis erupted in the fall of 2008. JPMorgan stock has lost about 15 percent of its market value since the loss came to light.

After Facebook freeze, IPO market starts to thaw with new offerings

NEW YORK (AP) — With new public stock offerings for guitar maker Fender and travel booking website Kayak on deck next week, there are signs demand is starting to grow for IPOs after a five-week freeze triggered by a steep decline in financial markets and exacerbated by Facebook’s rocky May 18 debut.

Five companies are scheduled to go public next week alone, including Fender, Kayak and Palo Alto Networks, a maker of computer network security prod-

ucts. After Facebook, just four deals made it to market by the end of June, marking the longest stretch without an initial public offering of stock since the 2008 financial crisis.

The resurgence of activity is a welcome indication that dealmakers are regaining confidence about raising money through IPOs.

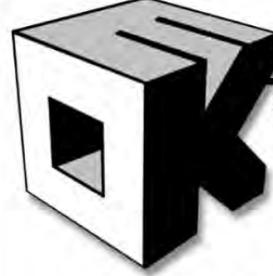
But the situation is far from rosy.

There are 68 companies expected to raise \$14.4 billion through IPOs later this year, according to research

firm Dealogic. Last year at this time there were almost double that amount of companies — 135, looking to raise \$23.6 billion.

“If the market stays healthy — the overall market — I think we will see a lot of IPO activity in the second half,” said Nick Einhorn, an analyst with Renaissance Capital.

But a plunge in stock markets could make it difficult for companies to raise money by selling shares. That happened in the summer and fall of 2011.



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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CASE #: 2012-CA-000318

Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage Plaintiff,
-vs-
Carlos F. Pena and Lidia Pena, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF ACTION
FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: Carlos F. Pena; WHOSE RESIDENCE IS: 871 Heron Avenue, Miami, FL 33166 and Lidia Pena; WHOSE RESIDENCE IS: 871 Heron Avenue, Miami, FL 33166

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, a more particularly described as follows:
LOT 537, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 234 Sparrow Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 28th day of June, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Circuit and County Courts
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 11-611 GCS

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff
vs.
RANDALL P. TIFFT, et al., Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated June 25, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11-611 GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, as successor in interest to Colonial Bank by asset acquisition from the FDIC as Receiver for Colonial Bank, is Plaintiff and RANDALL P. TIFFT and AMY TIFFT, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by public sale, in the Jury Assembly Room located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), on the 24th day of July 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 4, D & D SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE(S) 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A 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 3rd day of July, 2012.

ROBERT W. (BOB) GERMAINE
As Clerk of Said Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000900
DIVISION:

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWTAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-26CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-26CB, Plaintiff,
vs.
PAUL G. BRITT , et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 03, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000900 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWTAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-26CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-26CB is the Plaintiff and PAUL G. BRITT; CATHY L. BRITT; TENANT #1 N/K/A DEBBIE FILL, and TENANT #2 N/K/A RICHARD FAIL 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 3rd day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 36, BLOCK 26, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4113 NAVARRE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33872

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

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

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001154
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
RUDY REINHARDT A/K/A J. RUDY REINHARDT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001154 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and RUDY REINHARDT; JENNIFER J. REINHARDT-WALTON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER J. REINHARDT-WALTON; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; TENANT #1 N/K/A ROBERT REINHARDT 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 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 3579, 3580 AND THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 3581, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2125 BERKLEY ROAD N., AVON PARK, FL 33825

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 27, 2012.

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

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July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000023
DIVISION:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-HE4, Plaintiff,
vs.
KRISTINA A. JONES, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000023 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES 2006-HE4 is the Plaintiff and KRISTINA A. JONES; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY 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 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 32, BLOCK 3, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4201 MACKEREL DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 338703870

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: FC-12-4

RITA GUARJADO, Petitioner;
and,
SANTIAGO GUARJADO Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Santiago Guarjado

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to: Rita Guarjado, Petitioner, 1210 W. Pleasant Street, Avon Park, Florida 33825, on or before August 10, 2012, and file the original with the Clerk of Court, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, either before service on Petitioner, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

DATED: July 2, 2012

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001461

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN P. MASCHENIK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 25th day of April, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001461, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and JOHN P. MASCHENIK; JEANNE B. KAY, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) and UNKNOWN SPOUSE JEANNE B. KAY IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 25th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 7, BLOCK 247, SUN N LAKES ESTATES, SECTION 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 89, 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 assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000037
DIVISION:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
MARSHALL G. ALBRITTON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000037 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and MARSHALL G. ALBRITTON; SARA N. ALBRITTON; NANCY B. NUNNALLEE; HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; TENANT #1 N/K/A JUSTIN ALBRITTON, and TENANT #2 N/K/A KRISTINE ALBRITTON 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 26th day of July, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 23, 24, AND THE SOUTHEAST 1/2 OF LOT 25, AND THAT PORTION OF LAND LYING BETWEEN THE 40 FOOT BOULEVARD ENCIRCLING LAKE BYRD AND THE LOW WATER LINE OF SAID LAKE BYRD LYING BETWEEN AN EXTENSION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY 1/2 OF LOT 25 AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 23 TO THE LOW WATERLINE OF SAID LAKE BYRD, ALL IN THE LAKEWOOD VILLA ADDITION SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, PER PLAT IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 5 AND 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 98 LAKE BYRD BOULEVARD, AVON PARK, FL 33825-0000

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on June 27, 2012.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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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.

SUN N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID #12-07

The Board of Supervisors of the Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District will receive sealed bids at the Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District Office for:

BID #12-07: TANGLEWOOD GRAVITY SEWER AND MANHOLE CLEANING AND VIDEO INSPECTION

A Scope of Work, Plans, Specifications and other Bid Documents are available online at <http://www.sndistrict.org/bids/> or printed versions at Polston Engineering, Inc., 2925 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33870, 863-385-5564, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. and between the hours of 1:30 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District: Attention Greg Griffin, Public Works Director, 5306 Sun N Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida 33872, so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, July 26, 2012. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service.

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

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Greg Griffin, Director of Public Works
Sun N Lake of Sebring Improvement District
5306 Sun N Lake Blvd.
Sebring, Florida 33872

July 8, 15, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000140
DIVISION:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, Plaintiff,
vs.
CADMIEL SEPULVEDA MOLINA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 6, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000140 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, is the Plaintiff and CADMIEL SEPULVEDA MOLINA, SANDRA I. MOLINA, NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 1st day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 9, IN BLOCK 27, SEBRING COUNTY ESTATES SECTION THREE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 617 PORSCHE AVENUE, 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 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 9th day of July, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000704

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL PARKER; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #1; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #2; IF LIVING, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 26, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000704 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 DANIEL PARKER 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 16, IN BLOCK 165, OF PLAID LAKES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13, 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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP

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4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
(813)880-8888
(813)880-8800

July 8, 15, 2012

NOTICE OF POLICY AMENDMENT SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following policies will be considered at the regular Board meeting to be held Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the DeSoto Campus at 2251 NE Turner Avenue, Arcadia, FL. The general public is invited.

- Policy Implementation: Proposed amendments to the following policy.
- Policy 2.16 College Seal
- Policy 3.17 Student Performance Standards for the Award of the Associate in Arts Degree
- Policy 7.08 Auditorium Access for the Mobility Impaired (Deletion)

For additional information, interested parties may visit the college website at www.southflorida.edu/trustees, or contact the Office of the President, South Florida State College at 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

July 13, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282012CA000177XXXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTHER PEREZ, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 6, 2012, entered in Case No. 282012CA000177XXXXXX 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, is the Plaintiff and ESTHER PEREZ; MANUEL N. PEREZ; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; TD BANK, N.A.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 1st day of August, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 70, RESUBDIVISION OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SEVEN, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on July 6, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000876 Division Civil

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff,
vs.
NANCESOWEE SULLIVAN AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on June 26, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE N 1/2 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET; THENCE EAST 33 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING EAST A DISTANCE OF 176.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST 158.88 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 176.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES, 12' EAST A DISTANCE OF 157.93 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12' WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET; THENCE EAST 33 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING EAST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 12' EAST A DISTANCE OF 78.97 FEET OF POINT OF BEGINNING, AND LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: A PORTION OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 5, THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12'00" WEST AND ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 183.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 26.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES, 12'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 79.51 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50'51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 26.45 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES, 12'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 79.44 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 3142 SPARTA RD., SEBRING, FL 33870; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on July 26, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 8, 15, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 282011CA00692A000XX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTHONY V. LOMONICO, et al.
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282011CA00692A000XX 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, is the Plaintiff and ANTHONY V. LOMONICO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANTHONY V. LOMONICO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 A/K/A ANGIE TAYLOR; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on August 30, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10, LAKE JOSEPHINE SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 85, 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 1st day of June, 2012.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 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.

July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282011CA000396XXXXX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWTAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-70CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-70CB, Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY HERRO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HENRY HERRO; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 28, 2012, entered in Case No. 282011CA000396XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWTAL, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-70CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-70CB, is the Plaintiff and HENRY HERRO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HENRY HERRO; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 31st day of July, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 1, AVON LAKES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on June 29, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 282010CA001310A000XX DIVISION:

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,
vs.
RICHARD PEIRCE A/K/A RICHARD PIERCE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA001310A000XX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE, is the Plaintiff and RICHARD PEIRCE A/K/A RICHARD PIERCE, TENANT #1 N/K/A EDWARD ALLEN, 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 IN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 26th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 1, BLOCK 3, MARTHA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 6404 MATTEE 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 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 28th day of June, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813)221-4743
MA-10-53977

If you a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator (863)534-4690, within two (2) workings days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863)402-6591; Fax: (863)402-6664.

July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 09001404GCS SEC.: Civil

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF VENDEE MORTGAGE TRUST 2002-2, Plaintiff,
v.
DONALD R. VANDYGRIFF; BETH A. VANDYGRIFF
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Notice to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated June 29, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 09001404GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 26th day of July, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Court-house Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT ONE HUNDRED NINETY (190), OF WEST SEBRING ESTATES, SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 43 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.

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Office of the Court Administrator Phone: (863) 534-4686

TDD: (863) 534-7777

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DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 2ND DAY OF JULY, 2012.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
July 8, 15, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 11-00096
DIVISION:

AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY BARRY, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduled Foreclosure Sale dated July 6, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11-00096 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Aurora Loan Services, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Henry Barry, Joanne M. Barry, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 1st day of August, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 4, BLOCK 50, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 228 CUMQUAT ROAD N.E., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 6th day of July, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282011CA000479XXXXXX FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs DAVID G. RHINEHART, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 28, 2012, entered in Case No. 282011CA000479XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and DAVID G. RHINEHART; TAMI S. RHINEHART; KINGSWOOD MANOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 31st day of July, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 11, TRACT "A", OF KINGSWOOD MANOR

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TOWNHOUSES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on June 29, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282011CA000515XXXXXX FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs NOEL GARCIA, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 27, 2012, entered in Case No. 282011CA000515XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is the Plaintiff and NOEL GARCIA; LISSETTE GARCIA; LISSETTE GARCIA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 31st day of July, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 138, IN BLOCK 12, OAK BEACH COLONY FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 26, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on June 29, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
July 15, 22, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 12000237GCS

DKR MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST I,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GARY W. DUFFEY and MELISSA A. DUFFEY,
husband and wife, FIRST UNION BANK OF
FLORIDA s/b/m WACHOVIA BANK s/b/m
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., UNKNOWN
TENANT I, and UNKNOWN TENANT II,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

Lot 11, Block 13, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 6, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 26th day of July, 2012, at the Jury Assembly Room in the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Ave., in the Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, Florida.

ANY LIENHOLDER CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THIS SALE, IF ANY, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 45.031(1)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES.

DATED this 28th day of June, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 11-812GS

IBERIABANK, as successor in interest to CENTURY BANK, F.S.B., Plaintiff,
vs.
RODNEY K. WESTER, individually, PHYLLIS A. WESTER a/k/a PHYLLIS FRONCILLO, individually, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on the 21st day of June, 2012, in Civil Action No. 11-812GS, of the County Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which IBERIABANK is the Plaintiff, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3701 at 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of September, 2012, the following real property located in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 8, Block 12, Lake Haven Estates Section One, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 6, 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010-CA-001223 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-6, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-6; Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD M. FADDEN A/K/A EDWARD MICHAEL FADDEN; IF LIVING AND IF DEAD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDWARD M. FADDEN A/K/A EDWARD MICHAEL FADDEN, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, ET AL.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY, IF ANY; Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 26, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM of the Courthouse, located at 430 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870, at 11:00 AM on July 26, 2012, the following described property: THE WEST 100 FEET OF LOT 2 AND THE NORTH 40 FEET OF THE WEST 100 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK 47, TOWN OF AVON PARK, IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 144 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 33825. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: June 27, 2012. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving a notification of a scheduled court proceeding if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. Complete the Request for Accommodations Form and submit to 800 E. Twiggs Street, Room 604, Tampa, FL 33602 ADA Coordination Help Line (813) 272-7040; Hearing Impaired Line 1-800-955-8771; Voice Impaired Line 1-800-955-8770.

Clerk: /s/ Priscilla Michalak As Deputy of Court (COURT SEAL) July 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282010CA000351XXXXX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, vs. JOSE R. RODRIGUEZ, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 28, 2012, entered in Case No. 282010CA000351XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, is the Plaintiff and JOSE R. RODRIGUEZ; IRIS RODRIGUEZ; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 31st day of July, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 36, IN BLOCK 282, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on June 29, 2012. ROBERT W. GERMAINE As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak AS DEPUTY CLERK July 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282012CA000182XXXXX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-9, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9, Plaintiff, vs. MAVIS TORTORICE, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 28, 2012, entered in Case No. 282012CA000182XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-9, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9, is the Plaintiff and MAVIS TORTORICE; JANET WOOD; PHILLIP TORTORICE; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 31st day of July, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK 4, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 81, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on June 29, 2012. ROBERT W. GERMAINE As Clerk, Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak AS DEPUTY CLERK July 15, 22, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 10000915GCS
Division: Civil
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff,
v. GEORGE DAVID SIBREL; PATRICIA MAE SIBREL; PRAIRIE OAKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated June 28, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 10000915GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION is Plaintiff, and GEORGE DAVID SIBREL; PATRICIA MAE SIBREL; PRAIRIE OAKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, are Defendants.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on 30th day of August, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:
LOT 47, OF PRAIRIE OAKS PHASE I ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, AT PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
This property is located at the Street address of: 3020 WYNSTONE DR., SEBRING, FL 33875.
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on June 29, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)

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Two more Dixie tournaments, two more State Champs

Sebring squeaks to Ozone title



Head coach Caesar Martinez gets doused after his squad clinched the Dixie Ozone State Championship with a 2-1 win over West Volusia Thursday.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

By DAN HOEHNE
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 SEBRING – It wasn't the hitting parade the team had gotten used to, but Sebring's Ozone All-Stars fought through a nerve-wracking pitcher's duel to win the Florida Dixie State Championship with a 2-1 win over West Volusia Thursday.

With 12 home runs over their first four games, the Sebring sluggers had made things look easy, averaging 14 runs per game over that span.

The lopsided wins also made things easier on their pitching staff, which would prove invaluable this day as staff ace Everett Hurst locked horns with West Volusia's Bryce Jones.

Hurst won the first-inning battle, striking out two in a one-two-three top half, while Hunter Martinez greeted Jones with a lead-off double

in the bottom of the frame. Trent Lewis grounded to first to move Martinez to third and Hurst plated him with a ground-out to second for a 1-0 lead.

But the second inning, which proved a trouble spot for Hurst in his Wednesday outing, again saw a loss of command.

Austin Cliffi singled to left and advanced to second on a wild pitch before Dylan Verdi drew a walk.

Hurst snared a comebacker and alertly threw to third for a force, but Kody Stephenson followed with a single up the middle to load the bases.

Ben Hovis then worked the count for a walk, forcing in Verdi, and the game was tied.

Things stayed that way as both hurlers roared through the next few innings.

Jones set the side down in order in the bottom of the second and Hurst struck out the side in order in the top of the third.

Jones also struck out the side in his half of the third,

though it was momentarily interrupted when birthday boy Zach Gopher was hit by a pitch.

Hurst added two more strikeouts in a three up, three down top of the fourth, and Jones struck out the first two batters in the bottom of the inning.

By now, the frustration for both offenses was building and sometimes bubbling to the surface.

"He had a real good curve, because it didn't look like a curve," Hurst said of his mound foe. "It didn't have the bend in it. It would start out straight and look like a fastball, but then it would either break across or down and away. He was real tough."

But with two out in the fourth, Sebring began its rally.

Lewis was hit by a pitch and Hurst singled up the middle.

Dayvon Terry then legged out a hit on the infield to load

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Sebring AAAs snare State title

By LAUREN WELBORN
 News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Neither team was going to go down without a fight, as was evidenced by the remarkable defensive efforts from either side of the field Thursday night.

But in the end of the cross-county contest for the Dixie AAA State Tournament championship, Sebring outlasted the comeback kids from Lake Placid, 4-1, to gain entry into the World Series two weeks from now in Bartow.

Leading these efforts from the mound was Royston Daley for Lake Placid and Desmond Gaines for Sebring.

In the second inning there was a slight change of events, as Hunter Vanderpool made it to first before the throw despite the signature stretching skills from Lake Placid first baseman Joey Warner.

Vanderpool later stole sec-

ond on a passed ball before being brought in by an RBI single to right from Drew Smith.

This put the score at 1-0 in Sebring's favor as the Dragons took their second at-bat, however their hits would not find any gaps as they attempted to even the board.

Sebring would add two more runs in the top of the third, with LJ Daniels and Drew Morris finding their way on the bases with a single and a fielder's choice.

Daniels would steal home on a passed ball before Robert Spooone's bloop found the slightest gap between third and short just beyond the outstretched glove of the third baseman to score Morris to see the lead now at 3-0.

Cody Carpenter took the mound for Lake Placid in the top of the fourth, despite some previous injuries, and



Sebring saw another state champion crowned Thursday night as the AAA All-Stars edged a very tough Lake Placid squad for the Dixie Tournament championship.

News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

battled through long enough to keep Sebring at bay.

Later in the same inning, Lake Placid threatened the Streaks' lead as Shamar Mitchell reached on a single,

beating out the throw from the middle infield.

Mitchell managed to make it to second base safely on a steal, and soon found himself on third after an overthrow.

He was then brought in by Wyatt Moore, who would not make it safely to first himself but would successfully put the Dragons on the board at 3-1.

Sebring earned back an insurance run in the top of the fifth, with Daniels smacking a hit down the left field

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Prime time players



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

FOX 13s Brian Gray films as he interviews Drew Reeves Thursday at Charles R. Head Field. Gray came out to do a feature on the state champion Majors and Pre-Majors teams as they prepped to head to their respective Dixie World Series. The Majors tournament is being held in Laurel, MS, with the Pre-Majors in Guntersville, AL, and the teams are trying to raise enough to help with their travel expenses through the Avon Park Diamond Club. All donations are tax-deductible as well as greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Avon Park Diamond Club and can be sent to P.O. Box 351, Avon Park, FL 33826. Donations are also being accepted at the Heartland National Bank in Avon Park.

Another exciting Sertoma event

By DAN HOEHNE
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The fifth event of the Sertoma Junior Tour season teed off Thursday, taking on the Golf Hammock course and seeing a slew of close contests.

The narrow gaps started in the Boys 6-8 age group, with Parker Griffin's 34 holding up just ahead of the 35 brought in by Jaxon Davis.

Griffin Hall was just another three shots back at 38 for third.

Beckham Donavon had a somewhat more comfortable win in the Boys 9-10, carding a 49 that was six shots up on Billy Carol who, in turn, was five ahead of Zach Doorlag in third.

It was easier breathing in the 11-12 Boys for Clayton

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
 Ashley Engle follows her putt toward the hole in Thursday's Sertoma event at Golf Hammock.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	53	33	.616	—
Baltimore	45	41	.523	8
Tampa Bay	45	42	.517	8½
Boston	44	43	.506	9½
Toronto	43	44	.494	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	48	38	.558	—
Cleveland	45	41	.523	3
Detroit	45	42	.517	3½
Kansas City	37	48	.435	10½
Minnesota	36	50	.419	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	53	34	.609	—
Los Angeles	48	39	.552	5
Oakland	44	43	.506	9
Seattle	36	52	.409	17½

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

Friday's Games

Detroit 7, Baltimore 2
 N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Angels 5
 Cleveland 1, Toronto 0
 Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1
 Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 8, 14 innings
 Oakland 6, Minnesota 3
 Texas 3, Seattle 2

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

L.A. Angels (Weaver 10-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 10-3), 1:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (D.Lowe 8-6) at Toronto (Villanueva 3-0), 1:07 p.m.
 Detroit (Verlander 9-5) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
 Boston (Beckett 4-7) at Tampa Bay (Shields 8-5), 1:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-2) at Kansas City (Mendoza 3-5), 2:10 p.m.
 Oakland (J.Parker 5-4) at Minnesota (Duensing 1-5), 2:10 p.m.
 Texas (M.Harrison 11-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-1), 4:10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Trout, LAA	262	58	90	.344
Jackson, DET	257	55	85	.331
Mauer, MIN	289	45	95	.329
Cabrera, DET	347	54	113	.326
Konerko, CHW	292	40	95	.325
Beltre, TEX	323	52	105	.325

HOME RUNS

Bautista, TOR	27
Hamilton, TEX	27
Dunn, CHW	26
Encarnacion, TOR	23
Trumbo, LAA	23
Ortiz, BOS	23
Granderson, NYY	23

RUNS BATTED IN

Hamilton, TEX	75
Cabrera, DET	72
Bautista, TOR	65
Dunn, CHW	63
Willingham, MIN	63
Fielder, DET	63
Trumbo, LAA	60

STOLEN BASES

Trout, LAA	28
Davis, TOR	23
Kipnis, CLE	20
Revere, MIN	18
Dyson, KC	16
Crisp, OAK	16
Andrus, TEX	16
5 tied with	15

RUNS

Kinsler, TEX	63
Ortiz, BOS	63
Granderson, NYY	62
De Aza, CHW	59
Bautista, TOR	59
Trout, LAA	58
2 tied with	57

WON-LOST

Harrison, TEX	11-4
Price, TB	11-4
Weaver, LAA	10-1
Sale, CHW	10-2
Nova, NYY	10-3
Darvish, TEX	10-5

ERA

Weaver, LAA	1.96
Sale, CHW	2.19
C. Wilson, LAA	2.43
Verlander, DET	2.58
Price, TB	2.82
Peavy, CHW	2.85

STRIKEOUTS

Hernandez, SEA	128
Verlander, DET	128
Scherzer, DET	121
Darvish, TEX	117
Shields, TB	109
Peavy, CHW	108

SAVES

J. Johnson, BAL	26
C. Perez, CLE	25
Rodney, TB	25
Soriano, NYY	21
Broxton, KC	21
Aceves, BOS	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	50	34	.595	—
Atlanta	47	39	.547	4
New York	46	41	.529	5½
Miami	41	45	.477	10
Philadelphia	37	51	.420	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	48	38	.558	—
Pittsburgh	48	38	.558	—
St. Louis	46	41	.529	2½
Milwaukee	41	45	.477	7
Chicago	34	52	.395	14
Houston	33	54	.379	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	48	40	.545	—
San Francisco	47	40	.540	½
Arizona	42	44	.488	5
Colorado	34	52	.395	13
San Diego	34	54	.386	14

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 8, Arizona 1
 Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3
 Washington 5, Miami 1
 Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 5
 Milwaukee 10, Pittsburgh 7
 Colorado 6, Philadelphia 2
 L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1
 San Francisco 5, Houston 1



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

SUNDAY

1 p.m. NASCAR – LENOX Tools 301. TNT

GOLF

SUNDAY

2 p.m. EuroPGA – Scottish Open GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – U.S. Senior Open NBC
 3 p.m. PGA – John Deere Classic CBS
 7 p.m. PGA – Utah Championship GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees TBS
 1:30 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay SUN
 2:10 p.m. Arizona at Chicago Cubs WGN
 8 p.m. St. Louis at Cincinnati ESPN

MONDAY

7 p.m. L.A. Angels at Detroit ESPN
 7 p.m. Cleveland at Tampa Bay SUN

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Cleveland at Tampa Bay SUN

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

SUNDAY

4 p.m. Seattle at New York ESPN

PRE-OLYMPIC BASKETBALL

MONDAY

5:30 p.m. Women's – Brazil vs. United States . . . ESPN2
 8 p.m. Men's – Brazil vs. United States ESPN2

TENNIS

SUNDAY

4 p.m. WTA – Bank of the West Classic ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	10	5	3	33	23	17
D.C.	10	5	3	33	34	22
New York	9	5	4	31	32	27
Chicago	8	6	4	28	21	21
Houston	6	5	7	25	22	24
New England	6	7	4	22	24	22
Columbus	6	6	4	22	17	17
Montreal	6	11	3	21	27	36
Philadelphia	5	9	2	17	18	18
Toronto FC	3	11	4	13	21	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	11	4	4	37	36	24
Real Salt Lake	11	6	3	36	31	21
Seattle	8	5	6	30	23	19
Vancouver	8	5	6	30	21	22
Los Angeles	7	10	2	23	28	29
Colorado	7	10	1	22	25	24
Chivas USA	5	7	5	20	11	18
Portland	5	8	4	19	16	24
FC Dallas	3	9	7	16	17	27

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, late
 Toronto FC at New England, late
 Sporting Kansas City at Columbus, late
 Vancouver at Chicago, late
 FC Dallas at Colorado, late
 Real Salt Lake at San Jose, late
 Los Angeles at Portland, late

Sunday's Games

Seattle FC at New York, 4 p.m.
 D.C. United at Houston, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, July 18
 Chicago at New York, 1 p.m.
 Portland at Chivas USA, 4 p.m.
 Colorado at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
 New England at Montreal, 8 p.m.
 Sporting Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 FC Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Reinstated OF Endy Chavez from 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Gausman on minor league contract.
 TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with 3B Richie Shaffer on minor league contract and assigned him to Hudson Valley (NYP).

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Duane Underwood on minor league contract.
 MIAMI MARLINS—Reinstated OF Emilio Bonifacio from 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with LHP Andrew Heaney on minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Claimed F Elton Brand off waivers from Philadelphia.
 HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived F Luis Scola.
 INDIANA PACERS—Signed G D.J. Augustin.
 LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Re-signed G Chauncey Billups.
 MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived G-F Martell Webster.
 PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Nick Young. Agreed to terms with C Kwame Brown on a two-year contract. Re-signed C Spencer Hawes.
 PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Signed F J.J. Hickson, F Joel Freeland, F Damian Lillard and F Meyers Leonard.
 SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Re-signed G Patty Mills.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Larry Lumpkin.
 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with QB Drew Brees on five-year contract.

Panther passes

AVON PARK –South Florida State College Season Passes on sale for 2012-13 Athletic Seasons.

The 2012-13 All sport passes for SFSC are now on sale through the Panther Athletic Office.

The pass is \$40 and is good for all Panther Home Athletic contests in all sports.

General admission will be \$2 per person for all home athletic events.

Contact the SFSC Athletic Office at (863) 784-7035 to order your Season Passes by phone.

Passes can also be purchased at the SFSC Athletic Office on the Avon Park Main Campus.

SFSC 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 SFSC Summer Camps, lead by head coach Kim Crawford and members of the Lady Panther squad.

One more indoor camp is going to be held, in addition to a sand volleyball camp.

The four-day indoor camp will be offered Monday through Thursday, 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.

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.

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.

Hammock Golf fundraiser

SEBRING – Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club is holding a 4-person scramble on Saturday, July 28, with an 8 a.m. shotgun to benefit Dennis Heston's battle against an incurable cancer.

At 51-years old, without much insurance, creates some rough times both emotionally and financially for the family.

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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.

The tournament will be the familiar four-man scramble with a \$75 per-person entry fee.

That fee, the same as last year, again includes range balls, golf, food and drink on the course and the pre-tournament mixer on Friday night with great appetizers.

Once again, there will be a silent auction and raffles for fantastic, signed sports memorabilia from the likes of Tim Tebow, Jimbo Fisher, Nick Saban and many other athletic luminaries.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100, as well as \$500 sponsorships which include a team entry and hole signs on both the Sun 'N Lake courses.

All proceeds go to benefit area student athletes, with last year's tournament raising more than \$20,000.

The tourney will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on both the Deer Run and Turtle Run courses.

For more information, call Tommy Lovett at 385-5100 or 382-2255.

Florida Trail

Appel fails to sign; no teams lose future picks

By RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first signing period under baseball's new draft restrictions ended with touted pitcher Mark Appel spurning Pittsburgh to remain at Stanford and with 10 teams exceeding their bonus pools but none by enough to forfeit future selections.

Appel was the only unsigned player among 31 first-round picks, turning down an offer of \$3.8 million from the Pirates.

Appel was projected by some to be the No. 1 selection last month, but several teams shied away from the right-hander because of the expected demands of his adviser, Scott Boras.

Appel was selected eighth.

That slot was assigned \$2.9 million from the drafting team's bonus pool in baseball's new labor contract, which imposes penalties on clubs that exceed their threshold — the total of the slots for a team's selections in the first 10 rounds.

The first pick was slotted for \$7.2 million and Houston chose shortstop Carlos Correa, who agreed to \$4.8 million.

Pittsburgh was prepared to go as much as 5 percent above its threshold and incur the first level of penalty, a 75 percent tax on the overage.

But the Pirates didn't want to fall into higher levels, which include the loss of future draft picks.

"After much thought, prayer and analysis of both opportunities, I came to the conclusion the best decision is to remain at Stanford continuing my studies, finishing my degree and doing all I can to assist the Cardinal baseball team in our goal to win a national championship," Appel said in a statement. "I greatly valued the prospect of a professional opportunity, and I will pursue a professional baseball career after getting my Stanford degree."

Every team that went over stayed within 5 percent of its threshold, according to calculations by Major League Baseball: Boston, the Chicago Cubs, Houston, Kansas City, the Los Angeles Dodgers, St. Louis, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto and Washington.

"We have shattered the productivity of many teams

by putting an artificial cap on their decision-making," Boras said. "It's horrible for baseball and illustrates a real failure in the system."

A team going over by more than 5 percent but less than 10 percent would face a 100 percent tax on the overage and the loss of their next first-round draft pick.

Penalties escalate to a 100 percent tax and the loss of a team's next first- and second-round picks (10-15 percent over) and a 100 percent tax and the loss of a team's next two first-round selections (in excess of 15 percent).

Five first-round picks reached agreements on the final day: LSU right-hander Kevin Gausman with Baltimore (\$4.32 million for the fourth pick), Oklahoma State left-hander Andrew Heaney with Miami (\$2.6 million for ninth), high school right-hander Lucas Giolito with Washington (\$2,925,000 for 16th), Clemson third baseman Richie Shaffer, with Tampa Bay (\$1.71 million for 25th) and high school right-hander Ty Hensley with the Yankees (\$1.2 million for 30th).

Only six first-round picks signed for more than slot: Gausman, Giolito and Shaffer, along with Chicago Cubs outfielder Albert Almora (\$3.9 million for sixth), Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Corey Seager (\$2.35 million for 18th) and Boston shortstop Deven Marrero (\$2.05 million for 24th).

Ten first-round selections signed exactly at slot and 14 signed below.

Just nine players among the 338 taken in the first 10 rounds failed to sign.

Among them was Connecticut second baseman L.J. Mazzilli, the son of former major league player and manager Lee Mazzilli.

Selected by Minnesota in the ninth round, Mazzilli will return to the Huskies for his senior season.

The signing deadline didn't apply to Florida outfielder Preston Tucker because he is a college senior, and Houston has until a week before next year's draft to sign the seventh-round pick.

Because Appel failed to sign, Pittsburgh will get an extra pick in the first round next year, the ninth selection overall.

The Mets will get an extra selection after the 11th pick

of the second round for not signing high school righty Teddy Stankiewicz and Oakland will get an additional pick after the third round for failing to sign high school lefty Kyle Twomey.

Appel, who turns 21 on Sunday, also failed to sign in 2009, when Detroit selected him in the 15th round with the 450th pick after his final season with Monte Vista High in San Ramon, Calif.

Appel will go back into next year's draft.

Under the labor deal, agreed to in November, the deadline for draft picks to sign was 5 p.m. Friday, a month earlier than he rules in the previous collective bargaining agreement.

The change led to fewer picks waiting until the final hours to sign.

Trying to end a record streak of 19 consecutive losing seasons, the resurgent Pirates are tied with the Cincinnati Reds for the NL Central lead.

"We drafted Mark Appel to sign Mark Appel. We were excited about the opportunity to add him to a plethora of quality, young arms," Pirates general manager Neal Huntington said during a telephone conference call. "It didn't happen. So now we turn the corner. This, too, shall pass. We move forward."

Along with the extra pick next year, the Pirates also could gain an extra selection from baseball's first competitive balance draft, which will be held Wednesday in Secaucus, N.J.

"We may be looking at three of the top 45 picks in the country," Huntington said. "Some have argued next year's draft class is going to be better than this year's draft class."

Boras also represented prior first-round picks Pedro Alvarez and Gerrit Cole in their negotiations with the Pirates.

"Selecting Mark was a calculated risk, as we knew he would be a difficult sign," Huntington said. "As an organization, we need to continue to take these types of calculated risks. While we would've preferred to add Mark to the group of talented prospects in our system, we wish Mark, and his family, nothing but success in the future."

Harvick to race for first time as father

By HOWARD ULMAN

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Kevin Harvick does a better job driving around the track than to the delivery room.

And now that his son is nearly a week old, he can relax more when he competes in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race on Sunday at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

"The most relaxed that I've been able to be in weeks," Harvick said Friday.

He got his wife DeLana to the hospital in North Carolina with little time to spare last Sunday when she gave birth to Keelan.

"She did a great job and had a baby within about two hours," Harvick said. "Dad waited a little long to get her to the hospital."

But he couldn't use his competitive driving skills because DeLana was in pain.

"We didn't make any real fast corners," he said. "We could go straight and fast. I had been to the doctor's office several times so I knew where every bump was. So I didn't get yelled at on the drive over and that was my goal."

Harvick had flown last Saturday morning from Daytona, where he was to compete that night at the International Speedway.

Seeing that the birth was not imminent, he returned about 3 p.m. to Daytona, where he was involved in a late accident and finished



MCT photo
Kevin Harvick will hit the New Hampshire Motor Speedway as a proud new papa.

23rd.

Then he flew back home.

Had Keelan arrived on Saturday, Harvick said he would have skipped the race.

At sixth place in the standings, he's in good position to qualify for one of the 12 spots in the Chase with 10 races left before that begins.

"I was actually home and prepared not to come back if that situation had come to that point," Harvick said. "If things would have progressed in the direction that they did Sunday morning, I would have just stayed there."

He had Kenny Wallace on standby to replace him, but it wasn't necessary.

Now he can approach his first race as a father without the uncertainty of not knowing how the birth would go.

"There's just that anxiety. As you get closer you just want to know, 'is everybody going to be good?'" Harvick said.

"It's definitely a huge sense of relief to be able to come to the track and everybody is smiling and healthy. That makes me feel a lot better."

Designer plans to produce future uniforms in USA

By EDDIE PELLIS

Associated Press

At the next Olympics, the team from the USA will wear uniforms made in the USA.

Designer Ralph Lauren announced Friday that the uniforms it provides the U.S. Olympic team at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia, will, in fact, be made in the United States.

The U.S. uniforms for the London Games were made in China, which sparked congressional criticism of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the USOC should be "ashamed of themselves" and Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., called the decision "not just outrageous, it's just plain dumb. It is self-defeating."

Ralph Lauren initially declined comment on the criticism, but 24 hours later announced clothes for future Olympics would be made in the United States.

Ralph Lauren has an apparel contract with the USOC through 2020.

"Ralph Lauren promises to lead the conversation within our industry and our government to address the issue to increase manufacturing in the United States," the company said in a statement.

It's too late to change anything for the 530 American athletes in time for the London Games, which start July 27.

The uniforms for Opening Ceremony will remain as planned — blue blazer, cream-colored pants for men and skirts for women and a blue beret with red and white stripes.

The USOC initially defended the choice of Ralph Lauren, saying it was grateful for the support from an "iconic American company."

On Friday, USOC CEO Scott Blackmun said the federation takes the complaints seriously.

"We are absolutely committed ... to working with our sponsors to ensure that the concerns voiced are addressed," Blackmun said. "In the meantime, we ask for the American people's support. The members of Team

USA have dedicated their entire lives to training for this one moment."

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who along with Israel wrote a letter to the USOC chairman Larry Probst complaining about the situation, released a statement after hearing Friday's news.

"When America's best athletes are representing our country on the world stage, we should be representing the best of American-made goods," she wrote. "The pride of our Olympic athletics goes hand in hand with the pride of American innovation and manufacturing. While I am greatly disappointed our athletes will not be dressed head to toe in Made in the USA this year, I thank the USOC and Ralph Lauren for hearing our voices and working to correct this mistake going forward. I look forward to cheering on Team USA."

Marlins, Rays sign top picks

Associated Press

The Miami Marlins agreed to a contract with first-round draft pick Andrew Heaney, giving the Oklahoma State left-hander a \$2.6 million signing bonus.

The deal Friday with the No. 9 overall selection was for \$200,000 less than his slotted value under baseball's new labor contract.

Heaney was selected Big 12 Conference pitcher of the year.

He was 8-2 with a 1.60 ERA in 15 starts, and led the NCAA with 140 strikeouts in 118 1-3 innings.

Third baseman Richie Shaffer, taken by the Tampa Bay Rays with the 25th pick on the first round of last month's amateur draft, agreed to a contract for a

signing bonus of \$1.71 million.

The deal Friday with the 21-year-old was just below the slot value of \$1,725,000 assigned under baseball's new labor contract.

He batted .336 this year at Clemson with 10 homers, 46 RBIs, 63 walks, a .573 slugging average and a .480 on-base percentage.

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Tour heads to match-play event

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Osha as well, as he was the lone linkster to break 50, with a 49.

John David Spiegel was second at 57 and Joseph Flood third at 66.

But then things got interesting as the age groups got older.

Sam Rogers and Andrew Wally each came in with 84s in the Boys 13-14, forcing a playoff hole that Rogers was able to take to claim first.

Jason Cannon was just three back with an 87 for third, with Jett Dexter another three back for fourth.

The Boys 15-16 saw Nic Staffieri win with an 82, keeping just ahead of a three-way tie for second with Rhett Pooley, Easton Davis and Dustin Baber all coming in with 83s.

Ben Tubbs was just one more shot further back with an 84.

In the Boys 17-18, Jonah Brown took a two-shot win with an 83, while Daniel Miller and Kevin Ladue tied for second with 85s and Branden Fitch and Terrell Williams tied for fourth with dueling 91s.

Ashley Engle found the competition within herself as the only participant in the Girls 11-13, but certainly didn't take it easy as she came in with a very strong 73 for the round.

And Sarah Liles stayed pretty comfortably ahead of the field in the Girls 14-18, carding a 79 over 18 holes to stay seven ahead of Savana Fisher and eight ahead of Chloe Nelson.

Lindsey Moffat took fourth with an 89 as the last golfer in the age group to break 100.

The Tour continues Wednesday, with the two-day Bill Jarrett Ford Match Play Championship at River Greens.



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Kevin LaDue keeps his head down on this approach shot Thursday and would tie for second among the Boys 17-18 with an 85 on the Golf Hammock course.

Griffin off Olympic team with knee injury

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Blake Griffin has officially withdrawn from the Olympics and Anthony Davis has been added to the U.S. basketball team's roster.

Griffin needs surgery to repair torn cartilage in his left knee and joins a lengthy list of American stars sidelined this summer.

Davis replaced him in the Americans' 113-59 exhibition victory over the Dominican Republic on Thursday in Las Vegas, scoring nine points in the fourth quarter.

The No.1 overall draft pick couldn't be put on the 12-man roster for London until Griffin had withdrawn Friday.



MCT photo
Blake Griffin's knee injury will keep him out of the Olympics.

AAA All-Stars now ready for World Series

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line and quickly moved himself into scoring position.

Morris's rip up the middle would score Daniels, now seeing 4-1 on the scoreboard still in Sebring's favor.

In the top of the sixth, Sebring loaded the bases with one out left in the inning.

As the ball traveled towards Dragon second baseman Jackson Griffin, he stepped back to read it, slipped onto his knees in his attempt to charge and then fell to his stomach to make a heart-stopping, crowd pleasing catch to put an end to Sebring's offensive threats.

Despite the emotional high, Lake Placid would not manage any more runs their last time in the batter's box, thus crowning Sebring as the Dixie Youth AAA State Champions.

Both teams made some unbelievable plays requiring skill beyond their years — diving catches, back hands, and gymnastic-worthy stretches for the out made for some exciting moments.

This was a major factor in the limited amount of runs throughout the night.

"Whatever happens today, just don't give up," said Sebring coach Anthony Gaines in a pep talk to his team Thursday night before game.

Those words of encouragement could easily describe the efforts of both teams throughout the week.

The Dragons and the Streaks faced much adversity as they made their way through the bracket of the



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
LJ Daniels and the Sebring AAA All-Stars swung their way to a berth in the Dixie World Series.

tournament.

Lake Placid took a tough first loss early on but proved that they deserved to be in the final two as they eliminated team after team, making their way to the title game.

Sebring had a more successful start, being undefeated until losing to Lake Placid 10-5 Wednesday, which pinned them against West Seminole Thursday with the winner taking on Lake Placid yet again in the championship game.

And Sebring, down 9-4 in their final at bat against West Seminole in Thursday's semifinal, saw a last-ditch

explosion of 11 runs before halting a four-run rally to take a 15-13 win.

This made the final face-off between these county rivals even more exciting.

"The bats just didn't come alive tonight is all," said Dragon head coach Tracy Carpenter. "It's been a fun ride. We hope to do it again next year."

"I'm very proud of these boys. We came here and lost our first game Saturday and they battled back all the way up to this. What else could I ask for?"

"Desmond was big today," coach Gaines said. "He pitched three innings the first

game and they hit him pretty good, but that's what he does: he just throws strikes and if they hit them he doesn't get rattled. Then he came over here and hit his spots; I'm really proud of him.

"I'm really proud of all the kids today. We couldn't have won this tournament without all twelve of them. They all stepped up."

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AP Source: Drew Brees agrees to \$100 million deal

By **BRETT MARTEL**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees and the Saints reached a deal on par with the quarterback's record-setting play, giving New Orleans' fans some news they can celebrate after an offseason rife with turmoil.

The team announced Friday that it had agreed to a five-year contract with Brees.

A person familiar with the deal said it's for \$100 million, with \$60 million guaranteed.

The deal will also pay the quarterback \$40 million the first year, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because financial details had not been publicly announced.

Brees posted a note on his Twitter page reading, "Deal is Done! Love you, Who Dat Nation. See you soon!"

He had been tagged as the Saints' exclusive franchise player and could not negotiate with other teams.

Had a deal not been reached, the tender for a quarterback was worth \$16.3 million.

Brees would have had to play for that amount or hold out for a better one-year deal, which would have left his long-term future in New Orleans uncertain.

Brees skipped the Saints' offsea-

son practices while holding out for his new long-term contract, which now gives him the highest average annual pay (\$20 million) in NFL history.

Buffalo defensive end Mario Williams also has a \$100 million contract, but for six years.

"With a contract like this, people can say they're paying me what you earned or what you deserved. In my mind, I always feel like I've got to go out every day and earn it and show people why you're at that level," Brees said in an interview Friday night with the Saints' radio network, WWL-AM. "I can tell you from the start of this negotiation, I have not thought once about, 'Hey, I want to be the highest-paid guy or what have you.' ... It was more about trying to look truly, just objectively, at the numbers the last decade for a top-tier quarterback and where it has been and where it is going and just trying to do what is fair and justified."

Now Brees is set to report for the opening of Saints training camp on July 24, a needed dose of good news for a club whose offseason has been plagued by the bounty scandal that resulted in the season-long suspensions of coach Sean Payton and linebacker Jonathan Vilma, among other sanctions.

"What Drew has accomplished in his time with the Saints, he deserves to be the

highest paid player in the league," Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said. "We are excited to have this deal done and behind us and look forward to the next five years with Drew as our quarterback."

Brees' teammates quickly took to Twitter to congratulate him.

Safety Malcolm Jenkins wrote "Congrats bro ... You've changed the game on and off the field!!! No one deserves it more than you."

Tight end Jimmy Graham tweeted: "Congrats (at)drew-brees ... very happy for you, your family and all the Whodat Nation let's go get the trophy."

Even LSU coach Les Miles chimed in, tweeting: "It's a great day for New Orleans and the state of Louisiana. Congrats to both Drew Brees and the Saints on reaching a deal. Who Dat!"

The contract, which includes a \$37 million signing

bonus, also gives the Saints more flexibility under the NFL's salary cap.

Because bonuses count against the cap on a pro-rated basis over the life of the contract — \$7.4 million per year in Brees' case — the quarterback will cost the club only \$10.4 million against the cap in 2012.

That gives Loomis nearly \$6 million more in wiggle room to manage the entire roster than if Brees had played for the franchise tag.

His cap number will rise well above \$20 million by the final years of his deal, but Loomis will at least have more time to plan for that, and the current salary cap of about \$120 million is expected to have risen by then.

New Orleans had designated Brees, 33, its franchise player in March after the club was unable to reach a new long-term extension before his previous six-year, \$60 million contract expired.

Brees, however, was steadfast in not wanting to play for a one-year deal.

During the past six seasons, Brees has not only led the Saints to their only Super Bowl title, but has completed more passes (2,488) for more yards (28,394) and more touchdowns (201) than any other quarterback in the NFL.

His 67.8 percent completion rate spanning the past six seasons also tops the league.

In 2011, Brees set NFL single-season records with 468

completions, 5,476 yards passing and a completion percentage of 71.2.

His prolific passing numbers helped the Saints set an NFL high for total offensive yards in a season with 7,474.

Brees' yards passing record shattered a mark of 5,084 set by Dan Marino back in 1984.

He led the Saints to a 13-3 regular-season record and second NFC South title in three seasons.

New Orleans defeated Detroit in the first round of the playoffs before falling in the final seconds of its second-round game at San Francisco.

Arriving in New Orleans the season after Hurricane Katrina struck, Brees has become arguably the most popular sports figure in the city's history.

In addition to leading the club to its lone Super Bowl title for the 2009 season, Brees has become a civic pillar of the community.

He and his wife have worked through their Brees Dream foundation to sponsor about \$8 million in projects primarily aimed at improving the lives of children in the area through the refurbishing of schools or renovation of athletic fields and facilities.

His foundation also has supported the arts, along with hospital facilities for cancer patients.

In the Big Easy, he enjoys the status of royalty, even being invited to serve as the honorary "king" of some of the city's biggest Mardi Gras parades.

This offseason marked the first time Brees had the opportunity to negotiate a major, long-term deal with the leverage provided by a string of injury-free seasons highlighted by a slew of individual and team statistical records, in addition to a championship.

He commanded only second-round money when he was drafted by San Diego, and the Chargers placed the one-year franchise tag on him when that deal ran out in 2005.

The right-handed Brees then had an injury the following season that required major surgery to his throwing shoulder, and which left him with few major offers during the 2006 offseason.

He wound up signing the six-year deal in New Orleans that left him playing for well below what the top quarterbacks in the league earned during the past few seasons.

Brees' new deal tops the previous benchmark contract for elite QBs set by the \$96 million, five-year deal Denver gave earlier this offseason to Peyton Manning, who is three years older than Brees and sat out last season while recovering from neck surgery.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Everett Hurst struck out 13 in six innings to lead the Sebring Ozone to a 2-1 win and the state championship Thursday.

Ozone state title goes Sebring's way

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the bases.

A grounder off Justin Bickman's bat saw a slow developing force play take a moment too long to get the third out, leaving everyone safe and Lewis in with the go-ahead score.

Hurst then got the first two batters in the top of the fifth, on a grounder and strikeout, but Stephenson and Hovis knocked back-to-back singles to put the tying run in scoring position.

But Hurst recovered to strike out the next batter to end the threat.

Sebring looked to add an

insurance run when, with two out in the bottom of the fifth, Clint Patrick singled to right and Martinez beat out an infield hit.

A ground out, however, ended the at bat and sent it to the sixth with the li'l Streaks clinging to the one-run lead and the top of the West Volusia order due up.

But here, Hurst was at his best.

Seeing the state title just three outs away, he reared back and sent each batter back to the bench with a swinging third strike, giving Sebring the Ozone State Championship and its' birth

in the Dixie World Series as Team Florida.

Hurst would total 13 strikeouts in his six innings of work.

"He was just a horse out there," head coach Caesar Martinez said. "And he needed to be because that kid (Jones) was a quality pitcher. It wasn't easy but these kids scratched, clawed and fought all the way and I couldn't be more proud."

The team will now get ready and head to Cleveland, MS where they will begin play Saturday, July 28 against Team Louisiana.



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10 Warning Signs of Hearing Loss

1. People seem to mumble more frequently.
2. You experience ringing in your ears.
3. You often ask people to repeat themselves.
4. Your family complains that you play the radio or TV too loudly.
5. You no longer hear normal household sounds, such as the dripping of a faucet or the ringing of a doorbell.
6. You have difficulty understanding conversation when in a large group or crowd.
7. You hear, but have trouble understanding all the words in a conversation.
8. You find telephone conversation increasingly difficult.
9. You have trouble hearing when your back is turned to the speaker.
10. You have been told you speak too loudly.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE THESE PROBLEMS REPEATEDLY OR IN COMBINATION, THEY MAY INDICATE A HEARING LOSS.

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MICROCHIPS BRING MAJOR CHANGES TO HEARING CARE

Chicago, IL - The world is going wireless. Phones function flawlessly without cords. We surf the internet from planes. GPS devices give us street directions as we drive. And now-thanks to advanced microchip technology-the hearing impaired can enjoy home entertainment and mobile phone with the same ease and flexibility as those with normal hearing.

Wireless Transmission of Sound

The ability for hearing aids to receive sound sent wirelessly from the television, stereo and computer is now a reality. Hearing aid patients no longer need awkward necklace-style devices to receive wireless audio signals. Individuals can listen "privately" through their hearing instruments at the vol-

ume they prefer. Others in the room enjoy a volume comfortable for them.

The same microprocessor technology allows hearing aid wearers to enjoy hands-free use of cell and home phones. By using a small Bluetooth™ accessory clipped to a shirt or automobile visor, clear conversation is sent from the phone to both ears. The phone can stay put away in a pocket or handbag during calls.

Options for Noisy Environments

Along with enabling direct-to-ear-wireless communication, microprocessors help hearing aid wearers more easily understand speech in noisy environments. New techniques, such as band-splitting and specialized sound classifications, facilitate more

natural hearing in challenging environments. Now, instead of across-the-board amplification, patients can prioritize important sounds, such as speech, while retaining auditory awareness of less critical sounds. Patients can also choose to focus on speech exclusively.

True Breakthrough in Hearing Technology

The new line of Beltone True™ hearing aids sends phone conversation and TV directly into hearing instruments, while letting users stay connected to their surroundings at the same time. Beltone is the only manufacturer to utilize a robust 2.4 GHz wireless signal which, when coupled with True's advanced microprocessors-allows wireless transmis-

sion of sound up to 23 feet from entertainment devices.

The Beltone True hearing instrument's Spatial Directionality™ feature enables more natural hearing in noisy surroundings. Using directional technology, one ear focuses on speech, while the other ear monitors sounds from around the individual. Speech Spotter Pro™ allows the user to focus on speech, and tune-out background noise completely.

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