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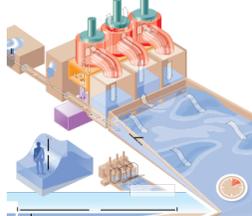
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No **45%**

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Courtesy photo

HCSO loses one of its top cops

By SCOTT DRESSEL

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SEBRING — He may have been one of the most instantly recognizable members of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office. He was definitely one of the loudest.

Wyatt, a black-and-tan bloodhound who was the senior member of the HCSO's K-9 unit, was put to sleep Tuesday after being diagnosed with a

Bloodhound Wyatt, senior K-9, laid to rest Tuesday

very aggressive tumor. He was escorted to his final resting place at Saunders Veterinary Clinic in Avon Park in fitting fashion, with a parade of deputies up U.S. 27.

"It's just now kind of sinking in that he's not here," Deputy Jake Riley, Wyatt's partner since August 2010, said Friday.

K-9 handlers have a special bond with their dogs, who literally become part of the family and live at the deputy's home.

"They are our partners," Riley said. "Sometimes on a midnight shift when there's nothing going on, you'll catch yourself carrying on a conversation with them. 'I've lost pets before, but this is a lot different.'"

Wyatt, who was 10, had a

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Wyatt's record

127 trails

97 total arrests

55 felony arrests

14 missing persons found

A rich life spent paying it forward



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Eddie Mae Henderson meets Karen and Dave Dunlap of Alabama on Tuesday morning while they take a walking tour to see the murals in downtown Lake Placid. Henderson is depicted in the mural cooking Christmas dinner for those less fortunate. She has done for almost 30 years. The Eddie Mae Henderson-Sharing & Caring mural is located on the wall of Wauchula State Bank along Main Avenue in Lake Placid.

Henderson named LP's Most Interesting Person

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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LAKE PLACID — Eddie Mae Henderson sat with friends enjoying the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Annual Awards Banquet — at least until the awards part of the evening arrived.

She was minding her own business, Henderson said, when she heard herself named the first recipient of the Most Interesting Person in Lake Placid Award.

"Oh, they really surprised me on that," Henderson said much later. "I was really embarrassed. People are so good to me, I don't know how to act. All of my life I had no recognition. I thought my life was a failure. Now I'm 74 and it's coming in."

Henderson was born and raised in the small farm town of Greenwood, up near Marianna. At 6 years old she began going to school and working — spending a half

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EDDIE MAE HENDERSON

Lester hoping to be 'The Voice'

Sebring teenager invited to audition in New York City

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — Local singing sensation and recent Teen Heartland Idol second runner-up Cammie Lester is looking forward to a chance at the big time in the coming weeks when the 13-year-old gets a chance to see if she can get a chair to turn around on "The Voice."

The hit NBC show has requested the presence of the young singer for round three of auditions at Smash Studios in New York City on April 26.

Lester, who placed third last

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Cammie Lester sings at Heartland Idol.



County commission to start work on two-year budget

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — It will be the first round of biennial budget discussions when Highlands County commissioners meet on Tuesday. County Administrator June Fisher reportedly has cobbled together a list of potential

items for commissioners to mull over, including cost-of-living increases for county workers, the costs of legal services and business demands on the budget as well as legislative management software.

Fisher has asked commissioners to tell her whether or

not those items would be included in the new plan.

Commissioners agreed to move toward biennial budgeting this past January. The idea is to plan fiscal projections for two consecutive fiscal years.

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Sebring's Cale Delaney, 6, is all smiles after completing Saturday's duathlon at Lake June Park in Lake Placid to kick off the Rock 'n Heartland Youth Triathlon series. More photos, A6-7



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FOX 13 show to air live from downtown Sebring

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is excited to announce that FOX 13 WTVT-TV from Tampa will be airing live from downtown Sebring on Friday, May 17 from 6-10 a.m.

The show will be called "Hometown Sebring" and focus on the unique, fun and exciting aspects of life in the town of Sebring. The majority of the show will be live with a few pre-recorded segments showcasing the Sebring International Raceway and Highlands County agriculture, as well as the area's natural beauty.

The May 17 show will be based in Circle Park with other Downtown Sebring merchants and points of interests featured during the four-hour broadcast. Interview segments with various attractions, businesses, and community leaders will be finalized and scheduled in the next few weeks.

More details will be available from the Sebring CRA as the event draws closer. For anyone wanting updates, please "Like" Downtown Sebring on the CRA's Facebook Fan Page at www.Facebook.com/DowntownSebringFL or sign up to receive the monthly e-newsletter at www.DowntownSebring.org/.

FOX 13 encourages everyone to attend the live event and bring kids, dogs, parents, grandparents and anyone who wants to cheer on Downtown Sebring and possibly be on live television. For more information about FOX 13, visit their website www.MyFoxTampaBay.com/.

Tea Party holding flag waving

SEBRING — The Highlands County Tea Party will host a flag waving demonstration from 3-5 p.m. Monday at the intersection of U.S. 27 and New Life Way in Sebring.

Anyone is invited to bring flags and signs and join.

SALT Council meets Tuesday

AVON PARK — The Highlands County Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Council will hold its next monthly educational forum Tuesday at Union Congregational Church, Solid Grounds Center, 106 N. Butler Ave. The program will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature Cheral Phillips, Pastoral Care minister, speaking on Senior Snares.

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Correction

Guest speakers Dutch Sheets, Ken Malone and Rick Pino will speak at a regional equipping conference at Crossroads Fellowship Church (605 State Road 66, Sebring) on June 12-13. A story in Friday's News-Sun had the incorrect dates. The News-Sun regrets the error and appreciates the opportunity to set the record straight.



Courtesy photo
Richard Knapp, who just celebrated his 102nd birthday, still creates some beautiful pieces of art from nothing more than soda pop cans.

Past the century mark and still creating

By CAROL KLINE
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — If it were written, the novel would read as a Nicholas Sparks love story; the romance has lasted 78 years. Now at 102, Richard Knapp reflects on life with his lovely wife Frances and smiles.

He was born in Michigan on Feb. 21, 1911, but grew up in Centerville, Ind. after his parents moved there. His father was a jeweler and owned property; a "very nice man", according to Richard.

"My father would tell me, 'If you want something, just make it!'" Knapp explained. "He would give me the materials and the tools, and then he would help me. He was a very intelligent man," Knapp said. Of his mother, Knapp smiled with obvious affection and said simply, "She was the prettiest thing alive."

Their close family relationship obviously taught Richard Knapp the joy of sharing life with someone for whom he cared very much. He was just 16 years old when he met Frances, and it was love at first sight.

"I went to her 13th birthday party," he explained with a chuckle. "You wouldn't know this, but girls back then would wear their sox rolled down, and she had the cutest knees I ever saw."

After high school, Knapp started working at a bank for \$1 a day in Centerville. At ages 24 and 21, they were married June 10, 1935 and soon moved to Florida to start their long life together. Richard had been hired with Pan American Airways making \$50 a week. On that, however, Knapp explained they couldn't afford children at first and, later on, they just didn't have time.

"I retired after 31 years at Pan Am," Knapp said, "and we did lots of traveling and camping. We set our feet in 37 different countries!"

His desire to create things started at an early age and continued long into adulthood. Poetry to Frances became an element of their relationship that no doubt helped bond them together.



Courtesy photo
At 102, Richard Knapp is still very creative and busy.

"She would get a new poem for every birthday and each anniversary," Knapp said. "I have a copy of every one I wrote to her."

His creativity spilled over into making delicate crosses dipped in gold, beautiful lilies spray painted to look textured, ornately designed dollhouse furniture; a myriad of speciality items all from aluminum cans he collected. With hand held tin cutters, he would painstakingly snip and cut, then shape and mold the tiny objects. Frances adored each piece.

When she became a little forgetful, the Knapps moved to The Palms of Sebring in 1998, after having visited friends who lived there. Richard cared for her every need, still treasuring their life together.

He continued making the tiny decorative objects stay busy after Frances passed away in 2006, but soon ran out of ideas. He became interested in the new table top shuffle board and has now found a brand new hobby: having fun and winning.

"I've lived a long and very happy life," Knapp said as he reminisced, then chuckled.

"I know I won't live forever, but I've had a good time while I'm here ... and I still am."

I know I won't live forever, but I've had a good time while I'm here ... and I still am.

RICHARD KNAPP

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Plane lands on S.R. 64

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

HARDEE COUNTY — There were some tense moments late Friday morning when an experimental aircraft lost power and had to try to set down at the nearest flat surface, which happened to be State Road 64.

Pilot Mark Elliott of Fort Lauderdale reportedly made what was termed a hard landing on the highway near the Parnell Road intersection, avoiding vehicular traffic and ending up in a ditch.

Hardee County Sheriff's

Office Major Randy Day said he was told the Velocity Experimental aircraft's engine quit, causing the rear propeller-driven plane to come out of the sky. Neither the pilot, nor his brother Erwin Elliott, also of Fort Lauderdale, suffered any serious injuries.

Officials of the Federal Aviation Administration have been called in to investigate the incident.

The pair reportedly were on their way to the annual Sun 'N Fun Fly-in in Polk County.

Sebring Relay to feature musician Dale Ahlbrandt

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Relay for Life season is in full swing and Sebring Relay teams are up next this year. Hundreds of participants will take on the day Saturday and brave the night into Sunday morning for the fundraiser benefiting the American Cancer Society.

The county's first Relay of the year was held last weekend in Lake Placid.

Twenty-seven teams and more than 230 participants are currently registered for

the walk at Firemen's Field, which has raised more than \$27,000 so far. This year's event will include a guest appearance from a very special ACS/Relay advocate.

Dale Ahlbrandt, a musician and an only child, learned of his mother's breast cancer when he was 18.

"My mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and over a three-year span I watched her go through more than I could ever bear.

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April 11 (d) 7 7 8 5

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April 12 (d) 0 0 2
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April 11 (d) 7 8 6

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Green Thumb Festival leaves an earthy fingerprint

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Twangy, traditional bluegrass music set the tone for the second annual Green Thumb Festival in Circle Park Friday.

The Flat Land Bluegrass Band mixed guitar with finger-picking banjo, mandolin, fiddle and double bass, blending with authentic voices to create, pure, foot tapping music.

The music was worth coming for all by itself.

"We came from Bartow for the band. We see them every Thursday night," said John Hebb, who was sitting on a bench with his wife Melanie, both enjoying ice cream cones.

What made the event different and especially fun, however, were the vendors who came selling unusual products from Mother Earth — like vegetables, or topiary in wildlife forms, organic honey and works of art chain-saw-carved from trees.

Henscratch Farms had a wine tasting, Linda's Books handed out free orange juice and Scott Rigby brought unusual carrots — delightfully



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Local artist James Ward set up a canvas during the Green Thumb event in Sebring Friday. Passers-by were encouraged to add their own stroke of color

ly twisted, they came in a variety of colors, including, purple, yellow and white. Essential Depot displayed greener life essentials for home-made soaps, McCracken Farms sold vegetables and Robins Nursery sold plants.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Mary Sessions plays bass for Flat Land, a toe-tapping Bluegrass band. Levi Wilson plays banjo; Lee Ferrell the fiddle; Richard Wilson, Levi's uncle, is lead singer and plays guitar; Krishna Ashwill plays the mandolin and sings. They sang during the Green Thumb Festival.

Frankie Flowers gave the chain-saw-carving demonstrations while artist James Ward set up a canvas in front of Lucid Heart Gallery, challenging passers-by to help

create a painting by taking a paint brush and adding a stroke or two (or three).

"It will all come together," Ward told every passing artist.

County to start talks on two-year budget

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Just like single-year budgeting, allocations and other adjustments may be made as the process goes along throughout the year.

The hope is that by planning for two fiscal years, there will be less of a workload by employees planning for their budget each spring and county officials will get a more long-term view of the financial picture.

In other action, the commission will

look at new landscaping requirements to be imposed by the county. The regulations will revolve around recommendations made by the county's Natural Resources Advisory Committee, area nurserymen and the Highlands County Homeowner's Association.

County officials say the mandates would be used to reduce incompatibility of adjacent land uses, enhance energy efficiency, reduce storm water runoff and provide essential habitat for various

species. They also will consider a proposal by Harrell's Horticultural Products to reclaim the old Ram Peat mining operation off Dressel Road.

Reportedly, the firm wants to add another 43 acres to the project with the idea of being able to obtain between 1.5 and 4 million yards of peat from the 116 acres of mining property there.

The firm has put up more than \$87,000 in surety money as part of that plan.

Henderson recalls interesting life

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day in the classroom and a half day in the fields.

Over a 40-year farm worker's career, she has picked cotton, broke corn, chopped peanuts, weeded, stacked sod and followed the apple and orange harvests.

Nothing was easy. The work was physically exhausting. It strained the back, coarsened hands and irritated the skin. The pay averaged \$30 to \$40 a week. Families lived on credit extended by local grocers.

Asked how she managed such a hard life, Henderson said, "You do it so long, it comes naturally and you just get up and do it."

She moved to Lake Placid to be with her mother in 1955, the mother of five herself. It was in Lake Placid she met her second husband, Albert Henderson. He became a father to her children, and agreed to help raise countless foster children and adopt one girl.

"He was sent by God," Henderson tells a visitor, leaning over and stroking her husband's arm.

In Lake Placid she began taking care of white families' children. "I raised them all," she said laughing. "The Griffins, the Duncans, Mat Delaney."

Did that mean she moved out of the fields to work inside homes, she was asked.

"I didn't get out of the fields," she said with a polite snort. "I got out of the house to go into the fields. I had to earn a living." In other words, her days were still divided in half.

In those days, she said, all the farm workers were black and life was segregated.

"In a lot of places you couldn't even get a Coca-Cola," Henderson said.

"People didn't understand each other. That was the main problem."

Slowly, over years, integration began. "It didn't happen overnight," she said. It took patience, hard work and persistence.

When Albert Henderson suffered a stroke, and then a series of others, Mrs. Henderson retired to take care of him.

It turned out she has special qualities of caring, an empathy born from her own hardships.

"It is harsh, sir," she said. "It sure does get rough. You ought to see me pick up pennies. Anybody needs help, I'm there with them."

Henderson laughs and rocks back in her seat. "I've never met a stranger. Ever. Uh-uh," she said.

Her home in Highway Park is on a quiet side street. The front door is open. The sun shines in, and a musical wind chime sounds just outside. Just when it seems like an oasis of peace, however, someone comes to the door, or the telephone rings.

Henderson is busy all day. A minister, "I can't leave God out of it," she said, quoting John 15:12. "Love ye each other as I have loved you."

It was Henderson's love that created her annual Christmas dinner more than 30 years ago. She said the first meal had a \$100 budget. Last Christmas, she and her volunteers — "all colors working together" — served between 700 and 800 din-

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EDDIE MAE ROBINSON

Crowder draws laughs, boos at SFSC

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent
AVON PARK — Although he played to a much older audience than he generally is used to, Stephen Crowder rocked the house at South Florida State College Tuesday.

The youngest contributor to Fox News began with a stand-up comedy routine talking about everything from his family and his roots in Canada to the rigors of political life in the United States.

Crowder drew several boos and audience rumblings by invoking the names of such people as Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, as well as liberal media stars like Joy Behar and Bill Maher.

But the meat of Crowder's presentation came in the question-and-answer session, where he mixed laughs

Instead of turning off the TV, stopping going to movies and generally surrendering the media ground to left-leaning groups and individuals, Crowder urged the audience to become engaged, starting with the electronic media. He suggested first off that they get Facebook and Twitter accounts.

"A lot of you already are sending emails and are involved in Facebook to keep up with your grandchildren," he noted.

"Now you need to use that social media to respond to newspapers, radio and television articles because they pay attention to that."

Crowder discounted alternative media created in response to media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. He told the audience that conservatives need to move in to places like YouTube and not look to the Christian-oriented GodTube to make their message known.

"If you want to take something viral, GodTube will be seen by tens of thousands of people while YouTube will go to millions," he said.

Crowder's appearance was sponsored by the College Republicans of South Florida State College. President Josh Fuentes promised that his group would be having more special events around the county.

The CRSFSC meets each Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 on the Highlands County Campus in Building B.

Conservatives keep looking for that one candidate — like a haymaker — that will deliver a knockout punch.

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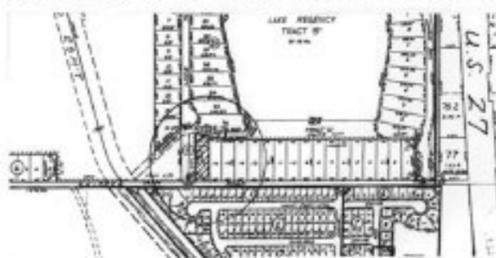
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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Where there's smoke, hope there's a fire department

Fire protection is currently a hot topic in Highlands County. The costs of maintaining a professional 24/7 department with up-to-date equipment grows more expensive every year.

While first responder budgets have been untouchable in the past, in a world of lowered revenues that is no longer the case.

Communities which have funded professional, or partly professional, departments for years are looking to cut costs or do away with stations altogether.

Take Sun 'N Lake's current discussion regarding its fire department. Although partly staffed by professionals, they work part-time as a second job so the station is only open eight hours during the day. The West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department handles nighttime calls.

The Board of Supervisors have three options from which to choose: Keeping the status quo, creating a full-time professional department or doing away with it altogether and expanding West Sebring for permanent coverage.

We think the board of supervisors was

wise to delay its decision April 5. It is not an easy one to make.

Certain questions need to be asked and answered, consideration of long-term costs must be done and there needs to be a careful review of all the pros and cons.

For example, will homeowner insurance rise with an all volunteer service? Will response times increase? Does West Sebring have the manpower to take on such an expanded area of responsibility? Can it maintain an all-volunteer force under these circumstances?

While tax payers struggle in difficult economic times, some expenses are simply good sense. Investing in fire protection is as sensible as it gets.

Put it another way, paying an annual assessment of \$100 to \$200 is cheap compared to losing a home or business in a fire, or a loved one to a heart attack.

It is true firefighters are expensive, and there is a need for pension reform, but unlike the reader who wrote to us saying all firefighters and first responders should be volunteers, we understand the need for professionals.

For a start, how long can we expect men and women to routinely risk their lives, or make themselves available on any day, at any hour, for nothing more than a pat on the back? How can volunteers earn themselves a living when they must be available at a moment's notice and calls become more frequent?

We recommend the longer view. Taking a fire station apart and relying on volunteers may save money in the short run, but in the long run, as growth returns, recreating infrastructure to meet demand will cost a great deal more.

This is one reason we support the idea of partnering with the county to build a new Sun 'N Lake public safety building. It will only be a benefit down the line. Of course, county and Sun 'N Lake officials will have to be mature and work together to benefit the entire community — something we wistfully agree is not a sure thing.

TODAY'S LETTERS

Buns and the 2nd amendment

Editor:

It is time to take a look back at some of the 2nd amendment history before the debate descends into a battle of totally emotional exchanges, without any rational look at history or practicality.

For most of our history, there has been disagreement as to the intent of the 2nd amendment to the constitution; was it the intent of the drafters that the first two clauses, to wit: "a well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state,...." was merely an introductory recital to the subject matter of arms, or were these clauses part of the substantive content of the amendment? In Cruikshank (1875) and Miller (1939) the Supreme Court ruled that the amendment did not create an individual right to bear arms and had a reasonable relationship to the preservation of a well-regulated militia. Not until Heller (2008) did the court rule it codified a pre-existing right of an individual to keep arms for lawful purposes, but that "the right was not unlimited, not a right to keep and carry any weapon in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

When the British marched to Lexington and Concord, to seize the arms stored by the local militias, no search of house to house to discover individual arms was undertaken nor contemplated by the British. Yet the current "2nd amendment advocates" now contend such was the case.

Now the dispute is drawn between those who contend that the 2nd amendment denies government any right to regulate the keeping and bearing of firearms and those who contend that magazine size limits, background checks and limits on so-called "assault" weapons were reasonable limitations on one's rights respecting firearm ownership.

The Senate, rather than open the floor to a full and fair debate on these positions, now threatens filibuster to prevent any debate on bills touching on these



issues. Whatever happened to "Profiles in Courage" and legislative duty?

The Senators were sent to Washington to represent the will of the people, not refuse to consider and act on issues which may be detrimental to their personal political fortunes.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Branding Sebring as art and cultural center

Editor:

According to Florida Tax Watch, art and culture are significant in the spending of a whopping 74.9 percent of Florida visitors. When "Sebring, Florida" is mentioned to potential tourists what might come to mind? Orange groves? Cattle? Car racing? Gulf courses? Lakes? Hammock State Park? A quant downtown area?

Lake Placid can teach how tourism increased dramatically after money earmarked for art was judiciously spent to associate the community as one that supports art and culture.

In Florida, tourists spend money that can significantly aid community commerce, but communities must be the ones that best cultivate tourist trade. Communities associated with supporting the arts are simply aesthetically pleasing to be in.

Well developed art and culture sets up a vibrant base for escalating visitation and regular injection of money into economy. Locals benefit

by living in a beautiful flourishing community with a healthy commerce and jobs.

Refinements in our Sebring Tourist Development Council could move us further in garnering tourist dollars. The guidelines on how to spend money earmarked for the arts are most successful when done by people actually involved in the arts.

Polk County is a great example of this, having experienced results from both ways of operating. Here is a metaphor: A dentist, no matter how knowledgeable and skilled, may not be the best person to layout and pour a cement foundation. This is common sense.

When actual people in the arts are allowed to set up the guidelines for how art-earmarked money is spent, the whole community benefits. Sebring Tourist Development Council can move further in this direction.

Roberta Peck
Sebring

Bouquet

Businesses, individuals help with Transportation Day

Editor:

Recently the Kindergarten Learning Center held our annual Transportation Day. The students and staff were amazed by the wonderful display of vehicles as well as the many volunteers, businesses, and organizations who participated by displaying and explaining their

vehicles. The volunteers were placed throughout our parking lot and bus loop to display their vehicles.

The following individuals spent a Friday morning presenting to our students: Alan-Jay Automotive's James Mann; Al Middleton with the Florida Highway Patrol; city of Sebring K-9 Patrolman John Garrison; city of Sebring Fire Department members Mr. Bush and Kyle Yancey; Highlands County Emergency Medical Services' Christie, Karin, and Lance; Sebring International Raceway's Lisa Cellantano; Jim Parker with You Scream Ice Cream; and Progress Energy's Jim Bennett and Sean McManus.

Several parents, grandparents, and volunteers also participated including Douglas Bailey, Audrey and Michael Bright, Ronnie Brock, Joann Eveleth, Dale Flippin, John Gottus, Eric Keiber, Richard Klocko, Robert O'Connor, Dale Reed, Terry Taylor, Will Tyson, and Buddy and Kathy Whitlock.

We would also like to thank KLC parent Stacy Hill for contacting many of the individuals and businesses who attended.

On behalf of the staff and students of the Kindergarten Learning Center, a generous thanks to everyone who was involved. Without your time and effort Transportation Day would not have been a success.

Andrew Lethbridge
Principal
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A look at the clueless

Let's admit it — we've all had clueless moments. Moments when something overtook our common sense and we did or said something that defied logic.

The big difference between us and the people I'm going to talk about is that our missteps usually don't wind up broadcasted all over the Internet. Take comfort in this as we examine some cases of cluelessness I've come across.

Our first occurrence involves the Tampa Bay Rays and their mascot, Raymond. According to a story on sports.yahoo.com, during a recent game Raymond was handed a sign to hold up to the audience. The sign was allegedly handed to him by a fan.

The sign was a Rays' to-do list. It had two items on it. The second one was the World Series. The first one, which was crossed out as if accomplished, said "Steve Irwin" and showed a picture of the crocodile hunter.

For those of you who have forgotten, Steve Irwin was killed by a stingray back in 2006. I should quickly add that no ray associated with the team has ever been implicated.

The next day the team issued a statement apologizing for what they called a "lapse in judgment." The article hastens to say that the mascot shouldn't be held to blame, since the person inside the Raymond costume (yes, the mascot is a person in a costume ... hope that didn't blow your mind) might have had difficulty seeing what the sign said.

But the fan who penned the sign was a good example of someone clueless. He or she obviously thought this would be good for a laugh. I doubt that Irwin's family would be laughing at this.

My next example of someone having a clueless moment concerns MSNBC host Melissa Harris-Perry. According to www.foxnews.com, Ms. Harris-Perry recorded a commercial in which she appears to say that children do not belong to their parents, but rather to the community at large.

In the commercial, which promotes the network's "Lean Forward" campaign, she is quoted as saying, "We have never invested as much in public education as we should

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

have because we've always had kind of a private notion of children. Your kid is yours and totally your responsibility. We haven't had a very collective notion of these are our children. So part of it is we have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents, or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities."

Reaction to this statement was swift. Many people decried it, while others hailed it as a step in the right direction. The clip is available on YouTube, where it has generated a mixed response.

I'd love to give Ms. Harris-Perry the benefit of the doubt here, that she didn't really mean that kids didn't belong to their parents, but to others. But the wording makes it kind of hard. As I type this column there's no report of her clarifying her statement, so it may be just a clueless moment.

Our last example deals with a camel that the nation of Mali gave to French President Francois Hollande back in February. According to an article found on <http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/>, Hollande was presented with the camel after sending troops to the former colony to repel al Qaeda-linked fighters. The French president chose to leave the camel with a family in Mali when he returned to France.

Apparently, this was not a good idea. According to a Malian official, the family subsequently ate the camel in question.

The official, who chose not to be named, quickly assured that a bigger and better looking camel would be dispatched to France, where hopefully it will live a long and happy life.

Moral of the tale? Do not eat someone else's present. I'd go on, but I'm out of space. And going longer than I have room for? That would be clueless.

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Photo by Tiffany Weaver/Wild Clover Images
Cammie Lester, 13, is hoping to get a chance to impress one of the celebrity judges on 'The Voice.'

Lester headed to NYC for 'The Voice' audition

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month at Heartland Idol, is preparing for the private audition with music industry big wigs, which could eventually lead her to the fifth round of auditions in front of a huge audience and world-famous musicians who serve as the judges.

Lester's mother, Mandy Elliott, described the process that brought Lester to this unbelievable crossroad.

"I saw a posting on the website (The Voice)," said Mandy Elliott, Lester's mother. "It was asking for kid singers between the ages of 7 and 14. They wanted contestants to send in a professional headshot and video so we did that. I got a phone call about three weeks ago and they liked her. They asked me to just skip the music video and just send in a home video. I just recorded her in her bedroom singing and sent it in."

"About 30 minutes later, they called back and said she could skip round two and invited her to the private audition," Elliott said. An excited Lester let out a scream following the phone call, she recalled.

"I was so excited. I was really happy," Lester said. "I'm usually not really nervous when I perform but I am becoming nervous and anxious about this."

Lester has only been singing a couple of years, though her huge, mesmerizing voice sounds as if it has been in use for many years.

"I started singing when I was like 11. I just love it though. It's how I tell a story, when I sing," Lester said.

Lester participates in the chorus group at Sebring Middle School, which has given her not only a continuous outlet to practice her voice but has also another source of inspiration.

"Mrs. (Kara) Williams is great. She has played a huge role in Cammie's singing," Elliott stated.

Lester agreed.

"Chorus is really fun and she is a really good teacher. I love singing and I love that class," Lester said.

Lester has watched "The Voice" regularly and knows what judges Adam Levine, Shakira, Usher and Blake Shelton are wanting to hear. She hopes that she has just what it takes to blow away the private audition judges and make her way to the stage and blind auditions in Los Angeles, where judges sit with their back turned to the performers until they hit a button to turn their chair around, meaning they want them on their team.

According to normal blind auditions rules, if more than one judge chooses Lester she then is able to choose which judge she wants to work with.

"Blake is my favorite judge because I love country music. It's my favorite genre and it's my favorite music to sing," Lester said.

During the private auditions, Lester will perform three pre-selected songs for a panel of judges: Bruno Mars' "Marry You," Miranda Lambert's "More Like Her" and Carrie Underwood's "Blown Away."

These three songs could be Lester's ticket to Los Angeles where she will then sing live in front of the celebrity judges and TV cameras.

"We want find out about the private audition until mid-May, so we have a bit of a long waiting game," said Elliott.

Elliott and her husband, Norman, have remained fully supportive of Lester's plans to pursue her dreams of a singing career. The Elliots, along with Lester's grandfather, have made plans to fund the trip and travel to NYC along with the singer to show support during the private audition.

"I just love singing. It's what I like to do the most," Lester said. "To have a career out of it would be amazing," she said. "We'll see how it goes."

OBITUARIES

PERRY RADCLIFFE

Perry Radcliffe, 85, passed away April 11, 2013 at home, surrounded by family. Formerly from Baltimore, Md., was a resident of Avon Park for the past 10 years. He had retired from the Teamsters of Maryland.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores, of 64 years. Perry leaves a loving family of seven daughters: Charlotte, Marie, Phyllis (deceased),

Kathleen, Robin, Sharon and Terri; along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was a former member of the Senior Center in Sebring for many years. Perry will join his beloved daughter Phyllis with our Lord. Loved by many friends and family and will be greatly missed.

No services will be held.

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Phillips has a great deal of experience with seniors and assessing and meeting a variety of their needs. She has encountered identity theft, credit card fraud, harassment and a variety of abuse issues during her interactions with seniors. Her advice on how to navigate through law enforcement issues and her creative problem solving skills will be educational for all.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

The SALT Council is a part of Triad, which is an organization of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association and the AARP. The purpose of this organization is to address the needs of all seniors in the community especially as they relate to crime victimization and the fear of crime.

Scribes' Night Out is today

SEBRING — Lynn Ullin has Jack Everett as her featured reader at today's Scribes Night Out meeting at 6 p.m. at Brewster's Coffee House.

Everett, a skilled and prolific author, has the unique ability to speak with a British as well as American accent. He will read both parts to the group from a story about what happens when an American tourist is befriended by a local British person.

Bring your story to read for the open mike portion of the evening. Time allotted readers for the open mike portion of the evening varies according to the numbers participating.

Walker Memorial benefits from car wash

SEBRING — Bring your car, van or bus to Brewster's Coffee House, 2191 U.S. 27 North, from 1-3 p.m. today for a car wash. Donations received will benefit the Walker Memorial Academy yearbook.

NARFE meets Tuesday

SEBRING — NARFE Chapter 288 of Highlands County will meet Tuesday at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring Square. Lunch is at 11 a.m., followed by a noon meeting and guest speaker. The speaker for April will be

a retired law enforcement agent with current information available to seniors.

For more information, call L.R. "Corky" Dabe, president, at 382-9447.

Neighborhood Watch training is Wednesday

SPRING LAKE — The second meeting of the newly formed Neighborhood Watch group for all of Spring Lake Villages residents was held March 19 at the community center. Nell Hays, with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, was the main speaker. She gave information and literature to help us in organizing the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The group currently has 27 residents from six villages signed up to participate in the crime prevention program. The first training meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Spring Lake Community Center building. All residents are invited to come and join their neighbors in helping to make the community a safer, friendlier place.

Paul Paton, 655-1112, is the committee chairman and Michael Smith, 655-2525, is the co-chairman.

Art Uncorked prepares for 'Heron'

SEBRING — Art Uncorked is an art experience in a social setting, with wine and friends, with nature themes planned for April. Artist Alice Hansen leads the class through her "Heron" painting during Tuesday's class at 6 p.m.

Have fun at this step-by-step painting process and leave with one complete project. Space is limited.

To register, call 385-5312 or visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org

Recreation Club gears up for summer

SEBRING — Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host the following events during the summer months, April through November:

- Mondays - Ice cream shuffleboard at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays - Bridge at 12:30 p.m. Ping-pong at 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays - Line dancing from 5:15-8:30 p.m. Ice cream shuffleboard at 6:30 p.m.
- Fridays - Bridge at 12:30 p.m.
- Saturdays - Pin shuffleboard at 6:30 p.m.

Just \$15 for the summer. For more information, call 385-2966.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will host Steak-O at 2 p.m. today. Music by Tom McGannon on Friday and by Johnny B. on Saturday, both nights from 5-8 p.m. For more information, call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Naomi from 4-7 p.m. today. Legion Riders' dinner from 4-6 p.m. Karaoke by KJ from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by LT on Friday; call for time. Legion Riders' meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The American Legion Post 25 will host music by Steve and Peggy from 5-8 p.m. today. Music by Gary and Shirley from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Frank E. from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Death by Chocolate on Saturday; call for details and time. Thomas entertainment from 6-10 p.m. For more information, call 465-0975.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 House Committee meets at 11 a.m. today. Post meeting and elections is at 8 p.m. Thursday. Music by Todd Allen on Saturday; call for time. For details, call 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host Fireman Karaoke from 3-8 p.m. Monday. Loyal Order of the Moose officers meet at 6:30 p.m. House Committee and Women of the Moose meet at 7 p.m. Formal general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wild Bill Karaoke is Wednesday, music by Frank E. on Thursday and music by Larry Musgrave on Friday, all times from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Riders' lunch is Saturday; call for time. Music by Big Freddie from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, call 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will host music by Chrissy from 5-8 p.m. Monday. BPOE Indoctination at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Ladies board meeting at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. BPOE Dinner/Dance on Friday. Music by Larry Musgrave; call for time. Summer camp applications

are available now at the lodge. For details or more information of activities, call 465-2661.

SEBRING

The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 will have NASCAR on the screen today; call for time. Women of the Moose meet at 6 p.m. Monday. Music by Larry Musgrave from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, and by Sho Nuff Country from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Child ID from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Member enrollment from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Music by Frankie from 6-10 p.m. For more information, call 655-3920.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300 will host karaoke with Mega Soundz from 5-8 p.m. today. VFW Post meeting and election night at 7 p.m. Monday. Music by Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Todd Allen music on Thursday, Gary and Shirley music on Friday and Gary Oliver music on Saturday, all times from 6-9 p.m. For details, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks 1529 will host a Good Shepherd Hospice luncheon on Monday; call for time. Orientation from 6-7:15 p.m. Tuesday. Wacky Wednesday is from 5-6 p.m. Meal is \$6.50. To dance only is \$3, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., to music by Allen. PER meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday. Lodge meeting and installation of new members at 7 p.m. Wine tasting with two new wines from 4:30-6 p.m. Friday. Buffet from 5-6:30 p.m. for \$12. Dance only, \$3, to Too Smooth 6:30-9:30 p.m. For details, call 471-3557.

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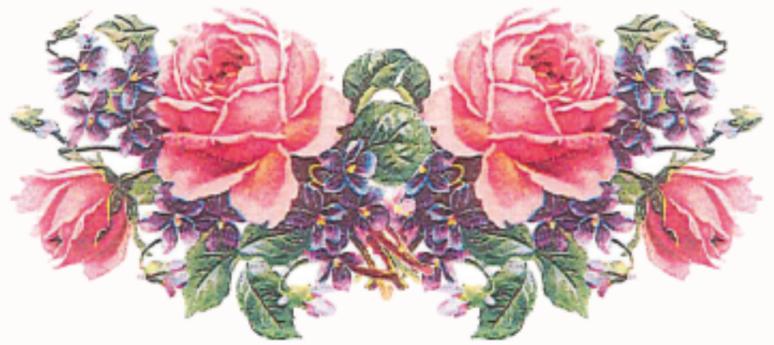


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 Junior duathletes line up before the start of the Rock 'n Heartland Youth Triathlon Series race Saturday morning in Lake Placid. The water was too cold for the swimming portion of the originally planned triathlon. Youngsters ran, biked and ran again. Bud Cox, No. 8, won the junior division with a time of 14:01. Around 100 athletes took part in the event.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
 Rita Paixao, 11, of Weston makes her way down the bike course Saturday morning during the duathlon. Approximately 100 children participated in the first duathlon event. Proceeds help benefit Julie's Funds for Kids.

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ROCK 'N HEARTLAND DUATHLON



Noah Mook makes his way down the first part of the running course Saturday in Lake Placid. The event was sponsored by the Thakkar Family Foundation.



Cameron Anderson, 10, holds back competition coming up to the end of the bicycling portion of the duathlon in Lake Placid.

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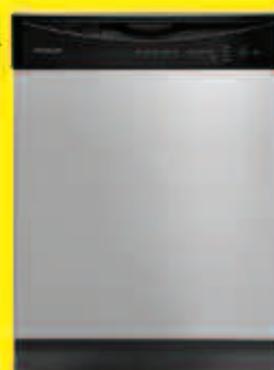
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Highlands County Sheriff's Office deputies honor K-9 Wyatt as he is buried at Saunders Veterinary Clinic on Tuesday.

Wyatt, HCSO's senior K-9, laid to rest

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long career with the HCSO, working with Deputy Chris Gunter starting in 2005 before moving in with Riley. Wyatt's record included 127 trails that led to 55 felony arrests, 43 misdemeanor arrests, 14 missing persons located and 15 other trails that led to the locating stolen property or articles of evidence, the HCSO said.

Wyatt's death came as a shock, since he seemed fine not long ago.

"We noticed he was looking a little sick a week ago," Riley said. The tumor was discovered on Saturday. By Tuesday, Riley said, Wyatt was in such a bad state that the decision was made to end his suffering humanely. He was euthanized at home before taking his final ride with Riley.

Wyatt was a favorite with children, HCSO Public Information Officer Nell Hays wrote in a press release, participating in numerous demonstrations at schools throughout Highlands County. He also participated in crime prevention events and was one of the most popular K-9 members to march in the annual Christmas parades throughout Highlands County, often "singing" throughout the entire route.

"He would do nothing but bay through the whole parade," Riley recalled Friday with a chuckle.

For Riley, the most memorable on-duty moments with Wyatt included a pursuit of two burglary suspects from Hendry County who bailed out of the car in an orange grove near Lake Placid. Wyatt found the first one within two minutes, and



Photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Deputy Jake Riley works with Wyatt, the senior dog in the HCSO K-9 force who died Tuesday.

tracked the second to within 100 feet before turning the track over to a patrol dog.

Riley also recalled Wyatt finding a Lake Placid woman who had been missing from her home for four hours.

"Every time she would see me after that she would always ask me how Wyatt was doing," Riley said.

"Our deputies are the most amazing men and women I know. Deputy Riley lost his partner and the community lost a protector," Sheriff Susan Benton said in a press release. "There were tears shed as the life drained out of Wyatt, however, everyone was cognizant that we still have big work in front of us and are ready and committed to our vision of 'a safer Highlands County'. Thank you K-9 Wyatt for helping us work towards that vision."

When it comes to the job, Riley said, it's definitely the

four-legged member of the pair that's the star.

"It's not the handler that makes or breaks the team, it's the dog. We just happen to be there to help them out."

Riley said he will soon begin working with a new partner, he's sure, but it will be an adjustment.

"I know I'll bond with my new partner, but he'll never be Wyatt. He'll never do the same things. I'm sure we will have memorable catches, but with Wyatt being my first, he's going to be up on a pedestal."

HCSO teams do well in K-9 Competition

Special to the News-Sun SEBRING – The 2013 South Florida Police K-9 Competition was held on March 2 at Boynton Beach High School in Boynton Beach. This annual event showcases some of South Florida's most highly trained police K-9 teams.

The competition brought 26 K-9 handlers from all over the state of Florida to compete in three events: hardest hitting dog, fastest dog and the obstacle course.

For the first time ever, four of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit members competed in this competition, Sgt. Kyle Albritton and K-9 partner Mico, Deputy Sheriff Tom Fort and K-9 partner Cain, Deputy Sheriff Corey Tomblin and K-9 partner Rimco, and Deputy Sheriff Jose Molina and K-9 partner Ringo.

All of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office's K-9 teams were able to

successfully complete each event and represented the Highlands County Sheriff's K-9 Unit very well. Albritton and Mico took third place in the Obstacle Course/Criminal Apprehension competition and Mico placed second in the Fastest Dog event.

The other top 10 finishers were Tomblin and Rimco, who placed a respectable eighth in the Obstacle Course/Criminal Apprehension event.

K-9 Unit Supervisor Lieutenant Jim McGann was pleased with his members' showing. He said, "This is the first K-9 competition our unit has participated in and I am proud of our team's performance. We are looking forward to the United States Police Canine Association's Regional Field Trials and Certification coming up here in Sebring next month. We hope to do even better in an event right here in our own county."



Courtesy photo

K-9 Unit Supervisor Lt. Jim McGann, Sheriff Susan Benton, USPCA Region I President Jose Bosque, of Lakeland Police Department, Sergeant Kyle Albritton and Mico show off their wares at a recent county commission meeting.

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Relay for Life set for Saturday in Sebring

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Thankfully, she came through and she is alive and well. I thank God for keeping her here because even now at 24 years old I need her in my life more than ever. She is an amazing mother, devoted Christian and a proud business owner (at Children's World Daycare in Wauchula)," Ahlbrandt said. Ahlbrandt describes Relay for Life as an event that is "dear to my heart" and looks forward to it each year. Ahlbrandt uses his music to reach people of all stages and situations, be it the broken in spirit or the broken in body.

"I pray my music relates to you, speaks to you and gets you through life in general," Ahlbrandt said.

Sebring's Relay event will also feature cancer survivor and longtime Sebring resident Bobbie Clark, who was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma in 2010 and opted for a bilateral mastectomy on Nov. 1, 2010. Clark has been declared cancer free for the past few years.

The Sebring Relay for Life event participants, chairpersons and coordinators invite the public out to participate

in the worthy cause. The Relay raises tens of thousands of dollars throughout the year to assist ACS with numerous things including research, medicines, financial assistance for patients and their families and more.

The Relay will pay tribute to those currently battling cancer, those who have lost their battle with cancer and the many individuals who have become victorious over the disease.

The event will start at noon with the opening ceremony. The national anthem will be sung by Heartland Idol participant Sareena Stoner, followed by the Survivors' Lap and the Caregivers' Lap.

The Relay will feature a number of interesting events including a dodgeball game, three-legged race, the luminary ceremony and musical entertainment by several Heartland Idol contestants and winners.

Ahlbrandt will hold a concert on the field at 6:45 p.m. The Relay will end at 6 a.m. on Sunday.

For more information on Relay events, contact event chair Betty Springsteen at 449-0654.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282009CA001940A000XX
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB A RMT 05-12, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KENNETH D. LAGROW; SUNTRUST BANK; RHONDA K. LAGROW; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Re-setting Foreclosure Sale dated the 28th of March, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001940A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB A RMT 05-12, is the Plaintiff and KENNETH D. LAGROW; SUNTRUST BANK and RHONDA K. LAGROW IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 29th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, STATE OF FLORIDA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 11, BLOCK 11, BLOCK A OF THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS A AND B OF SEBRING HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID LOTS LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/4 OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1 (SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, 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 THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AT (863)534-4686 AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.1
 DATED: April 3, 2013.
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 April 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2012-CA-001124
 DIVISION:
 UCN: 282012CA000519XXCICI
 U.S. BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MID-STATE CAPITAL CORPORATION 2005-1 BY GREEN TREE SERVICING, LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS SERVICER WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY Plaintiff,
 vs.
 TANYA DOBSON; Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE ENTERED IN THE ABOVE CAUSE, I WILL SELL THE PROPERTY SITUATED IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:
 LOT 179, OF HIGHLANDS HOMES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 AT PUBLIC SALE, TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR CASH,
 ON MAY 1, 2013, AT 11:00 AM AT HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SEBRING, 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 THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AT (863)534-4686 AT LEAST SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.1
 DATED: April 3, 2013.
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 April 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2009-CA-001080
 HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JAMES R. WALKER
 A/K/A JAMES RODNEY WALKER, Defendant.
NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 2nd, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-001080 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-1, is Plaintiff and JAMES R. WALKER A/K/A JAMES RODNEY WALKER, is Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1st day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 4, OF BOOTH ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, AT PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 LOCATED: 1616 BOOTH DRIVE, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33875
 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 3rd day of April, 2013.
 Bob Germaine
 Clerk of said Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 April 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 12-CA-562
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR OWNIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 BETHZAIDA LEBRON; Defendant.
NOTICE OF SALE
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 2nd, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12-CA-562 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR OWNIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, is Plaintiff and BETHZAIDA LEBRON, is Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on the 30th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
 "PER SCHEDULE A ATTACHED HERETO"
 STREET ADDRESS: 105 PARKVIEW DR, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
SCHEDULE A
 A Portion of Section 17, Township 37 South, Range 30, East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE AT THE West Quarter Corner of said Section 17; run thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 36 seconds East along the North Line of the South Half of Section 17 for a distance of 1973.08 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of U.S. No. 27, (S.R. No. 25); run thence South 24 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds East along said Easterly right of way line for a distance of 861.51 feet to a point; run thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds East for a distance of 328.11 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the Tract of Land hereinafter to be described; CONTINUE thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 70.0 feet to a point; run thence South 0 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 100.0 feet to a point; run thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds West for a distance of 70.0 feet to a point; run thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes 47 seconds East a distance of 100.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also known as Lot 18 of HICKORY HILLS UNRECORDED.
 and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, this 30th day of April, 2013.
 Bob Germaine
 Clerk of said Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk
 April 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001070
 DIVISION:
 HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST BEVERLY SMITH A/K/A BEVERLY HELEN SMITH, DECEASED, et al., Defendants).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 02, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001070 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC. is the Plaintiff and MYLI LYNN POWELL, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY SMITH A/K/A BEVERLY HELEN SMITH, DECEASED; DONALD J. SMITH, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY SMITH A/K/A BEVERLY HELEN SMITH, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TARGET NATIONAL BANK/TARGET VISA, A CORPORATION; 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 1st day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 LOT 3, BLOCK 10, UNRECORDED PLAT OF RIVER RIDGE RANCHES, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF LAFLAM ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 662.24 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 3, BLOCK 10 AND FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 664.35 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 331.06 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 664.20 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3 AND THE CENTERLINE OF LAFLAM ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 331.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALSO DESCRIBED AS: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 4802 EAST LAFLAM ROAD, 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 April 3, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 April 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000185
 THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 KIMDALIN K. WACK, et al., Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated April 2nd, 2013, entered in Civil Case Number 2011-CA-000185, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, wherein THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRST HOME FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff, and KIMDALIN K. WACK, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 LOT 8, BLOCK 20, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT NO. 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Jury Assembly Room, in Basement of Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33871 at 11:00 AM, on the 30th day of April, 2013. 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: April 3, 2013.
 Highlands County Clerk of Court
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 "In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, telephone 9863) 402-6594, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service".

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000024
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DANIEL NEGRON, ET AL. Defendants
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 (Please publish in THE NEWS SUN)
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 7, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000024, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and DANIEL NEGRON, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the MAIN ENTRANCE of the Courthouse; 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 14, BLOCK 25, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Foreclosure Complaint; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
 Dated this 11th day of April, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals

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 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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 As Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals

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 Dated this 11th day of April, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 As Deputy Clerk

Van Ness Law Firm, PLC
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 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.
 April 14, 21, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA... BENEFICIAL FLORIDA, INC. Plaintiff vs FRANK HERNANDEZ; REBECCA HERNANDEZ; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, and OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES...

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order of Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOTS 5533, 5534 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 5535, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 17, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Parcel I.D.: C-01-33-28-010-0000-5533 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Street, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2013.

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 WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED this 28th day of March, 2013. ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk April 7, 14, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000971 DIVISION:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-16, Plaintiff, vs. MARSHAS MYRTHILL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 5, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000971 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICAN, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, is the Plaintiff and MARSHAS MYRTHILL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARSHAS MYRTHILL; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1 N/A/JERRY VANWY, TENANT #2 N/A/JENNIFER VANWY, and TENANT #3 N/A/SERGIO CHAVEZ 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 8th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 15, IN BLOCK 1, OF ALTANONT PLACE ADDITION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2211-2215 MELADY AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 11, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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April 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-56 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF FELICIANA MEDINA BAUTISTA a.k.a. FELICIANA M. BAUTISTA Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of FELICIANA MEDINA BAUTISTA a.k.a. FELICIANA M. BAUTISTA deceased, File Number PC 13-56, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was April 3, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$56,500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address Nestor M. Bautista 2341 N. Highlands Blvd. Avon Park, FL 33825

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

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 7, 2013.

Person Giving Notice: /s/ Nestor M. Bautista

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Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
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Florida Bar No. 045399
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April 7, 14, 2013

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TRICTS: AMENDING TABLE 26-173 OF SECTION 26-173 TO INCLUDE SIGNS IN THE LIST OF PERMITTED ENCROACHMENTS INTO SETBACKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he 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.

This notice shall be published on April 7, 2013 and again on April 14, 2013.

/s/ Kathy Haley
Kathy Haley, City Clerk

Robert S. Swaine
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Sebring, FL 33870
City Attorney

April 7, 14, 2013

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SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following policy will be considered at the regular Board meeting to be held Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Highlands Campus at 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL. The general public is invited.

Policy Development: Proposed amendments to the following policy.
Policy 1.03 Accreditation
MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

A regular monthly meeting of the South Florida State College Board of Trustees originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Placid Center, will be held at the SFSC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL. The general public is invited.

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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Please take notice that public hearings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 16th day of April, 2013, and at 6:00 p.m. on the 7th day of May, 2013, at the City Council Chambers, 388 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. After the second hearing, Ordinance No. 1353 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 17-79 AND 17-86 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING AMENDING THE REGULATION OF IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR PLACES OF ASSEMBLY CONGREGATING MORE THAN 25 PERSONS IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF LIGHTED SIGNS UNDER CERTAIN TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR PLACES OF ASSEMBLY CONGREGATING MORE THAN 25 PERSONS IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED DIS-

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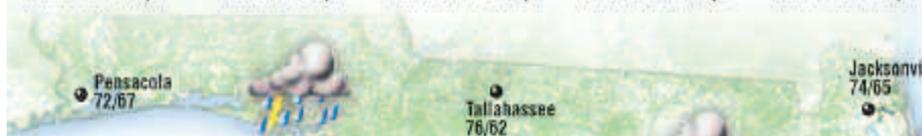
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
An afternoon t-storm in the area	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	A stray afternoon thunderstorm	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon
86° / 69°	88° / 69°	88° / 68°	86° / 66°	89° / 66°
Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	86°
Low Tuesday	56°
High Wednesday	89°
Low Wednesday	53°
High Thursday	88°
Low Thursday	70°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	79%
Expected air temperature	80°
Makes it feel like	85°

Barometer

Tuesday	30.06
Wednesday	29.92
Thursday	29.83

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.04"
Month to date	1.00"
Year to date	3.97"

Regional Summary

Clouds, sun today with an afternoon shower or thunderstorm. Patchy clouds and warm tonight. Partial sunshine tomorrow, a thunderstorm. Tuesday, partly sunny; an afternoon shower or thunderstorm.



Farm Report

A thunderstorm in spots this afternoon. Winds south 7-14 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 45% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 75%.

Weather History

The famous "Easter Blizzard" hit Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota on April 14, 1873. A strong gale blew wet snow into huge drifts, and many outlaws were lost.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:04 a.m.	7:01 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.	7:50 p.m.
Moonrise	9:57 a.m.	10:44 a.m.
Moonset	11:45 p.m.	none

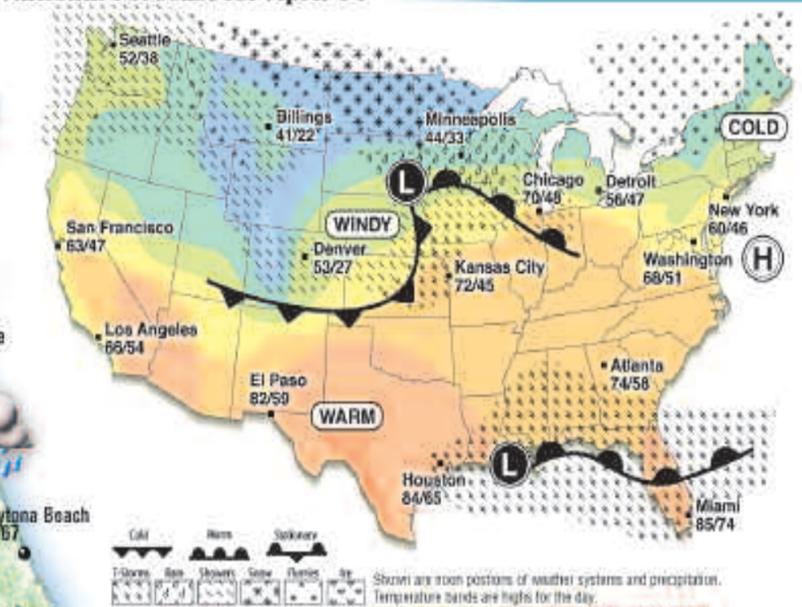
Water Restrictions

- Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
- All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	86/70pc	88/70pc	89/69pc
Clearwater	84/70pc	85/71pc	86/70pc
Orlando	84/73pc	85/71pc	85/72pc
Daytona Beach	79/67h	83/65h	84/65pc
St. Augustine	84/74pc	85/74pc	84/74pc
St. Petersburg	87/70pc	88/71pc	87/70pc
Sarasota	83/66pc	85/68pc	87/67pc
Tallahassee	80/66h	85/65h	87/64h
Hollywood	85/73pc	86/73pc	86/72pc
Homesdale AFB	83/73pc	84/73pc	84/73pc
Jacksonville	74/65h	82/65h	85/64pc
Key West	83/76pc	83/76pc	83/76pc

National Forecast for April 14



National Summary

A dome of high pressure centered off the East Coast will bring dry and pleasant weather to the mid-Atlantic today. Farther north, over New England will experience a cold and blustery day with snow flurries. Meanwhile, rain and thunderstorms will blossom from the Gulf Coast to Florida as a weak low pressure system tracks eastward. Another stronger storm located over the northern Plains will bring a swath of snow from Montana to Minnesota, while rain will soak Iowa and Wisconsin.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	76/49h	75/48h	73/43pc
Atlanta	74/58h	74/63h	80/65h
Baltimore	66/49h	68/52pc	72/56pc
Birmingham	71/61h	75/61h	81/65h
Boston	59/39pc	57/45pc	63/49pc
Charlotte	77/56pc	73/54h	79/60pc
Chicago	47/22h	31/16h	27/15h
Cleveland	59/31pc	72/48pc	80/43h
Columbus	69/34pc	74/36pc	79/37h
Dallas	83/66pc	88/70pc	82/72pc
Denver	53/27pc	38/23h	29/19h
Detroit	56/47pc	69/46sh	59/40h
Fort Worth	83/44h	89/50pc	71/53h
Houston	82/70sh	84/69sh	84/69pc
Indianapolis	71/53pc	72/51h	84/48h
Jackson, MS	75/62h	84/69h	86/67h
Kansas City	78/45h	57/41h	48/39pc
Las Vegas	79/55pc	79/60pc	77/60h
Little Rock	78/60pc	85/66pc	79/68h

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	90/69pc	90/69h	90/69h
Athens	73/56h	65/54h	66/54h
Beirut	73/67h	71/68h	66/68h
Berlin	64/45pc	72/52h	68/54h
Buenos Aires	71/65h	69/60pc	66/62h
Calgary	20/17h	33/18h	30/17h
Dublin	58/45sh	60/45sh	57/41sh
Edmonton	20/14h	25/18h	23/19h
Frankfurt	61/73pc	61/73h	62/72h
Geneva	72/47h	73/50h	72/50pc
Hanoi	80/67h	80/70h	81/69h
Hong Kong	81/70pc	81/72h	81/73pc
Jakarta	73/51h	73/52h	83/48h
Manila	74/53h	73/52h	79/55h
Seoul	65/43h	65/43h	65/41h

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:03 a.m.
Low	9:50 a.m.
High	4:12 p.m.
Low	none

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okechobee	13.66'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today



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

3-4 Low; 5-6 Moderate; 7-8 High; 9-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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Devils, Dragons send 14 to regional

By DAN HOEHNE

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The stress of tax season may be upon us, but for 14 Highlands County athletes, their track season is moving on.

Ten Red Devils and four Green Dragons got pleasant returns on their filings by finishing in the top four spots at the District 8-2A meet in Frostproof Thursday, sending them onto next Thursday's Regional meet in Jacksonville.

And while it was on the track that most of the profits

were made, Avon Park's Vassell Vinroy was the first to stamp his ticket by placing third in the discus with a toss of 123-feet, 11.5-inches – topping his seed by nearly two feet.

It was a bit of atonement for the senior as he just missed out in advancing last year with a fifth-place finish.

The Devils then advanced the quartet of Brittany Egan, Hanna Farr, Kelsey Knowles and Felicia Strouse in the 4X800 relay, and saw the foursome of Lashady Love, Michelle Rivera, Lori-Ann

Love and Angelina Ligon move on with a fourth-place finish in the 4X100 relay.

Lashady Love kept her docket full as she also qualified for Regionals with a second in the 100-meter dash and a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash.

Steven Roberts also was a double qualifier, placing second in both the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

Edging him out in the 110-meter race was Lake Placid's Keplet Charite, who finished

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News-sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Steven Roberts will be competing in two events at regionals, having taken second at districts in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles.

Lady Streaks edged in extras

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – It was a barnburner with the Lady Brahms Friday night as one big blow downed Sebring, 3-1, in extra innings.

With a lively wind gusting in from right under overcast skies, one key would be to keep the ball on the ground, which Okeechobee did to their advantage in the opening inning with a bunt single, stolen base and infield single leading to a 1-0 score.

But from there, starting pitcher Hannah Lollis was nearly perfect for the next four innings, allowing just one hit in the third, though being helped out in the second after a pair of errors with a diving Tayla DaSilva catch on an infield bloop.

The Lady Streak offense, however, was playing right into the weather conditions and too often putting the ball in the air.

“On a night like this, with the wind, you really want to keep the ball on the ground,” head coach Joe Sinness said. “The girls weren’t making the adjustment and we had too many pop-ups. I don’t think they threw us out on grounders more than a couple



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Tayla DaSilva makes sure to secure the ball in her glove as she hits the ground after making a diving catch on the infield Friday night.

of times.”

Make that three times through the first five innings, including one on a sacrifice bunt.

“But we did have some girls do a real good job of going the other way with it,” Sinness added.

Which was the case in the fourth when DaSilva reached on an error and Carly Hoffner lofted a shallow fly down the right-field line.

But Okeechobee’s right fielder made a spectacular, diving catch and alertly threw to first for a double play.

Chelsea Bassett and Alison Hoffner each followed with singles to right field to put runners on the corners, but the next batter was retired and the Brahms held onto their scant lead.

But Sebring would finally get on the board and tie it in the sixth.

DaSilva walked and moved to third when Carly Hoffner doubled to right.

Bassett got under one to center, though it was not deep enough for DaSilva to tag.

And Alison Hoffner hit a rocket to left that looked like it might have a chance to

clear the bases.

But it was hit right at the left fielder who didn’t have the time, nor need, to move before the screaming liner found her glove.

And when it seemed this chance might go by the way-side, Sinness brought in pinch-hitter Kiana Antone.

“She is a hitter that keeps it on the ground,” he explained.

And that she did, ripping a bouncing single through the left side to bring home the tying run.

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Lady Panthers split, secure spot at State

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – It wasn’t a pretty start, but two very dramatic finishes allowed for a Thursday night split for South Florida State College softball and secured them a spot in the state tournament.

The Lady Titans of St. Petersburg College were in town and got on the board in the first inning.

An error on a lead-off bunt put a runner on second, and soon to third on a wild pitch.

“What a way to start the game,” an already beleaguered head coach Carlos Falla said at the time.

After a pop-out to short, an ensuing single brought the run in.

Further damage was avoided when a comebacker was snared by starting pitcher Alexis Adams and turned into a 1-6-3 double play to end the inning.

The Panthers saw two reach in their half of the first, with Caitlyn Lytle singling with two outs and Rayvin Vick drawing a walk, but a ground-out to the pitcher ended it.

St. Pete added another in the second, with a lead-off walk, back-to-back sacrifice bunts and an RBI double, but the Panthers looked to get back into it in their half of the frame.

Adams drew a walk and a Taylor Upchurch single to right had runners on the corners with nobody out.

But a Kaitlyn Conway

liner was caught at short and consecutive pop-ups added to Falla’s fatigue.

The third inning went by with the lead still 2-0, when the Lady Titans got one more in the fourth.

With one out, three straight singles plated a run before Adams got a strike out and Courtney Diamond made a diving

catch of a fly down the left-field line to save any further damage.

SFSC didn’t have any answer in the fourth, and Lexi Belardi turned a 6-3 double play to

end the top of the fifth with the Panthers still in striking distance.

And in the bottom of the fifth, they finally struck.

Diamond lead off with a single to center and was moved to second on a Belardi bunt.

Amanda Byers walked and both runners moved up when a pitch got away.

Lytle then came through with a two-run single back through the middle and it was now a 3-2 game.

After a scoreless top of the sixth, South Florida evened it up in the bottom.

Adams singled and Upchurch bunted her to second before Conway laced a triple into the right-field corner to bring Adams in.

The seventh inning was scoreless for both sides and into extra innings it would go – and go.

Through the eighth, ninth and 10th innings it stayed even, with each

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Dragons wild comeback downs Devils

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – It was a combination of the good, the bad and the ugly Thursday night in Lake Placid’s comeback, 13-12 win over Avon Park at Head Field.

Good in the sense of a no-holds-barred, never let down persistence shown by both teams in this cross-county, district duel.

And, well, the bad and ugly basically intermingled within the 10 combined errors between the teams.

A pair of those helped the Dragons out to an early lead with three runs in the top of the first while starting pitcher Tyler Carr got through a scoreless bottom of the frame.

But the Devils got back into it with two in the second.

Josh Gomez doubled to lead it off and Kyle Kelly took one for the team to put runners on first and second.

Lake Placid’s first error

came on an attempted sacrifice bunt by Colton Brock, allowing one run to score, and a passed ball brought another in to make it a 3-2 game.

Avon Park then surged into the lead in the third, scoring three times on three singles, two errors, a passed ball and sacrifice fly to go up 5-3.

That lead expanded with four more in the fourth.

Steven Flowers was hit by a pitch with one out, followed by Alfred Brown drawing a walk.

Luis Martinez singled and an error allowed Flowers to score and Tyrone Perry was intentionally walked to load the bases.

But Gomez caused the strategy to backfire as he tripled to center to clear the bases and bump the score to 9-3.

Dormant since the three-run first, the Dragon bats finally came back to life in

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Nathan Stanley got in under this tag in the first inning, the first of 25 runs that would be scored in Lake Placid’s 13-12 win over Avon Park Thursday night.



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Kelly Brown couldn’t quite reach this short fly to right Thursday, but the Lady Panthers eked out a split with St. Petersburg.

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	52	27	.658	—
x-Brooklyn	47	32	.595	5
x-Boston	40	39	.506	12
Philadelphia	32	47	.405	20
Toronto	31	48	.392	21

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	63	16	.797	—
x-Atlanta	44	36	.550	19.5
Washington	29	51	.363	34.5
Orlando	20	59	.253	43
Charlotte	18	61	.228	45

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	49	30	.620	—
x-Chicago	43	36	.544	6
x-Milwaukee	37	42	.468	12
Detroit	28	52	.350	21.5
Cleveland	24	55	.304	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	58	21	.734	—
x-Memphis	54	25	.684	4
x-Houston	44	35	.557	14
Dallas	39	40	.494	19
New Orleans	27	53	.338	31.5

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	59	21	.738	—
x-Denver	54	25	.684	4.5
Utah	42	38	.525	17
Portland	33	46	.418	25.5
Minnesota	29	50	.367	29.5

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	53	26	.671	—
x-Golden State	45	35	.563	8.5
L.A. Lakers	43	37	.538	10.5
Sacramento	28	51	.354	25
Phoenix	24	55	.304	29

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Thursday's Games
Chicago 118, New York 111, OT
Oklahoma City 116, Golden State 97

Friday's Games
Toronto 97, Chicago 88
Brooklyn 117, Indiana 109
Philadelphia 97, Washington 86
New York 101, Cleveland 91
Atlanta 109, Milwaukee 104
Detroit 113, Charlotte 93
Miami 109, Boston 101
Memphis 82, Houston 78
L.A. Clippers 96, New Orleans 93
Dallas 108, Denver 105, OT
San Antonio 108, Sacramento 101
Utah 107, Minnesota 100
Oklahoma City 106, Portland 90
L.A. Lakers 118, Golden State 116

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee at Charlotte, late
Boston at Orlando, late
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, late
Phoenix at Minnesota, late

Sunday's Games
Chicago at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 5 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
y-Pittsburgh	31	10	0	62 138 101
N.Y. Islanders	21	16	4	46 119 121
N.Y. Rangers	20	16	4	44 99 96
New Jersey	15	16	10	40 96 113
Philadelphia	17	20	3	37 108 125

Northeast Division				
	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
x-Montreal	26	9	5	57 127 95
Boston	26	10	4	56 114 87
Toronto	22	13	5	49 123 112
Ottawa	21	14	6	48 101 89
Buffalo	16	19	6	38 107 127

Southeast Division				
	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
Washington	22	17	2	46 123 113
Winnipeg	21	19	2	44 109 123
Tampa Bay	17	21	2	36 127 122
Carolina	16	22	2	34 103 129
Florida	13	21	6	32 98 139

Central Division				
	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
y-Chicago	31	5	4	66 132 85
St. Louis	23	15	2	48 110 102
Detroit	19	15	7	45 103 107
Columbus	18	16	7	43 99 105
Nashville	15	19	8	38 98 115

Northwest Division				
	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
Vancouver	23	11	6	52 109 96
Minnesota	22	16	2	46 103 100
Edmonton	16	17	7	39 102 111
Calgary	15	21	4	34 106 140
Colorado	13	22	6	32 96 128

Pacific Division				
	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
x-Anaheim	27	9	5	59 124 103
Los Angeles	23	14	4	50 118 103
San Jose	21	12	7	49 101 100
Dallas	20	17	3	43 114 120
Phoenix	18	16	7	43 110 110

Thursday's Games
San Jose 3, Detroit 2, SO
Los Angeles 3, Colorado 2, SO
N.Y. Islanders 2, Boston 1
Ottawa 3, Philadelphia 1
Washington 3, Carolina 1
Montreal 5, Buffalo 1
Pittsburgh 6, Tampa Bay 3
Winnipeg 7, Florida 2
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 0

Friday's Games
Chicago 3, Detroit 2, SO
Ottawa 2, New Jersey 0
Columbus 4, St. Louis 1
Dallas 5, Nashville 2
Calgary 3, Phoenix 2, OT

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia at Buffalo, late
Vancouver at Colorado, late
Montreal at Toronto, late
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, late
Tampa Bay at Washington, late
Boston at Carolina, late
Pittsburgh at Florida, late
Columbus at Minnesota, late
San Jose at Dallas, late
Calgary at Edmonton, late
Anaheim at Los Angeles, late



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

11 a.m. NHRA – Sportsman Series ESPN2
3 p.m. Stadium Super Trucks NBC

COLLEGE BOWLING

2 p.m. NCAA Women's Championship ESPN

GOLF

2 p.m. PGA – 2013 Masters Tournament CBS

MLB

1:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Boston SUN/TBS
2:10 p.m. San Francisco at Chicago Cubs WGN
8 p.m. Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees ESPN

7 p.m. Philadelphia at Cincinnati ESPN
7 p.m. Washington at Miami SUN

TUESDAY
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Baltimore SUN

NBA

SUNDAY
1 p.m. Chicago at Miami ABC

TUESDAY
8 p.m. Indiana at Boston TNT
10:30 p.m. Portland at L.A. Clippers TNT

NHL

SUNDAY
12:30 p.m. Chicago at St. Louis NBC
5 p.m. Tampa Bay at Buffalo SUN

SKATING

SUNDAY
4 p.m. Skating and Gymnastics Spectacular NBC

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Sunday's Games

Chicago at St. Louis, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

San Francisco	7	4	.636	.5
Colorado	6	4	.600	1
Los Angeles	6	4	.600	1
San Diego	2	8	.200	5

Thursday's Games

San Francisco 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Washington 7, Chicago White Sox 4
L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 2

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 4, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 6, Washington 4, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5
Philadelphia 3, Miami 1, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 16, Minnesota 5
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 0
Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 0
Colorado 7, San Diego 5

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Halladay 0-2) at Miami (Slowey 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Maholm 2-0) at Washington (Gonzalez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Undecided), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 0-2) at Minnesota (Correia 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 1-0) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0), 2:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 0-2), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 0-1) at San Diego (Richard 0-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-1) at Arizona (Cahill 0-2), 4:10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball
MLB—Suspended Cleveland RHP Carlos Carrasco for eight games and fined him for "intentionally throwing" at New York's Kevin Youkilis during an April 9 game. Suspended San Diego OF Carlos Quentin for eight games and INF-OF Jerry Hairston Jr. for one game for their actions during an April 11 game against Los Angeles Dodgers.

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Claimed RHP Alex Burnett off waivers from Toronto and optioned him to Rochester (IL). Transferred INF Wilson Betemit from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed 2B Gordon Beckham on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 10. Recalled RHP Deunte Heath from Charlotte (IL).

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed RHP Cristhian Martinez on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 7.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed RHP Zack Greinke on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Shawn Tolleson from Albuquerque (PCL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed LB Rolando McClain to a one-year contract.
BUFFALO BILLS—Claimed LB Marcus Dowtin off waivers from Philadelphia.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed G Mike Pollak.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Claimed LB Ryan Rau off waivers from Philadelphia.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed LB Zac Diles.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

MONDAY: Baseball at Booker, 4 p.m.; Softball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD
TUESDAY: Softball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD
THURSDAY: Baseball at Hardee, 7 p.m.; Track at Regionals, Jacksonville, Noon



Lake Placid

MONDAY: Softball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD
TUESDAY: Softball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD
THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Clewiston, 7 p.m.; Track at Regionals, Jacksonville, Noon



Sebring

TUESDAY: Baseball vs. Lake Wales, 7 p.m.; Softball at District Tournament, Winter Haven, vs. Lake Gibson, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Port St. Lucie, 7 p.m.; Track at District Meet, Frostproof, 1 p.m.



SFSC

MONDAY: Baseball at St. Petersburg, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY: Softball vs. Hillsborough, 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Baseball vs. St. Petersburg, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY: Softball at State College of Florida, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball at St. Petersburg, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

YMCA Flag Football

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is now taking registrations for our YMCA/Eagles Youth Flag Football Program for ages 5-14. We are also taking registrations for our Cheerleading Program ages 5-16. Any questions please call 382-9622.

Sunrise Rotary Golf

SEBRING — Sebring Sunrise Rotary 24th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 1, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start on the Deer Run course at Sun 'N Lake Golf and Country Club.

Format is a Four-person Scramble (double Bogey maximum).

Cost is \$220 per team and includes greens fees, cart, range balls, lunch and on-course beverages along with some fabulous raffle prizes.

Sponsorships available: \$100 Hole sponsor; \$155 Hole sponsor including single entry; and \$320 Hole sponsor including team entry.

Hole-In-One sponsors are being provided by Cohan Radio Group (\$2,000 cash) and Alan Jay Automotive Network.

Trophy sponsor is the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Make checks payable to Sebring Sunrise Rotary, P.O. Box 1363, Sebring, FL 33871.

Please enter by Tuesday, May 28.

Sebring High School athletic posters

SEBRING — Chris Cook, Athletic Director of Sebring High School, wishes to inform the surrounding business community that he has authorized All-American Sports Posters to produce Sebring High School's athletic posters.

All-American Sports Posters will provide terrific looking sports posters and will help the athletic department to raise much needed additional funding.

All-American Sports Posters will be contacting local businesses to line up community sponsorship for this program and Chris Cook urges all businesses to consider putting their support behind this worthy effort.

As you are no doubt aware, there are

many businesses that solicit via telephone and you always have the right to question anyone who contacts you in this manner.

All-American Sports Posters is registered with the Idaho Attorney General and has been authorized to conduct this campaign on behalf of the Sebring High School Athletic Department.

No other company has been authorized to represent Sebring High School in that way and you should question any other requests for funds.

If you have any questions, contact Cook, at 471-5500 or All-American Sports Posters at (800) 556-1380.

Bowling for Grads

LAKE PLACID — "Bowling for Grads" will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 20.

Cost \$15 per person, or \$40 for a team of four, (includes three games and shoes) at Coz's Sports Bar and Bowl, located at 800 U.S. 27 South in Lake Placid; phone number is 699-0925.

This is a nine-pin no-tap bowling fundraiser, with 50/50s, raffles, silent auction, prizes and door prizes.

Please send your information with check payable for number of entries, payable to Lake Placid Project Graduation and mail to: Project Graduation, P.O. Box 415, Lake Placid, FL 33862 or leave at Coz's bowling desk or bring at time of event.

The information needed is Name, contact phone number, number of bowlers x \$15 = amount of check or Team of 4 = \$40.

If you have any questions, contact Donna Stanley at (863) 441-4897 or Connie Miller at (863) 464-0515.

Come out and support your Class of 2013 with a night of bowling, fun and prizes!

Project Graduation is a celebration honoring the graduates the night of their graduation with a night of fun in a drug- and alcohol-free environment.

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Track heads to Jacksonville

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first overall in a time of 16.19.

Charite added another event to his list by placing fourth in the 400-meter run, with his time of 51.47 just edging out Max Livingstone of Ridgewood's 51.48.

And it was in the longer distances that the Dragons got three more moving on.

Dalton Shelton took second in the 3,200-meter run in 10:01.89, seven seconds faster than his seed time, and Alex Coyne won the girls 1,600-meter run, with sophomore teammate Gabby Perez placing fourth.

In addition to this group moving on, the number could have been pushing 20 with a number of near misses.

Had Lake Placid freshman Quiahja Williams been able to clear her seed height of 4-foot-10, she would have easily qualified, but wasn't able to muster it this day — though she'll have plenty more opportunity.

As she will in the 100-



meter dash, where she placed a close fifth, two-tenths of a second out of fourth.

Avon Park's Ligon was less than one second off the pace of qualifying in the girls 100-meter hurdles.

Jovan Pratt was a close fifth in the boys 200, freshman Logan Lashley was seventh in both the boys 800



Left: Alex Coyne won the 1,600-meter run Thursday at the District 8-2A meet in Frostproof, qualifying her to move on to Regionals. Above: Keplet Charite moved on from Thursdays District meet in two events after winning the 110-meter hurdles and placing fourth in the 400-meter run.

and 1,600, while Egan was seventh in the girls 800.

A long trip awaits those going, with the regional at The Bolles School in Jacksonville, getting underway at Noon on Thursday,

April 16 — though it's a much deserved trip that they are all likely to savor.

Savor more than many of us will be doing the day before.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE Kara Faircloth makes a charge toward this short fly to center Friday night in Sebring's extra-inning loss to visiting Okeechobee.

Streaks all set for district

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But they wouldn't be able to get that lead run home and after a scoreless seventh, Okeechobee sealed it in the eighth.

With one out, a walk and a single put two on and a triple to the gap in left-center field brought both in.

The Streaks held it there, thanks to an ensuing grounder to third that got the runner caught in a rundown.

After a dizzying array of back-and-forth chases and tosses, the eventual out was recorded officially as a 5-2-6-1-2-3 put out.

But the engaging scramble wasn't able to provide any offensive spark as Sebring was retired in order to provide for the final outcome.

And yet, it was a well-

played contest against a tough, district leading Class 7A squad that sends the Lady Streaks into their District 9-6A tournament feeling good.

"We've got Lake Gibson Tuesday, and we split with them," Sinness said. "We had a double header from a rain-out and mercy-ruled them in the first game but lost the second by one.

"We'll be seeing the same level of pitching we saw tonight from them and, if we get there, Winter Haven," he continued. "We've seen that if we put the ball in play, on the ground, that those teams will make mistakes. I've said all year that I think we have the most talent in the district. Now we just have to go out there and show it on the field."

Heat roll again, top Celtics

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James scored 20 points in 29 minutes, Rashard Lewis added 19 on a huge night for the Miami bench and the Heat tied the franchise record for home wins in a season, topping the Boston Celtics 109-101 on Friday night.

Dwyane Wade, back after missing six games with bone bruises around his right kneecap, scored 11 in 34 minutes for Miami, which

won its 35th home game to tie the standard set in 2004-05.

The Heat erased an early 13-point deficit with a 41-point second quarter, shooting 16 for 19 in the period.

Miami also made 12 3-pointers to push its season total to 686, another team record.

Jeff Green scored 25 for Boston, which played without Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett.

The Celtics' bench was

outscored 52-14.

"It was good to have most of our guys back tonight," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "And we've got to keep on moving forward."

Miami has three games left, two at home, and already has clinched home-court advantage for the entirety of the NBA playoffs.

Spoelstra said all players will continue to be evaluated on a day-to-day basis, though it seems highly

unlikely that several regulars wouldn't get at least one more game to rest nagging aches and pains before the playoffs open next weekend.

Miami played Friday without Shane Battier and Udonis Haslem.

The Celtics need one more win to wrap up the No. 7 spot in the East, which would lock Milwaukee into the No. 8 seed and a first-round matchup with Miami.

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SFSC stamps ticket to State

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team adding a run to make it 4-4 in the 11th.

Which was when things fell apart and St. Pete seemingly blew it open with five runs.

But it wasn't quite over just yet.

With two on in the bottom of the inning Byers, all 5-foot-1 of her, put a charge into one and powered it over the fence for a three-run shot to pull the Panthers to within 9-7.

But that would be where it would end, unfortunately, as the Titans were able to avoid any further trouble and get the win.

That perseverance to continue to battle back, however, continued in the night cap when another late home run ended it in dramatic fashion.

After a back-and-forth first six innings, things went into the bottom of the seventh with St. Pete's holding a 5-4 lead.

But then Upchurch unloaded on one, belting a two-run, walk-off home run for a 6-5 win.

And with the key win, South Florida clinched a spot in the 2013 FCSAA State



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Taylor Upchurch provided the big blow Thursday, belting a walk-off, two-run homer to clinch a spot in the State Tournament for South Florida State College.

Softball Tournament.

Two more dates, four games, remain on the schedule to determine seeding, but however it shakes out, the

Panthers are Pensacola bound for the tournament which runs from Thursday, May 2 through Sunday, May 5.

LP rides late charge to extra-inning win

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the sixth.

With two out, Rufino Gutierrez singled to center and Cody Lambert was hit by a pitch.

Ricky Miller doubled to bring Gutierrez in and Lambert soon scored on a passed ball.

Nathan Stanley singled Miller home and moved to second and third on a wild pitch and would score on a passed ball to make it a 9-7 game.

Perry took one for the team in the bottom of the inning, moved to second as Gomez reached on a bunt single, and to third on a Kelley sacrifice bunt.

A Colton Brock grounder brought Perry in and Avon Park had inched the lead back to 10-7 needing just three more outs to put this one away.

But those outs wouldn't come soon enough as Carr reached on an error and Jacob Cram was hit by a pitch.

Heath Harris singled to load the bases, and one out later Justin LaRosa singled home two.

Miller then reached on a bunt single, scoring Harris with the tying run, and when Stanely reached on a fielder's choice, LaRosa scored and Lake Placid was back in the lead 11-10.

The Devils evened it back up in the bottom of the seventh when Pearlman brought Martinez in with a clutch, two-out single and into extra innings it went.

The Dragons re-took the



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Morgan Lott and the Green Dragons scored four runs each in the sixth and seventh innings for a big win over Avon Park Thursday.

lead in the top of the eight when Carr reached on a dropped third strike and would eventually come around and score on a passed ball.

But Avon Park evened it up again with Torri Pringle being hit by a pitch, being sacrificed to second and coming in when Brown singled.

Lake Placid took the lead for good in the ninth, with Gutierrez lining a single to center, moving to second on a LaRosa ground out and scoring on a Miller single, before Cram retired the Devil side in order to seal it.

"I'm just happy we won because we kept battling and deserved it," Cram said. "Now we've just got to keep battling like this in the district tournament, because if we do, we have a great chance to win it."

Before their district tournament, which starts Monday, April 22, the Dragons have one more non-district game Thursday at home against Clewiston.

The Devils meanwhile, have a road date at Booker Monday and travel to Hardee Thursday to close out their regular season.

FTA - Heartland Chapter April Activities

Special to the News-Sun
Wednesday, April 17

A Day Hike of approximately 6 miles at the Tenoroc Fish Management Area in Lakeland.

Meet at the Office at park entrance.

This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife.

Bring water, snacks sun protection, and wear good shoes, no flip flops.

Contact Monika Hoerl at 863-858-3106 for meet-up time and other details.

Saturday and Sunday,
April 20-21

Trail Maintenance (come for the day or primitive camp overnight) at the KICCO Wildlife Management Area off SR 60, east of Lake Wales.

Meet at entrance to

Westgate River Ranch Resort on right when traveling east.

Bring Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact David Waldrop at 863-605-3587, or email: david_lwfl@yahoo.com for meet-up time and other details.

Sunday, April 21

Nature Walk at the Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Rd.), Lakeland

An approximately 3-mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles.

Alligators inhabit Lake

Hancock and may be observed from a distance.

Pets are not allowed. Bring Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact Liane Plumhoff at 646-2398 or lplum@verizon.net.

Saturday, April 27

Day Hike, approximately 6 miles at the Tenoroc Fish Management Area in Lakeland.

Meet at the Picnic Lake pavilion parking area.

This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife.

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Wohl awarded Audubon Sustainable Rancher of the Year Award

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Jimmy Wohl, owner/manager of Rafter T Ranch, is the recipient of Florida Audubon's first Sustainable Rancher of the Year Award, which was presented to him on April 7 in Okeechobee at the Inaugural Everglades Day in honor of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas' birthday.

"Jimmy Wohl and Rafter T Ranch are setting the standard for ranchland stewardship in the Northern Everglades. We at Audubon believe that innovative water management projects undertaken by ranchers and ranchland preservation are the key to restoration of ecosystems north of Lake Okeechobee," said Eric Draper, executive director of Florida Audubon.

Audubon recognizes the great stewardship that ranchers in the Okeechobee Watershed have exercised on their land for more than 50 years. Today, by participating in programs to store and clean water on their land and by committing land to long-term conservation through the sale of conservation easements, ranchers are stepping forward to again become a vital factor in the restoration of Northern Everglades.

Wohl has exemplified stewardship on lands in the Northern Everglades. Through the Florida Ranchlands Environmental Services Project (FRESP) and the Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services (NE-PES) Program, Wohl has installed improvements on Rafter T Ranch to store and clean water before it runs into the watershed to Arbuckle Creek. His work shows how ranchers can make simple adjustments on working landscapes to maximize benefits for the environment.

"One of the reasons this award means so much is not just us receiving the award,

but what it represents. This is a monumental step for the Audubon Society to even develop this award category," Wohl said. "It's a significant indication that we are making a lot of progress in getting the agencies, scientific community, NGOs and landowners to work together to positively address the environmental problems we are faced with today."

Audubon has produced a short video promoting water storage and water quality projects undertaken by ranchers which features Wohl and Rafter T Ranch. This video can be seen at: <https://vimeo.com/61143683>. The video, as well as Audubon's efforts in the Northern Everglades, are supported in part by a grant from Darden Restaurants Foundation.

Owned by the Wohl Family, the 5,200-acre Rafter T Ranch is in Sebring, and has received numerous awards including Environmental Stewardship Awards from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), the Florida Cattlemen's Association (FCA) and the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS). During the award year, members of the Wohl family represented the U.S. cattle industry in meetings with the New York Times, Time, Life, Newsweek, United Press International and the National Audubon Society to discuss environmental stewardship practices and land management in Florida. The ranch has been featured on FOX News, PBS, Daytime TV Show and in the Palm Beach Post for its environmental stewardship practices.

For information about Rafter T Ranch, visit www.RafterTRanch.com. For information about Audubon Florida, visit www.AudubonOfFlorida.org.



Courtesy photo
RE/MAX agents from Sebring and Lake Placid recognized for their 2012 accomplishments were (seated from left) Lorraine Grifo, Erin Sowards, Sue Dean, CJ Hamel and Jeanny Campbell; (second row from left) Tom Shirley, Laura Shirley, Sue Clark, Mandy Elliott, Peter Cusumano, Maureen Cool, Denyelle Dibble and James Donohue; and (third row from left) Teresa Bock, Kevin Bock, Norm Elliott, Maria Brillhante, Chip Boring, Linda Boring, Jean Deuth and Steve Fruit. Eloise Best is not pictured.

RE/MAX recognizes agents for 2012 accomplishments

Special to the News-Sun

RE/MAX agents from Lake Placid and Sebring were honored at an awards banquet on April 3 at Sun 'N Lake Club. RE/MAX International recognized the agents for their accomplishments during the year 2012.

Brokers Chip and Linda Boring of the Sebring office and Tom and Laura Shirley of the Lake Placid office are extremely proud of every one of their agents.

C.J. Hamel was acknowledged for being

the top producer this past year and was awarded the Platinum Club Award.

The 100% Club Awards were given to Teresa and Kevin Bock, Chip Boring, Sue Clark, Sue Dean, James Donohue, Mandy and Norman Elliott, Laura Shirley, and the Executive Club Award was given to Eloise Best, Maria Brillhante, Jeanny Campbell, Maureen Cool, Peter Cusumano, Jean Deuth, Denyelle Dibble, Steve Fruit, Lorraine Grifo and Erin Sowards.

Intermediate QuickBooks Workshop offered through SFSC

LAKE PLACID — South Florida State College's Corporate and Community Education Department is offering an Intermediate QuickBooks workshop. Participants learn how to customize QuickBooks for time tracking, managing payroll, liabilities and taxes, purchasing, and tracking inventory assemblies, sales and back orders, and more in the Intermediate QuickBooks workshop. The workshop will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 18 and Thursday, April 25 at SFSC Lake Placid Center. The course number is (CRN) 20731 and costs \$129.99.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For information on this workshop or workshop books, contact Lorrie Key, director, Corporate and Community Education, at 784-7033 or email CorporateTraining@south-florida.edu.

Heartland Workforce hosts Training Provider Fair

On April 23 at its One-Stop Career Center in Sebring, and May 1 at the One-Stop Career Center in Wauchula, Heartland Workforce will be host to a variety of educational training providers in and around the tri-county region of Highlands, DeSoto, and

Business Snapshots

Hardee counties.

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No appointment is necessary — come to a Heartland Workforce One-Stop Career Center near you during one of these days and times: in Sebring from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 at 5901 U.S. 27 South, Suite 1 (The Beverly Center); and in Wauchula from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at 324 6th Ave. N. (across from the public library). For an up-to-date listing of the participating training providers, please check the Heartland Workforce website at www.hwib.org.

SBDC hosts 'Starting Your Business' workshop

AVON PARK — You've got the idea. Now you need to know how to get on your way. "Starting Your Business" teaches just that.

From how to determine feasibility and legal structure to the type of license you will need, this class covers all the essentials that will help you get started. "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.

The class will be April 24 at South Florida State College Corporate and Continuing Education Room T24 from 2-4:30 p.m. The seminar will be presented by David Noel, certified business analyst with the SBDC.

Supreme Court ruling affects class action suits

By BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE

— Citing a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year, the state high court sided with a payday-loan company Thursday in a ruling that keeps customers from banding together to sue the company.

The ruling means that anyone signing contracts with small print that says disputes must be settled through arbitration rather than through lawsuits can't later get together with other unhappy customers and file class action lawsuits.

The decision overturns lower court rulings in a dispute with McKenzie Check Advance and its customers who claimed the payday-loan company was using a check cashing service to charge exorbitant interest rates. Circuit Judge Elizabeth Maass called the arbitration clause in McKenzie's contracts "unconscionable" when she ruled the customers could sue.

Maass invalidated the contracts, saying borrowers in Palm Beach County were unable to seek justice because they couldn't find lawyers willing to pursue individual claims for relatively small amounts of money.

An appeals court upheld the decision, but since then the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that California law couldn't invalidate language in AT&T Mobility cellphone contracts that calls for disputes to be settled through arbitration rather than lawsuits. It cited the Federal Arbitration Act.

The Florida Supreme Court said that ruling also applies in this case.

Paul Bland, who represented the loan company's customers before the state high court, said hundreds of class action lawsuits nationally have been thrown out since the U.S. Supreme Court ruling.



Courtesy photo
Charles Lee (left), Audubon Florida, presents the Florida Audubon Sustainable Rancher of the Year Award to Jimmy Wohl, owner/manager of Rafter T Ranch.

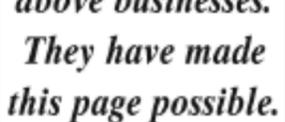
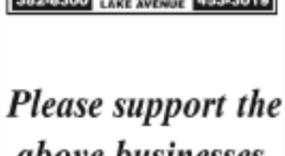
Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts by Patricia Valentine

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to

escape that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13) The word of God reminds us, in whatever situation you are facing today, your way of escape has already been made. Victory is ours according to the word of God. We are not going to be tempted above which we are able. We go through different tests in order for the Lord to make us the person He wants us to be. During our time of testing, we must wait on the Lord. There are times we want to rush to the finish, but it could be during that time the Lord is still working on us. Rushing through your test before the Lord has completed His work will only make the test longer. If we don't pass the test, then we will continue to repeat it over and over again. Allow the Lord to complete His work during the first time around and you will not have to repeat the same test again. Testing only bring promotion and elevation. Say to yourself when you are being tested, it must be time for promotion and elevation. Be Blessed!



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Fla. Senate makes it harder to file lawsuits

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Senate is making it harder to pursue medical malpractice claims. The Senate on Wednesday voted 27-12 for the bill and sent it to the House. The legislation (SB 1792) requires that expert witnesses called against a defendant

doctor practice the exact same kind of medicine and not just be in “similar” fields. The bill also allows any health care provider called as a witness to breach patient confidentiality and give attorneys information about a patient’s treatment. Opponents called the legislation “overkill” and said it

could potentially shield doctors from lawsuits even when they doing something wrong. Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon and the prime sponsor, said the bill was an effort to create “fairness” in the system where doctors accused are not subjected to a “voodoo scientist” who testifies against them.

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A country song, assumptions – and a racial outcry

By JESSE WASHINGTON
AP National Writer

Southern white men don't usually drive racial dialogue. For as long as race has riven America, they have been depicted more often as the problem than the solution.

So after country music star Brad Paisley released his new song "Accidental Racist" this week, what happened next was hardly surprising: days of widespread criticism about his attempt to detail the challenges facing a "white man from the Southland" and his recruitment of LL Cool J to rap a black perspective.

The song sparked a predictable blaze this week on TV, talk radio and the Internet. USA Today asked if it was an "epic fail." At The Atlantic, Ta-Nehisi Coates titled his analysis, "Accidental Racist' Is Actually Just Racist." More than a few ridiculed it as "the worst song ever."

Some elements of the outcry, however, raise less predictable questions: Where does naivety turn into ignorance, and then into racism? What is the basis of modern Southern pride? And, possibly most important, should we grade racial attitudes on a curve?

Paisley begins the song with an anecdote about a black man taking offense to his Confederate flag T-shirt. "The only thing I meant to say is I'm a Skynyrd fan," Paisley sings, referring to the pioneering Southern rock group.

That scene actually happened to Paisley in real life, said Charlie Cook, programming director for West Virginia Radio Corp. and a member of the Country



Brad Paisley's 'Accidental Racist' has stirred up widespread criticism following its release last week. MCT Photo

Music Association's board of directors, who heard Paisley discuss the song with a group of industry executives.

"He sat down and thought about it from another person's perspective and said, 'If I offended you, it was accidental,'" Cook said. "I think it's really from his heart."

That doesn't matter, say many of the critical voices. They say it's the result that counts — a song that, to them, turns some of the most stinging flashpoints of American racial history into aw-shucks anecdotes. They are receiving a message very different from the one Paisley intended: the country-music staple of trying to figure out one's experiences through song.

Ignorance is no excuse for Demetria Irwin, who savaged "Accidental Racist" in a piece on the black news and

culture website TheGrio.com.

"I think he had good intentions. I think he genuinely wanted to explore a topic," Irwin, who is black, said in an interview. However, "I don't believe he doesn't know what the Confederate flag symbolizes and what it means. There's nothing accidental about that."

"There's also just a general entitlement that some white people might have, the whole white privilege thing, being totally unaware of black culture in a real sense," she added.

The song's black culture was provided by LL Cool J, whose verses were widely panned as shallow. Coates pointed out that while rap is full of artists who are passionate about racial issues, LL is not one of them.

"The only real reason to

call up LL is that he is black and thus must have something insightful to say about the Confederate Flag," wrote Coates, who is black. "The assumption that there is no real difference among black people is exactly what racism is."

Choosing LL, he said, is like "assuming that Paisley must know something about barbecue because he's Southern."

Being Southern comes with its own set of assumptions and stereotypes, some of them negative ones created by the low points of the region's history. Southern pride is largely a defensive reaction to such stigmas, said Eric Weisbard, a music critic and American Studies professor at the University of Mississippi.

So while some might see "Accidental Racist" as a

ham-handed attempt to start a dialogue, it's part of a long tradition in which Southern musicians "try to talk about who they are in answer to what others dismissively assume they are," Weisbard wrote on NPR.org.

Much of the friction around the song comes from people who don't understand this history, Weisbard said in an interview: "We're as segregated culturally as we often are socially."

Many people are proud of being from the "heartland," New York City or other American places, Weisbard said. But "the South has been branded a problem for the country as a whole at least since the Civil War."

"In every generation, there's a new way in which white Southerners have marginalized themselves," he said, "and the rest of America has to think about what that means."

Paisley gave America something to think about with the chorus of the song: "I'm just a white man comin' to you from the Southland / Tryin' to understand what it's

like not to be / I'm proud of where I'm from but not everything we've done / And it ain't like you and me can re-write history."

At the end of the chorus he sings, "Caught between Southern pride and Southern blame."

That's a gray area for Chris Newman, 25, a white West Virginia University graduate student who grew up in Lexington, Ky. He says Southern pride often is "flirting a fine line between being offensive and supporting historical heritage."

Hospitality, driving your truck through the mud, floating down a river or drinking bourbon in Kentucky are great ways to embrace Southern culture, he says. "But I don't run around wearing Confederate T-shirts. I have Lynyrd Skynyrd T-shirts, but they don't have stars and bars on them."

That's a deliberate choice: "If I respect somebody, I'm going to make sure I don't offend them," Newman said.

Newman doesn't believe "accidental racism" exists.

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Rare Russian vases sell for \$2.7M in private sale

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press

DALLAS — Randy Buttram never gave much thought to the two 4 1/2-foot tall ornate vases that graced the elegant main entrance of his grandparents' Oklahoma City mansion and later were displayed around a fireplace facade at his parents' home.

The vases, which had been packed away for around a decade, turned out to be rare items from Russia dating back nearly two centuries — to the reign of Nicholas I.

It turned out they carried immense value, fetching \$2.7 million Thursday in a private sale about a week before they were to be auctioned.

Buttram, 66, of Oklahoma City, remembers as a young boy playing at his grandparents' sprawling Italian Renaissance mansion that included a bowling alley in the basement. He said that the vases were part of the decor in an entryway so grand — complete with twin staircases — that they didn't particularly stand out.

"To me as a child they were just there and that's all," said Buttram, 66, of Oklahoma City. "We did a lot of roughhousing in the house. We're lucky nobody knocked them over."

Officials with the auction company were evaluating items inherited by Buttram and his brother at their late parents' home when they noticed the top portion of one of the vases lying on a bed had the blue marking of Russia's Imperial Porcelain Factory used during the reign of Nicholas I and the date 1833 printed on it.

The pieces of the vases, which are designed to be disassembled for moving and storage, had been mostly stored in cardboard boxes.

"We saw that and immediately recognized it as: 'This is unbelievable,'" said Scott Shuford, president of Dallas Auction Gallery that conducted the sale. "I think our eyes kind of bulged out a little bit."

Shuford said the vases gen-

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erated interest from all over the world in the time leading up to the April 17 auction. He said that the buyer wishes to remain anonymous. The pre-auction estimate for the vases was \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

As an adult, Buttram began to suspect the vases likely did have some value, but never did he imagine just how much.

Buttram's grandparents, Frank and Merle Buttram, bought the vases in 1928 from the Bernheimer Gallery in Munich while traveling

through Europe. Frank Buttram, an Oklahoma native, founded Buttram Petroleum Co., which is still in the family and is now called Buttram Energies Inc.

After the deaths of his grandparents the estate was split between their five children and the vases were among items that went to Randy Buttram's father, Dorsey Buttram. When Randy Buttram's parents moved to a smaller home about a decade ago, the vases were stored away. After the death of his mother in

November 2011 following his father's 2006 death, Buttram and his brother began to sort through what might be worthy of auction — including the vases.

Buttram said it has been interesting to look through his grandmother's detailed records of purchases on their travels, which included everything from the vases to two pairs of boys' silk pajamas bought in China.

The auction house consulted with the Russian porcelain curator at the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg to confirm that the vases were indeed produced by the Imperial Porcelain Factory, founded in 1744 to produce items for the Russian royal family.

The auction house said that that research by the curator showed that one vase features a copy of the "The Concert" by Dutch painter A. Palamedes, an artwork from the 1600s currently on display in the Hermitage. Records show the painting

was sent to the porcelain factory in 1832 to make a copy on the vase. Experts were unable to identify the painting that was copied on the second vase.

Shuford said they were unable to determine who the vases belonged to in Russia and it's not known how they ended up at the Munich gallery. He said that after the communists seized power in Russia in 1917 items like the vases were often sold off by the new Soviet government.

Buttram's grandparents' mansion located in the Oklahoma City enclave of Nichols Hills was an art museum for a time but is now privately owned again.

As for keeping them, Randy Buttram said he never gave that possibility much thought.

"I certainly really don't have any room for them at my house," he said.

Dallas Auction Gallery: http://www.dallasauction-gallery.com

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UK royal baby name bets surge

Princess Alexandra?

By SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON — Queen Debbie doesn't quite have the right ring to it. King Bob just sounds wrong.

Naming a baby is no easy business, but much more is at stake when it comes to finding the right name for a future monarch.

Britain's bookmakers have some ideas to offer to Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge: Alexandra is the clear favorite, with the odds slashed at 2-1 as of Thursday. One of the bookies, Coral, said that at one point betting on the name became so furious that it had to suspend it.

Elizabeth, Diana and Victoria are close behind, following widespread speculation that the royal couple's first child will be a girl.

All things considered, the bookies are likely on the right track.

"Royal names tend to be based on previous monarchs, relatives and godparents to ensure continuity," said historian Carolyn Harris, who lectures at the University of Toronto's school of continuing studies.

"(The names) are not generally something out of the blue. It will be something that fits into the royal lineage, names used by previous kings and queens," she added.

Alexandra appears to be a good bet — it's the name of Queen Elizabeth II's great-grandmother, a Danish princess who married Edward VII.

The full name of Elizabeth herself also includes Alexandra, as well as Mary, her grandmother.

It's not clear why people suddenly became so enthusiastic about the name Alexandra over the past few days, though Simon Clare, a

spokesman for the bookmaker Coral, offered a clue: Many of the bets appeared to be coming in from Berkshire, the county that's home to royal residence Windsor Castle.

"With these sorts of markets you don't expect a rush of money. Generally it comes once people think they know what's happened," he said. He added, however, that it could also just be that "someone at the local pub said Kate quite liked the idea of the name."

Much more reliable, then, to delve into the royal family trees for clues.

In the middle ages royals sometimes used saints' names, but since then most monarchs have stuck to the names of predecessors — Henry, William, Mary, James, Richard, to name a few.

Some royal names do not hark back to ancestors, but instead can be

read as symbols that have national significance, Harris said.

Take Arthur, the middle names of both Prince Charles and Prince William, which brings to mind the legendary King Arthur and tales of chivalry — a favorite theme ingrained in Britain's literature.

Edward VIII, who abdicated in 1936, was christened Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David — the first names were in honor of family members, but the last four were patron saints of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Not all British royal names are strictly English, though. Marriages with other European dynasties have brought in new additions to the name pool, like Isabella, Charlotte and Frederick.

Given the weight of history, can William and the former Kate

Middleton — widely admired as the fresh, modern face of a crusty institution — break with tradition and call their child something trendy and unexpected?

Experts don't think it's likely. While children further down the line of succession have had more unconventional names — for example, the grandchildren of Princess Anne, the queen's only daughter, are called Savannah and Isla — those first in line to the throne don't have such freedom.

"With royal children it's rarely just the parents who have a say," Harris said.

Safe to say, then, that the baby won't be called Apple or Wayne.

Online: www.royal.gov.uk gives an official account of British royal history.

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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.sebringgrace.org.

INDEPENDENT

■ **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.

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 Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA

meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. 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 past the four-way stop sign. 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 (863) 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. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m. ; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon 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 Luke Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife.sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

■ **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: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pas-

tor; 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

■ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long — empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English — no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead 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 Breyling. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityof-sebring.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. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. 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.fpcip.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Sstudy 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group — 6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children's ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

■ **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://www.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 Frank Gonzalez. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Associate Pastor is Ryan Amos. 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 Nathan Madrid.

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.salvation-armysebring.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 every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. John A. Bryant, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422.

■ **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.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**, Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

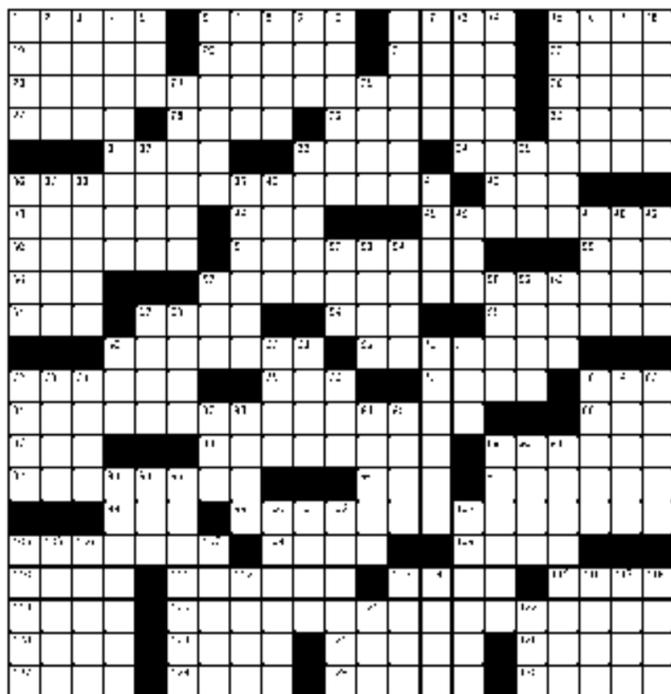
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 - 45 Concerns in substance abuse therapy
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 - 51 RAZR MAXX manufacturer
 - 55 Its first maps were pub. in 1905
 - 56 Central Eur. power until 1806
 - 57 IOU?
 - 61 Western treaty gp.
 - 62 Speakeasy difficulty
 - 64 Horn of Afr. country
 - 65 King and queen
 - 66 Filled Italian fare
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- color schemes?
- 86 24-hr. banking service
- 87 She played Mia in "Pulp Fiction"
- 88 It was held outside of California only once, in 1942
- 89 "Memoirs of a ___"
- 92 Ristorante topper
- 96 Comfy top
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- 104 Curious box opener
- 108 February deity
- 109 Frankfurt's river
- 110 Suffix with smack
- 111 "Food, Glorious Food" musical
- 113 Lyon lover's word
- 115 Shopping list entry
- 119 ___ hall
- 120 What to grab for an early morning flight?
- 123 Agt. after tax evaders
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- 127 Sisterhood name in a Rebecca Wells novel
- 128 Hardly leave wanting
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- 1 Charm
 - 2 Fading star of the East?
 - 3 1,760 yards
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 - 5 Whichever
 - 6 Gambol
 - 7 Roller coaster inversion
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 - 10 Kutcher of "That '70s Show"
 - 11 Word with sex or



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- 12 Downsizing program?
- 13 World carrier
- 14 Maybelline purchase
- 15 Update, in a way
- 16 Muscle malady
- 17 Vice ___
- 18 Pie nut
- 24 More sordid
- 25 Helper
- 32 Onetime Yes label
- 33 Social group
- 35 Crux
- 36 Cheese-topped chip
- 37 Palais Garnier performance
- 38 Tiger's front and back?
- 39 Dragon's island
- 40 Figurehead place
- 41 Confident leader?
- 46 Siesta
- 47 Eponymous inventor
- 48 It might be going
- 49 What Simon does
- 52 Soccer stadium
- shout
- 53 Alphabetic run
- 54 July 4th reactions
- 57 Jury trial Amendment
- 58 Señorita's other
- 59 Joins the race
- 60 SFO approximation
- 62 Indian royal
- 63 Lady's business?
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- 70 Eponymous comet tracker
- 71 Maximum trio?
- 72 Bra spec
- 73 Funny Bombeck
- 74 Makeup artist?
- 76 PC port
- 78 Far from in vogue
- 79 Merman of Broadway
- 80 Squirrel away
- 82 College Football Hall of Fame inductee 29 years after Knute
- 83 Like epics
- 84 Beach bags
- 85 Still-life vessel
- 89 Like drinkable milk
- 90 Beckett's homeland
- 91 Mystery writer's forte
- 93 Frequent child companion?
- 94 Earth-friendly prefix
- 95 Disco balls, e.g.
- 100 Admire to the max
- 101 Hurler Hershiser
- 102 Victoria's Secret purchase
- 103 Fight
- 104 Picayune
- 105 Therapy prefix
- 106 "When pigs fly!"
- 107 Ex of Rod Stewart
- 112 "___ a Kick Out of You": Cole Porter
- 113 Soon
- 114 Like chitchat
- 116 "Bye"
- 117 Bespectacled Ghostbuster
- 118 Neatnik's bane
- 121 Prop- suffix
- 122 Chitchat

By R. NORRIS & J.L. NORRIS

Have we forgotten?



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

As we spoke by phone with our four-year-old granddaughter, we talked about some of the things we did at Christmas time. She happily recalled singing, "Jingle Bells" and proceeded to do so over the phone. I chuckled at how her words ran together over certain phrases that she heard in her head; but couldn't quite articulate word for word.

It wasn't that she had forgotten the words; but, didn't really know what they were.

Recently, a similar thing happened to a child repeating to me John 3:16, NKJV, from memory. The verse says:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Except she said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only forgotten Son..."

How easily interchanged these two words are on a child's tongue.

So, I stopped her for a moment and told her the word was begotten not forgotten. She looked at me questioning, but couldn't her train of memorized thought.

"Start over," I said apologizing for having interrupted her.

I thought she might say it over just as before. But she caught on and said it

correctly and beamed me a big smile as I complimented her on doing so well.

But, it got me to thinking how familiar that verse is to many of us. We can say it without thinking about it. All

someone has to say is "John 3:16" and the words spill from our mouths like water from an overflowing cup.

And, in lots of ways, that is a good thing; as long as the overflow is from our hearts. But I can't help but wonder if we sometimes would be more accurate in saying "forgotten" Son.

Do we include Jesus in our everyday thought life? Do we turn to him with our hopes and dreams; for wisdom with decisions we need to make; for healing; deliverance; and, the needs of our family?

Or is he forgotten in the busyness of everyday tasks and demands so that we are trying to accomplish everything on our own? Have we forgotten the extraordinary cost of our salvation?

If Jesus is forgotten, then we are the poorer for it.

For in him we have life, joy, peace, wisdom, strength, courage...and the list goes on. He is God's only begotten son...a birth unlike any other for he has always been...and only through him can we have everlasting life. Selah

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Man's commitment to marriage as fake as engagement ring

Dear Abby: My daughter was married eight months ago. During the planning of the wedding, her fiancé was very involved in every aspect of decision-making. Soon after the vows were exchanged, her new husband became cold and distant toward her. He would constantly tell her she made him miserable, and he allowed his mother to ridicule and berate her over things from her hair color to her cooking.

My husband and I kept quiet because we didn't want to interfere. About a month ago, he decided he no longer wanted to be married. Since then, my daughter has revealed that shortly after the wedding she discovered her engagement ring was a fake, and he insisted she pay for half the costs of the honeymoon - which she did.

We're not wealthy people, so paying for their wedding was a stretch for us. I am furious that my soon-to-be ex-son-in-law sat and watched us spend thousands of dollars on a wedding, knowing full well my daughter was wearing a fake ring on her hand and then insisted she pay for half the honeymoon.

I wonder what his real motive was in marrying her. He shows no remorse and portrays himself as the "victim" for having married someone who couldn't get along with his mother.

How do I move forward and get over my anger and need for retribution?
- Outraged in Oklahoma
Dear Outraged: Start by



Dear Abby

thanking your lucky stars that your daughter will soon be free of a husband who appears to be already married to his mother. Then realize that your daughter was married to a dishonest, verbally abusive user to whom she might have been tied for a lifetime if she'd had a child or two with him.

Dear Abby: I'm a 24-year-old gay man, and I still don't know if I want to have children or not. I feel that by this point I should know, but I don't. When I date, the subject inevitably comes up, and I never know how to respond.

I used to think that children were an expense I would never want, but now the thought pops into my head from time to time. People have told me I'd be a great dad. I think so, too. When and how will I know for sure? And in the meantime, what should I tell the guys I date?

- Undecided in Washington D.C.
Dear Undecided: It is not unusual for a person your age - regardless of sexual orientation - to be unsure about taking on the responsibilities of parenthood. You will probably

know "for sure" you want children when you are in a stable relationship and financially able to provide for them. In the meantime, tell the guys you date that you "think" you would like to be a parent one day - but you're not yet ready to set up a nursery.

Dear Abby: I'm a 29-year-old male. Is it normal for me to be dating a woman who is in her mid-50s? I really like her, and she likes me, but sex seems to be an issue because she is hesitant to engage with someone who is my age. In her words, she is old enough to be my mother and it's "weird." What are your thoughts?

- Jay in New Jersey

Dear Jay: It's unusual for a man in his 20s to be dating a woman that much older, but it's not unheard of. It is more common for the reverse to be true. Remind her that the age difference hasn't stopped some men from doing it, and we're living in the age of equality.

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Scorpio needs to remember there is a master plan

Metro News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20) - Aries, take time to sort through some of the paperwork on your desk. You could find there is something important that you overlooked that needs to be addressed.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) - There are a few things you can't seem to work out in your head, Taurus. A better idea may be to put everything on paper and perhaps the answer will jump out.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) - Gemini, there will be a few moments this week when you seem to have a breakthrough. Maybe it's in a relationship or you have just the right answers at work.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Surprising events are in store as you continue to change your views about life-altering events, Cancer. You may find your master plan is entirely turned on its head.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Leo, your energy level is so revved up that others won't be able to keep up with you. You may have to slow down a little to let others catch up.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) - Virgo, others find it difficult to change your opinion once you have your mind set on something. But it still helps to consider if the direction you're heading is the

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right way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Libra, you may be feeling a little homesick, especially if you are away on business or on vacation. Try to make the most of the situation even if you're feeling nostalgic.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Scorpio, if it seems like nothing is going your way, keep in mind there is a master plan in the works. You may not be able to see the resolution, but just be patient.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Sagittarius, there are a few puzzle pieces that you need to get into place and then you'll have everything worked out. Reward yourself with a night out.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Capricorn, lay low for awhile rather than drumming up some trouble. Tempting as it is to stir the pot, it may cause more difficulties for you in the long run.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) - Aquarius, although you have a few projects on your to-do list, you can't seem to get started. Instead of looking at the entire list, tackle one task at a time and you'll get the job get done.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Pisces, turn your thoughts to creative efforts and you'll find the days will just fly by.

Before you know it, the weekend will be here.

Famous birthdays

April 14 - Adrien Brody, actor, 40; April 15 - Seth Rogen, actor, 31; April 16 - Lorraine Nicholson, actress, 23; April 17 - Sean Bean, actor, 54; April 18 - Conan O'Brien, TV host, 50; April 19 - James Franco, actor, 35; April 20 - Miranda Kerr, model, 30.

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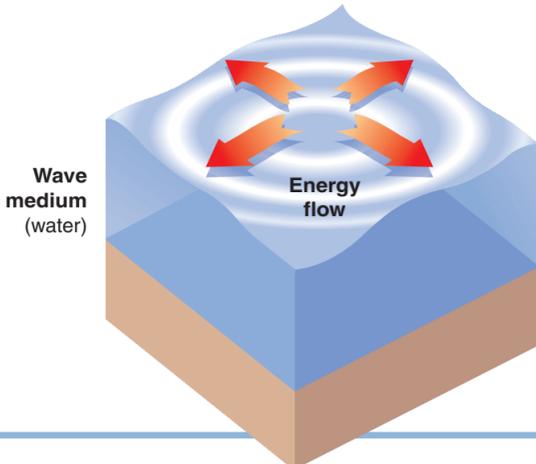
MAKING waves

Every summer, millions of people visit water parks. Among the most popular features are artificial beach shores known as wave pools. These pools simulate a natural surf using compressed air. Wave pool settings can be configured to provide different wave types. Here's how a typical wave pool works:

Researched and illustrated by David Arbanas, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Wave basics

The force of a water's drop hitting the surface causes displacement (waves). When you push on water at one point, the energy travels outward, through the surrounding water.



Wave terms

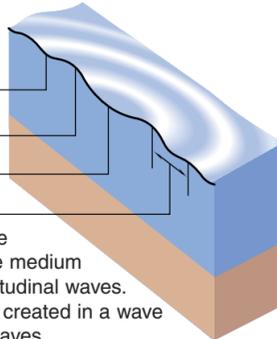
Trough

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Point of impact

Wavelength

Waves that travel in the same direction that the medium moves are called longitudinal waves. The man-made waves created in a wave pool are longitudinal waves.

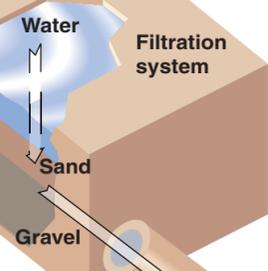


Generating man-made waves

Here are the mechanics involved in making wave pools work:

Filter

The water filtration system for a wave pool is similar to a water treatment plant. Water is first pumped through a series of baskets that catch large debris. The water is then forced through a tank of sand and gravel that strains away smaller particles of dirt and oil.

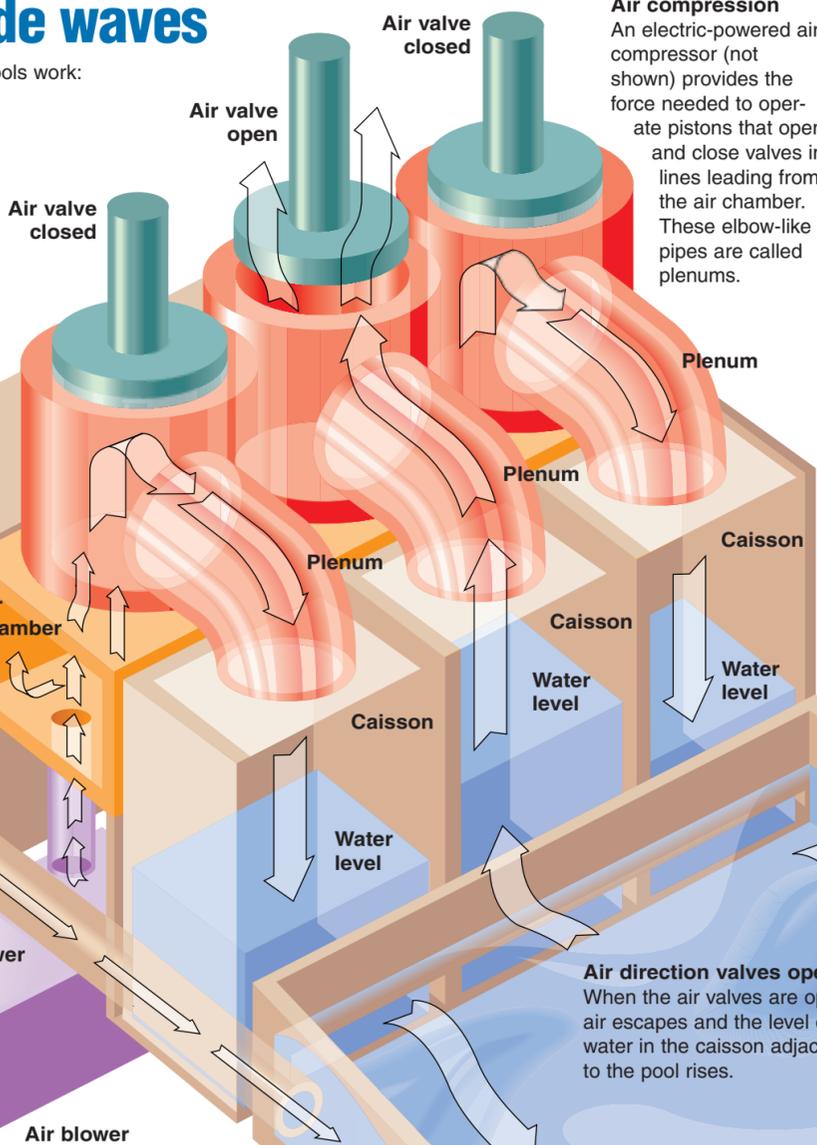
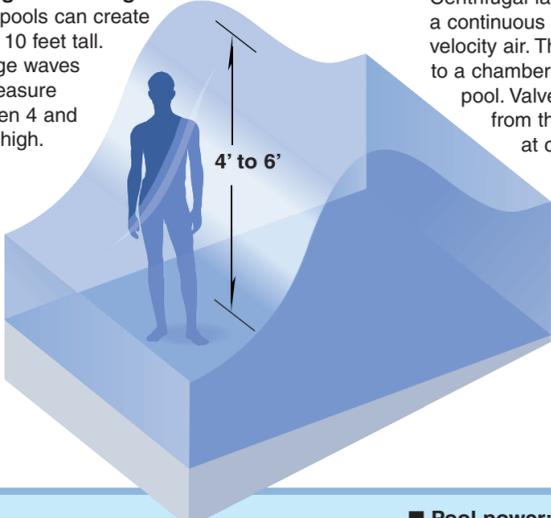


Balance tank

A wave pool is constantly losing water. Some water evaporates or is filtered away. Most of the lost water leaves the pool when swimmers get out. To maintain a consistent level, water is continuously pumped into the pool. The pool uses a balance tank to hold the water displaced by swimmers. An autofill mechanism in the tank is activated when it's time to add more water or store displaced water.

Average wave height

Wave pools can create swells 10 feet tall. Average waves will measure between 4 and 6 feet high.

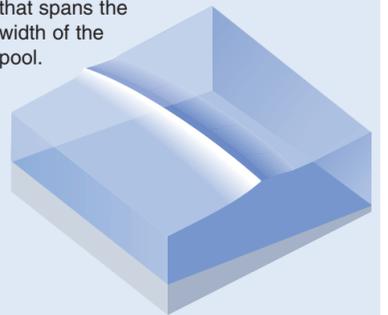


Air blower
Centrifugal fans produce a continuous supply of high-velocity air. The air is channeled to a chamber just off of the wave pool. Valves in pipes leading away from the chamber open and close at controlled intervals.

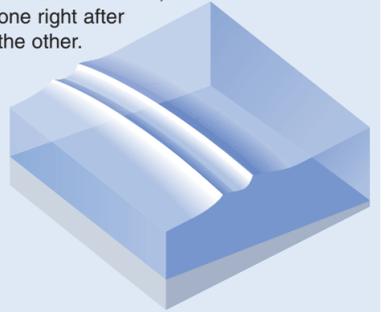
Air direction valves open
When the air valves are open, air escapes and the level of water in the caisson adjacent to the pool rises.

Synchronizing or staggering the opening and closing of air-direction valves in a wave pool will create varying wave patterns.

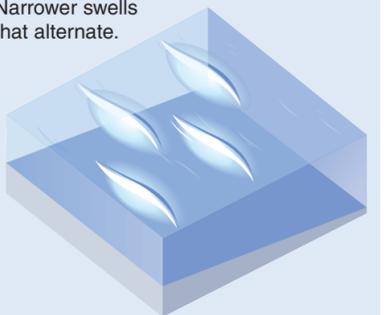
Roller
One line of water that spans the width of the pool.



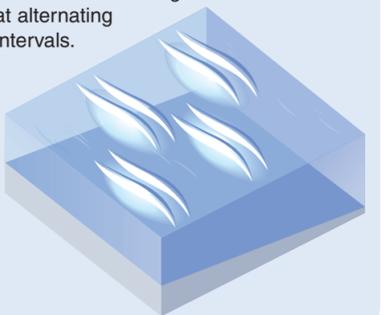
Double roller
Two lines of water, one right after the other.



Diamond
Narrower swells that alternate.



Double diamond
Two swells occurring at alternating intervals.



Air-direction valves closed
When the valves are closed, the built-up air in the chamber presses down on the water surface in the caisson. The resulting water displacement creates a wave in the pool.

Pool power: The electricity needed to run a 1.2 million-gallon wave pool is 2,000 amps. The average home is wired for a 200-amp service.

Design: The number of air compressors, blowers, valves, plenums and caissons in a wave pool will vary.

Some wave pools vary the position of their caissons to add wave pattern possibilities.

Wave pool mathematics

300 feet

Deep end 7 feet

1 foot thickness

Approximately 5 degrees



Pool timing
A wave pool can be set to create waves at designated intervals. A typical example is 10 minutes of waves followed by 10 minutes of calm water.

Pool gutter
A trough around the edge of the pool catches overflow from waves and redirects it to the filtration system.