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File photo

Security cameras captured this image of one of the men who robbed the SunTrust Bank on U.S. 27 in Avon Park in 2009.

MAN CHARGED WITH 2009 AP BANK ROBBERY

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — One of the two men that investigators say robbed the SunTrust Bank on U.S. 27 in Avon Park nearly four years ago has reportedly confessed to the crime.

According to arrest reports, 25-year-old Alberto Perez Jr. was booked into the Highlands County Jail on Thursday and charged with armed robbery for his part in the July 28, 2009 heist.

Perez is already serving time at the Calhoun

Correctional Institution. He was sentenced in November of 2010 in Miami-Dade County to 15 years for armed robbery in connection with an April of 2007 case and five years for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for an offense in February of 2007.



Perez

His current release date, not reflecting the new charges for the SunTrust robbery, is June 26, 2023.

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Amvets post to remember heroes with four legs, too

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — At many locations around Highlands County, people will pause Monday to show respect and commemorate all the fallen service men and women that served in the United States military branches and paid the ultimate price.

Local military organizations are gearing up for events; one in particular doing something a little bit unique for this year's Memorial Day.

The Amvets Post 21 in Sebring will be hosting a Memorial Day ceremony that honors not

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Amvets Post 21 in Sebring will pay special tribute to military dogs and other animals who served during its Memorial Day ceremony on Monday.

'These honors are for them'

Veteran gets long-overdue WWII medal from France

By JAN MEROP
 News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — At 87 years of age, Edward Woodson is sharp, thankful and proud to have served in the 101st Airborne Division of the Army during World War II.

Recently, others have stepped up to honor him and other veterans, particularly from the Battle of the Bulge, fought to protect France and keep America free.

On April 10, Woodson received the medal for the Knight of Legion of Honor at the

Alliance Francaise of Greater Orlando. This was a medal bestowed upon these veterans on behalf of the French Republic. Senators, governors, and French ambassadors, along with other dignitaries, gathered to honor him and his fellow veterans. He was the only airborne representative along with

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Courtesy photo Ed Woodson joined the Army Infantry as a young 17-year-old.

Tourism tax expected do draw heated discussion

By BARRY FOSTER
 News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — It promises to be a contentious session Tuesday night as a number of issues related to the local tourist tax come before the Highlands County commission.

Three different facets of the controversial levy will be discussed — a proposal to increase the tax on stays of six months or less from two percent to three percent, a new plan for distribution of the money collected and a shift from state collection of the tax to local collection.

Groups on all sides of the issue have been alerted

to the session, with Heartland Cultural Alliance chief Fred Leavitt referring to it as "the HCA live theatre event 'TDC Asks for More.'"

Members of the Highlands Tea Party have been urged to attend and reportedly a memo to supporters of the tax increase also has gone out. Multiple emails to members of the TDC board from county staff strongly requesting they attend this "important" meeting reportedly have been sent as well.

A proposed 1-cent hike in the tourism tax, and what to do with the money if it's approved, will be debated at tonight's meeting.



The tourist tax was enacted after winning approval in the November 2002 general election. It

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

The grand finale of the K-9 demonstration Thursday night — a chase (at about 5 mph) that ended with K-9 teams pouring out of cars and a helicopter to stop a bad guy in his tracks.

K-9 teams put on a show

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — It turns out police dogs are more about obeying than being fearsome — although any on-duty, focused K-9 coming straight on at full speed is really, really scary.

Here's the thing though, despite the excitement and the speed going forward, the well trained police dog will break off his attack and return to his handler on command. On the other hand,

All four HCSO teams qualify for nationals

attack his handler and the dog is expected to protect him without being told. A large crowd at Firemen's Field got a glimpse of that Thursday night at a public demonstration marking the finale of the field trials held in the county last week.

Twenty-nine law enforcement agencies, from all over the state and as far away as Alabama, sent 78 K-9 teams to take part in the trials, which were sanctioned and supervised by the U. S. Police Canine Association.

Field trials serve two purposes — professionally certifying dog and handler teams and celebrating the best of the teams.

A perfect score is 700

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Community Briefs

Disaster Preparedness Class offered

LAKE PLACID – A class will be offered on how to be prepared for any disaster that could strike this area.

All are invited to come and learn where the nearest shelter is (and those that are pet friendly); how to keep food and water safe in loss of electricity; what needs to be in a disaster kit before any storm hits.

The class will be presented by Scott Canady, director of Emergency Management in Highlands County, at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 11 in the Parish Hall at St. James Catholic Church, 33380 Placid View Drive.

Refreshments will be served.

No change in garbage collection

AVON PARK — There will be no change in garbage pick up for the city of Avon Park due to the Memorial Day holiday, but recycling pick up will be moved from Wednesday to Thursday.

Robbins Nursery hosts Florida-Friendly Plant Seminar

SEBRING – Robbins Nursery will host a Florida-Friendly Plant Seminar from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Highlands County Extension Office. There will be a Florida-Friendly plants display and a short

presentation by David Austin, the Highlands County residential horticulture agent, titled “Are You Florida-Friendly?”.

Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer plant questions, and Florida Irrigation Supply will be displaying water saving irrigation devices. There will be door prizes and discounts on Florida-Friendly plants.

Robbins Nursery is at 4803 U.S. 27 South. Contact Austin at the Highlands County Extension office at 402-7140 or email davi-daustin@ufl.edu for more information.

Legion to celebrate Memorial Day

LAKE PLACID – American Legion Post 25 will celebrate Memorial Day on Monday with a half chicken, potato salad and baked beans lunch from 2-4 p.m. Entertainment will be Big Freddie from 3-5 p.m. Cost per person is \$8. For more information, call 465-0975.

Elks plan ‘A Day of Remembrance’

LAKE PLACID – A Day of Remembrance - All gave some, some gave all, a Memorial Day ceremony, is slated from 11 a.m. Monday at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. This is the most memorable service one will ever experience.

Opening flag ceremony and Taps by Lake Placid

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Ridge Area Arc gives awards

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – Ridge Area Arc held its Annual Awards Celebration on May 17 at the Grogan Center at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. The theme “Achieve With Us” was selected to honor the consumers who have made achievements during the past year and the volunteers, staff, and community partners who assisted them to make those achievements.

Awards were presented to five consumers to acknowledge their achievements. Dama Massey, who lives in a group home in Avon Park, was named the Residential Consumer of the Year. Terry Richardson, who lives in his own apartment in Sebring, was chosen the Community Services Consumer of the Year. Elba Ortiz, who is now in training at the Avon Park Resale Store, was recognized as the Adult Day Training Consumer of the Year. Rene Herrera, who lives in Avon Park, was selected as the ADT – Intensive Consumer of the Year. Justin Brown, who has worked at Taco Bell for two years, was the winner of Community Employment Consumer of the Year. Andy and Mary Basso, of



Courtesy photo
Frannie Gillilan accepts the Arc Hero of the Year Award during the annual Arc Awards Celebration.

Lake Placid, were named the Volunteers of the Year. They volunteer for Special STARS, employ people with disabilities, and Mary serves on the Arc Board of Directors. Russell Cummings and Denise Allegro accepted the Community Partner Award for Mulberry Pharmacy. Mulberry Pharmacy not only provides excellent services to the Arc’s group home and supported living programs, it also provides

staff training at no charge. Frannie Gillilan received the Arc Hero of the Year Award. Gillilan has been a volunteer with Special STARS since 2004 and is the coordinator of the track and field events for the Highlands County school students.

The People First! Advocate Award went to The Arc of Florida. Deborah Linton, executive director, who was also the guest speaker at the celebra-

tion, accepted the award. The Arc of Florida’s most recent advocacy efforts included the passage of the Intellectual Disability bill that is awaiting Governor Scott’s signature and obtaining funding to provide services to those on the state’s wait list.

Representative Cary Pigman, who was unable to attend the celebration, was recognized for co-sponsoring the Intellectual Disability Bill. Accepting the award was his wife, Darlene Pigman.

Employees were also recognized for their years of service to Ridge Area Arc. Those working 15 years are: Janet Tooley, through South Florida State College and Tonja Weed; 10 years, Raimunda Johnson and Tiffany Perry; and five years, Dreana Brown, Betty Rowland, and Velvorie Walker.

Miquette Jackson, an employee of Ridge Area Arc’s Adult Day Training program in Wauchula, entertained the crowd with her vocal talents.

For more information about Ridge Area Arc, contact Rhonda Beckman, CEO at 452-1295, ext. 112 or email rbeckman@ridgearearc.org.

Veterans Beach boat ramp back in business

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Boaters can head to Veterans Beach for access to Lake Jackson on Memorial Day.

City officials released a notification Thursday evening that the Veterans Beach boat ramp project is now complete following approximately a week and a half of renovations to the site.

“The City is very appreciative to E.O. Koch Construction and Cool & Cobb Engineering for working diligently to have the boat ramp open for Memorial Day Weekend,” city officials said in a press release.

The sheet piling project, which is designed to help keep sand off of the boat ramp, was the third leg of the Lake Jackson revitalization.

The filling of City Pier dredge hole and Veteran’s Beach boat channel were a part of the Lake Jackson project; those projects were completed in early spring.

In other City of Sebring news, steps are being made to complete a new contract between the city and fire department.

Following the council’s unanimous decision to follow city officials’ recommendations regarding the impasse items, most notably switching from a pension plan to a defined contribution plan, the city must now make

changes to accommodate the new deal.

“Once they voted to get rid of the impasse items, the next step is to develop a contract on the items we agreed to and

modify the language,” said Assistant City Administrator Bob Hoffman.

Ratification of the contract was sent to the union mid-week last week, but the union

did not agree to the ratification, according to Hoffman.

“I’m not sure why they didn’t agree to the ratification but the contract will still be re-worked,” Hoffman said.

District announces principal moves for next school year

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Four Highlands County schools will be under new management following the Highlands County School District’s principal interviews, which took place Friday.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Rodney Hollinger was unavailable for comment, but the district issued a notice congratulating the new principals in the local schools.

The email said that Superintendent Wally Cox will be recommending Melissa Blackman to be principal at Woodlawn Elementary, Karin Doty to take over Park Elementary and Seth Lambert to take the helm at the

Kindergarten Learning Center.

The recommendations will be made to the school board for its approval.

Memorial Elementary will also have a new leader in Kaye Bowers, who will be filling the spot left by the retirement of Ruby Handley.

Blackman will move up to the principal position at Woodlawn following Bowers’ exit. Doty will be leaving her assistant principal position at Avon Elementary and Lambert will leave his position as assistant principal at Avon Park High School to take over for Andrew Lethbridge at the KLC.

Each of the new positions were accepted by the administrators Friday.

Aquifer update

SEBRING — According to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, the region has seen almost three inches of rain so far in May. The historic average is close to four inches. With another week left in the month, that benchmark could be met.

An above average amount of rain in April helped lift the aquifer level from a low of nearly a half foot below normal to a high of more than 5 feet on May 8, well within the normal range.

Since then, however, the aquifer levels have been dropping again. They lost a foot between May 8-15 and almost 2 feet more the next week.

Online

YOUR VOICE

This week’s question: Do you think Gov. Scott made the right choice by not agreeing to let Amazon.com open a warehouse in the state?

Yes

33.4%

No

66.5%

Total votes: **242**

Next question:
Should armed drones ever be used in U.S. airspace?

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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Remember to say thank you
as you climb on the jet ski

Memorial Day is tomorrow. As we enjoy our families and friends and go outdoors to celebrate the beginning of summer, let memories of our loved ones be fresh in our minds — especially our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines or coasties who have given their lives for this wonderful country or are still missing.

We owe the men and women of the military and their families our remembrance, gratitude and respect. They sacrificed themselves on our behalf.

We also owe it to our fallen and missing to make use of everything they fought for. It is why they died for, after all — to save our way of life. We please our heroes by living fully. It is what they would do if they were here.

Let Memorial Day be a day of remembrance and celebration.

One way to mark the true meaning of

Memorial Day at home is The Missing Man Ceremony. It honors those missing from our midst.

It grew out of concern for the prisoners of war and missing in action during the Vietnam War. Typically a solemn event during formal military dinners, a moderator narrates from a script.

A table is set aside by itself. An empty chair sits in front of a place setting.

The table is round to show “our everlasting concern for our missing men.”

The tablecloth is white symbolizing

“the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.”

A vase sits on the table. A red ribbon is tied around its neck. It holds a single red rose.

The vase tied with red ribbon represents “our continued determination to account for our missing.” The red rose, “reminds us of the life of the missing and their loved ones.”

Salt poured on a plate represents tears; a slice of lemon “reminds us of the bitter fate of those captured or missing in a foreign land.”

A Bible on the table represents strength through God.

The empty chair represents the missing man. An overturned glass means he can never return.

The ritual focuses our attention where it should be — remembering those missing in action with a prayer of gratitude.

Then have some fun. Make our heroes' sacrifice worthwhile.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Auxiliary supports
veterans through
poppy program

Editor:

Memorial Day is coming up soon. It is the day when we can remember and honor our veterans. The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the Poppy as the national flower in 1921 and, in 1924 instituted the national poppy program to protect the memorial poppy from becoming commercialized and ensuring that every Auxiliary poppy is made by a disabled veteran.

Each year, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers distribute more than 25 million red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. One hundred percent of the donations received by Auxiliary volunteers for poppies and contributions to the poppy fund are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families.

In addition, poppy making provides disabled veterans with a rehabilitative activity and a small personal income. The physical and mental activity of poppy making provides therapeutic benefits for these veterans and all

poppy making materials are provided to them free of charge.

The American Legion Auxiliary in Sebring distributed poppies on Saturday. Thank you from all the ladies.

Sylvia Turbeville, Unit 74
Sebring

TDC asks for a 50
percent tax raise

Editor:

One of the issues that the Tourist Development Council will ask for at the May 28 county commission meeting is a 50 percent raise in the Tourist Development Tax from 2 percent to 3 percent.

My questions on this issue are: Is there any method in the proposed new plan to assure the public that there will be accountability in that new plan? Are they telling us the truth this time?

The only way I can see to gauge if more or less tourists are coming to Highlands County is by the amount of tax dollars collected.

Above the 50 percent raise in the tax, from 2 percent to 3 percent, which will raise the tax collected by 50 percent, how much extra tourist

dollars can we expect to see out of this extra money that will be spent?

That brings up the question, do they really need 50 percent more money, or is this just greed? I have asked this question many times and the only answer I get is, most every one else charges more than we do, and I think we deserve more money.

The TDC nine-year Reconciliation Progress Report, that was sent to the state of Florida, lists a total dollar amount remaining in the TDC tax fund at the end of year 2002-03 equals \$77,981; 2003-04 equals \$205,664; 2004-05 equals \$443,676; 2005-06 equals \$428,844; 2006-07 equals \$401,116; 2007-08 equals \$432,655; 2008-09 equals \$501,346; 2009-10 equals \$531,326; 2010-11 equals \$564,722. The Tourist Development report states that as of Jan. 31, 2013 it equals \$603,989. At the 2 percent tax rate, which equals \$300,000 a year collected, that is a two-year rainy day fund. And do you believe they are asking for a 50 percent raise?

If they can show us that, at this time they don't have enough money to run the

operation, and show how this raise in the tax will bring in more tourist to the county, then I would think that the raise would deserve some consideration.

What do you think?

Bill Youngman
Citizens for Government
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Sebring

Against the law to
ride on Sebring
sidewalks

Editor:

Sebring is very popular for bicycle riding. Many people come just for the 10-mile sidewalk ride around Lake Jackson. It is beautiful.

Officer Little had informed me in the past that it is against the law to ride on the sidewalks in downtown and the circle. Signs are posted. The ordinance number is 22-5.

It is disturbing when irate drivers cuss at you for being on the street and to get on the sidewalk. I am a courteous rider and we do deserve our riding space and respect.

Bill Long
Sebring

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To tweet or
not to tweet

In case you haven't noticed, social media is all the rage these days. People are busy posting aspects of their lives on Facebook or "tweeting" their doings via Twitter. There are other social networks out there, but these are currently the big two.

I don't tweet as much as I used to, though every once in a while I put something out there. There were times past I would be watching an episode of "Bones" and tweeting my reaction to the episode right along with other fans in the twitterverse. (It is perhaps fortunate I lost this habit prior to the latest season finale, because my tweets concerning the end of it would have been less than complimentary. But I digress).

But there are people who will tweet about anything and everything. What they had for breakfast. When they take a nap. What they're doing after work. Every last thing they do, they put it in a tweet and toss it out there for the world to see.

Let's be honest here: Most of the world doesn't care what I had for dinner nor the plans I have for the day. But we figure someone might care, so we go on sending these messages out into the Internet for everyone to see.

Sometimes this is not a smart thing to do.

As proof, I offer the case of Emma Way, a woman who lives in England. According to the article I found (on Facebook, by the way) on <http://jalopnik.com>, Ms. Way was driving in Norwich when, according to a witness, she sped around a corner and struck cyclist Toby Hockley. The impact broke her mirror and knocked Hockley off his bike and into some trees.

So, what do you think Ms. Way did after hitting the 29-year-old cyclist? Did she stop to render aid? Call England's version of 911 and report the accident?

Nope. She drove away and then tweeted about the incident.

"Definitely knocked a cyclist off his bike earlier — I have right of way he doesn't even pay road tax!

Laura's
Look

Laura Ware

#bloodycyclists" is what she sent out for all the world to see.

OK. Some things should not be shared with everyone else. If you are stupid enough to commit a crime, telling the world about it does not make you smart.

Apparently Ms. Way didn't know that the Norwich police have a Twitter account. Other users did know this and proceeded to send her tweet to the authorities, which provoked the following response from them: "@emmaway20 we have had tweets ref an RTC with a bike. We suggest you report it at a police station ASAP if not done already & then dm us."

Ms. Way wound up deleting her Twitter account as her infamous words went viral. At this point Hadley, who was banged up but otherwise OK, decided to contact police about the incident.

Ms. Way in a subsequent interview with ITV News denied she was anti-cyclist, stating she was a cyclist herself. Even though she tweeted she'd knocked Hadley off his bike she said she had no idea she had done so. She also stated she was suspended from her job over the incident and the tweet.

While she apologizes for the tweet, there seems to be no apology for actually hitting Hadley in the first place.

Tip of the day: If you accidentally hit a cyclist with your car, stop the car, get out, and make sure they are OK. If they are not, get appropriate help. And apologize. A lot.

Do these things and then maybe you can tweet about the experience. But only if you have shown the proper remorse. Do not boast about it. After all, your police department may be into social media too.

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Obituaries

LAURA COLLIER

Laura L. Collier, 87, a native and lifelong resident of Highlands County, passed away Thursday, May 23, 2013. She was a homemaker and had worked at Lake Placid Packing Company.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob, and children;

Bobby and Hope. She is survived by her sons, Roy Collier of Lake Placid, Fla., Walt (Sharon) of Wacissa, Fla., Tom (Debbie) of Tampa, Fla. and Keith (Angi) of Lorida, Fla.; daughters, June (Dick) Stoner of Sebring, Fla. and Carolyn Hanvey of Wacissa, Fla.; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and

three great-great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be Saturday, May 25, 2013, 9 a.m. at New Life Holiness Church in Lake Placid, Fla., with burial following at Fort Kissimmee Cemetery.

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LAWRENCE FORD JR.

Lawrence Edward Ford Jr., age 87, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2013. He was born Feb. 22, 1926 in Sarasota, Fla. to Lawrence Edward and Juanita Callie (Alderman) Ford Sr. He was a farmer and a rancher, of the Baptist faith, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and had been a lifelong resident of Highlands County and also DeSoto County.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Hazel Albritton Ford of Sebring, Fla.; daughters, Sandra Ford Hill (Ira) of Sebring, Fla., Cheryl Ford Sparks of Sebring, Fla., and Diane Pierce (Donald) of Lake Wales, Fla.; sons, Lawrence "Larry"

E. Ford III (Barbara) of Sebring, Fla., Donald R. Ford (Candee) of Sebring, Fla., and Frank T. Ford (Robin) of Fort Myers, Fla.; brother, Ray Ford of Lake Placid, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He has been preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Jerry Ford and Richard Ford, and a sister, Dorothy Longmire.

A graveside services will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Joshua Creek Cemetery in Arcadia, Fla. Memorial contributions may be in memory of Lawrence E. Ford Jr. to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870. Funeral arrangements entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Fla. www.stephensonnelsonfh.com



EVELYN HACKNEY

Evelyn (Arnold) Hackney of Sebring, Fla., born Oct. 3, 1930, passed away Thursday, May 23, 2013.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, R. David Hackney; daughters,

Debra Ludington and Sandra Turke of Sebring, Fla.; and son, David S. Hackney (Cindy) of Tacoma, Wash. She was preceded in death by infant son, Robert D. Hackney Jr. She is also survived by her lov-

ing grandchildren, Alan Ludington (Tiffany) and Amber Mayo (Jay) of Orlando, Fla., Brian Turke (Cathy) of Naples, Fla., Joseph Turke (Laura), and Brian Hackney (Nicole),

DELLA MacDOUGALL

Della Kingsley Malpasse Lucas MacDougall, age 89, passed away Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2013. Della was born at the Mattie Harris farm in Davisboro, Ga., Washington County, on Feb. 5, 1924 to William Harris Malpasse and Pauline Winifred Jernigan Malpasse.

Della is preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, John Joseph Franklin Lucas, and second husband, Harry Kenneth MacDougall Jr.; sister, Julia Franklin Malpasse Benitez; and grandson, Jared Kingsley Lucas.

Della and her family moved from Davisboro to Atlanta. Della attended the premier of "Gone With The Wind" in 1939. Della graduated from Girls' High School in Atlanta, Ga., in 1940.

Della worked for the United States Forest Service, as switchboard operator and secretary, Scripto Pencil & Pen in Atlanta, Home Federal Savings & Loan, and Tom Wood Equipment in Florida.

Della was Disciples of Christ faith. While living in south Florida, she was one of the founding members, Sunday school teacher, and deaconess of Faith Christian Church in Hollywood, Fla. She was a member and served on the CWF at Parkway Christian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Later she was a member, Elder Emeritus at First Christian Church, Sebring, Fla. and member at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, N.C.

Della loved life. She lit up a room with her smile and presence. She was gracious and kind. She accepted you as you were. She accepted what life offered and never

complained. Della was an inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to know and love her. She loved broadening her mind through books, many genres of music, and creating classical cuisine. An avid reader, Della especially enjoyed the southern authors Margaret Mead and Flannery O'Connor.

Della is survived by her children, Michael William Lucas and his wife Dawn of High Springs, Fla., and daughter, Heather MacDougall Mangum and her husband Joe of Highlands, N.C.; Della's sisters, Billie Campbell and her husband, Gene of Port Orange, Fla. and Annette Theoharides of Somers, N.Y.; Della's grandchildren: Todd Lucas and his wife Eleni of Woodinville, Wash., Sean Lucas of Gainesville, Fla. and Miranda Lucas Chesser and her husband Bill of Archer, Fla.; and great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Cameron, and Hannah Lucas.

A memorial service for Della will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. Interment will be at the Harris Family Cemetery; date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Della M. Lucas MacDougall may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 S. Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrant-funeralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Dr. CAREY PARRETT

Dr. Carey Monroe Parrett passed away on May 2, 2013 at the age of 93.

He grew up in Bloomingburg, Ohio and married Edith Jean Clayton of Greenfield, Ohio in 1941.

Dr. Parrett served in the Armed forces, landing in Normandy just days after the June invasion. He received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his valor during the Battle of the Bulge, and another Purple Heart and numerous commendations.

He earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ohio State University in 1950 and operated a large and small animal practice in Milford, Ind. during the 1950s. He joined Eli Lilly in 1961 and served in a number of executive sales and marketing positions within

the animal health division in Indianapolis.

From 1979-1988, he operated the Parrett Veterinary Hospital in Indianapolis, specializing in small animals. Upon retirement, Dr. Parrett moved to Sebring, Fla., where his beloved wife Jean passed away in 1992. He married Janice Clayton of Gaithersburg, Md. in 1993. They shared 20 wonderful years together.

Dr. Parrett is survived by his wife, Janice Clayton; his children and their spouses/fiancées, Thomas (Therese Fallor), William (Kathleen Budge), and Patricia (Tim Mader); stepson, David Molden (Clara Molden); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He will be placed to rest next to Jean in the family

site at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Sebring, Fla., at a date to be determined.



Parrett

Community Briefs

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High School JROTC. Marti Capodiferro's patriotic medley will be followed by guest speaker Lt. Col. Paul Neidhardt, commander of the Avon Park Air Force Range.

Lake Placid Elks Lodge opens the lodge to the public at 200 County Road 621 East (behind the Winn Dixie).

Shrine Club hosts Bunco game

SEBRING – The public is invited to play Bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The event is open to new or experienced players.

Cost is \$4 per person. Phone 382-4111.

Lions Club searching for items

SEBRING – The Sebring Lions Club is collecting donations for its upcoming garage sale. Donations can be dropped off at Dot's Restaurant or call 382-2333 to arrange for pick up of items.

Orchid Society meets Tuesday

SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Jack R. Stroup Center, 355 W. Center Ave. Segundo Cuesta, owner of Quest Orchids in Miami, will present a topic on Cattleya orchids. There will be orchids for sale.

Guests are welcome, and knowledge of orchids is not necessary to attend. For additional information, contact Cindy Barber at 307-2300.

'What's Up?' meets Tuesday for special presentation

SEBRING – The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency will host its monthly "What's Up Downtown Sebring?" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Highlands

Little Theatre, 356 W. Center Ave. Kris Juve (Schmidt), program director for Leadership Highlands, will be the guest speaker.

These monthly "What's Up Downtown?" meetings are open to the public. The agenda includes discussing events and happening within the Downtown Sebring area. Anyone with an interest in Downtown Sebring is encouraged to attend.

YMCA in search of sports tables

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is looking for donated air hockey or foosball tables for its Summer Camp. Someone will be available to pick the items up. Please, only tables in working condition.

The YMCA is a non-profit organization. Contact 382-9622.

Events planned at lodges, posts

SEBRING
VFW Post 4300 will host karaoke with BiDi from 5-8 p.m. Sunday. Post Flag Raising is at 11 a.m. Monday. Luncheon served; bring covered dish. Luncheon will be free to Honor Guard only. Music by Frank "E." from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Washers is played at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Todd and Allen from 5-8 p.m. Music by Todd and Allen again from 6-9 p.m. Friday. Call 385-8902.

AVON PARK
The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 7 p.m. today. Music by Lora Patten from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Member Appreciation Dinner for free or \$3 served from 4-7 p.m. Saturday. NASCAR at 6:45 p.m. Karaoke by P&P from 5-8 p.m. Call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park will host karaoke by Naomi from 4-7 p.m. Monday. Monthly Birthday Bash; bring a dish. Karaoke by Double D from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Patsy from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Legion Riders' Rally first annual is Friday; call for details. Cory and Brutis from 1-6 p.m. Ransom from 6-10 p.m. Call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid will host Boys R Back barbecue chicken at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Music by Todd Allen; call for time. Game night is 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 699-5444.

The American Legion Post 25 will host music by Buddy Canova from 5-8 p.m. today.

Arrest made in 2009 AP bank robbery

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Information Officer Nell Hays said that it was her understanding that prison officials brought Perez to Highlands County so the local warrant could be served.

The two men walked into the bank that morning just before 10 a.m. and ordered bank employees and a bank customer into the vault.

The men were wearing

baseball caps and sunglasses to conceal their faces, but no other facial covering. One man had a semi-automatic handgun while the other had a revolver, which they held in plain sight.

After the robbery the two men reportedly fled to the east, and at least three K-9 handlers were brought in to track them. The track ended with a dead scent only blocks away.

Memorial Day celebration on Monday; call for time. Music by Big Freddy from 3-5 p.m. Casino trip is at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday; call 655-0232. Music by Clayton from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Big Freddie will provide music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will have NASCAR on the screen today; call for time. Fireman Karaoke from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Concrete picnic table dedication Monday; call for time. Wild Bill karaoke on Wednesday. Frank E. providing music on Thursday. Bob Weed music Friday. All music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 Memorial Day ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Monday. BPOE Initiation is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Music by Frank E. from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Call 465-2661.

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The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 Activity Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Wacky Wednesday is from 5-6 p.m. Meal is \$6.50; to dance only is \$3. Music by Allen from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

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Tourism to be hot topic at meeting

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was the third time the issue had been run before the voters and with a hard push from a group which called itself "Citizens for a Healthy Economy," it squeaked through by a margin of just more than 500 votes.

The tax was sold to the public under the banner "Summer Tourists Make Cents," promoting the notion that bringing people in during the summer doldrums would help area merchants, some that closed for entire months in July and August due to lack of business.

However, shortly after passage, so-called "shoulder months" were added to stretch "summer months" well into the spring and fall and currently include allocating the money towards events almost year-round. Also included was a heretofore undiscussed proviso that in order to qualify for tourist money, applicants would have to demonstrate they would bring customers to local hotels, motels and other lodging facilities — described as "heads in beds."

The idea to bump up the tax rate on tourists was originally suggested by Avon Park City Councilman Terry Heston, who serves on the Highlands County Tourist Development Commission. At the time, Heston pointed to surrounding counties that assess a higher fee, telling his

fellow board members that they were "leaving money on the table" by not charging visitors the additional percentage.

Heston's motion to recommend the tax increase was approved by a 7-2 margin, with opposition coming from Sebring City Councilman John Griffin and Highlands County Commissioner Don Elwell.

Also on Tuesday night's agenda is a change in the way the money is distributed.

When the tax was introduced, proponents formulated a plan for disbursement of the money, which involved percentages of allocations. There were to be pieces of the pie to be handed out to the arts and culture community, for off-season marketing, percentages for local events, for the maintenance of local public lakes and for the administration of the tax.

Critics have pointed out that the promised 29 percent for administration, now has ballooned to 42 percent of the total, just to pay for the operation of the office.

Under the proposed new scenario, those allocations would be scrapped in favor of more generic categories that would allow the TDC board greater leeway in how much and to whom money will be given. For instance, administration costs would be set aside with 70 percent of the balance allocated to market-

ing and promotion any time during the year, 20 percent dedicated to grants for local events of any type and 10 percent earmarked to be spent on lakes maintenance.

Both of those changes will require a so-called "super majority," which is four of the five commissioners for approval.

Commissioners also will be asked to adopt an ordinance providing for the collection and administration of the tourist tax on a local basis by electing that the money instead be collected by Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwyer's office, effective January 2014.

Zwyer has pledged to take on that duty, saying that although current numbers do not indicate the task would be financially rewarding, local oversight could bring in additional funds from people who should be collecting the tax but have not, coupled with lower costs for the service through a more efficient operation provided by his staff.

Under the proposed county ordinance, Zwyer could not only assess and collect the tax, but also enforce payments of delinquent tourist tax from persons responsible for charging and collecting the fee.

Tuesday's meeting will commence at 5 p.m. at the Government Center.

K-9 team from Lakeland PD is top team

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points. A K-9 team needs 560 points to advance to the annual national competition. A team needs 490 points to become certified.

According to the official score sheets, 35 K-9 teams scored more than 600 points, including each of the four HCSO teams participating. Kyle Albritton and Mica scored a 694; Steve Worley and Ozzie a 682; Cory Tomblin and Remco a 677; and Jose Molina and Ringo 661.

The top team of the event was Ted Sealey and Bruno from the Lakeland Police Department. They scored 699

points.

Organizing an event so large, with so many dogs was a challenge for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, especially since not only was this the first year the county played host, but the first year its K-9 units entered the competition.

The credit, Sheriff Susan Benton said, belongs to Lt. James McGann, supervisor of the HCSO K-9 unit.

"Lt. McGann pitched the idea (of hosting the field trials) five months ago," Benton said Thursday. "We all thought he'd lost his mind, but he came through."

"Thank you," she added, "to the community for its

support. We're so happy to see the turnout, and we're pleased (our guests) brought so much into the community."

The Chateau Élan was also thrilled.

"They booked about 80 rooms, 85 percent of the hotel's capacity," said Bruline Bikar on the behalf of the Chateau.

Jose Bosque is with the Lakeland Police Department K-9 unit and president of USPCA Region 1. "We are so, so excited we came to Highlands County," he said. "These were the best field trials in 15 years, seriously, and the biggest crowd we've had in 20 years."

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Amvets plan special ceremony

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only military comrades but service animals as well.

Event coordinator Larry Roberts thought of the idea a year ago, but finally got the push he needed to give the idea a shot with the K-9 training competitions currently taking place in Highlands County.

"I noticed they were doing the K-9 exercises here so I thought 'Yep. That's a green light,'" Roberts said. "We will be holding a memorial service for the veterans and the animals, the dogs, dolphins and horses."

Amvets Post 21 is at 2027 U.S. 27 South. Festivities will kick off their memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday. A history of Decoration Day will be discussed as well as a ceremony depicting fallen service animals; a barbecue will follow the service.

Other events around the county include:

— A Memorial Day celebration will take place at the LAke Placid Legion Post 25 on Monday from 2-4 p.m. Barbecue plates are available for purchase along with entertainment by Big Freddie.

— Lake Placid Elks Lodge

(200 County Road 621 East, behind Winn Dixie) will hold Memorial Day events Monday, beginning at 11 a.m. Flag ceremony held by Lake Placid High School JROTC. The special guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Paul Neidhardt, commander of the Avon Park Air Force Range.

— A Memorial Day Program featuring guest speaker Denise Williams, county Veteran Service Officer, will be held at Lakeview Memorial Gardens (854 Memorial Drive, Avon Park). Food and drinks will be served following the ceremony.

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Dirty fun by the Dozen

Pam Tharp (above left) and Angie Servin slide toward the finish line Saturday morning after competing in the Dirty Dozen Fun Mud Run at the National Guard Armory in Avon Park. Tharp and Servin were representing Gold's Gym. Youngsters make their way to the finish line (at right) Saturday morning during the Dirty 'half' Dozen for kids ages seven to 12. The event was a one mile fun run with six obstacles requiring participants to run, crawl, climb, jump and swing.



News-Sun photos by KATARA SIMMONS

Dirty Dozen participants make their way up, over and down a cargo net during the fun mud run event. In honor of the military, first responders and veterans, this year's event took place at the National Guard Armory in Avon Park.

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Woodson honored for service during Battle of the Bulge

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pilots, artillery, tanks and more. Twelve in all received the medal commemorating their bravery in service.

Two letters personally sent to him significantly declare France's appreciation. One from Ambassador of France Francois Delattre; the other from the French Consulate.

Then on May 7, through the devotion of volunteers who organized sponsorship for an Honor Flight, Woodson was flown to Washington, D.C. for a remembrance ceremony at the World War II Memorial for veterans who served in all arenas.

Close to 500 people greeted them at the plane, shaking hands and thanking them for their service. Three busloads toured the Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and other sites.

At the World War II Memorial, descriptions of battles fought as well as realistically sculpted scenes vividly brought back memories along with plaques for every branch of the military. Each star at the Wall of Stars represents 100 men that gave their lives.

"I believe there are 1,500 stars," Woodson said, contemplating what that meant. Consequently, he doesn't consider any of one of these a personal commendation as much as a shared one.

"We received these medals to honor the fellows who gave their lives to show the world that they died to keep America free and uphold the Constitution," Woodson said. "At the Battle of the Bulge, we were there to help liberate the French and offer protection, but also to keep America free. It frightens me that we are losing our freedoms here in America. We must remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf so as not to lose our inheritance ... our Christian heritage."

Woodson has been back to Luxembourg several times. During his last trip, the veterans were invited to a high school to share about their experiences and to answer questions from the attentive students.

"One particular student cried as he spoke about how the grandfather he never met was shot by the Germans for refusing to enter their military," Woodson said, shaking his head at the sad memory.

"The students want us to return so they can interact with us some more. We are going back in June."

"The people of France have a great love for the Americans who liberated

Legion of Honor established by Napoleon

The French Legion d'honneur or "Legion of Honor" is an order of distinction first established by Napoleon Bonaparte in May of 1802. It is the highest decoration bestowed in France and is divided into five degrees: Chevalier (Knight), Officier (Officer), Commandeur (Commander), Grand Officier (Grand Officer) and Grand Croix (Grand Cross). The highest degree of the Order of the Legion of Honor is that of Grand Master, which is held by the sitting President of France.

Initially intended to recognize military service, early honorees were required to have served 25 years in the French military, with other acts of civilian service or bravery also being considered. Following the two World Wars, the Legion of Honor was awarded to honor the heroism of veterans and to comfort the families of soldiers who had sacrificed their lives to protect their country.

United States veterans who risked their lives during World War II to fight on French territory qualify to be decorated as Knights of the Legion of Honor ... having fought in one of the main campaigns of the Liberation of



Courtesy photo
Knight of Legion of Honor medal received on April 10 at the Alliance Francaise of Greater Orlando on behalf of the French Republic.

France: Normandy, Provence, or Northern France.

Any veteran who would like to come to the Lakeland Battle of the Bulge group, particularly if one has fought in that theater, or would like to participate with the local group of Airborne that meets monthly, contact Ed Woodson at 385-4083.

them. And we have a lot of respect for the underground troops who helped us when we were liberating France."

A young soldier

Born in West Virginia, Woodson moved to California when he was about 16. When he turned 17, he joined the Army Infantry, earning \$50 a month pay.

"Then they said volunteers were needed and would get an extra \$50 a month after completing training and making our first jump. So three of us went to Fort Benning, Ga. After basic training and jump school, we were shipped back to the West Coast to go overseas, but I developed tonsillitis and that kept me from shipping out."

Eventually, he was shipped back to the East Coast and later got on a ship to England. The war was already in progress, but the invasion hadn't started. When it did, they were in place and met the fellows in Reims, France, having joined the 101st Airborne unit as a replacement.

"I did not fly airplanes," Woodson noted. "I jumped out of them!"

In Reims, they were loaded into trucks. They didn't know where they were going or why. When they got out of the trucks they were in Bastogne, Belgium. It was December, and snow and cold would be their constant camping companion.

After about a month or so,



Courtesy photo
Ed Woodson proudly wears his Knight of Legion of Honor medal as a 'Screaming Eagle' of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army for his World War II service during the Battle of the Bulge.

Woodson was moved back to a rest area where they determined he had cracked vertebrae from artillery landing around him.

"But, as the medic removed my wool gloves and my combat boots, he saw black frostbitten hands and feet and wanted to amputate. I told him 'if you touch me, you are going to be sorry.'

"The good Lord kept me from losing my hands and feet. They shipped me to a hospital where I had many a miserable night. I couldn't walk. It was almost a year before I got my feeling back in my legs again."

Woodson spent time in hospitals in New York, Iowa, and at a nerve center in Battle Creek, Mich. They wanted to operate on his spine, but the odds were 99 to 100 that he would remain paralyzed. He told them no.

However, several buddies helped him get into a swimming pool and do water therapy.

"That helped me start

walking again as I began getting my feeling back."

Foxhole awakening

Woodson wasn't a believing Christian when he entered the army. He admits he was a pretty difficult young man. But while engaged in the Battle of the Bulge, he was in his foxhole reading a much-longed-for letter from his mother after three months without mail.

"Dusk had settled in and artillery was raining down around us. All of a sudden, I looked up and saw a silhouette from the waist up of who I thought was God, but may have been my guardian angel. Either way, God had sent protection to me.

"I saw an artillery shell, about six inches round and one and a half feet long, coming end over end directly for me in the foxhole. But this heavenly being put his hand over it and deflected the shell off to the side.

"He looked down at me and said, 'Don't worry son, you'll be just fine.' I'll never forget it. From then on, I had no more fear or worry knowing my guardian angel was with me."

He credits that experience with putting him on the path to a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

He says there are many stories of God's intervention throughout war that need to be told. Woodson doesn't want us to forget how God interacts with his children no matter where they are.

"It's important to preserve our religious heritage and freedom," he said.

History

According to Wikipedia.org, 610,000 men were committed and some 89,000 casualties resulted, including 19,000 killed, in the Battle of the Bulge. It "was the largest and bloodi-

est battle fought by the United States in World War II."

Woodson can attest to that.

He recalls how he went out on night patrols to see where German artillery was located, or if there was any movement of enemy equipment or tanks. There were 32 guys in his platoon.

"As we lost men, I was assigned as a bazooka man because I trained as a rifleman. Bazookas could knock out the tanks. But in early February, I was finally moved out.

"When I was removed from the front lines and left the platoon due to my injuries, there were only three of the 32 of us left."

Remember

"I believe it is vital that veterans gradually transition back into civilian life," he said.

"The sights and sounds of battle are awful ... men crying out for help ..." Woodson shakes his head and swallows the lump in his throat at the memory.

He believes that as vets have experienced the worst of man's capabilities they need to be able to talk about their experiences. They should receive counsel and encouragement to put their ordeals into perspective so that the adjustment to civilian life is gentler.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000898

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN SECURITIES TRUST SERIES 2005-4 Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS DUBUISSON AND MYRLANDE DUBUISSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE. Defendants).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated May 13, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000898 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE'S CHOICE HOME LOAN SECURITIES TRUST SERIES 2005-4, Plaintiff and THOMAS DUBUISSON AND MYRLANDE DUBUISSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., June 11, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 15, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES ACRES, SECTION 27, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 24, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2012-CA-000230

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, Plaintiff, vs. ANNABELL RODRIGUEZ A/K/A ANNABELLE RODRIGUEZ, ET AL. Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Please publish in THE NEWS SUN)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 7, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000230, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and ANNABELL RODRIGUEZ A/K/A ANNA-

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BELLE RODRIGUEZ; LUCIANO RIVERA; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, 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 12th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 1, "S" AND "H" HOMESITES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, 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 16th day of May, 2013.
(SEAL) ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

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.
May 19, 26, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2012ca001166

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMCM4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,SERIES 2006-WMCM4, Plaintiff, vs. GUY BRADLEY HALL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HOPE H. NIELANDER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES C. NIELANDER; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 21st day of May, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012ca001166, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 206-WMCM4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,SERIES 2006-WMCM4 is the Plaintiff and GUY BRADLEY HALL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES C. NIELANDER NKA HOPE H. NIELANDER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HOPE H. NIELANDER NKA JAMES C. NIELANDER and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 289, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION "D", ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2013.
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
10-39688
May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-001270

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JOHN O. TOROSIAN, DECEASED; JOYCE A. DANIELIUS; JOAN E. OUELLETTE; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I OF SPRING LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.;

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2013, in this case, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as: CLUSTER 3, UNIT B, OF COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I OF SPRING LAKE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 308 VILLAWAY, SEBRING, FL 33876 at public sale on June 20, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 22nd day of May, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-001306

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB HEAT 2006-6 Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE E. BUTKOWSKY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GEORGE E. BUTKOWSKY; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AAMES FUNDING CORPORATION D/B/A AAMES HOME LOAN; LAKE HAVEN ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2013, in this case, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as: LOT 3, BLOCK 21, OF LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 61, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 728 GARLAND AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875 at public sale on August 21, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes.

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

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 22nd day of May, 2013.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001337

DIVISION: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-WF1, Plaintiff, vs. GRACEMARIE SNELLEN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 13, 2013, and entered in Case No.

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28-2010-CA-001337 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-WF1, is the Plaintiff and Gracemarie Snellen, Joseph M. Snellen, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 12th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 43 AND EAST 1/2 OF LOT 44, RAAB AND WINTER'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 51 EAST WOLF STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 14th day of May, 2013.

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.
May 19, 26, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000361

DIVISION: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. PAUL A. DERR A/K/A PAUL ANTHONY DERR, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000361 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which GMAC Mortgage, LLC, is the Plaintiff and Paul A. Derr A/K/A Paul Anthony Derr, Gloria Lynn Mize A/K/A Gloria Lynn Derr A/K/A Gloria L. Derr, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 11th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

TRACT 9, BLOCK 4, FLORIDA HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 64 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 1999 OAKHAVEN MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 8U620244LA AND 8U620244LB AND TITLE NUMBERS 0076316698 AND 0076316699.

A/K/A 2633 UTE AVENUE, LORIDA, FL 33857-8620

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of May, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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May 19, 26, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000078

DIVISION: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2006OAG6, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN C. DEAN II, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000078 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Trustee for RALI 2006OAG6, is the Plaintiff and John C. Dean II, Tenant #1 n/k/a Shawn Delaney, Tenant #2 n/k/a Kelli Delaney, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 11th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 481, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 3103 VALERIE BLVD, SEBRING, FL 33870-7823

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of May, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 22ND DAY OF May, 2013.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282012CA000827XXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ELIZABETH MOMPLAISIR, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated May 21, 2012 and entered in Case No. 282012CA000827XXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff and ELIZABETH MOMPLAISIR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH MOMPLAISIR; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HERIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 20th day of June, 2013, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE WEST HALF OF LOT 6, IN BLOCK 15, OF AVON PARK ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on May 22, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
May 26; June 2, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000087

SECQUIA FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. JOSELOTO ALTAMIRANO; ELENITA ESPIDOL ALTAMIRANO; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 21, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2013-CA-000087 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 20th day of June, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 2096, 2097 AND 2098, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 98, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 22ND DAY OF May, 2013.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 282012CA000827XXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ELIZABETH MOMPLAISIR, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000575 OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. MASUD RAHMAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MASUD RAHMAN; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendants)

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

LOT 19, BLOCK 17, HYDE PARK, 2ND REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

AK/A 903 W PLEASANT ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on the 19th day of June, 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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 16th day of May, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE No.: 2012-CA-000655

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-C, Plaintiff,

vs. ANDREA C. BRUZA, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREA C. BRUZA, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF SEBRING AND FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY F/K/A FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, A CORPORATION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 14, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000655 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-C, is Plaintiff and ANDREA C. BRUZA, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREA C. BRUZA, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CITY OF SEBRING AND FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY F/K/A FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, A CORPORATION, are Defendants, 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 11th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 42 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 43, BLOCK 426, SEBRING SUMMIT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 62, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STREET ADDRESS: 1723 ROBERTA AVE, SEBRING, FL 33870 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 15th day of May, 2013.

Bob Germaine Clerk of said Circuit Court By: /s/ Toni Kopp As Deputy Clerk May 19, 26, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. GC12-1160 SEC.

IN RE: ONE PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW, LLC, c/o JOHN P. GEORGE, MANAGING MEMBER, 2442 BAY VILLAGE COURT, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410. ALL PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW, LLC, AND ALL PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

Lot 7, Block 27, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES ACRES, as shown by map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 24, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Being in Section 34, Township 27 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida.

PARCEL ID# C-22-37-30-600-0270-0070. to it on Christopher A. Desrochers, Esq., the Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2504 Ave. G.W. Winter Haven, FL 33880 on or before 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
May 19, 26, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-211

IN RE: ESTATE OF IVY B. KNIGHT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Ivy B. Knight, deceased, whose date of death was April 5, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is May 29, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Cheryl K. Bone
Cheryl K. Bone
P.O. Box 1863
Bartow, Florida 33831
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Andrew M. Reed
Andrew M. Reed
Attorney for Cheryl Bone
Florida Bar Number: 10756
Reed & Mawhinney, P.L.
1611 Harden Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33803
Telephone: (863) 687-1771
Fax: (863) 687-1775
E-Mail: andy@polklawyer.com
Secondary E-Mail: linda@polklawyer.com
May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-179

IN RE: ESTATE OF HALLIE KENNEDY a/k/a HALLIE W. KENNEDY

1050 Legals

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Hallie Kennedy a/k/a Hallie W. Kennedy, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is May 26, 2013.

Personal Representative:
Polly Riddell
15 Twin Lakes Road
Lake Placid, FL 33852

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE
SEBRING, FL 33870

By: /s/ E. Mark Breed III
E. MARK BREED III
Florida Bar No. 338702
May 26; June 2, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC13-176

IN RE: ESTATE OF ZAIDA H. TRIVETTE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ZAIDA H. TRIVETTE, deceased, whose date of death was October 3, 2012; File Number PC13-176, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is May 19, 2013.

JUDY OLIVER GOULD
Personal Representative
1561 Oak Avenue

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Lake Placid, FL 33852

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1055 Highlands County Legals

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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	A t-storm around in the afternoon
87° / 64°	88° / 68°	88° / 69°	89° / 69°	88° / 70°
Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph	Winds: E at 8-16 mph	Winds: E at 8-16 mph	Winds: E at 8-16 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	88°
Low Tuesday	62°
High Wednesday	85°
Low Wednesday	62°
High Thursday	92°
Low Thursday	64°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	38%
Expected air temperature	85°
Makes it feel like	85°

Barometer

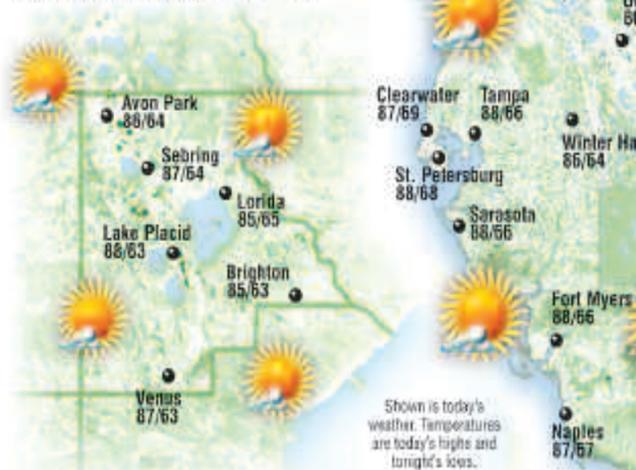
Tuesday	29.91
Wednesday	29.95
Thursday	29.96

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.54"
Wednesday	0.20"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	3.86"
Year to date	12.66"

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny and nice today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Tuesday: partly sunny with a shower or thunderstorm. Wednesday and Thursday: clouds and sun with a thunderstorm in the afternoon.



Farm Report

Mostly sunny and nice today. Winds east-northeast 7-14 mph. Expect more than 10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 50% and good drying conditions. Clear tonight.

Weather History

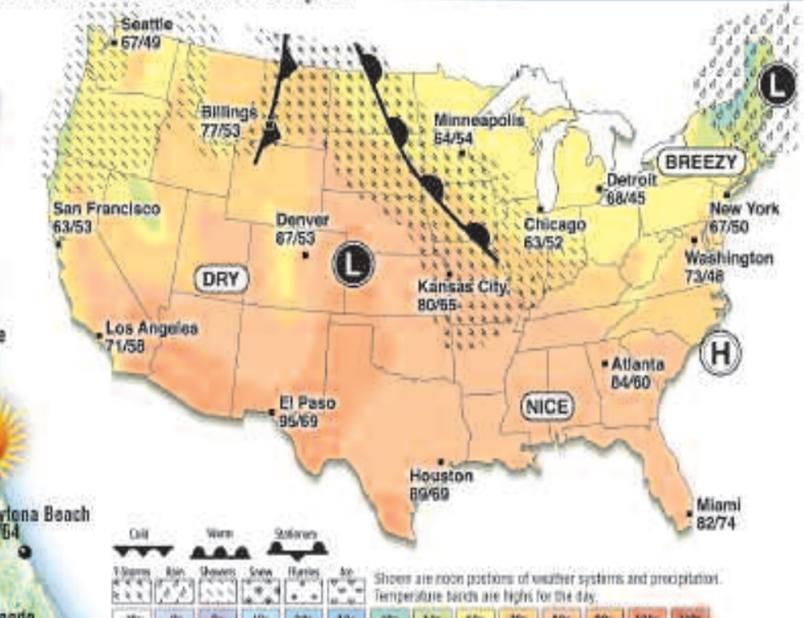
A devastating tornado ripped through Illinois on May 26, 1917. The storm killed 79 people as it tracked along a damage path 293 miles long.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:25 a.m.	6:26 a.m.
Sunset	8:11 p.m.	8:12 p.m.
Moonrise	10:01 p.m.	10:58 p.m.
Moonset	8:03 a.m.	9:09 a.m.



National Forecast for May 26



National Summary

A slow-moving storm will continue to deliver widespread rain to northern New England and New York state today. Unseasonably cool temperatures and breezy conditions will be in store for the Great Lakes and mid-Atlantic. Farther south, high pressure will bring a dry and pleasant day to the Southeast. Meanwhile, a warm front pushing across the Plains states will spark up showers and thunderstorms from North Dakota down through Arkansas. Looking elsewhere, the Southwest will remain warm with mostly sunny skies.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	90/58h	88/58h	87/55h
Atlanta	84/65h	88/64h	89/63h
Baltimore	72/44h	74/49h	75/52h
Birmingham	86/58h	88/52h	91/62h
Boston	55/46h	58/51h	72/54h
Charlotte	78/52h	82/51h	86/62h
Cheyenne	82/49h	81/51h	77/43h
Chicago	63/52h	73/58h	85/65h
Cleveland	63/42h	71/42h	82/64h
Columbus	69/45h	75/57h	84/63h
Dallas	88/64h	87/63h	86/70h
Denver	87/53h	85/53h	84/51h
Detroit	68/45h	69/52h	81/63h
Harzburg	70/35h	75/44h	76/50h
Honolulu	87/73h	87/73h	88/72h
Houston	89/63h	89/71h	89/73h
Indianapolis	67/53h	76/64h	87/63h
Jackson, MS	85/61h	87/59h	89/62h
Kansas City	80/66h	83/67h	87/68h
Langhams	73/44h	80/51h	90/65h
Little Rock	85/65h	86/67h	82/65h

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	92/73h	92/73h	91/78h
Atlanta	85/63h	82/59h	81/62h
Berlin	77/65h	78/67h	79/67h
Berlin	57/43h	63/48h	64/52h
Bermuda	74/65h	73/65h	74/67h
Calgary	65/43h	67/41h	69/44h
Dublin	61/48h	68/42h	68/43h
Edmonton	65/41h	73/44h	74/42h
Frankfurt	79/70h	82/75h	82/74h
Gamua	65/41h	67/46h	64/46h
Havana	87/70h	87/71h	88/70h
Hong Kong	87/81h	86/81h	87/81h
Jakarta	75/55h	75/59h	78/58h
Johannesburg	70/48h	69/46h	68/43h
Kiev	75/56h	71/50h	75/50h

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:08 a.m.
Low	8:08 a.m.
High	2:42 p.m.
Low	10:47 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	10:13 a.m.
Low	3:47 a.m.
High	10:54 p.m.
Low	4:08 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.30'
Lake Okechobee	13.10'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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8-2 Low; 3-6 Moderate; 8-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme
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Monday trip nabs monster Snook

As most of you know, I'm a "dyed in the wool" bass fisherman.

Have been for over 50 years, and I take a lot of pride in that.

But I also like to catch anything that swims, and that includes an occasional trip over to the Gulf of Mexico to fish with my brother or my saltwater fishing buddy, Bob Scranton.

Bob and I have made many trips over to Charlotte Harbor, going back 10-12



Fishin' Around...
Don Norton

years.

I can't imagine too many people know the area better

than him, since he's been fishing it for the last 25-30 years.

So when he invited me to take a trip with him on Monday, I was all in.

Bob likes to leave early, so I set my alarm for 2:45 a.m., and as it turned out, I woke up on my own at 2:30.

It's about a two-hour drive over to the boat ramp, so I met up with Bob around 4 a.m. at his house in Avon Park and he had the boat hooked up and he was ready

to go.

Some guys like to fish saltwater with artificial baits, others use shrimp and cut bait.

Bob is a real purist and prefers to catch his own bait.

First light found us alongside one of the many islands in Charlotte Harbor "chumming" the water for "greenies" and "sardines".

On most trips, Bob can use his cast net and get a

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Courtesy photo
Don holds up one of the massive Snook caught during a venture to the Gulf earlier this week.

Glisson's pulls upset of Pool Paradise

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — The injuries finally caught up with Pool Paradise Thursday night, as Glisson's rallied late to give them their first loss of the Dixie Boys regular season by a 7-6 final.

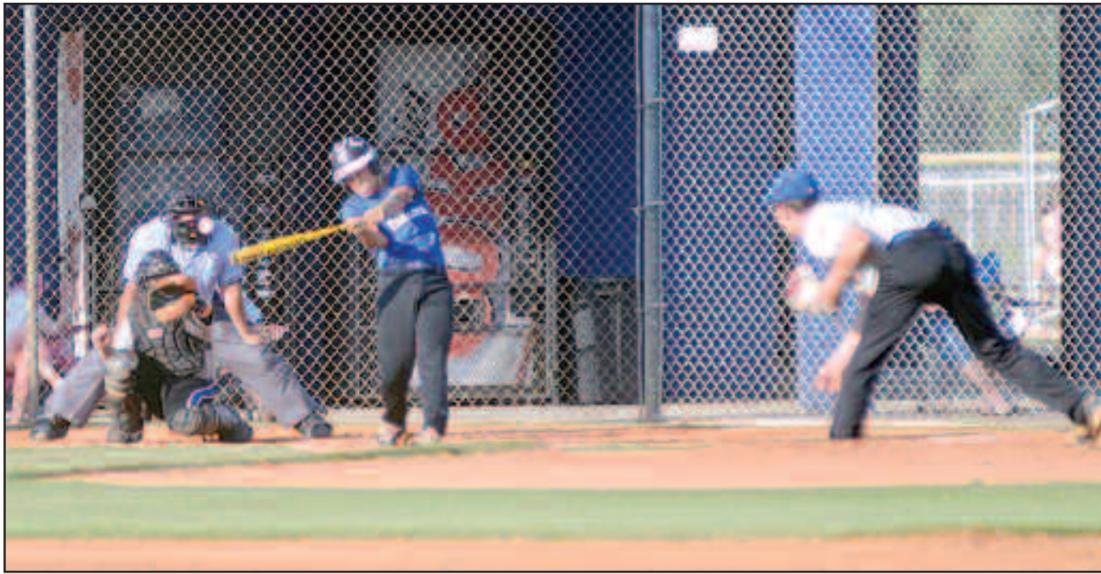
With injuries limiting them to just the nine-player line up and an empty bench, Pool Paradise was fortunate that catcher Hunter Martinez recovered well enough from rolling his ankle Tuesday night to take his position Thursday.

Glisson's
7
Pool
Paradise
6

And while Glisson's was without Kyle Helms for the night, due to the Sebring High School Baseball Banquet, they were still at seemingly full enough strength to top the pool boys from their perch.

But control problems plagued Glisson starter Josh Crouch, who walked two in the top of the first and allowed one batter to reach on a dropped third strike, resulting in an early 1-0 lead for Paradise.

Pool pitcher Daniel Simons also had trouble finding the strike zone in the



Justin Bickman laces this Josh Crouch offering for a three-run double Thursday night as part of a five-run second inning for Pool Paradise. Glisson's, however, would rally and get the win to give the pool boys their first loss of the Dixie Boys season.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

bottom of the frame, walking three and letting a run come in when a pitch got away, evening things up at 1-1 after one.

But it was in the top of the second when Pool Paradise showed their grit and seemed to blow it open.

The Hamilton brothers, Seth and Scott, lead it off by reaching on an error and drawing a walk, respectively, before Alex Colon worked his way to a base on balls as well.

During Martinez's at bat, a pitch got away, but the first Hamilton runner was pegged at the plate.

But the bases were loaded up again when Martinez drew a walk.

Crouch struck out the next batter looking, but Justin Bickman solved him with a bases-clearing double into the right-center field gap, making it a 4-1 lead.

Wyatt Cordell followed with an RBI single up the middle and, after a stolen

base, came in himself when Austin Garza's smash toward second couldn't be handled.

Now with a 6-1 lead, Simons settled in and worked around a lead-off walk in the bottom of the second to retire the next three in order.

But Seth Cannady came on in relief and set the Paradise side down in order in the top of the third, before he started a threat in the bottom of the inning.

With one out, Cannady singled to center and Crouch followed suit with a liner back through the box as well.

One out later, Grayson Caldwell drew a walk to load the bases, but a smash to left off Rey Moro's bat was hauled in by Scott Hamilton to escape the jam.

The fourth went by quietly, as did the top of the fifth with the lead still holding at 6-1.

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Late turnovers doom Heat

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James blamed one person after the Miami Heat let home-court advantage in the Eastern Conference finals slip from their hands.

Predictably, that was himself.

The league's MVP had two turnovers in the final minute — both times on passes that were knocked away by David West — and they proved particularly costly for the defending NBA champions.

Roy Hibbert scored a post-season career-high 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and the Indiana Pacers evened the series at a game apiece with a 97-93 victory in Game 2 on Friday night.

"I made two mistakes tonight that hurt our team," James said. "And that hurt more than anything. I let my teammates down. They expect me to make plays down the stretch and I had the ball with an opportunity to make a couple plays, and I came up short."

"That burns, but the best thing about it is, this isn't college. It's not one loss and you're done. I have another

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A day at the ballpark with the FACA All-Stars



News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE
Top left: Oscar Mercado of Tampa Gaither, ranked 27th in the nation by BaseballFactory.com, sees the ball into his glove while taking grounders during Friday's workout at the FACA All-Star Baseball Classic. Top right: While some were on the field and in the dugouts, this group of Major League and college scouts stayed in the cool shade of the stands during the heat of Friday's FACA workouts. Bottom right: After a few rounds of hitting and fielding, the players were then timed in the 60-yard dash by the throng of scouts on hand. Bottom left: Chris Okey of Eustis, the No. 35-ranked high school player in the nation by BaseballFactory.com, takes his cuts during batting practice Friday afternoon at Firemen's Field.



THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

(x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 1, Indiana 1

Wednesday: Miami 103, Indiana 102, OT
Friday: Indiana 97, Miami 93
Sunday, May 26: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 30: Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 1: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
x-Monday, June 3: Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 2, Memphis 0

Sunday: San Antonio 105, Memphis 83
Tuesday: San Antonio 93, Memphis 89, OT
Saturday: San Antonio at Memphis, late Monday, May 27: San Antonio at Memphis, 9 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 29: Memphis at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
x-Friday, May 31: San Antonio at Memphis, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 2: Memphis at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

(x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1

Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 3
Sunday: Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, 2OT
Wednesday: Pittsburgh 7, Ottawa 3
Friday: Pittsburgh 6, Ottawa 2
Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Sunday: Boston 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Tuesday: Boston 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Thursday: N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 3, OT
Saturday, May 25: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, late
x-Monday, May 27: Boston at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 29: N.Y. Rangers at Boston, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit 3, Chicago 1

Chicago 4, Detroit 1
Detroit 4, Chicago 1
Monday: Detroit 3, Chicago 1
Thursday: Detroit 2, Chicago 0
Saturday, May 25: Detroit at Chicago, late
x-Monday, May 27: Chicago at Detroit, TBD
x-Wednesday, May 29: Detroit at Chicago, TBD
Los Angeles 3, San Jose 2
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0
Los Angeles 4, San Jose 3
Saturday: San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1, OT
Tuesday: San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1
Thursday: Los Angeles 3, San Jose 0
Sunday, May 26: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBD
x-Tuesday, May 28: San Jose at Los Angeles, TBD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	29	18	.617	—
Boston	19	20	.592	1
Baltimore	26	22	.542	3.5
Tampa Bay	24	23	.511	5
Toronto	20	28	.417	9.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	27	19	.587	—
Cleveland	27	20	.574	.5
Chicago	22	24	.478	5
Kansas City	21	24	.467	5.5
Minnesota	18	27	.400	8.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	31	17	.646	—
Oakland	26	23	.531	5.5
Los Angeles	21	27	.438	10
Seattle	20	28	.417	11
Houston	14	34	.292	17

Thursday's Games

Toronto 12, Baltimore 6
Detroit 7, Minnesota 6
Cleveland 12, Boston 3
L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 4
Friday's Games
Baltimore 10, Toronto 6
Detroit 6, Minnesota 0
Boston 8, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 4
L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Miami 3, 11 innings
Oakland 6, Houston 5
Texas 9, Seattle 5

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 2-2) at Toronto (Jenkins 1-0), 1:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 6-0), 1:08 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 3-3) at Boston (Doubrent 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-2), 1:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Williams 3-1) at Kansas City (W.Davis 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
Miami (Sanabia 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 2-3), 2:10 p.m.
Oakland (Colton 4-2) at Houston (Keuchel 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Texas (Tepesch 3-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 5-1), 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	28	18	.609	—
Washington	25	23	.521	4
Philadelphia	23	25	.479	6
New York	17	27	.386	10
Miami	13	35	.271	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	31	16	.660	—
Cincinnati	30	18	.625	1.5
Pittsburgh	29	19	.604	2.5
Milwaukee	19	27	.413	11.5
Chicago	18	29	.383	13



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

11 a.m. NHRA – Lucas Oil Series ESPN2
Noon Indianapolis 500 ABC
5:30 p.m. NASCAR – Coca-Cola 600 FOX

COLLEGE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. ACC Tournament Final ESPN2
4:30 p.m. SEC Tournament Final ESPN2
MONDAY
9 p.m. Big 12 Tournament Final SUN

GOLF SUNDAY

1 p.m. PGA – Crowne Plaza Invitational GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Crowne Plaza Invitational CBS
3 p.m. Senior PGA Championship NBC
3 p.m. LPGA – Pure Silk-Bahamas Classic GOLF

MLB SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay TBS/SUN
2 p.m. Miami at Chicago White Sox WGN
8 p.m. Atlanta at N.Y. Mets ESPN
MONDAY
3 p.m. Miami at Tampa Bay SUN
7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox WGN
TUESDAY
7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets ESPN
7 p.m. Miami at Tampa Bay SUN
10 p.m. L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers ESPN

MLS SUNDAY

11 p.m. Seattle at Los Angeles ESPN2

NBA PLAYOFFS SUNDAY

8:30 p.m. Miami at Indiana TNT
MONDAY
9 p.m. San Antonio at Memphis ESPN
TUESDAY
8:30 p.m. Miami at Indiana TNT

TENNIS SUNDAY

9 a.m. French Open, First Round ESPN2
Noon French Open, First Round NBC
MONDAY
9 a.m. French Open, First Round ESPN2
Noon French Open, First Round NBC
TUESDAY
9 a.m. French Open, First Round ESPN2

WNBA MONDAY

3 p.m. Washington at Tulsa ESPN2
5 p.m. Chicago at Phoenix ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	27	21	.563	—
Colorado	27	21	.563	—
San Francisco	26	22	.542	1
San Diego	21	26	.447	5.5
Los Angeles	19	27	.413	7

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 2

Friday's Games

Washington 5, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 7, Chicago Cubs 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 5, tie, 8 innings, susp., rain
Chicago White Sox 4, Miami 3, 11 innings
Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 1
Arizona 5, San Diego 2
St. Louis 7, L.A. Dodgers 0
Colorado 5, San Francisco 0

Saturday's Games

Colorado at San Francisco, late
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, late
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, late
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, late
Miami at Chicago White Sox, late
Philadelphia at Washington, late
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, late
San Diego at Arizona, late
Sunday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0) at Cincinnati (Cuezo 2-0), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 1-7) at Washington (Strasburg 2-5), 1:35 p.m.
Miami (Sanabia 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 2-3), 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 5-2) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-4), 2:10 p.m.
Colorado (Garland 3-5) at San Francisco (M.Cain 3-2), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Marquis 6-2) at Arizona (Corbin 7-0), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (S.Miller 5-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-2), 4:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 3-1) at N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-5), 8:05 p.m.

Arena Football

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Iowa	4	5	0	.444	438	394
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	458	494
San Antonio	4	5	0	.444	392	423

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	8	1	0	.889	609	441
San Jose	6	2	0	.750	440	390
Spokane	7	3	0	.700	662	548
Utah	4	4	0	.500	434	433

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	476	405
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	519	455
Orlando	2	6	0	.250	403	493
New Orleans	1	7	0	.125	298	462

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	4	0	.500	458	406
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	363	479
Pittsburgh	2	6	0	.250	290	417

Friday's Game

Spokane 61, San Antonio 48
Saturday's Games
Jacksonville at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Iowa at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 9 p.m.
Utah at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Activated C David Ross from the 7-day concussion DL.
Optioned C Ryan Lavanway to Pawtucket (IL).
Placed OF Shane Victorino on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 21 and 3B Will Middlebrooks on the 15-day DL.
Recalled RHP Alfredo Aceves and INF Jose Iglesias was recalled from Pawtucket.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reinstated LHP John Danks from the 15-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated 1B Nick Swisher from the paternity list.
Optioned INF Cord Phelps to Columbus (IL).
CORBIN 7-0, 4:10 p.m.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS—Placed LHP Sean Marshall on the 15-day DL.
Activated LHP Manny Parra from the 15-day DL.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated OF Michael Cuddyer from the 15-day DL.
Optioned INF Josh Rutledge to Colorado Springs (PCL).
BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
NBA—Fined Memphis G Tony Allen \$5,000 for violating the league's anti-flopping rule during Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against San Antonio.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Sebring Football car wash

SEBRING – Blue Streak Football will be hosting a car wash and watermelon sale in three area locations Saturday, May 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In south Sebring, car washes and sales will be at the BP station in the Southgate Shopping Center and the Boys and Girls Club.

In north Sebring, they will be set up at the Eye Express.

Watermelon's will be going for \$4 for one, or two for \$6, with donations being accepted for a car wash.

Panther Softball Camp

AVON PARK – The 2013 SFSC Panther Softball Camp will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28-29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day for players aged 6-18.

Cost of the camp is \$45, with registration and check-in at 8 a.m.

Pre-registration is not necessary and walk-ups are accepted.

The SFSC Panther Camps are designed to provide quality softball instruction, with emphasis on fundamentals and improvement in all areas of the game.

Each day, campers will have the opportunity to improve their skills and softball knowledge with the help of Panther head coach Carlos Falla, assistant coach Heather Barnes and members of the Lady Panther softball team.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/softball and print out the Admissions Application form.

Mail the form as indicated, or bring it to the camp.

For further information, call Coach Falla at the following campus phone numbers at extension 7038 – Avon Park/Sebring, (863) 784-7038; Lake Placid, (863) 465-5300; DeSoto, (863) 494-7500; Hardee, (863) 773-2252.

Coach Falla can also be reached via email at fallac@southflorida.edu.

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.

Home run for Habitat 5K

SEBRING — Home run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday, June 1, at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Check-in starts at 7 a.m.; race starts promptly at 8 a.m.

Entry fee \$15 through May 24; \$20 after and until Race Day, June 1 (checks if mailed and cash on day of race).

Shirt sizes can only be guaranteed for pre-registered participants.

Age groups - eight and under; 9-13; 14-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70-70-plus.

Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity and mail information (names, gender, race day age, address, phone number, e-mail address, event you're entering and T-shirt size) and check to: Highlands County Habitat for Humanity, 159 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring.

Hill Gustat Basketball Camp

SEBRING – Hill Gustat Middle School will be hosting a youth, summer basketball camp from Monday, June 10, through Friday, June 14.

The camp will cater to players ranging from those who have just completed their 2nd grade year, to those who have just finished their 8th grade year.

There will be two sessions each day.

The 2nd through 5th grade campers will camp from 9 a.m.-Noon, and 6th through 8th grade students from 1-4 p.m.

This camp is for players of all ability and experience levels.

HGMS Athletic Director and basketball coach Nick Brooks and his staff will be utilizing the latest coaching techniques to assist players in taking their games to the next level.

All players must carry a 2.0 grade point average to be eligible to attend the camp, and a copy of each player's most recent report card must be supplied on the first day of the camp.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Coach Brooks at brooksn@highlands.k12.fl.us, or call 850-322-8398.

The fee for this camp is \$60, and the deadline to register is Thursday, June 6.

Sebring Cheer Clinic

SEBRING — Sebring High School Cheerleading Clinic will be from 3-5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 10-13, at the Sebring High School gym.

Ages: four years through eighth grade. Each day will have a different theme: Crafts/Fun/Cheers.

Come out and join the fun!

Be taught cheers and chants by our nationally ranked and four-time state championship team perform at our SHS Home Football Game at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4.

SHS Swim

SEBRING – Sebring High School will be offering swimming lessons with four sessions to choose from.

The first session begins Monday, June 2 and runs through Friday, June 21.

The second session runs from June 24-July 5, the third session July 8-July 19 and the fourth from July 22-August 2.

Registrations are being taken at the front office of Sebring High School during the day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., where office secretaries will be able to sign you up.

Emails can also be sent to catonp@highlands.k12.fl.us.

The Sebring High School pool is currently open Monday through Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-3 p.m.

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

Cost is \$2 per swimmer, and family passes are available at \$50 for first family member and \$15 for each additional.

Water aerobics are also underway, meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at \$2 per class.

Those with a summer pass can take the class for \$1 per.

Sebring Summer Swim Program
The Summer Swim Program will again offer four (4) instructional sessions.

Each will last two weeks and the swim class meets each weekday, Monday through Friday.

The Program will offer eight (8) types of instruction:

Adult Beginner: Adults Only. For the novice-no experience necessary.

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Level VI

Snook turn out to be catch of the day

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hundred plus baitfish in short order, but the bait was harder to find on this trip, and after trying a few spots, we figured we had enough bait to last at least until mid-afternoon.

Our target fish were sea trout and redfish, although we knew the possibility of catching snook existed, they have a closed season and must be released unharmed.

Many years ago Bob brought me a 9-foot fly rod and asked if I could build it into a spinning rod.

He felt like a longer rod would allow for a longer cast, particularly with free-swimming live bait, and also provide more backbone in the rod to fight larger fish and wear them down.

I re-built his fly rod and it proved to be a success, and since then have built hundreds of 9-foot fly rod blanks into spinning rods for him, myself and others.

It's an incredible rod for fishing live bait for trout and reds.

We typically wade-fish in a number of areas and on this trip, Bob picked an area where we'd had success in the past.

Stepping out of the boat, we each began wading in

different directions and immediately started catching trout.

Trout have to be at least 15 inches and only one can be over 20 inches in your four fish limit.

Redfish have to be at least 18 inches and not over 27 inches in length and the daily limit is one per person.

In the first hour, Bob and I both caught near our limit of speckled trout and redfish and were anxious to see what else we could catch.

I had broken off twice with 25-pound test line on what I was sure were big redfish or snook, although I never saw anything break the surface as both attempts to "spool" me failed.

Spanish Mackerel moved into the area and although we caught a few, they too began cutting our line with their razor sharp teeth.

Moving to another area, Bob hooked into one of the biggest snooks he'd ever caught.

Neither of us thought he could get it in but he did, and it was a whopper.

In excess of 32 inches, we snapped a couple of pictures and released the snook unharmed back into the water.

Twenty minutes later, Bob hooked into another big

snook, even bigger than the earlier one and with precise control, managed to land it as well.

This snook was probably 35-36 inches in length and since we had no way of weighing a fish over 10 pounds, we estimated a weight of at least 20 pounds.

Bob and I each hooked and landed a couple more snook, smaller than the first two fish that he had caught, but nice fish in the 25-28 inch range.

All this time I was being harassed by a couple of small black-tipped sharks.

Wading in water chest deep, we tied a floating bait net as well as a stringer with our catch to our belts and the sharks had apparently smelled blood in the water.

They would dart in and out so fast, I couldn't keep track of them as I swatted with my rod tip to scare them away.

Finally, after repeated slapping of the water with my rod tip, one of the sharks grabbed my bait and headed out to sea.

I thought sure he would bite through the leader but I managed to turn him around and land the feisty two-foot killer.

I'll tell you, I've seen a few sharks in my day, but I

have to admit, I was amazed at the rows of razor sharp teeth these monsters have and I can only imagine the damage they could do to a human being or another fish, even at this small size.

A loud "Whoop" and I could see that Bob was now battling his fourth snook of the day and this one was a real monster.

I watched as his 9-foot, 10-wt spinning rod bent to the weight of the snook and after a long struggle, Bob held up the spent fish for me to see.

What a beauty.

For sure the biggest snook I'd ever seen and very close to setting a new record for Bob.

This fish was near 40 inches and looked to weigh at least 25 - 28 pounds - hat an incredible fish!

We took a few pictures, and as I struggled to lift the fish out in front of me, I couldn't believe our luck in catching five snook on the same trip, as well as our limit of trout and reds.

A backwater grand slam of Snook, redfish and trout - for a bass fisherman, I've got to admit, this was a lot of fun!

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass



Courtesy photo
Bob Scranton proudly shows off one of the handful of large Snook caught on a day trip to the Gulf with Don Norton.

fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He lives in the Gulf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie, and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The

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The future comes to Le Mans: ALMS/GRAND-AM Synergy To Be Showcased At 24-Hour Classic

alms.com

DAYTONA BEACH - North American sports car racing resides on the cusp of change, with the opportunity for greatness beckoning.

What better place to amplify that conversation than the most renowned sports car race in the world?

This year's 90th running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 22-23 will serve as the facilitator, showcasing some of the best drivers from both the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón (ALMS) and GRAND-AM Road Racing - 31 to be exact.

Next year, ALMS and GRAND-AM will become one, known as United SportsCar Racing.

The man heading the board of directors guiding USCR, GRAND-AM founder Jim France, will wave the French flag on the afternoon (9 p.m. ET) of June 22 to start the race.

Let the talk begin.

Storylines abound regarding America's two, formerly competing sports car entities coming to the Circuit de la Sarthe this summer - starting with France, the son of Bill France Sr., the man who founded both NASCAR and the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA).

Bill France Sr. - known as "Big Bill" - may have loved stock car

racing but sports cars weren't far behind.

When he built a massive 2.5-mile track in 1959 in Daytona Beach, the facility's name was no accident.

Daytona International Speedway was intended to be just that: a track with worldwide cachet that attracted the world's top sports car teams on certain weekends - mainly the running of the Rolex 24 At Daytona, which will be held for the 52nd time next January.

From the time the first shovel of dirt was unearthed in the late 1950s, Big Bill envisioned hosting major international sports car races at Daytona, and was always enchanted by Le Mans' twice-around-the-clock test.

Enchantment led to enterprise.

In 1976, Big Bill worked with the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) to bring a special stock car class into the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The one-time-only Grand International class had two cars - a Ford Torino driven by Richard Brooks, Dick Hutcherson and Frenchman Marcel Mignot; and a Dodge Charger driven by Hershel and Doug McGriff. Neither car finished - but who cared?

There were stock cars on the course and in the flag stand at the start was another France waving the flag, Bill France Jr., Jim France's older brother who at the time was NASCAR's president.

Bill Jr.'s wife Betty Jane France made the trip.

Thirty-seven years later, the memories are vivid.

"That was very special," she recalled. "We brought the French flag back to America and then put it on display at Bill Sr.'s favorite restaurant in Daytona Beach, a French place called Chez Bruchez. They kept the flag up for as long as the restaurant was in business."

This June, history comes full circle as for the first time in the 90-year history of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the start will have been given by two members of the same family.

Appropriately on June 20 at Le Mans the starting flag will be presented to Jim France by Dr. Don Panoz - founder of the ALMS - in the presence of ACO President Pierre Fillon.

Synergy and symbolism: Panoz is the vice chairman of the new sports car board of directors.

The ACO recently gave official endorsement of the new United SportsCar Racing platform.

Linkage to the French event was what Panoz had in mind in 1999 when he created the ALMS, which provided competitors with direct access to competing at Le Mans.

The ALMS schedule includes the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring and the Petit Le Mans, a season-ending 10-hour race at Road Atlanta designed by Panoz in 1999 to cap-

ture the spirit of the European classic.

With 24 Hours of Le Mans invitations annually given to its top competitors, the ALMS tradition at Le Mans continues next month, when seven cars representing five teams and a total of 23 full-time ALMS drivers are entered.

"The significance of this honor bestowed by the ACO cannot be overstated," said ALMS President and CEO Scott Atherton. "It's a reflection of the great relationship that's been forged with Le Mans over the last 15 years and that I'm sure will continue to grow in the years ahead."

This year, Corvette Racing will chase its eighth class victory since 2001.

Antonio Garcia, Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen, Tommy Milner, Jordan Taylor and Richard Westbrook will drive for the two-car team competing in the GTE Pro class.

SRT Motorsports will also field two cars in GTE Pro, a pair of Viper GTS-Rs, while Level 5 Motorsports competes for the third consecutive year in LMP2.

Other single-car entries are from Rebellion Racing in LMP1 and Dempsey Del Piero-Proton, with a lineup including racer/actor Patrick Dempsey, in the GTE Am class.

The GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series will be represented by

one team - 8Star Motorsports in GTE Am - and eight full-time drivers including Ryan Dalziel, Bill Auberlen and Taylor.

Some final perspective from Atherton: "I believe that endurance sports car racing devotees the world over will take this historic occasion as another sign of the great momentum and true partnership the ALMS and GRAND-AM have achieved since the announcement of our merger."

The next event for the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón is the American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park on Saturday, July 6.

It will be the fourth round of the 2013 championship.

ESPN2's live coverage begins at 3 p.m. ET on Saturday, July 6 with live streaming also available on ESPN3 starting at 2:45 p.m. ET on July 6.

The Series' website offers additional content such as live in-car cameras, and timing and scoring for all users around the world.

Viewers outside the U.S. can watch all ALMS races live on ALMS.com.

Visit ALMS.com for current and future event information including tickets and area accommodations.

Follow the Series on Twitter (#ALMS), Facebook and YouTube.

A-Rod sells Miami Beach home for \$30M

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH - New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez has sold his Miami Beach home for \$30 million.

A-Rod's business partner, Jose More, confirmed that the sale closed Friday.

Rodriguez bought the 54,000-square-foot piece of waterfront land for \$7.4 million in 2010.

Using his own construction company, Newport Property Construction, he spent another \$7.6 million building a nearly-20,000-square-foot mansion.

The sale - one of the highest ever in Miami-Dade

County - will earn Rodriguez a \$15 million profit.

More says Rodriguez decided to sell because the buyer, who More wouldn't name, made A-Rod an offer he simply could not refuse.

More says Rodriguez also loves the design process and is already planning to buy another home in South Florida with a little more privacy.

A-Rod is recovering from surgery on his left hip.



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Heat fall, series even 1-1

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opportunity to get better in Game 3.”

Game 1, Miami won it with James coming through with a layup at the end of overtime.

Game 2, the Pacers simply took away the MVP's opportunity to take command in the final moments.

Paul George scored 22 points, George Hill added 18 and West finished with 13 for the Pacers, who handed the Heat just their fourth loss in their last 50 games, closed the game on a 13-5 run — and denied one of the game's best playmakers in James twice in the final moments to finish it off.

“There's only like one person that's more scarier than that,” Hill said. “And that's, you know, God.”

The series resumes with Game 3 on Sunday night in Indianapolis.

“It's one of the best basketball games I've ever been a part of,” Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. “It wasn't about LeBron making mistakes down the stretch. He played one of the best basketball games I've ever seen anybody play. We were just able to make a couple plays late in the game.”

More specifically, West made a couple plays late in the game.

“These are two close, competitive games that can go either way,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “We had our opportunities. Enough opportunities.”

With Indiana up 95-93, West intercepted a pass that James was throwing to Ray Allen with 43 seconds left.

Indiana didn't cash in that mistake, instead turning the ball over with a shot-clock violation.

So on the next Miami trip, West denied James — who led all scorers with 36 points — again.

James drove to the right block, spun and tried passing out toward the perimeter.

West got his right hand on that pass, knocking it off-course and into the hands of Hill, then extended his hand skyward.

The Pacers — just as they did in the second-round series last year — knew they were winning Game 2 in Miami.

Hill made two free throws with 8.3 seconds left to clinch it, and just like that, the series was tied.

“We've been able to maintain our composure throughout the year,” West said. “That's helped us throughout these playoffs and especially in environments like these.”

The Heat got 17 points from Chris Bosh and 14 from Dwyane Wade.

The Heat led 88-84 in the fourth quarter, only to let the lead, the game and the home-court edge slip away, and James had almost an expressionless look afterward.

“Nothing broke down,” Wade said. “He's going to be hard on himself. He saw guys open, but West was able to get his arms out there at the last moment.”

Lance Stephenson scored 10 for the Pacers.

The Heat trailed for virtually all of the game's first 30 minutes, then tied the game three times in the third quarter — but Indiana always had a response.



MCT photo

The Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) walks up court with the Indiana Pacers' Paul George (24) and George Hill after James fouled Hill during the fourth quarter in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami Friday. The Pacers won, 97-93, to even the series.

When the game was tied at 60, the Pacers scored seven of the next 10 points.

Tied at 67, George quickly had a layup to put the Pacers back on top.

Tied at 69, George struck again, this time with a jumper.

With 5.1 seconds left in the third, George drove the lane and finished a highlight-reel dunk over Miami's Chris Andersen while getting fouled, the free throw putting the Pacers up by five.

James connected on a long 3-pointer to close the quarter, then he and George exchanged a few words afterward and slapped each other's hand as if to say, “here we go.”

Sure enough, the show was just getting started.

“We had our chance tonight,” Bosh said.

Hibbert was creating one problem after another for Miami, so James took it upon himself to challenge him in the fourth.

And with about 8 minutes left, he swatted a putback attempt away from the 7-foot-2 Indiana center, starting a play that ended with Mario Chalmers scoring at the other end to give Miami an 85-84 lead.

On the next possession, James tied up a rebound with Hibbert, then won the ensuing jump ball.

Not long afterward, Bosh made a 3-pointer and Miami's lead was up to 88-84 — its biggest of the night.

“We just didn't finish the game like we're capable of,” Spoelstra said.

Indiana scored the next five points to reclaim the lead.

James' three-point play with 3:32 left put the Heat on top 91-89, and Hibbert answered that with a jump hook over the reigning MVP to tie the game for the 10th time.

Frantic to the finish, again.

And this time it went Indiana's way.

“Heck of a basketball game, wasn't it?” Vogel asked afterward.

If there was any remaining lament from losing Game 1 on the final play of overtime, the Pacers didn't show it.

They trailed for all of 15 seconds in the first half, and after neither team held a lead of more than seven in the series opener, Indiana

found itself leading by 10 late in the first quarter and by 13 with a minute to go before intermission.

Hibbert was either unguarded or unguardable, making six of his eight shots in the first two quarters and getting to the line on the way to a 19-point half.

West, Hill and George combined for 27 more before the break, and when Hibbert scored with 1:25 left the Pacers' lead was 53-40.

The Heat needed less than a minute to erase more than half of that deficit.

James made a pair of free throws with 59.1 seconds left, Chalmers had a layup and Mike Miller — who hadn't taken a shot since May 8, but checked in with 3:23 remaining in the half after Allen and Shane Battier continued to struggle from the outside — connected on a 3-pointer as time expired, pulling Miami within 53-47 at the break.

And when Indiana went up nine early in the third quarter, Miami responded with another burst, this time an 11-2 run highlighted by a spectacular reverse dunk by James and capped by two baskets from Wade, the last of which knotted the game at 60-all.

By then, it was clear. Just like Game 1, this one wouldn't be decided until the end.

“We haven't done anything yet,” Hibbert said. “We haven't closed the series out. We won one game. A lot of us feel we should be up 2-0.”

NOTES: South Florida resident Jozy Altidore of the U.S. men's national soccer team was among those in attendance, two days before he's set to report to Cleveland and begin training camp for the upcoming World Cup qualifiers. Other celebs in the crowd included newly retired football star and Miami Hurricanes great Ray Lewis, Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and Rosie O'Donnell. ... The Pacers were called for four technicals (one a defensive 3-second) in a 4-minute span of the second quarter. ... Indiana reserve Sam Young sprained his left ankle in the third quarter. ... Indiana was not planning to fly home after the game, instead staying in Miami one more night and avoiding getting back to Indianapolis around 4 a.m. or even later.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Grayson Caldwell slides home with the tying run during what would be Glisson's 7-6 win over Pool Paradise Thursday night.

Dixie win for Glisson's

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But in the bottom of the fifth, the short body count, control issues and patient eyes lead to a final Glisson's charge.

Consecutive walks to Clint Patrick and Cannady started it, with Crouch following with an RBI single to make it 6-2.

Another walk loaded the bases and brought Hamilton

on in relief.

But a hit batter brought a run in and an error added another to cut the lead to two at 6-4.

Another base on balls cut it to one and brought Bickman on to try to halt matters where they were.

But two more walks evened the game and put Glisson's on top, prompting Pool Paradise head coach

Dean Frazier to look for another reliever to bring in.

With few options to choose from, with his limited roster, and the game likely to get out of hand, Frazier decided to pull the plug and take the loss.

“The kids were scrapping and we were doing all right for being dinged up like we are,” he said. “In the end, we just ran out of options.”

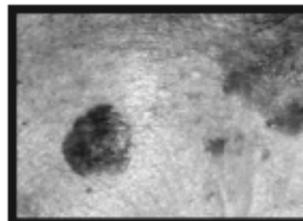


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Pool Paradise second baseman Logan Gregis beats Glisson's Clint Patrick to the base for a force Thursday, but Patrick's squad would come out on top, 7-6, in Dixie Boys action at Max Long.

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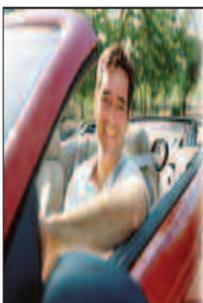
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The medical mission team from Florida Hospital Heartland Division recently traveled to rural Dominican Republic for a 10-day trip in which 155 surgeries were completed in two primitive operating rooms.

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Florida Hospital team returns from fourth Medical Mission trip

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Since 2009, Florida Hospital Heartland's medical mission team has traveled to rural Dominican Republic and provided much needed assistance to those less fortunate. During the latest 10-day trip, the team worked together to complete 155 surgeries in two primitive operating rooms. The surgeries range from hernias to hysterectomies and some orthopedic cases. Both operating rooms are small, open to the elements and without air conditioning.

"We had an amazing team working in primitive conditions. The 33 team members included doctors, nurses, clinicians and even engineers, who paid their own way, took vacation time, and provided their valuable talents to help those in need," said Anthony Stahl, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center administrator and mission project coordinator.

To make this mission successful, Florida Hospital coordinates with the local Ministry of Health, Medical Ministry International and a local Adventist Health hospital Vista del Jardin. Months before the team arrives, the local ministry of health screens patients who desperately need surgeries and are without resources for those procedures. This carefully screened list is sent to Florida Hospital for review and planning.

It's an honor and a privilege to be part of this team. There were people we helped that would probably never get the surgery they needed.

Joe Scholl
nurse anesthetist

"We work in pretty primitive conditions," said Deanna Reed, Florida Hospital Operating Room manager and medical mission clinical coordinator. "On the day we arrive, there are hundreds of potential patients waiting for care. Some people come from as far as 250 miles away and wait for us for days. But they are so grateful for what we do."

"Our engineers have made several important improvements to Vista del Jardin hospital the past several years. When the first medical team arrived to help several years ago, there was no running water, the roof was leaking and electricity was sporadic at best," Stahl said.

Today most of those problems have been resolved, but power is lost daily due to budget constraints of the rural hospital.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be part of this team. There were people we helped that would probably never get the surgery they needed," said nurse anesthetist Joe Scholl.

This year mission participants included: Dr. Juan Alvarez, Dr. Sameh Atalla, Dr. Carlos Gonzalez, Dr. Pankaj Patel, Dr. Clyde Vanterpool, Dr. Rachel Cooper Mercado, Joseph Scholl, Monica Scholl, Deanna Reed, Carin Lentz, Heather Barley, Catherine Baxley, Rebecca Cruz, Carol Byrum, Tricia Blakeman, Michelle Bissessar, Dale Reed, Frank Hernandez, Curt Petersen, Phillis Petersen, Joan Cornejo, Dave Marden, Mary Willis, John Miranda, Jessica Goodwin, Wayne Williams, Arlene Williams, Malini Patel, Binita Patel, Francis Patrick Carey, Omar Jose Mercado, Krista Parsons and Stahl.

"I'm proud of our medical mission team. They truly embody what we're all about — extending the healing ministry of Christ. The team gives so generously of their time, and returns refreshed and invigorated to continue giving to the Heartland community," Florida Hospital President and CEO Tim Cook said.

Florida Hospital's next medical mission trip is planned for April 2014. If interested in participating or donating, contact Florida Hospital Lake Placid administration office at 699-4336.

Hobby Lobby tests birth-control coverage mandate

DENVER (AP) — In the most prominent challenge of its kind, Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. asked a federal appeals court Thursday for an exemption from part of the federal health care law that requires it to offer employees health coverage that includes access to the morning-after pill.

The Oklahoma City-based arts-and-crafts chain argued that businesses — not just the currently exempted religious groups — should be allowed to seek exception from that section of the health law if it violates their religious beliefs.

The arguments Thursday centered on the Green family, founders of Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. and a sister company, Christian booksellers Mardel Inc. An eight-judge panel peppered both sides with questions about whether

the contraceptives mandate is an undue burden on the Greens' religious belief.

The Greens contend that emergency contraception is tantamount to abortion because it can prevent a fertilized egg from implanting in the womb. They also object to providing coverage for certain kinds of intrauterine devices.

Hobby Lobby's lawyer argued that the Greens shouldn't face fines for not complying with mandatory contraceptive coverage simply because their business makes a profit. The stores are a "profit-making company, yes, but also a ministry," Kyle Duncan argued.

Duncan cited the Citizens United campaign-finance decision that said corporations have constitutional protections.

"We don't say, well, a corporation can't exercise a right because it's in corporate form," Duncan said.

"Is religion the kind of right can only be exercised by a natural person? Well, the question nearly answers itself. ... It's not a purely personal right."

Hobby Lobby is one of more than 30 businesses in multiple states that are challenging the contraception mandate. Hobby Lobby is the most prominent company making the claim.

A lawyer for the U.S. Department of Justice argued that allowing for-profit corporations to exempt themselves from requirements that violate their religious beliefs would be in effect allowing the business to impose its religious beliefs on employees.

Some unions now angry about health care overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — When President Barack Obama pushed his health care overhaul plan through Congress, he counted labor unions among his strongest supporters.

But some unions leaders have grown frustrated and angry about what they say are unexpected consequences of the new law — problems that they say could jeopardize the health benefits offered to millions of their members.

The issue could create a political headache next year for Democrats facing re-election if disgruntled union members believe the Obama administration and Congress aren't working to fix the problem.

"It makes an untruth out of what the president said, that if you like your insurance, you could keep it," said Joe Hansen, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. "That is not going to be true for millions of workers now."

The problem lies in the unique multiemployer health plans that cover unionized workers in retail, construction, transportation and other industries with seasonal or temporary employment. Known as Taft-Hartley plans, they are jointly administered by unions and smaller employers that pool resources to offer more than 20 million workers and family members continuous coverage, even during times of unemployment.

The union plans were already more costly to run

than traditional single-employer health plans. The Affordable Care Act has added to that cost — for the unions' and other plans — by requiring health plans to cover dependents up to age 26, eliminate annual or lifetime coverage limits and extend coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

"We're concerned that employers will be increasingly tempted to drop coverage through our plans and let our members fend for themselves on the health exchanges," said David Treanor, director of health care initiatives at the Operating Engineers union.

Workers seeking coverage in the state-based marketplaces, known as exchanges, can qualify for subsidies, determined by a sliding scale based on income. By contrast, the new law does not allow workers in the union plans to receive similar subsidies.

Bob Laszewski, a health care industry consultant, said the real fear among unions is that "a lot of these labor contracts are very expensive and now employers are going to have an alternative to very expensive labor health benefits."

"If the workers can get benefits that are as good through Obamacare in the exchanges, then why do you need the union?" Laszewski said. "In my mind, what the unions are fearing is that workers for the first time can get very good health benefits for a subsidized cost someplace other than the employer."

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by Patricia Valentine

Matthew 7:16a-18, 20, and Matthew 12:33, "ye shall know them by their fruit... Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree

cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit." As Christians, we should reproduce Christlike character. The life of a Christian should look different from those not professing to be a Christian. If we confess to be Christians when our conduct says otherwise, people will believe what they see. When our behavior does not align with what we profess, then our words are meaningless.

When we are walking with Jesus, we will have a different lifestyle than the rest of the world. Imagine someone asked one of your unbelieving friends, "What is a Christian supposed to look like?" Would your friend be able to point to you and say "A Christian looks just like that?"

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Arts & Entertainment



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Summer art classes for children are planned for June 17-28 at the Caladium Arts & Crafts Co-operative in Lake Placid. Children will learn painting, collage, mosaic and jewelry making.

Children's art classes being planned at Co-op

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The children's summer art classes are being planned by the members of the Caladium Arts & Crafts Co-Op for the last two weeks in June.

There will be activities from June 17-28 for ages kindergarten and up. The variety this year is great. A complete list will be on display in the Co-Op. Not only are there all kinds of painting — including acrylic, china,

wood, and ceramic — but also collage, mosaic, and jewelry making. There will also be two full weeks of miscellaneous crafts for the younger children.

Registration will be the first two weeks of June. There will be samples on display and someone there especially to aid in the registration. Class size is limited; the sooner one registers, the better the selection will be.

The Caladium Arts &

Crafts Co-operative, 132 E. Interlake Blvd., is in "America's Most Interesting Town" of Lake Placid. It is an unique establishment allowing local artisans the opportunity to offer their works of art and crafts for sale. The Co-Op is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information on becoming a member call 699-5940 or visit the website at www.caladiumarts.org.

Arty Party set for Wednesday

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — The Lazy Painter will host an Arty Party Night on Wednesday.

Participants will follow step-by-step instruction to paint one of two versions of a southern porch scene.

No painting experience is necessary. Cost is \$35 and includes all materials, a little wine (if you wish) and light hors d'oeuvres.

Reserve your seat by calling 449-0822 or emailing anne@annewatsonstudio.com

The Lazy Painter is in The Flower Box & Design Shop at 233 N. Ridgewood Drive in Sebring.

CBS up, 'Idol' down as traditional TV season ends

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS strengthened its dominance over the television industry this year at the same time that the unprecedented reign of "American Idol" came to a close.

The traditional television season ended Wednesday. Though that marker is losing its meaning with more fresh programming airing during the summer, it's still a good time to take stock on where the industry stands.

For the 10th time in 11 years, CBS was the nation's most-watched network, the Nielsen company said Thursday.

The "American Idol" streak of nine years as the nation's most popular television entertainment program ended this season.

No other show in television history has come close to such sustained dominance.

Three other programs have had four-year reigns as the top program in household ratings: the comedy "I Love Lucy" in the 1950s, the western "Gunsmoke" heading into the 1960s and "The Bill Cosby Show" in the 1980s, Nielsen said.

Fairmount Square Cinema 6 hosting LOL Short Film Fest

9 shorts to be shown
once per day May 24-30

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Check out the LOL Short Film Fest happening exclusively at the B&B Sebring Fairmount Square Cinema 6, 3750 US 27 North beginning this Friday May 24-30 for one showing only each day.

In the style of traditional film festivals, the second annual Laugh Out Loud Short Film Fest features nine hilarious short comedies from some of the world's best

unknown filmmakers.

These directors share their unabashed and outrageous views on familiar topics like relationships, drinking, and careers. As a competition, audience voting will determine which short comedy will win the coveted "Audience Choice Award."

Get in on the fun and vote for your favorite short comedy. Edgy adult humor is the norm, so this film is not for the easily offended. Can you handle it? It's unrated, uncut, and unapologetic.

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What do we eat? New food map will tell us

By MARY CLARE JALONICK

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. —

Do your kids love chocolate milk? It may have more calories on average than you thought.

Same goes for soda.

Until now, the only way to find out what people in the United States eat and how many calories they consume has been government data, which can lag behind the rapidly expanding and changing food marketplace.

Researchers from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are trying to change that by creating a gargantuan map of what foods Americans are buying and eating.

Part of the uniqueness of the database is its ability to sort one product into what it really is — thousands of brands and variations.

Take the chocolate milk.

The government long has long classified chocolate milk with 2 percent fat as one item. But the UNC researchers, using scanner data from grocery stores and other commercial data, found thousands of different brands and variations of 2 percent chocolate milk and averaged them out. The results show that chocolate milk has about 11 calories per cup more than the government thought.

The researchers led by professor Barry Popkin at the UNC School of Public Health, are figuring out that chocolate milk equation over and over, with every single item in the grocery store. It's a massive project that could be the first evidence of how rapidly the marketplace is changing, and the best data yet on what exact ingredients and nutrients people are consuming.



Metro

Researchers are compiling a database of 600,000 different foods in order to more accurately map calorie intakes.

That kind of information could be used to better target nutritional guidelines, push companies to cut down on certain ingredients and even help with disease research.

Just call it "mapping the food genome."

"The country needs something like this, given all of the questions about our food supply," says Popkin, the head of the UNC Food Research Program. "We're interested in improving the public's health and it really takes this kind of knowledge."

The project first came together in 2010 after a group of 16 major food companies pledged, as part of first lady Michelle Obama's campaign to combat obesity, to reduce the calories they sell to the public by 1.5 trillion. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation agreed to fund a study to hold the companies accountable, eventually turning to UNC with grants total-

ing \$6.7 million.

Aided by supercomputers on campus, Popkin and his team have taken existing commercial databases of food items in stores and people's homes, including the store-based scanner data of 600,000 different foods, and matched that information with the nutrition facts panels on the back of packages and government data on individuals' dietary intake.

The result is an enormous database that has taken almost three years so far to construct and includes more detail than researchers have ever had on grocery store items — their individual nutritional content, who is buying them and their part in consumers' diets.

The study will fill gaps in current data about the choices available to consumers and whether they are healthy, says Susan Krebs-Smith, who researches diet and other risk factors related to cancer at

the National Cancer Institute.

Government data, long the only source of information about American eating habits, can have a lag of several years and neglect entire categories of new types of products — Greek yogurt or energy drinks, for example.

With those significant gaps, the government information fails to account for the rapid change now seen in the marketplace. Now more than ever, companies are reformulating products on the fly as they try to make them healthier or better tasting.

While consumers may not notice changes in the ingredient panel on the back of the package, the UNC study will pick up small variations in individual items and also begin to be able to tell how much the marketplace as a whole is evolving.

"When we are done we will probably see 20 percent change in the food supply in a year," Popkin says. "The

food supply is changing and no one really knows how."

For example, the researchers have found that there has been an increase in using fruit concentrate as a sweetener in foods and beverages because of a propensity toward natural foods, even though it isn't necessarily healthier than other sugars. While the soda and chocolate milk have more calories on average than the government thought, the federal numbers were more accurate on the calories in milk and cereals.

Popkin and his researchers are hoping their project will only be the beginning of a map that consumers, companies, researchers and even the government can use, breaking the data down to find out who is eating what and where they shop. Is there a racial divide in the brand of potato chips purchased, for example, and what could that mean for health? Does diet depend on where you buy your food — the grocery store or the convenience store? How has the

recession affected dietary intake?

"It's only since I've really started digging into this that I have realized how little we know about what we are eating," says Meghan Slining, a UNC nutrition professor and researcher on the project.

Steven Gortmaker, director of the Harvard School of Public Health Prevention Research Center, says the data could help researchers figure out how people are eating in certain communities and then how to address problems in those diets that could lead to obesity or disease.

But the information doesn't include restaurant meals and some prepared foods, about one-third of what Americans eat. If the project receives continued funding, those foods eventually could be added to the study, a prospect that would be made easier by pending menu labeling regulations that will force chain restaurants to post calories for every item.

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FWC calling for Breeding Bird Atlas volunteers



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

becoming an "observer" or "atlaser" for the Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA). The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Audubon of Florida and the Florida Ornithological Society are the sponsors of the program. The goal is to survey every breeding bird species in Florida.

As you can imagine, that's a lot of work, and volunteers are always welcome.

The first Florida survey was performed from 1986 through 1990 and more than 1,800 volunteers participated.

If you like birds and consider yourself fairly knowledgeable about the feathered creatures, you might be interested in

On May 18, 2012 the second Florida BBA began with a kick off at the Florida Ornithological Society's spring meeting at Camp Weed near Live Oak.

Information obtained during the current project will be compared with the first survey's data and will allow similarities and differences to be made.

Since Florida's natural landscape has dramatically changed over this 25-year period, the information will be extremely useful in helping understand the changes in the distribution and abundance of birds.

Mike McMillian, Lakes Management assistant for Highlands County's Natural Resource Department, is a volunteer for the program. He explains that the entire state of Florida is divided into quads. Mike said, "Each quad is divided into six blocks. The priority block is block six. This means that during the first few years, an attempt will be made to sur-



Courtesy photo
As a volunteer, one of the breeding birds that may be discovered in your block is the great horned owl, such as the family seen here.

vey all of the block sixes in the state.

Once those are complete, or if there are enough volunteers, other blocks will be completed as well.

Apparently in areas with large populations, every block in that county is surveyed. Volunteers choose one or more blocks to survey.

Blocks are large and cover several square miles. One

survey is a snapshot in time. Once the second survey has been completed in 2015 and the results are made public, comparisons can be made between the two surveys.

Species once common may no longer be common and species that didn't appear at all in 1986 may be widespread today. The data gathered is amazing and can be used by anyone; all collected

by volunteers.

According to Cole Fredricks, coordinator for the Florida BBA, "The survey is challenging, exciting, and provides important information on breeding bird activity in Florida.

The Florida Ornithological Society (FOS) assures volunteers that the "Atlas surveys are fun, much like any birding trip.

"They involve keeping a list of birds you see, and trying to find as many kinds as you can; just like a Christmas Bird Count but easier, or a big day but not all day, or a trip to a wildlife refuge. It is done on your own time schedule. It's birding with a purpose!

"This is what we will produce while putting our birding skills into play:

Updated distribution maps of breeding birds in Florida showing the effects of conservation policies, population growth, and other factors on Florida's birdlife, change maps highlighting how much

the breeding distribution of each species has changed in the past 25 years, relative abundance maps showing the principal ranges of species in Florida, comparison of BBA changes with trends revealed by the Breeding Bird Survey, breeding chronology information specific to birds in Florida, specific location information on a score of species of conservation interest.

"We are all volunteers. So we will not be competing for scarce conservation funds needed for other conservation initiatives.

If you want to get involved or find out more about the BBA, contact Cole Fredricks by email at cfredricks@tampabay.rr.com

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

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BAPTIST

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

CHRISTIAN

♦ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

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

♦ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

♦ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our

only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

♦ **Church on the Ridge**, Church of God, Anderson, Ind.; 1130 State Road 17 North, Sebring, FL 33870. Worship Service Sunday, 10 a.m.; Bible Study and Prayer, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Pastor Dr. Collet Varner, (863) 382-0773.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

♦ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

Boy Scouts approve plan to accept openly gay boys

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — After lengthy and wrenching debate, local leaders of the Boy Scouts of America have voted to open their ranks to openly gay boys for the first time, but heated reactions from the left and right made clear that the BSA's controversies are far from over.

The Scouts' longstanding ban on gay adults remains in force, and many liberal Scout leaders — as well as gay-rights groups — plan to continue pressing for an end to that exclusion even though the BSA's top officials aren't ready for that step.

Meanwhile, many conservatives within the Scouts are distraught at the outcome of the vote and some are threatening to defect. A meeting is planned for next month to discuss the formation of a new organization for boys.

The vote was conducted by secret ballot Thursday during the

National Council's annual meeting at conference center not far from Boy Scout headquarters in suburban Dallas. Of the roughly 1,400 voting members of the council who cast ballots, 61 percent supported the proposal drafted by the governing Executive Committee. The policy change takes effect Jan. 1.

"This has been a challenging chapter in our history," the BSA chief executive, Wayne Brock, said after the vote. "While people have differing opinions on this policy, kids are better off when they're in Scouting."

However, the outcome will not end the membership policy debate, as was evident in the reactions of leaders of some of the conservative religious denominations that sponsor Scout units.

"We are deeply saddened," said Frank Page, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee. "Homosexual behavior is incompatible with the

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BSA chief executive

principles enshrined in the Scout oath and Scout law."

The Assemblies of God said the policy change "will lead to a mass exodus from the Boy Scout program." It also warned that the change would make the BSA vulnerable to lawsuits seeking to end the ban on gay adults.

John Stembeger, a conservative activist and former Scout from Florida, founded a group called OnMyHonor.net to oppose the policy change. He assailed the BSA

executive committee for its role in gaining a "Yes" vote.

"What kind of a message are we sending to young people about being brave when its top adult leaders don't even have the courage to stand up to the pressure of a militant lobby when the bullies in Washington D.C., Hollywood or even some of their own renegade councils start pressuring and harassing them?" he asked.

He said OnMyHonor.Net and other like-minded organizations and individuals would meet in Louisville, Ky., next month to discuss the creation of "a new character development organization for boys."

The result was welcomed by many liberal members of the Scouting community and by gay-rights activists, though most of the praise was coupled with calls for ending the ban on gay adults.

"I'm so proud of how far we've

come, but until there's a place for everyone in Scouting, my work will continue," said Jennifer Tyrrell, whose ouster as a Cub Scout den leader in Ohio because she is lesbian launched a national protest movement.

Pascal Tessier, an openly gay 16-year-old Boy Scout from Maryland, had mixed emotions after the vote.

"I was thinking that today could be my last day as a Boy Scout," he said.

"Obviously, for gay Scouts like me, this vote is life-changing."

Tessier is on track to receive his Eagle Scout award — he only needs to complete his final project — but said he is troubled that on his 18th birthday he could transform from someone holding Scouting's highest rank to someone unfit to be a part of the organization.

"That one couple hours (between 17 and 18) will make me not a good person," he said.

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 christ-lutheranavonpark.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.newlifesebring.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 Preschool director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour

9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

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, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

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

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

◆ **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 problema. 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

◆ **Faith Center West Ministry**,

"Restoring Lives, Families & Communities." In the Banyan Plaza at 2349 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. Pastors Leroy and JoAnn Taylor the public to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Praise & Worship and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Children classes are available for all services. Ministries for youth, men and women are held throughout the month. Please attend these Spirit-filled services. "Moving Forward in Unity". Church office, 385-1800 or 655-2748.

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

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

◆ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.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.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

◆ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. Pastor Tom Schneider. 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.cpsebring.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@strato.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.fpcdp.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 Study 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://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.discov-erjesus.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, 12:10-1 p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

◆ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study 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. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to Grade 5, 465-0313.

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

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

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.

Education

Sarah McDonald Endowed Scholarship receives additional funds

Special to the News-Sun
 AVON PARK – Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church has donated \$3,000 in funds towards the Sarah McDonald Endowed Scholarship to assist parishioners of the church who are enrolled in South Florida State College. The endowed scholarship is overseen by the SFSC Foundation, Inc.

The initial \$10,000 endowment was established in 2009 and came from a substantial bequest left to the church years ago by parishioner Sarah McDonald. The church's Parish Council used a portion of the bequest to establish the endowed scholarship.

In June 2010, the church added \$1,000 and recently raised another \$3,000 from the proceeds of events, including concerts by California Toe Jam

We are happy to provide an opportunity for students to go to college in this competitive society, and the college is the center of our community.

Nicholas McLaughlin
 pastor of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

Band and Todd Allen Herendeen, dinner shows, dances, barbeques, and golf tournaments.

"It's gratifying to help people get scholarships," said Jim

Conroy, church council. "It's a joint effort by a number of people that contribute to the success of the fundraising."

"We are happy to provide an opportunity for students to go to college in this competitive society, and the college is the center of our community," said Father Nicholas McLaughlin, church pastor of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

"It's fundamental to invest in education."

The Sarah McDonald Scholarship will be awarded to parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and their children.

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SFSC's Summer Bridge Program is accepting applicants

Special to the News-Sun
 AVON PARK – For the fifth year in a row, South Florida State College's Summer Bridge Program is helping high school students learn about their world, fulfill their potential, and discover that a college degree is within reach.

The 2013 Summer Bridge Program meets from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 17-27 at SFSC's Highlands and Hardee campuses. The program is open to Avon Park and Hardee high school students who will enter grades 10-12 in fall 2013. Students who successfully complete the program should be prepared to succeed in dual enrollment or standard college courses.

The program is free to qualified applicants, and lunch is provided at no cost to through the Federal Lunch Program.

The Summer Bridge Program prepares students for college by helping them improve their academic performance and ACT scores while in high school. This year's program uses Kaplan Advantage, Aspire, and On Demand courses, which help

students prepare for the ACT and teach them about the college admissions process. All participants get one year of free access to Kaplan On Demand, which they can use via the Internet to continue studying for the ACT.

Reading and writing skills will be emphasized at the Hardee Campus. A special session on mathematics will be taught at the Highlands Campus.

On July 26, Summer Bridge Program participants are invited on a free field trip to Tampa, where they will tour the University of South Florida and visit the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), with more than 450 hands-on science-related activities and exhibits.

Request a college application from the SFSC Office of Admissions or from the high school guidance counselor. Participants can also download an application from the SFSC website at www.southflorida.edu/academic/summer-bridge. Applications are due May 31. For more information, call Magie Hulbert at 863-784-7209 or Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert at 784-7329.

State using federal grant money to settle lawsuit against DOE

By GARY FINEOUT
 Associated Press
 TALLAHASSEE — Florida is dipping into federal grant money that was supposed to help improve the state's schools in order to settle a bitter contract dispute.

Education Commissioner Tony Bennett earlier this month agreed to settle a lawsuit filed against his department by a Tallahassee-based technology company.

The Department of Education is paying \$1.25 million to Infinity Software Development.

Infinity was hired to build a website intended to help students, parents and teachers master new academic standards.

But the deal ended acrimoniously with Infinity suing the state and the state terminating the contract.

The money to build the website came from Florida's

\$700 million Race to the Top federal grant aimed at helping improve student achievement in the state. Before the contract was terminated the state had already spent nearly \$2.5 million on the project.

Joe Follick, a spokesman for the state Department of Education, said the agency has determined that using the grant money for the settlement is allowed. Follick refused on Thursday to elaborate on why it was allowed.

An Internet news operation, the Florida Current, reported Thursday the settlement had been approved.

The settlement not only includes a payment to Infinity — it also calls for the removal of the company's name from a vendor complaint list maintained by the state.

The president of Infinity did not return an email request for comment.

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	June 10 YMCA Summer Camp 2013 All Day
	June 14 Destination Downtown Sebring 5pm-8pm
	June 15 Downtown Sebring Sidewalk Sale 7am-1pm Car Show @ Home Depot 5pm-8pm
	June 28 2013 Summer Theatre Institute Camp All Day

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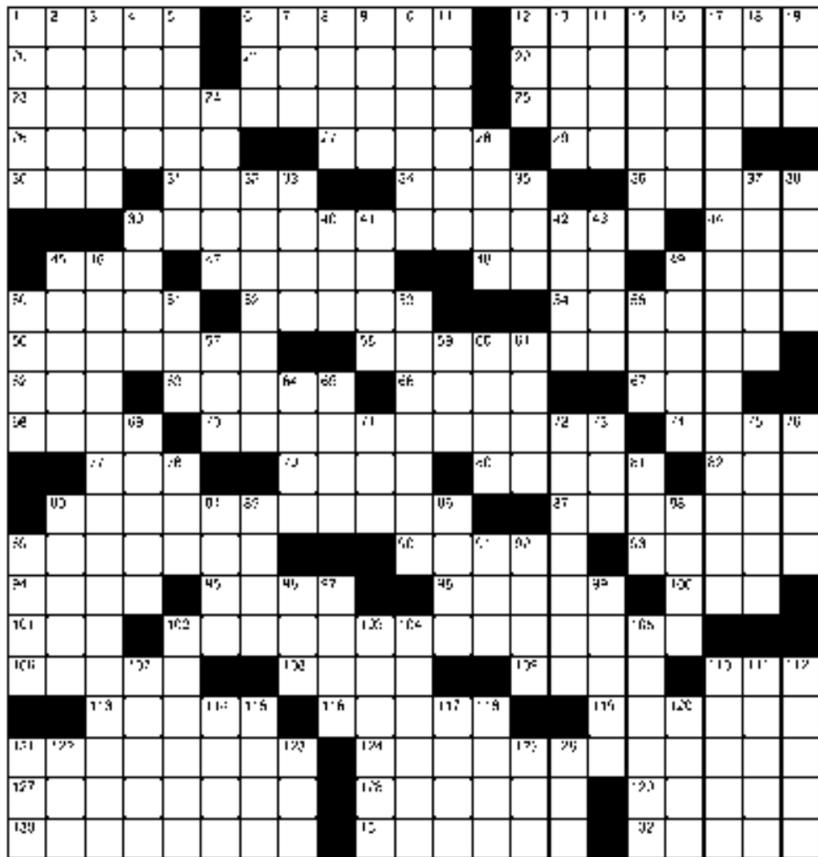
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Diversions/Puzzles

BUSINESS MEETINGS

By MATT SKOCZEN



Solution on page B7

ACROSS

- 1 They're put up in fights
- 6 Zany
- 12 Small car brand
- 20 12-time NBA All-Star Thomas
- 21 San Francisco mayor, 1968-76
- 22 Draft-y building?
- 23 "Gladiator" Best Actor winner
- 25 High-reaching ruminants
- 26 Stomach opening?
- 27 In-crowd
- 29 ["Boohoo"]
- 30 Eastern Nevada city
- 31 Silents star Negri
- 34 Old European capital
- 36 900 and 9000
- 39 Ended up where one started
- 44 Poet Edgar ___ Masters
- 45 Long Beach sch.
- 47 Hackled headwear
- 48 Florence farewell
- 49 Theater section
- 50 Ipso ___
- 52 About to faint
- 54 Cinematic sled
- 56 Supplier of household dishes
- 58 Hotel supervisor
- 62 Explosive state
- 63 Editing mark
- 66 Frosty material?
- 67 Modern address
- 68 They really never come home, figuratively
- 70 One in a hospital room display
- 74 Some cameras, for short
- 77 Preschooler's protector
- 79 Skylab org.
- 80 Asparagus unit
- 82 "The Little Mermaid" collectible
- 83 Annual sports event, familiarly
- 87 Colorful Italian dessert
- 89 Not what a fox wants to hear
- 90 100 kopeks
- 93 Syndicated computer adviser Mr. ___
- 94 Sole
- 95 Flamenco cries
- 98 Tilts a little
- 100 Affirmative at sea
- 101 ___-1701: Starship

DOWN

- 1 Enterprise markings
- 102 One may include Barbies
- 106 Home of Iwatayama
- 108 Baking ___
- 109 This, to Tito
- 110 Some undergrad degs.
- 113 102-Across chorus, maybe
- 116 Colorful tank fish
- 119 "___ Full of Love": "Les Miz" song
- 121 Take over, as a role
- 124 Triceps-strengthening exercise also called a French press
- 127 Banquet product
- 128 Floral parts
- 129 Acid type
- 130 Hospital recreation areas
- 131 Look
- 132 Under, to Byron
- 1 Musical lament
- 2 Run-of-the-mill
- 3 ___ Suzuki, mother of Bond's unborn child at the end of Fleming's "You Only Live Twice"
- 4 Vane direction
- 5 Nepalese people
- 6 Evil, to Yvette
- 7 Proof is its std. of strength
- 8 Desperate
- 9 Slangy "Excellent!"
- 10 Whenever you want
- 11 Like Shakespeare
- 12 GQ, e.g., briefly
- 13 Laila and Tatyana
- 14 Coastal bird
- 15 Lounging site
- 16 1992 Nicholson role
- 17 Old West showman
- 18 Sweet ending
- 19 Marks on a ballot
- 24 They have shuttles
- 28 Szmamda of "CSI"
- 32 City on the Seine
- 33 Where many travelers come from?
- 35 "Entourage" agent Gold
- 37 Kicked off
- 38 Sesame ___
- 39 Precious
- 40 Tiny Tim's instrument
- 41 Leopold's nefarious partner
- 42 Turin term of affection
- 43 Script "L" feature

- 45 African capital
- 46 Marx Brothers forte
- 49 Some military transports
- 50 S&L guarantor
- 51 Job: Abbr.
- 53 Baroque composer Jean-Marie
- 55 R-V connectors
- 57 Graffiti ID
- 59 Online guffaw
- 60 Érié and others
- 61 Applaud
- 64 Sicilian spewer
- 65 Christmas or Carroll poem opening
- 69 Inane
- 71 Mulholland Drive segment
- 72 Is offended by
- 73 Fist bump
- 75 Taylor of "The Nanny"
- 76 Opposite of likely
- 78 Activist Nellie
- 81 Cuba libre liquor
- 83 ___-pants: foppish
- 84 Sound on a track?
- 85 Hang loose
- 86 Glean
- 88 Haunted house sound
- 89 Honky-___
- 91 Honey source
- 92 Victoria's Secret frill
- 96 Lullaby trio?
- 97 British poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy, for one
- 99 Plucked instrument
- 102 Piece with pips
- 103 Ukrainian port
- 104 Fried Hanukkah fare
- 105 Obama, by birth
- 107 Hoglike mammal
- 110 Coastal Brazilian state
- 111 "___ we all?"
- 112 German brewer Bernhard
- 114 Dating word
- 115 Floral part
- 117 ___ Arena: Kentucky Wildcats home
- 118 Latin wings
- 120 Carlisle's wife in "Twilight"
- 121 Part of 126-Down: Abbr.
- 122 Norris Dam prog.
- 123 Surg. centers
- 125 Business "meeting" hidden in nine puzzle answers
- 126 Western Fla. Panhandle setting

Remember the sacrifices

My dad is a Pearl Harbor survivor. He will be 94 this summer. How gracious God has been to give him longevity, too.

Though his steps are slower these days, he is still a gentleman ... kind, appreciative, devoted to his wife and children and strong in his faith in Jesus Christ his Lord.

Daily he awakens and goes to the Bible for spiritual sustenance. And though his comprehension may not be what it once was, God's Word does not return to him void. Therefore, it still has a cleansing and nourishing effect on his mind and emotions.

I love to hear him pray at mealtime. He says, "For food and health and every good we give thee thanks O, Lord. Bless, guide and protect. Be with our family and lead them in the holy path."

What a beautiful desire of his heart for his children. The Scriptures affirm this in 3 John 4, NKJV, "I have no



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." I remember when we were growing up how he led by example, praying on his knees at bedtime, reading the Scriptures, taking us to church. And, always he encouraged us to receive Jesus Christ's free gift of salvation ... the One who sacrificed himself in our place.

Dad shared some of his World War II war experiences and how he counted on his mother's prayers. He took pride in his service ... but not in a boastful way. Rather he was grateful to this country and glad to take the risks and endure the hardship to keep her free.

One year I took an old scrapbook he had from his

war years ... the album having come from wartime Hawaii ... and restored it for him, making it a memory book that would last.

He turned its pages almost reverently, so glad it wouldn't fall apart, as he remembered all those who served with him ... some able to make it home and others who made the supreme sacrifice.

As I learned more of his story ... not just the amazing deliverance from the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, but also the misery of Guadalcanal ... I realized the horrors he had endured.

Remember. That's what today it is all about - remembering the sacrifices of all the men and women who have served and are still serving selflessly. And as we remember, let's pray for them and honor them, seeking ways in which we can serve them in return. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Former foster mom weighs adopting troubled young girl

Dear Abby: Some time ago, my husband and I became foster parents to a little girl who had been seriously abused. After we had cared for her only seven months, she was returned to her parents. Shortly after that, the mom signed guardianship over to the grandmother and now the grandmother is considering putting the child back into the system. This is a girl with "difficult" issues.

Although I deeply loved her, the time she was with us was very challenging and hard. Do I sign up for a life filled with uncertainty and give this child a shot at stability? Or do I pray that she will find the perfect home to meet all her needs?

- Uncertain About the Future

Dear Uncertain: Only you can decide about whether you are up to the challenge of trying to fix this damaged girl. There are no guarantees, and it is no disgrace to admit this is more than you feel you can manage.

However, if you feel that you and your husband can make a difference, it is important that you know you won't be alone in trying to handle her emotional issues. In this country, support systems for children are better than they are for adults. Your county mental health department can guide you, and if there are medical schools nearby, they may



Dear Abby

sponsor programs to train young psychiatrists who can also help you.

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 18 years. Our marriage has had its ups and downs. Last year we separated for eight months. We decided to stay married and are now again living together.

I found out not long ago that he slept with my daughter's best friend. I am horrified that he'd do such a thing, because as a teenager she would hang out at our home. I feel that what he did should have never happened.

Although I would like to think our marriage can be repaired, I still have my doubts. Should I feel this way or let the past stay in the past?

- Looking for Answers in Oklahoma

Dear Looking for Answers: Not every woman would forgive an affair that

seems this uncomfortably "incestuous." A counselor may be able to help you sort out your feelings, and joint marriage counseling should definitely be considered before you make up your mind.

Dear Abby: What is a man's ethical responsibility when he hears of a crime in group therapy?

While attending a Narcotics Anonymous meeting, I heard a man confess that he had dropped a cinder block on a boy's head when he was 12.

The man was never arrested for the crime. I can't stop thinking about the boy who was his victim. Should I tell the police?

- Somewhere in the South

Dear Somewhere: It is the group leader's responsibility to contact the authorities if a group member is a danger to himself or others. If this happened when the man was 12, what would it accomplish to report it at this point?

Because this has been preying on your mind, you should talk with the group leader about the matter.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Leo should remain modest about accomplishments

Metro News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20) - Aries, you don't always have the answers when it comes to your romantic relationship, but that's alright. There are no rule books for this type of thing; you learn as you go.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) - Taurus, your life has been relatively tranquil. However, you have been itching to do something fun and adventurous to turn things around. This could be the week for that.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) - You may find that one of your coworkers is more critical of your work than usual, Gemini. Don't take it the wrong way, as constructive criticism can be a good thing.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Cancer, things have calmed down considerably in your life. This week presents a good opportunity to take a trip that is geared entirely around your interests.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Leo, remain modest about your personal and profes-

Horoscope

sional accomplishments this week. Now is not the time to show off. Be humble in your conversations.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) - Virgo, as inviting as a situation may look, appearances can be deceiving. You may want to dip your toe into the water before you dive right into something.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Libra, this week you need to be extra cautious if you are in the middle of any business dealings. All it can take is the slightest misstep to turn everything around.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Scorpio, things beyond your control may be contributing to sour feelings this week. Look at the bright side of any situation and you can probably find a solution that works.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Sagittarius, you are seldom soft spoken, but this week you may have to be even more assertive to get your point across.

Otherwise your opinions might fall on deaf ears.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) - Try to get outside as much as possible this week, Capricorn. The fresh air and sunshine can do wonders for your mood. Plus, you can get in some exercise.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) - Do not follow the examples of others when they act irrationally to a certain situation, Aquarius. Although it can be difficult, you need to take the high road.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Take a chance and express all of your goals and hopes this week, Pisces. Others may be surprised at what you have to say.

Famous birthdays

- May 26 - Stevie Nicks, singer, 65;
- May 27 - Jamie Oliver, chef, 38;
- May 28 - Michael Oher, athlete, 27;
- May 29 - Anthony Geary, actor, 66;
- May 30 - Ceelo Green, singer, 39;
- May 31 - Clint Eastwood, actor, 83;
- June 1 - Heidi Klum, supermodel, 40.

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6	7	1	9	6	9	6	8	
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