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Sebring High School graduates throw their caps in the air following their graduation ceremony Saturday morning at the convention center at Firemen's Field.

Class of 2013 heads into the unknown

News-Sun Staff

The Class of 2013 was sent out into the world Friday and Saturday with some words of advice and a lot of cheers.

Avon Park High School celebrated graduation Friday night, Sebring High School Saturday morning and Lake Placid High School Saturday afternoon.

Parents, families and friends cheered themselves hoarse, while the graduates veered between thrilled and overwhelmed.

LP senior class president Erik Yakes said he had been asked to give some advice. "I don't know what advice to give," he said. "I'm an 18-year-old kid just graduating high school." But then he gave excellent advice, quot-



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ing Wayne Coyne, "Happiness is not a situation to be longed for or a convergence of lucky happenstance. Through the power of our own lives we can help ourselves."

AP senior Tyler Ridgeway delivered a similar message is his student address. "There is no path," he said. "You make a trail. Don't let life get you down. Become a master of your own destiny. Most of all, be happy. Be yourself. Let's go out there and make the world great."

At Sebring, Matthew

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News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Now Avon Park High School graduates, the former students celebrated their hard work. So did parents in the standing-room-only audience.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Lake Placid High School senior class president Eric Yakes thanks parents, teachers and families for their support and urges his classmates to set goals and work hard.



Coaching changes

SHS baseball coach Brian Rapp (left) steps down; Charlotte Clanton Bauder hired as LPHS volleyball coach

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A time of need

Relief groups bring care, food and prayer to the victims of the tornado in Moore, Okla.

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Avon Park happy with HCSO deal

Deleon says city saving \$530,000

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — Using superlatives to describe how well last year's change-over has gone from the Avon Park police department to law enforcement coverage by the Highlands County Sheriff's office, the Avon Park city council Tuesday night unanimously approved modifications to their interlocal agreement.

The measure both cleaned up language in the pact as well as set the budget for the ongoing arrangement.

Reportedly, certain sections of the accord had

Inside: AP officials say driving marked cars would be safety issue
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become moot, so changes were suggested. Among them were a longer time frame for contract termination.

The previously agreed-upon 90-day dissolution time was extended to one year.

Avon Park City Manager

Julian Deleon said the provision gives the city more stability, providing an opportunity to put a police department back in place and

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Deleon

Curb appeal

How to spruce up your home's look before potential buyers come calling

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' was one of the popular attractions at Woodlawn Elementary School's living wax museum Thursday night.

Stories come to life at Woodlawn Elementary

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Students at Woodlawn Elementary School brought literature to life Thursday evening during the third graders' annual "A Living Wax Museum" night. Just more than 100 third graders participated in the reoccurring event, showcasing not only their reading skills but their acting skills as well.

Third-grade instructors Candice Dickens, Jaci Stocking, Sheryl Vretta and Denise Franze's students brought to life some of the most well-known children's literature novels, using quotes from the books to entertain

the many visitors on campus Thursday.

The wax museum featured the many characters from four books: "Alice in Wonderland," "Charlotte's Web," "Maniac Magee," and "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief." Franze's class also depicted several of the characters from the most well known Dr. Seuss tales, for "Seussical."

Franze was excited about the addition of the Seuss stories for this year's wax museum.

"We didn't have Seuss last year and I was

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Avon Park's Parker earns Eagle Scout

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Avon Park High School senior Erik Parker is the first Boy Scout in Highlands County to become an Eagle Scout this year.

Julie Diaz, executive director of the Boy Scouts of America's Gulf Ridge Council, Calusa District, said Parker, who belongs to Troop 156, was elevated in a ceremony May 18.

It took years of work and commitment to earn the rare distinction. In 2012, only 7 percent of all Boy Scouts became eagles. Parker said a candidate must earn 21 merit badges, spend six months in a troop management position, take part in a scoutmaster conference, complete a spe-

cial service project and successfully complete a Eagle Scout board of review.

The review is an oral exam, the questions based on the Boy Scout organization, current events and citizenship.

Parker's interest in scouting began for real in the seventh grade. He spent a little time as a Cub Scouts when he was younger, but it didn't hold his interest.

The older scouts, however, spent a lot of time outdoors. Parker loved it. "It was amazing," he said, "I just kept coming back. It's just so much fun."

He's been to Ocala to go bird watching, canoed along rivers and camped out. In 2010, he attended the National Jamboree.



Courtesy photo
Erik Parker (left) gets help from his brother Dominick Hutchins collecting disaster supplies for the Salvation Army. Parker's supply drive helped him become an Eagle Scout in May.

For his special project, Parker collected disaster supplies for The Salvation Army. In three months, Parker collected 2,500 pounds of goods. He arranged with businesses to let him set up crates for donations. He collected and kept track of the

food and supplies, did all the paperwork and accounting, and directed his three volunteers.

Asked what Boy Scouts need most, Parker answered immediately. "Adults who stay," he said. "Leaders who commit over time."

Community Briefs

City boards look for volunteer members

AVON PARK — The city of Avon Park is looking for volunteers to serve on a number of boards.

One regular and one alternative board member is needed for the Airport Advisory Committee. Two regular and two alternative board members are needed for the Main Street CRA Advisory Board. Three positions are needed for the Recreation Board. One member is needed for the Police Pension Board.

Anyone interested in serving on one of the boards is encourage to contact the city clerk's office at 452-4403.

Dementia and Driving workshops set for this month

SEBRING — Today, more than 5 million people in the United States suffer from dementia, with Alzheimer's disease being the most common form. And this number is expected to grow as the population ages.

Do you have a relative with dementia who's still driving? Do you worry about him or her driving? If you have a loved one diagnosed with dementia, you'll struggle with the number of caregiving challenges from medical and legal matters. Driving, of course, can be an immediate and life-threatening

issue — making it a family priority.

Change Of Pace is offering three two-hour workshops — June 7 will be Driving and Dementia; June 14 is Building Family Cooperation; and June 21 is Knowing Your Options. All workshops will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 382-1188 to RSVP.

The workshops will be at Change of Pace (inside Sebring Christian Church), 4514 Hammock Road.

Moose Lodge plans Member Appreciation

SEBRING — The Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 will host a Member Appreciation Day at 4:30 p.m. today. A spaghetti dinner will be served and music will be supplied by the Moose Jam Band.

The lodge is open to all members and qualified guests.

FSFC offers Concealed Weapons Permit course

AVON PARK — South Florida State College's Public Service Academy will offer a Concealed Weapons Permit course from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 17 at the academy on the Highlands Campus.

This course is required to obtain a concealed

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Woman charged in 'theft' of own car

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — On May 4, Tracy Reed contacted the Highlands County Sheriff's Office to report that her 2011 Jaguar XF had been stolen from her residence. Later that same day the burnt vehicle was located at Morningside Drive and

Morning Mist Avenue in Lake Placid.

Further investigation by the Highlands

County Sheriff's Office resulted in Reed being arrested and charged with second degree arson, grand theft of less than \$5,000, burning with intent to defraud an insurer, insurance fraud of less than \$20,000, a second count of insurance fraud of less than \$100,000 and false report of a crime.

Reed, 45, of Sebring, has been released on \$42,000 bond.

LP man charged with rape

News-Sun staff
LAKE PLACID — A 50-year-old Lake Placid man was arrested Wednesday and charged with sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl on May 23.

According to a Highlands County Sheriff's Office report, the victim told investigators that Coy Lee Bellamy, a "family friend," forced himself on her at her home. She said Bellamy was mowing the yard at around 4:30 p.m. when she got out of the shower with a towel wrapped around her.

When she went into her bedroom, Bellamy walked in, locked the door and raped her while covering her mouth with his hand.

She said she was afraid to report the incident because Bellamy threatened he. Bellamy denied raping the girl or touching her in any way, the report said. He is being held on a \$200,000 bond.

TDC OKs spending plan

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — At their Tuesday night session, Highlands County commissioners put off approving a new distribution plan for the Tourist Development Commission, saying they wanted feedback from the TDC members on five alternate suggestions put forward by County Commissioner Don Elwell.

The commission first discussed the option of leaving the current plan in place or going to a TDC-suggested plan in which administration costs would be set aside with 70 percent of the balance allocated to marketing and promotion any time year 'round, 20 percent then would be dedicated to grants for local events of any type with the final 10 percent earmarked to be spent on local lakes.

Elwell, who also chairs the TDC board, then showed a Powerpoint presentation with five different alternatives — although he said there literally were dozens of other permutations and variations possible.

At their Thursday morning meeting at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agri-Civic Center, TDC members discussed the different proposals at length, approving what had been designated as "Alternative Plan 4" by a 4-2 vote.

Figured on a collection rate of 2 percent, the tourist tax could generate an estimated \$305,000 over the next fiscal year. Of that total, 10 percent would be shaved off for state mandated lakes maintenance with another \$125,000 deducted for administrative costs.

From the remainder, estimated to come in at around \$150,000, 20 percent (roughly \$30,000) would be earmarked for arts and culture with the balance put forward for marketing and events promotion. The TDC board initially had leaned toward Alternative 5, which was similar, but would have removed the 20 percent for Arts & Culture, putting all of the remaining \$150,000 towards general marketing and events of all types.

That opinion shifted after much discussion, including a presentation by Highlands County Citizens for Government Accountability member Bill Youngman. He indicated that option was based on trust. The lack of trust and a track record

was what appears to have prevented a hike in the tourist tax at Tuesday night's four-hour county commission session. In making their remarks, both dissenting commissioners — Don Elwell and Jack Richie — made mention of the trust and accountability factors.

Nevertheless, the TDC board's Thursday vote for option number four was not unanimous. It passed by a 4-to-2 margin. Chateau Elan general manager Reinhard Haubner and Avon Park City Councilman Terry Heston cast the dissenting votes. Three of the TDC's nine members reportedly were absent from the Thursday morning session.

In other action, the TDC board decided that they would allow for a 5 percent leeway on room nights for organizations that failed to provide enough room nights to match their stated goal for



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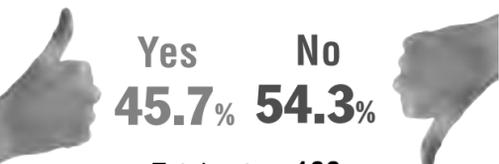


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This week's question:
Should armed drones ever be used in U.S. airspace?



Next question: Are you worried about the prediction of a busy hurricane season?

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

TDC has to earn trust

Highlands County's tourist tax, and the Tourist Development Commission that oversees the tax, continue to be sources of ill will and argument.

Part of the problem the TDC brought on itself by ignoring disbursement guidelines set by the County Board of Commissioners. For example, for years it did not support art and cultural events as it was supposed to do.

Lack of transparency and inefficient management over a decade made matters worse.

The TDC, however, did not operate in a vacuum. Several county commissions let matters slide, also contributing to

the situation.

Now the current TDC and the current county commissioners do not trust each other.

Unfortunately, this comes just at a time when Highlands County should be positioning itself for the future — studying demographic trends and investing in marketing campaigns.

That takes working together, however, something that is not happening now. In fact,

the county commission has so little faith in the TDC it would not agree to raise the tourist tax from 2 to 3 percent.

We have to say we understand.

For one thing, the TDC asks for more money when it has nearly \$650,000 in unspent funds. For another, the administrative portion of the budget has soared to 42 percent of estimated revenue. It was supposed to be less than 30.

We agree with those who feel the TDC needs to prove itself. Unlike some, we believe it will.

The individuals involved care as much about the coun-

ty's future as anyone else. Let them have a chance to set things right and improve — always following President Ronald Reagan's advice to "trust but verify."

If the TDC continues to fail, the county commission will have to take action. Hopefully that won't happen. The work is too important.

Our biggest cause for optimism is that the County Tax Collector Eric Zwyer will now be collecting the tourist tax. His office works well with others, is well managed, open and efficient — an excellent example of good government.

The rest of you, please pay attention.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Veteran claims should be first priority

Editor:

Those House and Senate have their priorities mixed up.

The President and the gang of eight are misusing the American tax dollars in the trillions of dollars. As a national newscaster so eloquently identified our House and Senate. Indoctrinate the Rev. Wright sure did a job of brainwashing on the President of these United States.

Why should the Senate and the House be wasting millions of hours "debating and rewarding" citizenship to millions of illegals when we have millions of our veteran citizens' claims of injury while protecting our nation with their very lives being put at the bottom of their agenda?

This Memorial Day let your congressman and senator know your thoughts on the subject of veterans claims being put at the bottom of their agenda. The veterans claims should be America's first priority along with securing our borders and no amnesty.

Billie E. Jewett
Sebring

Is there a double standard for justice?

Editor:

Four interesting "letters to the editor" appeared in the News-Sun May 22, 2013. In my view, all were truthful and appropriate.

The Benghazi witch hunt designed to give President Obama a political "black eye" and to sour our people against Hillary Clinton from running for President in 2016 against governor Christie of New Jersey.

We shouldn't worry about anything the GOP prattles about.

The republican party deserves an A-plus for their negativity pertaining to their working record and their "stories" are no better. Given enough rope they will hang themselves. They are doing a pretty good job of it right now.

Jeb Bush will tire himself out as he struggles to swim against the current. Does America need another Bush in the



Oval office?

Sandy Aleesky asks, "Why no investigation into Bush's War in Iraq?"

I ask, why has George W. not been tried in a court of law for starting an unnecessary war, killing thousands of people as a result of his lies? Is he not a war criminal?

What about Dick Cheney, Wolfowitz, Rumsfeld, Carl Rowe and the list goes on? Do we have a double standard of justice here, or is there only a Harvard standard?

United States is widely known for its tenacity to search out and hunt down war criminals all over the world no matter how many years it takes. We catch and punish them even if they are half dead from disease and old age.

So why have we not punished every one of George W. and his gang of crooks? Why have we not fined them and taken back some of the money they've stolen from us?

We hunted down Matoff and all the heads of big corporations, Freddie Mack and Fannie Mae, Bank America and others.

So we count money more valuable

than human lives.

Those in "high places" hide out behind their desks while young men and women, those of less significance, face the bullets. There is little to be proud of in our judicial system today.

If we are not honest enough to admit and correct our mistakes how can we brag of our honesty and integrity, what a fair and believable nation we are?

We've all seen an example of the Power of God in Hurricane Sandy and increasingly in Moore, Okla. Shouldn't that make us a little bit afraid of Judgment Day?

The signs of the times are increasing in intensity. Our world teeters on a very fine line between life and Armageddon.

We are in the time of sorrows all Biblical predictions will be fulfilled, then God will level the playing field and each of us, no matter who we are or from what high standard of wealth or depth of poverty, He will see that we go to the place He prepared for each and every Soul. No partiality will be shown.

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Some people shouldn't be parents

As readers of this column know, I am mother to two young men. I call them "young men" because that is what they are, though to me they are — and will ever be — my boys.

If you're a parent, you know that you are handed this life with very little to go on. Even if you read up beforehand and practice with your friend's kids you are going to find yourself at times with no clue how to deal with this tiny human being who is in your care.

So you do the best you can. You struggle along, trying different things in an effort to mold this child into (hopefully) a responsible adult. Or at least someone you can let loose on society.

And let's be honest, you make mistakes.

I know there are times Don and I really messed up when it came to James and John. Times we were not the perfect parent. When someone could've taken us to task for what we did or didn't do.

Fortunately, John and James appear to have turned out to be pretty decent adults despite the mistakes of their parents. I am grateful to God for that, because I personally believe He had a hand in the kind of men they have become.

But let's be clear. There are mistakes, and there are all out horrible things that people do to children. It is a sad fact of life that some parents do unspeakable things to their children. These are not mistakes. These are criminal.

For example, I came across a story on Facebook today that illustrates this point. According to an article on www.opposingviews.com (and also on the Huffington Post's website and www.cbsnews.com) a man named Tyler Deutsch was caring for his six-week-old daughter, who was crying at their home in Roy, Wash.

Now I know that a baby crying can be a frustrating thing when you can't figure out what the problem is. At six weeks old, a kid's

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

ways to communicate are limited, and crying has to fill in for a lot of stuff.

But Deutsch decided to deal with the problem in an astonishing way — he allegedly put the baby in a freezer, then went and took a nap.

You read that right. He put a six-week-old infant in a freezer. For an hour.

The child's mother came home just as Deutsch was taking the girl out of the freezer. She managed to contact police, who arrested Deutsch on suspicion of attempted murder.

According to the articles I read, the baby was taken to the hospital not only with severe hypothermia (her body temperature dropped to 84 degrees; a body temperature of below 95 degrees is considered a medical emergency) but she had several broken bones. She is expected to recover.

Deutsch has pled innocent to the charges against him, which include child assault and criminal mistreatment. According to the articles, he admitted placing the baby in the freezer but was subsequently remorseful.

This is not something that can be brushed aside with an "I'm sorry." This is not a mistake. This was deliberate putting a child in harm's way. If guilty, Deutsch needs to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and not be allowed near another child for the rest of his life.

Parents can and do make mistakes. But sometimes that mistake is being a parent in the first place. Some people just shouldn't be parents. It looks like Tyler Deutsch is one of those people.

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Graduations mark end and beginning for seniors

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Altman reminded his classmates that, "Education is not limited to the confines of Sebring High School or whatever college you attend. I am thankful for the education I received here but I refuse to let that be the last of it. Do not forget those that you are connected to, they have made you who you are today."

At Avon Park, three special distinctions were awarded to four students. The Citizenship Award went to Gayla Barrett and Gilan Asoncion for their outstanding community involvement. Lindsey Moffatt was named the Senior Honor Student — an award reflecting excellence in leadership, academics and athletics. Gayla Barrett was honored a second time. Her classmates voted her the Bailey Medal for being the most considerate of others.

At Sebring, Juliette Perez and Larry Scott Jr. both received the Bailey Medal and the SBHC Citizenship award.

The News-Sun had to go to press before the Lake Placid's ceremony ended.

Alan Jay Wildstein said the Sebring Class of 2013 set a record for A's dropped off at the Alan Jay Automotive Network. One hundred and seventeen students submitted a total of 1,598 A's for the 'Wheels for A's' program. Avon Park also did well, he said — 58 students entered the contest, submitting 726 A's.

Kathryn Welch from Avon



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Larry Scott III receives both the Bailey Medal Award and the School Board Citizenship Award. Jan Shoop of the School Board of Highlands County presented Scott with the citizenship award.

Park, Dylan Ewing of Sebring and Tiffany Smith of Lake Placid were the lucky winners of new cars in the contest.

The majority of graduates are going to college, interested in all kinds of careers — from event planning to sports management, to computer sciences. Many want to become nurses and family counselors, several plan to become physicians. Some are entering the military.

Students talked about their feelings before the ceremonies.

AP graduate Markeith Jones wasn't focused on the future, which includes college. "It feels good to graduate; 13 years is a long time," he said.

LP graduate Alexandra Torres was relieved. "We've made it so far," she said. Standing next to her, Elisabeth Severance wistful-

ly asked if she could go back to pre-school, until she was reminded she'd have to do it all over again.

AP graduate Kiana Garcia was especially excited. She graduated from the Career Academy certified as a medical administration specialist. "It feels wonderful to be done (with school)." She laughed, "Well, I'm coming back to become an R.N."

AP graduate Darrius Hinson was philosophical. "We came far and it took a lot to get here, but we knew it was a job that had to be done," he said.

For parents the moment was bittersweet. Pride mixed with disbelief the moment had arrived.

Orpha Hernandez, whose son William Hernandez is now a graduate of LPHS, shook her head in disbelief. "It went by in the blink of an eye," she said.

Avon Park should be debt free by December

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — The City of Charm could be debt free by the end of the year.

City Manager Julian Deleon told council as staff members began preparing this year's financial statements, they realized there was more than \$825,000 of restricted cash on the books due to a 2003 water and sewer bond.

Deleon said although it would cost \$1.1 million to defease the bond.

However, it could save the city some

\$285,000 by paying it off two years ahead of schedule.

"We have the money available in the utilities fund to do that and it would save the utilities fund approximately \$52,000," the city manager told council.

Deleon said the action would set the city to be debt-free two years ahead of schedule.

"That means that as of December of this 2013, the city of Avon Park doesn't owe anybody anything and that's a major accomplishment in these difficult economic times," he said.

Students put on living wax museum at Woodlawn

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really pulling for it this year. These stories are classic and are great to read for the students," Franze said.

The Seuss portion of the wax museum was a huge hit with students reciting lines from "Yertle the Turtle," "Horton Hatches an Egg," "Oh, The Places You Will Go," "The Lorax," and "The Big Bragg".

The mission behind the wax museum is to raise money for the African water well project. Attendees of the museum were armed with loose change, which is used as pay (donations) to activate the museum "sculptures". Guests drop pennies, quarters, etc. into the containers next to the characters in order to bring them to life. The students were remained in character during their lines, and fall peacefully back into their wax sculpture slumber until

the next guest pays their money.

Some of the more entertaining characters, with several attendees in line waiting to hear what the characters had to say, were from the "Maniac Magee" book.

Crowd favorite Mars Bars Johnson, played by Quashan Hamilton, intimidated guests with his interactive routine, threatening anyone who dared to cross him again.

Other favorites included "Yertle the Turtle" actors Michael Leone, Austin Mann, Keyshawna Moree, Hannah Roberts and Freddy Pearson.

All of the funds raised during the wax museum event will go directly to the Africa water well fund to help African villages in their endeavors to construct water wells in poverty stricken villages and countries.

Scott rebuffs Nelson on health insurance rate bill

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Friday signed a bill that removes the ability of state regulators to challenge health insurance rates for a two-year period.

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson had called for the bill to be vetoed, saying the legislation was "unconscionable."

The GOP-controlled Florida Legislature passed the bill (SB 1842) in response to President Barack Obama's federal health care overhaul.

The bill is designed to bring state insurance codes into harmony with the federal law.

The insurance bill was one of four bills signed by the Republican governor. Another repeals a state law that requires gasoline to be blended with up to 10 percent ethanol.

Obituaries

THELMA BRAXTON

Thelma Braxton, 92, a former resident of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, May 20, 2013 in Bradenton, Fla. She was an active member of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Braxton. She is survived by daughter, Cheryal (Wayne)

JERRY COULLIETTE

Mr. Jerry Lee Coulliette went to heaven on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from Hospice of the Comforter in Orlando. He was 69 years young.

He was born on April 21, 1942 in Tallahassee, Fla.

He was a loving husband to Joyce Coulliette for 34 years. He was a caring Dad to Maureen, Kelly, Jason and John. His grandchild-

Bowers of West Virginia; son, Michael Braxton of Bradenton, Fla.; sisters in-law, Sybil Laye of Avon Park, Fla., Mary Shields of Alabama, Patsy (John) Riffey of Naples, Fla., and Joyce Braxton of North Carolina.

A memorial service was held on May 25, 2013 at Brown & Sons Funeral Home, Bradenton, Fla.

dren are Patrick, Aubrey, Brianna, Thomas, John-Paul, Mindy, Skyler, Phoenix, Jenda, Sean and Fiona. His surviving brother is John. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Merle.

Celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church, 1400 County Road 17A N., Avon Park, FL 33825.

JOAN VOLTMER

Joan Virginia Houlehan Lawrence Voltmer, age 82, went home to be with the Lord on May 25, 2013. Beloved mother of Mark, Kent (Liz), and Scott Lawrence, Dawn (Joe), and Wendi Voltmer, she is also survived by her brother, Robert Houlehan; cousin, Rosemary Trella and family; niece, Trisha Signs and family, as well as, numerous "adopted" family and great friends.

She was preceded in death by husband, Dean Voltmer, and husband, Edwin Lawrence. Joan held the first female competition racing license in Michigan and was an avid race worker and fan.

Her family invites friends to a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at Waterford Hills Race Track (Turn 6) on the grounds of the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, on Friday, June 7 at 5 p.m. with a dinner to follow.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to continue support of Waterford's Memorial Trophies and the tracks worker fund can be made to "Waterford Hills Road Racing" (mailed c/o Wendi Voltmer 5236 Pine Knob Trail, Clarkston, MI 48346). To send a condolence to the family go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries/.

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weapon or firearm license in Florida. Topics covered will include Florida Statutes, use of deadly force, carry restrictions and a live fire exercise. Cost is \$50 per person and includes materials and equipment. Registration must be complete before the start of the course.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact the SFSC Public Service Academy at 784-7285 or visit www.southflorida.edu/public service.

Independent Baptist Church celebrates anniversary

SEBRING — Independent Baptist Church will celebrate its 29th anniversary today. Former members and visitors are invited to be a part of this special celebration.

There will also be a special day — "Each 1 Reach 1" Sunday. The church website is at ibcsebring.com for additional information.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
 VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 1

p.m. today. The House committee meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Friday for \$7. Music by Big Freddie from 5-8 p.m. Karaoke by Peg & Perry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

LAKE PLACID

VFW Post 3880 Men's Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. Thursday. Crown roast of pork served at 5:30 p.m. Friday for \$8. Music by Bud Followell. Breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. Horse races at 5:30 p.m.

SEBRING

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 monthly golf at 8 a.m. Monday at Golf Hammock. Board meets at 5 p.m. Activity committee meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Wacky

Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. with rubens for \$6.50; dancing only is \$3. Music by Allen from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday Buffet from 5-6 p.m. Stuffed peppers with homemade macaroni salad for \$10; dancing only is \$3. Music by Don and Allen from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 will have NASCAR at Dover on the screen at 1 p.m. Sunday, followed by a member appreciation spaghetti dinner and jam session at 4:30 p.m. Women of the Moose meet at 6 p.m. Monday. Ribs/french fry basket will be served from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday with music by Pete Ruano from 5-9 p.m. Moose riders fish fry from 5-7 p.m., and karaoke at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Meatloaf plate menu from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday with music by Red Neck Joe Band from 7-10 p.m. Music by Gary & Shirley from 7-10 p.m. Saturday.

VFW Post 4300 will have Karaoke by BilDi from 5-8 p.m. Sunday. Honor guard meeting is at 1 p.m. Monday. Ladies Auxiliary meets at 6:30 p.m. House committee meets at noon Tuesday. "Big" tacos will be served from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Todd Allen will be placed from 5-8 p.m. Music by Jim Duke from 6-9 p.m. Friday. Beef tips and noodles for \$7 will be served from 5-7 p.m. Saturday; music by Pete Ruano Duo from 6-9 p.m.

AP officials don't want to drive marked cars

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent
AVON PARK — At the beginning of Tuesday night's Avon Park City Council meeting, a proclamation declaring May as "Civility Month" was read. However, those provisions seemed to fade somewhat at the end of the session when the topic of marking city vehicles was introduced.

The contentious remarks began after resident Tom Macklin asked council members about a policy regarding signage on municipal vehicles.

"I believe the policy began when (former) city manager C.B. Shirey and (former) fire chief Terry Feikert were questioned about not having the city logos on their Crown Victorias," Macklin said.

Council members then enacted mandates that all city vehicles, with the exception of police investigative units, be required to carry city branding.

"We now have a Jeep Cherokee and a Dodge Durango neither of which have any kind of markings. The Durango does not even have a tag that identifies it as a city vehicle. I think as nice as they are, it would be a benefit that when they are driving around that people would recognize the equipment that we have," Macklin said. "My concern is why aren't they duly marked and what steps can be taken to bring them into compliance?"

The response from Avon Park City Manager Julian Deleon said the issue was security concerns.

"I can tell you that my vehicle has been tagged. One individual was trying to grab video of me while he was running me off the road," he said. Deleon at the time reported the situation to both Avon Park Public Safety Director Jason Lister and Detective Nate Coogan. Coogan is one of the former Avon Park police officers who subsequently transferred to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Deleon told council under his tenure he had made sure that any city department head with an assigned vehicle used it strictly for business purposes. He then told council how he had heard that

To drive a car around with an insignia that says 'here I am' is really scary to me.



Maria Sutherland
 administrative services director

while Macklin served as mayor there had been department heads that took their vehicles out of the area as a regular occurrence. In fact, he was told some had gone as far as North Carolina.

The city manager neither indicated what department heads had been involved nor who had shared the information with him.

"That doesn't happen under my watch. City vehicles are strictly used for city purposes," Deleon reiterated.

When asked by Avon Park Mayor Sharon Schuler if the vehicles could carry the municipal logo under the council's current policy, Deleon responded, "Mayor, we can look at it."

Macklin reminded council that Deleon's city manager predecessors, Bruce Behrens and C.B. Shirey, both had been required to drive marked vehicles.

Avon Park Administrative Services Director Maria Sutherland said she too had been threatened. She told council members that an ex-Avon Park police officer, under oath in a subpoena, not only had threatened her family, but that he had gone to her house and to her husband's office and seen her vehicle.

"To drive a car around with an insignia that says 'here I am' is really scary to me," she said.

Sutherland said getting a civilian tag instead of a municipal tag was a cost savings concern, telling the council it was less expensive to purchase a "white tag" for two years than a "yellow tag" for one year.

According to the Highlands County Tag Agency, a "yellow tag" is a permanent tag and does not have a recurring fee.

Council took no action on the issue.

Bicycle Safety Day



Courtesy photo

The Highlands County Family YMCA Bicycle Safety Day on May 25 was a success with 125 kids coming out. The Sebring Police Department brought bikes out and set up a course to go through. The department donated bicycle helmets and safety gear, and the Highlands Peddlers helped fit safety helmets and handout gear. BFC sold food with the proceeds benefiting The Haiti Mission Fund. Sponsors were the Sebring Police Department, Highlands Peddlers, TD Bank, Trinder Family, Taylor Lawn Care, Drug Free Highlands, John Palmer Electric, Fast Lane Promotions, Party Monsters, Aldi, Taylor Rental and Walmart.

Busy agenda for Sebring council

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Council members will tackle a full agenda during Tuesday evening's meeting. Old business includes re-hashing Sadie Khan Park issues and voting to appropriate funds for the renovation of the park.

The Highlands County YMCA will address council for permission to construct a volleyball court on the premises while Rotary member Dusty Johnson will give council members a rundown of the upcoming Fourth of July celebration information as well as discuss firework show costs and contributions.

CRA Executive Director Robin Hinote, along with marketing and public relations specialist Casey Wohl, will address council give the city council an update on the CRA's 20-year redevelopment plan. The plan is currently approaching its 10-year mark and Hinote wishes to highlight the progress of the plan as well as showcase future goals and milestones. Wohl will discuss public relations initiatives through a Powerpoint presentation.

A budget amendment for

the Civic Center is also on the agenda for Tuesday.

City administrator Scott Noethlich will close out the meeting with a discussion on the revamping of the City of Sebring logo. The logo was changed last year as an enhancement to the City's Centennial, now city officials wish to return the logo to its prior state. Noethlich will ask the council for input during Tuesday's meeting.

The Sebring city council meeting will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Avon Park council amends contract with sheriff's office

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allowing for an orderly transfer of power back from the sheriff's office.

The method of payment also is changed from a single lump sum to 12 equal monthly payments over the balance of the year.

As part of the provisions, the sheriff's office will continue to provide uniform patrol, investigation, crime scene, K-9 officers and school resource officers, among other things. The accord also indicates the sheriff's office will provide records retention but will not be the custodian of any records — public or otherwise — or of any evidence related to investigations by the city's police department. That will be the city's responsibility.

Moreover, the sheriff's office no longer will provide administrative or management assistance to the city's police department.

Additionally, the pact provides for two uniform patrol units which stay inside the city limits.

In making the presentation, Deleon told the council that based on preliminary estimates the city would save some \$530,000 in year two of the contract.

"How are we saving that much money?" questioned Avon Park councilman Garrett Anderson.

Deleon responded that

the estimated cost by the sheriff's department would be about \$1.1 million, up from the preliminary figure of \$938,000. He told the council at full operation, the former police department cost about \$2 million to run.

"But we do have some additional operating expenses this year," Deleon said.

Most all the council members had good things to say about the arrangement. Councilman Parke Sutherland said he had received "nothing but positive feedback both from citizens and from the officers that transitioned from the municipal force to the county's department."

Mayor Sharon Schuler concurred, saying her conversations with former officers found them "very happy with the opportunity to being able to develop their skills and be promoted to the sheriff's office rather than in the police department."

"I'll tell you what, from the citizens on the south side they're very, very happy, very pleased with the sheriff's department," said councilwoman Brenda Gray. "The presence is there. They have busted several different people's houses where they found a lot of stuff that was stolen and it was right in the neighborhood. So it's worth the money to me."



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Class of 2013 Graduations



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Summa Cum Laude graduate Samantha Phypers presents the 2013 senior class history for Lake Placid High School.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Samantha Alamo is receives her diploma with a big smile Saturday morning during the Sebring High School graduation ceremony. Alamo, who has Down Syndrome, was named homecoming queen during the school year.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Avon Park High School's class of 2013 become graduates Friday night at the South Florida State College Performing Theater for the Arts.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Axnelis Gonzalez helps Jose Heredia adjust his mortarboard. Gonzalez is going to school to become a dental hygienist. Heredia has enlisted in the Army.



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Sebring Magna Cum Laude graduate Olivia Hitt shows off the paper airplane she made from the graduation program.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Gayla Barrett delivers the history of AP's Class of 2013. She echoed the sentiment heard at all three graduations. "Do not give up," she said, engaging the audience to repeat the phrase with her. "Do not give up."



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Tyler Ridgeway gives the student speech at the APHS graduation.



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Lake Placid High School graduates are all smiles Saturday during the ceremony in Avon Park.



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Summa Cum Laude graduate Victor Lopez III shares a smile with Penny Decker before walking to receive his diploma.

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Planning for the worst

Improved computer models helping forecasters better predict hurricane strength

By ELIOT KLEINBERG

The Palm Beach Post/MCT

PALM BEACH — In August 2000, virtually every computer model tracking Hurricane Debby was calling for it to intensify. Managers already had begun evacuating the Florida Keys.

Then, somewhere over Hispaniola, Debby vanished, a mere two hours after posted forecast tracks had it striking either South Florida or the Bahamas.

Two months later, Keith strengthened in a mere 12 hours from a minimal storm to one almost as strong as Category 5 Andrew as it neared Belize. More than a dozen people died in Central America and Mexico.

While the science of forecasting where a storm will go has made dramatic leaps, “we haven’t made much progress over the decades” in predicting changes in a storm’s strength, said James Franklin, the National Hurricane Center’s chief of forecast operations.

That finally may be changing. Computer models have become more adept at using data from the Doppler weather radar mounted on planes that fly into tropical systems, Franklin said. That means forecast models could show improvement in measuring a storm’s intensity as early as this hurricane season, which starts Saturday.

The Doppler data — which now dates to 2010 and soon to 2008 — will let forecasters base their predictions off facts instead of what amounts to a phony storm, Franklin said.

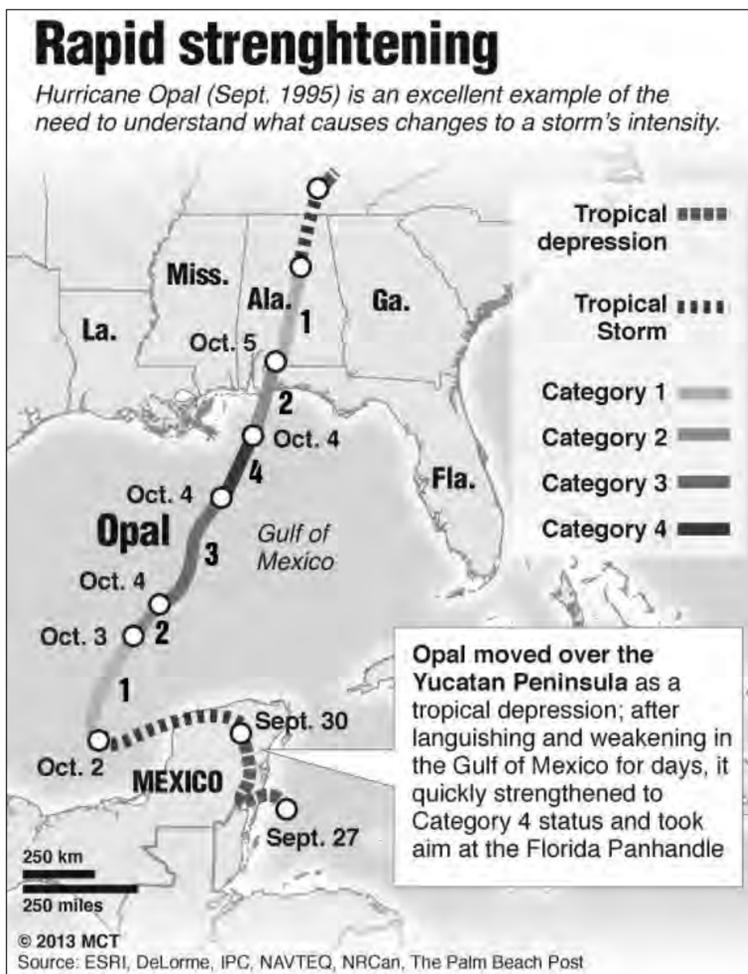
“If you cannot accurately depict the arrangement of wind,” he said, “you are almost hopeless in trying to predict that structure in the future.”

In most cases, forecasters can’t provide substantial data on a tropical system’s birth or early life. So in the past, Franklin said, they’ve had to generate “a standard vortex.” A bogus, if you will, is put in there.

“It may bear very little resemblance to the structure. It’s no wonder these models have struggled, because they’re starting with bad information.”

The P3-Orion research planes that fly into storms have been armed with Doppler radar for years, Franklin said. But the computers and forecast models only recently have gained enough power and sophistication to digest and use the Doppler data.

“We haven’t had the computer power to ingest the volume of observations,” Franklin said. “Now we have a snap-



shot and a model that can actually make use of that snapshot.”

Forecasters feed that Doppler data into computer models run by the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Miami-based Hurricane Research Division, as well as another operated by Penn State University.

Franklin called the results to date “intriguing” but added they pose a question: “Is it the Doppler data that’s giving us improved intensity forecasts, or can you do just as well with the flight data we already have?”

If the Doppler proves not to be crucial, it’s hard to justify the millions that would have to be spent to mount Doppler units on every research plane, especially in a time when researchers are fighting for every federal dollar, Franklin said.

While Franklin doesn’t expect substantial results this year, “we’re on the verge of seeing some significant improvements over the next few years,” he said.

As a rule, forecasters bump up their strength forecasts 4 percent. Emergency managers go one step further, planning and evacuating for an entire category higher on the Saffir-Simpson scale, which ranks hurricanes in categories from 1 to 5.

“If the storm jumps up a category at the last minute, we want to make sure we’ve planned for that,” Palm Beach County Emergency Manager Bill Johnson said. “Because of the clearance times that are required in order to evacuate the numbers of people that we have to, we need to be judicious in our decision-making.”

The hurricane season runs through Nov. 30.

Coastal residents stagger under insurance costs

By JEFF AMY

Associated Press

GULF SHORES, Ala. — When Stan Virden moved into his 2,400-square-foot house overlooking a rock-lined canal in 1996, he paid less than \$1,000 a year for homeowners insurance.

Now, as he seeks to move to Atlanta to be near family, Virden says potential buyers for the house are being scared off by the annual premium, which has skyrocketed to \$5,000.

“We feel like we’re prisoners here now because the market is so screwed up because of this,” the 80-year-old retired Navy captain said.

From Cape Cod to the southern tip of Texas, rates for homeowner coverage have risen sharply since 2003, pinching homeowners financially, forcing them to take greater risk by accepting higher deductibles and sparking outrage as insurance companies report profits higher in many coastal states than inland.

Nationwide, the cost of homeowners insurance rose 36 percent from 2003 to 2010 — almost double the rate of inflation. Of the 15 states where rates increased by the largest percentages in that time, 14 border the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean, according to an analysis of National Association of Insurance Commissioners figures by The Associated Press. All those states saw rates go up at least 44 percent. Rates in Florida rose 91 percent, most in Rhode Island went up 62 percent.

Insurers say the increases are necessary to offset the risk they take in insuring millions of homeowners in harm’s way, but their increasingly angry customers question how they calculate rates and whether state officials in charge of balancing public and corporate interest are being too favorable toward the companies.

“It’s hard to see how the insurance companies can justify the kind of premiums we have to pay down here,” Virden said.

Rate increases have leveled off in recent years, and some homeowners have even found cheaper policies. But it’s clear prices

aren’t going back to where they were before the spike following the expensive hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005.

Overall, coastal homeowners in 18 states along the Gulf and Atlantic pay about \$4 billion more than inland residents for insurance against hurricane winds, according to AP calculations using comparisons of coastal and inland rates in states where they’re available.

Worsening the situation: premiums for the federally run National Flood Insurance Program — whose policies many coastal homeowners also must buy — are scheduled to shoot up Oct. 1.

A homeowners policy typically covers wind, but not flood damage.

Some critics also say insurers are inflating the insured value of houses, saying they would cost more to rebuild, thus raising the total bill each year without raising rates.

“We’ve had insurers applying a 10 percent to 12 percent inflation factor every year to dwelling value,” said Willo

Kelly, who lobbies for real estate agents and homebuilders on North Carolina’s Outer Banks. “Every increase that company applies to dwelling value is an increase in the premium, an increase in the deductible and an increase in the agent’s commission.” A study by consulting group Towers Watson showed the cost of the goods and services insurers typically buy to pay a homeowners claim has actually declined from 2009 to 2012. That reflects falling building costs, said Towers Watson risk consultant Jeremy Pecora.

It’s still unclear how the \$19 billion in privately insured damages caused by Superstorm Sandy in October 2012 will hit policyholders. In the Northeast, insurers started seeking higher rates after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 and continue to seek increases of up to 10 percent.

Industry advocates say the increases were inevitable. “Insurance rates in hurricane areas were too low for too long,” said libertarian-leaning Eli Lehrer of the Washington, D.C.-based R Street Institute.

It’s hard to see how the insurance companies can justify the kind of premiums we have to pay down here.

Stan Virden coastal homeowner

Counties seek ways to pay pension cost hike

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida counties will have to pay an additional \$264 million into the state pension system under a rate increase passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott.

While the increase affects all areas of government, counties weren’t given money to cover the costs, unlike school districts, universities and state agencies, The Tampa Bay Times/Miami Herald reported.

Now counties are trying to figure out how to cover the additional costs, which some officials say was unexpected.

“I’ll be looking to see if this is another shell game,” said Hillsborough County

Commissioner Victor Crist, a Republican former state House and Senate member. “That’s an old game that’s been played for decades. It’s called cost-shifting.”

Hillsborough’s cost will be \$7 million.

The Legislature passed the rate increases unanimously with little discussion on the last day of its annual session, though one lawmaker said he would have cast a no vote had he known the impact on counties.

“It’s hypocritical that the Legislature and governor say they don’t want tax increases but are pushing a bill through the backdoor that would require a tax increase on the local level,” said Rep. Mike

Fasano, R-New Port Richey, who during debate asked bill sponsor Seth McKeel if rates were going up and whether counties would be affected.

McKeel, R-Lakeland responded, “They are the same rates that they were originally.”

“If he had said rates were going up, it wouldn’t have just been me voting against it,” Fasano said.

McKeel explained he thought Fasano was asking if the rate had been changed since the bill was originally approved by the House the month before, when Fasano voted no. The bill came back to the House after the Senate amended it. McKeel seemed rankled that the increase was

an issue more than a week after the governor signed it into law and pointed out that the additional cost has been known since April.

“If Fasano and the counties didn’t read the bill analysis, I’m sorry,” McKeel told the Times/Herald.

Miami-Dade County, the state’s largest, will have to contribute an additional \$21.2 million into the retirement system, Mayor Carlos Gimenez said during a budget presentation earlier this month.



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PAUL GOSNEY A/K/A JOHN GOSNEY A/K/A JOHN P. GOSNEY, ET AL.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated May 21, 2013 and entered in Case No. 12000034GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., is Plaintiff and PAUL GOSNEY A/K/A JOHN GOSNEY A/K/A JOHN P. GOSNEY, ET AL. are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on the 20th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, EAGLES NEST ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE(S) 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Street Address: 2582 Abell Road, Lake Placid, Florida 33852

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 23rd day of May, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000637

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BOHANNON, AARON, et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000637 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and BOHANNON, AARON, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCER AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of July, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 46, BLOCK 19, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 24th day of May, 2013.

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

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000087

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BOHANNON, AARON, et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000087 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and BOHANNON, AARON, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCER AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of July, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 46, BLOCK 19, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 24th day of May, 2013.

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

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

1050 Legals

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-WM/C4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WM/C4,
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 2006-WM/C4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WM/C4 is the Plaintiff and GUY BRADLEY HALL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HOPE H. NIELANDER, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES C. NIELANDER, 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 COMMERCER 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

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 282011CA000809XXMMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP;
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOMER RAY DORSEY AKA HOMER R. DORSEY, ET AL;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 23, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCER AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, on July 9, 2013 the following described property:

LOT 1731 AND LOT 1732, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 92, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 2495 N HIGHLANDS BLVD, AVON PARK, FL 33825-0000

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000087

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BOHANNON, AARON, et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000087 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and BOHANNON, AARON, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCER AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of July, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 46, BLOCK 19, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 24th day of May, 2013.

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

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282009CA001553A000XX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR 2006-9F,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LARENCE CHARLES PARKER; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMINEE FOR HOMEFIELD FINANCIAL, INC.; MARIA RIVERA PARKER; NADINE A. SMITH; STEVEN E. SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) 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 24th day of May, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001553A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-9F is the Plaintiff and LARENCE CHARLES PARKER; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMINEE FOR HOMEFIELD FINANCIAL, INC.; MARIA RIVERA PARKER; STEVEN E. SMITH; NADINE A. SMITH and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) 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 COMMERCER AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 25th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
Exhibit "A"

Legal Description:
A portion of the South 350 Feet of the North 600 feet of the fractional Southside 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 8; thence run South 00 degrees 00'00" West along the East line of said Section 8, a distance of 449.96 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 00'00" West along said line a distance of 149.95 feet; thence North 88 degrees 29'00" West a distance of 452 feet more or less to the waters edge of Lake Huntley; thence Northwest along the waters edge of Lake Huntley a distance of 166 feet more or less; thence South 87 degrees 18'57" East, a distance of 479 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs 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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 282011CA000809XXMMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP;
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOMER RAY DORSEY AKA HOMER R. DORSEY, ET AL;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 23, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 SOUTH COMMERCER AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, on July 9, 2013 the following described property:

LOT 1731 AND LOT 1732, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 92, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 2495 N HIGHLANDS BLVD, AVON PARK, FL 33825-0000

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000087

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BOHANNON, AARON, et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000087 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and BOHANNON, AARON, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCER AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of July, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 46, BLOCK 19, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 24th day of May, 2013.

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

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

1050 Legals

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, DEVISEES, 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;
Defendant(s)

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 RE-PLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000227

CTIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SYLVIA FRANKLIN-BROWN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SYLVIA FRANKLIN-BROWN; L.E. SELPH, JR.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF L.E. SELPH, JR.; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)

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:

THAT PORTION OF FRANCES STREET (NOW VACATED), OF EAST-PALMHURST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 72, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN BLOCK 234; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28'06" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 6, IN BLOCK 232; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 40'13" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 140.54 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27'31" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40'12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 140.55 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A -- 3547 Ellington Ave., Sebring, FL 33870

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 20th day of June, 2013.

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

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BOHANNON, AARON, et. al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000087 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and BOHANNON, AARON, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCER AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of July, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 46, BLOCK 19, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 24th day of May, 2013.

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

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 24th day of May, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

1050 Legals

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-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, GRANTEES, 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 cause, 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 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 at Sebring, Florida, this 22nd day of May, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
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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. 28-2011-CA-000227

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Legals

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant 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 HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 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

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

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

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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 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. 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.

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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

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 E-Mail: andy@polklawyer.com
 Secondary E-Mail: linda@polklawyer.com
 May 26, June 2, 2013

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "Spires Construction" located at 9570 Payne Road, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33875 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 20th day of May, 2013. SAS Roofing and Home Improvement, LLC
 June 2, 2013

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of FIREHOUSE DIGITAL BILLBOARDS located at 1025 US 27 South, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33870, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 30th day of May, 2013.
 Charles A. Lowrance
 June 2, 2013

Notice is hereby given that Downtown Mini Storage LLC will sell at public auction at 195 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825 at 1:00 P.M. Saturday 15th June 2013 to the highest bidder.

Items held for Shiretta Moses: vacuum, suitcase, kids electric trike, child seat, boxes & bags of unknown contents.

Items held for Rhonda Washington: sombrero, boys bike, instrument cases, bed frame, fishing rod, cooler, boxes & bags of unknown contents.

Items held for Kicha Hester: pool ladder, Christmas tree, 2 coolers, cabinet, golf clubs, fan, boxes and bags of unknown contents.

Items held for Brittany Wall: 2 strollers, couch, lamp, tv table, ladder, nightstand, wicker end table, clothing, porch table.

June 2, 5, 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,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JOHN O. TOROSIAN, DECEASED; JOYCE A. DANIELUS; 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.; 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 cause, 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

1100 Announcements

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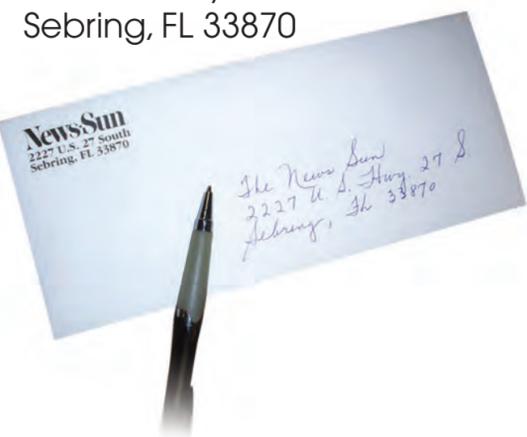
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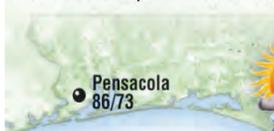
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90° / 73°	86° / 71°	87° / 72°	89° / 73°	85° / 74°
Winds: S at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: WSW at 10-20 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	87°
Low Tuesday	69°
High Wednesday	85°
Low Wednesday	70°
High Thursday	85°
Low Thursday	70°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	53%
Expected air temperature	90°
Makes it feel like	97°

Barometer

Tuesday	29.99
Wednesday	29.98
Thursday	29.97

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.38"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	4.18"
Year to date	12.46"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	10:34 a.m.
Low	3:46 a.m.
High	11:23 p.m.
Low	5:22 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	4:21 a.m.
Low	10:32 a.m.
High	5:04 p.m.
Low	11:00 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.30'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

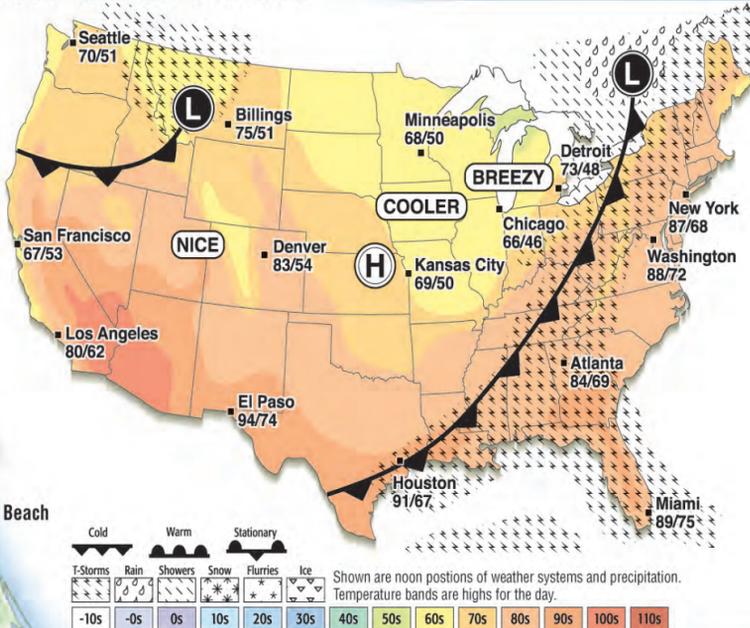
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National Forecast for June 2



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary

Another very warm and sticky day will be in store for much of the East Coast today. Strong-to-severe thunderstorms will also accompany the warm weather as a cold front pushes to the east. Heavy rain and damaging winds will be the main threat with the thunderstorms across the Northeast. Meanwhile, the Southeast will experience numerous thunderstorms as the cold front sweeps through the region. Looking elsewhere, the Great Lakes will have morning showers.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	88/61/s	91/61/s	92/60/s	Los Angeles	80/62/pc	76/59/pc	74/58/pc
Atlanta	84/69/r	84/64/t	87/66/pc	Louisville	81/59/t	76/55/pc	79/57/s
Baltimore	89/68/t	79/57/t	76/52/s	Memphis	81/63/c	80/62/pc	84/65/s
Birmingham	83/66/t	84/62/pc	86/67/s	Milwaukee	62/44/pc	65/47/s	64/51/pc
Boston	84/63/pc	72/56/t	74/53/pc	Minneapolis	68/50/pc	72/56/s	67/56/sh
Charlotte	84/69/t	80/63/t	85/61/pc	Nashville	83/61/t	78/57/pc	81/58/s
Cheyenne	76/49/s	83/48/pc	74/46/pc	New Orleans	88/72/t	88/70/t	90/72/t
Chicago	66/46/pc	68/48/s	72/53/s	New York City	87/68/pc	78/59/r	75/55/s
Cleveland	76/54/t	65/45/pc	65/47/s	Norfolk	87/71/pc	81/67/r	76/59/pc
Columbus	80/55/t	72/48/pc	72/49/s	Oklahoma City	78/57/s	84/65/pc	87/66/t
Dallas	84/62/s	90/69/pc	93/71/pc	Philadelphia	89/69/t	78/58/r	76/56/s
Denver	83/54/s	93/51/pc	78/51/s	Phoenix	109/83/s	105/78/s	104/78/s
Detroit	73/48/c	69/47/pc	70/46/s	Pittsburgh	80/58/t	70/44/pc	72/48/s
Harrisburg	84/65/s	79/52/sh	76/49/s	Portland, ME	78/61/pc	73/50/t	72/45/s
Honolulu	88/75/pc	87/74/pc	88/74/pc	Portland, OR	70/51/pc	77/52/pc	79/55/s
Houston	91/67/t	92/70/pc	93/69/pc	Raleigh	89/70/pc	80/66/t	83/58/pc
Indianapolis	73/50/c	72/51/pc	73/54/s	Rochester	81/54/t	67/47/pc	66/44/s
Jackson, MS	84/65/t	85/62/pc	88/64/s	St. Louis	72/56/pc	74/55/pc	78/60/pc
Kansas City	69/50/pc	74/56/pc	76/61/t	San Francisco	67/53/s	65/52/pc	64/52/s
Lexington	80/58/t	74/51/pc	76/53/s	Seattle	70/51/pc	74/51/pc	76/53/s
Little Rock	82/61/pc	81/60/pc	84/64/s	Wash., DC	88/72/t	81/61/t	79/57/s

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	90/78/t	91/77/t	91/76/t	London	64/50/pc	66/48/pc	66/48/pc
Athens	81/61/s	82/63/s	84/64/s	Montreal	79/57/s	72/50/s	64/46/pc
Beirut	86/75/s	82/67/s	80/66/s	Moscow	72/54/sh	77/56/s	77/56/pc
Berlin	63/48/r	61/48/c	66/52/c	Nice	73/62/s	71/59/s	69/57/pc
Bermuda	77/71/sh	78/72/pc	78/71/pc	Ottawa	78/51/sh	67/45/s	67/41/pc
Calgary	59/45/sh	60/42/r	68/46/s	Quebec	75/57/t	70/46/sh	63/43/pc
Dublin	63/47/pc	65/48/c	63/47/c	Rio de Janeiro	86/72/pc	77/68/t	77/66/pc
Edmonton	64/45/t	69/45/t	74/47/pc	Seoul	85/59/s	79/59/pc	81/60/pc
Freeport	85/76/t	83/77/t	82/78/t	Singapore	89/77/r	90/78/r	89/78/t
Geneva	68/41/r	68/43/pc	68/42/pc	Sydney	64/46/r	66/42/s	66/42/s
Havana	85/74/t	83/75/t	82/75/t	Toronto	74/48/c	67/46/pc	68/47/s
Hong Kong	90/82/pc	89/81/pc	86/79/t	Vancouver	64/50/pc	68/50/pc	68/53/s
Jerusalem	93/75/s	84/60/s	79/60/s	Vienna	58/52/sh	61/50/s	62/52/r
Johannesburg	70/46/s	62/40/s	66/44/s	Warsaw	71/53/c	73/59/t	70/52/c
Kiev	74/59/t	68/52/t	74/55/t	Winnipeg	62/36/s	68/44/pc	62/48/sh

Regional Summary

Clouds and sunshine today with a few showers and a thunderstorm. A thunderstorm this evening. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow. Tuesday: a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later.

Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation and average humidity 75%.

Weather History

The heavy rain from the May 31, 1889, Johnstown Flood raised the levels of other rivers. On June 2, 1889, the Potomac River reached flood stage at Washington, D.C.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:34 a.m.	6:34 a.m.
Sunset	8:14 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise	2:30 a.m.	3:07 a.m.
Moonset	3:11 p.m.	4:05 p.m.



Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.

• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

• All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	90/74/t	82/73/t	84/75/t	Miami	89/75/t	85/75/t	85/75/t
Clearwater	89/75/t	86/74/t	88/77/t	Okeechobee	86/71/t	84/71/t	85/73/t
Coral Springs	88/73/t	86/72/t	85/74/t	Orlando	90/73/t	88/71/t	87/73/t
Daytona Beach	86/73/t	87/71/t	87/73/t	Pembroke Pines	89/74/t	87/74/t	85/75/t
FL. Laud. Bch	88/76/t	85/74/t	86/75/t	St. Augustine	84/73/t	85/72/t	86/75/t
Fort Myers	90/74/t	82/73/t	85/75/t	St. Petersburg	88/74/t	85/74/t	88/76/t
Gainesville	89/68/t	88/68/t	92/71/t	Sarasota	88/74/t	84/73/t	84/75/t
Hollywood	88/74/t	86/74/t	86/75/t	Tallahassee	89/70/t	90/69/t	95/71/t
Homestead AFB	87/74/t	84/73/t	81/75/s	Tampa	88/74/t	86/76/t	87/76/t
Jacksonville	86/70/t	87/70/t	90/70/t	W. Palm Bch	87/75/t	83/73/t	84/74/t
Key West	87/79/t	85/78/t	84/79/t	Winter Haven	90/72/t	87/71/t	88/72/t

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

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Out with the (not so) old, In with the (not so) new

Rapp resigns from Blue Streaks baseball

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — A new coaching search is on as Sebring baseball front man Buck Rapp has turned in his resignation of the post.

Eight years after coming back to the program he once played in, two years after taking over for retired Hall of Famer Hoppy Rewis, Rapp found himself being tugged in a different direction.

"I want to take time to be 'dad' for a while, instead of 'Coach Rapp,'" he said. "I've got two young boys, ages 5 and 2, and I realized, I can always come back to coaching at some point, but I can never get back the time I might miss with my kids.

"My wife would have been supportive either way, as Bear Bryant once said, 'There's a special place in Heaven for coaches wives,'" he continued. "But I think she was pretty happy with the decision I made."

In his first season at the helm a year ago, the Blue Streaks went 17-9, 6-0 in District 9-6A play and claimed a spot in the state playoffs.

This past season saw a bit of a dip, as the ebb and flow of prep sports is wont to do, with a 10-18 overall record and 3-3 mark in the district.



News-Sun file photo by SCOTT DRESSEL
 After eight seasons with the Blue Streak program, the last two as head coach, Buck Rapp has decided to resign his duties — for now.

But again, the squad qualified for the state playoffs and played a tough Mitchell team close, falling by a 4-1 score before the Mustangs went on to reach the Elite Eight.

"This team will be returning a good nucleus with a lot

of young talent coming up the next few years," Rapp said. "I'll still be around the program some to help ease the transition for the next coach that comes in, and

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Courtesy photo
 From her days starring for the Lady Dragons, Charlotte Clanton Bauder is now taking the helm as the head coach of Lake Placid volleyball.

Clanton Bauder returns to lead Lady Dragons

By DAN HOEHNE

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As Buck Rapp leaves the helm of the team he once played for, Charlotte Clanton Bauder is just now entering into the dream scenario as she embarks on her first season at the helm of the Lady Dragon volleyball team.

A 1999 graduate after starring on the varsity squad, Clanton-Bauder went on and played two seasons at SFCC under head coach Karen Hollar. And while she had a

scholarship offer to continue playing, a look toward the future altered her path.

"I had a scholarship to play at Palm Beach Atlantic, but decided not to play," Clanton Bauder said. "As much as I loved playing, I was ready to finish school and move on."

Move ahead was more like it, as she certainly wasn't intending to move on from the game.

"I was the player that didn't just play," she said. "I liked the whole aspect of the game and was always

studying it. In my mind, I guess I've always wanted to be a coach as my way to stay in the game."

And so she did.

After moving back to the area in '03, Clanton Bauder assisted former Lake Placid head coach Marilyn Jones for a year before moving to Sebring and starting the Club Crush travel team.

Then it was on to South Florida Community College where she was an assistant to Kim Crawford

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Rain delays, extra innings keep MLB up late

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

Associated Press

Two endings around 3 a.m. and another game that took 17 innings.

Several big league teams definitely went deep this week — deep into the night, that is.

It all started Thursday night in St. Louis when what appeared to be a routine interleague game turned into something else.

Thanks to a marathon rain delay and a decision to wait it out, the Kansas City Royals wound up beating the Cardinals 4-2 after 3 o'clock in the morning.

"It was interesting. But for us, it's good," Royals outfielder Jeff Francoeur said.

Calling it a long night would be an understatement.

Francoeur noticed the sun rising Friday as Kansas City's plane landed in Texas and saw people having breakfast as the Royals arrived at their hotel near Dallas.

By late Friday, overnight baseball had turned into a trend.

The Tampa Bay Rays endured nearly five hours of rain delays in Cleveland before beating the Indians 9-2 for their sixth straight win in a game that began on Friday night in May and ended early Saturday in June.

Scheduled to start at 7:05 p.m., the game was delayed three times before finally resuming at 12:13 a.m. — 2 hours, 39 minutes after the third and longest delay.

"It's a very awkward way to do this," said Rays manager Joe Maddon, who spent the weather stoppages monitoring the storms on an iPad in his office. "But if you're going to stick around that long you might as well win."

The teams were delayed a total of 4:49, long enough for



MCT photo

The Kansas City Royals' Eric Hosmer hits a two-run double to give his team the lead in the ninth inning against the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday, May 30, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Rain delays would make the two teams wait 4 1/2 hours before the ninth inning, and game, could be completed.

the calendar to change before nine innings were played.

It ended at 2:53 a.m., giving them a short turnaround before a 1:05 p.m. start on Saturday.

About 20 minutes after the final out in Cleveland, the San Diego Padres pulled out a 4-3 victory over Toronto on Jesus Guzman's run-scoring single in the bottom of the 17th inning.

The winning hit came three innings after the 14th-inning stretch.

The game lasted 4:58 — and concluded after midnight on the West Coast.

Clayton Richard (1-5), who had been scheduled to start Saturday night, entered in the 16th and pitched two

scoreless innings for the win in his first relief appearance since May 2009 with the Chicago White Sox.

"I was hoping I would get a win today. I was assuming it was going to be later in the day," Richard said. "That's the crazy thing about baseball. You never really know what you're going to get. You come to the park thinking you've got a plan and it gets turned upside down. It was fun, though. That's part of the fun of the game is being in situations where something different happens."

The Royals and Cardinals should have known something was up Thursday when the first pitch was delayed an hour by rain.

The game moved quickly after that — right up until the top of the ninth inning, with the Royals leading and the rain back in force.

Umpire crew chief Joe West had a decision to make.

With the game the last meeting between the two teams this season, a new rule added this year gave West the choice to call the game in a decision that would wipe out the top of the ninth and give the Cardinals a 2-1 win, based on the score from the previous completed inning.

West chose to wait out the rain.

And wait.

And wait some more.

After 4 1/2 miserable hours, the game resumed shortly after 3 a.m. CDT and the final out came at 3:14 a.m.

Kansas City left for a series in Texas and the Cardinals went home to sleep a bit before a home series against San Francisco.

The opener was postponed by inclement weather Friday night — no rain had fallen at Busch Stadium before the game was called — that included tornado warnings in the area.

The teams were to play a day-night doubleheader Saturday.

Meanwhile, the weary Royals were beaten 7-2 by the Rangers.

And the umpiring crew from St. Louis?

They had a matinee in Chicago, with the first pitch scheduled just 10 hours after the final out early Friday at Busch Stadium.

"We worry about that game when we get to that one," West told a pool reporter after Thursday night's game. "We had to worry about this game."

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Diaz solid as Miami shuts down Oklahoma St. 7-0

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Chris Diaz struck out 10 in seven shutout innings and Garrett Kennedy homered as No. 2 seed Miami cruised past Oklahoma State 7-0 in the first game of the Louisville regional Friday.

The Hurricanes (37-23) were without coach Jim Morris, who did not make the trip to Louisville due to pneumonia.

He has been hospitalized in Durham, N.C., since Saturday. Assistant coach Gino DiMare led the team Friday.

Diaz made things pretty

easy for DiMare as he pitched out of trouble a few times.

The left-handed sophomore loaded the bases in the second and fifth innings, but escaped with inning-ending strikeouts.

Miami took an early lead on Kennedy's solo homer in the bottom of the second, and a four-run fifth was too much for the Cowboys (39-18) to overcome.

Oklahoma State starter Jason Hursh gave up five runs — three earned — and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Towson beats Florida Atlantic 7-2 in NCAAs

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Andrew Parker hit a three-run homer in the sixth while starter Mike Volpe allowed one unearned run in seven innings to help Towson beat Florida Atlantic 7-2 on Friday in the NCAA tournament's Chapel Hill Regional.

Parker's blast capped a five-run inning for the third-seeded Tigers (30-28) in their first NCAA appearance in 22 years.

Volpe (10-3) allowed four hits and threw 120 pitches before leaving with a 7-0 lead after walking the leadoff batter in

the eighth.

Peter Bowles and Dominic Fratantuono also drove in runs in the sixth for Towson, while Brendan Butler added a solo homer in the eighth.

Jeremy Strawn (5-3) allowed seven hits and five runs in five innings for the second-seeded Owls (39-21), who had won 11 straight — including a run to the Sun Belt Conference tournament title.

Tyler Rocklein and Brendon Sanger drove in the Owls' two eighth-inning runs after Volpe's exit.

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

(x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 3, Indiana 2

Miami 103, Indiana 102, OT
Indiana 97, Miami 93
Miami 114, Indiana 96
Tuesday: Indiana 99, Miami 92
Thursday: Miami 90, Indiana 79
Saturday: Miami at Indiana, late
x-Monday, June 3: Indiana at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 4, Memphis 0

San Antonio 105, Memphis 83
San Antonio 93, Memphis 89, OT
Saturday: San Antonio 104, Memphis 93, OT
San Antonio 93, Memphis 86

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 1
Boston 4, N.Y. Rangers 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago 4, Detroit 3
Los Angeles 4, San Jose 3

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston vs. Pittsburgh

Saturday: Boston at Pittsburgh, late
Monday, June 3: Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5: Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 7: Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 9: Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
x-Tuesday, June 11: Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD
x-Wednesday, June 12: Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles vs. Chicago

Saturday: Los Angeles at Chicago, late
Sunday, June 2: Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4: Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 6: Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 8: Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
x-Monday, June 10: Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 12: Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	23	.589	—
New York	31	23	.574	1
Baltimore	31	24	.564	1.5
Tampa Bay	30	24	.556	2
Toronto	23	32	.418	9.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	24	.547	—
Cleveland	29	25	.537	.5
Chicago	24	28	.462	4.5
Minnesota	23	29	.442	5.5
Kansas City	22	30	.423	6.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	34	20	.630	—
Oakland	32	24	.571	3
Los Angeles	25	30	.455	9.5
Seattle	24	31	.436	10.5
Houston	18	37	.327	16.5

Thursday's Games

Texas 9, Arizona 5
Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 7, San Diego 1

Friday's Games

San Francisco 5, Oakland 2
Boston 9, Philadelphia 2
Cleveland 7, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 1, Detroit 0, 11 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore 2, Washington 0
Tampa Bay 5, Miami 2
Atlanta 11, Toronto 3

Saturday's Games

Minnesota 8, Milwaukee 6
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 2
Houston 7, Colorado 5
L.A. Angels 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 1
Baltimore 7, Detroit 5
Tampa Bay 9, Cleveland 2
Texas 7, Kansas City 2
Seattle 3, Minnesota 0
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 0
Houston 6, L.A. Angels 3
San Diego 4, Toronto 3, 17 innings

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay (Hellickson 2-2) at Cleveland (McAllister 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 2-2) at Baltimore (Gausman 0-2), 1:35 p.m.
Seattle (Bonderman 0-0) at Minnesota (Diamond 3-4), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (E.Santana 3-5) at Texas (Darvish 7-2), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Lyles 2-1) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 4-3), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-2) at Oakland (Parker 3-6), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 7-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 6-3), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 2-3) at San Diego (Volquez 4-5), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	22	.593	—
Washington	28	27	.509	4.5
Philadelphia	26	29	.473	6.5
New York	22	30	.423	9
Miami	14	41	.255	18.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	35	18	.660	—
Cincinnati	34	21	.618	2
Pittsburgh	34	21	.618	2
Chicago	23	30	.434	12
Milwaukee	20	33	.377	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	24	.556	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1
Colorado	28	27	.509	2.5

Saturday's Games

Arizona at Philadelphia, late
San Francisco at Jacksonville, late
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, late



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SUNDAY

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SUNDAY

1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Cleveland. SUN
2 p.m. San Francisco at St. Louis TBS
2:10 p.m. Arizona at Chicago Cubs. WGN
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MONDAY
7 p.m. Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees ESPN
TUESDAY
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Detroit. SUN
10 p.m. Chicago Cubs at L.A. Angels WGN

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SUNDAY

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TENNIS

SUNDAY

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MONDAY
5 a.m. French Open, Round of 16 ESPN
TUESDAY
1 p.m. French Open, Quarterfinals ESPN2
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San Diego	25	29	.463	5
Los Angeles	23	30	.434	6.5

Thursday's Games

Texas 9, Arizona 5
Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 7, San Diego 1
San Francisco 5, Oakland 2
Boston 9, Philadelphia 2
Cleveland 7, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 1, Detroit 0, 11 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore 2, Washington 0
Tampa Bay 5, Miami 2
Atlanta 11, Toronto 3
Minnesota 8, Milwaukee 6
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 2
Houston 7, Colorado 5
L.A. Angels 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 2
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 0
Milwaukee 8, Philadelphia 5
Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Washington 3, Atlanta 2
San Francisco at St. Louis, p.p.d., rain
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 5, 10 innings
San Diego 4, Toronto 3, 17 innings

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-0) at Miami (Slowey 1-5), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 5-0) at Pittsburgh (J.Gomez 2-0), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 1-3) at Philadelphia (Lee 6-2), 1:35 p.m.
Washington (Karns 0-0) at Atlanta (Maholm 6-4), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gaudin 0-1) at St. Louis (Lyons 2-0), 2:15 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 8-0) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 1-7), 2:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 6-2) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-3), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 2-3) at San Diego (Volquez 4-5), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Arizona at Philadelphia, late
San Francisco at Jacksonville, late
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, late

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Philadelphia, late
San Francisco at Jacksonville, late
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, late

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SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

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.

APHS Cheer Clinic

AVON PARK – The Avon Park High School Cheerleading Clinic will be held Monday-Thursday, June 10-13, from 8 a.m.-Noon each day in the high school gym.

The clinic is open to ages 4 through 8th grade and the cost is \$40, with second child in family at \$20.

Lunch is provided and all participants will receive a clinic T-shirt and will be invited to perform at the Red Devils first home football game.

For more information, contact coach Rose Kirby or Tammy Williams.

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.

Parent and Tot: Water Orientation. Mother/Father must participate with child. (6 months to 2 years of age.)

Level I: Introduction to Water Skills. Students first water orientation without Mother/Father.

Part A--Preschool Aquatics (2-4 years of age)

Part B-School Age (4-5 years of age)

Level II: Fundamental Aquatic Skills. Students do not need Mother/Father in pool. (4-5 years of age.)

Level III: Stroke Development. Students must be comfortable in water.

Level IV: Stroke Improvement. Students must be able to swim 10 yards, do a front dive, and float on their backs.

Level V: Stroke Refinement. Students must be able to swim 50 yards, tread water 30 seconds, and elementary back stroke 25 yards.

Level VI: Part A – Personal Water Safety/Diving Fundamentals. Students must be able to swim 100 yards, tread water for 3 minutes, backstroke 100 yards. Will learn basics of diving.

Part B – Fitness Swimmer/Diving Fundamentals. Students will learn necessary skills to make swimming part of their exercise program. Will learn basics of diving.

There will be a \$50 fee for the two-week session and students will be enrolled on a "first come, first served" basis.

For questions, call 471-5500, ext. 229, or 381-7092 and leave a message for Ms. Pat.

Elks Golf

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, June 3, beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$25, which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 863 471-3295.

Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

SFSC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – Lady Panther Volleyball is again offering summer camps, both indoor and out on the sand courts, for players from Grade 6 and up who wish to learn the game and sharpen their skills for the upcoming fall seasons.

For the indoor camps, there will be five different four-day sessions to choose from, with separate times for those from grades 6-8 and those from grades 9-12.

The first indoor session runs Monday-Thursday, June 10-13, with the younger players meeting from 9:30 a.m.-Noon each day, and the older campers meeting from 1:30-4 p.m.

The remaining four sessions will run June 17-20, June 24-27, July 8-11 and July 15-18, with the same time frames.

Cost is \$100 per session, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand volleyball courts at SFSC, there will be five Friday sessions, meeting from 9:30-11:30 each day, with a total cost of \$125, or \$30 per daily session.

The meeting dates for the sand camp are Fridays June 14, 21, 28, July 12 and 19.

For both indoor and sand camps, there is a limit of 20 athletes per session.

For more information, contact Lady Panther head coach Kim Crawford at Kimberly.Crawford@southflorida.edu, or (863) 784-7037.

Heartland Football Camp

SEBRING – The 2013 Heartland Football Camp will kick off on Friday, July 5, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Highlands County Sports Complex in Sebring.

The camp is for players from grades 4-12, as of the fall of 2013, with a cost of \$35 per camper.

Football fundamentals, speed and agility training, character development and guest speakers will make up the day, headed by Blue Streak head coach LaVaar Scott and assistants Mike Avirett and Princeton Harris.

Former Miami Hurricanes and South Florida Bulls players and coaches on hand, along with many more college standouts that will be coaching the campers.

Cost of the camp instruction as well as insurance, lunch, camp T-shirt, awards and gifts.

Cash and/or checks are accepted, with checks made out to Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center, with check memo reading Mary Toney Hope Foundation.

For more information, contact Coach Scott at 214-3880, LaV39@yahoo.com, or Coach Avirett at 381-4098, or Coach Harris at 381-8898.

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Myriad factors lead to Triple Crown drought

By BETH HARRIS

AP Racing Writer

Thirty-five years. Thirty-six by the time the Belmont Stakes rolls around next June and there's a chance — maybe — of horse racing's first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed.

It's the longest dry spell in history.

Everyone who loves the sport has a theory on why a 3-year-old thoroughbred hasn't been able to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

Changes in breeding.

A tougher road to the Derby. Bigger fields in the three races.

And then there's luck.

"It takes a special horse," said Steve Cauthen, who rode Affirmed in 1978. "And you need things to not go wrong for you."

It's not impossible, or at least it wasn't.

Since Sir Barton won what later became known as the Triple Crown in 1919, 10 other thoroughbreds have completed the feat, including three each in the '30s, '40s and '70s.

Most recently, Secretariat set track records on the way to his sweep in 1973, followed by Seattle Slew in '77 and Affirmed the next year.

Back then, the question was whether the series had become too easy. Not anymore.

Sure, there have been 11 Triple possibilities since Affirmed, and there could have been 12 except that I'll Have Another was scratched the day before the Belmont last year with a tendon injury.

Hopes were dashed again this year, as Kentucky Derby winner Orb lost in the Preakness to Oxbow, leaving next Saturday's Belmont Stakes almost an afterthought despite its \$1 million purse.

"It would be great for racing if a horse wins it and at the same time the fact no one has been able to do it for so long makes it that more exciting, that much more intriguing," said trainer Todd Pletcher, who won the 2010 Derby with Super Saver.

The Triple Crown is run on a compressed schedule, just five weeks from start to finish.

Each race varies in distance, from 11/4 miles at the Derby to 1 3/16 miles at the Preakness to 11/2 miles at the Belmont — different tracks and crowded fields, with 20 horses typically contesting the rough-and-tumble Derby.

To understand what a Triple try means to racing fans, just look at Belmont attendance.

The track on Long Island might draw in the neighborhood of 50,000 fans when racing's greatest prize isn't on the line.

But when it is, the numbers soar.

From 2002-04, the race attracted its three largest crowds — more than 100,000 each year — and in 2008, more than 94,000 packed Belmont Park only to see Big Brown fail to finish his Triple bid as Da'Tara pulled off an upset.

Those years also netted the most eyeballs for NBC and ABC's telecasts of the race.

The networks posted monster viewership each year, with the highest number of 21.86 million tuning in for Smarty Jones' attempt in 2004.

The small colt helped bring in a record 120,139 fans to Belmont that day.

Seattle Slew is the only Triple Crown winner to account for one of the top-10 crowds on Belmont day.

His winning bid in 1977 attracted 71,026 back when the feat wasn't as publicized because TV was primarily

three channels, cable was in its infancy, and the Internet and social media didn't exist.

That's not all that has changed about the racing landscape.

Tracks were once among the few outlets for gambling but now casinos dot the landscape, wagers can be placed online from home, poker tournaments air in prime time and lottery jackpots are in the hundreds of millions.

It's easy to make a case that it's become harder to win a Triple Crown since the 1970s, too.

Under a new system instituted this year by Churchill Downs, there is increased pressure to qualify for the Kentucky Derby by racking up points in designated races.

If a horse doesn't have enough points, then those prep races turn into must-wins.

Qualifying was previously based on earnings in graded stakes races, a bigger pool.

Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who owns a record 14 victories in Triple Crown races, views the series as five races, including a couple of preps, instead of just the Derby, Preakness and Belmont.

"It's becoming increasingly more difficult to perform," he said. "You can't take a soft approach to the Derby. You've got to have two or three tough races to get into the darn thing. When you get here (at the Derby), you've used up a certain amount of energy."

Still, horses today have lighter schedules than their ancestors, with trainers choosing to run their horses sparingly and allowing ample time between races.

Orb made just three starts this year before winning the Derby, typical of many Triple Crown contenders.

Verrazano, who finished 14th in the Derby, didn't run at all as a 2-year-old.

"They don't seem to be overall quite as tough or durable as horses in the past," said Cauthen, who now breeds horses on his farm in Verona, Ky. "Affirmed ran nine or 10 times as a 2-year-old and he thrived on his racing."

"Thirty years ago, it was nothing to race a horse every couple of weeks and sometimes you might race them twice in a week. You don't see that much anymore. I'm not saying they're wrong, but it's a different mindset. They want their horses to be as fresh as possible and are priming them for a certain race, and some of the horses are racing just four or five times (overall) before they get to the Derby."

By comparison, 1948 Triple Crown winner Citation raced 16 times before the Kentucky Derby.

Secretariat raced 12 times before the Derby, while Seattle Slew raced six times.

"I have so much respect for those (11) horses," Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert said. "They were not only fast and really good horses, they were made of iron."

Trainers have to adjust their methods to their horses, making sure the four-legged athletes are rested yet fit enough to run on the three big days.

"Once you get into the Triple Crown series then it is really difficult to keep the energy level up, the soundness, keep them focused and keep them happy," Lukas said. "Time is your ally when you're training horses and you don't get it. If we had more spacing it would be a lot easier. It makes it difficult and that's why the Triple Crown is such a special and hard-to-achieve honor."

Breeding has changed since

the glut of Triple Crown winners in the 1970s, when the industry was focused on breeding horses to race them as opposed to today's emphasis on sales.

"I think that's legitimate and that goes to the whole sales theory that you have to have something perform quickly for the new buyer," said Ogden Mills "Dinny" Phipps, a prominent breeder and co-owner of Orb. "That can be a small thing, but I don't think it's THE reason."

While foal crops are greater these days, the number of horses being bred and trained to race has been dropping in the last five years due to the recession, reduced purse money, breeding fees and sales prices.

"The guys in Kentucky have figured out that the horses that sell well, those are the ones they want to breed," Lukas said. "They don't get too concerned about step two, that's how are they going to turn out as racehorses. They want them to look good, and they breed them that way."

Yet even with racing de-emphasized, the horses competing for the Triple find the going tougher.

Previous winners faced much smaller fields, creating fewer traffic problems.

"I don't like 20-horse fields," Phipps said. "I don't think it's fair on the horse, and I don't think it always creates the right winner."

Only Omaha (1935), War Admiral (1937) and Assault (1946) began their Triple Crown bid in a Kentucky Derby that had more than 15 starters.

Affirmed faced 22 rivals in the whole series.

Big Brown? Try 38. There also have long been questions about how medications affect racing, not only illegal drugs but those allowed on race day, including Lasix, an anti-bleeding medication.

There has been a movement to ban Lasix in the U.S. — like it is in other countries — but prominent Kentucky veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage doesn't think it has affected the Triple Crown.

"I don't think on that issue that it's played any role at all," he said. "It's duration is so short-lived that as long as the horse is eating a normal diet and has access to water, it would never have a residual effect from the Derby to the Preakness and to the Belmont Stakes to affect the likelihood of a Triple Crown winner."

Bad racing luck, however, has done in some potential history-makers.

A nose was all that separated Real Quiet from racing immortality.

He was beaten by the smallest of margins in the 1998 Belmont, when Victory Gallop stuck his nose in front at the wire.

"Real Quiet is the one I've always felt got away from me," said Baffert, who also had his Triple Crown hopes dashed in 1997 with Silver Charm. "He was ready to do it."

On the morning of the 1979 Belmont, a safety pin was discovered embedded in Spectacular Bid's hoof.

He didn't appear lame, so he ran in the race.

His teenage jockey, Ron Franklin, gunned the colt to the early lead before he eventually faded to third.

In the end, it may just come down to waiting for a horse that's more durable and tougher than all the competition.

"We haven't had a dominant horse like Secretariat or Slew lately," Lukas said. "We'll get a Triple Crown winner when we get a dominant horse."

Delays wreak havoc with travel plans

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He declined comment on Friday.

MLB spokesman Michael Teevan praised West and his crew for handling "a challenging situation very well."

"We appreciate the efforts of both clubs, the umpires and particularly the Cardinals' grounds crew, and we are glad that the game was played to completion," he added.

Chicago Cubs manager Dale Sveum shrugged off any concerns about sleep-deprived umpires calling Friday afternoon's game against Arizona.

The Cubs extended their winning streak to five with a 7-2 victory.

"Sometimes we get in at 3:15 in the morning. They don't have to get to the park that early, so they get plenty of sleep," Sveum said. "That's not something that's going to dictate the game."

The near-capacity crowd of 43,916 in St. Louis was down to a couple hundred hardy souls when the game ended.

"Joe West did a tremendous job," said Royals manager Ned Yost, whose team snapped an eight-game skid with the victory.

"He was ready to wait as long as we could. He just

felt that we were getting close to that point. He came into the office, 'Joe, we've got 15 minutes of rain left and it's gone.' He goes, 'well, that's not what I heard. Look, let's go outside.' And we went outside, and it stopped raining."

Cardinals manager Mike Matheny and general manager John Mozeliak lobbied during the delay for an eight-inning St. Louis win.

West said the Cardinals did not express their frustrations to him directly, made no statement and did not lodge a protest.

Either way, Matheny sounded less than thrilled with the decision to wait out the rain.

"I'm not going to sit here and start bashing the league for what's going on," he said. "But we certainly ended up on the short end of that and we can be paying for it for a couple of days here. There must be a bigger reward out there that I don't see."

Mozeliak said he was concerned about players getting injured because of the delay and the wet conditions, although he praised the grounds crew and added it would have been a "PR nightmare" if they "had to revert back to the eighth inning."

"I did feel compelled that we try to get this game in because that would have been unfair to them had it just reverted back to the eighth," Mozeliak said.

For the Royals, the long night wasn't their first this week.

They endured one getting to St. Louis after Tuesday's game against the Cardinals in Kansas City.

Problems with their plane forced them to take a bus across the state, and they didn't arrive until 5 a.m.

On Thursday, Royals catcher Adam Moore said no one took a nap during the long delay.

Instead, they played cards.

"Until we saw that window come, and then they came in and gave us a heads up, that we may have a time frame to go back out there," he said, "we were just kind of hanging out in the clubhouse, trying to stay loose as best as we could."

AP Sports Writers Ronald Blum and Mike Fitzpatrick in New York, Stephen Hawkins in Arlington, Texas, Tom Withers in Cleveland and Bernie Wilson in San Diego, and freelance writers Brian Sandalow in Chicago and Jason L. Young in St. Louis contributed to this report.

Sitz sharp as Florida St tops Savannah St 10-0

By BRENT KALLESTAD

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Stephen McGee hit a two-run homer to cap a five-run second inning as Florida State routed Savannah State 10-0 Friday in opening-round play of the NCAA regionals.

Scott Sitz (10-1) scattered seven hits and struck out eight before leaving with

one out in the eighth.

In his last three postseason appearances, Sitz has fanned 24 in 18 innings and allowed just two runs.

Florida State roughed up Savannah State ace Kyle McGowin (12-2) for 10 runs in the first three innings.

Marcus Davis drove in four runs for the Seminoles (45-15) with a pair of doubles and a single, while D.J.

Stewart knocked in three runs with a double and two singles.

Florida State, the No. 7 seed, extended its regional tournament winning streak to 17, dating to 2008.

The Seminoles were to meet Troy in Saturday's winners' bracket, while Savannah State (33-22) will take on Alabama in an elimination game.

Davis' HR helps Austin Peay beat Florida 4-3

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Michael Davis hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning to lift second-seeded Austin Peay to a 4-3 win over third-seeded Florida in the first game of an NCAA regional Friday.

With runners on second and third and one out in the inning, Davis — who was hitless entering the at-bat — ripped a towering flyball to left field that carried over the fence with the help of a strong wind.

It was the 16th consecutive win for the Governors

(46-13).

Florida (29-29) led 3-1 in the sixth when Casey Turgeon and Taylor Gushue drew one-out walks from Zach Hall, and Justin Shafer of Lake Wales followed with a three-run homer off reliever Lee Ridenhour.

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Week 1	June 10-14	Survivor
Week 2	June 17-21	WackyWater Wk.
Week 3	June 24-28	Celebrity
Week 4	July 1-5	4 th of July Celeb.
Week 5	July 8-12	Jurassic Park
Week 6	July 15-19	Fun in the Sun
Week 7	July 22-26	Putting on the Hits
Week 8	July 29-Aug 2	Jungle Jive
Week 9	Aug 5-9	Rock-N-Roll
Week 10	Aug 12-16	Wet-N-Wacky

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LP welcomes Clanton Bauder back into the fold

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beginning with the '06 season.

She had opportunities to return to Lake Placid during her six years at SFCC, as Jones asked her a number of times to come back to be an assistant.

But it wasn't quite the path she wanted at the time.

"I lived in Sebring and was coaching at the college," she said. "As much as I've always dreamed of going back home to coach, I never really wanted to leave the college job, where I was learning so much, to be an assistant or junior varsity coach."

She did leave the job at SFCC after the '11 season and spent the last two falls heading up the Sebring Middle School volleyball team, and then the path back to Lake Placid started to take shape.

First, her former Athletic Director and teach Toni Stivender became the new principal at Lake Placid and then head coach Linnette Wells stepped aside after this past season after two strong years at the helm.

And so, over the spring it became official and now the work for the fall season has begun.

"My goal in the next few years is to make it past regionals," she said. "Lake Placid has done well in the past, but only made it so far. My job is to prepare them to win and that's what I think I bring to the table."

Clanton Bauder comes in at a good time with a squad that started out last year young and inexperienced,



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Charlotte Clanton Bauder both played and coached at South Florida, and will complete the circle at Lake Placid as the new head coach of Lady Dragon volleyball.

but saw things come together and improve rapidly as the season went on.

"I lost only two seniors from that team and could have as many as 10 back," she said. "We've had some open gym sessions and they're really responding well. But, as I believe (legendary Green Bay Packer head coach) Vince Lombardi said, 'Everyone has the will to win, but few have the will to prepare to win.' We're going to work hard this summer to be prepared for the fall."

To which she pulled out another quote to emphasize her mindset and aim, this from ancient Chinese mili-

tary strategist and philosopher Sun Tzu, author of "The Art of War."

"Most battles are won before they are fought," she cited.

And so Charlotte Clanton Bauder returns to lead the team that began her volleyball journey, with an added twist that truly brings it all full circle.

"Ironically, my junior varsity/assistant coach will be Kim Smoak, the lady who started it all for me," she said. "I've had a lot of experience at all levels of the game and I've learned from some of the greatest coaches, Kim being one of the biggest."

Rapp looks forward to future

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they'll have a good group of kids to work with."

A Sebring native, Rapp is the son of legendary Blue Streak coach Gary Rapp, and graduated in '96 before starring at North Florida for the Ospreys.

And while he achieved the dream of coaching his alma mater, things often

change as one gets older, and Rapp's coaching dream has changed as well, for the time being.

"I'm looking forward to being a T-Ball, Pitching Machine coach," he said, with the thought of his young sons soon being ready to get their start in the game.

And so the search for the

new Sebring varsity baseball coach will commence

"It was a great experience to be able to coach here, and now I'm excited for what the future holds," Rapp said. "And whether they get three bids on the job, or 33, I know they'll pick someone that will keep the program moving in the right direction."



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Buck Rapp won't be making any pitching changes in the foreseeable future, as his next coaching stops will likely be at the T-Ball and Pitching Machine level.

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Most streamed tracks

1. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Ray Dalton, "Can't Hold Us" (Macklemore)
2. Daft Punk, "Get Lucky — Radio Edit" (Columbia Records)
3. Imagine Dragons, "Radioactive" (Interscope Records)
4. Justin Timberlake, "Mirrors" (RCA Records)
5. P!nk, "Just Give Me a Reason" (RCA Records)
6. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz, "Thrift Shop" (Macklemore)
7. Icona Pop feat. Charli XCX, "I Love It (Original Version)" (Big Beat Records/Atlantic)
8. Daft Punk, "Give Life Back to Music" (Columbia Records)
9. Daft Punk, "Get Lucky" (Columbia Records)
10. Selena Gomez, "Come & Get It" (Hollywood Records)

Most viral tracks

1. Zach Sobiech, "Clouds" (Rock the Cause)
2. Falling in Reverse, "Fashionably Late" (Epitaph)
3. Robin Thicke, "Blurred Lines" (Star Trak LLC)
4. Five Finger Death Punch, "Lift Me Up" (Prospect Park)
5. Daft Punk, "Doin' It Right" (Columbia Records)
6. Lorde, "Royals" (Lava Music/Republic Records)
7. Daft Punk, "Instant Crush" (Columbia Records)
8. B.o.B., "HeadBand" (Rebel Rock/Grand Hustle/Atlantic)
9. Sleeping with Sirens, "Alone" (Rise Records)
10. Skillet, "Rise" (Atlantic Records)

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Top songs

1. "Can't Hold Us (feat. Ray Dalton)," Ryan Lewis, Macklemore
2. "Blurred Lines (feat. T.I. & Pharrell), Robin Thicke
3. "Just Give Me a Reason (feat. Nate Ruess)," P!nk
4. "Come & Get It," Selena Gomez
5. "Clouds," Zach Sobiech
6. "Get Lucky (Radio Edit) (feat. Pharrell Williams)," Daft Punk
7. "Radioactive," Imagine Dragons
8. "Mirrors," Justin Timberlake
9. "I Love It (feat. Charli XCX)," Icona Pop
10. "Cruise (Remix) (feat. Nelly)," Florida Georgia Line

Top albums

1. "Random Access Memories," Daft Punk
2. "The Great Gatsby (Music from Baz Luhrmann's

3. "Trouble Will Find Me," The National
4. "True Believers," Darius Rucker
5. "Excuse My French," French Montana
6. "Modern Vampires of the City," Vampire Weekend
7. "The 20/20 Experience," Justin Timberlake
8. "Fix Me Up (feat. Zach Sobiech & Sammy Brown)," A Firm Handshake
9. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
10. "LOVE LUST FAITH + DREAMS," Thirty Seconds to Mars

iPhone



Top paid iPhone apps

1. WhatsApp Messenger (WhatsApp Inc.)
2. Heads Up! (Warner Bros.)
3. Minecraft - Pocket Edition (Mojang)
4. A Beautiful Mess (Red Velvet Art LLC)
5. Downhill Supreme (Reinholds Berzins)
6. Survivalcraft (Igor Kalicinski)
7. AfterLight (Simon Filip)
8. Sleep Cycle alarm clock (Maciek Drejak Labs)
9. Plague Inc. (Ndemic Creations)
10. Kick the Buddy: No Mercy (Crustalli)

Top free iPhone apps

1. Candy Crush Saga (King.com Limited)
2. Tetris Blitz (Electronic

3. Fast & Furious 6: The Game (Kabam)
4. Vine (Vine Labs, Inc.)
5. Guncrafter (Naquatic LLC)
6. Little Dentist - Kids Games (George CL)
7. Angry Birds Space (Rovio Entertainment Ltd.)
8. Running with Friends (Zynga Inc.)
9. Snapchat (Snapchat, Inc.)
10. YouTube (Google, Inc.)

Concerts

Pollstar's top tours

Ranks artists by average box office gross per city and includes the average ticket price for shows in North America. The previous week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (1) Taylor Swift; \$1,761,963; \$81.86.
2. (2) Bon Jovi; \$1,741,784; \$96.53.
3. (4) Kenny Chesney; \$1,532,732; \$76.97.
4. (3) George Strait; \$1,447,682; \$83.42.
5. (5) Pink; \$1,087,880; \$76.84.
6. (6) Maroon 5; \$909,545; \$66.80.
7. (New) Jason Aldean; \$867,253; \$55.19.
8. (9) Muse; \$523,368; \$56.31.
9. (10) Leonard Cohen; \$499,280; \$109.36.
10. (11) Carrie Underwood; \$478,814; \$58.43.



Best-Sellers

Wall Street Journal

FICTION

1. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
2. "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
3. "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss (Random House Children's Books)
4. "12th of Never" by James Patterson, Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
5. "Dead Ever After: A Sookie Stackhouse Novel" by Charlaine Harris (Ace)
6. "Silken Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)
7. "The Hit" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
8. "Theodore Boone: The Activist" by John Grisham (Dutton Books)

NONFICTION

9. "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green (Dutton Books)
10. "The 5th Wave" by Rick Yancey (Putnam Publishing Group)
1. "Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander" by Phil Robertson and Mark Schlabach (Howard Books)
2. "Eleven Rings" by Phil Jackson (Penguin Press)
3. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf)
4. "Jesus Calling: Enjoy Peace in His Presence" by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson Publishers)
5. "The Duck Commander Family" by Willie Robertson (Howard Books)
6. "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris (Little, Brown)
7. "Keep it Pithy: Useful



Observations in a Tough World" by Bill O'Reilly (Crown-Archetype)

8. "The Guns at Last Light" by Rick Atkinson (Henry Holt & Co.)
9. "The 100" by Jorge Lujan (William Morrow)
10. "My Greek Drama" by Gianna Angelopoulos (Greenleaf Book Group)

FICTION E-BOOKS

1. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
2. "And the Mountains

Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)

3. "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Scribner)
4. "The Hit" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "Don't Say a Word" by Barbara Freethy (Barbara Freethy)

NONFICTION E-BOOKS

1. "I'll See You Again" by Jackie Hance and Janice Kaplan (Gallery Books)
2. "Eleven Rings" by Phil Jackson, Hugh Delehanty (Penguin Group)
3. "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris (Little, Brown)
4. "Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander" by Phil Robertson and Mark Schlabach (Howard Books)
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Aldrin: 'After Earth' noisier than traveling in space really is

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While astronaut Buzz Aldrin enjoys movies about space, he doesn't always think they get it right.

A day after attending the New York premiere of the post-apocalyptic thriller, "After Earth," he admits the film was a great family drama, but the space scenes were not realistic.

His main point of contention: "There was a lot of noise. In space, you don't get that much noise."

Aldrin, who followed Neil Armstrong onto the surface of the moon during the historic

Apollo 11 landing in 1969, says that "noise doesn't propagate in a vacuum. We talked over headsets."

"Fortunately, we were free of static. We could communicate with each other pretty clearly, and mission control, though we were 50,000 miles away."

And who does he think perfected the realistic telling of space stories?

"Arthur C. Clarke added a bit of reality to the genre with the (function) of the ship and people flying out in space on a mission," Aldrin said.

Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

I Corinthians 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your Spirit, which are God's." The price paid was the blood shed on

Calvary. Christ gave His life, that we might have life. Without the basics, we're like a ship adrift, blown about by every breeze that arises. To hold steady throughout the storm, as ship's got to be anchored to something secure, something that won't give way no matter how rough the seas. We are bound to be battered if we float aimlessly on life's seas. We need an anchor, something to hold firm and steady. The Bible provides that anchor. We must be anchored to the principles of the Word of God, otherwise we'll drift amidst.

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Arts & Entertainment

Sebring's Reyes earns spot in Rotary district art contest

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING – Fred Wild Elementary School student David Reyes is in the running for a big win at the Rotary Elementary School Art Contest after winning third place on May 20.

The contest is a part of the "Peace through Service" program that local and regional rotary clubs are sponsoring. Reyes is one of the many fourth- and fifth-graders that participated in the contest and following his win, will move on to the district competition.

Reyes received \$100 for his third place win. His instructor, Janet Harris, received a \$150 cash prize.

Participants in the contest were given guidelines on what to submit for the con-

test. Under the "Peace through Service" theme, young artists were asked to choose their artwork based on the ideas of world peace, service to the community. Students could also create a piece based on the overall theme of peace itself.

All of the winners have been invited to display their artwork during the Rotary district conference in Tampa on Saturday. The conference will feature the artwork of all of the winning contestants throughout rotary district 6890. Nearly 50 Rotary clubs will be represented during the conference, including seven from Highlands County.

Reyes is the first local student to be invited to the Rotary district art contest in several years.



Courtesy photo
David Reyes, student at Fred Wild Elementary, is the recent winner of the Rotary Elementary School Art Contest. Reyes was named third place winner of the contest.

Search begins for caladium art for posters, T-shirts

Cash prizes available; deadline is July 24

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce invites the public to participate in the "Caladium Festival Art Competition", but artists have a little time on their hands.

Artwork should be delivered to the Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op, 132 E. Interlake Blvd. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 22-24. This time frame is strictly enforced.

Entries must be complete upon submission.

All artwork must feature caladiums. Any medium (oil/acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed media) will be accepted as long as it is on a flat surface and is not three-dimensional.

All entries must be professionally framed and ready to hang with wire – no sawtooth hangers (cardboard backs not accepted). All entries may be priced for sale during the 2013 Caladium Festival.

All artwork will be on display at the Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op throughout the festival from July 26-28.

The festival draws more than 20,000 visitors.

The winning artwork in the T-shirt/poster competition will be on display at Heartland National Bank, Lake Placid office during the forthcoming year.

The bank contributes \$125 to the winner.

The winning People's Choice Award artwork will be on display at Highlands Independent Bank, Lake Placid office during the forthcoming year.

The winner will receive \$125 from the bank.

There will also be awards for the Co-op's festival art competition.

All artwork must be picked up by Aug. 3.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in the categories of oils/acrylics, pastels/water colors, and photography/miscellaneous as long as there are at least four entries in each category.

For further information, contact Margie Callas at 441-0585 or Joyce DeSmet at 633-9096.

The children's T-shirt/poster competition for second through fifth grades is only conducted through the Highlands County public and private school system. Children's artwork entries are turned into their school.

Wachula State Bank, Lake Placid where the artwork will be displayed during the forthcoming year, contributes \$50 to the winner.

Caladium Co-op plans artisans evening June 6

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – The Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative is hosting an artisans evening, from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 6. We are inviting all local artists and crafters to come visit the Arts Cooperative in Lake Placid to see if they would like to become members and place their art or craft for sale in the large showroom. Tours will be available of the 10,000-square-foot facility as well as some light refreshments.

A local treasure for more than 20 years, the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative has had the opportunity to have many local artists as members over the years. Local founders had the

insight many years ago that artisans throughout Central Florida needed an avenue to which to sell their creations. The large classroom has afforded many well-known artists to offer classes throughout the years, such as Mara Trumbo and Terry Smith, just to name a few, as well as member artisans.

Local artist and current Arts Co-Op president Judy Nicewicz explains, "Our area has exploded with amazing artists over the last few years. We want them to know we are here to help them sell their works of art or crafts daily. We do jury everything that comes into the Arts Co-op to be sure it is up to our jury standards. This helps us keep quality work on our

floor and in our gallery."

"Our customers come from all over Florida to see Lake Placid's 44 beautiful murals. They come on bus tours, motorcycle groups or just for a one tank trip, and every one of them stops in the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative for a unique shopping experience. This makes our artists wares seen more often than in an average shop," according to Tish Pike, vice-president elect. "And now that Lake Placid was chosen as Readers Digest 'Most Interesting Town in America', everyone in Florida wants to see for themselves what Lake Placid is all about."

Everyone is encouraged to visit the Caladium Arts &

Crafts Cooperative to experience the beautifully decorated showroom and find a one-of-a-kind unique gift made by local artisans.

Artisans are invited to come by the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, June 6 to inquire about becoming a member.

The Caladium Arts & Crafts Co-operative is at 132 E. Interlake Blvd.



Courtesy photo
The Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative is hosting an artisans evening on June 6 to encourage other artists to join and take advantage of the Co-Op's showroom.

Minaj, Carey not returning to 'Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicki Minaj is following Mariah Carey out the door on "American Idol."

The hip-hop diva posted Thursday on Twitter that it was "time to focus on the music," just a few hours after Carey announced she wasn't coming back to the Fox talent competition so that she could focus on her upcoming tour.

Minaj and Carey became new judges on "Idol" this season, along with country singer Keith Urban. Minaj and Carey frequently bickered on the show, creating a feud that was uncomfortable for both viewers and contestants.

Fox and "Idol" producer FremantleMedia said in a statement Thursday that Minaj was "a superstar who

brought a level of honesty and passion" to the show and that Carey "will remain an inspiration to 'Idol' hopefuls for many seasons to come."

Randy Jackson, the show's

lone remaining original judge, announced earlier this month that he was leaving the show ahead of its 12th season finale, which crowned Candice Glover.

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Outdoors



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Since the feathers of the anhinga are not waterproof, when they need to dry out, they stretch their wings and tails out to allow the sun to soak up the excess water.

The anhinga is an unusual bird commonly found in Florida

That long-necked bird you've seen swimming with its head out of water or sunning on a log with outstretched wings is most likely an anhinga. Sometimes called snake-birds, darters or water turkeys, anhinga are birds that enjoy warmer waters. They are commonly seen in Florida swamps, lakes and waterways.

The name anhinga originates from the Brazilian Tupi language and it is defined as devil or snake bird.

The anhinga is somewhat unusual because their feathers are not waterproof. Other types of birds, such as ducks, produce oil from a gland which allows their feathers to repel water and dry out. Since the anhinga doesn't have this feature, their feathers easily become waterlogged and it is difficult for them to float upon the water once they are saturated. However, this does allow them the ability to be excellent swimmers and divers under the water.

When these birds need to dry out, they stretch their wings and tails out to allow the sun to soak up the excess water. The anhinga is not able to fly well until the drying process is accomplished. Anhinga live near shallow, slow-moving waters where trees and vegetation provide perches for the bird to dry.

Hunting involves diving underneath the water and swimming slowly in search of fish. Usually the prey is located in and around submerged vegetation. Anhinga dine on small- to medium-sized fish or may make a



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

meal of crustaceans, frogs, insects and invertebrates. Once the fish is spotted, the stealthy bird spears it with its partially opened sharp bill using a quick thrust.

The anhinga is a large bird, measuring approximately 3 feet from beak to tail. They are dark in coloration and can appear green or blue with silver-like markings on their wings. The bill is long and straight. Anhinga have webbed feet and a long neck that appears to form a "Z" shape. The tail is made up of a dozen quill feathers and is very obvious because of its length. Anhinga sport pink eyes with green skin around them.

Nesting generally occurs in a tree overhanging the water. The male starts building the nest before he meets his mate. He gathers sticks and vegetation and places them in a tree. Once he has chosen a mate, the female will finish the nest. Both parents incubate the eggs, usually from three to six, which will hatch in about 30 days. When the chicks are born, they are blind with no feathers. After about six weeks, they begin to grow feathers and then venture out on their own.

Although the anhinga is protected in the U.S. under

the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, their abundant populations seem healthy and they are frequently seen in many areas of the world.

Anhinga facts (from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology) — Mating generally occurs in February with egg-laying occurring throughout the spring and early summer. Nests are built in shoreline trees 15 to 20 feet high.

— Anhinga are frequently seen soaring high in the sky. They are graceful fliers and can travel long distances without flapping their wings.

— Anhinga often breed near other birds such as herons, egrets, storks, cormorants and ibises. They have also been known to breed in salt water colonies and feed in fresh water.

— The anhinga swims lower in the water than many other birds due to its reduced buoyancy — a result of wetted plumage and dense bones.

— Anhinga will often search for food in small groups.

— The vertebrae in the Anhinga's neck are structured in such a way as to allow the powerful stabs needed to spear fish with their sharp bill.

— Young Anhinga can swim before they can fly, and will jump in the water to avoid danger.

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.

Arts & Entertainment

Kline writes children's book

Story inspired by daughter's recovery

News-Sun staff

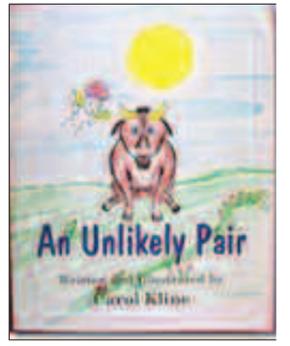
SEBRING — For years, Carol Kline has entertained audiences with her beautiful voice as she sang in church concerts and on cruise ships. Now she is entertaining to a different audience in a different fashion.

The Sebring resident started writing children's books by accident. The first one, "An Unlikely Pair," is dedicated to her daughter, retired Air Force Major Kristine Ratliff. Kline has written four News-Sun articles about Ratliff's tragic accident and her ongoing treatment. She has also written and illustrated a second children's book that is now with Lighthouse24, the design company working with Kline.

The second book, "Miss Maggie Down On Main Street," is expected to be completed later this year.

During Ratliff's recovery from the traumatic brain injury she suffered in the April 2010 auto accident, Kline would often make up little tunes and funny verses to make her daughter laugh. "Prior to even being fully out of a coma, she would watch me and listen, and she would smile. It meant the world to me! It gave me hope!" Kline writes on her website at carolkline.net.

Still learning to speak again, Ratliff continues to laugh when Kline repeats many of the poems and stories. "I decided to continue making up verses to 'I'm a g-nu' and 'I'm a g'nat' and then having the book published," Kline said.



Courtesy photo

Carol Kline's children's book 'An Unlikely Pair' is dedicated to her daughter, Kristine Ratliff.

lished," Kline said.

With that exchange and Ratliff's reaction, Kline's creative juices began to flow in the direction of writing.

"An Unlikely Pair" is a humorous tale about the unlikely friendship between a "g-nat named Pat and a g-nu named Stu."

The book is dedicated to Ratliff "for her service to our country, for being a dedicated nurse, wife and mother,

daughter and sister, and for being the greatest inspiration of courage and hope I have ever known," Kline writes.

"An Unlikely Pair" is suitable for ages 2-6, pre-school and first grade.

It is now available on Amazon.com, as well as many book stores. Autographed copies can be ordered by emailing Kline directly at cakl45@comcast.net.

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Fish license free on June 8

Special to the News-Sun

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will be celebrating a freshwater license-free fishing day June 8.

License-free fishing days are a great opportunity for Florida's residents and visitors to cast a line into the water and get hooked on saltwater and freshwater fishing. Anglers are not required to have a freshwater recreational fishing license on June 8.

"We hope visitors and residents alike will be able to join in the excitement of Florida's saltwater and freshwater fishing this year by participating in one of our license-free fishing days or attending an event surrounding the days," said FWC

Executive Director Nick Wiley.

"This is an excellent opportunity to share the fun and togetherness of a fishing trip with the entire family or

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Education

Emanon jazz concert to benefit Stephens Endowment at SFSC

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – Jazz band Emanon, along with special guest Terry Myers, are performing a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8 in the South Florida State College University Center Auditorium, Avon Park.

All the proceeds from this performance go to the SFSC Foundation, Inc. to benefit the newly established Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr. Endowment.

Emanon is a group of local jazz musicians founded by Dave Naylor, who plays trumpet, piccolo trumpet, and flugelhorn. Naylor is a longtime music teacher and was a featured soloist in the Presidential U.S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C. during the Kennedy years. Manny Patiño (bass) has more than 50 recordings and has performed with Ed Calle, Arturo Sandoval,

Gloria Estefan, and James Brown. Martin Romoldi (guitar) has played with many well-known groups in his native Argentina. Doug Andrews (keyboard) has been a music instructor and performer for many years and is SFSC's dean of Cultural Programs.



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Bill Anderson (drums) has recorded and played professionally with many orchestras and bands over the years and has been the director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Sebring for more than 20 years.

Joining Emanon for this special event is guest artist Terry Myers (reeds).

The Dr. Norman L.

Stephens Jr. Endowment has been set up through the SFSC Foundation, Inc. as a means to continue to provide funds for scholarships, equipment, the establishment of endowed teaching chairs, and support for faculty, staff, and program mini-grants.

Tickets to this evening of jazz with Emanon and special guest artist Terry Myers are \$15 or \$20.

Tickets are available at www.performances.south-florida.edu or by calling the SFSC Box Office at 784-7178. SFSC Box Office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Tickets are also available by visiting the Box Office during business hours.

The Box Office is in front of the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive.

CTE holds spring concert



Courtesy photo
The Cracker Trail Elementary School Spring Concert, under the direction of Esther P. Rodriguez, was on May 23 for the school assembly, and that same evening for parents and the community. The Mustang Chorus and the Fifth-Grade Handbell Choir beautifully performed a variety of songs. The theme of the concert was 'Music Matters.'

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BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday – Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer

Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Morning and evening services available at www.fbcap.net. Select Media, select Sermon Library, select Date. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

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

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. Allen Higginbotham, Interim Pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

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

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

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

♦ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870

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

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

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

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

♦ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2810. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

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

CATHOLIC

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

♦ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth

Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

♦ **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 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.

Education

Straight-A students honored



Courtesy photo

Lake Placid Middle School held a celebratory luncheon at Peppercorn's Restaurant, for their eighth-grade students who successfully maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout their middle school years. Six of 218 students achieved this special recognition. Many thanks to The Blueberry Patch and 1 Park Place for donating gifts to recognize their commendable achievement. Pictured are Katie Knipper (from left), Katie LeBlanc, Kylie Daum, Hannah Thompson, Katie Dye and Mason Million.

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: theway-church@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 Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

◆ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, 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**,

SFSC meets demand despite challenging appropriation

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Despite state appropriation challenges, South Florida State College will have a 2013-14 budget that allows it to continue educating the residents of its service district of Highlands, DeSoto and Hardee counties and to focus on meeting employer and resident needs for quality educational programs in the coming academic year.

During its May 22 meeting, the South Florida State College District Board of Trustees adopted an operating budget and capital outlay budget for 2013-14. Two days prior to the meeting, Florida Governor Rick Scott vetoed a legislatively

approved tuition increase of 3 percent, so the proposed SFSC budget was presented and approved with no tuition increase.

"The budget development process was difficult and confusing," said Dr. Norm Stephens, SFSC president. "Difficult, because certain expenses are increasing beyond our control, and there are insufficient revenues to support many new initiatives. As everyone knows, this is not a unique outcome. Confusing, because complicated legis-

lation and conflicts between the Legislature and the governor caused last minute changes to our budget proposal. Nevertheless, we

have a budget that allows us to continue our core mission and to serve our students and our communities."

While the overall state appropriation for the Florida College System (FCS) increased by \$52 million (4.9 percent), only \$13.3 million of that is actually distributed through the allocation model to the 28 colleges in the FSC. SFSC's state appropriation increased by \$584,336, or 3.9 percent, to \$15,741,771.

The larger share of the increase was provided by the Florida Legislature to cover mandatory Florida Retirement System (FRS) employer contribution rate increases.

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.fjpcp.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>.

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'Death came through here, but we're here to represent life'

Relief groups bring food, prayer to Oklahoma tornado victims

By Annysa Johnson
Milwaukee Journal
Sentinel

MOORE, Okla. — Jeff Akin walks through this suburban neighborhood of twisted and flattened homes, handing out sandwiches and water from a Styrofoam cooler.

He invites those he meets down to a nearby church where they can find meals and clothes and tetanus shots, and he offers his prayers.

"God bless you people," he calls out to the families and workers clearing debris left by the tornado that ripped through this swath of Oklahoma, killing 24 people and causing as much as \$2 billion in damage.

"I can't believe this; I'm almost in tears," says Akin as he surveys the often unrecognizable mounds of fallen bricks and splintered wood that stretched for blocks. "I'm just so grateful that I could be here."

Akin arrived in Moore last week with a team of volunteers from Feed My Sheep, part of an ambitious disaster relief ministry at Elmbrook Church in Brookfield, Wis., that grew out of its volunteer efforts in the years after Hurricane Katrina decimated the Gulf Coast in 2005.

Partnering with other faith-based groups, such as the international relief agency Samaritan's Purse and Virginia-based Mercy Chefs, Elmbrook has dispatched first responders and food workers to disaster sites around the country since then. And nearly 20 volunteers headed to Oklahoma City in separate teams last week.

"It's just one of those things that kind of evolved over the years," said the Rev. Michael Murphy, an associate pastor at the Elmbrook, Wisconsin's largest church with about 7,000 worshippers on a weekend.

"When you're a large church, you're able to respond in unique ways because you have so many people with a variety of expertise. But that's for the Glory of God," said Murphy. "Not the Glory of Elmbrook."

Volunteers with Feed My Sheep, the first Elmbrook crew to arrive in Moore last week, teamed with Mercy Chefs to feed the families, volunteers and others working to rebuild the community. The larger team, which hit the road early Saturday, will help homeowners sift through the rubble of their homes.

"It's great to work alongside people who really have



Annysa Johnson/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/MCT
Samaritan's Purse volunteers from Brookfield's Elmbrook Church recover items from the remains of Kathy and Don Easter's home on Monday in Moore, Okla.

a heart for this," said Feed My Sheep founder Dave Van Abel, who likes to call his ministry "catering for God." "Feed My Sheep is more than just putting food down in front of people. It's about meeting their needs."

In Moore, that is under way on the grounds of Southgate Baptist Church, where Pastor Doug Brewer has welcomed a vast assortment of relief workers, from nurses staffing a health tent to clean up crews and FEMA personnel, even massage therapists who are donating their services to relieve the aches born of the often 16-hour shifts.

Throughout the day, gifts of food, clothing and household items arrive by the vanloads at the church's community center, where they are stacked and made available for families in need.

Fueling this massive operation are hundreds of volunteers from around the country who are feeding nearby residents and corps of relief workers.

"You just want to help. That's what it's all about," said Gail Moses of New Berlin, Wis., a Feed My Sheep volunteer who has traveled with Elmbrook for missions in Biloxi, Miss., and Joplin, Mo.

"Jesus tells us to love one another, and you show your love by what you're doing," she said. "Dave is always telling us, 'Just love on the people.'"

Many in Moore, shaken by the destruction and deaths, which included 10 children, said they were grateful for the kindness.

"It's been awesome the way people have taken care of us," said a tearful Kimberly Flanagan, who survived the wreckage of her home, only to face the cries of distress from nearby Plaza Towers Elementary School, where seven of the children died.

"I've never heard or seen

anything like it in my life. And when I went out on that front porch, I could hear those babies crying and hollering at the school," said Flanagan, trembling as she spoke.

Friend Gracie Guerra, a mother of three with twin girls due any day, took her into her home, and the women had come to pick up meals for their families.

Guerra, who began contractions the night before, wrapped her arms around her friend as they stood outside a battered pickup truck, and a passer-by stopped to ask if he could pray with them. They bowed their heads, and he gave thanks for their lives and their strength to endure..

"The weeping lasts for a night," he told them. "but mercy comes in the morning."

"Amen," said Guerra.

Inspired by compassion

It is that spirit of compassion and hope that inspired Van Abel of Feed My Sheep and R. Gary LeBlanc of Mercy Chefs to found their respective organizations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Van Abel, of West Allis, Wis., had gone to the Gulf Coast with a relief team from Elmbrook when he stumbled onto God's Katrina Kitchen, a makeshift operation run by a guy from Kentucky with a charcoal grill that was feeding 3,000 people a day.

When he returned home, Van Abel quit his job with Aramark and headed back to Mississippi, where he would work the next five months.

A New Orleans native whose daughter lost her

home to Katrina, LeBlanc had also come to help, through Operation Blessing, a relief organization founded by his father-in-law, televangelist Pat Robertson. LeBlanc met Van Abel at God's Katrina Kitchen.

A managing partner of three Hilton Hotels in Chesapeake, Va., LeBlanc shared his vision of staffing emergency kitchens that could be dispatched at a moment's notice in disasters.

"I said great, how do I join?" recalled Van Abel. "And he said you just did."

Since then, the men have collaborated on relief efforts around the country.

Van Abel put out the call to Feed My Sheep volunteers at 9 p.m. Monday and they were on the road by the following afternoon.

They've seen a lot over the years, but were still stunned by the devastation.

"I remember thinking, death came through here," said Karen Moses of New Berlin, Wis., and Feed My Sheep, who handed a stack of boxed meals to Flanagan and Guerra.

"But it's so cool to see everyone come together trying to help. Death came through here, but we're here to represent life."

Love and food

If love and food are essential to life, there was a lot of it going on inside the cramped quarters of Mercy Chefs' mobile kitchen set up on the grounds at Southgate Baptist on Friday.

Volunteers, including Akin, scoop heaping spoonfuls of cheesy egg strata and slabs of sausage into boxes, then pass the boxes through the open window to Karen Moses — Gail's daughter — and John O'Malley. They add fruit and utensils and stack the boxes for pickup or delivery.

"We had our first cheesy meal today; the Wisconsin contingent has taken over the kitchen," said Van Abel, trading a steaming tray of strata for Akin's now empty tin.

This is cooking on a grand scale. The morning's breakfast consumed about 1,000 eggs and 30 pounds of cheese, according to Van Abel. Later, workers would chop and roast 300 pounds of potatoes to accompany thick slices of ham topped with grilled pineapple.

Not everybody is a kitchen worker. Jim Burns, a semi retired electrician, is often busy working on the mechanicals that keep the mobile kitchen operating.

"I'm the busy fixer," said Burns, who was working on the generator Saturday after the kitchen temporarily lost power.

Despite the damage, there are signs of hope and even humor. An American flag whips in the wind amid the debris of a flattened home. A banner announcing "The Party's Here!" stretches in front of another.

Homeowners count their blessings, saying "it could have been worse," or "thank God, we have our children."

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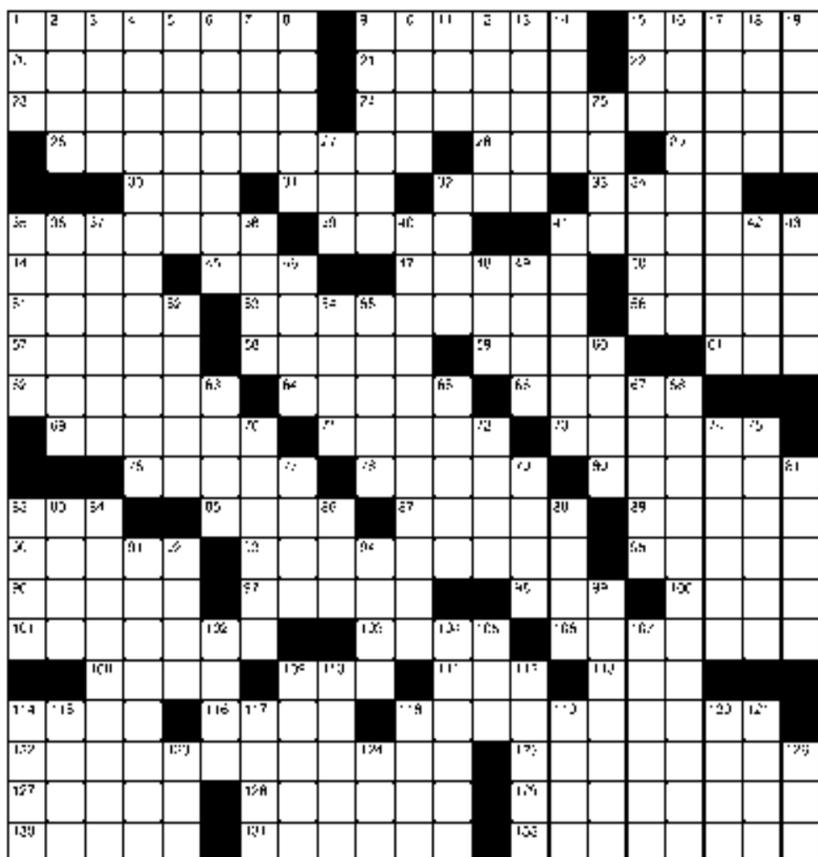
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Diversions/Puzzles

HAIR MAJESTY

By MARK BICKHAM



Solution on page B7

- ACROSS**
- 1 Profitable venture
 - 9 Bombay bigwigs
 - 15 Fox role
 - 20 "My pleasure!"
 - 21 Region north of Morocco
 - 22 Finnish architect Alvar __
 - 23 Punkish accessory
 - 24 Leader of the Wild Bunch gang
 - 26 Plush floor covering
 - 28 Asian region, with "the"
 - 29 Lhasa __
 - 30 Wilmington's st.
 - 31 Short
 - 32 "Silent Spring" subj.
 - 33 "Bossypants" writer Fey
 - 35 Loses one's cool
 - 39 She played Molly in "Ghost"
 - 41 Ready to shoot
 - 44 Contact, nowadays
 - 45 Walton of Walmart
 - 47 Two bells, in the Navy
 - 50 Old pool ball material
 - 51 Oahu's __ Stadium
 - 53 Greet from a distance
 - 56 Hotel team
 - 57 Apportioned, with "out"
 - 58 Nickname for Margaret
 - 59 Start of something big?
 - 61 Devotee
 - 62 Safari sightings
 - 64 Is aware of
 - 66 Star
 - 69 Notes comprise them
 - 71 It's over a foot
 - 73 Amazingly enough
 - 76 Mythical giants
 - 78 Newspaper section
 - 80 Hardly a guffaw
 - 82 Graceful male swimmer
 - 85 Aware of
 - 87 Double-check
 - 89 Burns a bit
 - 90 "Our Gang" series creator Hal
 - 93 Dreaded musician?
 - 95 Common newspaper name
 - 96 Bother
 - 97 Video game pioneer
 - 98 Site of heavy traffic, with "the"
 - 100 Wind indicator
 - 101 City on the Tigris
 - 103 Acronym that includes
- DOWN**
- 1 Sling ingredient
 - 2 Zoo animales
 - 3 Like some lawns
 - 4 Hopes it never happens
 - 5 Big deal
 - 6 Winter spikes
 - 7 "Peter Pan" pooch
 - 8 Many Caltech grads
 - 9 Outback order
 - 10 Be next to
 - 11 Fast flier
 - 12 Like a parabola
 - 13 Percussion kit item
 - 14 Egg holders
 - 15 Parental nicknames
 - 16 Eponymous 18th-century adventurer
 - 17 One way to decide
 - 18 Old Fords
 - 19 Toy on a string
 - 25 Envelope abbr.
 - 27 Postgrad degree
 - 32 More than just eat
 - 34 "__ any judge of character ..."
 - 35 Philatelist's find
 - 36 Catchers with pots
 - 37 Strikingly strange
 - 38 "Hi and Lois" pooch
 - 40 Scenic Massachusetts route
 - 41 Daughter in Shakespeare's
- ACROSS**
- 106 Tinacint alternative
 - 108 Evidently are
 - 109 Engine housing
 - 111 Takes too much
 - 113 Xi preceders
 - 114 "Madama Butterfly" wardrobe items
 - 116 Did perfectly
 - 118 Low-altitude delivery agent
 - 122 Fetal metaphor
 - 125 Uncommon thing
 - 127 Playground rejoinder
 - 128 Company promoted by a nine-month-old financial wizard
 - 129 Theft target
 - 130 Beach shoe
 - 131 Pastry-making aid
 - 132 Like some loafers
- DOWN**
- 42 Pakistani language
 - 43 Part of CBS: Abbr.
 - 46 Blemish
 - 48 Lumber tree
 - 49 Blind-from-birth pianist
 - 52 British singer with the age-related albums "19" and "21"
 - 54 __ cava
 - 55 Berkshire jackets
 - 60 Almost all the time
 - 63 "The X-Files" org.
 - 65 More sneaky
 - 67 Put in power
 - 68 Four Corners nickname
 - 70 Sailor from Basrah
 - 72 It has both Hebrew and English letters on its planes
 - 74 Medicine man
 - 75 Still
 - 77 Stains on a red suit?
 - 79 Perfect place
 - 81 Cambridgeshire neighbor
 - 82 Grump
 - 83 O'Neill's daughter
 - 84 Rams
 - 86 Pistons' org.
 - 88 Added highlights to, in a way
 - 91 Strong team quality
 - 92 Stevenson villain
 - 94 TV role for Bamboo Harvester
 - 99 Grants academic security to
 - 102 Latin trio member
 - 104 Good boy of verse
 - 105 Response known to preclude its question
 - 107 Lazy __: trays
 - 109 Golfer Calvin
 - 110 Reasons to clean
 - 112 Sail-extending pole
 - 114 Late notice?
 - 115 Foundation plant
 - 117 Stylish eatery word
 - 118 Give up
 - 119 Anti-art movement
 - 120 Bad doings
 - 121 Altar event
 - 123 Holiday quaff
 - 124 Piece of winery equipment
 - 126 Guitarist Barrett

From trickles to waterfalls



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Hiking alongside babbling brooks or gushing streams fills me with energy. I love listening to the water sing as it spills over the pathway of rocks and boulders.

When we last visited Colorado, we hiked in Rocky Mountain National Park. We could hear the sound of water ... sometimes trickling like musical pianissimo, other times like a crescendo.

However, when we reached the waterfall and sat alongside, it was like a whole symphony flowing out from a source whose beginning was still unknown to us. And it reminds me of how God's Word is like that for me.

God is the source of life, power, wisdom, strength, peace and joy. He has no beginning or end. And he invites me and you to sit beside him and get to know him better by studying and memorizing Scripture.

As I learn a verse, then another, and another, it has a cumulative effect in my soul. Like the trickling effect of one whose thirst is quenched

sip by sip, God's Word seeps into my soul. Scripture memorization started out in Sunday school and

Vacation Bible School and continued over the years.

By learning verses one by one, a storehouse of refreshment built within me. How often certain verses come to mind at just the right time. Sometimes I'm neither searching nor hoping for inspiration. But the Holy Spirit within me recalls to my memory the truths from the Bible I need at the moment.

Through the years I committed more and more Scripture to memory. I do not say this boastfully, but thankfully. For my memorization is far from that of many. I have a friend who has memorized chapters. But, the point is, that God

refreshes us with the living water of his Word when we drink from the fountain of life he provides.

When I sip water throughout the day, I feel the refreshment within my whole body. God's words are like that. My heart and mind are continually refreshed as his wisdom and truth permeate every crevice.

In Psalm 42 we read how the deer pants for the water brooks. The Psalmist then declares that his soul pants for the living God. He wants his living water. And when the Psalmist feels cast down, he reminds himself in verse 7, NKJV, "Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me."

Let the cumulative effect of learning God's Word be like a refreshing waterfall supplying the well of your soul. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Neighbors continue to drop in even after couple moves out



Dear Abby

Dear Abby: We moved my elderly parents into an adult assisted-living center last year because they were no longer able to safely care for themselves or their home. They have now decided to put their house up for sale. Our problem is that sometimes when we have driven by the house to check that everything's OK, we have found some of the neighbors enjoying the afternoon sitting on my parents' front porch.

The house has been shown three times, and one of the times another neighbor was in the backyard sitting on the deck. Another time, a neighbor walked into the house during a private showing. We have been as polite as possible in requesting them to please not do this. We finally told them plainly to stay off the property. But it continues.

We would hate to post "No Trespassing" signs for fear that a prospective buyer may think there are problems with the neighborhood, and I don't think a sign would deter these perpetrators. Any ideas on how to get them to stay in their own homes? My sisters and I are starting to think the neighbors don't want the house to sell so they can enjoy it themselves.

— Fed Up In Tennessee

Dear Fed Up: Because of the long relationship your parents may have had with

these neighbors, ask them once more, firmly and politely, to stop using the property as an extension of theirs. If the request is ignored, it will be time to involve your lawyer, who will have to write these nery people a strong letter on your behalf. Not only is what they are doing illegal, but if an accident should happen while they are on your property, your family would be liable.

Dear Abby: Living in New York City, public transport is the way to travel. After picking up my 5-year-old from school, we took the train home as usual. During the ride, my son fell asleep and his head happened to rest on the arm of another passenger — a middle-aged man who was sitting next to us.

As my son's head rested on the man's arm, he reacted

by pushing my son's head up violently, waking him from his sleep. Disgusted by the man's reaction, I lost my cool and yelled at him, almost forgetting my screaming 5-year-old. Other passengers expressed their feelings, too, and the man left the train earlier than he wanted.

After my boy calmed down, I had time to reflect and concluded I didn't handle the situation correctly. The other passengers suggested I hadn't been assertive enough. What should I have done?

— Commuter Mommy in Brooklyn

Dear Commuter Mommy: Your seat partner clearly overreacted to having his space invaded. But by screaming at him, you escalated the situation. So your little boy wasn't caught in the crossfire, it would have been better to have moved your seat.

If that wasn't possible, you should have switched seats with your son so he wouldn't be near that volatile individual.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Capricorn needs to be a true friend this week

Metro News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20)

— Don't make assumptions this week, Aries. You just can't trust your gut instincts too much right now. It's better to get all of the facts and act accordingly.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)

— Playing matchmaker isn't so easy, Taurus. You have to understand when people are compatible and when there just isn't a spark. Let this one go.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

— Gemini, you may have to pull back your focus on a problem in order to see it in a new light. Take some time away to regroup and then you can come back at full strength.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

— A romantic relationship can

Horoscope

be a balancing act, Cancer. You will learn this first hand this week when you have to come to a compromise with your partner.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

— Leo, don't apologize if you feel like you have to go your own way this week. Even when everyone seems to be going in another direction, sometimes you just have to set your own course.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

— Virgo, while others may not be able to handle the confusion this week, you are fully capable of multi-tasking and making it through unscathed.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

— Libra, you may feel more emotionally charged this week but you still have to

think with your head and not your heart. A financial decision may need to be reassessed.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Scorpio, look at a situation with a practical eye. Is this really the best answer for the time being? Although you may be leaning one way, you might want to reconsider.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

— Sagittarius, you need to get work done this week and that can't happen when you are continually distracted. You might have to nip this one in the bud — quickly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

— A friend needs your support more than ever, Capricorn. Go to great lengths to give this person what they need, even if it means rearranging your schedule.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

— An email or other correspondence from a past friend could stir up feelings you weren't ready to deal with right now, Aquarius. Put this on the back burner until you are ready.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

— Pisces, you are more interested in independence this week than hanging out in large groups. This includes hanging out with your spouse or partner.

Famous birthdays

June 2 — Zachary Quinto, actor, 36; June 3 — Anderson Cooper, TV host, 46; June 4 — Bar Refaeli, model, 28; June 5 — Mark Wahlberg, actor, 42; June 6 — Paul Giamatti, actor, 46; June 7 — Dave Navarro, musician, 46; and June 8 — Eion Bailey, actor, 37.

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6	8	1	7	2	4	6	9	7
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1	2	9	6	8	2	4	8	3
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ANSWER:

Living

Attracting Attention Outside

Take as much time as necessary (and as little money as possible) to maximize your home's exterior appeal:

- Dress up the front door with a new welcome mat or potted plants.
- Clean up the front and back yards by removing any toys, decorations, debris or broken tree limbs.
- Sharpen the mower blade for a cleaner cut and better looking lawn to help get top dollar when selling your home.
- Closely inspect the hardware around your house. Things like doorbells, house numbers, guttering and mailboxes should be in good repair and have a fresh coat of paint.
- Add or update landscape lighting and consider easy-to-install solar options. In addition to providing safety and security, lighting can add attractive accents to walking paths and plantings.
- Punch up your landscape with color. Remove any dead or withered plants and fill in bare spots with large, blooming annuals.
- Make sure the driveway and sidewalks are free of cracks or crumbling concrete.
- Nothing makes an older house look new again like a fresh coat of paint. Repair any rotting wood, caulk windows, spruce up wood trim and then update the color of your home.



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Best House on the Block

FAMILY FEATURES

It takes seconds to form a first impression. Ask yourself this — what kind of first impression is your home making? Is your yard helping or hurting you in getting top dollar this home buying season?

The majority of homeowners (71 percent) agreed that curb appeal is important in choosing their home, according to the new TruGreen Home Features Report conducted by the National Association of Realtors®. Most of the homeowners surveyed reported purchasing a home with a healthy, green lawn (71 percent) and well-maintained landscaping (72 percent).

Healthy lawns can drive up home values. In TruGreen's new Lawn Lifestyles National Survey of America conducted from January 3 to January 9, 2013, using the field services of ORC

International (Opinion Research Corporation), 79 percent of homeowners reported, "having a healthy, green lawn contributes to the overall value of a home." In fact, 53 percent of those surveyed said, "the quality of the homeowner's lawn can tell you a lot about the quality of the home overall."

"If your home is on the market, you should know that curb appeal, or that initial feeling homeowners get when looking at the outside of a home, is important when choosing the right home to buy," said Jason Cameron, a licensed contractor and television host.

Cameron and TruGreen have teamed up to provide helpful tips for achieving a beautiful, lush lawn and enhanced curb appeal.

Weed Control

Water, fertilizer and weed control are the three keys to an ideal lawn. According to Ben Hamza, Ph.D., TruGreen expert and director of technical operations, if you mow correctly, feed your lawn and water the right way, then weed management will be much easier.

"Grass competes with weeds for space and nutrients," Hamza said. "Strengthening the health of turf will help your lawn win the war against weeds, such as dandelions."

Watering Basics

Knowing how to effectively water your lawn is critical to the overall health of your turf. Water your lawn only when it needs it, usually about one inch a week. The first three to four inches of soil below the grass should be dry before you water. Use a trowel or a screwdriver to open the soil and feel it with your finger. Another way to test when your lawn needs water is to step on the grass. If you can easily flatten the grass with your foot, you should water it. If the grass regains its form quickly after you step on it, wait before watering.

Watering in the cool of early morning is best as watering later in the day may leave sitting water and cause problems with root rot or fungal diseases. Never water on a windy day. Also, be aware of local water restrictions, usually posted online.

Fertilizer Facts

Grasses should be fertilized when they're actively growing. So, it's important to consult a lawn expert to determine what type of grass you have and when growth occurs. Together, homeowners and lawn experts can create a plan to keep grass growing at its best all season long.

Beautiful, lush and natural-looking lawns are an important part of our image of what a home should be. Cameron encourages homeowners to invest in a lawn they love and make sure their home's first impression is positive.

To get more tips, survey methodology, and to watch Jason Cameron in seasonal webisodes on curb appeal, visit www.TruGreen.com.

Curb Appeal = Perceived Home Value

71%
71% of homeowners agreed that maintaining an outdoor space with a healthy lawn is good for the environment.*

Spring **Improving Home Value**

79%
79% of homeowners strongly agreed or agreed that having a healthy, green lawn contributes to the overall value of a home.*

71% CURB APPEAL POWER
71% of homeowners reported "curb appeal" was important when choosing which home to buy**

38%
38% of Americans reported once I've formed my opinion about a home's appearance it's hard to change my mind.*

72% OUTSIDE OPINION
72% of Americans reported it takes seconds to form a first impression about the outside of a home.*

53%
53% of Americans reported the quality of a homeowner's lawn can tell you a lot about the quality of the home overall.*

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*TruGreen's Lawn Lifestyles National Survey was fielded from January 3 - 9, 2013, using the field services of ORC International (Opinion Research Corporation). The online omnibus survey was conducted using a nationally representative sample of Americans aged 18+ (n=2,000), with a margin of error of plus or minus 2.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. For questions that were asked among homeowners who are personally responsible for making decisions regarding their lawn care (n=201), the margin of error is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

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**About the TruGreen Home Features Report conducted by the National Association of REALTORS® in October of 2012: a sample of households that had purchased any type of residential real estate during 2010 to 2012 and still owned the property. Also surveyed: The survey sample was drawn from a representative panel of U.S. households monitored and maintained by an established survey research firm. A total of 2,000 qualified households responded to the survey. There is a 95% confidence interval for the sample. Households were sampled to meet age and income quotas representative of all home buyers and sellers from the 2011 NAR Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers.

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