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K-9 officer JR looks ready for retired life with his new owner Debra Graves (right). JR's former handler and partner Officer John Garrison (left) worked with the canine for three years.

Time to pause: Sebring PD's JR heads into retirement

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — It was a difficult farewell, as most farewells are, for Officer John Garrison of the Sebring Police Department when he had to give up JR, his K9 partner of three years.

After being checked out by local veterinarian Dr. Lawrence Jernigan and a few other out-of-county specialists, the doctors declared that JR's arthritis was progressing and would become too great for the dog to continue service with the SPD.

"In the last 15 years we've had two canines deploy. The first one lasted a full 10 years. Our second one's our super dog. He's only been out three years on the road and he's developed an irreversible medical condition," Chief Tom Dettman explained to the public and city council members Tuesday evening.

"(Jernigan) thinks it's very important that we take the dog out of service," Dettman said.

The safety of JR as well as his handler Garrison is the utmost importance of the SPD.

With only three years in service, JR and Garrison have accomplished many things as a team. Both are certified under a number of entities including: The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), The North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the Florida Law Enforcement Canine Association (FLECA). The University of Central Florida certified the duo in the area of narcotic detection.

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2 JAILED IN DEATH OF BABY GIRL

Detectives: 18-month-old left in car in motel parking lot while mom met boyfriend

News-Sun staff
SEBRING — Two people allegedly having an affair have been arrested in connection with the May 24 death of an 18-month-old girl who was left in a car for two hours and died of a heat stroke while they were having an illicit meeting at a hotel.

Josefina Espinosa's mother, 23-year-old Adriana Alicia Espinosa, of 3521 SR 70, Lake Placid, was arrested Wednesday and charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child and neglect of



Espinosa



Eiland

a child causing great bodily harm. Her bond was set at \$300,000.

Christopher Eiland, 22, of Fort Meade, was arrested Thursday in Fort Meade by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Eiland has been charged with failure to report suspected child abuse, abandonment or neglect. He is currently free on \$50,000 bond. According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Eiland was hired in June as a detention deputy for the

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Store owner shoots accused burglar

Wounded man facing charges

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LAKE PLACID — A Lake Placid man is nursing two gunshot wounds and facing armed burglary and aggravated assault charges after he was confronted by an armed store owner Wednesday night.

Deputies report that 23-year-old David Allan Curry was shot in the left foot and right thigh just after 11:15 p.m. when he allegedly pointed a gun at Jonathan T. Hawthorne, the owner of HHH Food and Beverage at 128 Crestmore Drive.

Hawthorne, acting on a call

from the alarm company, had arrived at the store just before a deputy and was armed with a .40 caliber Glock handgun.

The metal grating on a front window had been pulled aside, and both Hawthorne and the

deputy could hear noises inside the store. Hawthorne told the deputy he thought the burglar was trying to escape out the back, so he went around the store. The deputy then heard gunshots and saw a man flee from behind the building and across U.S. 27.

Hawthorne told deputies he

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AP begins expansion of water system

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AVON PARK — Construction has begun along Memorial Drive on the city's water line extension.

The \$2 million project has been two years in preparation, said City Manager Julian Deleon, including the design, permitting and grant application processes. A Federal Department of Environmental Protection grant provides 85 percent of the funding.

"It's a massive project," said Deleon. "The main thing is safe drinking water for residents served by private wells."

At eight inches in diameter, the pipes being laid are oversized, Deleon added, to improve service and allow for growth. "We can branch off to other streets and as part of the improvement fire hydrants are being installed."

Deleon said construction should take about six months, weather permitting. In all, 57,000 feet of water main will be installed around Lake Denton, Lake Lotela, Avon Park Lakes and parts of Avon Park Estates.

"There will be two local contractors working on the job," Deleon said. "Go Underground Incorporated is a local Highlands County-based utility contractor. Tri Sur Incorporated is based in Frostproof in Polk County."



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Construction has begun on Avon Park's new water utility expansion. This portion runs down Memorial Drive, just north of Memorial Elementary School to Ridge Area Arc.

FCAT scores show room for improvement

County scores lower than state in most areas

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Florida school districts and all students are still adjusting to changes in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests, which now pose more difficult questions and require more correct answers.

The 2013 FCAT 2.0 results show Florida has a way to go, and so does Highlands County.

Statewide, slightly more than half of all students at each grade level scored a 3 (at grade level) or above in mathematics and reading.

Fourth-grade assessments are critical to each student. It is the first time a student's academic advancement is determined by FCAT scores. This is why they are being shown as the comparison.

Fourth graders produced the highest percentages statewide this year, 60 percent scoring a 3 or better in reading and 61 percent in math.

In Highlands County, however, the

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Man charged with helping woman steal, burn own car

News-Sun staff
SEBRING — A 31-year-old man has been jailed after investigators said he helped a Sebring woman burn her own car on May 3.

less than \$100,000 and false report of a crime.

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

HCSO reports said that Reed exchanged text messages with Romero indicating that she met him on the night her car was discovered.

Reed told investigators that she didn't leave her home after 9 p.m. that night.

The content of most of the text messages was redacted from the arrest report, but Reed and Romero allegedly had an

exchange of messages on the night the car was burned, with Romero telling Reed to come and her replying she is almost there. Reed then reportedly

texted "U?" to Romero, who replied, "Stop." The texts show that the two met that night, the report said.



Romero



Reed

Jose Manuel Romero, of Lake Placid, was booked Wednesday on charges of second-degree arson and arson with intent to defraud and insurer.

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.

Reed was arrested May 30 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

Computers donated to YMCA



Courtesy photo

Dr. Tina Thomas and husband Isaac Durance (center) donated seven computers to the Highlands County Family YMCA for their summer camp program. 'This will allow us to implement educational and learning programs into our camps,' said Dave Scheck, program director. 'We are very grateful for this awesome gift and we are excited to take our camps to the next level,' said Greg Harris, CEO. With Thomas and Durance at the presentation was Mike Chambers from United PC.

CAAT goes to the dogs

Auditions start Monday

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent
AVON PARK — The Children's Academy of Arts & Theatre is preparing to stage what may be its most ambitious project to date.

"Casting begins Monday for 'Dog Show - The Musical,'" said CAAT creator Krista Flores, who also will direct the production.

Written by author and playwright Phillis Barrash, the tale revolves around Luigi, a con artist mutt from the Bronx. He decides the \$50,000 grand prize for an international dog show competition is just what he needs and sets about the task of winning it.

Disguised as a Mediterranean Hound from Rome, Luigi goes up against the best pedigrees in the world in an effort to take home the gold loving cup ... and the cash.

"This is the American Dream," explained Flores. "Along the way he meets Diva the French Poodle, Baruska — a Russian Borzoi, a British Bulldog named Winston, Chivas the Scottish Terrier and Oscar the Hollywood Doberman to name a few."

Songs in the show were penned by Tanglewood resident Barry Butler with tunes including "They Found Me at the Pound," "I'm Incredible," "We're the Mutts" and "What Do You Do at a Dog Show?"

In fact, it was Butler who contacted Flores about staging the play locally, using her always youthful cast.

"I saw the script and I real-

ly liked the whole thing — the story, the music and the lyrics," she said.

Flores said the program will feature youngsters in the

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Community Briefs

VFW 4300 Ladies Auxiliary stands up to cancer

SEBRING — The Ladies Auxiliary at Post 4300 have launched a project along with the Post to raise money for cancer research. On July 4, prior to the fireworks on Lake Jackson beach, they will be sending up sky lanterns, shaped like a white heart, with special wishes for those fighting cancer, or loved ones who have passed. Their motto is "Light up a heart, and stand up to cancer."

The lanterns are \$6 each. Paul Kemple is the leading sponsor in honor of his wife, Diane, who passed from cancer. Peter K. Dillon, DDS was the first business sponsor to step forward with more to follow. All proceeds goes to fight cancer.

To purchase a heart in honor of someone special or just support the cause, sign up at the Post home or call Darlene Watkin, cancer chairman, at 314-9107.

The hearts are biodegradable so as not to damage the atmosphere.

Author to speak at Tea Party meeting

SEBRING — Olen Atbashain, a writer and graphic artist from the former USSR, will be the guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of The Highlands Tea Party at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring

Square. An optional buffet meal is offered at 5 p.m. The meeting is from 6-8 p.m. Atbashain is the author of "Shakedown Socialism." Atbashain is the creator of a satirical website, ThePeoplesCube.com, which Rush Limbaugh described on his show as "a Stalinist version of the Onion."

A raffle will also be offered. The winner will receive an AR-15 with case and ammo, or a \$1,200 gift certificate from Boom Boom's Guns & Ammo in Sebring. Tickets are only \$20 each. The winner will be announced at 6:30 p.m. July 30 at Homer's Restaurant. Contact Jack Nelson at (303) 517-6395 or any Highlands Tea Party member to either sell raffle books or purchase tickets.

Scribes Night Out features tales of the Great Depression

SEBRING — News-Sun correspondents Larry and Elaine Levey take over the podium today as Featured Readers at Scribes Night Out. They'll be offering a slice of American history; namely, the era of the Great Depression. Their articles, which first appeared in the News-Sun, contain first-person accounts of how people survived life at home and life in the Civilian

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AP council to talk about new city charter

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent
AVON PARK — A new city charter was pulled off the ballot without fanfare last August due to problems in the document. At their meeting Monday night, City Attorney Gerald Buhr is slated to bring additional information about the charter to the council for review.

the current measure. In another issue, staff members will talk to council members about creating a computer program that will quantify the voters on polls held on the city's website.

The idea would be to make certain those who cast a vote actually live in the city of Avon Park. Councilman Garrett

Anderson had requested staff to look into creating such a system to help gauge

public opinion on a wide array of different issues confronting the city.

Those wanting to cast their ballots in such a cyber poll would have to include the location ID from their utility bill as well as a portion of their street address to verify that they are a city resident.

Anonymous votes would be counted separately and used for a different report.

In other action, the council will look at renewing the lease for the Avon Park Depot Museum for five years, with an option to renew for subsequent five-year term.

document reportedly would remove archaic and useless provisions, reword and reorganize charter language, eliminate Civil Service provisions, eliminate the ability for employees to appeal directly to the council, remove the authority to divide the city into wards and amend the qualifications to run for office as well as other changes.

Modifications in the revised 2012 document to be presented Monday evening will address such things as vacancies on the council, the powers and duties of the city clerk and the conduct of municipal elections, among other things.

Council members also are slated on Monday to again take up the fortune teller ordinance. Last month, Buhr told the council they already had a measure on the books regulating so-called "clairvoyants," something the attorney told council members would be on par with what is termed a "fortune teller."

Buhr plans to show the council a number of ordinances from different locales, including Pinellas County, the city of Sarasota, Tarpon Springs and Highlands County to see if they wish to modify

Fortune tellers, internet polls also on agenda for Monday

Online



This week's question: Are you worried about the prediction of a busy hurricane season?

Yes 26%

No 74%

Total votes: 154

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This week's question: Do you think the government's program of collecting phone and internet data is an invasion of privacy?



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	June 1	5 15 29 35 40 47 x:5
	May 29	4 36 42 47 48 52 x:4
ezmatch	June 7	9 11 24 29 31
	June 6	7 20 22 26 29
	June 5	1 5 7 9 28
	June 4	4 11 12 26 31
MEGA MONEY	June 7	9 21 28 37 12
	June 4	2 13 18 32 3
	May 31	33 35 37 38 7
	May 28	14 23 26 28 21
FLORIDA POWERBALL	June 5	4 26 33 36 55 PB: 32
		Next jackpot \$60 million
	June 1	22 28 33 53 59 PB: 14
	May 29	9 14 17 49 57 PB: 2
MEGA MILLIONS	June 7	1 10 37 48 55 MB: 21 x:4
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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Our founding fathers are rolling over in their graves

We agree that we live in a new and dangerous world, where acts of war explode in everyday places aimed at terrorizing everyday people.

We agree we must take action to protect ourselves, and we understand new ways of fighting shadowy enemies have to be found.

We completely disagree, however, that the government's organized program of tapping directly into the central servers of the nine leading U.S. Internet companies and collecting cell phone data from at least one major company — accessing more than 3 billion calls a day by one estimate — is the right way to keep us safe.

The strategy is a massive intrusion into our lives. Monitoring such a huge

amount of information to look for individual terrorists is like using a sledgehammer to reupholster a chair.

And even if the program has helped in the war on terrorism, it doesn't bode well for the future. How long will it take before local law enforcement agencies insist on using the same system to search for gang or organized crime activity? Or political groups? Think about the IRS and the Tea Party before you answer.

Emerging technology may make matters much worse.

Are you aware that the microphone and video on the

new X-Box game system are on all the time? That a high school has already been accused of 'spying' on its students through their laptop cameras?

How long before Big Brother is watching all of us? What if George Orwell's chilling depiction of totalitarian government in his novel "1984" was only 39 years and a country off? How ironic will it be if America's great experiment of democracy ends as a result of our efforts to save it?

Forget the slippery slope. The way to ruin comes one irrational choice at a time. We need to remember actions have consequences, most of them unexpected.

Which brings us to the most painful reality of all: Too many of us wear blinders — this is America, only the

guilty go to jail, the innocent are always set free. Worse, too many of us are more than willing to exchange American ideals for the illusion of absolute security.

Remember Pastor Martin Niemoller, a German Protestant who regretted he sat back and did nothing as bad went to worse in his country.

"In Germany," he wrote, "they came for the communists, and I didn't speak because I was not a communist. When they locked up the social democrats I remained silent; I was not a social democrat. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew. When they came for me there was no one left to speak out."

Americans need to speak out.



TODAY'S LETTERS

It is an unprovoked conflict

Editor:

There were several letters online in response to my letter of May 22 asking why there has not been an investigation into the war in Iraq? Not one of those dissenting letters had a valid argument, just more blaming Obama for the sins of Bush.

One resorted to the childish ploy of distorting my name, no doubt thinking he's ever so clever; just as any other fourth-grader would.

Another writer made this statement: "Your leader is a traitor. He has admitted today to killing four Americans, what have you got to say to that?" One of those American citizens killed was Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical Muslim cleric involved in planning Al Qaeda operations and terror attacks. The other three U.S. citizens killed in counter-terrorism operations were Samir Khan, Jude Kennan Mohammed and Awlaki's son, Abdulrahman Anwar al-Awlaki. So if mister know-it-all thinks Obama is a traitor for killing four members of Al Qaeda we now know where his loyalties lie.

Another letter had this gem: "I should just get over it". In other words, I should forget that we had a president who sat in the Oval Office, looked into a TV camera, and knowingly lied to the American people, including the Congress of the United States, stating as fact that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction and was planning to use them against these United States. Well I can't "just get over it". I'm a veteran of World War II and it makes my blood boil when I think of all those

men and women who died needlessly and those who will suffer extreme trauma for the rest of their lives because of Bush's Iraqi war.

When that anonymous writer gets up in the morning, he puts his pants on. When thousands of young men who served in Iraq get up, thanks to George Bush, they have to put their legs on. Why doesn't he tell them to "just get over it"?

History will show that the United States, under Bush, engaged in a preventive war with the sovereign nation of Iraq for the monetary gain to be made from Iraqi oil. A preventive war is an unprovoked conflict, an immoral act.

It's interesting to note that those derogatory letters were all signed with a pseudonym. I can understand the reasoning for using those phony names. If I were a republican, there is no doubt the above are, I too would be ashamed to sign my name.

Sandy Oleesky
Sebring

Not getting close to what we paid for

Editor:

I'm angry. Are you? If not, you should be.

I would think most people have great mistrust for government. And the government just keeps giving us the ammunition to know that they are not trustworthy. A few years ago — it was the GSA — and all their fun and games on the taxpayer dime. Was anyone fired and stripped of all benefits? In other words — loss of pension, paid vacation

and sick days, and health care?

Somehow I doubt it. They probably got a friendly pat on the back and were told "just don't do it again!"

Now we have the IRS. Not only did they target conservative groups; they spent lavishly on conferences too. "In August 2010, they spent roughly \$4.1 million and was paid for in part with about \$3.2 million in unused funds from the agency's enforcement budget," according to an article in the Tampa Tribune, June 02, 2013. The article went on to say "the decision didn't violate IRS guidelines, according to aides briefed on the audit".

Really?

The IRS probably doesn't have any guidelines on how they spend our money. Oh — and don't forget, they spent at least \$60,000 to produce two training videos starring division employees.

It seems to me that too many people in government have the mentality that we owe them. Yes, we do, but we only owe them a fair salary for a fair day's work. I would say with all the party planning, video production, et al, we aren't even close to getting what we are paying for.

I believe every person at the IRS who participated, orchestrated, or knew about all of this, should be immediately fired and stripped of all benefits. They lose their pension, vacation and sick day payments, and healthcare.

Let them go out in the open market and get a job just like the rest of us.

If you also believe this, write to your congressman and senators. I did.

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The obligations of owning a pet

Earlier this week I was heading home via Lakewood Road when I saw the dog romping about.

The dog was brown and white and at first looked like a boxer, though I wasn't so sure about that after a second look. Lakewood Road is not the kind of road you stop in the middle of, though, so I went on.

I'd turned off Lakewood and still saw the dog in my rearview window. He had no collar or visible tag. I started to worry. People don't exactly drive slowly down Lakewood and I could see this poor animal getting struck by a car. I turned around and headed back towards Lakewood, not exactly sure what I was going to do.

A group of men were standing outside a house on the corner near the dog. I rolled down the window and asked, "Is that your dog?"

They said no, pointing down the road and saying the dog belonged to someone down there. Then one of the men mentioned that the owners of the animal let him loose all the time.

Worried but not sure what I could do, I got back onto Lakewood and drove down it. I saw no one outside who might have been responsible for the dog, and that might be a good thing because I would've been tempted to stop and give that person a piece of my mind.

As I drove down Lakewood today I was happy to see no dog's body on the side of the road. But I'm still thinking of that poor animal that is set loose without any visible means of identification on a busy street.

Let's discuss Lakewood for a minute. Those who live near or on Lakewood know that it is one of those roads where people tend to drive pretty quickly. It's scary to walk on, even with a bike path clearly marked. So let me toss in a recommendation that drivers there think of children and animals that live on Lakewood and slow down, OK?

But now I want to talk to those of you out there who

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

let your pets run hither and yon, especially those of you who do so without providing a means to identify your pet (it's possible that the dog I saw yesterday was micro chipped, but I couldn't say).

Do you realize the risk you are putting your beloved animal in? We're not just talking about speeding cars, though that should be enough to give someone pause. What if he or she got lost? Or picked up by someone? I almost picked up that dog I saw yesterday. How would I have returned your pet to you?

"But he/she's an outside dog," you might say. Fine. That's why you invest in a fenced in yard for your pet. That way they can romp to their heart's content without being in danger.

Speaking of danger, please do not leave your pet in a car, even for "a few minutes." A friend of mine told me of a family who did this and their pet died from the heat. Cars in Florida especially get hot quickly. Just don't do it.

I know accidents happen. I watched John's three dogs for a week and the two little ones managed to get out of my yard not once but twice. But they had tags on them and we made an effort to locate them quickly, instead of letting them wander about loose.

Having a pet is a responsibility. If you are going to take on a four-footed roommate, you need to understand the obligations that go with it. Making sure they are safe is one of those obligations. Please watch out for them — I don't want to see your beloved pet lying on the side of the road.

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Sebring fireworks to be July 5

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Council members approved the dates for the annual Independence Day firework celebration during Tuesday evening's council meeting. Sebring Rotary member and fireworks coordinator Dusty Johnson addressed council with an update on the event.

"This year the event will be at City Pier Beach. We will be shooting off the fireworks from a barge in the middle of the water.

Fireworks will take place on Friday, July 5," Johnson said.

Council granted permission for the use of City Pier.

The cul de sac near City Pier Beach will be closed; no other roads have been requested to be closed at this time. Donations for the fireworks celebration are being accepted. Any individuals, businesses or organizations wishing to donate funds for the firework display may contact Johnson at Heacock Insurance at 385-5171.

Three arrested for robbing LP man

News-Sun staff
LAKE PLACID — Three people were arrested after a man told deputies they robbed him while he was having sex with a prostitute.

According to a Highlands County Sheriff's Office report, deputies were called on Wednesday to Sirena Avenue, where the victim said he had invited Shianne

C. Tudor, 25, over to his house. Tudor is "a prostitute that works in the area," according to the report.

Tudor arrived with 27-year-old Tabitha Ann Martinez. When the victim requested to utilize Tudor's "services," he asked Martinez to leave, but Tudor wanted Martinez to stay because "she liked to watch,"

the report said.

While the victim and Tudor were having sex, Martinez allegedly grabbed the victim's shorts and ran out the door. The victim chased her outside, where he was allegedly attacked by 36-year-old Kenneth Alfonso Hawthorne, who hit the victim in the face.

The three then fled with

the victim's wallet, which contained more than \$4,000 in U.S. currency and \$1,200 in Mexican pesos.

On Thursday, deputies located the three suspects at 130 Enos Ave. A sock containing \$2,735 in U.S. currency was found nearby. All three were charged with robbery. They denied having robbed the victim.

JR heads into retirement with new home

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"As a team, we have had in excess of 600 hours of formal training. During our training I have been able to detect, recognize and observe several cues including change in behavior as well as change in breathing pattern while K-9 JR is in narcotics odor," Garrison said.

JR is trained in the detection of illegal narcotics in a number of elements including vehicles, buildings, packages and open areas. He is also trained in human tracking and article (or evidence) search.

"I do believe that with every storm cloud there's a silver lining. Allow me to donate this dog to a home that will care for this dog for the remainder of his retirement years," Dettman said.

Debra Graves, local resident and co-owner of All-Star Auto Sales, has taken JR in and promises to provide a new, comfortable



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

K-9 JR gets acquainted with his new owner Debra Graves Thursday evening. JR has been a part of the Sebring Police Department for three years, but was recently ordered into retirement by doctors. Graves volunteered to adopt the dog and give him a loving home.

home for the distinguished K9 officer.

"I am so, so excited. I just love this dog," Graves said.

Graves and Garrison have become friends over the past

four years as Garrison would use the car lot for training for JR.

"I met Garrison when he worked the dogs on the lot. He'd hide drugs in the cars for the dog to detect. It got

to where when he was finished he'd poke his head in my office just to say hello and then JR would just come in and lay down next to my desk. Then they started coming in every day and we'd just chat. After a while I got to looking forward to them coming in the office all the time," Graves said.

It didn't take much for Graves to fall in love with the German shepherd. She has always been a lover of the breed and has owned many of them throughout the years.

"He's an incredible dog. He's definitely a police dog when he's in the police car and different when he's not, but I can handle him," Graves said. "I have acres of land he can walk around on and I plan to take him on many walks. He's already come out to my home and tested the lake. He loves jumping in there. I am so lucky. I love this dog and I am so excited."

FCAT 2.0 results released by state

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percentage of all students scoring 3 or better trailed the state in both subjects, although specific schools and grade levels sometimes did better.

Less than half of the fourth-graders in seven of the 10 elementary schools scored at grade level or better in reading.

The three exceptions are Cracker Trail (55), Sun 'N Lake (59) and Woodlawn (59) elementary schools.

At Lake Country Elementary, only 37 percent of fourth-graders tested at grade level or above, the smallest percentage.

Math results are more encouraging, although they too trail state percentages.

Fewer than half of Memorial Elementary School fourth-graders scored a 3 or above, 48 percent.

But three schools' fourth-grade percentages surpassed the state — Lake Country Elementary (62 percent), Woodlawn Elementary (64) and Cracker Trail (77).

At the middle school level, less than half of eighth-graders scored a 3 or higher in reading at Avon Park, Hill-Gustat and Lake Placid. At Sebring Middle School, it was slightly more than half.

Math scores were slightly higher, but only 40 percent of students at Lake Placid Middle School scored at grade level or higher. Avon Park matched the state average (51) and Hill-Gustat exceeded it (57). A full two thirds of the Sebring Middle School's eighth grade scored at grade level or better.

At the 10th-grade level, 46 percent of Avon Park High School tested at grade or better in reading, while it was 52 percent at Sebring High and at exactly half at Lake Placid.

In science, less than half of fifth-grade grade and eighth-grade county students scored a grade level or above.

End of Course test scores in algebra, biology and geometry also trailed the state. Less than half of county students scoring at grade level or higher in algebra; 63 percent in biology and geometry.

The News-Sun was unable to reach the school district for a comment. On the state's Board of Education site, Commissioner of Education Tony Bennett said, "These results show that where we put our focus is where we see our progress ... (but) it is not time to lower our expectations for success."

Bills signed to speed foreclosures, evictions

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott, ignoring veto pleas from consumer advocates, on Friday signed two measures into law that could affect renters and homeowners across the state. One bill could speed up the foreclosure process in Florida. The other makes it easier for landlords to evict tenants.

The two pieces of legislation were among 34 bills that Scott signed.

The governor also signed another heavily debated bill that would require health insurers to provide the same level of coverage for cancer treatments given orally as those drugs administered intravenously. More than 20 states have a similar law.

The landlord-tenant bill comes at a time when more and more people in the state have become renters due to the foreclosure crisis that has troubled Florida for years.

Under the new law, a tenant could pay partial rent and still be evicted within days if they fail to turn over the rest of the money. The measure would also allow a landlord to evict a tenant if a person breaks rules twice in one year. Those rules can

include parking in the wrong spot or having an unauthorized pet.

Sen. Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland and a bill sponsor, maintained that the legislation did not include any major changes, but instead was intended to clarify the rights of both tenants and landlords. Stargel is an investment property manager and court records show she has been forced to evict tenants in the past.

Alice Vickers with the Florida Consumer Action Network criticized Scott's decision to sign both Stargel's bill and the measure that speeds up foreclosure.

"Gov. Scott and the Florida Legislature have chosen the interest of the banks and landlords over that of hardworking homeowners and tenants," Vickers said. "Whether you rent your home or you are buying your home, today you have lost important protections."

The Sunshine State was one of the hardest hit by the national collapse in the real estate market that began in 2008. Those foreclosure cases quickly swamped an already overworked court system.

Store owner shoots man accused of breaking into his store

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confronted a man coming out the rear door of the store and yelled for him to "freeze." The man instead turned toward Hawthorne and pointed a gun, at which point Hawthorne shot twice in self defense. The suspect took off with Hawthorne, who fired another shot in the air, in pursuit.

At 12:07 a.m., deputies were notified that Curry was in the emergency room with two gun-

shot wounds — one to the inside of his left foot and one to the outside of his right thigh.

Curry denied breaking into the business and trying to gain access to the cashier's office. He said he was just walking behind the store when an armed man confronted him and then shot him as he ran away.

Curry was charged with armed burglary, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief.

Obituaries

DOLLY DOUBERLEY

Dolly Amelia Brown Douberley, age 90, of Avon Park, Fla., was born on July 11, 1922 in Perry, Ga. to Thomas Nelson and Mable (Resch) Brown. She was raised in Avon Park, Fla. by her maternal grandparents and her Aunt Fannie and Uncle Walter Rutherford.

She graduated from Avon Park High School Class of 1940, was a homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and a true friend to all who knew her.

She was also a Baptist by

faith, who truly knew Jesus Christ as her Savior.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Harry Randall Douberley of Avon Park, Fla.; children, Thomas Ross Douberley (Alice) of Sebastian, Fla., Janet Douberley Cannady of Sebring, Fla., Randal Wayne Douberley (Peggy) of Sebring, Fla., and James Kenneth Douberley (Kim) of Avon Park, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Kathleen Brown and Mary

Elizabeth Mathis.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home with Dr. Danny Strickland officiating.

There will be a visitation with family receiving friends beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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Community Briefs

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Conservation Corps. (The CCC, one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs, was aimed at rescuing the country's youth and its lands. It helped to create what is now Highlands Hammock State Park.)

SNO, a free event and open to the public, takes place at 6 p.m. today at Brewster's Coffee House, 2191 U.S. 27 North (just south of Home Depot). Part of the gathering is devoted to an Open Mike portion that allows anyone to read briefly from their works. Listeners are also invited and refreshments will be on sale.

Serving as moderator for the evening is Carolyn Henderson, another local writer who specializes in writing for and about people — mainly women — with disabilities.

In 1996, the Leveys co-authored a photo-history of Highlands County, a 128-page volume, published by the News-Sun and filled with scores of black-and-white photos, mainly from the county's three historical societies. The book took second place in the community history category in the "1997 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest," sponsored by the Florida Press Association.

Elaine, a former local history columnist for the News-Sun, is the director of the Avon Park Depot Museum, and Larry has been president of the local chapter of the national CCC alumni association. As a freelance writer, he has more than 1,400 published articles to his credit.

For more information, call the Leveys at 385-8618.

Gem and Mineral Club close season

AVON PARK — The final meeting for Highlands Gem and Mineral Club will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the new Flames Waterside Restaurant, 2451 U.S. 27 South, across from the National Guard Armory.

The club has had a very successful year. Members, old and new, have learned, shared and had a good time in the process.

Meetings will resume in October. For more information, call 453-7054.

Homeowners Assoc. meets Monday

SEBRING — The Highlands County Homeowners Association will hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Monday at 3240 Grand Prix Drive. The speakers will be Gary Ritter from the South Florida Water Management District and Ramon Gavarette from the Highlands County Engineering Department.

Members and the public are invited. Free coffee, hot tea, donuts and bagels will be served. Call 633-8094 for information.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 1 p.m. today. Steak-o is at 2 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Men's Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. Post meeting is at 7 p.m. Flag Day flag raising is at 11 a.m. Friday. Chicken and broccoli pasta bake dinner is \$7, served from 5-7 p.m. Music by Uptown County from 5-8 p.m. Karaoke by Johnny B. from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. American Legion Post

69 Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Karaoke by BiDi from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. SAL burgers from 4-6 p.m. Friday. Music by Lora Patton.

LAKE PLACID

American Legion Post 25 will serve lasagna, salad, and garlic bread from 5-7 p.m. today. Chrissy will perform from 5-8 p.m. Legion Riders meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Son's meet at 6:30 p.m. Clayton plays music from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Fish/shrimp will be served at 5 p.m. Friday. Jimmy Black plays from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Lake Placid Elks BPOE board meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday. BPOE meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Pulled pork sandwiches will be served from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. Late breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Parents Day and Flag Day ceremony also planned.

VFW Post 3880 Legion Auxiliary will have a general meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday. House committee meets at 2 p.m. Flag Day is Friday. Steak by the ounce will be served at 5:30 p.m. Music by Steve Baker.

Moose Lodge 2374 will have Fireman Karaoke today. Moose Legion meets at 6 p.m. Monday. BobKat Karaoke will play Wednesday. RedNeck Joe Band will play Friday. Riders Lunch will be Saturday. Music by Pressure Point Band. Women of the Moose will host dinner.

SEBRING

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 Wacky Wednesday will be from 5-6 p.m. Pork tenderloin sandwich will be served for \$6.50. To dance only is \$3. Music by Frank E. from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Flag Day ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Friday before dancing with ER Ronna Mason and PER Claude Howerton officiating. Friday Buffet is from 5-6:30 p.m. Barbeque chicken and hash brown casserole for \$10; dancing only, \$3. Dance to Too Smooth from 6:30 -9:30 p.m.

Moose Lodge 2259 will have NASCAR on the screen at 1 p.m. today. Chef salad will be served from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Billy Glades from 5-9 p.m. WOTM Board of Officers meet at 6 p.m. Thursday. House committee, joint officers, and LOOM business meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a general meeting at 8 p.m. Ham steak plate menu from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday. Music by Pete Ruano from 7-10 p.m. Poker tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday. Music by Frank "E" from 7-10 p.m.

VFW Post 4300 will have a Deck party today. It is the 10th anniversary of the MAVFW. There will be burgers and brats; bring a covered dish. Music by Frank "E" and the Jam Bands. Karaoke by Mega Soundz from 5-8 p.m. MAVFW meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Rueben sandwich with homemade chips will be served from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Gary Oliver from 5-8 p.m. Flag Day flag raising at 11 a.m. Friday. Bring covered dish. It is Crazy Hat Night from 5-7 p.m. Wear a crazy hat and try to win a prize. Music by Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Pork loin dinner for \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. Music by Lora Patton from 6-9 p.m.

AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke with DiAnne from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Pizza will be available.

CAAT seeking young actors, stage hands

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roles of the canine heroes and heroines of the show as well as some actual humans including Judge Alexis and the indomitable Colonel Briggs.

"There may be some script changes. Phyllis gave me some poetic license to make some modifications to fit the story to the cast that we come up with," she said.

In any case, there should be parts for some younger participants as well as older youth.

"We always audition K through 12," she said. "One thing that will be very important is that we have a young man that can carry the role of Luigi."

Flores will do the directing, with Butler serving as voice coach for the songs.

Registration will start at 9 a.m.

This is a really wonderful program for the kids.

Krista Flores
CAAT founder

Monday at the Avon Park Community Center on Main Street. Auditions will begin right away. The plan is to put the production on stage July 1.

"It will run July 1-6 and we're hoping to be able to tour it a bit as well," she said.

In addition to the onstage parts, Flores said there would be plenty of opportunities for youngsters to be involved with backstage work including scenery, costumes and props.

Being able to stage a play this year

was an iffy proposition for a time, that is, until the Avon Park Optimist Club came through with a grant to help with scholarships for youngsters who could not afford the \$250 fee for the five-week program.

"We will be running full steam Monday through Thursdays from 9-4 for a full five weeks," Flores said.

In addition to the Avon Park Optimist Club, Flores said the Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency also came up with a budget for the program.

"We are continuing to look for sponsors and advertisers," she said. "This is a really wonderful program for the kids."

Those wanting additional information may see Flores at the Community Center during registration or may call CAAT at 449-1023.

Two arrested after baby girl dies

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PCSO. He resigned immediately after his arrest, and would have been fired if he had not resigned, according to PCSO.

Espinosa's arrest report said she and Eiland were "more concerned with concealing the ongoing affair than the welfare of the victim ... because the child was found non-responsive and both the suspect and Eiland were more concerned with starting the suspect's vehicle than they were rendering aid to the victim, who was obviously in distress."

The report also said that both Espinosa and Eiland had cell phones but did not call 911. Espinosa eventually took Josefina into the lobby of the Holiday Inn Express in Sebring and the manager called 911.

According to a press release from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 3 p.m. on May 24, Central Dispatch received a call from a local medical facility requesting deputies because an infant

had arrived at the emergency room by EMS and was deceased. When she died, Josefina's temperature was 102, the arrest report said.

Espinosa initially told investigators she dropped off a 4-year-old child at the babysitter, but kept Josefina with her. She said she went to her doctor's office and was told the doctor was at his north Sebring office, so she went there, then was told the doctor had to leave due to an emergency.

She said she was driving home when she realized she had unread text messages. Espinosa "told detectives she does not text and drive, therefore she pulled into the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express to respond to the text messages," the report said.

She reportedly told detectives she sat in the car — with the air conditioner on — from 11:40 a.m. until 2:35 p.m. texting before she looked back and saw Josefina "foaming at the mouth and twitching."

According to weatherun-

derground.com, the temperature in Sebring during that time frame was between 85 and 89 degrees.

Investigators report that Espinosa did not have an appointment with any doctor and she only sent one or two text messages during that time frame. Detectives claim that she left Josefina in the car with the motor off and the fan running, drawing in hot air, until the battery went dead.

This case is still under investigation. Anyone with information is requested to contact Det. Hank Smith of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Unit at 402-7250. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or go to www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com/.

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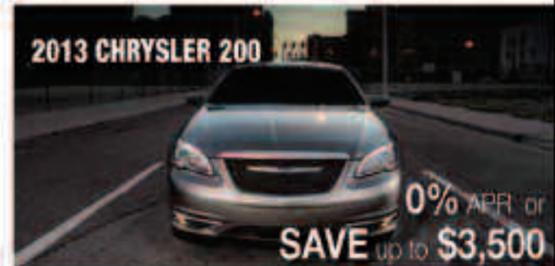
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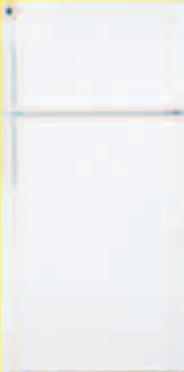
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Wal-Mart plans share buyback

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. announced a \$15 billion share buyback program at its annual meeting on Friday, as the world's largest retailer faces increasing scrutiny from investors over how it has handled allegations of bribery in its Mexican operations that surfaced a year ago.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. brought the usual star power to its annual shareholder meeting, with "X-Men" and "Les Miserables" star Hugh Jackman hosting and singer John Legend and Kelly Clarkson entertaining. Tom Cruise also took the stage.

But the festivities took a serious turn as shareholders in the audience stood to make proposals related to safety in Bangladeshi factories, Wal-Mart's Mexican bribery scandal and executive paychecks. The company is facing pressure to increase its oversight of factory conditions abroad following a building collapse in April in Bangladesh that killed more than 1,100 garment workers. The discounter, based in Bentonville, Ark., is also under scrutiny for how it treats its workers.

The ethical questions are happening as Wal-Mart wrestles with slower sales growth.

SFSC offers contractors recertification seminar

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida State College in conjunction with the University of Florida Program for Resource Efficient Communities will offer a 14-hour CEHS Contractor's Recertification Seminar.

This seminar will be held on Thursday, July 11, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Building T Room 20, Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive. The seminar will include lunch and snacks.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information or to obtain a registration packet, contact Lorrie Key at 863-784-7033 or by emailing corporatetraining@south-florida.edu.



Courtesy photo
Many of Master Val Henry's students from Martial Arts America were on hand last week when mural artist James Hahn dedicated his most recent work. The mural on the side of Henry's building depict figures performing varied Martial Arts moves.

Hahn dedicates new Martial Arts mural

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Spanning more than 30 feet on one wall and 60 feet on another, murals depicting figures performing varied moves from the Martial Arts now adorn the exterior walls of Martial Arts America on Kenilworth Boulevard.

Recently Master Val Henry, owner of the business, contracted the artist team of James R. Hahn Productions to create the eye-catching and "punch and kick-throwing" artworks.

Martial Arts America has been a community business leader now for 25 years, bringing discipline, physical and mental stamina, and yes ... lots of fun, to students of all ages. Henry sought out the Hahns for the mural work, as the Hahn team is one of the most active mural teams in the Southeast.

Within the past year, the Hahns have completed projects, in Sebring alone, that include: the 50-foot Sebring Centennial Mural, designing the 312-foot Italian glass mosaics mural across from the Sebring International Raceway, the Circle Theatre Marquee, Kathy's Consignment murals, Essential Depot's 37-foot Wine & Soap Bar mural, and at least eight more residential and business murals.

After a meeting of the minds, and discussing mutual ideas to create the proper active look for Martial Arts America, the Hahns went to work and recently completed the intense imagery.

Henry said of the finished murals, "They are getting a lot of attention and walk-in traffic has picked up tremendously."

The Hahns were delighted to be involved in the project. James Hahn learned Tai Chi early and admits that it helped his overall balance

and ability to focus while on ladders and scaffolding. Kay Hahn is no stranger to the Martial Arts, earning her Red Belt in Tai kwon do and having three ribs broken in a heated sparring match with a third degree black belt. Kay also used her training to help elevate her to the top of her game in art, music and even corporate sales/consulting.

A crowd of almost 100 showed up June 1 for the dedication ceremony for the mural and to let the students show-off some of their hard-earned trophies.

Martial Arts America also offers after-school programs, swimming, free breakfast-and-lunch-bowling, Movies at the Mall outings, and tons of activities for their students. Visit them at 2800 Kenilworth Blvd. James R. Hahn Productions can be reached through the website at jameshahn.com/.

Foodhandler Certificate class set

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Ridge Area Arc will offer a SafeStaff Foodhandler Certificate program from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at Ridge Area Arc's main campus.

Anyone in the food service industry or those who are interested in working in the field and want to obtain a certificate can enroll in this class being taught by a Certified Professional Food Manager. Florida law requires that all food service employees be trained in an approved food safety program. A public food service establishment has 60 days from the date of hire to train their employees with a Florida approved food safety training program. This includes all employees responsible for food storage, preparation, display or any service of food and beverages.

The SafeStaff Foodhandler Training Program is the contracted program of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The

class will cover the six mandated key food safety principles: 1. Ensuring proper personal hygiene; 2. Preventing cross-contamination; 3. Controlling time and temperature when handling food; 4. Proper cleaning and sanitizing; 5. The causes and effects of major foodborne illnesses; and 6. Ensuring proper vermin control.

A study guide will be provided and given to each student. A certificate and an original wallet card will also be presented to the students at the end of the class that will be valid for three years. Students only need to bring to class a No. 2 pencil and a picture ID.

Cost is \$15 per student and must be paid in advance by 5 p.m. Friday, July 12. There will be no refunds for students not attending the class since books have to be ordered in advance but a substitution of another person can be made. Checks can be made payable to Ridge Area Arc and mailed to 120 W. College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825 or stop by the Arc

administration office on College Drive to make a payment. When submitting payment, include your name, birthdate, address and phone number. For more details, call 452-1295, ext. 124.

The class will be taught at Ridge Area Arc, 120 W. College Drive, Avon Park. Students must show up promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The Foodhandler Training Program is a new service being provided to the community by Ridge Area Arc. Arc is a local non-profit charitable organization that offers training and education to individuals with disabilities. The Foodhandler program is open to all individuals.

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US employers add 175K jobs in May

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy added 175,000 jobs in May—a steady pace that shows strength in the face of tax increases and government spending cuts if not enough to reduce still-high unemployment.

The unemployment rate rose to 7.6 percent from 7.5 percent in April, the Labor Department said Friday. The rate rose because more people began looking for work, a healthy sign, but only about three-quarters found jobs.

Analysts said the less-than-robust job growth would likely lead the Federal Reserve to maintain the pace of its monthly bond purchases for a few more months. The bond purchases have been intended to ease long-term borrowing costs and lift stock prices.

Investors appeared pleased by the evidence that job growth remains steady. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 167 points in early-afternoon trading.

Friday's job figures provided further evidence of the

U.S. economy's resilience. The housing market is strengthening, auto sales are up and consumer confidence has reached a five-year peak. Stock prices are near record highs, and the budget deficit has shrunk.

The U.S. economy's relative strength contrasts with Europe, which is gripped by recession, and Asia, where once-explosive economies are now struggling.

Many analysts expect the U.S. economy to strengthen later this year.

"Today's report has to be encouraging for growth in the second half of the year," said Dan Greenhaus, an analyst at BTIG LLC.

Employers have added an average of 155,000 jobs the past three months. But the May gain almost exactly matched the average increase of the previous 12 months: 172,000.

Americans appear more optimistic: 420,000 people started looking for work in May. As a result, the percentage of Americans 16 and older either working or looking for work rose to 63.4 percent from a 34-year low 63.3 percent in April.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 08000046GCS
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 PLAINTIFF
 VS.
 NATHANIEL RANDOLPH, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 22ND day of July, 2010, and entered in Case No. 08000046GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 A.M. on the 2nd day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 13, BLOCK 40, PLACID LAKES ESTATES, SECTION 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (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 this 24th day of May, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County Clerk of Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 (Circuit Court Seal)

June 9, 16, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 10001092GCS
 GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 ANDERSON, BLAINE, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 10001092GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein OWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, and ANDERSON, BLAINE, et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 25th day of June, 2013, the following described property:
 LOT 9, BLOCK N, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 DATED at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida this 31st day of May, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk 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. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 590 S COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO: 11-278-GCS
 ALEXANDER SEGEV and KAREN S. SEGEV, Plaintiffs,
 v.
 JOSEF SLAVIN, etc., Defendant.
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 Lot 9 A portion of Section 24, Township 34 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, being described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 24; thence North 88 degrees 55'39" West along the North line of said Section 24 a distance of 1337.71 feet; thence South 00 degrees 39'50" West a distance of 1327.69 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 39'50" West a distance of 663.85 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58'41" West a distance of 667.95 feet; thence North 00 degrees 38'16" East a distance of 664.05 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57'40" East a distance of 668.25 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also known as Lot 9, Lorida County Estates, an unrecorded subdivision in Highlands County, Florida.
 Lot 17 A portion of Section 24, Township 34 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, being described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 24; thence North 88 degrees 55'39" West along the North line of said Section 24 a distance of 2675.41 feet; thence South 00 degrees 36'43" West a distance of 1328.49 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 36'43" West a distance of 664.25 feet; thence North 88 degrees 58'41" West a distance of 667.95 feet; thence North 00 degrees 35'10" East a distance of 664.44 feet; thence South 88 degrees 57'40" East a distance of 668.25 feet to the Point of Beginning. Also known as Lot 17, Lorida County Estates, an unrecorded subdivision in Highlands County, Florida.
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m., on July 2, 2013.
 DATED this 31st day of May, 2013.
 BOB GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Hearing; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863)534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

June 9, 16, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2012-CA-000318
 Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage Plaintiff,
 -vs.-
 Carlos F. Pena and Lidia Pena, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, and all Unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated May 28, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2012-CA-000318 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff and CARLOS F. PENA AND LIDIA PENA, HUSBAND AND WIFE are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., July 17, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
 LOT 537, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk of Court

June 9, 16, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH 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 COMMERCE 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:
 Lot 809, OF A REPLAT OF A PORTION OF DEEANN LAKEFRONT ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 110, 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 31st day of May, 2013.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 June 9, 16, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282010CA000226A000XX
 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
 FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHARLES BUTZER; MONIQUE ZELMAN-BUTZER; 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 30th day of May, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000226A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and CHARLES BUTZER; DEEANN LAKEFRONT ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and MONIQUE ZELMAN-BUTZER IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 26th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 809, OF A REPLAT OF A PORTION OF DEEANN LAKEFRONT ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 110, 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 31st day of May, 2013.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 June 9, 16, 2013

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 12000034GCS
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 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; PATRICIA GOSNEY; EAGLE NEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the named defendants, whether living or not, and whether said unknown parties claims as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or in any other capacity, claiming by, through under or against the named Defendants are the 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
 As Deputy Clerk

June 2, 9, 2013

1050 Legals

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MICHAEL G. FAUROT, et al. Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 29, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001094 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL G. FAUROT, N/A/A BOBBY JOE FAUROT, are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, on June 26, 2013, the following described property set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:
 Lot 1, Hawk's Landing Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 58, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (Voice) or (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), 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 Highlands County, Florida, this 30th day of May, 2013.
 Robert W. Germaine, Clerk
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO. 282011CA000809XXAXMX
 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 COMMERCE 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 any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (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.
 WITNESS my hand on 24th day of May, 2013.
 /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk of Court, Highlands County (COURT SEAL)

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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
 CITIMORTGAGE, 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 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:
 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.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated this 24th day of May, 2013.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

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June 2, 9, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000208 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. MARIE L. JEAN-BAPTISTE, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 29, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000208 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Marie L. Jean-Baptiste, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 2nd day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

UNIT 1 E, THE MANORS, COMMENCE AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 7, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LAKE AVENUE (SAID POINT BEING 25.00 FEET WEST OF THE CENTER LINE OF LAKE AVENUE), THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE WEST A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL LYING AND BEING IN LOT 1, BLOCK 7, IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1405 N. LAKE AVE., AVON PARK, FL 33825-2427

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 3rd day of June, 2013.

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

Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile EService: sevealaw@albertellilaw.com CH-11-92918

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664. June 9, 16, 2013

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. COMMERCE 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 any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 590 S COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 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. (23472.3738/PIivera)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 282012CA000745GAXMX CALCHAS LLC Plaintiff,

v. JAMES P. EGAN, et al., Defendants.

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

Description of Mortgaged and Personal Property Lot Eighty-Two (82), of FIRST REPLAT OF A PORTION OF PRAIRIE OAKS PHASE I, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 56, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

The street address of which is 2633 Cheyenne Road, Sebring, Florida 33875.

At the Public Sale, the Clerk shall sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on July 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highlands County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk
ATTENTION: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance: Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (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.
June 9, 16, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000848

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, SUCCESSION BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. BEATTY, LEEERIE L., 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-000848 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, and BEATTY, LEEERIE L., et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 9th day of July, 2013, the following described property:

TRACT 5, BLOCK 4 OF FLORIDA HIGHLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003 SKYLINE WINNER MOBILE HOME ID# 8D-61-0298-R

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 any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 590 S COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 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. (23472.2420/PR)

June 2, 9, 2013
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-180

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY FAYE AKSELSEN a.k.a. BETTY F. AKSELSEN a.k.a. BETTY AKSELSEN Division PROBATE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of BETTY FAYE AKSELSEN a.k.a. BETTY F. AKSELSEN a.k.a. BETTY AKSELSEN, deceased, whose date of death was April 5, 2013, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-9241, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Com-

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merce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 9, 2013.

Personal Representatives: /s/ Kathleen Marie Border 940 McGrath Lane Avon Park, Florida 33825 /s/ Kent Geofred Akselsen 3412 Blowing Oak Court Valrico, Florida 33596

Attorney for Personal Representatives: /s/ David F. Lanier E-Mail Address: lanier30@embargmail.com Florida Bar No. 045399 DAVID F. LANIER P.O. Box 400 Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400 Telephone: (863)453-4457

June 9, 16, 2013
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-226 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF LORELLE J. WALDRON, A/K/A LORELL WALDRON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of LORELLE J. WALDRON, a/k/a LORELL WALDRON, deceased, whose date of death was April 14, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-0837, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is June 9, 2013.

Personal Representative: /s/ C. Dianne Cobb 1710 Monrovia Street, N.W. Palm Bay, FL 32907

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Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Robert E. Livingston Florida Bar No. 0031259 445 S. Commerce Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870 Telephone: (863) 385-5156 Email: livingston@livingstonpa.com

June 9, 16, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC-13-67 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRY J. SCHNEIDER A/K/A HARRY JOSEPH SCHNEIDER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of HARRY J. SCHNEIDER A/K/A HARRY JOSEPH SCHNEIDER, deceased, whose date of death was September 21, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is June 9, 2013.

Personal Representatives: Harry J. Schneider, Jr. Wayfarers 14 Higgs Lane Bagshot, Surrey, UK GU195DP Cathleen M. Schneider a/k/a Kate Schneider 5 Penn Hill, Yeovil, Somerset, UK BA201SF Dr. Justine Schneider 19 Cedar Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, UK NG92HA

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES
The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the font, size, and leading as per their specifications.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE
Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1356 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on the 18th day of June, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING REGARDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BY CHANGING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purposes, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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This notice shall be published on June 9, 2013.

/s/ Kathy Haley
Kathy Haley, City Clerk
City of Sebring, Florida

Robert S. Swaine Swaine & Harris, P.A. 425 South Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870 City Attorney

June 9, 2013

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Courtesy photo
Lane Crosson makes it official and signs to attend and play baseball at Webber.

Crosson catches on at Webber

By DAN HOEHNE

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Lane Crosson has added a new descriptor for himself as he forges a path toward his future.

The former Avon Park Red Devil and South Florida Panther, Crosson is now a Webber Warrior after accepting a baseball scholarship to the school in Babson Park.

“(Avon Park head coach)

Whitt Cornell got me a workout there a couple weeks ago,” he said. “I’m not sure if they were interested after high school. But after my workout they were very interested right away.”

A middle infielder and pitcher at Avon Park, Crosson saw time at both shortstop and relief pitcher after walking onto the

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Elks clinch chance for championship

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Dixie Youth Baseball City Tournament action still continues at the Max Long Recreational Complex as teams battle for the Ozone Championship title.

Friday night, the Elks earned a 9-7 win over Rotary to give Rotary third place and the Elks a shot in the finals.

Leading the Elks’ defense was starting pitcher JJ Huergo, who didn’t allow for any Rotary runs in the first two innings.

For the Elks, on the other hand, the first two innings resulted in nine total runs.

Starting the rally in the bottom of the first was Josh Rivera’s shot to the right field wall, which scored Danny Cardoso’s single.

Gabriel Perez immediately repeated this with a single of his own to bring in Trey Bender’s walk to put the score at 2-0 with men on first and second and no outs.

That is when Dylan Deford came up to the plate and blasted a three-run home run

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Elks catcher Danny Cardoso hangs onto the ball in this minor collision up the third base line with Rotary’s Kevin Meyers Friday night.

FACA boasts a baker’s dozen in first 10 rounds of MLB draft

By DAN HOEHNE

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The FACA Baseball All-Star Classic gathered the best prep seniors in the stat two weekends ago, and their eye for talent was as sharp as ever as the Major League Baseball draft got underway late this week.

Through the first 10 rounds of selections, as well as two short Competitive Balance rounds, 13 players who were at Firemen’s Field have been picked.

Hernando shortstop Christian Arroyo was the first Florida prep taken off the board, taken at No. 25 by the San Francisco Giants.

Into the second round, the Chicago White Sox picked Durant pitcher Tyler Danish at No. 55 and the St. Louis Cardinals snared Firemen’s shortstop Oscar Mercado two picks later.

Wharton’s Tucker Neuhaus was selected in Competitive

Balance Round B, at No. 72, by Milwaukee.

The third round, of the three-day, 40-round process, saw Ben Deluzio of The First Academy taken at No. 89 by the Marlins and Manatee’s Cord Sandberg taken at No. 89 by Philadelphia.

Sean Brady and Ian McKinney went in the fifth round to Cleveland and St. Louis, respectively, and Brian Navarreto (Minnesota) and Jordon Austin (Boston) went in the sixth.

The Brewers nabbed Brandon Diaz in the eighth and the Mets took a flyer on Coral Springs Charter’s Luis Guillorme in the 10th.

Rounding out the baker’s dozen of Florida preps was Palm Beach Central’s Ian Hagenmiller who was taken in the 10th round by Atlanta.

Quite a showing through the first 10 rounds, no doubt, and that doesn’t include five



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Christian Arroyo, front, and Tucker Neuhaus were on Firemen’s Field two weeks ago and both were among the FACA participants who have so far been selected in the MLB draft.

top-100 rated players in the nation that were at the FACA and have yet to be selected.

And with 30 more rounds

to go, there are sure to be plenty more names added to the list.



Courtesy photo
Jamal Henfield had his hand raised in victory after his latest fight, his fourth win in a row.

Henfield making up for lost time

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Jamal Henfield is trying to make a name for himself in the sweet science.

And if he becomes an inspiration along the way, well, that’s part of the plan as well.

The ‘06 Sebring graduate and his trainer Troy Carter stopped by the News-Sun on Friday and shared the new path Henfield started on little more than one year ago.

Training at the Battle Hard Crossfit Gym in

Wauchula for three hours a day with Carter and fitness trainer Joe Roe, Henfield got his start in USA Boxing in the Super Heavyweight class.

At 6-foot-5 and 230 pounds, he certainly fit the bill, and while a quick study, his first two outings, both losses, showed that there is plenty more he had to learn.

“He’s got great power, but he needs to be able to move better,” Carter said. “The basic principal of boxing is to hit and not get hit. And it makes for a better show for an audience, to have someone who can hit and move rather than two guys just standing still and hitting each other.”

His power was evident even in those first two losses as in each outing, he put his opponent on the canvas.

That trend has continued, though he’s turned around the results, having won his last four fights and putting his foe down at least once in each contest.

And as the wins pile up, Henfield sees the progress and potential, even as he is more aware of things he needs to improve.

“My jab is one of my strengths and I’ve got a strong left hook,” he said. “But I know I have to work on my endurance and do more road work.”

Which he fits into what is already a full daily plate.

Working the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift at the Youth

Academy of Avon Park, Henfield will then get his sleep before starting his day of training.

Getting to Battle Hard by 4 p.m., jumping rope starts it off, followed by calisthenics and instruction.

“We’re working a lot on accuracy and speed,” Carter said. “And the little things, like avoiding getting grabbed and into a

clinch. Sometimes during a fight, that can feel good to get a break and rest, but that’s a dangerous position to be in, so we’re

working with him to be able to slip out of those.”

Having come to the sport at a late age, Henfield’s options are somewhat limited.

While USA Boxing falls under the Olympic governing body, thoughts of going to Rio for the 2016 games aren’t realistic for the 26-year old.

“Most of they guys that get there have been boxing since a much younger age,” Carter said. “I mean, if all goes well, there’s a chance, but we’re looking more toward just working his way up and then turning pro.”

Which leads back to his busy schedule, including two fights this month.

On Saturday, June 15, Henfield will be fighting at Clearwater and two weeks later at Bradenton.

From there, it’s up to Georgia in July for a title tournament where he hopes to really start getting some notice.

“I just want to keep getting better, eating right and putting the work in,” Henfield said. “Eventually I want to win the Golden Gloves state championship and see where it takes me.”

Wherever it does, merely taking the path is the aim toward giving back.

“We just are focused on getting wins and inspiring the kids at the Youth Academy,” Carter said. “For him to be a role model and show kids that there are other ways to go to succeed.”

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

NBA FINALS
San Antonio 1, Miami 0
 Thursday: San Antonio 92, Miami 88
 Sunday: San Antonio at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 11: Miami at San Antonio 9 p.m.
 Thursday, June 13: Miami at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 16: Miami at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, June 18: San Antonio at Miami, 9 p.m.
 x-Thursday, June 20: San Antonio at Miami, 9 p.m.

NHL Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 0
 Boston 3, Pittsburgh 0
 Monday: Boston 6, Pittsburgh 1
 Wednesday: Boston 2, Pittsburgh 1, 2OT
 Friday: Boston 1, Pittsburgh 0
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1
 Chicago 2, Los Angeles 1
 Chicago 4, Los Angeles 2
 Tuesday: Los Angeles 3, Chicago 1
 Thursday: Chicago 3, Los Angeles 2
 Saturday, June 8: Los Angeles at Chicago, late
 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	37	24	.607	—
New York	35	26	.574	2
Baltimore	34	27	.557	3
Tampa Bay	33	27	.550	3.5
Toronto	26	34	.433	10.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	33	26	.559	—
Cleveland	30	30	.500	3.5
Minnesota	26	31	.456	6
Kansas City	26	32	.448	6.5
Chicago	25	34	.424	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	38	25	.603	—
Texas	36	24	.600	.5
Seattle	27	35	.435	10.5
Los Angeles	26	34	.433	10.5
Houston	22	40	.355	15.5

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Baltimore 3, Houston 1
 Boston 6, Texas 3
 Kansas City 7, Minnesota 3
 Oakland 5, Chicago White Sox 4, 10 innings
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Seattle 1

Friday's Games
 Minnesota at Washington, p.p.d., rain
 Toronto 6, Texas 1
 Detroit 7, Cleveland 5
 Tampa Bay 2, Baltimore 1
 L.A. Angels at Boston, p.p.d., rain
 Kansas City 4, Houston 2
 Oakland 4, Chicago White Sox 3
 Seattle 4, N.Y. Yankees 1

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

Sunday's Games
 Texas (Grimm 5-4) at Toronto (Jo.Johnson 0-2), 1:07 p.m.
 Cleveland (Kazmir 3-3) at Detroit (Ani.Sanchez 6-5), 1:08 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Blanton 1-9) at Boston (Dempster 3-6), 1:35 p.m.
 Minnesota (Diamond 4-4) at Washington (Zimmermann 8-3), 1:35 p.m., 1st game
 Baltimore (Tillman 5-2) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 8-1), 1:40 p.m.
 Houston (Harrell 4-7) at Kansas City (Mendoza 1-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Griffin 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 1-4), 2:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (D.Phelps 4-3) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 7-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Deduno 2-1) at Washington (Karns 0-1), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	37	24	.607	—
Philadelphia	31	31	.500	6.5
Washington	29	30	.492	7
New York	23	33	.411	11.5
Miami	16	44	.267	20.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	21	.656	—
Cincinnati	36	25	.590	4
Pittsburgh	36	25	.590	4
Chicago	24	34	.414	14.5
Milwaukee	23	37	.383	16.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	35	26	.574	—
Colorado	33	29	.532	2.5
San Francisco	31	29	.517	3.5
San Diego	28	33	.459	7
Los Angeles	27	33	.450	7.5

Thursday's Games
 N.Y. Mets at Washington, p.p.d., rain
 St. Louis 12, Arizona 8
 Philadelphia 5, Milwaukee 1
 San Diego 6, Colorado 5, 12 innings
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Atlanta 0

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 0
 Minnesota at Washington, p.p.d., rain
 St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 2
 Miami at New York, p.p.d., rain
 Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 4
 Colorado 10, San Diego 9
 Arizona 3, San Francisco 1
 L.A. Dodgers 2, Atlanta 1, 10 innings

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

Sunday's Games
 Miami (Slowey 1-5) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 3-5), 1:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Diamond 4-4) at



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

1 p.m. NASCAR – Party in the Poconos 400 TNT
2 p.m. Formula One – Canadian Grand Prix NBC

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN
4 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN
7 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN2
10 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN2

1 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN2
4 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN2
7 p.m. NCAA Tournament, Super Regional ESPN2

GOLF

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Lyonnese Open GOLF
1 p.m. PGA – FedEx St. Jude Classic GOLF
3 p.m. LPGA – Wegmans Championship GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – FedEx St. Jude Classic CBS

GYMNASTICS

12:30 p.m. Pro Challenge ESPN2
1:30 p.m. Pro Challenge ESPN2
2:30 p.m. Pro Challenge ESPN2

MLB

1:30 p.m. Baltimore at Tampa Bay SUN
1:30 p.m. L.A. Angels at Boston TBS
2:10 p.m. Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs WGN
8 p.m. St. Louis at Cincinnati ESPN

7 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay SUN/ESPN

7 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay SUN
8 p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs WGN

NBA PLAYOFFS

8 p.m. San Antonio at Miami ABC
9 p.m. Miami at San Antonio ABC

SOCCER WORLD CUP QUALIFIER

7:30 p.m. Mexico vs. Costa Rica ESPN
10 p.m. USA vs. Panama ESPN

TENNIS

9 a.m. French Open, Men's Final NBC
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Arena Football

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	6	5	0	.545	605	597
San Antonio	5	5	0	.500	434	464
Iowa	5	7	0	.417	563	562

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	10	1	0	.909	743	525
Spokane	8	3	0	.727	737	593
San Jose	7	3	0	.700	520	499
Utah	4	6	0	.400	510	510

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	8	3	0	.727	590	494
Tampa Bay	7	4	0	.636	639	590
New Orleans	2	8	0	.200	415	586
Orlando	2	8	0	.200	499	600

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	588	525
Pittsburgh	3	7	0	.300	393	531
Cleveland	2	9	0	.182	480	640

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	4	0	1.000	—
Chicago	3	1	.750	1
Washington	2	1	.667	1.5
New York	2	2	.500	2
Indiana	1	2	.333	2.5
Connecticut	1	3	.250	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—

San Antonio	2	1	.667	.5
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1
Seattle	1	2	.333	1.5
Tulsa	1	4	.200	2.5
Phoenix	0	3	.000	2.5

Thursday's Games
 Minnesota 99, Phoenix 79

Friday's Games
 Washington 66, Connecticut 62
 Atlanta 75, New York 56
 San Antonio 81, Chicago 69
 Tulsa 67, Seattle 58

Saturday's Games
 Phoenix at Indiana, late
 Minnesota at Washington, late
 Tulsa at Los Angeles, late

Sunday's Games
 Atlanta at New York, 3 p.m.
 San Antonio at Chicago, 6 p.m.

BASEBALL

American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned OF Xavier Avery to Norfolk (IL). Recalled LHP Mike Belfiore from Norfolk (IL).
 BOSTON RED SOX—Sent OF Shane Victorino to Pawtucket (IL) for a rehab assignment.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed LHP J.C. Romero to a minor league contract and assigned him to Columbus (IL).
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Claimed 3B Edinson Rincon off waivers from San Diego and optioned him to Northwest Arkansas (TL). Designated RHP Nate Adcock for assignment. Sent OF Jarrod Dyson and LH Danny Duffy to Omaha (PCL) for rehab assignments.
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Released RHP Mark Lowe. Sent OF Peter Bourjos to Salt Lake (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Sent RHP Michael Pineda to Tampa (FSL) for a rehab assignment. Announced RHP Chien-Ming Wang exercised an out clause in his contract and been granted his release.

National League
 CINCINNATI REDS—Optioned RHP Pedro Villarreal to Louisville (IL). Recalled INF Henry Rodriguez from Louisville.
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Sent LHP John Lannan to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
 SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed 1B Yonder Alonso on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 1.
 SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Sent LHP Eric Surkamp to San Jose (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Claimed LHP Tyler Robertson off waivers from Minnesota and optioned him to Syracuse (IL).

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!

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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.

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Level III: Stroke Development.

Students must be comfortable in water.

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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.

Beach Volleyball

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA will be hosting a 4 vs 4 Beach Volleyball Tournament Saturday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant.

Ages 16 and up. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

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At 37, Duncan appreciating success more than ever

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
Associated Press

MIAMI — For all the playoff slugfests he has endured over the years, for all the elbows to the ribs he's taken in the post, for all the postseason runs between this NBA Finals and his last one, precious little has changed for Tim Duncan.

His expressive face looks remarkably similar in 2013 to the one that helped the San Antonio Spurs to their first championship in 1999.

His game is still built on fundamentals and smarts more than athleticism and speed.

And he still plays for the same coach, in the same system and with the same two stars by his side that brought three titles to the River Walk in five years.

You see Duncan in Game 1 against Miami on Thursday night, controlling the paint, finding the open man and cleaning up the boards like he's always done.

And then you realize he's 37 years old, and his last trip to the NBA Finals was six years ago.

That may not seem so far back to most players.

To Duncan, it felt like an eternity.

And now that he's finally here, with a chance for title No. 5, he's playing with the urgency of a man that doesn't know how many more chances he's going to get.

"It felt like a long time," Duncan said on Friday, one day after posting 20 points, 14 rebounds, four blocks and three assists in San Antonio's 92-88 win over Miami in Game 1. "I definitely appreciate being back out here, to see the finals banners all around and to see the patch on the jersey and all those little things, the last couple of days it's really been sinking in.

"I think I really do appreciate it more now, having been gone so long."

That Duncan, the most understated of stars, is focusing on those little details that he never did before should come as no surprise.

He's never been one for the pyrotechnic pre-game introductions; never craved the spotlight that comes with playing for the



Tim Duncan was his usual self in San Antonio's Thursday night win in Miami — understated and very effective. MCT photo

championship.

What he has stood for more than anything over the years is dependability.

Everyone knows what he brings to the table, and the fact that he keeps bringing it year-in and year-out has earned him an unparalleled level of respect and admiration within the league — if not among the casual fan who craves soaring dunks and wicked crossovers.

"The way he's played his whole career, he's continued to play that way," Heat guard Ray Allen said. "In this world we live in, consistency is all we ask. You get paid a lot of money and you get respect by doing it."

Some fans want more. They want highlights and sound bites, big plays and bigger personalities.

That's never been Duncan's style, and never been the Spurs' way, which is why arguably the greatest power forward in league history so often gets overshadowed in his own

time by the likes of Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Kevin Durant.

Now in his 16th season in the league and producing like he's fresh out of college, Duncan is reluctantly being thrust into the spotlight once more in these finals.

He averaged 17.8 points, 9.9 rebounds and 2.7 blocks per game in the regular season, becoming the second oldest player to earn All-NBA first team honors.

And he's built off that with a stirring postseason run.

"Timmy is being recognized as one of the great, enduring Hall of Fame, top 10 players of a l l - t i m e ."

Commissioner David Stern said. "They're getting what they deserve."

Duncan has long since handed over the reins to the Spurs offense to point guard Tony Parker, but his influence and impact hasn't waned in the least.

"This will always be Timmy's franchise," Parker said. "Always. Should do a statue for him outside the AT&T Center."

What would that statue look like? "Looking mean," Parker said. "Something like that."

He shrugged off an 0-for-5 start to Game 1 by making eight of his last 14 shots in the game, giving Chris Bosh fits on the low block and forcing him out to the perimeter, where the All-Star forward was rendered almost obsolete.

"Timmy is unbelievable," said Parker, who couldn't resist a chance to take a jab at his buddy. "At his age, 50, doing what he's doing is crazy. It's crazy. I don't know how he does it, seriously. It's unbelievable."

Before the series started, Bosh said he grew up with a poster of Duncan on his wall, something the elder statesman is still trying to get his mind around.

"It's really odd to hear that, especially playing against someone like that," Duncan said. "It means I've been around a very, very long time. To have him at this point ... to have that thought in his mind, I guess I'm honored by it.

"But we're both here for the single purpose, to try to beat each other up."

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Man with a plan? LeBron eyes Game 2 adjustments

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

MIAMI — If LeBron James played for the San Antonio Spurs, Gregg Popovich might have a message for him.

It's the same one he's occasionally delivered to Tim Duncan.

Unselfish play is great.

Moving the ball to open teammates is usually the right idea.

That belief has carried the Spurs to four NBA titles.

Sometimes, though, it's best if the superstar takes on more himself.

Popovich says he's talked to players about being more aggressive, which is what the Miami Heat may need from James.

"Opportunities might be there that they didn't take advantage of. That happens with Timmy now and then," Popovich said. "He's so unselfish, if he shoots three jumpers in a row, he feels like he shouldn't shoot more sometimes, because he wants the ball to move and he wants to involve everybody. I think unselfish players think like that.

"Once in a while I've got to tell him, no, I don't care if you get 20 of those shots, you have to take them."

Maybe James will in Game 2.

"We'll see what type of game plan I come out with on Sunday," he said. "It will be dumb of me to reveal it today."

James had 18 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists in

Game 1, but, as can be the case with the game's greatest talent, there was a feeling he could have done more. And the Heat needed it.

About the time the game was slipping away from the Heat midway through the fourth quarter, the league MVP had attempted fewer shots than Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, and only three more than Mario Chalmers.

Bosh took more shots in the final period (5) than James (4).

The more they missed — as Wade and Bosh did six times in seven attempts over the final 12 minutes — the louder the cries for James to stop giving them the ball and keep it for himself.

Yet that just doesn't seem natural for him.

"I've got this far with them, I'm not going to just abandon what I've been doing all year to help us get to this point," James said. "So I know those guys will be ready to shoot again once they're open."

The Spurs appeared to

retain at least part of the schemes they used against James in 2007, when they swept his Cleveland Cavaliers for their most recent title.

A help defender was ready to slide over and make James give up the ball or shoot a jumper if he had beaten his man, rather than have a lane to the basket.

"We obviously understand that he's extended his range and he's a much different player than he was then. We're trying to make it as difficult as possible," Duncan said. "We're not going to hold him to 18 every game."

Some of the few easy looks the Heat got in their seven-game series against Indiana in the Eastern Conference finals came when James went into the post.

But even if he does that now, the strategy only pays off if his shooters make open looks when he's double-teamed.

So it will be up to James to determine what he thinks will work.

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Dylan Deford launches a three-run home run to center Friday, putting Elks out to an early lead in their Dixie Ozone City Tournament win.

Elks need one more for title

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over the center field wall to increase the score to 5-0.

In the bottom of the second, four more runs were tacked on by Bender's RBI single and Perez's three-run home run.

The tables turned in the top of the third as the Rotary offense started to get back into the swing of things.

Zack Miller started things off after getting hit by a pitch before Zack Taylor's shot to third that was a little too hot to handle, putting himself on first base.

The team of Zack's were both able to cross the plate, giving Rotary their first two

runs of the night.

Dayvon Terry, who had recently stepped onto the mound for his first relief inning, also made it to home to put the score at 9-3.

It was apparent that, while the Elks had the early jump, Rotary was not going down without a fight.

Then again, neither was Elks.

This was evidenced by the sparks flying between the offense and defense of either team in the innings that followed.

Perhaps the most prominent display was one play made in the third when Hunter Vanderpool punched a shot to center that sent Kevin

Meyers charging for home.

Elks catcher Danny Cordoso ran up to catch the throw to home, which put him right in Meyers' path.

In a literal bang-bang play, Cordoso managed to hold on to the ball despite the collision, halting one more attempt at a Rotary run.

Again in the fourth Rotary snuck up on Elks' lead, seeing Wade Gilbert, Connor Delaney, Cole Vanderpool and Miller cross the plate to put the board at 9-7.

But these would be the final runs of the night for Rotary as Elks held on for the win.

This Elks victory put them against Pool Paradise on

Saturday for the Ozone championship.

Should Pool Paradise beat the Elks in the first game, a double-header will occur seeing as the Elks are currently undefeated in the tournament.

"That was my main plan today," said Elks head coach Hector Rivera. "Jump out in front before they got ahead, and it worked that way.

"They started coming back but we were able to hold them down to get the win."

Of the anticipation for the game Saturday night, he added, "This is baseball-anything can happen."

Webber likes the look of Crosson

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Panther team this past season.

His numbers, in sporadic duty that got more regular as the season went on for the injury-riddled squad, don't jump off the page, but it's all about perseverance and making the most of the moment — which he obviously did.

"I had to take infield then hit for Webber and I did awesome at both. I had a really great workout," he said. "They stayed in touch with me and eventually sent me an offer. About a week later I called them and committed to the school."



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Lane Crosson went from being a Red Devil to a Panther, and is now a Warrior.

And while Crosson would have been content to get another season at SFSC under his belt, he is eager to make the most of the opportunity to take this next step.

"I'm dedicating every day this summer to getting bigger and stronger for this upcoming year," he said. "I'm really pushing myself hard.

"It's such a good feeling after working your whole life for this moment, he continued. "I am so blessed and so excited to move on to another chapter of my life. Without my family and friends support none of this would be possible."

FSU's Martin says Indiana not to be taken lightly

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Anytime a college baseball team from the North has an impressive season, it is met with skepticism.

Florida State coach Mike Martin knows better.

Martin is well aware that Indiana has earned its spot in the best-of-three super regional with a resume that includes a Big Ten regular season championship, conference tournament title and a 3-0 mark in the Bloomington Regional. The Hoosiers (46-14) also won two of three regular-season games against Louisville, a top-10 team that is also in a super regional this weekend.

But Martin has a measuring stick closer to home that he can use: Earlier this season Indiana also won two of three against the Florida Gators in Gainesville.

Martin and the Seminoles play at Florida once each year, but the Seminoles last won in Gainesville in 2007.

"We don't have a lot of success in that ballpark," Martin said. "And you go in there and beat them two out of three. I know that this is setting up to be a very exciting weekend."

It could be a great weekend for pitchers.

Indiana will use left-hander Joey DeNato (9-2, 2.65 ERA) on Saturday and 6-foot-10 right-hander Aaron Slegers (9-1, 1.94 ERA) on Sunday. DeNato and Slegers have good control, as they have combined to allow only

49 walks in 184 innings.

Florida State (47-15) will counter with right-hander Luke Weaver, who is 7-2 with a 1.95 ERA and is coming off a 14-strikeout game in a win over Troy in the Tallahassee Regional. Weaver has allowed just six earned runs and recorded 58 strikeouts in the last 42.2 innings. In the second game on Sunday, the Seminoles will look to right-hander Scott Sitz, who is 10-1 with a 1.59 ERA.

Indiana and Florida State both have plenty of offense, too.

The Hoosiers, led by Dustin DeMuth at .396 and Kyle Schwarber with 17 home runs, feature a lineup where six regular starters are

hitting over .308. And the Seminoles, powered by DJ Stewart at .363, have a lineup with five regular starters hitting .283 or better.

The key for the Seminoles is taking pitches, working the count and getting walks. Florida State is third nationally with 345 walks.

"They're very disciplined at the plate," Indiana coach Tracy Smith said. "Philosophically that's a big part of what they do. It's key for Joey not to walk people."

Indiana is playing in its first super regional in only its third NCAA postseason appearance. Florida State is in a super regional for a nation-leading sixth straight time. The Seminoles are attempting to earn their

22nd trip to the College World Series.

Both coaches say postseason experience matters. Smith said his team has gained experience by playing on the road this season and won't be deterred by Florida State's enthusiastic home crowd.

"Every step we take, every game we play, every pitch that we make past this time is history for this program," Smith said. "We're thrilled to be here. We think it's a great challenge. But our guys aren't satisfied. We've set out with one goal in mind, and that's to get to Omaha and do some damage in Omaha. And I think our guys have a great mindset on that."



Rays' Price throws bullpen session

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — AL Cy Young Award winner David Price has thrown his first bullpen session since being sidelined last month by a strained left triceps.

The Tampa Bay left-hander, put on the disabled list for the first time in his career May 16, made 38 throws over eight minutes Friday.

"It was what we were looking for, just come away from this and feel good, have a

smile on your face," Price said.

Price is scheduled to throw again Monday and hopes to pitch in a simulated game soon.

"I didn't feel anything in my arm or anywhere else, so it was a good day," Price

said. "When you haven't thrown a bullpen, it's a big step. ... They want to make sure that I am 100 percent healthy whenever I'm coming back."

Price is 1-4 with a 5.24 ERA after going 20-5 with a 2.56 ERA in 2012.

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Summer Food Service Program offered

Special to the News-Sun

The School Board of Highlands County will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program from June 10 through Aug. 2. Last year the School Board provided more than 70,000 meals to eligible children in our county.

The Summer Food Service program will provide nutritionally balanced meals to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin during summer vacation when school breakfasts and lunches are not available.

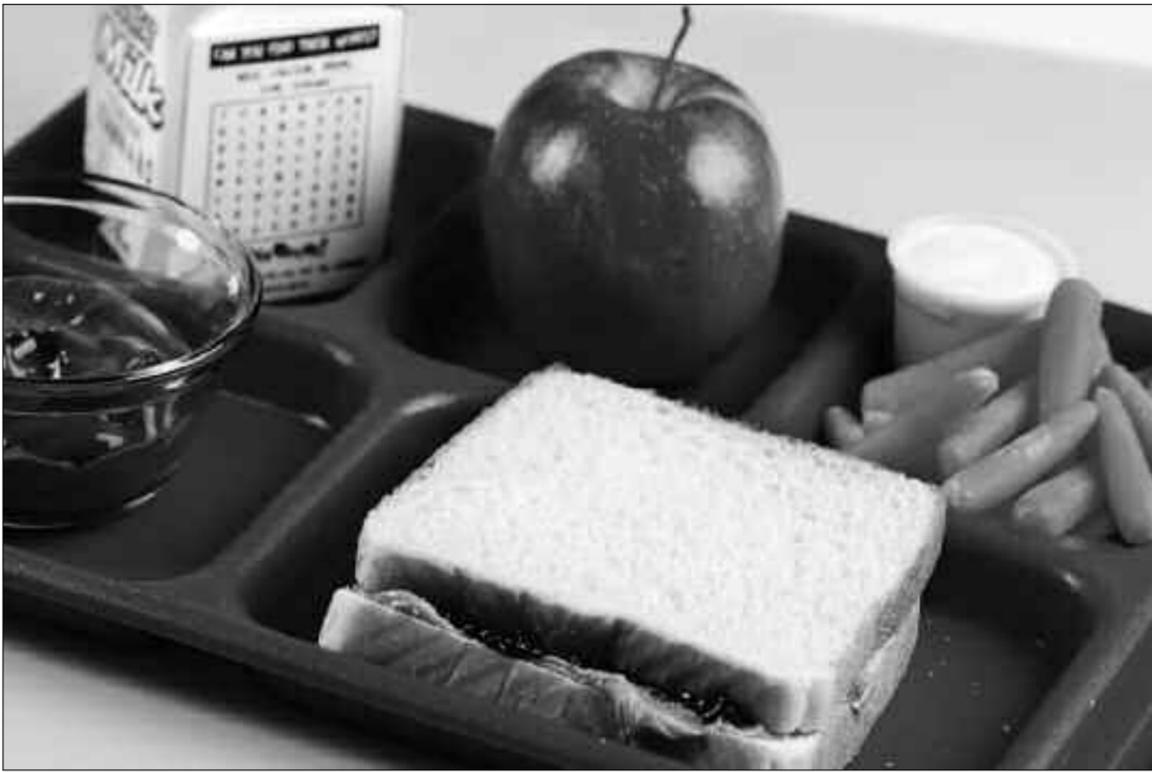
All children 18 years old and younger are eligible for meals at no charge at all "open" summer feeding sites. Open sites are approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year.

School sites will provide breakfast and lunch meals to all children in the immediate vicinity in addition to those enrolled in summer school programs.

Please note, occasionally sites may not offer meal service due to being off-site for field trips. For more information or to check availability of meal service at a site, please call the Food Service Office at 471-5676 and speak with Barbara Haywood or Martha Brown.

Open sites (schools)

- Avon Elementary School, 705 W. Winthrop St., Avon Park: breakfast 7:45-9 a.m.; lunch, 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Sun 'N Lake Elementary School 4515 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Sebring: breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m.; lunch 12-12:30 p.m.
- Park Elementary School



327 E. Palmetto St., Avon Park: breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

— Cracker Trail Elementary School 8200 Sparta Road, Sebring: breakfast 8-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

— Lake Placid Elementary 101 Green Dragon Drive, Lake Placid: breakfast, 7:45-9 a.m.; lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

— Fred Wild Elementary School, 3550 Youth Care Lane, Sebring: breakfast, 7:45-9 a.m.; lunch 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

— Sebring High, 3514 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring (starts June 11): breakfast, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; lunch, 12-12:30 p.m.

— Lake Placid High, 202 Green Dragon Drive, Lake Placid (June 12-July 26): breakfast, 8:15-8:45 a.m., lunch 11-11:30 a.m.

— Avon Park High School, 700 E. Main St., Avon Park (June 10-17): breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

— South Florida State College, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park (June 12-July 26): breakfast, 7:45-8:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

— Kindergarden Learning Center, 3560 US 27 South, Sebring: breakfast, 8-9 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

— Memorial Elementary School, 867 Memorial Drive, Avon Park: breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m., lunch 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Non-school open sites

- YMCA, 100 YMCA Lane, Sebring (starts June 12): breakfast, 7-9:30 a.m.; lunch 11-11:30 a.m.
- Avon Park Recreation

Department, 207 E. State St., Avon Park (starts June 12): breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m., lunch 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

— Family Tree Learning Center, 3125 Medical Way, Sebring (starts June 12): breakfast, 9-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11-11:30 a.m.

— Universal Center for Martial Arts, 3400 Office Park Road (starts June 12): breakfast, 8:30-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

— Victory Tabernacle Apostolic, 1008 Peel St., Avon Park (June 24-28): breakfast, 8-8:45 a.m.; lunch 12-12:30 p.m.

— Boys & Girls Club of Sebring, 111 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., Sebring (starts June 17): breakfast, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 12-1 p.m.

— Boys & Girls Club of Avon Park, 217 Gwen Hill St., Avon Park (starts June 17): breakfast, 8:30- 9:15

a.m.; lunch, 12-12:45 p.m.

— Busy Kids II, 1000 Persimmon Ave., Sebring (starts June 12): breakfast, 8:30-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:30-12 p.m.

— Grace Church of Sebring, 3626 Thunderbird Road, Sebring (starts June 12): lunch, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

— Bountiful Blessing Church of God, 820 Martin Luther King Blvd., Sebring (June 12-18): supper, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

— Stepping Stones E.L.C., 25 E. Park St., Lake Placid (starts June 12): breakfast, 9-9:15 a.m.; snacks, 2:30-2:45 p.m.

— Iglesia De Dios Pentecostal, 919 Gwendolynn St., Avon Park (starts June 12): lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

— Against All Odds Refuge Church, 777 Lemon St., Sebring (starts June 12):

breakfast, 8-9 a.m.; lunch 12-1:30 p.m.

Closed sites

The following sites are only open to the children enrolled in the program and begin serving meals June 12:

— First Baptist Weekday Early Ed. Center, 206 E Hibiscus St., Lake Placid: breakfast, 10:45-11:45 a.m.; lunch, 2:45-3:15 p.m.

— Busy Kids Learning Center, 922 Persimmon Ave., Sebring: breakfast, 8:30-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

— Visions, 4141 US Highway 27 N., Suite 15, Sebring: breakfast, 8-8:15 a.m.; lunch 11:45 a.m.-12 p.m.

— Highlands Academy, 449 Park St., Sebring: lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; snacks, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

— Sun 'N Lake of Sebring, 3500 Edgewater Drive, Sebring: breakfast, 7:45-8:15 a.m., lunch, 12-12:30 p.m.

— Sebring Children's Academy, 1131 U.S. 27 S., Sebring: breakfast, 7-8 a.m., lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Glades Electric Co-op awards scholarships

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Glades Electric Cooperative recently honored the achievements of a select group of students from its service counties — Highlands, Glades, Hendry, and Okeechobee.

The college scholarships are awarded to members' children who are high school seniors and have upheld academic excellence. Each of GEC's service counties receives two \$4,000 scholarships. The student's academ-

ic achievement, leadership involvement, and extra-curricular activities are among some of the variables taken into consideration.

From Highlands County, the winners were Brittany M. Day of Lake Placid, who plans to use her scholarship to assist with schooling costs at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to receive her bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering,

and Wyatt J. Johnson of Sebring, who plans on using his scholarship for education expenses while attending the University of Florida. He is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Operations Management.

Additionally, GEC awarded two high school juniors with an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the nation's capital on an all expenses paid, weeklong trip.

Melody Bates of Lake Placid and Thomas Barefield Jr. of Moore Haven join other juniors from cooperatives around the nation to tour Washington D.C., learn the history of rural electrification, visit historic monuments, and meet face-to-face with our legislators. The trip, known as the "Washington Youth Tour," is sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

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Outreach events planned

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Ace Homecare Community plans the following community outreach events for the coming week:

- Monday — 8 a.m., health fair, Hammock Estates, Hammock Road, Sebring.
- Tuesday — 7:30 a.m., health fair, Lakeside Gardens, County Road 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., health fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 12:30 p.m., health fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27, Sebring.
- Wednesday — 8 a.m., health fair, Neibert's, U.S. 98, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., health fair, Palm Estates, U.S. 98, Florida.
- Thursday — 9 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Marantha Village, Arbuckle Creed Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., caregivers support group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, Sebring.
- Friday — 7 a.m., health fair, Arc Residence, Pleasant Street, Avon Park.

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Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures

Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

Hebrews 13:5,6,8, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you. So we may boldly say; the Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." The same God of miracles, healings, deliverance, and provider in the Old Testament and New Testament times is the same God today. The Miracles we read about in the Bible is still alive and happening today. In the book of Mathew around the 19th chapter verse 26, the word tells us, "...with me this is impossible, but with God all things are possible... He is the God of the impossible. As children of God, let's continue to trust Him to work the impossible. He is the same God and promised He'll never leave us. Where you are now, God is there. His word says, just ask...Be Blessed!

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Arts & Entertainment

Frazier is Co-op's Artist of the Month

Miami native began drawing sketches at age 6

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Paul “Herb” Frazier joined the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative in November 2012, and already he is finding himself as the Co-op’s Artist of the Month.

Born in 1940 in Miami, Frazier has been drawing since he was very young.

At the age of 6, he surprised his parents, who didn’t believe he did it, when he drew an eight-foot mural in colored chalk on his first-grade classroom chalk board. Now his specialty is pencil and charcoal drawings, which he began teaching himself at that same age of 6.

Although he has had no formal training in that particular medium, Frazier has a design degree from the University of Florida, College of Architecture and Fine Arts, and several graduate degrees specializing in computer graphics, animation and technical education.

He taught Architectural Design for 19 years and Computer Graphics and Animation for 6 years at the university level.

On military active duty Frazier spent six years flying for the Navy and 21 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a captain.

He moved to Lake Placid from Miami Springs after retirement from both the Navy (as a captain/naval avi-



Courtesy photo

Starting at the young age of 6, Paul ‘Herb’ Frazier has taken his artist talents from an eight-foot mural on the classroom chalk board to these beautiful pen and pencil sketches. He is this month’s Artist of the Month at the Lake Placid Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

ator) and Miami Dade College (as a professor).

He has worked in varied media and his unique pencil drawings have won several major awards including Best in Show - Coral Gables; and first places at the Lake Placid Art Show and the Lake Placid Country Fair, where he also received a Best in Class honor.

Frazier has participated in numerous juried shows, and has painted murals for private and commercial spaces. Since 2002 he has worked exclusively on pencil drawings that are displayed in

several galleries and private collections.

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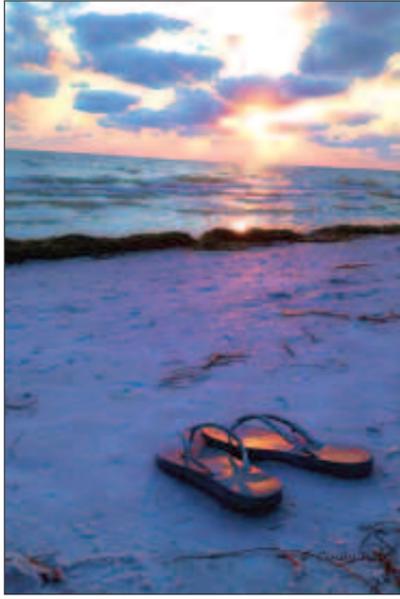


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Arts & Entertainment



Rose's photos showing at Lucid Heart



Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Lucid Heart Gallery announces the opening of Heartland Cultural Alliance / Lucid Heart artist Cindy Rose's exhibit of fine photography.
 Cindy Rose carries forth the artistic legacy of Rick Rose stating, "We enthusiastically followed our hearts' passion to photograph nature with such intricate detail that makes our photos come to life so you feel like you are looking at the wildlife with

your own eyes and not at a photograph.
 "Each photography outing is an adventure, like looking for hidden treasure. It's a great way to get 'up close and personal' with nature."
 The Roses have a collection of photographs of wading birds, birds of prey, alligators and mammals, as well as scenery.
 Most recently Cindy has added her beach and Italy collections with a new flare presenting the colorful pho-

tographs on metal allowing her artistic passions to spring forth.
 An artist's reception is set from 5-9 p.m. Friday, June 14, at Lucid Heart Gallery, 131 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring.
 Snacks wine and beer will be offered at this free public event.
 Contact Fred Leavitt by email at info@HeartlandCulturalAlliance.org or call 402-8238 or 414-6237.

Carberg releases new book

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – This week, Florida author P.J. Carberg celebrates the nationwide release of her new children's book, "The Super, Special, Fantastic, Totally Awesome, Best Day Ever," a tale inspired by her granddaughter's creativity.
 In the story, when KJ describes her day, not even the sky is a limit to her larger-than-life imagination. Young readers join KJ as she travels to her favorite places and beyond in what she describes as the most super special, fantastic, totally awesome, best day ever.
 Carberg's charming story reminds adult readers that a child's imagination can turn an ordinary day into an extraordinary one. At the

same time, she encourages children to embrace their inventiveness and dream the impossible. The fantastic tale makes a sweet and memorable bedtime story that kids will ask to have read to them over and over.
 Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.
 Carberg, mother of three and grandmother of four, has previously published several works for Rid Views, a magazine for sign language interpreters. She currently resides in Sebring.

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Quieter, please: New products keep it down a bit

Associated Press

Homeowner Christine Igot knows one thing for sure. "I will not have a fridge in my kitchen ever again," she says firmly.

In the new house she's building, in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, the 51-year-old is putting the refrigerator in a pantry off the kitchen and will double insulate the walls. Why? All that noise, noise, noise.

Her present house has an open plan, and the sound of the fridge drives her crazy. "I tried to get used to it. I had an appliance man come to see if it was running properly." It was — it just emitted a high-pitched whine.

Roxanne Went uses her car as "a cone of silence" to escape the noise of leaf blowers outside her suburban West Chester, Pa., home, and of family members' blaring music inside.

For baby boomers, noise matters. "Decreased tolerance for loud sounds is a fairly common symptom of age-related hearing loss, as the range of comfortable listening levels seems to shrink," says Ted Madison, an audiologist in St. Paul, Minn., and a representative of the American Speech-Language-

Hearing Association.

Beyond creating stress and annoyance, loud noises can cause hearing loss, according to experts. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health reckons that noise over 85 decibels may cause hearing loss.

So what are the loud products we live with at home? According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, based in Rockville, Md., the "very loud" range includes blenders, blow dryers, vacuum cleaners and alarm clocks, all in the 80 to 90 decibel range. "Extremely loud" — in the 100 to 110 decibel range — are snow blowers, gas lawnmowers and some MP3 players.

In Brighton, England, a Noise Abatement Society fields complaints from citizens about annoyances ranging from neighbors' power tools to barking dogs to wind chimes. Managing director Poppy Elliot says her team decided to channel the collective angst over unwanted noise into "Quiet Mark," a seal of approval they give to prod-

ucts designed to be quieter. So far more than 35 products have received the designation, from hair dryers to commercial tools, and Elliot said the organization is expanding globally.

"The ultimate aim is to encourage industry across the board to put a high priority on factoring in low noise at the design stage. Investment in acoustic design and

sound quality of a product should be just as important as energy efficiency or visual design," Elliot says.

Manufacturers are responding to concerns about noise with new, quieter products.

LG has several — including the TrueSteam dishwasher — that use a Direct Drive motor, an alternative to the noisier belt-and-pulley system of traditional motors.

Swiss-based Liebherr uses low-sound dual air compressors and cooling circuits in their high-end fridges. And Samsung's dishwasher has extra insulation, which cuts the sound.

Range hood fans can often be noisy. Italian firm Falmec makes a line that uses a perimeter extraction method rather than one single vacuum vent; the air is drawn evenly into the hood's edges more quietly than being sucked straight up.

Jerek Bowman, a chef in Toronto, recommends sous vide cooking, using a thermal circulator and heating the food in water, as a

quieter way to go. "There's simply no noise. You can use it the same way you would for roasting, stewing or braising," he says. A side benefit? With the equivalent of only a light bulb to heat the water, there's some energy savings as well.

Food processing pioneer Magimix has a new multi-tasking mixer that chops, slices, whisks, grates, kneads and mixes all in one machine, and does it quietly with an induction motor. Induction motors, which don't use stiff brushes to transfer electricity, mean a weightier but quieter appliance.

Rowenta's noise-reducing inventions include the Turbo Silence home fan and the Silence Form Extreme vacuum cleaner, which emits a decidedly timid 65 decibels. Electrolux's Ultra Silencer canister vacuum comes in at 68 decibels.

As for hair dryers, the Centrix Q Zone and Biolonic IDry Whisper Light are two low-noise options; the latter was one of the first products to receive the Quiet Mark designation.

And Stihl has a line of lithium-ion battery yard gear — including a leaf blower, mower and trimmer — that are much quieter than gas-pow-



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◆ **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, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

◆ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

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

CATHOLIC

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

◆ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcatho.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcatho.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. Sever. 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. Testimony meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy are our

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

◆ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service is 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.

The mighty sabal palm is Florida's state tree



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

Did you know that the cocoa palm used to be the symbol on Florida's state seal? In 1970 the legislature mandated that Florida's state tree since 1953, the sabal palm, replace the cocoa palm on the seal. Sabal palmetto, more commonly known as the sabal palm, cabbage palm, swamp cabbage, or palmetto is the most widely distributed palm in Florida. The hardy tree will grow just about anywhere, in any type of soil. Historically and today the sabal palm

serves many purposes.

The most popular part of the sabal palm is its heart. The inner core of the terminal bud is used as "swamp cabbage," and is quite popular with some folks. Unfortunately, removing the heart kills the tree. The core is cooked and said to taste a bit like artichokes. The young leaves of the sabal palm are also a food source. The flowers, also edible, are used to make honey, which is quite popular and expensive.

The leaf stalks and bark of the palm produce a fibrous material which has been used to make brushes. The fronds of the tree can be woven to make hats, baskets and mats. Fronds are also popular, worldwide, for use in Palm Sunday services. The trunk of the sabal is used to produce



Courtesy photo

Younger sabal palms sport 'boot jacks,' which are the spiky projections that appear on the trunk. Once the palm reaches a certain height, it loses these projections and appears smooth.

canes, walking sticks, and even wharf pilings. Native Americans were quite fond of the tree and used the fronds

to thatch the roofs of their chickees.

Sabal palms can grow to heights of more than 60 feet. One tree has grown to an enormous height of 92 feet with a trunk that measures two feet in diameter. The dull green fronds can measure up to six feet long with a spineless petiole of about five to six feet. The fronds, or leaves, are in a fan shape and the petiole extends to about the center of the frond.

Sabal palms produce flowers that are yellowish-white in color. These flowers extend out on a branch-like structure of over eight feet long, reaching beyond the fronds. The black fruit is about a half inch and contains a seed, which is salt tolerant and can be found growing near the ocean.

Sabal palms are a very hardy species. They are tolerant to cold weather, drought, flooding, fires, and salty winds. They can even survive in or near brackish water. Long after hurricane force winds pass by, most cabbage palms are still standing because of the extended root structures. Sabal palm roots can spread up to eight feet around the trunk. If the tree is living in a wet area or in a flood zone, it will grow rootlets on the lower trunk allowing the tiny roots to take up fresh water for the rest of the tree. These hardy palms have the ability to pull water from the surface or from deep in the earth.

Younger sabal palms sport "boot jacks," which are the spiky projections that appear on the trunk. Once the palm

reaches a certain height, it loses these projections and appears smooth. Therefore, depending on the palm's age, the tree can look quite different at various stages of life.

Sabal palms are an excellent choice for landscaping because of their hardiness. They require little care and can grow in most conditions. They are excellent for medians or along roadsides. Florida's state tree is one of 15 species of palmetto. It is native to the southern United States, Cuba and the Bahamas.

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.

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. Summer Sunday schedule, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., June 2-Sept. 1, 10 a.m. Bible study, 6 a.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

◆ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INDEPENDENT

◆ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

◆ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to serve. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797. ◆ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile

east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org. ◆ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Dr, Sebring Church phone: 385-7848 Faith Child Development Center: 385-3232. Summer Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m. Communion served 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday. Sunday School & Bible Classes: 9:00 a.m. Worship Svc. Broadcast at 10 a.m. on WITS 1340AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies, Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

◆ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor 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.Trinitylutheranfl.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

◆ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

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

◆ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7

p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

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

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

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

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

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

◆ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.wearunion.org. ◆ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unity-ofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

◆ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. Pastor Tom Schneider. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth

Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpc-sebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

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

◆ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@strato.net. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

◆ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Sstudy 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group - 6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children's ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

◆ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.;

Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

◆ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fum-cap.org. ◆ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. John A. Bryant, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to Grade 5, 465-0313.

◆ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org ◆ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church**, 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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The Lists

Spotify

Most streamed tracks

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

Most viral tracks

1. Major Lazer feat. Bruno Mars, Tyga and Mystic,

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; \$1,784,275; \$82.24.
2. (3) Kenny Chesney; \$1,654,532; \$79.23.
3. (2) Bon Jovi; \$1,558,922; \$99.04.
4. (4) Pink; \$1,095,291; \$75.65.
5. (5) Maroon 5; \$897,350; \$65.73.
6. (6) Jason Aldean;



7. (New) Alicia Keys; \$770,262; \$53.91.
 8. (7) Muse; \$537,416; \$55.92.
 9. (8) Leonard Cohen; \$499,280; \$109.36.
 10. (9) Carrie Underwood; \$491,343; \$61.39.
- "Bubble Butt" (Secretly Canadian)
2. Robin Thicke, "Blurred Lines" (Star Trak LLC)
 3. Lorde, "Royals" (Lava Music/Republic Records)
 4. Tiesto, "Take Me" (Spinnin Records)
 5. 2 Chainz and Wiz Khalifa, "We Own It (Fast & Furious)" (Universal Studios)
 6. Sammy Adams, "LA Story" (RCA Records Label)
 7. The Weeknd, "Kiss Land" (XO&co. Inc.)
 8. Boards of Canada, "Reach for the Dead" (Warp Records)
 9. B.o.B featuring 2 Chainz, "HeadBand" (Rebel Rock/Grand Hustle/Atlantic)
 10. Daft Punk, "Get Lucky" (Columbia Records)



iTunes

Top songs

1. "Blurred Lines (feat. T.I. & Pharrell)," Robin Thicke
2. "We Own It (Fast & Furious)," 2 Chainz & Wiz Khalifa
3. "Get Lucky (feat. Pharrell Williams)," Daft Punk
4. "Can't Hold Us (feat. Ray Dalton)," Ryan Lewis, Macklemore
5. "Come & Get It," Selena Gomez
6. "Radioactive," Imagine Dragons
7. "Just Give Me a Reason (feat. Nate Ruess)," P!nk
8. Boys 'Round Here (feat. Pistol Annies & Friends)," Blake Shelton
9. "Cruise (Remix) (feat. Nelly)," Florida Georgia Line
10. "Mirrors," Justin Timberlake

Top albums

1. "Random Access Memories," Daft Punk
2. "The Great Gatsby



- (Music from Baz Luhrmann's Film)," Various Artists
3. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
 4. "Based on a True Story," Blake Shelton
 5. "DNA," Little Mix
 6. "The Devil Put Dinosaurs Here," Alice in Chains
 7. "Almost Home EP," Kid Ink
 8. "The Heist," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
 9. "The 20/20 Experience," Justin Timberlake
 10. "Modern Vampires of the City," Vampire Weekend

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. "Zero Hour" by Clive Cussler, Graham Brown (Putnam)
5. "Deeply Odd" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
6. "12th of Never" by James Patterson, Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
7. "Dead Ever After: A Sookie Stackhouse Novel" by Charlaine Harris (Ace)
8. "The Hit" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)

NONFICTION

1. "Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander" by Phil Robertson and Mark Schlabach (Howard Books)
2. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf)
3. "Eleven Rings" by Phil Jackson (Penguin Press)
4. "Jesus Calling: Enjoy Peace in His Presence" by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson Publishers)
5. "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris (Little, Brown)
6. "The Duck Commander Family" by Willie Robertson (Howard Books)
7. "Keep it Pithy: Useful Observations in a Tough



9. "Silken Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)
10. "Theodore Boone: The Activist" by John Grisham (Dutton Books)
3. "The Forever of Ella and Micha" by Jessica Sorenson (Grand Central Publishing)
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. "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls" by David Sedaris (Little, Brown)
3. "Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander" by Phil Robertson and Mark Schlabach (Howard Books)
4. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
5. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Little, Brown) Publishing Group

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'Lean In' back at No. 1 on NYT list

NEW YORK (AP) — Caps and gowns are in fashion right now, and so, apparently, are copies of "Lean In" as a graduation gift.

Sheryl Sandberg's manifesto for women in the workplace will again top The New York Times' nonfiction best-seller list in the paper's June 16 edition. "Lean In" had last been No. 1 on the combined print and e-book list May 5.

Paul Bogaards, executive director of publicity for Alfred A. Knopf, said Thursday that sales have been especially strong lately because the book is a popular graduation gift. He said "Lean In" is now in its 15th printing and has sold 600,000 copies just three months after publication.

Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, has been encouraging a national conversation on how women can advance in their careers.

US writer A.M. Homes wins Women's Fiction Prize

LONDON (AP) — American novelist A.M. Homes has won this year's Women's Prize for Fiction with her sixth novel "May We Be Forgiven."

Homes beat award-winning writer Hilary Mantel and three other finalists for the 30,000-pound (\$45,000) prize — previously known as the Orange Prize, one of Britain's most prestigious literary awards.

On Wednesday, actress

Miranda Richardson, who chaired a panel of judges, praised Home's novel, a story about two brothers, as a "dazzling, original, viscerally funny black comedy" and a "subversion of the American dream."

It defeated Mantel's Tudor saga "Bring Up the Bodies,"

a bookmaker's favorite; Barbara Kingsolver's "Flight Behavior"; Zadie Smith's "NW"; and Marie Semple's "Where'd You Go, Bernadette?"

The award, in its 18th year, celebrates writing by women in English from around the world.

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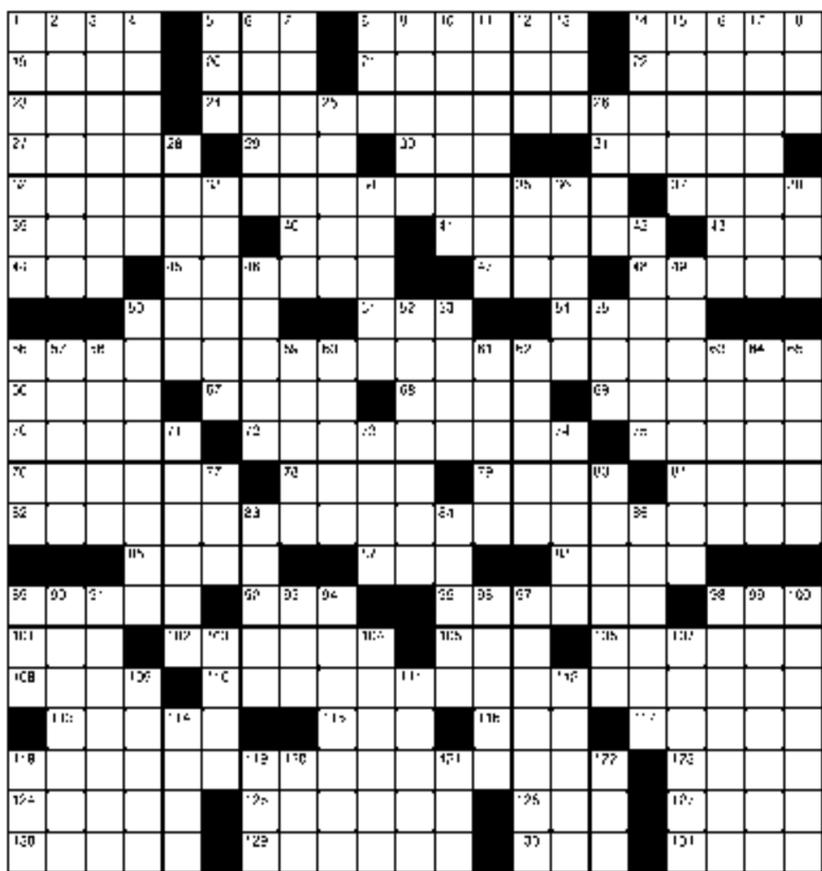
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Diversions/Puzzles

STRICTLY SPEAKING

By ED SESSA



Solution on page B5

ACROSS

- 1 "Thick & Fluffy" breakfast brand
- 5 He edged TED in 1948
- 8 ___ out: thoroughly
- 14 Brutus accomplice
- 19 Mouthy minor
- 20 18-Down reaction
- 21 British magazine founded in 1709
- 22 On the bias
- 23 Head honcho
- 24 Heated words?
- 27 Symbolic yet insubstantial
- 29 Dash letters
- 30 Kitty's bit
- 31 Performed an entrechat
- 32 Blanket expression?
- 37 Winding way, maybe
- 39 Winding way, maybe
- 40 Tulsa sch.
- 41 One rushing into a relationship?
- 43 Pinocchio's peccadillo
- 44 Plural maker
- 45 Big oil source
- 47 Luau garland
- 48 Justice Kagan
- 50 "What ___ God wrought?"
- 51 Org. with an Arrow of Light award
- 54 Hook's mate
- 56 Formal request?
- 66 Peterhof Palace resident
- 67 Foundry waste
- 68 "La Bohème" heroine
- 69 News item
- 70 Where most states have their own page
- 72 Sky
- 75 "First Blood" hero
- 76 Opening bout, briefly
- 78 Verging on
- 79 1-Down relative
- 81 Dancer's restraint
- 82 Frank talk?
- 86 One way to make up for lost time
- 87 Suggest, as a price
- 88 Unfolds, in verse
- 89 White House nickname
- 92 Mil. support gp.
- 95 Old Flatbush field
- 98 First word of Dante's "Inferno"

DOWN

- 101 Dossier letters
- 102 New Hampshire city
- 105 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 106 Comfy (with)
- 108 Friends
- 110 Bald assertion?
- 113 Not the best plan for becoming a millionaire
- 115 Orch. section
- 116 Confessional music genre
- 117 Ecuadoran province once famous for its gold
- 118 Mission statement?
- 123 Preceders of las
- 124 Coeur d'___
- 125 Fluoride beneficiary
- 126 Fluoride-in-water meas.
- 127 Italian noble family
- 128 Mortise mate
- 129 One-person craft
- 130 Gender-specific pronoun
- 131 It's in Off!
- 1 Coastal recession
- 2 Record tracks
- 3 Seals that avoid water?
- 4 Cooperstown's Lake
- 5 Slop slurper
- 6 Rueful
- 7 Winnie's title?
- 8 Old comm. giant
- 9 Queen Amidala's "Star Wars" home
- 10 Crave, with "for"
- 11 Schoolyard threat
- 12 Sun City developer Webb
- 13 Interjections of indecision
- 14 Stylish eatery
- 15 Equidistant
- 16 It's planted in the snow
- 17 Sure
- 18 Wonder
- 25 Play the jester
- 26 Like many shoppes
- 28 Chewy confection
- 33 Aphorisms
- 34 Sidewalk sides
- 35 Eggs from the sea
- 36 Protestant denom.
- 38 Latin goddess
- 42 Pea jacket relative
- 46 China supporter
- 49 Smallest of the roaring cats
- 50 Coat-of-arms science

- 52 Common church name
- 53 Take ___ view of
- 55 La Méditerranée, e.g.
- 56 Bacteria in grapelike clusters
- 57 Houston player
- 58 Double-parker who gives out tickets
- 59 "The Divided Self" author R.D.
- 60 Come to terms
- 61 Waiter's question ending
- 62 Forty-___
- 63 He said, "I die," and then did
- 64 Head honcho
- 65 School collars
- 71 Great Plains language family
- 73 First name in spydom
- 74 Sierra Nevada resort
- 77 Classic British two-seaters
- 80 Can opener
- 83 "Cut out the racket!"
- 84 Vermont ski resort
- 85 One who sits for SATs
- 89 Brief application
- 90 A pricey one may be made of koa wood
- 91 Broken mirror, for some
- 93 ___ Na Na
- 94 Remain beyond, as one's welcome
- 96 Waterside stopover
- 97 Computer image formats
- 98 Stable
- 99 Dubai or Sharjah
- 100 You can build a 5,922-piece Taj Mahal replica with the largest one ever made
- 103 First step in a progression
- 104 Often-allergic condition
- 107 Suspended
- 109 Note taker using symbols
- 111 With "The," L.A. theater at which Neil Diamond recorded "Hot August Night"
- 112 Pizazz
- 114 Govt. agents
- 118 See 119-Down
- 119 Reaction to a 118-Down
- 120 Genetic building blocks
- 121 Michaels and Franken
- 122 Partner of 'earth'?

Lost? Use GPS to get back on track



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Riding along with our friends to attend a wedding, they set their GPS with the right coordinates to find the church. I had brought along the directions provided with the invitation ... just in case.

But they loved their GPS and found it to be quite accurate. So, I put the directions away and relaxed. The GPS voice occasionally reminded the driver where to turn or what was coming up. But, when she finished giving her final instructions, the church was no where to be found.

We were a little bit lost. We had to look at the directions, figure out where 'the voice' had misdirected us, and make the necessary adjustments.

But, lost is lost ... little bit or not. And when speaking of our eternal destination, we don't want to be even a little bit lost.

That is why we need to use a specific GPS if we want to get to heaven. That GPS stands for God's Plan of Salvation.

Isn't it wonderful that God has a plan and his plan includes us?

Imagine if the bride and groom

hadn't supplied directions, or hadn't told anyone to come, but just expected them to do so. Disappointment would have colored their day instead of shared joy and excitement.

God always intended that we live with him forever in the perfection of his presence and beauty of creation. When sin marred his intention, he provided a plan that would redeem us and give us eternity with him.

The Wordless Book is a great GPS tool.

Encased in a front and back cover of green cloth, the first page is gold reminding us that God made us, loves us and is holy. The

second page is dark and reminds us of sin. Sin is anything we think, say and do that breaks God's law and displeases him. This sin separates us from God.

The next page is red. Jesus Christ came and died on the cross shedding his blood and taking our place. He was buried and rose again.

The final page is clean and bright. It represents a person's personal decision to receive God's free gift of salvation. As it says in John 1:12, NKJV, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

The green covers wrap it up by reminding us to grow by reading God's Word, going to church, praying, obeying and sharing our faith in Jesus.

So don't be lost. Use God's GPS. The destination is guaranteed. Selah.

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Family fumes at dad who helps himself to best parts of buffet



Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I host all of the holiday parties and dinner parties for my family. Whenever I have my parents over, my father insists on helping himself to the top layer of every casserole. He'll scrape all the cheese off the potatoes, the crunchy onion topping off the green bean casserole, etc., leaving just the bare vegetables for everyone else.

I have asked Dad not to do it because it is inconsiderate of the other guests. I can see people are bothered by it, so now they make a beeline to the buffet so they can beat him to it.

Dad got offended when I talked to him about it, but he continues to do it. Mom refuses to get involved, and I have said all I can say. What to do?

— Burned Up in Illinois

Dear Burned Up: A guest who grabs all the goodies at a dinner party is a hog. Because your father refuses to change his behavior, I will offer a few suggestions: The first is to alter your menu to avoid serving casserole dishes. If that's not possible, make your father his own separate casserole with his name on it, so he can have it all to himself. Or plate the food in the kitchen and stop serving it buffet-style.

Dear Abby: Over the past few years, as social media has become more popular, I

ized human contact and has the potential to destroy relationships and isolate individuals.

I'm interested in your opinion and any advice you can give me on helping my girlfriend understand my concerns.

— Alone in the Real World

Dear Alone: People cannot be two places at once. When relationships aren't nurtured, they wither. If this has been going on for an extended period, then it's time you give your girlfriend a wake-up call: You feel abandoned. By spending more time in the virtual world than in the real one, she is neglecting her relationship with you.

Ask her if she would be willing to work on a compromise so that she spends time with you. If she can't do that, and the Internet is giving her everything she needs, then you should find a lady who is willing to give you more of what you need, which is undivided attention.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Sagittarius needs to rethink strategy

Metro News Service

Aries (March 21-April 20)

— You could be feeling under the weather this week, Aries. Even if your to-do list is a mile long, you need to take some time to recuperate before getting back to business.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)

— Life experience is your advantage, Taurus. When your company is looking to fill a position, they will most likely hire from within. Make the most of this opportunity.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)

— Gemini, just when things seem hopeless, a small ray of light shines through and you find a solution to your problem. Scorpio has some wise words, so listen up.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

— Cancer, once you think

Horoscope

you have all of the answers, something pops up to make you reassess a situation. It could take a few days for you to find the answer you're looking for.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

— Leo, you may have fun in the sun on your mind, but others are urging you to buckle down and focus on some tasks that need to get wrapped up before you leave.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

— There are some changes coming at work, Virgo. You just don't know if they will be to your advantage or be something that could tilt you off your axis.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

— Libra, you have much to learn, but you cannot cram it

all into one week. There is no crash course on life. Make the most of a getaway opportunity.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— You can't seem to focus on one thing for very long this week, Scorpio. You might have to spend a few days clearing your mind before you can refocus on the tasks at hand.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

— Sagittarius, you are not one to let an obstacle block you from your goal. Rethink your strategy and you will soon find yourself back on the path to success.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

— Capricorn, changes at home are in store and you may be feeling both excited and anxious at the same time. This is perfectly understandable as you await the news.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

— Aquarius, vacation plans may have been elusive until now, but you finally have the funds and the time to take the trip you desire. Your traveling partner is still up in the air.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

— Pisces, a new season inspires you to make changes and reconsider old relationships. Call it a late spring cleaning of your life.

Famous birthdays

June 9 — Michael J. Fox, actor, 52; June 10 — Kate Upton, model, 21; June 11 — Gene Wilder, comic actor, 80; June 12 — Dave Franco, actor, 28; June 13 — Ally Sheedy, actress, 51; June 14 — Yasmine Bleeth, actress, 45; and June 15 — Andy Pettitte, athlete, 41.

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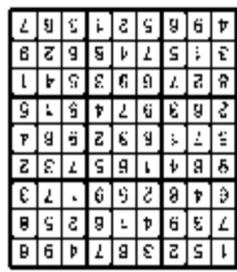


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