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Woodlawn	D	C

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Hill-Gustat	C	B
Lake Placid	D	C
Sebring	B	A

School grades sink

Only two county schools improve

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Preliminary grades for elementary and middle schools are disappointing for 2012-2013, but there is good news. Cracker Trail Elementary School improved from a "C" to an "A," Avon Elementary improved from a "D" to a "C" and Sun 'N Lake Elementary maintained its "B."

The other nine schools, however, all lost a grade level. Memorial Elementary, going from a "D" to an "F," is the first school to fail in Highlands County since

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County to continue budget work

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands Commissioners are set to start by reviewing the county departments on Tuesday, starting with the Animal Control Department and working their way down better than 100 cost centers toward the Zoning Department, which comes at the end of the county's 800-plus page spending plan.

Tuesday will be a special meeting,

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Gov. Rick Scott speaks to the crowd during the opening day of the Caladium Festival in Lake Placid. The festival continues until 3 p.m. today.

Gov. Rick Scott attends Caladium Festival opening

By ROD LEWIS
News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — The Caladium Capital of the World is living up to its name this weekend as the 37th annual Caladium Festival takes over the streets. This year, it drew a VIP to its opening day.

Gov. Rick Scott came to the festival on Friday, mingling with the crowd and making an appearance at the entertainer's pavilion.

"I love Lake Placid and I love caladiums," Scott said. "I am going to get one and take it back to my wife."

Lake Placid Mayor John Holbrook was ready to take things in stride when it comes to Mother Nature's plans for the weekend. The festival continues until 3 p.m. today

"Either it is going to rain or it is not," Holbrook said just as the festivities began. "Most of the storms have been coming in the afternoon or at night, so it looks like

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Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Sixteen-year-old Kaeli Spurlock entertains the crowd Friday.

I love Lake Placid and I love caladiums. I am going to get one and take it back to my wife.

Gov. Rick Scott



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Pensions a worry as Avon Park begins hammering out budget

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — City staff began budget discussions Saturday, and City Manager Julian Deleon said the city has enough budget flexibility to avoid working "under the gun" in the upcoming fiscal year, but that pension funding is a concern.

Deleon laid out the city's expenses and budgets for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1; council member Parke Sutherland, Garrett Anderson, Terry Heston were present along with Deputy Mayor Brenda Giles and Mayor Sharon Schuler.

City staff had recently approved the lowering of the city's millage rate to \$0.30. The ad-valorem taxes which will be collected from the minuscule millage rate are \$63,830.



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Avon Park Administrative Services Director Maria Sutherland and City Manager Julian Deleon clarify budget issues for the city council Saturday in Avon Park.

According to Deleon's slide presentation, roughly 88 percent of people within city limits pay taxes. Deleon was hoping to debunk an earlier comment that he heard which suggested that Avon Park residents

didn't pay taxes.

Deleon found that 3,878 tax payers out of 4,417 parcels in the city limits pay some amount of tax.

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AP MowerPlex under new management

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — Fans

can expect great things this year at the Avon Park MowerPlex. That's the word from a new management team that has taken over at America's first for-purpose lawn mower racing facility. They started late last year and have spent much of the summer planning for the upcoming season.

"We are looking toward increased participation both by drivers and fans from throughout the state," said Wes Pyburn.

Pyburn and business partner Sean Kennedy assumed operation of the raceway in April, overseeing the last two events of the season. The pair said they love lawn mower racing and the City of Charm and believe the Avon Park track represents a great draw to participants across the state.

"I have been told that there are drivers who are putting together mowers right now," Pyburn said. "We have been contacted from as far away as Georgia with guys asking for our schedule and when we plan to start."

The first event of the season has been set for Sept. 7.

Although the competition was dominated last

year by drivers from Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties, there were others that came from Fort Meyers, Venice, Punta Gorda and Merritt Island to run the oval at the western-most end of the Avon Park Municipal Airport.

"We want to do some more marketing and advertising," Pyburn said. "Last season there were just bunches of people who said they had never been out here or hadn't been out here for years. They started coming regularly and some even brought friends the next time they came."

Pyburn and Kennedy promised that their goal would be to keep prices affordable and the entertainment family-friendly.

"In fact, our first race will be a 'Family Night,'" said Pyburn. "There will be a little 'train' for the kids to ride, a race for kids where they can run their 'power wheels' on the track and we are working on some other stuff for them, too. We are talking about maybe having an autograph time and of course we'll have a lot of good racing. It should be a really great night."

He said more information and some "big announcements" are planned next month at the racer's annual banquet.

Community Briefs

Gulledge to serve as featured reader at Scribes Night Out

SEBRING — Local humorist and author James (Jim) Gulledge of Sebring appears as the Featured Reader at this Sunday's "Scribes Night Out" (SNO) at 6 p.m., July 28, at Brewster's Coffee House.

Some of what he'll be reading comes from his book, "Heart Strings and Funny Bones," which he describes as a "plain ole simple country boy talking about his life and about life in general."

Brewster's is at 2191 U.S. 27 North (just south of Home Depot). The event is free of charge and is open to the public, both writers and non-writers.

Following Gulledge's portion, SNO will offer an open mike so that other writers can briefly share their work with the audience.

Art Lefkowitz, SNO facilitator, will be the moderator for the evening. He can be reached at 385-1554.

Starting Your Business class set

AVON PARK —

You've got the idea. Now you need to know how to get on your way. "Starting Your Business" is a class that teaches just that. From how to determine feasibility and legal structure to the type of license you will need, this class covers all the essentials that will help you get started.

"Starting Your Business" is a free seminar presented by the Small Business Development Center at USF. It is designed for persons thinking of starting a small business or who have started a business and want to make sure they did it correctly. It will be held on Wednesday at South Florida State College Corporate and Community Education Room T24 from 2-4:30 p.m.

The seminar will be presented by David Noel, Certified Business Analyst with the SBDC. Seating is limited, so please call Noel at 784-7378 to reserve a seat in the seminar or for further information.

Buxbaum to speak to Tea Party

SEBRING — Rev. Reinhold Buxbaum of The Way Church in Sebring will be the guest speaker at Tuesday's Highlands County Tea Party meeting at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. There will be a buffet at 5 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Buxbaum will speak on the role of God in government.

Next month's speakers for the Tea Party are:

Aug. 6, Jonathan Matuzitz of the Muslim Brotherhood with an updated presentation; Aug. 7, Dennis Michael Lynch, "They Come to America" at the Circle Theatre; Aug. 13, Karen Jaroch, Heritage Foundation update; Aug. 20, John Casey, author of "Cold Sun" on global warming.

'What's Up Downtown Sebring?' meeting Tuesday

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will host its monthly "What's Up Downtown Sebring?" meet-

ing on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Sebring City Hall (368 S. Commerce Ave.).

Florida Hospital Heartland Division will discuss the Oct. 12 Pink Army March that will take place in Downtown Sebring and Push Event Productions will discuss the results of the Downtown Sebring Online Survey and outline six multi-day events coming to Downtown Sebring in the next year.

Refreshments will be provided by Florida Hospital Heartland Division.

The monthly "What's Up Downtown?" meetings are open to the public. The meetings are to discuss events and happening within the Downtown Sebring area. Anyone interested in Downtown Sebring is encouraged to attend.

For information, visit www.DowntownSebring.org

Get Fit Day Camp set Aug. 13

SEBRING — Highlands County 4-H will hold their Get Fit Day Camp on Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Youth ages 8-12 are welcome to attend this day camp for the cost of \$10.

Activities will include making a healthy lunch, active field day games, obstacle course challenge, and even a yoga class.

The camp will be held at the Bert J. Harris Agriculture Center. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. Please visit www.4hgetfitdaycamp.eventbrite.com to register.

Registration closes Aug. 2.

For more information contact Lauren Hrcirik, 4-H agent or Kate Stewart, 4-H assistant at 402-6540 or email at hrcirik@ufl.edu / kate.stewart@ufl.edu.

Events at local lodges, posts

AVON PARK

American Legion Post 69 will have karaoke by Naomi from 4-7 p.m. today. It will also be the monthly B-day Bash; bring a dish to share. Karaoke by Double D will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

Moose Lodge 2374 will host KJ Karaoke today and Wednesday. Music times

from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 25 will have Big Freddie playing from 5-8 p.m. today. Gary and Shirley will play from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Call 465-0975 for details.

VFW Post 4300

SEBRING — Karaoke by Mega Soundz from 5-8 p.m. Sunday. Gary Oliver will play music from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Bud Followell will play music from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call 385-8902.

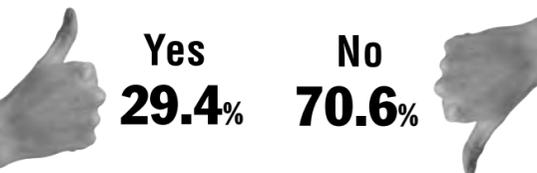
Elks Lodge 1529 will have Wacky Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. for \$6.50. Dance only for \$3 to music by Billy Glades from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Call 471-3557.

Moose Lodge 2259 will have music by Julie Newell from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Online



This week's question: Should the county raise the millage to the rollback rate to help make up the budget shortfall?



Total votes: 194

This week's question: Do you think congress will be able to come to an agreement in time to avoid a government shutdown?

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Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy Ken Jorgensen was recently certified as a Drug Recognition Expert.

HCSO deputy certified as Drug Recognition Expert

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy Ken Jorgensen was recently certified as a Drug Recognition Expert.

The role of a Drug Recognition Expert is to evaluate subjects, having been arrested for driving under the influence, and determine if the subject is impaired, what drugs causing the impairment or if a medical condition causing the impairment.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the regulating and certifying organization that oversees this training.

During the certification process there are two phases that must be completed. The academic phase consists of nine days (72 hours) studying physiology, vital signs, standard field sobriety testing, and seven categories of drug abuse.

This phase includes five tests during the course of study — two written examinations, and a Standard Field Sobriety Test proficiency examination.

The second phase, certification, must be completed

within three months of the academic portion. During this phase the candidate must conduct a minimum of 12 drug influence evaluations under the supervision of the Drug Recognition Expert instructor, identifying subjects under the influence of three of the seven drug categories.

"According to research experts, we have long known about the dangers of drinking and driving in regards to impairment," Sheriff Susan Benton said.

"What we are learning more about is the dramatic increase of drivers that are impaired by licit, illicit, and over the counter drugs.

"I am thankful that Deputy Jorgensen was willing to take on this arduous training program to become certified in this area of identifying drivers impaired by drugs. Our citizens deserve the right to travel on the roadways of our county safely. Our office continues to work to ensure that we are prepared to combat the dangers associated with driving under the influence. Congratulations to Deputy Jorgensen for attaining this important certification."

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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Blame for school scores belongs to Tallahassee

After improvement in 2012, this year's school grades are a major disappointment. The entire state took a step back — 482 schools lost their "A" grades, and 67 more schools are considered failing in 2013.

Highlands County has its first failing school, and only two schools improved. Of 13 schools, nine lost a grade.

This should be devastating news.

It would be devastating news, except for one thing: Somewhere along the way standardized testing got out of hand. Forgive us. We understate the case. What we should say is that somewhere along the way standardized testing became down right irrational.

For example, Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test scores have been essentially meaningless for three years now, ever since the state demanded more difficult questions and a greater number of correct answers.

That would be a good thing, of course, except the state Department of Education introduced the tougher tests before it initiated the curriculum needed to understand them. As a result, the state knew in advance

student scores would drop dramatically.

Here's where things get really crazy. The state's solution was to create complicated, multiple-step equations to "compensate" for the drop in scores. For example, a formula was created to "protect" a school from losing more than one grade.

It seems more like fudging to us.

In fact, the end result is confusion, frustration and cynicism.

Knowing there were serious problems ahead, how is it no attempt was made to explore more options? Why did no one think to phase-in the more difficult test gradually over several years as students were exposed to the common core curriculum?

Part of the state's narrow vision comes from the fact that in the big picture students are no longer seen as human beings. They are viewed as sources of data instead.

Which is why we despair. We do, however, retain optimism about the future. It may be a badly bungled beginning, but the common core curriculum is necessary in today's world when our students face global competition. The district embraces this new direction. It has reorganized district and school administrators and trained teachers all summer.

This year's disappointing news did not originate in Highlands County classrooms — it was a gift from Tallahassee.

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A new family member

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Readers of this column know that last year we had to say goodbye to our old beagle Perky. Age and health problems caught up with him, and he crossed the Rainbow Bridge peacefully at home.

After our initial grief had passed, the question came up concerning another pet. While we were not opposed to the idea, the time didn't seem right. Life was going on, and whenever it came up something seemed to say "not yet."

Summer gave way to fall, fall turned into winter, winter became spring, and before we knew it summer had returned. It was about 11 months since we lost Perky. While we still have our two insane birds, there was no four-footed critter roaming our home, except for the visits from my John and Amanda's three dogs.

Last week I was roaming Facebook, as I often do, and I came across a picture of Barney.

According to the blurb accompanying the picture, Barney was an 8-year-old beagle available for adoption at the Highlands County Humane Society. He was friendly and sweet and needing a good home.

I'm not sure what drew me to this — maybe because he was a beagle, maybe because the blurb encouraged me to come and shake his paw — but I found myself thinking about him over the next couple of days.

I talked to Don. He reminded me that any new dog would mean more work for me, but he was interested as well. We agreed I would learn more and we'd consider it.

I called the Humane Society and talked to a very nice lady about Barney. I learned that he'd been found near the Miami aquarium, and had hung out there long enough that he'd been named "Free Willy." A volunteer from the local Humane Society rescued him and brought him to Highlands County. Somewhere along the line his name was changed to Barney.

He sounded like a great possibility for us. I wasn't afraid to adopt an older dog. In fact, an older dog had some advantages in my book, including maybe being housebroken already.

I'm no spring chicken myself.

As I drove down to the Humane Society, I called my mother-in-law to let her know I might be bringing someone home. She missed Perky as much as we did and was hopeful that Barney would work out.

When I arrived, I was directed to the kennel Barney was in. The first thing I noticed about him was that while other dogs were jumping and barking as I went by, he sat quietly, waiting for me to approach.

Once he was out of his kennel, he was more energetic. As I crouched down to say hello, he greeted me so enthusiastically he knocked me on my butt. I didn't hold that against him.

We seemed to be a good fit. I walked him about a bit and talked to Don some more on my cell phone. We both agreed that Barney had found his home.

A few pages of paperwork later, Barney and I headed for home. When we got there, he began to sniff out every corner of the place. His meeting with my mother-in-law went well, and in less than a week we are falling into a comfortable routine together.

He's not perfect — we are going to discover if you can indeed teach an old dog new tricks. But so far we've avoided most catastrophes (though we discovered I hadn't put all my coffee out of reach — we need to dog-proof the house again). He's sweet and loves to be petted. And we all feel lucky to have him.

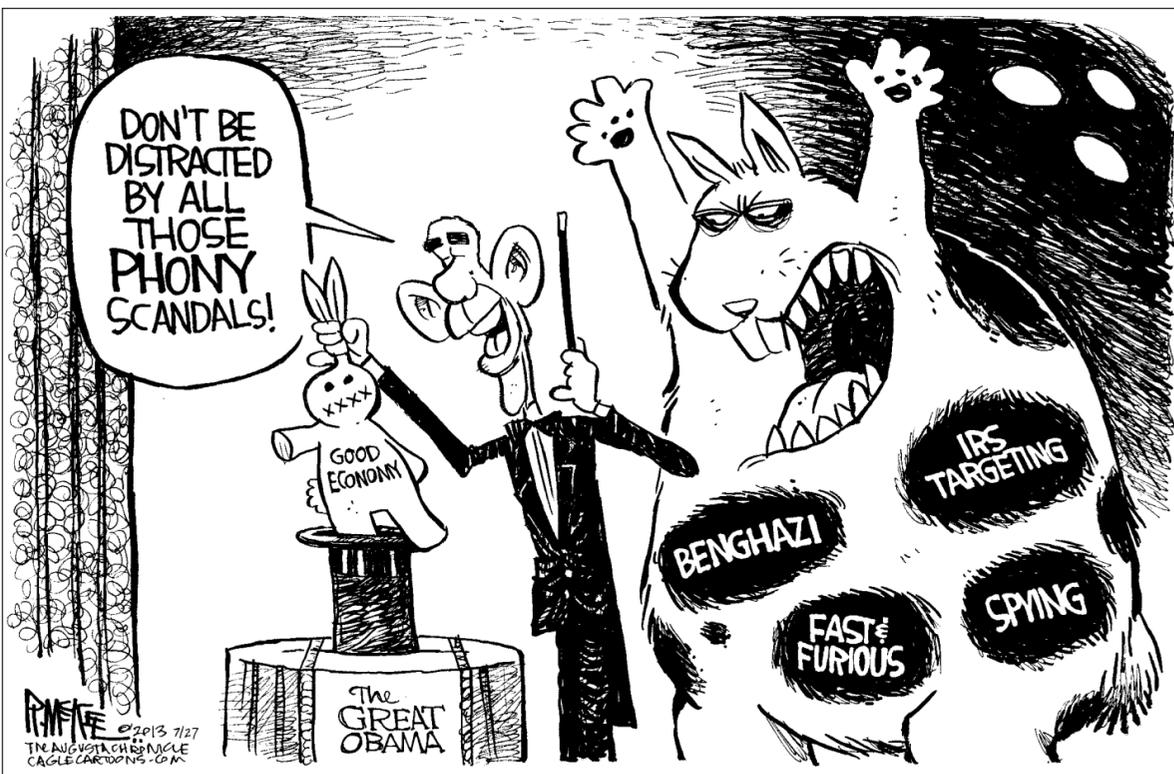
I've mentioned the Humane Society a lot in this column. They were great in helping Barney and I find each other. Check them out at <http://humanesociety-offhighlandscounty.com/home.html>. Tell them Barney and I say hi.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Traffic light needed

Editor:

Between the Blue Lagoon and LoveBugs at the intersection of Northwood and the access road at U.S. 27 North, there have been over 25 accidents, and some have been fatal, since 2005. I know Governor Scott appointed as your Secretary of Transportation, Ananth Prasad. The DOT has thumbed their nose at our humble residents by not installing a traffic signal. However, in anticipation of the new mall where Olive Garden is located along with many department stores were constructed, you did construct a light that accommodates drivers and mall owners.

Is not the safety of the patrons at the Blue Lagoon and LoveBugs as worthy as those that shop at the mall? A few weeks ago I met with (County) Commissioner Don Elwell, with the owners at LoveBugs and a City of Sebring roads technician. The roads tech immediately put up a stop sign where several accidents east of the U.S. 27 intersection is. He advised us to contact the DOT for a traffic light west of the new stop sign because the DOT is responsible for lights on 27.

Responsible? Give this writer a break. Eight years later and over 25 accidents later, including fatalities, is not responsible. It's culpable negligence. We value our residents in Sebring. We are saddened when we have to bury our neighbors, friends and family. Is putting up a light more important than preventing a life from perishing? Mr. Prasad, you are the Secretary of Transportation and should be ashamed of yourself and your DOT along with your boss, Governor Rick Scott. What if it was one of yours or the Governor's loved ones was killed? A traffic light would be installed the next day and you know it!

Stop with the politics and prevent another death in our fine City of Sebring. We value our residents both young and elder. A petition is presently



being drawn up and when we reach the appropriate signatures it will be sent to Governor Scott. Also, a press release is being sent to all major networks including AP and Reuters. I wish I could thank you, but I will wait until you put up the light.

Stan Schmidt
Sebring

Wrong direction for America

Editor:

Where is America going? When we look at the news coming out of Washington is mostly all negative, the scandals aside, but not to be overlooked. The lifestyle of near 50 percent of the population is one of dependency on the government. You may not want it that way but that is where we are.

For those old enough to remember, Nikita Khrushchev, the leader of Communist Russia, at the U.N. in September 1959 said, and I quote, "Your children's children will live under Communism. No, you won't accept Communism outright; but we'll keep feeding you small doses of Socialism until you will finally wake up and find that you already have Communism. We won't have to fight you; We'll so weaken your economy until you fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

Look around at where we are where we are headed as a nation. Do you believe Krushchev was right? America needs new leadership and a change in direction or we will fall into their hands.

John Larsen
Sebring

Everyone will face judgement

Editor:

I am writing regarding the innocent Mr. Zimmerman, as the jury has realized and ruled. Everything does find its way to racial drama.

When Obama does something stupid, (every day) and we say something, we are "racist." Everyone seems to forget he is half white, even he forgets! The Martin family only present pictures of their son before he was all inked. Dope was in his system and had products to make more. Yes, Skittles!

This time the jury did its job, unlike the one for the Anthony baby. Casey is walking free to go on with her life. I'll get off my orange box and hope everyone else sees the truth. In the end, there will be a Just Judge, even the protesters will meet with him.

Bonnie Daniel
Avon Park

Positive Medical Transport donates to Boys & Girls Club



Courtesy photo

Positive Medical Transport has donated \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Highlands County. The donation will be used for various Boys and Girls Club activities. Positive Medical Transport supports numerous charitable organizations in and around Highlands County throughout the year. Positive Medical Transport Ron and its employees will continue to also donate time, crews and equipment to many functions and events throughout the year, said owner Ron Layne, pictured at right with Melissa Worley (left) of Positive Medical Transport and Woodraun Wright of the Boys and Girls Club.

School grades take hit under new system

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grading schools began. School Superintendent Wally Cox issued a press release Friday morning as the school grades were made public.

"The calculation of school grades has been the subject of intense debate in recent years, but especially this year," the release says. "Several years of changing standards have resulted in volatility in grades. As a result school grades decreased statewide."

The decrease was anticipated because of the state's raised expectations. To soften the transition, the state board of education allowed a corrective adjustment when calculating the grades to prevent any school from dropping more than one grade level. In Highlands County the schools benefiting from the grade drop protection were Lake Country Elementary, Lake Placid Elementary and Woodlawn.

According to the Florida Department of Education, there are 760 "A" elementary and middle schools this year statewide, almost 500 fewer than in 2012. Put another way, "A" schools dropped from 48 percent of all schools to 29 percent in 2013. At the same time, the number of "F" schools increased from 40 to 107. This means "F" schools now comprise 4 percent of all schools, up from 2 percent in 2012.

"This year's grades highlight schools that require our immediate attention and support," said Tony Bennett, Florida commissioner of

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Laura Waldon
incoming principal at Memorial Elementary

education.

"By acknowledging where our challenges are currently, we can best prepare for a successful future," Gary Chartrand, chairman of the state school board.

Memorial Elementary is one of those schools facing major challenges. Laura Waldon, former principal of Fred Wild Elementary, has been appointed Memorial's new leader.

"You have to have challenges in order to grow," Waldon said Friday. "We have a positive attitude. We're going to look at our data and work with the district to establish new strategies."

Elementary school scores: Avon, C; Cracker Trail, A; Fred Wild, D; Lake Country, B; Lake Placid, B; Memorial, F; Park, B; Sun 'N Lake, B; and Woodlawn, D.

Middle school scores: Avon Park, D; Hill-Gustat, C; Lake Placid, D; and Sebring, B.

High school grades are not released until the fall.

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Cook to transfer to hospital in Deland

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Florida Hospital Wauchula also will be getting a new administrator. State Senator Denise Grimsley will take the top spot there, replacing current head Linda Adler.

Adler will be stepping down Oct. 1.

A local resident and graduate of Hardee Senior High School, Adler said she would work with Grimsley during a two-week transition period just prior to her departure.

Adler said the pair had worked together in the past.

"It's great. We're both from Hardee County so it will good to have someone from the community to take over when I leave," she said.

Grimsley, who was born in Polk County and raised in Hardee County, works as a registered nurse and has been employed at several hospitals, including Bartow

Memorial and at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring where she was the Director of Physician Outreach and Marketing Development.

In addition to her nursing career, the state legislator also has been an independent consultant for Avatar International, a company that focuses on patient and employee satisfaction in the health care setting.

Grimsley also served as the former CEO of Grimsley Oil Company and has been chair of the Convenience Store Association Board and Florida Petroleum Marketers Board.

It will be a sort of homecoming of sorts for Grimsley, who worked with Adler at the facility under its former ownership when it was known as Hardee Memorial Hospital.

Lake Okeechobee water level prompts action

Safety of dikes a concern for engineers

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH

— The Army Corps of Engineers has activated its emergency operations center in response to high water levels at Lake Okeechobee.

The corps' emergency operations center in Jacksonville was activated Friday. Officials say the lake has been rising about 6 inches a week and stood at 15.66 feet by Saturday.

The corps fully opened its locks around the lake Thursday to protect the aging Herbert Hoover Dike. Corps spokeswoman Jenn Miller tells The Palm Beach Post that inspectors found "minor flow increases" in areas where the earthen dike was known to seep.

Miller says the seepage was "nothing serious," but the corps wanted to be ready to react to any effects from Tropical Storm Dorian.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Saturday that Dorian was expected to weaken as the disorganized storm system continued spinning west over the open Atlantic.

"If this storm was not currently in the Atlantic, we would not be activating the EOC," Miller said.

"Usually we activate the EOC in regards to lake levels when we start daily inspections, which would begin if the lake reached 16.5 feet."

Weekly inspections of the dike began when the lake's water level rose above 15.5 feet on Monday.

The corps controls the dike and locks around Lake Okeechobee, which covers 730 square miles. On Thursday, the corps fully opened the locks to drain water from the lake to keep the water level from rising too high and putting too much pressure on the dike, parts of which date to the 1930s.

In the corps' 2014 budget request, problems with the dike were described as so serious that it was given a Level 1 risk ranking. "Structures in this class are critically near failure or extremely high risk under normal operations without intervention," officials wrote.

In this case, there is a concern even at a relatively low pool level due to the limitations of the current outlet structures."

The budget request also noted seepage, also known as piping, as a concern.

"Currently, the probability of catastrophic dike failure due to piping is unacceptably high. Such an event would produce flooding, which could (depending on its location) lead to the loss of life and/or significant economic damage," officials wrote.

Avon Park holds budget workshop

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The Public Safety department budget, which includes the contract with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, has decreased to \$1.4 million from \$1.7 million. Deleon has been pleased with the continued usage of the HCSO in the city, which has cut back on expenditures, however did voice some concern over pensions.

"The police pension plan is probably the largest concern we had going forward," Deleon said. Police pension is budgeted for \$130,000 for 2014.

Deleon also expressed worry over the fire department pensions.

"From my perspective all the expenditures in the fire department have been fairly contained, but the pension plans continues to be a concern for the city," said Deleon.

The city's payroll is \$744,000 and roughly 48 percent on the dollar is paid to fire pension. Avon Park is currently in union negotiations with the fire department.

Deleon said he was satisfied with the Code Enforcement department, which has decreased its budget by approximately \$60,000.



Katarina Simmons/News-Sun

Avon Park Mayor Sharon Shuler discusses the budget with council members Saturday morning in Sebring.

"The 2014 budget for code enforcement is \$163,000. We are containing expenditures by this integrated chain of commands we have," Deleon said.

Concerns regarding the trickle down from the county prompted Deleon to budget

nothing for the recreation fund. The parks and recreation have been mostly funded by the county for the past several years. Though the 2013 budget for recreation was scaled back drastically, Deleon played it safe and budget no money for the

fund for 2014.

"I took the most conservative approach. I'm assuming, worse case scenario, we're not going to see any county recreation funds, so zero for that," Deleon explained.

The general fund is budgeted for \$4.8 million for the upcoming fiscal year, down from \$5.4 million. The city's contingency fund is set for \$169,674 and Deleon stated that the reserves fund is just over \$3 million.

"This budget does have enough slack built into it where we not operating under the gun," said Deleon.

Though the City of Sebring has approved the merit pay and bonuses for city staff for the upcoming fiscal year, Deleon felt that it isn't right for Avon Park this year. Instead, Deleon has suggested that the city implement a "buy back" program where the city buys back unused sick days, vacation time, etc. from its employees.

"We get that liability off the books but the employee walks away with some extra money for Christmas or whatever," said Deleon.

"Rather than give pay raises I'm going to recommend that we buy back some liability."

The total budget for Avon Park for the upcoming fiscal year is \$9.65 million.

County to continue budget work Tuesday

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since the board usually doesn't convene on the fifth Tuesday in a month.

Still to be reviewed are budgets by the constitutional officers. Reportedly, that will be part of an Aug. 13 meeting.

At their meeting last Tuesday night, commissioners heard from a number of "outside agencies" who had been asking for taxpayer money for their operations. They denied increases for all the requests, agreeing by consensus to leave all but a couple of agencies at the levels of the 2012-2013 budget year.

Commissioners agreed to fund Nu-Hope of Highlands County at last year's level of \$29,000. Also left at last year's funding levels were requests by the Highlands County Health Department and the Safehouse.

One agency that came under close scrutiny at that meeting was the Highlands County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Commission. Both Commission Chair Jack Richie and Commissioner Don Elwell questioned EDC Executive Director Stephen Weeks about the results his agency has been able to produce, both lately and over

the quarter-century span of its existence.

Weeks told the commission that although the EDC had not produced new business for the county recently, they currently are in negotiations with a national restaurant chain and had obtained a number of grants.

Although commissioners decided to leave the funding at last year's levels, Richie was not mollified.

"We have invested \$2 million or more over the years and have not gotten a good return on our investment," he said. "Quite frankly, I was looking for a 10 percent decrease. We need to adjust and handle things differently."

Commissioners decided to leave the annual recreation

funding level at \$110,000 a year for Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid. Each of the communities have contended that the county is responsible for helping to fund the operation and maintenance of their facilities — especially for-purpose recreation facilities such as ballfields — since the bulk of the use is by residents who live outside their corporate limits.

The board made two outright cuts. One was a \$250 stipend to each of the three chambers of commerce in the county. The second was the Ridge Area ARC, which was de-funded in the upcoming budget. Also receiving no funding next year will be the Boys & Girls Club of Highlands County.

Because the requested

increases were included in the proposed 2013-2014 budget, the actions to leave budget levels at last year's levels are considered to be cuts from the new budget request.

Obituaries

LARRY C. BURR

Larry C. Burr, age 78, of Avon Park, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2013. He was born Feb. 19, 1935 in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Clair and Margaret (Lee) Burr. He worked in the power department for the Lee Paper Company for 13 years. Later, he worked for Post Cereal Company, retiring after 25 years.

He was a member of the Lakeland Reformed Church in Vicksburg, Mich., enjoyed bass fishing, hunting, golfing, bowling, camping, and being with his family and friends. He has been a winter resident of the Bonnet Lake Camp Ground for 23 years, coming from Vicksburg, Mich.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Bonnie Burr; son Larry Lee Burr (Mary)

of Mesa, Ariz.; daughter Lori Bradford Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich.; grandchildren James Bradford (Mindy) of Los Alamos, N.M.; Jason Bradford (fiancee - Julia) of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Justin Bradford (Stephanie) of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Maggie Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Kala Law (Kurt) of Mesa, Ariz.; and Brandon Burr (Megan) of Rochester, Ind.; great-grandchildren Aelyan Bradford, Braxton Burr,



Burr

Camden Law and cousins. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Vicksburg, Mich.

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JANELLE DENNISON

Sarah Janelle Dennison, age 47, of Sebring, passed away Monday, July 22, 2013. She was born on Dec. 10, 1965 in Miami to Kenneth and Sarah (Davis) Dennison. She was a clerk and typist specialist for the News Sun newspaper, member of the Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church in Lake Placid, and a resident of Sebring since 1978, coming from Miami.

She volunteered every place she could. She loved the Lord and her family with all her heart, serving the Lord as a faithful prayer warrior.

She is survived by her mother, Sarah Dennison of Sebring; brothers Frank Starling of Avon Park, Ricky Dennison (Faith) of Miami and Kenny Dennison Jr. of

Homestead; sisters Jewell Wilson of Sebring and Melinda Dennison of Homestead; nephews Brandon Dennison, Dolen Wilson Jr. and Jeremy Williams; and niece Misty Wilson. She was preceded in death by her father Kenneth Dennison and brothers Bruce



Dennison

Camp, and Brandy Camp and Brent Dennison. Memorial Services will be held Monday, July 29, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852.

Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Touch Care Center, 3015 Herring Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements by: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida

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Caladium Festival continues today

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we will have at least a couple of hours of good weather.”

The festival began with the Lake Placid High School ROTC presenting the colors and a splendid rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” by the day’s Master of Ceremony, Mari Capodiferro. In addition to being the emcee for the entertainment, Capodiferro also serenaded the audience with an eclectic mix of music from the ’60s to the opera stage.

She was just one of the day’s many entertainers at Stuart Park.

“Everyone was just sitting there chilling and when I started singing everybody just turned and looked at me,” said 16-year-old Kaeli Spurlock, who sang Friday morning. “This is my third year at the Caladium Festival, but I also sing at the country fair and all the Relay for Life events. That is what I love doing because it is getting out there and singing for a good cause.”

“The weather was holding, the bus tours were filling up, and attendance was good,” Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce President Eileen M. May said Friday.

There are over 100 vendors at the festival. There are other booths of interest, as well. Highlands County Citrus Growers Association representative Ray Royce was working at a booth that gave away free orange juice.

“We have had a lot of business and seems like everyone liked the free juice. We will be giving the juice away all weekend,” Royce said. “We are here for education purposes as well. Thirteen percent of all juice



Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Crowds gather to purchase caladium bulbs during the first day of the Caladium Festival on Friday.

consumed in the United States comes from Highland County.”

“We just found a booth that sells dog collars!” exclaimed Karen Forsyth, who is in charge of the information booth at the Festival. “We can help find things that are here. We have information about the booths, about the entertainment, about special food. Whatever you are looking for, we can help you find it.”

She also noted that the Florida Hospital booth is next door in case first-aid is needed.

“There is also a cool water mister that is next to the information booth in order to cool off when needed.”

Forsyth also said that caladium tee shirts are for sale. Local artists submit ideas for use for the next year’s festival.

“Next year’s art is available for viewing at the Caladium Arts And Crafts



Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Mari Capodiferro sings to the crowd Friday at the Caladium Festival.

Co-op,” she said. “There is also a children’s category that showcases the art of elementary students. Anyone in elementary school can submit caladium themed art, and the winner will be showcased at the next festival.”

The Caladium Festival is not just limited to Stuart Park. There are activities in Devane Park and throughout the streets of Lake Placid throughout the weekend. The airboat and swamp buggy show will be held today.

Gunman among 7 dead after Hialeah apartment shootout

Associated Press

HIALEAH — A gunman holding hostages inside a South Florida apartment complex killed six people before being shot to death by a SWAT team that stormed the building early Saturday following an hours-long standoff, police said.

Sgt. Eddie Rodriguez told The Associated Press that police got a call around 6:30 p.m. Friday that shots had been fired in a building with dozens of apartments in Hialeah, a few miles north of Miami.

Rodriguez said that when police arrived, they discovered an active shooter situation: “He’s inside the building, moving from floor to floor. Eventually he barricades himself in an apartment.”

A crisis team was able to briefly establish communication with the man. Rodriguez said negotiators and a SWAT team tried talking with him from the other side of the door of an apartment unit where he was holding two hostages.

But Rodriguez said the talks eventually “just fell apart.” Officers stormed the building, fatally shooting the gunman in an exchange of gunfire.

“They made the decision to go in there and save and rescue the hostages,” Rodriguez said. Both hostages survived. Rodriguez said he didn’t have any information on how long negotiations lasted.

He said police discovered two people, a male and female, shot to death in the hallway in front of one unit. Three more, a male and two females, were found shot and killed in another apartment on a different floor. Another man who was walking his children into an apartment across the street also was killed. Rodriguez said it wasn’t immediately clear whether the gunman took aim at him from an upper-level balcony or if he was hit by a stray bullet.

Zulima Niebles said police told her that three of her family members were among the victims. She said her sister Merly Sophia Niebles, her sister’s husband, and her sister’s daughter Priscila Perez, 16, were all shot and killed.

Zulima Niebles’ husband, Agustin Hernandez, was moving the family’s things out of the apartment building and into his car Saturday. Among them were several photos, one showing the teen girl smiling in a red graduation gown, another of his sister-in-law in a white dress, wearing pearls.

Marcela Chavarri, director of the American Christian School, said Priscila Perez, 16, was about to enter her senior year at the school.

“She was a lovely girl,” Chavarri said through tears.

“She was always happy and helping her classmates.”

			
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Tricky obstacles ahead to averting shutdown

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —

Despite pressure from some liberal Democrats for a September showdown in hopes of ending huge automatic, government-shrinking spending cuts, Washington appears on track to avert what would be the first government shutdown in nearly two decades.

That's not to say it will be easy. Senior lawmakers on Capitol Hill are finding trickier-than-usual obstacles in their path as they try to come up with must-do legislation to keep federal agencies running after Sept. 30.

At issue is what is normally routine: a plug-the-gap measure known as a continuing resolution to fund the government for a few weeks or months until a deal can be worked out on appropriations bills giving agencies their operating budgets for the full 2014 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

On the one hand are some Democratic liberals who don't want to vote to continue to fund the government at new, lower levels mandated by automatic, across-the-board spending cuts known as sequestration. This program has cut \$55 billion — about 5 percent — from the day-to-day operating budgets of federal agencies since March.

"There are lots of progressives who care about domestic discretionary spending who think that the Republicans are winning because with the sequester we have a gradual downsizing of the government going on that nobody's doing anything about and if we just let it keep happening without having a confrontation about it we're losing. And Sept. 30 becomes a place to have a confrontation about it," said Democratic strategist Steve Elmendorf, a former long-time House staff aide.

On the other hand are conservatives making a last stand against President Barack Obama's new health care law and Senate Democrats' resistance to a \$20 billion spending cut wanted by many, if not most, Republicans.

These are two of the major problems confronting House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and other GOP leaders.

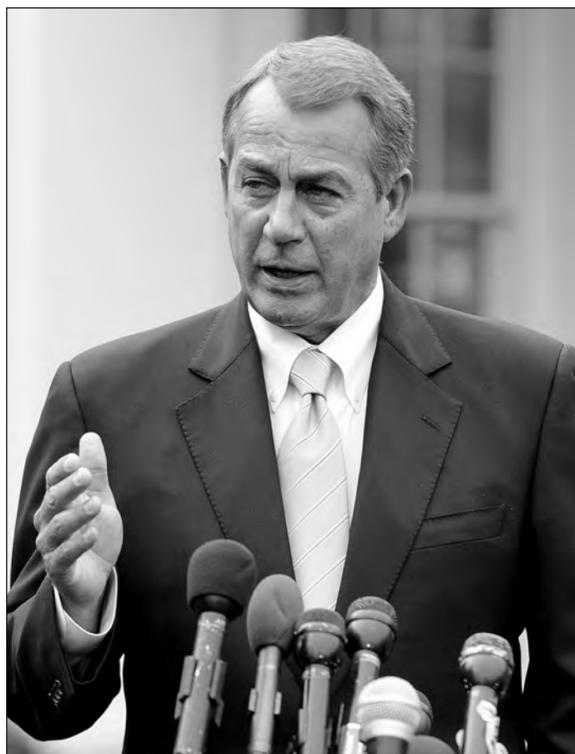
The combustible mix raises the possibility of the first government shutdown since the 1995-96 battle between President Bill Clinton and GOP insurgents led by Speaker Newt Gingrich. Republicans got the worst of that battle and have avoided shutdowns ever since.

"I don't see any big challenges," Boehner, R-Ohio, said recently. "The law is the law."

As for Obama, he'd be hard-pressed to veto a bill that keeps to government funded at the same rate it's funded now.

"The American people

Liberals don't like budget cuts, Conservatives fighting against funding Obamacare



President Barack Obama, a Democrat, and Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner both have their work cut out for them when it comes to leading their parties to a budget compromise.

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will not look kindly upon action taken here in Washington to shut down the government," White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said this week.

"He's not going to veto a short-term CR," said Democrat Elmendorf. "I just think realistically it's not going to happen."

The prevailing thinking is that it will all get worked out since leaders in both parties want to avoid a shutdown. But unlike last year, when Congress opted to delay debate on the so-called fiscal cliff until after the election and the December holidays, there has been little negotiation this time. The differences on spending levels also are more troublesome than last year.

The appropriations process is hopelessly tangled this year, in great part because the Democratic-led Senate and GOP-controlled House are more than \$90 billion apart on how much to spend on Cabinet agency operations. And Oct. 1 is deceptively close since Congress takes the month of August off and has a limited schedule in September because of the Jewish holidays.

The ordinary thing to do would be to continue running the government on autopilot at current levels — as has been done dozens of times since the 1995-96 debacle — to buy time for negotiations this fall on both funding the government and raising the so-called debt limit. That would punt any battle over sequestration further into the fall.

But many tea party Republicans, spurred on by outside groups like the Heritage Foundation and the Club for Growth, which has a history of backing right-

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Richard Burr
Republican Senator

wing challengers against incumbents in GOP primaries, are vowing to oppose any short-term bill for keeping the government open that doesn't block spending on Obama's health care law.

"If you pay for a budget that pays for Obamacare ... you have voted for Obamacare," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. "Some will say, 'That is crazy. You are going to shut down the government over Obamacare.' No. What is crazy is moving forward with this."

In the past, GOP leaders have beaten back efforts that made averting a government shutdown contingent on stopping funding for Obama's health care law. But conservatives are casting this as a last stand against a law they detest.

"It's spreading. It's kind of getting out beyond just the tea party. It's starting to get to regular people that are very frustrated with Obamacare," Rep. Lee Terry, R-Neb., said. "That's why it's getting some legs here in the House."

Some Republicans are nervous about the effort, fearing it could complicate routine passage of a continuing resolution. And they say it's not a winning strategy anyway because Obama brings both a veto pen and the White House podium to the battle.

"I think it's the dumbest

idea I've ever heard," said Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C. "Some of these guys need to understand that if you shut down the federal government, you better have a specific reason to do it that's achievable. ... At some point,

you're going to open the federal government back up, and Barack Obama's going to be president, and he won't have signed a dissolution of the Affordable Care Act."

"Shutting down the government, I think, that's almost never a good tactic," said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., whose views usually reflect those of Boehner. "It wasn't good for us in 1995; it's not going to be good for us in 2013."

In the Senate, Mike Lee, R-Utah, is rounding up fellow conservatives to pledge to oppose any continuing resolution that funds imple-

mentation of the health care law. But Democrats seem sure to get enough support to hit the 60-vote threshold needed to advance the measure past conservative opposition. Tellingly, No. 2 Senate Republican John Cornyn of Texas initially signed onto the effort to "defund" implementation of the health care law, only to have second thoughts on Thursday and withdraw from Lee's letter.

A separate wrinkle involves what spending levels to set. Democrats insist, at a minimum, that spending should continue at rates consistent with the current \$988 billion cap on appropriations for the 2013 budget year ending Sept. 30.

But current law, set by the hard-fought 2011 budget and debt deal, sets a lower cap of \$967 billion for 2014 as required by automatic budget cuts known as sequestration. That's the level demanded by many Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

"We made this commitment on a bipartisan basis two years ago, and we intend to keep it," McConnell told reporters this week.

Under the complex calculations of sequestration, however, the Pentagon would bear virtually all of the additional cuts required to bring the cap on appropriations from \$988 billion to \$967 billion, which could give Democrats leverage in negotiations later on. Sequestration would take effect in January.

Boehner is facing pressure from conservatives to try to force the \$967 billion figure upon Senate Democrats. Their leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, has vowed he won't accept it.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 10-000386-GCS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. DIANE F. LOWRY, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated July 23, 2013, entered in Civil Case Number 10-000386-GCS, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff, and DAVID F. LOWRY, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

ALL OF CLUSTER 2, UNIT C, AND A PORTION OF THE COMMON AREA OF COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I OF SEPPING LAKE AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF THE COMMON AREA BEING DESCRIBED MORE PARTICULARLY AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID CLUSTER 2, UNIT C; THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 56'11" EAST A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 03'49" EAST A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 17 DEGREES 56'11" WEST A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 03'49" WEST A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Jury Assembly Room, in Basement of Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33871 at 11:00 AM, on the 27th day of August, 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: July 24, 2013.

Highlands County Clerk of Court
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, telephone 9863) 402-6594, TDD 1 800 955 8771 or 1 800 955 8770 via Florida Relay Service".
CA11-02807/MS
July 31; August 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000840 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. LAWRENCE R. LAVO, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 1, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000840 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 Lawrence R. Lavo, Manuel Zepeda Jr., Mid-florida Federal Credit Union, 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 14th day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: LOT 458, OF SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION D, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 19th day of July, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000864 Bank of America National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff, -vs- Reynaldo Rivera and Amanda Rivera, His Wife; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, a Division of Treasury Bank, National Association Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated July 23, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000864 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Bank of America National Association, Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Plaintiff and Reynaldo Rivera and Amanda Rivera, His 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., August 27, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 2, BLOCK 42, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, 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
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July 28; August 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000763

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. REAUME, HEATHER, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000763 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and REAUME, HEATHER, 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 27th day of August, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 20, IN BLOCK E, OF SPRING LAKE - VILLAGE IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 75, 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 July, 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. (23472.1674/PRivera

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-001436 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. VIRGINIA ALVAREZ A/K/A VIRGINIA GOMEZ A/K/A VIRGINIA ADALGISA GOMEZ GOMEZ; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JULIO ALVAREZ, DECEASED; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 23, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001436, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is Plaintiff and VIRGINIA ALVAREZ A/K/A VIRGINIA GOMEZ A/K/A VIRGINIA ADALGISA GOMEZ GOMEZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JULIO ALVAREZ, DECEASED; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL, AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 27th day of August 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOTS 190, 191, AND 192, OF AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 24th day of July, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
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 July 28; August 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. GC 12-594
 JANET LIPE, as Trustee of the Janet Lipe
 Revocable Inter Vivos Trust, dated January 10,
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 Plaintiff,
 vs
 RAJPATEE PARBHOO-HALLIDAY and MARK R.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
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(Clerk's Seal)
 July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 13-228

IN RE: ESTATE OF
 CONSTANCE ETHRIDGE
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 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CON-
 STANCE ETHRIDGE, deceased, whose date of
 death was October 27, 2012, is pending in the
 Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Pro-
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 ent's estate must file their claims with this court
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The date of first publication of this Notice is
 July 21, 2013.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Harold Ethridge
 PO BOX 430
 LORIDA, Florida 33857

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ C. Parke Sutherland
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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Amended Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on July 23, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on August 27, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:

EXHIBIT "A"

The Westerly 1/2 of Lot 12 and all of Lot 13, Block 123, LA PALOMA SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 44, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Address: 908 North Franklin Street, Sebring, Florida 33870

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

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
July 28; August 4, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO VACATE AN EASEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, upon petition of Joseph D. Pagoria, will be on the 20th day of August, 2013, at 9:00 A.M., in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room at 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, consider and determine whether the county will vacate the easement described below and renounce and disclaim any rights of the County and the public in and to the easement and land in connection therewith. The easement is described as:

A portion of a Drainage and Utility Easement over and across the north 20.0 feet of Lot 195, SEBRING HILLS, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 2 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the northeast corner of said Lot 195, thence S00 degrees 04'40" E along the east boundary of said Lot 195, a distance of 5.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue S00 degrees 04'40" E, along said east boundary, 15.00 feet; thence S89 degrees 55'20" W, parallel with the north boundary of said Lot 195, a distance of 18.15 feet; thence S89 degrees 55'20" W, parallel with said east boundary, a distance of 11.58 feet; thence S89 degrees 55'20" W, parallel with said north boundary, a distance of 30.02 feet; thence S00 degrees 04'40" E, parallel with said east boundary, a distance of 11.58 feet; thence S89 degrees 55'20" W, parallel with said north boundary, a distance of 42.83 feet to the west boundary of said Lot 195; thence N00 degrees 04'40" W, along said west boundary, a distance of 15.00 feet; thence N89 degrees 55'20" E, parallel with and 5.00 feet south of the north boundary of said Lot 195, a distance of 91.00 feet, returning to the Point of Beginning. Easement area contains 1017 square feet, more or less.

Persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above. Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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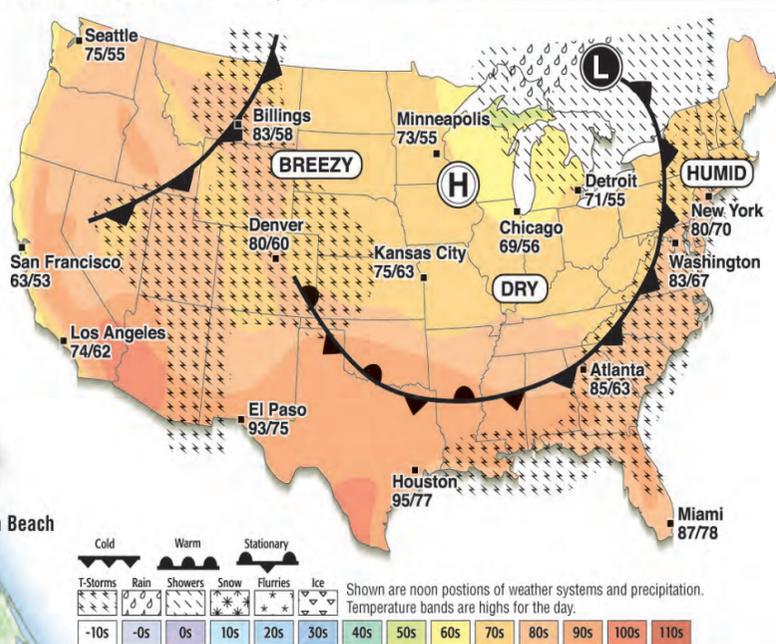
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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A t-storm or two in the afternoon	A heavy t-storm in the afternoon	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a couple of t-storms
92° / 73°	93° / 74°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°	92° / 74°
Winds: W at 3-6 mph	Winds: NE at 3-6 mph	Winds: E at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: E at 4-8 mph

National Forecast for July 28



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	73°
Low Tuesday	70°
High Wednesday	91°
Low Wednesday	72°
High Thursday	90°
Low Thursday	73°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	49%
Expected air temperature	92°
Makes it feel like	99°

Barometer

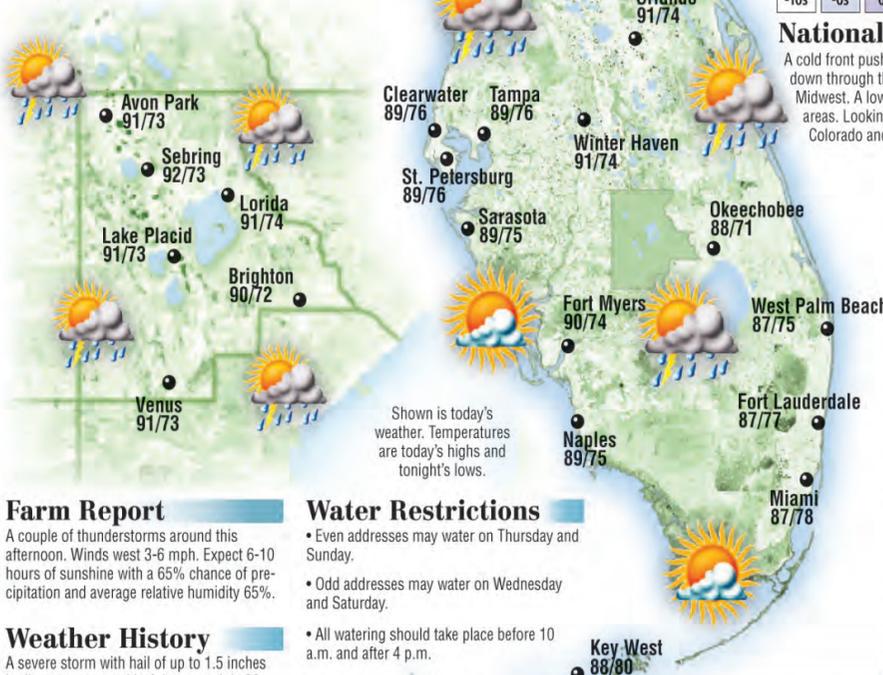
Tuesday	29.01
Wednesday	29.94
Thursday	29.92

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.51"
Month to date	14.14"
Year to date	43.93"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny, a thunderstorm or two this afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm in the area tonight. A heavy thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon; storms will be slow moving and bring heavy rain.



National Summary

A cold front pushing through the Ohio Valley will spark up showers and thunderstorms today from the Northeast down through the Carolina Coast. Meanwhile, high pressure will offer a pleasant day with dry conditions across the Midwest. A low pressure system spinning over the Great Lakes will bring showers to Michigan and surrounding areas. Looking elsewhere, a developing storm system will bring drenching and locally gusty storms to parts of Colorado and Kansas. The Pacific coast will have some sunshine.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	89/67/t	89/65/pc	91/70/pc	Los Angeles	74/62/pc	75/60/pc	80/61/pc
Atlanta	85/63/t	87/67/pc	89/72/pc	Louisville	77/58/s	82/67/s	80/67/t
Baltimore	82/64/t	83/61/pc	84/64/s	Memphis	85/68/s	91/74/s	94/77/pc
Birmingham	86/62/pc	89/69/pc	92/73/pc	Milwaukee	67/55/s	75/59/s	78/65/pc
Boston	79/70/t	83/66/t	82/66/s	Minneapolis	73/55/pc	79/62/pc	81/67/pc
Charlotte	84/65/t	87/65/pc	90/68/pc	Nashville	81/56/s	86/64/s	83/69/t
Cheyenne	74/55/t	79/55/pc	82/57/t	New Orleans	90/76/pc	91/74/t	90/75/pc
Chicago	69/56/pc	76/58/s	81/64/pc	New York City	80/70/t	84/67/pc	83/68/s
Cleveland	71/55/pc	73/59/sh	78/60/s	Norfolk	86/72/t	85/71/pc	86/71/pc
Columbus	73/55/pc	76/57/s	82/65/pc	Oklahoma City	90/72/pc	92/73/t	98/72/pc
Dallas	95/76/s	97/77/pc	100/78/s	Philadelphia	80/66/t	84/64/pc	84/66/s
Denver	80/60/t	86/61/pc	90/62/t	Phoenix	103/84/s	102/83/pc	105/82/s
Detroit	71/55/pc	73/59/pc	79/59/pc	Pittsburgh	72/54/pc	74/56/pc	79/59/s
Harrisburg	79/60/t	80/55/pc	82/60/s	Portland, ME	75/65/t	77/63/t	80/59/pc
Honolulu	89/76/sh	88/78/pc	88/76/r	Portland, OR	76/56/pc	80/58/pc	79/57/pc
Houston	95/77/s	95/76/pc	98/76/s	Raleigh	84/66/t	88/65/pc	90/67/pc
Indianapolis	73/56/s	78/59/s	78/64/pc	Rochester	76/57/pc	73/59/sh	77/60/s
Jackson, MS	91/66/pc	94/74/pc	95/73/s	St. Louis	79/62/s	80/67/pc	80/68/t
Kansas City	75/63/pc	75/68/r	82/66/t	San Francisco	63/53/pc	62/52/pc	66/54/pc
Lexington	75/53/s	80/61/s	80/65/t	Seattle	75/55/pc	78/58/pc	78/55/s
Little Rock	87/67/s	89/73/t	96/72/pc	Wash., DC	83/67/t	83/66/pc	85/69/s

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	91/76/t	91/77/t	90/77/t	London	73/63/sh	72/57/sh	70/61/sh
Athens	93/77/s	95/79/s	100/77/s	Montreal	77/65/t	76/60/sh	75/61/pc
Beirut	86/74/s	87/72/s	87/75/s	Moscow	67/55/s	73/57/t	80/60/pc
Berlin	99/73/pc	79/66/r	77/64/pc	Nice	86/73/s	88/74/s	86/76/s
Bermuda	86/79/s	85/78/s	86/76/s	Ottawa	76/57/sh	74/56/sh	76/56/pc
Calgary	63/45/t	61/45/t	69/48/pc	Quebec	76/60/t	74/56/sh	71/53/sh
Dublin	70/57/r	69/52/sh	67/55/r	Rio de Janeiro	74/63/pc	73/63/pc	76/65/s
Edmonton	63/43/pc	64/43/pc	73/47/s	Seoul	81/75/r	86/73/pc	86/77/r
Freeport	86/79/pc	86/78/s	87/78/t	Singapore	87/77/t	86/77/t	86/77/t
Geneva	85/64/t	77/58/t	78/53/s	Sydney	70/52/pc	72/54/pc	66/46/pc
Havana	92/71/s	92/74/s	91/74/pc	Toronto	70/57/sh	72/59/pc	77/59/s
Hong Kong	88/82/t	89/81/t	90/79/pc	Vancouver	72/56/pc	74/57/pc	75/57/pc
Jerusalem	87/68/s	87/67/s	86/66/s	Vienna	98/75/s	94/65/t	84/66/s
Johannesburg	68/38/s	64/40/s	59/40/pc	Warsaw	89/69/pc	93/64/s	73/57/pc
Kiev	80/60/pc	82/57/pc	84/61/s	Winnipeg	75/52/s	73/58/pc	76/56/pc

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:44 a.m.
Low	12:25 a.m.
High	7:31 p.m.
Low	1:31 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	1:25 a.m.
Low	7:34 a.m.
High	2:01 p.m.
Low	8:00 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	15.63'
Normal	14.51'

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Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms around this afternoon. Winds west 3-6 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

Weather History

A severe storm with hail of up to 1.5 inches in diameter occurred in Arizona on July 28, 1952. The hail shattered windows and damaged roofs near the town of Benson.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:15 p.m.	8:14 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:23 a.m.
Moonset	12:46 p.m.	1:41 p.m.



Water Restrictions

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• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	90/74/pc	92/76/t	90/75/t	Miami	87/78/t	89/78/pc	90/78/t
Clearwater	89/76/t	90/77/t	91/78/t	Okeechobee	88/71/t	88/73/t	87/74/t
Coral Springs	88/75/t	89/76/pc	90/78/t	Orlando	91/74/t	92/74/t	92/74/t
Daytona Beach	89/73/t	89/74/t	90/74/t	Pembroke Pines	88/77/t	89/77/pc	90/77/t
Ft. Laud. Bch	87/77/t	88/78/pc	89/80/t	St. Augustine	88/73/t	89/74/t	89/75/t
Fort Myers	90/74/pc	92/76/t	91/75/t	St. Petersburg	89/76/t	91/77/t	92/77/t
Gainesville	89/70/t	92/71/t	93/73/t	Sarasota	89/75/t	90/76/t	93/76/t
Hollywood	88/78/t	89/77/pc	90/78/t	Tallahassee	88/71/t	92/72/t	94/71/t
Homestead AFB	88/76/t	88/77/pc	89/78/t	Tampa	89/76/t	90/77/t	91/76/t
Jacksonville	88/71/t	92/72/t	90/73/t	W. Palm Bch	87/75/t	89/77/pc	89/78/t
Key West	88/80/pc	89/82/pc	89/82/pc	Winter Haven	91/74/t	93/75/t	92/74/t

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

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U.S. Kids Golf		TOURNAMENT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION
GIRLS 14 ROUND 2 LEADERS		
1	KENDALL GRIFFIN	6
2	KENNEDY SWANN	3
3	MORGAN BAWENDALE	7
4	HANNAH LEINER	7
5	COLE MASSENCU	1

Gibbs readies for 4H Regionals

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

"The bond between a girl and her horse is stronger than anything."

Lake Placid 4Her Morgan Gibbs could not have said it better as her and her four-legged partner Detail Express, better known as Dexter, recently qualified for the Southern Regional Equestrian Event in Monroe, Louisiana.

The pair first had to qualify for the Area E and later the State horse show by placing in enough classes to earn the points necessary to advance.

Previously, Gibbs racked up enough points to place high honors, being 10th overall pair at the Area E show.

Qualifying and joining them at the State competition was Sebring Junior-level equestrian Micaela Buchanan and her mount Just Can't Be, who will be of age requirement next year to join Gibbs in the Senior classes with their sights set on Regional qualifiers as well.

Buchanan and Gibbs show in the Hunters discipline, commonly referred to as English.

Few understand the extensive expectations of equestrian sports.

Hunters are expected to have long, extended leg movements that cover more ground without going at excessive speeds.

Horses, while natural runners, do not carry themselves under proper form on their own however.

While the rider must rely



Lake Placid 4Her Morgan Gibbs poses with her trainer, Karen Moon, and her horse Detail Express (Dexter). The team recently competed well at the State competition, qualifying for Regionals to be held in Louisiana.

on intuition and feel to make sure their horse is carrying correctly, they themselves must also keep their body in near perfect form so that the team can impress the judge.

Gibbs and Dexter must work as a team to accomplish these tasks; a combination of leg and hand movements offer communication so the two can synchronize.

Keep in mind: horses still have a mind of their own, and suffer nerves and tantrums just as easily as any athlete.

Thus, that special bond that Gibbs spoke of has to be built so horse and rider can trust each other to later shine in the show ring.

Gibbs and Dexter have done just that, as evidenced by their 25th overall placing as a Senior-level pair and total of 21 points earned at the recent State horse show in Tampa.

Competitors are allowed four riding classes and one optional showmanship class to earn points that put them in the ranks, with only the

top 50 seniors making it to the next level at Regionals.

Gibbs and Dexter took on the classes of Hunter Showmanship, Hunter Hack, Working Hunter, Hunter Under Saddle, and Hunt Seat Equitation.

For clarification, Hunter Under Saddle is a class judged on the horse's form while simply working around the ring.

Hunter Hack and Working Hunter focus on the horse as well, although Working

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Bucs' McCoy assuming greater leadership role

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA — Tampa Bay's Gerald McCoy is coming off his first Pro Bowl season and embracing a new role as the leader of a defense that lost Ronde Barber to retirement this spring.

The Buccaneers have committed more than \$100 million to upgrade a leaky secondary, however McCoy feels it's up to him and the rest of a young defensive line to give off-season acquisitions Darrelle Revis and Dashon Goldson the best chance to have a huge impact.

McCoy reported to training camp 10 pounds lighter than the Bucs requested.

He's eager to build on last year, when he remained healthy for an entire season for the first time in his career and began to show why he was the third overall pick in the 2010 draft.

Now, the Bucs are counting on him to emerge as the leader of a unit missing Barber, the final link to Tampa Bay's only Super Bowl championship.

"I'm not really doing anything differently, just kind of taking on more of the role I've been given. I always had somewhat of a leadership role, otherwise your peers won't vote you as a captain," McCoy said.

"But THE leader — that spot was left open when (Barber) left, so I'm just kind of filling in, not doing anything different. Just taking the leadership that I already had to a different level," McCoy added. "That's pretty much it."

The Bucs were last in the NFL in pass defense in 2012, nearly setting a league record for yards allowed en route to a 7-9 record.

A porous secondary was part of the problem, but an anemic pass rush also contributed to the team missing the playoffs for the fifth straight year.

McCoy had a career-best five sacks, more than the first two seasons of

his career combined.

Tampa Bay's 27 sacks overall were the third fewest in the league.

Entering his fourth season, McCoy is determined to change that.

And he's intent driving ends Adrian Clayborn and Da'Quan Bowers, as well as rookie tackle Akeem

Spence to

help him.

Before

practice

each day,

the 25-year-

old gathers

all of the

team's first-

year defen-

sive linemen

and accom-

panies them

onto the field

to work on

fundamentals.

"What I'm doing with them, I never got. I had nobody to help me, had nobody to coach me, nobody to take me under their wing. I had to learn on the go," McCoy said.

"I don't want these rookies to go through the same thing. I want to be that guy, where they don't have to say: 'Nobody helped me, they didn't teach me.' ... because the better they are, the better we'll all be."

McCoy was the second defensive player selected in the 2010 draft behind Detroit tackle Ndamukong Suh.

He struggled as a rookie, failing to notch a sack until his ninth game.

He missed the final three weeks of that season with a torn left biceps, finishing with three sacks.

He had one sack the following year, when he sat out 10 games and parts of two others because of injuries.

Despite the limited production and being unable to stay healthy those two seasons, McCoy said he never lost confidence in his ability.

The 25-year-old returned in 2012, bought into the system installed by new coach Greg Schiano, and progressively played better.

He was rewarded with his first trip to the Pro Bowl, not that he felt he necessarily need that to validate his improvement.

"I never doubted my ability. I never doubted myself because I knew once I started to figure it out, I would start to be successful," McCoy said.

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Team Heartland drops World Series opener

By DAN HOEHNE

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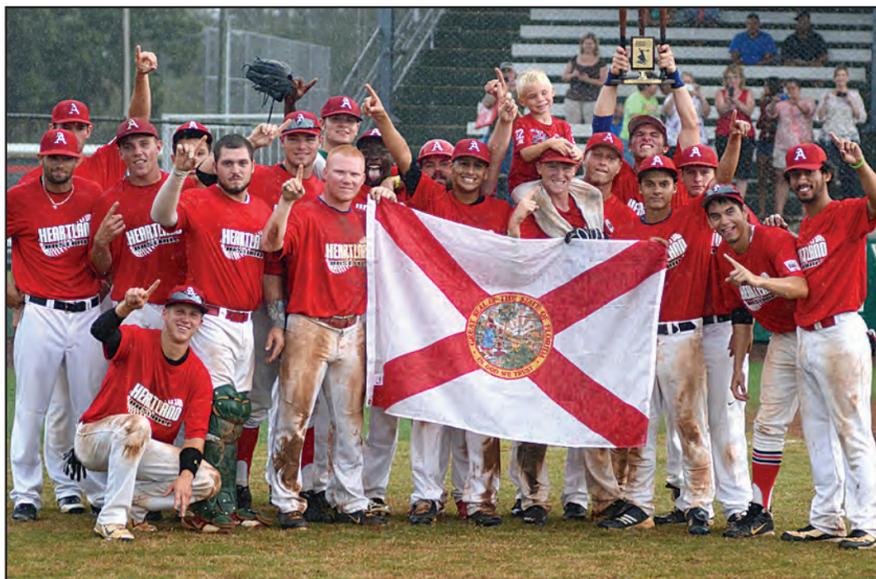
The high hopes hit a speed-bump Saturday morning as the Heartland All-Stars fell to Team Tennessee 3-1 in the opening round of the Dixie Majors World Series in North Charleston, SC.

In a game where the pitching and defense took center stage, Tennessee was just able to scratch for enough runs to move themselves along in the winner's bracket.

And while Florida's pitching and defense was predominantly solid, the offense could not get clicking to add more runs to the scoreboard.

The loss moves them into the consolation bracket where they will face the loser of the Arkansas-North Carolina battle today at 12:30 p.m.

They can still work their



Team Heartland has some battling back to do after dropping their Dixie Majors World Series opener Saturday.

DAN HOEHNE/News-Sun

way along and have a chance at the championship, but their margin for error is

gone, as another loss will end their tournament run.

See Wednesday's News-

Sun for continued coverage of Team Heartland at the Dixie Majors World Series.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	61	42	.592	—
Boston	61	43	.587	.5
Baltimore	58	46	.558	3.5
New York	54	49	.524	7
Toronto	47	55	.461	13.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	57	45	.559	—
Cleveland	54	48	.529	3
Kansas City	49	51	.490	7
Minnesota	44	56	.440	12
Chicago	40	60	.400	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	60	43	.583	—
Texas	56	47	.544	4
Seattle	49	54	.476	11
Los Angeles	48	53	.475	11
Houston	34	68	.333	25.5

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 2, Texas 0
 Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 4
 Toronto 4, Houston 0
 Tampa Bay at Boston, p.p.d., rain
 Kansas City 7, Baltimore 1
 L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 3
 Seattle 8, Minnesota 2

Friday's Games

Baltimore 6, Boston 0
 Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 6
 Cleveland 11, Texas 8, 11 innings
 Toronto 12, Houston 6
 Detroit 2, Philadelphia 1
 Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 1
 Oakland 6, L.A. Angels 4
 Minnesota 3, Seattle 2, 13 innings

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay (M.Moore 14-3) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 4-9), 1:05 p.m.
 Texas (Ogando 4-2) at Cleveland (U.Jimenez 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
 Houston (Cosart 1-0) at Toronto (Redmond 1-1), 1:07 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Pettibone 5-4) at Detroit (Porcello 7-6), 1:08 p.m.
 Boston (Lester 9-6) at Baltimore (Hammel 7-7), 1:35 p.m.
 Kansas City (B.Chen 4-0) at Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 3-6), 2:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Hanson 4-2) at Oakland (J.Parker 6-6), 4:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Gibson 2-2) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-0), 4:10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	374	76	134	.358
Mauer, MIN	367	51	119	.324
Trout, LAA	401	68	130	.324

HOME RUNS

Davis, BAL	37
Cabrera, DET	31
Encarnacion, TOR	28

RUNS BATTED IN

Davis, BAL	97
Cabrera, DET	96
Encarnacion, TOR	80

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Davis, BAL	.683
Cabrera, DET	.666
Ortiz, BOS	.594

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Cabrera, DET	.454
Mauer, MIN	.407
Ortiz, BOS	.406

WON-LOST

Scherzer, DET	14-1
Colon, OAK	14-3
Moore, TB	14-3

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Hernandez, SEA	2.34
Kuroda, NYY	2.51
Colon, OAK	2.54

STRIKEOUTS

Darvish, TEX	161
Hernandez, SEA	158
Scherzer, DET	157

SAVES

J. Johnson, BAL	35
Rivera, NYY	33
Nathan, TEX	32

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	45	.563	—
Washington	50	54	.481	8.5
Philadelphia	49	54	.476	9
New York	46	54	.460	10.5
Miami	39	62	.386	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	38	.620	—
Pittsburgh	60	41	.594	2.5
Cincinnati	59	45	.567	5
Chicago	46	55	.456	16.5
Milwaukee	42	60	.412	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	48	.529	—
Arizona	54	49	.524	.5
Colorado	50	54	.481	5
San Francisco	46	56	.451	8
San Diego	46	58	.442	9

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 4
 Washington 9, Pittsburgh 7
 San Diego 10, Milwaukee 8
 Miami 5, Colorado 3
 St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 1
 Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs 1
 Cincinnati 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

Friday's Games

N.Y. Mets 11, Washington 0, 1st game
 Washington 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 2nd game
 Detroit 2, Philadelphia 1
 Miami 2, Pittsburgh 0
 Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1
 Colorado 8, Milwaukee 3
 Arizona 10, San Diego 0
 L.A. Dodgers 2, Cincinnati 1
 Chicago Cubs 3, San Francisco 2

Saturday's Games

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

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Pettibone 5-4) at Detroit (Porcello 7-6), 1:08 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Cole 5-3) at Miami (Fernandez 6-5), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (C.Torres 1-1) at Washington (Jordan 0-3), 1:35 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

1 p.m. NASCAR – 400 at the Brickyard ESPN
8 p.m. NHRA – Sonoma Nationals, Qual ESPN2

GOLF SUNDAY

Noon Senior Open Championship GOLF
1 p.m. PGA – RBC Canadian Open GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – RBC Canadian Open CBS
7 p.m. PGA – Albertsons Boise Open GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees SUN
1:30 p.m. Boston at Baltimore TBS
4 p.m. Chicago Cubs at San Francisco WGN
8 p.m. St. Louis at Atlanta ESPN

MONDAY

7 p.m. L.A. Angels at Texas ESPN

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Arizona at Tampa Bay SUN

SOCCER SUNDAY

3:30 p.m. CONCACAF Gold Cup, Final FOX

TENNIS SUNDAY

3 p.m. ATP – BB&T Atlanta Open, Final ESPN2
5 p.m. WTA – Bank of the West Classic, Final. ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 6-7) at San Francisco (Lincecum 5-10), 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Cingrani 4-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 3-6), 4:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (D.Hand 0-2) at Colorado (Chacin 9-5), 4:10 p.m.
 San Diego (T.Ross 1-4) at Arizona (Corbin 12-1), 4:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (S.Miller 10-6) at Atlanta (Medlen 6-10), 8:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Molina, STL	349	46	117	.335
Cuddyer, COL	311	48	103	.331
Craig, STL	375	55	124	.331

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, PIT	26
Gonzalez, COL	26
Brown, PHL	24

RUNS BATTED IN

Goldschmidt, ARI	83
Phillips, CIN	81
Craig, STL	79

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Gonzalez, COL	.597
Cuddyer, COL	.559
Gomez, MIL	.554

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Votto, CIN	.433
Choo, CIN	.421
Carpenter, STL	.400

WON-LOST

Wainwright, STL	13-6
Corbin, ARI	12-1
Lynn, STL	12-5

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Kershaw, LAD	1.96
Harvey, NYM	2.11
Locke, PIT	2.15

STRIKEOUTS

Harvey, NYM	164
Kershaw, LAD	156
Wainwright, STL	145

SAVES

Grilli, PIT	30
Mujica, STL	30
Kimbrel, ATL	29

Arena Football

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Chicago	10	7	0	.588	93	88
San Antonio	9	8	0	.529	40	85
Iowa	6	11	0	.353	78	82

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
z-Arizona	14	3	0	.824	119	21
x-Spokane	14	4	0	.771	198	86
x-San Jose	12	5	0	.706	98	83
Utah	6	11	0	.353	48	94

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

South Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Jacksonville	11	6	0	.647	89	83
Tampa Bay	7	10	0	.412	91	92
Orlando	6	11	0	.353	89	90
New Orleans	5	12	0	.294	79	98

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	12	5	0	.706	102	97
Cleveland	4	13	0	.235	80	99
Pittsburgh	4	14	0	.222	26	104

x-clinched playoff spot
 y-clinched division

Friday's Game

Spokane 61, Pittsburgh 43

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, late
 New Orleans at Orlando, late
 Arizona at Iowa, late
 Cleveland at Utah, late
 Philadelphia at San Antonio, late
 Chicago at San Jose, late

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	5	.706	—
Atlanta	11	5	.688	.5
Washington	9	9	.500	3.5
Indiana	8	9	.471	4
New York	7	11	.389	5.5
Connecticut	4	12	.250	7.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	5	.706	—
Atlanta	11	5	.688	.5
Washington	9	9	.500	3.5
Indiana	8	9	.471	4
New York	7	11	.389	5.5
Connecticut	4	12	.250	7.5

Los Angeles	12	6	.667	2.5
Phoenix	9	9	.500	5.5
Seattle	7	10	.412	7
San Antonio	6	12	.333	8.5
Tulsa	6	14	.300	9.5

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 65, New York 53
 Indiana 71, Tulsa 60
 Seattle 73, Los Angeles 66

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

West vs. East at Uncasville, CT, 3:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Suspended Atlanta RHP Humberto Carpio (DSL Braves) and Cincinnati OF Yoel Noel (DSL Reds) 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned 3B Danny Valencia to Norfolk (IL). Sent 1B Steve Pearce to the GCL Orioles for a rehab assignment.
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Sent OF Trevor Crowe to Oklahoma City (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Designated RHP Billy Buckner for assignment.
 NEW YORK YAN

Rodgers says he was 'lied to' by Braun

By GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Ryan Braun apparently has some work to do to repair his friendship with Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Describing himself as shocked and disappointed, Rodgers said Friday after the Packers' first training camp practice that Braun "looked at me in the eye on multiple occasions and repeatedly denied the allegations" that the Milwaukee Brewers slugger was using performance-enhancing drugs.

Braun this week accepted a season-ending 65-game suspension after admitting to violating baseball's rules against using PEDs.

Rodgers felt duped by his buddy and business associate, a sentiment being expressed by many others in Wisconsin.

A Milwaukee restaurant is named for two of the state's most well-known athletes, and Rodgers last year defended his friend on Twitter, going so far as to betting his multimillion-dollar salary that Braun was clean.

"It's disappointing, not only for myself as a friend but for obviously Wisconsin sports fans, Brewer fans, Major League Baseball

fans," Rodgers said before a throng of media surrounding his locker. "It doesn't feel great being lied to like that, and I'm disappointed about the way it all went down."

Rodgers and Braun have spoken since the slugger's suspension.

Asked if he considered themselves friends, Rodgers didn't answer directly but said in part, "I trusted him, and that's the thing that probably hurts the most."

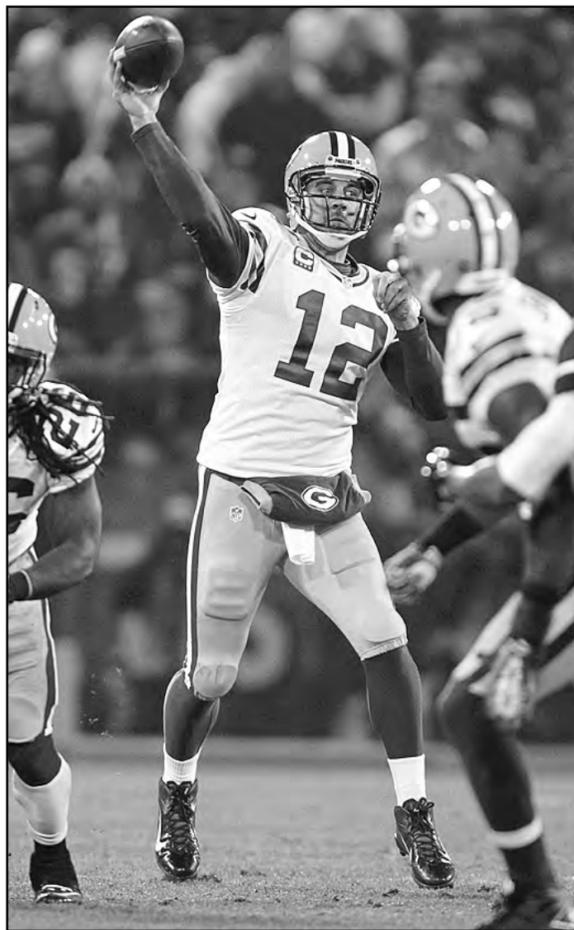
The future of their business relationship — they're involved in a licensing agreement for the 8-twelve MVP Bar and Grill — was yet to be determined, Rodgers said.

With the benefit of hindsight, Rodgers plans to take a more measured approach next time if faced a similar situation in the future.

"People make mistakes. I definitely believe in forgiveness and moving forward," Rodgers said. "Obviously, (Braun) has a tough task in front of him moving forward with his career, on and off the field."

All the attention at the first practice was atypical even for Rodgers, a former Super Bowl and NFL MVP who leads one of most dangerous passing attacks in the league.

He was smiling and laugh-



MCT photo
Friend and business associate of Ryan Braun, Packer quarterback Aaron Rodgers was unaware that Braun was using PEDs.

ing on the field Friday, running through drills like the rest of his teammates on an

overcast, breezy morning. In the locker room, however, the off-the-field ques-

tions didn't stop at Braun.

Earlier this week, former Packers receiver Greg Jennings — now with the archrival Minnesota Vikings — criticized of his ex-quarterback. In an interview with the Star Tribune, Jennings questioned Rodgers' leadership and implied the quarterback had become bigger than the team.

"Don't get me wrong, '12' is a great person," Jennings was quoted as saying, referring to Rodgers. "But when you hear all positives, all positives, all positives all the time, it's hard for you to sit down when one of your teammates says, 'Man, come on, you've got to hold yourself accountable for this.' It's hard for someone to see that now because all they've heard is I'm doing it the right way, I'm perfect. In actuality, we all have flaws."

Rodgers said he wasn't spending time or energy on Jennings' comments.

"To me, I'm concerned with the opinions of the guys in this locker room and the guys we have here," Rodgers said. "It's exciting to be able to be one of the leaders of this football team, and I'm very confident in my style."

Not surprisingly, the current Packers had the quarterback's back.

"It is what it is," receiver

Randall Cobb said about Jennings' remarks. "Aaron is a great leader. He puts us in some great situations on and off the field. He makes it easier for us to have someone to look up to for support and leadership."

Rodgers had one of the best offseasons of his nine-year career, according to coach Mike McCarthy.

"He's in good shape. He's ready to go. He really understands his role as far as the leader and one of the veteran leaders on our football team," McCarthy said. "I think Aaron's off to a great start coming off a very good offseason."

As for practice itself, McCarthy liked what he saw. It's just the first day, so he and the coaching staff plan to take a closer look at tape for a better evaluation.

The tempo has picked up a little from previous years, in part because music is being played on loudspeakers during what are being called "TV timeouts." It's designed to give players a breather and, in part, to mimic the routines during games. Rodgers' favorite tune in the rotation? Darius Rucker's version of "Wagon Wheel."

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MCT photo
The Bucs will be looking for continued production and more leadership from Gerald McCoy.

Bucs look to McCoy to lead revamped defense

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"You never have it figured out — ever. The worst three words anybody can say is 'I got it.' You've never got it figured out. But once I started to pick it up, I knew it was going to roll."

The Bucs, who lost Barber to retirement in May, have invested heavily in upgrading the defense this off-season.

They traded for Revis before giving him a six-year, \$96 million contract; Goldson signed a five-year, \$41.5 million deal in free agency after helping San Francisco reach the Super Bowl last season, and two other potential starters — cornerback Johnthan Banks

and Spence — were added in the draft.

In addition, Clayborn is returning after missing most of last season with a knee injury and Bowers is healthy after missing the early portion of 2012 while recovering from a torn Achilles tendon.

"Clayborn's back, Bowers is healthy, I'm healthy. ... We're going to see what happens," McCoy said.

The fourth-year pro feels he's put in the work necessary to give himself a chance to do his part. He was determined to report to camp lighter than the Bucs felt he should and met his goal, though he won't say exactly what he weighs.

"I trust my coaches, and I

trust the system. I love the program, and I trust what we do here. However, I have to step across the white lines and I have to play," McCoy said. "I know my body better than anybody. So I know what I feel good at, and where I'll be most confident. That why I came in lighter than what they wanted me at."

McCoy's commitment has not gone unnoticed. The player said he's 10 pounds lighter than he weighed last season and dropped 25 pounds between April and arriving at camp this week.

"I think it all lends to just the focus and how hard he's worked to get ready for the season," Schiano said. "This guy is very focused."

Florida gives Muschamp \$250,000 raise annually

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida has given coach Will Muschamp a raise after an 11-win season.

School president Bernie Machen and athletic director Jeremy Foley upped Muschamp's salary \$250,000 annually, making him the seventh-highest-paid coach in the Southeastern Conference.

Muschamp will now make \$2.928 million annually through the 2017 season, ranking behind Alabama's Nick Saban (\$5.47 million), LSU's Les Miles (\$3.8 million), South Carolina's Steve Spurrier (\$3.3 million), Georgia's Mark Richt (\$3.2 million), Arkansas' Bret Bielema (\$3.2 million) and Texas A&M's Kevin Sumlin (\$3.1

million). Foley says in a statement: "Dr. Machen and I believe very strongly in Coach Muschamp and his leadership, and we felt it was appropriate to adjust his salary to be more in line with his market value."

The Gators are 18-8 in two years under Muschamp.

Locale of Jeter's rehab game secret

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Where in the Yankees universe is Derek Jeter?

The New York Yankees aren't saying.

The 39-year-old captain was eligible to come off the disabled list Saturday.

But he was sent to play in a simulated game at a location manager Joe Girardi won't disclose.

Girardi says the Yankees want Jeter to test his strained right quadriceps without interruption.

Guesses on Twitter regarding Jeter's whereabouts ranged from the Staten Island Yankees field to the Mets' Citi Field in Queens to PlayStation.

For sure, he wasn't at the Yankees' minor league facility in Tampa, Fla., where Alex Rodriguez was rehabbing his strained left quadriceps on his 38th birthday.

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Gibbs and Dexter making strides

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Hunter is judged over a jumping course with obstacles three-foot high and Hack is a combination of the two.

Hunt Seat Equitation focuses on the effectiveness of the horse and rider with more emphasis on the form that the rider carries while maneuvering around the ring and through a given pattern requiring a number of various movements such as turns, lead changes, and backing up.

Similarly, showmanship requires a pattern, but the only communication between horse and rider are the hands because the rider must guide the horse on foot without a saddle.

Each class has at least 50 riders on average, adding to the intensity of the competition.

In the end, Gibbs and Dexter proved to be a force to be reckoned with as they brought home three ribbons and top honors.

The pair placed third in Hunter Under Saddle, thirteenth in Hunter Showmanship, and sixth in Equitation.

"I have only had him for three years this year," Gibbs shared of their progress. "We are really starting to click together and become stiff competition."



Courtesy photo
Sebring's Micaela Buchanan and her horse Just Can't Be (Termite) recently made the journey to the 4H State Horse Show. The pair competed well in their last year as Juniors and are now training for their first year in the Senior division.

With Regionals in their sights, Gibbs and Dexter will continue their training to prepare for the show.

"We need to improve our jumping," she said, referencing the increasing height of the standards. "My horse is still green over fences."

Green is a term used to describe a horse that is still fresh, or new to a discipline.

This means that, while Dexter is sound and trained,

he is still learning how to jump.

Normally, Dexter prefers to see the jumps during schooling before the class, however this is not allowed at these shows.

This is one of the factors that the pair is working to improve.

"He is also terrified of the carts they use for pleasure driving," she joked. "He is the big bay at the show to

wipe out trees to get away from those things."

Interestingly enough, Dexter stayed calm and collected during a storm before their Equitation class while the other horses were spooking and having fits.

This goes to show just how difficult and unpredictable the horse show world can be, but clearly Dexter and Gibbs have worked hard enough to have it well figured out.

Gibbs and Dexter will soon be joined by 50 other horse and rider pairs from thirteen other states as well as the other Florida qualifiers on the road to Regionals.

With Gibbs just making the cut-off date, this is her first year as a Senior she is one of the youngest competing in her classes.

Never to be discouraged, her and Dexter will be working hard to continue achieving.

"I definitely would like to thank my trainer Karen Moon, from Placid Acres Performance Horses, for all her hard work over the last 10 years.

"She has put up with me and helped me grow as a rider. I wouldn't be half the rider I am now without her help."

Marlins rookie Marisnick finally gets 1st hit

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

MIAMI — With his first big-league hit, Miami Marlins rookie Jake Marisnick hiked his career batting average to .063.

The 22-year-old center fielder went 0-for-12 in his first three big-league games in Colorado, then finally managed a single in the sixth inning Friday against Pittsburgh.

He finished 1 for 4 in Miami's 2-0 victory.

"I think he's finally going to be able to sleep tonight," manager Mike Redmond said.

Marisnick was acquired in the Marlins' blockbuster trade last November with Toronto.

He said he started slowly every time he climbed the minor-league ladder to a new team.

"All the promotions I've had, I kind of went through a little bit of a struggle," he said before Friday's game. "I just get there and try to do too much instead of just letting myself play."

Marisnick and top prospect Christian Yelich,

21, were recalled from Double-A Jacksonville to make their big-league debuts Tuesday.

Yelich singled in his first at-bat and went 4-for-12 in his first three games.

As the Marlins began a 10-game homestand, Marisnick and Yelich were finding their way around the team's ballpark, which opened last year.

Both were impressed with the luxurious clubhouse, and Marisnick was excited to see the notoriously roomy outfield.

"It's a beautiful field," said Marisnick, whose speed and defense won him raves in the minors. "I'm looking forward to running around out there. It gets me fired up."

Marisnick, left fielder Yelich and right fielder Giancarlo Stanton give the Marlins three starting outfielders 23 or younger.

They also have 22-year-old outfielder Marcell Ozuna, who was batting .265 when a left thumb injury Monday ended his season.

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Female Open Winner	Name	Age	Chip Time
Regan Davenport	40	21:40.4	
Female Masters Winner			
Maria Linden	49	26:02.6	
Female 9 and under			
Chloe LeBlanc	8	36:35.5	
Chelsea LeBlanc	8	36:42.7	
Ellissa Nawrocki	8	37:08.6	
Female 10 to 14			
Brice Creel	12	27:10.2	
Leah Moore	14	34:20.1	
Karis Register	10	50:54.6	
Sophia Sigrist	10	51:09.4	
Female 15 to 19			
Alex Coyne	18	23:30.4	
Annie W-Callahan	16	29:21.1	
Nicole Moore	16	29:51.5	
Ashley Royce	16	31:22.4	
Kassie Canevari	19	32:00.9	
Amalia Unanue	18	34:29.5	
Claire LeBlanc	17	36:34.8	
Robbie Teal	16	38:47.5	
Junieta Gonzalez	17	43:40.8	
Female 20 to 24			
Erica Resendiz	22	24:19.1	
Brenna DeHart	23	27:43.6	
Caroline Rusk	23	30:54.5	
Female 25 to 29			
Jennifer Cameron	27	31:16.4	
Summer Foster	28	31:47.7	
Emily Hall	27	37:33.1	
Kasey Silverman	28	39:00.0	
Barbara Sowell	26	47:25.9	
Female 30 to 34			
Rachel Nawrocki	33	22:58.9	
Keri Alford	31	28:16.2	
Courtney Brown	31	28:34.6	
Holly Cameron	32	32:53.4	
Megan Davidson	31	40:00.4	
Heather Stephenson	32	44:25.3	
Erica West	34	48:46.7	
Female 35 to 39			
Emily Sigrist	36	30:46.8	
Female 40 to 44			
Evelyn Colon	44	27:21.2	
Stacey Register	40	27:43.9	
Alex Olson	41	36:30.3	
Female 45 to 49			
Deborah Witmer	47	32:36.1	
Louis Canevari	45	38:38.7	
Hellen Burton	46	41:41.0	
Kimberly Whitworth	49	47:45.6	
Maria Creel	46	48:28.3	
Tonya Schmidt	47	48:47.9	

Female 65 to 69	Name	Age	Chip Time
Mary Rucker	66	38:39.4	
Female 70 to 74			
Vivian Johnson	71	29:11.4	
Audrey Smith	74	45:38.1	
Virginia Keimel	71	50:30.4	
Female 75 to 79			
Jane McKay	79	46:27.8	
Female 80 to 84			
Mary Jane Seitz	80	46:14.5	
Joyce Doty	80	50:24.6	
Marge Askew	84	-	
Female 85 and over			
Jeri McDonald	85	50:54.2	
Male Open Winner			
Michael Quigley	48	19:13.7	
Male Masters Winner			
Louis Irwin	55	23:23.1	
Male 9 and under			
Keith Sigrist	9	29:44.4	
Manasseh Haney	5	50:25.2	
Tyler Baker	9	51:18.5	
Male 10 to 14			
Scott Sigrist	14	23:19.1	
Alexander Bogaert	12	26:10.4	
Dylan Jones	12	27:51.2	
Luke Sigrist	13	29:17.1	
Garret Main	14	29:59.8	
Hilton Teal	14	32:02.2	
Damian Nawrocki	10	32:15.5	
Austin Malcolm	11	34:41.8	
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Travis Peoples	16	26:56.2	
Levi Haney	17	29:01.8	
Blaine Arms	15	29:13.5	
Alex Miller	17	30:41.3	
Brad Perry	18	32:01.1	
Clayton Main	16	37:52.5	
Issac McLean	15	38:56.3	
Male 20 to 24			
Bud Stracker	23	21:37.3	
Tyler Perez	22	28:07.0	
Male 25 to 29			
Jonathan Cameron	28	27:45.2	
Leighton Skipper	27	32:04.0	

Steven Thornton	28	49:49.2
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Brody Jones	31	30:36.0
Timothy Sewell	31	46:44.5
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Josh Zahler	39	20:19.1
James Baker	39	36:30.0
Male 40 to 44		
Zbigniew Nawrocki	40	25:01.9
Kyle Register	42	29:00.8
Male 45 to 49		
Tim Eskut	47	26:37.9
Drew Severance	49	27:44.8
Male 50 to 54		
Tom Creel	50	23:56.2
Arthur Miller	51	25:27.3
Mike Lee	52	26:06.0
Chris Beach	51	31:24.9
Kenneth Brownlee	50	40:33.6
Nelson Pacheco	53	42:30.0
John Whitworth	53	48:46.3
Anthony Haney	52	50:27.4
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By Patricia Valentine

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

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

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Blue jays are intelligent and fascinating birds



News From The Watershed
Corine Burgess

Did you know that the blue jay's feathers are not actually blue? The bright sapphire color we see is, in fact, the result of the unique inner structure of the feathers, which distort the reflection of light off the bird, making it appear blue. If that structure were to be damaged by crushing the feathers, the blue color would go away.

The pigment in their feathers is melanin, which is brown. The blue color is caused by scattering light through modified cells on the surface of the feather barbs. This is just one interesting feature of blue jays, which are generally considered very common songbirds. But if we take the time to learn more about these beautiful creatures, we find that they are very intelligent and fascinating animals.

Blue jays are easy to recognize by their coloration and calls. They have well-defined white faces with a bright blue crest and black markings surrounding the throat, head, bill, legs, feet and eyes. The black bridle varies extensively and may help them recognize one another. The back, wings and tail also appear blue.

Male and female blue jays are almost identical in appearance. Males are just slightly larger than females. The average length for a blue jay is from 9-12 inches and they generally weigh about 2.5 to 3.5 ounces with



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Courtesy photo

a wingspan of 13 to 17 inches.

These birds are known to be loud and somewhat aggressive. Blue jays make a wide variety of sounds that carry long distances. Different individuals use diverse calls. They call for many reasons — to warn other birds of threats, to get assistance in chasing off an enemy and to let others know that they are agitated. They have even been known to imitate the call of hawks.

Most of the calls are produced while the jay is perched in a tree. However, they are often found around blue bird feeders and make the sound of "jay, jay," thus their name. Blue jays even use calls to team up and

attack potential predators that are threatening their nests.

The colorful crest is also used to communicate. It conveys the bird's mood. When the crest is upright, the bird is excited, aggressive or surprised. If frightened, the crest will stick out in all directions, and if the bird is relaxed, the crest will lay flat on its head.

Fortunately, blue jays are quite adaptable to many environments. They prefer to live and breed in mixed woods and forest edges, but they can survive and even thrive in urban areas. Blue jays are generally monogamous and they mate for life. The mating seasons starts in March and ends in July.

Evergreens are the tree of preference for nests, but most anything will do. The nest is a cup-shaped structure made up of twigs, moss, plant material, paper, feathers, mud, roots and other materials that the jays may find useful. Both female and male construct the nest.

Once the eggs are hatched, usually between three and six, both parents brood the young. When mother bird is sitting on the eggs, the male feeds her so she can stay put. Once the juvenile birds are fledged, the family stays and travels together until early fall. Blue jays are ready to mate at about one year. These birds are known for their tight family bonds.

Blue jays develop very

strong bills which they use for cracking open nuts and acorns. They hold the object in their feet and peck it open with their bill. Although these birds have a reputation as egg stealers, most of their diet consists of grains, fruits and nuts.

When they reach adulthood, blue jays have a very unusual moulting ritual. Between June and July, they undergo a complete change of plumage. They begin the process of anting, which is using ants or any other suitable materials they can find to preen or clean their feathers.

Blue jays are very curious and intelligent birds. Young birds will play and grab bright or reflective objects and carry them around for a while. Some people have claimed that they have seen blue jays use objects such as strips of newspaper as tools to obtain food. Captive fledglings have been seen trying to open their cage doors.

They are social birds and are mostly seen in pairs or family groups. When flying however, they usually fly across wide, open spaces one at a time keeping a large distance from others in flight. They are not fast flyers and usually use full and regular quick flaps of their wings. They fly with their bodies parallel to the ground at a very steady, level height.

Another sign of intelligence in these brightly colored feathered creatures is their ability to watch and wait. They are known to sit and watch humans eat, wait for them to leave, then swoop down and take anything left behind. They even watch the gardener lovingly plant seeds then go in and dig them up for a nice, easy

meal. Blue jays are territorial and will chase other birds away from these feeding areas. They will even be aggressive toward humans if they wander too close to their nests.

Despite their reputation as an aggressive, common bird, blue jays do help other birds and humans. Their fondness for acorns and their accuracy in selecting and burying acorns that have not been infested with weevils are credited with spreading oak trees after the last glacial period.

Jays also scare off many birds of prey with their loud calls and "mob attacks," protecting other smaller birds in the area. Blue jays are comfortable around humans; unfortunately the most frequent cause of death in urban areas is from dogs and cats.

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Avoid what-not-to-say moments with new parents

By **LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Your sex life will never be the same. In my day. What, not breastfeeding?

From diet tips to “little baby, little problems,” sleep-deprived and super-stressed new parents have heard it all. And they want you to stop it.

As Britain’s Prince William and his wife, Kate, move along on their parenting journey, it seems even the queen has had a what-not-to-say moment. According to a special edition of *Us* magazine on raising royals, she exclaimed soon after William’s birth: “Thank goodness he hasn’t ears like his father!”

Most every new parent has a greatest hits of lame advice and annoying remarks. For fitness buff Brook Benten, mom of 4-month-old Hayes, her list included her post-baby body.

“My swollen uterus made me look like I was still five months pregnant,” said the Round Rock, Texas, mom. “I was elated to be a mother, but I knew good and well that I looked baaaaaad. Well-intending visitors would look me once over and say, ‘Wow! You look great!’”

And how SHOULD that have gone? “Compliment our baby. Tell us he/she is the cutest baby you’ve ever seen. But don’t compliment the body of the new mother.”

Devon Clement is a postpartum doula in Princeton, N.J. Basically, her job description is to be helpful to new parents. She has overheard some doozies and made up a facetious script for clients to hang on their doors. It covers a lot of ground:

“Dear Guests,
Thank you so much for coming to see our new addition(s), and for bringing your smiles, gifts, and good wishes. Thank you, also, for leaving your germs at home! If you think you may be sick, we’ll have a visit by waving at each other through the window. We also greatly appreciate the hot or easy-to-heat-up meal you’ve brought us, and the fact that you plan to keep your visit nice and short.

We’ve had a busy few days/weeks around here, so please excuse the mess in the house and the fact that I am still in my pajamas. ... I may need to breastfeed while you are here. If this offends you or makes you uncomfortable, I keep some blankets close by for you to put over your head.

While we find it very interesting to hear your stories about what things were like when you had your babies, please keep your advice to yourself unless asked, especially if it comes with an air of judgment. We have enough information coming at us, and we are doing OK, thanks.”

Perhaps most acutely distressed in the very early months are the parents of preemies.

Megan Lubin of Philadelphia gave birth three months early to her now-2-year-old and spent that time in a hospital’s neonatal intensive care unit. Once he did come home, during winter, she and her husband didn’t host many visitors or go out that much.

“When we did interact with the outside world, the comments and questions flooded in,” she said. “We certainly didn’t mind if people were curious or genuinely interested in our son, but it was hurtful at times when strangers would compare their child to ours.”



New parents get all kinds of advice, not all of it very good. Metro

Things not to say to the parents of a preemie? “Well, my child is the same age and much bigger!” Or, “Your son is awfully thin,” Lubin suggests. “The worst was when they would compare what their child was able to do.”

Brandi Jordan, who owns a parenting resource center in Los Angeles, said the way to avoid ticking off new parents is pretty simple.

“I think that people should not give advice. Period,” she said. “People see it as open license when they see someone with a baby to give them their opinion on how they should have socks on, or they should have a hat on, or they need sunblock, or you shouldn’t be taking them out, they’re too young. Some people make themselves armchair experts because they’ve read a lot of things.”

That, she said, is why the what-not-to-say problem is so out of control these days. Blogs, social networks and simple online search are the armchair expert’s best friends, said Jordan, who has a 6-year-old.

Instead of advice, how about not coming over for a visit when you have a cold, even though you think you and your kids are no longer contagious? How about not asking the new parents of multiples: “Are they natural or IVF?”

But she has a suggestion for new parents, too: How about not rejecting outright the experiences of your own parents due to their grandparently status?

“A lot of new parents discount what their own parents actually know, but a lot of grandparents do have good traditional things that work really well,” she said.

First, she said, parents need to realize that they really do need help. “Before, you didn’t need help because your family was right there and did everything, but so many people are far removed from their families.”

But make sure help is help. Visits should be 10 minutes, not two hours, in the early days unless you plan to throw in a load of laundry, do dishes or cook a meal.

Dr. Richard So, a pediatrician at Cleveland Clinic Children’s hospital, has three kids of his own. The youngest is not yet 2.

His advice for well-meaning loved ones: “Leave the lasagna or manicotti at the door.”

Among the what-not-to-say moments that set his phone ringing: “Oh my gosh, what is that rash on your baby’s face?” And “Oh my gosh, what’s wrong with your baby’s head?”

Rashes: They’re common for newborns. The head: It often doesn’t exit a woman’s body completely round.

So what should a well-intentioned visitor be doing?

“Ninety percent is just reassuring that mother that she’s doing the right things, that she’s not going to harm her baby,” he said. “All a new baby needs to do is eat, sleep, poop and grow.”

‘Conjuring’ brings unwanted attention to Rhode Island couple

BURRILLVILLE, R.I. (AP) — The Rhode Island couple that lives in the house made famous in the movie “The Conjuring” say they’re being troubled by people curious about the 1730s-era home.

The Woonsocket Call reports that Norma Sutcliffe and her husband haven’t slept well in days because of people showing up in their yard in the middle of the night.

The couple has lived in the Burrillville

home for 25 years. The hit horror film wasn’t filmed there, but it is based on a supposed haunting that occurred when another family lived there in the 1970s.

Sutcliffe says strangers call to ask about the house and she’s seen online comments from individuals who suggest it would be fun to break in.

She says she doesn’t believe in haunted houses or ghosts.

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- Most streamed tracks**
1. Robin Thicke, "Blurred Lines" (Star Trak LLC/Interscope)
 2. Jay-Z, "Holy Grail" (Roc Nation)
 3. Miley Cyrus, "We Can't Stop" (RCA Records)
 4. Imagine Dragons, "Radioactive" (KIDinaKORNER/Interscope Records)
 5. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Ray Dalton, "Can't Hold Us" (Macklemore)
 6. Jay-Z, "(Expletive)with-meyouknowigotit" (Roc Nation)
 7. Jay-Z, "Tom Ford" (Roc Nation)
 8. Bruno Mars, "Treasure" (Atlantic Records)
 9. Daft Punk, "Get Lucky — Radio Edit" (Columbia Records)
 10. Avicii, "Wake Me Up" (Universal)

- Most viral tracks**
1. Kings of Leon, "Supersoaker" (RCA Records)

2. Avenged Sevenfold, "Hail to the King" (Warner Bros.)
3. John Mayer, "Wildfire" (Columbia Records)
4. Lorde, "Royals" (Lava Music/Republic Records)
5. Justin Timberlake, "Take Back the Night" (RCA Records)
6. Lana Del Rey, "Summerime Sadness" (Interscope)
7. Pearl Jam, "Mind Your Manners" (Island Records)
8. Panic! At the Disco feat. Lolo, "Miss Jackson" (Decaydance/Fueled By Ramen)
9. The Weeknd, "Belong to the World" (Universal)
10. Avicii, "Wake Me Up" (Universal)

iTunes



- Top songs**
1. "Blurred Lines (feat. T.I. & Pharrell)," Robin Thicke
 2. "We Can't Stop," Miley Cyrus
 3. "Holy Grail (feat. Justin Timberlake)," JAY Z
 4. "Radioactive," Imagine Dragons
 5. "Get Lucky (feat. Pharrell Williams)," Daft Punk
 6. "Treasure," Bruno Mars
 7. "Same Love (feat. Mary Lambert)," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
 8. "Cups (Pitch Perfect's "When I'm Gone") (Pop Version)," Anna Kendrick
 9. "Safe and Sound," Capital Cities
 10. "Can't Hold Us (feat. Ray Dalton)," Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

- Top albums**
1. "Magna Carta..."

- Holy Grail," JAY Z
2. "The Blessed Unrest," Sara Bareilles
3. "Teen Beach Movie (Soundtrack)," Various Artists
4. "The 20/20 Experience," Justin Timberlake
5. "Trials & Tribulations," Ace Hood
6. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
7. "The 20/20 Experience — 2 of 2," Justin Timberlake
8. "Surfers Paradise," Cody Simpson
9. "Paradise Valley," John Mayer
10. "Hail to the King," Avenged Sevenfold

iPhone & iPad



- Top Paid iPhone Apps**
1. Where's My Mickey?, Disney
 2. Contra: Evolution, PunchBox Studios
 3. Minecraft — Pocket Edition, Mojang
 4. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
 5. AfterLight, Simon Filip
 6. Smart Alarm Clock: sleep cycles & noise recording, Plus Sports
 7. Plants vs. Zombies, PopCap
 8. Block Fortress, Foursaken Media
 9. Free Music Download Pro — Mp3 Downloader, ASPS Apps
 10. Breach & Clear, Gun.
- Top Free iPhone Apps**
1. Despicable Me: Minion Rush, Gameloft
 2. Candy Crush Saga, King.com Limited
 3. The Idiot Test 3, Nexx Studio
 4. Can You Escape, Kaarel Kirsipuu
 5. Riddle Me That, Gummy Crush
 6. Google Maps, Google, Inc.

7. YouTube, Google, Inc.
 8. WhatsApp Messenger, WhatsApp Inc.
 9. Snapchat, Snapchat, Inc.
 10. Instagram, Burbn, Inc.
- Top Paid iPad Apps**
1. Minecraft — Pocket Edition, Mojang
 2. Where's My Mickey? XL, Disney
 3. Plants vs. Zombies HD, PopCap
 4. Breach & Clear, Gun.
 5. Doc McStuffins: Time For Your Check Up!, Disney
- Top Free iPad Apps**
1. Despicable Me: Minion Rush, Gameloft
 2. Monster Doctor — kids games, George CL
 3. Candy Crush Saga, King.com Limited
 4. Google Maps, Google, Inc.
 5. PAC-MAN DASH!, NamcoBandai Games Inc.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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ANGLICAN

♦ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman's Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; strhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. "Pastoral and Spiritual".

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

♦ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

♦ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

♦ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. 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 E. 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 (September to May) are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 5th. Grades 6th through Youth Bible Study are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 9th and up, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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

(Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

Scriptures' by Mary 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/lakeplacidcofc/.

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

The Lists

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) The Rolling Stones; \$7,969,276; \$346.09.
- (2) Taylor Swift; \$2,774,218; \$86.95.
- (3) Kenny Chesney; \$2,167,270; \$76.33.
- (4) Fleetwood Mac; \$1,367,517; \$107.85.
- (5) Dave Matthews Band; \$1,241,722; \$54.62.
- (6) Justin Bieber; \$1,165,093; \$80.54.
- (10) Jason Aldean; \$1,017,425; \$61.43.
- (7) New Kids On The Block; \$838,685;



- (8) Tim McGraw; \$575,811; \$36.47.
- (9) Brad Paisley; \$568,346; \$36.19.
- (11) Carrie Underwood; \$520,651; \$65.05.
- (12) Widespread Panic; \$396,997; \$46.52.
- (13) Barry Manilow; \$350,088; \$61.19.
- (14) Motley Crue; \$329,192; \$75.94.
- (15) Styx / REO Speedwagon / Ted Nugent; \$208,359; \$37.85.

Best-Sellers

Wall Street Journal FICTION

- "The English Girl" by Daniel Silva (Harper)
- "First Sight" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
- "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
- "And the Mountain Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
- "Hidden Order" by Brad Thor (Atria Books)
- "Second Honeymoon" by James Patterson, Howard Roughan (Little, Brown)
- "Middle School: How I survived Bullies, Broccoli, and Snake Hill" by James Patterson, Chris Tebbets and Laura Park (Little, Brown)
- "Tales From a Not-So-Happy Heartbreaker" by Rachel Renee Russell (Aladdin)
- "Bombshell" by Catherine Couiter (Putnam)
- "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green (Dutton Books)

NONFICTION

- "Happy, Happy, Happy: My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander" by Phil Robertson and Mark Schlabach (Howard Books)
- "Jesus Calling: Enjoy Peace in His Presence" by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson Publishers)
- "StrengthsFinder 2.0" by Tom Rath (Gallup Press)
- "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf)
- "This Town" by Mark Leibovich (Blue Rider Press)
- "Fantasy Life" by Matthew Berry (Riverhead Books)
- "The Duck Commander Family" by Willie Robertson (Howard Books)
- "Life Code: The New Rules for Winning in the Real World" by Phil McGraw (Bird Street Books)
- "Zealot" by Reza Aslan (Random House)
- "The Wimpy Kid Do-it-



Yourself Book" by Bill O'Reilly (Crown-Archetype)

FICTION E-BOOKS

- "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling)
- "The English Girl" by Daniel Silva (HarperCollins)
- "The Poisoned Pilgrim" by Oliver Pozsch (Mariner Books)
- "First Sight" by Danielle Steel (Random House)
- "Pulse" by Gail McHugh (Gail McHugh)
- "When I Found You" by Catherine Ryan Hyde (Amazon)
- "Hunting Eve" by Iris Johansen (St. Martin's Press)

8. "Second Honeymoon" by James Patterson, Howard Roughan (Little, Brown)

NONFICTION E-BOOKS

- "Zealot" by Reza Aslan (Random House)
- "This Town" by Mark Leibovich (Penguin Group)
- "The People Who Eat Darkness" by Richard Lloyd Parry (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
- "Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life" by Steve Martin (Scribner)
- "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander (Simon & Schuster)
- "Orange Is the New Black" by Piper Kerman (Random House)
- "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
- "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich: A History of Nazi Germany" by William L. Shirer and Ron Rosenbaum (Rosetta Books)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

♦ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Father Scott Walker. 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 p.m. Wednesday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Thursday. St. Francis Thrift Shop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. (863) 840-3715.

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, "primitives," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebringgrace.org.

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

♦ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

♦ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview 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.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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

♦ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is

at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

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

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

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

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

♦ **New Beginnings Church of Sebring**, meeting at The Morris Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Pastor Gary Kindle. Bible study every Sunday, 9 a.m. Blended Church Service, 10:15 a.m. Phone (863) 835-2405. newbeginningschurchofsebring.com Begin your week with us.

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

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

♦ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del

Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

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

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Bok Tower's original Great Brass Door key on display at PMoA

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE WALES – Samuel Yellin's original key to the iconic Singing Tower at Bok Tower Gardens, along with other art collection pieces from Pinewood Estate, are on display at Lakeland's Polk Museum of Art (PMoA) for a new exhibition running July 27-Oct. 5 entitled "Polk County Collects."



Courtesy photo

Samuel Yellin's original key to the iconic Singing Tower at Bok Tower Gardens.

to see, in a different light, the art of the Gardens," Justice said. "In addition to the Yellin key, we've provided Harold Parish's painting of Bok Tower from Pinewood's music room, as well as A View of the City of Baku on the Caspian Sea, the 1863 Paul von Franken painting that is normally displayed over the mantel in the loggia."

Simultaneously, a second exhibit in conjunction with Florida Southern College will feature eight paintings and some 400 drawings by Tibor

Pataky, an obscure but notable Hungarian-American artist who lived and worked in Central Florida during the mid-20th century.

The exhibitions will be celebrated at a reception from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at the Museum.

The evening will begin with a lecture at 6 p.m., and a reception featuring light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will follow at 7 p.m. The event is free for members and \$10 for guests.

For more information, visit www.PolkMuseumofArt.org/.

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Pictured are Dr. Vinod Thakkar and Dr. Tarlika Thakkar presenting a \$10,000 check to the Highlands County Family YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. The Thakkars are very supportive of children throughout our entire county and their contributions touch many, many lives. "We are very grateful for their continued generosity," said CEO Greg Harris.

The following also contributed graciously to the Strong Kids Campaign: Positive Medical, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Champion for Children Foundation, Alan Jay Automotive Network, All About Lawns, Dale & Lori Grubb, Bob & Louise Cochran, John & Jan Shoop, David & Michelle Leidel, Dr. George & Mrs. Leidel, Bayless Insurance, Highlands Independent Bank, Charlie & Holly Taylor, Air & Electrical Services, Sebring Sunrise Rotary Club, The Eric Moore Family, Brian & Megan Hess, Karen & Peter Albert, Eric & Amy Zwyer, The DeLaney Family, Creative Printing, Buggs Be Ware, Don Jose Restaurant, Triangle Iron, David & Tamra Annett, Will & Nikki Swaine, William Fletcher, William Kent, Sebring Kiwanis, and Dr. Ned Willey.

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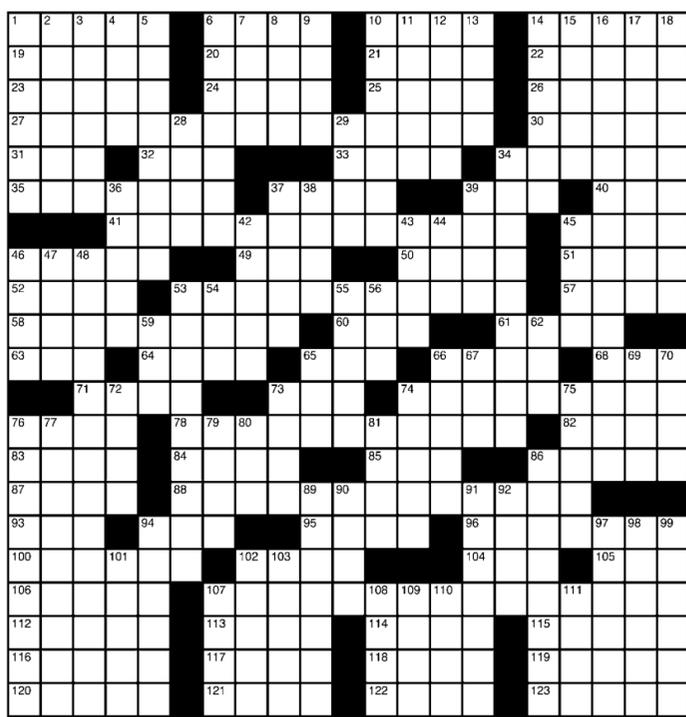
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 1 Mature
 6 One of a typical schooner's pair
 10 Water holders
 14 Sees eye to eye?
 19 Patty Hearst's SLA alias
 20 Alice's immortalizer
 21 Inclusive ending
 22 Kate's TV mate
 23 Bug-hits-windshield sound
 24 Lab gel medium
 25 Stage highlight
 26 "CSI" part?
 27 **Perhaps"
 30 Wedding proposal?
 31 You-__: rural addresses
 32 Fight unit: Abbr.
 33 Connection facilitator, briefly
 34 Fireplace place
 35 Computer in a cubicle
 37 Wild talk
 39 Roll on the ball field
 40 "___ Mir Bist Du Schoen" (Andrews Sisters hit)
 41 *Snacks not needing an oven
 45 Tiger's ex
 46 Chem lab tube
 49 Well-coiffed Byrnes
 50 Cupid's wings
 51 ___ bean: sprouts source
 52 Cast member's part
 53 *"When I say so," militarily speaking
 57 Military meal
 58 Private insignia
 60 Carrie's org. on "Homeland"
 61 Poor grades
 63 Smokey Bear broadcast, briefly
 64 Like ___ out of hell
 65 Critic Reed
 66 Rachael Ray sautéing initialism
 68 Royal Botanic Gardens locale

71 Big hauler
 73 Wet expanse
 74 Auto trip problem
 76 Court answer
 78 Signature song for Sammy Davis Jr.
 82 Psychic's verb
 83 Soldiers under Lee
 84 Flor del amor
 85 Great Basin native
 86 Oktober endings
 87 Fancy molding
 88 *Practically guaranteed
 93 ___-relief
 94 School support gp.
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 100 Fútbol cheer
 102 Computer info
 104 "Wow"
 105 Homer's neighbor
 106 Close call
 107 *Ambushed
 112 Trig function
 113 No longer happening
 114 Places
 115 Beetles, perhaps
 116 Driver's lic., e.g.
 117 Herb used with potatoes
 118 Benediction opener
 119 Oodles
 120 Like marshes
 121 Operation Overlord time
 122 Hinged entrance
 123 "The Gondoliers" girl

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 1 Like some retired race-horses
 2 Apollo's nymph
 3 Conditional word
 4 One may be exposed during cross-examination
 5 Ore-Ida morsel
 6 Kettles from Cape Flattery
 7 Jason's vessel
 8 Shutter part
 9 Sped



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10 Gives a hand
 11 Anchor position
 12 Sewer lines
 13 Metallic by-product
 14 Followed a Lenten routine
 15 Big name in siding
 16 *Fair forecast
 17 Hardly dim bulbs
 18 Hallucinate
 28 Hoity-toity sort
 29 Type starter
 34 Cleaned, as a deck
 36 Low benders
 37 Try a new shade on
 38 "High Voltage" rockers
 39 Bean who played Boromir in "The Lord of the Rings" films
 42 Neat
 43 ___ Sutra
 44 Waterfront gp.
 45 Supermodel born
 46 Stage aid
 47 Charged atoms
 48 *Settling request
 53 Settle things, in a way
 54 Familia member
 55 Wet expanse
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 59 Skye cap
 62 Geological stretch
 65 "The Crying Game" actor
 66 Wabbit hunter
 67 U.S. govt. broadcaster
 69 Latin 101 word
 70 Forms a union
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 73 Wound covering
 74 102-Across units
 75 Nottingham's river
 76 Schnoz like Durante's
 77 System of laws
 79 Havana hi
 80 Course for would-be U.S. citizens
 81 II ___: Mussolini
 86 Walk by singly
 89 To the nth degree
 90 Air__: low-cost carrier
 91 Weekly magazine where the initials of the answers to starred clues can be found
 92 Heifetz's teacher
 94 More than enough
 97 Gets together
 98 Seeds again
 99 Historic Mesopotamian city
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By ED SESSA

Belief versus apprehension



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

I was just under 30 years old, a single mom with a 3-year-old son. I could no longer stay in my very affordable, small apartment as the landlord had other plans for it.

Rents elsewhere were staggering. And though I walked by faith trusting God had a plan for us, I felt dogged by apprehension. It haunted each step forward that I took.

Praying for direction, my car slowly turned up one street after another as I looked for signs of empty apartments. Long story short, I felt compelled to ring the doorbell of a single-family house because of a Christian bumper sticker on the car out front.

This small act of boldness was the beginning of hope.

After hearing my story, the Christian lady said, "Come Saturday to a piano recital I'm hosting. Some neighbors may know of a place."

And, so it was that through this unusual means, God opened the door for a larger apartment made affordable through a rent subsidy program.

Recently, a very different situation presented itself to me. After much prayer, research and counsel, I had confidently stepped out on this new journey. Having just received very good news, my hope had been bolstered.

Eager to share it, some negative questioning from someone who meant well caused a bit of a cloud to

hover over my spirit.

I tried to explain to my husband Ken how I had been feeling. But, I fell short of actually putting it into words until the next morning when I had my devotions.

There in black and white through Hebrews 13:5, NKJV, the Lord spoke to me. He reminded me that he will never leave me or forsake me. "So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"

I realized I must listen from the depths of my spirit to the Spirit of God. If I've been praying and following his counsel then it is his saying that counts above all others. I must boldly move ahead.

Fear is paralyzing. Apprehension is fear's cousin that causes one to question an already made decision and anticipate the "what ifs." When someone you respect introduces a note of uneasiness even while not trying to pass judgment (yet not fully understanding themselves), haunting apprehension is set in motion disturbing peace.

Through the timely devotional awaiting me that morning, I recognized what I had not been able to fully put into words the night before. Peace and assurance returned.

Belief won over apprehension. Selah

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Change your line of thinking, Gemini

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) – Aries, a challenge arises that requires you to have the utmost confidence in your abilities. Some self-confidence and hard work are all you need to successfully tackle this challenge.
Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Taurus, you can choose from among many paths, but this week you will have to carefully think about which way to go. Otherwise you may end up having to backtrack and start over.
Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Gemini, unless you change your line of thinking, you may have trouble in the romance department this week. You don't have to be a smooth operator, but just sweeten your sentiments.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Cancer, sometimes you like being the center of attention, and other times you are content to blend into the background. This week you will have to embrace the spotlight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – Leo, after letting things slide for awhile, you will need to get a better handle on your finances this week. If you feel as though things have gotten out of control, then talk to a professional.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – Issues at work may have you contemplating a career change, Virgo. But you may want to hold off on changes for a little while longer until things settle down.
 Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – A quick visit with family can make you feel refreshed and renewed, Libra. There is nothing like spending

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time with the ones you love to improve your mood.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Scorpio, catch up on some overdue health screenings. There has never been a better time to get these things done, and you don't want to put your health on the back burner.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Sagittarius, there is only so much persuading you can do before you must let others choose their own paths. A difficult conversation has you second-guessing something.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Do something for yourself this week, Capricorn. It's a good time to treat yourself before you must devote more of your time to others in the near future.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – Aquarius, something has been on your mind but you just can't put your finger on it. Forget about it for awhile, and you just may come to a realization.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Few things that escape your notice this week, Pisces. Always detail-oriented, you need to figure out how to use the information.

Famous birthdays

July 28: Manu Ginobili, Athlete, 36; July 29: Josh Radnor, Actor, 39; July 30: Hope Solo, Athlete, 32; July 31: Dean Cain, Actor, 47; Aug. 1: Tempestt Bledsoe, Actress, 40; Aug. 2: Britt Nicole, Singer, 28; Aug. 3: James Hetfield, Singer, 50.

Hunt begins for missing wedding gift

Dear Abby: My daughter was married recently and has been sending out her thank-you notes. When she checked her registry to determine if all her gifts had been accounted for, she saw that her stepbrother and his wife purchased a gift, but it was not mailed by the department store.

We're assuming that it was brought to the wedding, but it's nowhere to be found. How can we resolve this delicate situation? She wants to tell her sister-in-law, but she is concerned it might have been an oversight and be embarrassing. She plans to contact the wedding venue, but it has been three weeks and you'd think if something had been left behind that they would have contacted her. We are also going to check with the friends who packed up the cars. Any other ideas?
 — Steve in Florida

Dear Steve: Because your daughter knows a gift was purchased by her stepbrother and his wife, she should ask them how it was to be delivered because it might have been lost en route. Such things have been known to happen, which is why it is always wise to request that a merchant provide proof of delivery. That way the recipient signs for the package, and everyone is assured it didn't "fall off the truck."

I doubt the stepbrother and his wife, having gone to the expense of buying something, would have forgotten to give it to your daughter. I also doubt the couple who packed up the gifts would have overlooked one. As to the venue where the wedding was held, one would think that if a package had been left behind they would



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contact the family that rented the place, if only to protect their reputation.

Dear Abby: We recently moved to another neighborhood. Most of the residents are elderly. Our closest neighbors are a very nice couple in their 70s. We've gotten along well, but a problem has arisen and I'm not sure how to handle it.

I am a keen do-it-yourself enthusiast. When I get home from work at 2 p.m., I love to go into my workshop and work on one of the many projects I always have going. I'll do this for a couple of hours until my wife and kids get home. I admit, it probably gets a bit noisy with all the power tools, hammers, etc., and I usually leave the door open to let some air in.

My neighbor approached me today and told me his wife usually naps from 2 to 4 every afternoon, and the noise I make is disturbing her. Until he told me that, I had no idea their downstairs bedroom is only a few feet from our communal fence. (My workshop is right up against the fence.)

Would it be rude to suggest she find another time to nap or maybe sleep in another room? I can't imagine having to sit around and waste time every afternoon waiting for her to finish her nap, especially since she has most of the day to nap while

I'm at work. This doesn't seem fair to me. My wife thinks I'm being a bit hard, so we agreed to accept your opinion on this.

— D.I.Y. Guy

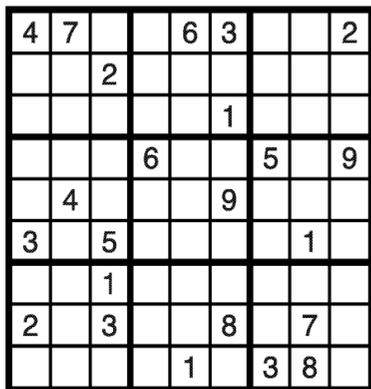
Dear D.I.Y. Guy: I'm pretty sure your neighbor's wife takes her naps at the time of day when she needs one, and she would be unable to adjust her sleep schedule to accommodate you. However, your idea of suggesting she try sleeping in another part of the house so she won't be disturbed is a good one.

Or you might agree to a compromise so she starts her mid-day rest period a little

earlier, and you start your projects a little later. That way you would both get what you need.

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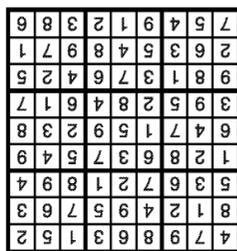


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