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Children's Museum gears up craft beer festival

Fundraiser set for Sept. 7 on the Circle

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING – A new fundraiser benefiting the Children's Museum of the Highlands is the first of its kind in the county and has high hopes of becoming a local favorite, according to Children's Museum founder Linda Crowder.

The First Round of Beer Craft Beer Festival will take on the Circle on Sept. 7. The sale of tickets for the inaugural fundraiser began this week, and Crowder is pushing for a packed-out event in just a few short weeks.

Crowder has held a handful of fundraisers over the years that help sustain the Children's Museum, but after the city of Sebring began slicing funding to organizations last year Crowder knew she had to come up with a new idea to bring in the needed funds.

"We've hosted the Mystery Dinner Show the second week in February for years. I started the Amazing Race a few years ago and it's been fun and people enjoy it, but I couldn't get it to raise any real money," Crowder said.

After brainstorming who to target for a fundraiser, Crowder came up with the idea to bring beer to The Circle for the 25- to 40-year-old demographic.

"I went to a craft beer festival in Hyde Park (Tampa). We went to a few to see how they were and while we were there we talked to people

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Summer is almost over



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Sebring High School teacher Janine Hart prepares her classroom Tuesday morning for the upcoming school year. Hart, who normally teaches 10th grade english will be teaching senior English this year.

Students still enrolling as first day draws near

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — With just a few more days until the start of the 2013-2014 school year, Highlands County schools are still enrolling students, according to Barbara Lancaster, manager of the district's Management Information Systems (MIS).

"We have a lot of schools still enrolling so I don't have an exact number just yet,"

Lancaster said. The final number on the enrollment in the county's schools won't be tallied until the first day of the students' school year which for this year is Monday, August 19.

"It's not unusual, it was the same way last year. Schools enrolled until the first day. We count on the first day, so we will have a number that afternoon (Monday),"

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Harris' water system under pressure

Utility owned by county commissioner using too much water, owes fines, water district says

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent
SEBRING – Officials of the Southwest Florida Water Management District reportedly are looking for assistance from Highlands County commissioners in resolving what they termed "the serious, long-standing violations in a Water Use Permit issued to Country Club Utilities, Inc."

That system, which serves the County Club of Sebring, is owned and operated by R. Greg Harris. He serves as both District 5 Highlands County commissioner and vice-chairman of the commission.



Harris

In an Aug. 7 letter reportedly sent to each of the county commissioners, SWFWMD Executive Director Blake Guillory wrote that "without a substantial reduction in water use, it is possible that the customers of the utility ... may experience an increase in rates and/or an interruption of service."

Guillory explained that the Country Club Utilities

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AP employees drop request for investigation

Councilman Sutherland says women told him there was no hostile workplace

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Those expecting fireworks at the city council regular meeting Monday night were disappointed.

On Aug. 1, a letter was released by eight women claiming city hall is "a hostile work environment." They accused City Manager Julian Deleon specifically, alleging he belittled and harassed them. They asked for an investigation of the situation.

A confrontation had been expected as a result, because the issue was on the agenda Monday night.

Instead, when the women's attorney, Richard Sullivan, was to address the council, Councilman Parke Sutherland said he had a report to make first.

Sutherland said the six current employees who had joined in the complaint asked to meet with him Monday morning.

He said he first contacted Sullivan to confirm he



Deleon

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Sinkhole sounded like thunderstorm

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press
CLERMONT — It sounded like a thunderstorm as windows broke and the ground shook, but vacationers who were awakened at a resort villa near Orlando soon realized the building was starting to collapse — parts of it swallowed by a 100-foot sinkhole that also endangered two neighboring buildings.

By early Monday, nearly a third of the structure at Summer Bay Resort had collapsed. All 105 guests staying in the villa were evacuated, as were those in the neighboring buildings. No injuries were reported. The villa, with 24 three-story units, was reported as a total loss.

Inspectors remained on the

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Buildings collapse into a sinkhole at the Summer Bay Resort on U.S. Highway 192 in Clermont on Monday.

What causes sinkholes?

Associated Press
ORLANDO — Sinkholes are as much a part of the Florida landscape as palm trees and alligators. Florida has more of them than any state in the nation. Earlier this year, a man near Tampa died when a sinkhole opened up underneath his bedroom.

Experts say sinkholes aren't

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Leadership Highlands application deadline extended to Aug. 19

Special to the News-Sun

The Leadership Highlands program has extended its application deadline for the 2014 class until Monday, Aug. 19. Leadership Highlands develops leaders to have a thorough understanding of and strong sense of commitment to Highlands County, and an appreciation for the strengths found in its abundant diversity.

The program familiarizes participants with the infrastructure, agencies, and economic enterprises that exist in Highlands County; exposes participants to the range of needs in the community and identifies resources to meet those needs; provides participants with the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with each other and existing community leaders, so as to learn from

the backgrounds and perspectives of one another; and encourages civic participation and volunteer involvement in the community.

Leadership Highlands is a partnership between South Florida State College (SFSC) and the Avon Park, Lake Placid, and Sebring chambers of commerce and is administered by SFSC.

Each class includes an orienta-

tion in August, a retreat in September, nine monthly themed sessions that include an overnight trip to Tallahassee, and a graduation ceremony in June. Previous classes have included visits to the Lake Placid murals, Blue Head Ranch, the Sebring International Raceway, local hospitals, city and county governments, and the court system.

Call Kris Juve, program director, at 784-7189 or visit www.southflorida.edu/leadershiphighlands/. For an application, visit www.southflorida.edu/_documents/LH_Application.pdf and return it to the Sebring Chamber of Commerce, or mail it to Leadership Highlands, Attn: Kris Juve, SFSC, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825.

Azure College graduates first local class



Courtesy photo

Azure nursing students participate in their graduation ceremony at the Chateau Élan in Sebring last Friday. Diplomas were given out to 115 graduates in the areas of practical nursing and associates degrees in science nursing. This class marked the first from Azure's Sebring campus. Debra Snyder of Azure stated that the prime minister of Haiti was the keynote speaker at the Miami Gardens graduation Saturday.

Community Briefs

County closes roads due to flooding

Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will close the following roads due to flooding in the area – Rebel Avenue from Croton Street to Magnolia Street, Ixora Street from Rebel Avenue to Doral Avenue, and Doral Avenue from Lilac Street to Orchid Street. These roads are open to local traffic only.

The closing began at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and will remain closed until further notice. For further information, call the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department at 402-6529.

FFWCC to discuss lake management plans

LAKE PLACID – There will be a public meeting held by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to discuss management plans for Lake Istokpoga and Lake June. This meeting will take place at the H.L. Bishop Park, 10 Lake June Clubhouse Road, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28 for Lake Istokpoga and 11 a.m. for Lake June.

The commission's plans for control of nuisance plants will be discussed. There will be a question and answer session following each presentation.

This meeting is open to the public and anyone seeking current, up-to-date information regarding these lakes is encouraged to attend.

CrownPointe plans barbecue

SEBRING – CrownPointe of Sebring Assisted Living Facility just received its limited nursing specialty license and will have a ribbon cutting and barbecue celebration to mark the event. The celebration is set from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Contact Tina Thompson, 386-1060, for more information.

Highway Park plans annual Fun Day on Sunday

LAKE PLACID – The 11th annual Highway Park Community Fun Day is set for 3 p.m. Sunday. This event is sponsored by Highway Park businessmen Frank Branch Jr. and Selvin McGahee, and Highway Park Community Star

Center (Star Project/All Star Prevention for at-risk youth and their families).

There will be music, free hot-dogs and hamburgers, haircuts for boys for a \$2 donation, a park workshop to discuss upcoming events at and for the Star Center, as well as a school supply distribution during the Fun Day at the Highway Park Community Star Center Complex in Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 141 Josephine Ave.

Donations of school supplies will be accepted at the Star Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this week.

If you have supplies to drop off or want more information, call McGahee at 214-6276 or the Star Center at 465-8131. The Highway Park Community Star Program is a not-for-profit organization in exist-

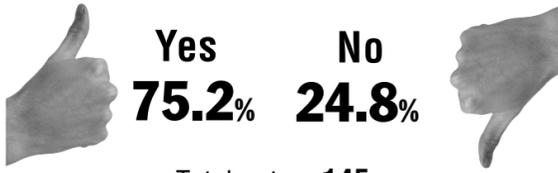
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Online



This week's question: Should the Avon Park City Council grant the request of several employees that City Manager Julian Deleon be

placed on leave while his management style is investigated?



Total votes: 145

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Animal Control auction is set for Thursday

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – It seems no matter how many animals Highlands County Animal Control Director Daryl Scott is able to auction off, the inventory re-stocks itself at a blistering pace.

In the past, the department has seen horses, ferrets and dozens of chickens go under the gavel and out the front gate. Another auction set for Thursday at 10 a.m. will be no different.

Up this time around are a potbellied pig, a miniature horse and, yes, even more of the feral chickens for which the Highway Park community now has become famous. However, those fowl are getting to be a bit more scarce at the Airport Road compound.

“They’re getting smarter and harder to catch, so we don’t have as many of them

Potbellied pig, miniature horse on the

this time around,” Scott said.

The Animal Control director speculated that in spite of that fact, they might have a few more that still might be captured this week. He also reported that although some of the hens have biddies this time, they are not laying eggs as they have in the past.

“I can’t tell you why that is – maybe it’s the heat,” Scott said.

In the past, some other more exotic species, like rabbits and horses, had been turned in by owners who no longer could care for them. This time, however, both the pig and the horse were found running loose.

“The potbellied pig was

roaming around at Highlands Homes and a family penned it up inside their fenced-in yard. The horse also was found wandering. We haven’t been able to find the owners,” he said.

This will be the third auction in four months. Two similar events in May and June saw all the animals sold. The last auction, however, saw a rather large audience with comparatively few bidders.

Scott hopes this event will be as successful as the June auction, so they again can take some time and let the inventory build before holding another such sale.

The gates will open at the Highlands County Animal Control compound at 9 a.m. Thursday, with the auction to get under way at 10 a.m. As in the past, Scott will do the auctioneering.

State Legislature to be polled on special session

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott has made it clear he won’t call a special session to consider changing Florida’s “stand your ground” law.

But protesters upset with the verdict in the George Zimmerman trial and who camped out at the Florida Capitol for nearly a month have managed to persuade enough legislators to try to bypass Scott.

The Department of State on Monday announced that a required 32 legislators have asked for a special session in writing. Under an obscure state law, that result triggers an official poll of the entire 160-member Florida Legislature.

A yes vote by three-fifths of the Legislature - which is controlled by Republicans - would result in a special session. The only ones who have asked for a special ses-

sion so far are Democrats.

“I strongly believe that a special session is the best way to justly address the concerns of our constituents,” said House Democratic Leader Perry Thurston, D-Fort Lauderdale and one of the first members to ask for the poll.

The Department of State said it wants all poll responses back by midnight on Aug. 19.

Top Republican leaders such as Senate President Don Gaetz have said there is no reason to hold a special session. House Speaker Will Weatherford has agreed to have a hearing on the law this fall but has said it is unlikely the House would ever vote to repeal the measure.

Weatherford, in a statement, said that once the poll was finished the protesters need to leave the Capitol.

“Once this poll concludes,

the question of a special session will be final,”

Weatherford said. “I trust our protesters will accept the results and return the Capitol back to normal business. It’s time.”

Zimmerman was acquitted last month of shooting unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin. He said that he shot Martin in self-defense. While the “stand your ground” law was not mentioned in the trial, it was included in instructions given to the jury.

Three days after Zimmerman was acquitted, protesters arrived at the Capitol. Since that time, a small group of them have remained, spending the night in the hallways near Scott’s offices.

They have demanded the repeal of the “stand your ground” law as well as changes to school discipline policies.

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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL Don't give in to the fear

A recent shooting during a Ross Township Board meeting in Pennsylvania left three dead and two wounded. It is only natural that the tragedy leaves us all shaken and afraid, even less certain in an uncertain world.

Already there has been a request from one citizen for tighter security at county and municipal meeting chambers.

We have to be careful, however, because fear can eat us alive.

Shocking as it was, we have concerns about overreacting, especially as gun violence at public meetings happens only rarely. Giving in to

paranoia will not make anyone any safer. In a time of budgetary shortfalls, spending money on tighter security will only take away from the very social programs that help to prevent this kind of violent action in the first place.

Today's political climate has seriously divided the country and citizens from their elected representatives. The last thing we need is to build more barriers and defensive walls, separating us further. Too many people are already disconnected from their local governments — witness the abysmal voter turnouts in municipal and county elections. The more individuals feel alienated and unheard, the greater the risk one of them will jump the rails.

What kind of a civilization do we have if we only feel

safe when people walk through metal scanners? And will that really make us feel safe? What could be next? A bulletproof glass wall separating our officials from us? X-ray machines to see through our clothes? Handing out guns and flack vests to members of the audience? Shotguns to our officials? How can democracy survive the corrosive loss of trust?

The presence of a uniformed, on-duty law enforcement officer is already good protection. Officers are trained to be observant and alert, and of course they are armed.

Don't forget the overwhelming majority of citizens are completely trustworthy.

We don't want to cut off a leg because of a broken toe.

TODAY'S LETTERS

Jeb Bush pushes new school standards

Editor:

Yes, former Gov. Jeb Bush's ideas do run afoul of Conservatives. Common Core is nationalism of education, not an enumerated right of the federal government. Education is a Tenth Amendment right of the states and the people.

Arte Duncan (Department of Education) and President Obama are pushing Common Core nationwide using money from the stimulus and RTTP, making this a federal government program.

Why Jeb Bush supports Common Core Standards:

- Foundation for Excellence in Education (FEE), founded and chaired by former Gov. Jeb Bush, emails from public records show — emails to state education officials are proof that FEE is writing education laws/regulations in ways that could benefit its corporate funders. Does HB 878 ring any bells?

- For-profit companies and business lobby organizations they fund are hiding behind FEE, to write laws and promote policies that enrich these companies.

- Correspondence in Florida, New Mexico, Maine, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Louisiana paint a picture of corporate money distorting democracy, and the education system

- FCAT shall be 'at least 50 percent, but no more than 60 percent' of a high school's grade.

- "Pearson", who holds the \$250 million FCAT contract, sponsors FEE through its foundation, stands to gain if FCAT continues to be at the center of Florida's education accountability system. Pearson owns Pearson Random House, publisher of books for Education (British Company)

What's bad with Common Core?

- Common Core is centralization, State leaders must reject these standards, this is federal overreach.

- National standards/tests are a challenge to educational freedom in America, those who believe in limited government should stop this.

- There is no constitutional or statutory basis for national standards, assessments, or curricula.

- There is no consistent evidence that a national curriculum leads to high aca-

ademic achievement.

- The national standards on which the administration is planning to base a national curriculum are inadequate.

- There is no body of evidence for a "best" design for curriculum sequences in any subject.

- There is no evidence to justify a single high school curriculum for all students.

The director of the Washington Policy Center estimates the total nationwide cost of Common Core implementation at \$30 billion. The Pioneer Institute estimates that implementation in Florida will be more than \$1.024 billion. Can your state and county afford this?

Parents, Educators, this is not about your children. It's about money. This statement has been made by many well known people in the education industry.

John Nelson
Chair

The Highlands Tea Party

The trillion dollar scam

Editor:

Attention all veterans who are on Social Security and Medicare, the Veteran Administration is stealing your benefits. The theft has to be in the trillions of dollars. They are doing it through co-pays.

How many years this has been going on, I have no idea. In the year 2001, they received \$101 million in co-pays. Is it any wonder that

they are sitting on more than 600,000 claims. In 2014 they project \$3.1 billion from out of the pockets of veterans.

The veteran is not allowed to use Medicare or AARP, Humana, second payers as co-payers. It comes directly out of the veteran's pocket.

If he refuses to pay, the Treasury takes it out of your Social Security.

The VFW Veteran magazine, August 2013, states that they, the VA, will receive \$153 billion in 2014 out of your tax dollars. The magazine, Semper Fi, 2013 states that VA Medicare subvention HR814 could authorize payments to VA medical facilities for services to Medicare-eligible veterans being treated for non-service connected conditions. Medicare is not currently authorized to reimburse VA hospitals for care provided Medicare-eligible veterans.

Congress and the Senate should withhold all monies to the VA until the VA addresses the problem of sitting on 600,000 claims and also addresses the theft from Medicare veterans of trillions of dollars.

Billie E. Jewett
Sebring

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Residents want to hear more stories like Lynch's

Editor:

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Five years later, Obama again blames Bush

Anyone who has even bothered to read my columns over the last decade-plus knows I was never a huge fan of George W. Bush. I have always believed that the 43rd president was a decent man who tried to do the right thing but often failed,

either because of bad advice or flawed ideology — or both. That said, Barack Obama has carried Bush bashing to a level that should astound all but the most hardened and cynical political observer.

This was so obvious that by the time Obama first took office in 2009, a tongue-in-cheek joke was already flying around the Internet about him strolling into the Oval Office his first day on the job and finding a note in the desk drawer from Bush. The message read, "Good luck, Mr. President. For the time being, feel free to blame me for the state of everything."

Three months later, in a more obscure place, Obama finds another note from his predecessor, again expressing the sentiment that No. 44 could probably continue to blame No. 43 for all his troubles. Along about Christmas of that first year, Obama stumbles across a memo from Bush that simply reads, "The economy is yours. The deficit is yours. The war is yours. You're on your own. Good luck."

Now, well into his second term, Obama has become a caricature of himself. In fact, if Saturday Night Live were to do a spoof on the Blame Bush phenomenon, it would look a lot like Obama's actual statements.

Five months after taking office, in June 2009, Obama blamed Bush for the financial crisis. "We inherited a financial crisis unlike any that we've seen in our time," he said at the time.

In September of that first year, Obama stated, "I took office at a time when many around the world had come to view America with skepticism and distrust. Part of this was due to misperceptions and misinformation about my country. Part of this is due to opposition to specific policies, and a belief that on certain critical issues, America has acted unilaterally, without regard for the interests of others."

On March 1, 2010, he offered this: "When I first walked through the door, the deficit stood at \$1.3 trillion, with projected deficits of \$8 trillion over the next decade. If we had taken office during ordinary times, we would have started bringing down these deficits immediately."



Guest Column

Doug Patton

On May 27, 2010, he said this about the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico: "In this instance, the oil industry's cozy and sometimes corrupt relationship with government regulators meant little or no regulation at all."

A year later, he beat this old drum again: "We inherited the worst recession since the Great Depression, a banking system on the verge of meltdown. We had lost 4 million jobs by the time I was sworn in and would then lose another 4 million in a few months right after I was sworn in before our economic policies had a chance to take root."

March 29, 2011: "I inherited a big debt."

Aug. 8, 2011: "Look, we do have a serious problem in terms of debt and deficit, and much of it I inherited when I showed up."

Feb. 23, 2012: "We've made sure to do everything we can to dig ourselves out of this incredible hole I inherited."

March 4, 2012: "When I took office, the efforts to apply pressure on Iran were in tatters."

March 14, 2012: "When I came into office, there had been drift in the Afghanistan strategy, in part because we had spent a lot of time focusing on Iraq instead."

The latest actual example of the current president trying to lay blame on the former was on display during his recent appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. After telling Leno's audience that there is no NSA program of spying on Americans, the president then proceeded to blame George W. Bush again.

"A lot of these programs were put in place before I came in," he said.

Actually, my favorite "Blame Bush" joke circulated during last year's presidential election — four full years after Obama first used these lame excuses to deflect from his own performance. The story went that the president planned to send a bill to his Democrat buddies in Congress, proposing that the San Andreas Fault be renamed "Bush's Fault."

Anyone know the current status of that legislation?

Doug Patton describes himself as a recovering political speechwriter who agrees with himself more often than not. His weekly columns are distributed by Cagle Cartoons newspaper syndicate. Readers are encouraged to email Doug at dpatton@cagle.com and/or to follow him on Twitter at @Doug_Patton/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

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A pump station located near the maintenance shed supplies water to Country Club of Sebring residents. The utility has been using too much water for several years, according to a letter from SWFWMD Executive Director Blake Guillory.

Country Club Utilities could face rate hike, interruption of service, water management director says

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service area is within the Southern Water Use Caution area. The SWUCA, as it is known, is an area within which water resources are critical. Guillory said Country Club Utilities' history of noncompliance began more than a decade ago.

It was originally permitted in December 2002 to pump 106,400 gallons per day on an annual average daily basis.

However, Guillory maintains, the utility consistently has exceeded its permitted quantities resulting in repeated efforts by SWFWMD staff to gain compliance. The permitted quantities of Country Club Utilities were increased to an annual average daily rate of 183,000 gallons per day in October 2006. However, despite numerous efforts by the water management district staff to assist them, Guillory said Country Club Utilities has continued to pump beyond what it is allowed by its permit.

Now, SWFWMD officials say they are pursuing enforcement action against the utility for its continued overpumpage violations. In September of last year, the SWFWMD's governing board authorized staff to initiate litigation against Harris' company.

Last month, SWFWMD staff reportedly issued one last proposed Consent Order to the utility for its consideration in what they said was "an effort to resolve this matter without further litigation." That included a requirement that the utility both prepare a written compliance plan and to pay penalties and costs totaling \$83,949 to the district.

Those costs legally could be passed on to the utility's customers.

"If this matter cannot be resolved via negotiation of a Consent Order, district staff will move forward with additional compliance and enforcement action, which may include, but is not limited to, revocation of the utility's permit," Guillory wrote.

Revocation of the permit is a very serious consequence and could potentially lead to service interruptions

for the utility's customers. It will only be considered as an option if compliance is not able to be achieved in any other way.

He said that the optimal solution would be a combination of water conservation measures coupled with a water-conserving rate structure. Guillory said a staff report laid the blame for the overpumpage problem on "excessive irrigation by individual property owners, as well as the utility's failure to implement effective water conservation measures".

Moreover, Country Club Utilities reportedly has an ongoing staff-assisted rate case pending before the Florida Public Service Commission. Guillory reported that there appears to be little progress in that action since it was filed in June 2012 "as the utility has failed to pay its regulatory assessment fee to the PSC."

According to a recent review of the docket, the pending case will either have its time schedule revised or be closed on Sept. 6.

In response to a prior SWFWMD enforcement action, Country Club Utilities reportedly had requested a rate change. That was dismissed due to the failure to pay its regulatory assessment fee.

Guillory emphasized that district officials are greatly concerned that without cooperation by Country Club Utilities officials, its customers' rates may substantially increase irrespective of the adoption of any water-conserving rate structure. Guillory is asking for the Highlands County commission's help inasmuch as the utility had not been "particularly responsive" to SWFWMD during the past decade of noncompliance.

In a letter to the water management district, Harris disagreed with the consent order and found the \$81,849 fine and accompanying \$2,000 fee to be too high a figure.

Harris maintained he has unsuccessfully attempted to implement and encourage water conservation among his utility customers. For example, Country Club Utilities had purchased rain sensors for the homeowners

and had been prepared to have them installed. However, not one utility customer had responded to the offer.

In addition, Harris said the company has no enforcement capabilities to penalize homeowners for over-consumption and is strapped by lack of personnel, with assistance by only one part-time employee.

As an effort to display what they termed "a good faith effort of compliance," Country Club Utilities has hired geologist Vivian

Bielski to look into the problem. Harris has asked for a 90- to 120-day timeframe for her to gather and analyze a wide array of information ranging from the review of annual reports to a site specific review of the geology of the area to develop options for compliance.

In the meantime, Harris reportedly is attempting to make arrangements with Florida Senator Denise Grimsley to arrange a meeting with SWFWMD officials to further discuss the matter.

LPPD reserve officer dies

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid Police Department Reserve Officer Ted Jay Silva passed away Saturday at his Punta Gorda home in Charlotte County. Silva began his career at the Lake Placid Police Department after graduating from the South Florida State College Basic Law Enforcement Academy. He became an official member of the Lake Placid Police Department on May 18, 2010.

Since his time with the LPPD, Silva strived to assist in any capacity.

Chief James Fansler said, "Ted completed 605 hours of post academy training, which included some intense courses such

as Instructor Techniques, Firearms Instructor, and several other classes that exhibited his dedication to law enforcement.

"Officer Silva had nearly 1,000 hours of service to the Lake Placid Police Department. Of those



Silva

hours, he assisted in several CPR and First Aid classes. He also played a big part in security details for the Caladium Festivals and Country Fairs as well as the annual bicycle rodeos. Ted was a great asset to the department and will be sorely missed."

Services for Officer Silva will be held at The Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 211 W. Charlotte Ave. in Punta Gorda, at 11:30 a.m. today.

Attorney blasts firing from BP oil spill settlement program

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — An attorney who was fired by the court-supervised administrator of BP's settlement with Gulf Coast businesses and residents is demanding to be reinstated along with back pay.

In a letter to claims administrator Patrick Juneau last Friday, Christine Reitano's lawyer said her contract for working on the settlement program was "wrongfully and improperly" terminated.

Reitano's husband, Lionel Sutton III, also worked as an attorney for

the program before resigning in June. In July, U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier appointed former FBI Director Louis Freeh to investigate allegations that Sutton received a portion of settlement proceeds for claims he referred to a law firm before joining Juneau's staff.

Reitano's lawyer, Mary Olive Pierson, said her client severed ties to anyone with BP claims before working for Juneau and hasn't taken any steps to assist those claimants or received any referral fees for the claims.



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Post-2003 blackout rules lead to millions in fines

By JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Regulators have imposed millions of dollars in civil penalties against energy companies that risk the dependability of the U.S. electrical grid since new rules following the 2003 Northeast blackout made such fines possible, including a record \$25 million fine for a power failure in Florida.

The 2008 Florida blackout was small in comparison with the Aug. 14 event 10 years ago that swept eight states and parts of Canada. The big blackout interrupted phone service, cut lights and air conditioning, impeded power plants, hospitals and prisons, and disrupted transportation from Michigan to New England.

Akron-based FirstEnergy Corp. wasn't penalized for its role in the event, which cascaded from the outage of transmission lines in Ohio.

"There were no mandatory standards, so there would have been nothing to fine them for," said Craig Cano, a spokesman for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The nonprofit North American Electric Reliability Corp. since has been transformed from a voluntary industry group to a government-sanctioned overseer of new reliability requirements developed in the wake of the 2003 blackout. Its recommended penalties are brought before the federal regulatory commission for approval.

Under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the commission was given statutory authority over grid reliability and the hammer of potential civil penalties, fines that cannot be passed on to customers. The new law increased the regulatory commission's civil penalty authority from \$11,000 a day to \$1 million a day.

In 2010, Florida Power & Light was fined \$25 million for the outage in that state, which left as many as 3 million people without power for part of a day in 2008, the largest single fine to date for reliability violations. The culprit was

a short circuit at a Miami-area substation.

An Associated Press review of the regulatory commission's annual reports and online penalty database found reliability-related penalties imposed under the new standards totaled more than \$33 million since oversight began in 2007. All were levied since 2010.

Besides fines, companies have been required to fix violations of the reliability standards, which touch on dozens of issues ranging from cybersecurity and power load to equipment storage and proper documentation.

Utility leaders and regional operators say the changes help ensure reliable power service.

"I don't think I'd want to characterize it as 'the industry's become more responsible,' because the industry has always taken seriously its responsibility associated with reliability," said Joe Gardner, a vice president for the Midcontinent Independent System Operator. "I do think that we've been able to evolve our processes and systems over the last 10 years in a manner that has enhanced reliability."

Requiring and revising standards, and creating a documented enforcement process that allows utilities and operators to learn from one another's mistakes, is an effective way to help improve the reliability of the grid, said Jim Fama, vice president of energy delivery for Edison Electric Institute, an association of shareholder-owned power companies.

"All of that helps to strengthen the system," Fama said.

Some within the industry have felt regulations have gone too far, said Ashley Brown, executive director of the Harvard Electricity Policy Group, which analyzes power industry policy issues.

"There's some controversy about it because the rules are incredibly detailed — things like having the FBI's phone number posted on your wall," he said. "There are some who feel that's problematic, because it acts as a disincentive."

Community Briefs

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Masons to serve barbecue lunch

SEBRING — Sebring Masons Lodge No 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat barbecue chicken lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday for an \$8 donation. The menu is chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverage. The Lodge is on the corner of Home Avenue and Sebring Parkway. The public is invited; take-out orders are available.

Register now for Founder's Day Bed Race

SEBRING — The Mad Mattress Dash Bed Race scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26 is now open for registration. The 10 a.m. bed race will take place on North Ridgewood Drive and costumes are encour-

aged. There are no entry fees. All one must do is visit the Sebring Chamber of Commerce or Sebring City Hall to pick up an application, or go to Facebook.com/SebringHistory.

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the race and the best-decorated bed. Again, costumes are encouraged as this is Halloween Saturday in Sebring.

For more information, call 655-5554.

APHS Class of '73 plans reunion

AVON PARK — Plans are under way for the Avon Park High Class of '73 Reunion. The reunion is being planned for Nov. 1 and 2.

The planning committee has lost contact with a few classmates. If you have an interest or know someone's contact information, send an email to Aphsclassof73@gmail.com



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Sebring High School English teacher Brittany Klobuchar works on an American literature wall display Tuesday morning in her classroom.

Schools getting ready for students to return

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Lancaster said.

Lancaster said she couldn't make a determination of whether enrollment will be up or down from last year.

"Off the top of my head I couldn't tell you. It's really hard to tell right now," she said.

Instructors spent much of Tuesday morning prepping classrooms for the hustle and bustle of the first day of classes Monday.

Sebring High School English for college readiness instructor Janine Hart is in her 31st year as a teacher and is facing a big change with the upcoming year.

"I'm teaching a class that I've never taught before. I have seniors this year so it's a new energy, a new excitement. My career I've taught primarily ninth and 10th graders," Hart said.

SHS is working diligently to get in line with the state's common core standards.

Many changes and adjustments have been made to curriculum and instructional guidelines for Hart and most teachers.

"We are adapting and adjusting to the common core standards well. There is always something new, some changes we are adapting to so it's exciting," Hart said.

SHS Dr. Anne Lindsey is going the extra mile for new teachers at the high school to ensure a smooth transition into the school year, according to Hart.

"The district has had some new teacher support, but Dr. Lindsey is supporting the new teachers even more. It's sort of a Sebring High support. We lost a few teachers at the end of last year but we've hired about eight or

10. It's more than we've had to hire in a while," Hart said.

Teachers broke for lunch at noon at schools and returned back to campuses for staff meetings the remainder of the afternoon.

Bus transportation routes have been set, giving parents a clear idea of when and where kids can get onto the district buses to be transported to one of the 18 county schools.

Routes and other information can be found by logging onto the school board's website

/www.highlands.k12.fl.us/SBHC/Transportation_Main.html/.

Orientations for school will be held through the remainder the week leading up to the start of the school year Monday.

Craft Beer Festival set for downtown Sebring Sept. 7

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and got their input," Crowder said. "I eventually went with the beer festival because I never want to do something everyone else is doing. I want to do something different."

A craft beer festival is geared toward a specific set of people who have disposable income available to attend and bring along friends.

Much like a wine tasting, patrons travel from tent to tent with their sample cup tasting many different and unique types of beer from many different locations.

"There's one called the Detroit Chocolate Stout, another called Eerie Mad Anthony and one named Lil' Sumpin," Crowder said. "There's just so many different types with weird, quirky names and tastes. There's so many different flavors of beers. Goose Island has a new beer coming out this month, so they are trying to get it ready to have it at our festival."

The First Round Festival will host 30 different craft beer vendors along with local restaurant vendors providing food samples for all

patrons. The adult-only event will also feature live music from artist Logan Dressel.

"This beer festival will help with ongoing efforts to provide quality education and learning opportunities for children. All the money goes to sustaining the Children's Museum. I'm hoping to make it an annual, ongoing event," Crowder said.

Only 300 tickets are available for purchase for the First Round of Beer Craft Beer Festival. A special early bird price of \$25 is available before Sept. 4. The price includes an armband

that allows for 2-ounce samples of all beers and food samples from local restaurant vendors. The ticket price goes up to \$30 after Sept. 4. The VIP ticket entitles attendees to everything the \$25 ticket offers plus gives access to the Budweiser VIP tent where guests can get 16-ounce draft beers and food in a covered, private environment.

For tickets stop by the Children's Museum of Highlands County, 219 N. Ridgewood Drive in downtown Sebring, or visit www.childrensmuseumhighlands.com/beerfestival/.

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Brain-eating amoeba affects boy, 12

Associated Press

LABELLE — Health officials say a 12-year-old southwest Florida boy is fighting a rare infection that is attacking his brain.

Family members told media outlets that Zachary Reyna contracted Naegleria fowleri — an amoeba that causes deadly brain infections — while knee boarding with some friends in a ditch near his house in LaBelle on Aug. 3. He is being treated in the intensive care unit at Miami Children's Hospital.

The single-celled organism is commonly found in freshwater lakes, ponds and rivers.

The illness is extremely rare. About 120 U.S. cases have been reported since the amoeba was identified in the early 1960s, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The victims typically are exposed to the bug while swimming or doing water sports in warm ponds or lakes.

Broward deputies fatally shoot woman

Associated Press

COOPER CITY — South Florida deputies fatally shot a woman armed with what turned out to be a BB gun following a brief standoff in a suburban neighborhood Monday, the Broward Sheriff's Office reported.

Lisa Taylor, 44, called 911 shortly after 9 a.m. from her home in the Rock Creek community of Cooper City, BSO reported.

She told the operator that she was "gonna kill somebody" and that she had a gun. Taylor hung up, and while the 911 operator tried to call her back, deputies were dispatched to the scene.

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CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY/News-Sun
Citizens at the Avon Park City Council Monday night meeting expected a lively discussion as a possible investigation of city hall was on the agenda. Instead they discovered the request for the investigation had been withdrawn.

Employees change tune on grievance against Deleon

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approved of the meeting and discussed the situation with the Florida Bar, which told him there was no conflict. As a result he sat down with the women. He said his purpose was to "listen and understand (their concerns)." After they met, he said, the women authorized him to present the results to the council Monday night. He went to the city administration and city labor attorney, as well as Sullivan to get their approval before he made his presentation. "At the request of the (women)," he told the council he could say that "none of the signers believe there is a hostile work environment (at city hall)." He added that they believe the city manager has done a

good job. "They are focusing on moving ahead," he said. "They do not want any kind of investigation." The women do want more and better communication, he said, and Deleon agreed to address those issues. The audience sat in a stunned silence. Sullivan never spoke. "Why did you go (by yourself) before the council meeting?" Councilman Garrett Anderson asked. Sutherland replied that he had checked with the women's attorney and the Florida Bar. "I saw nothing to stand in my way," he said. "I would have preferred if you had come to the council first," Anderson said. Sutherland argued that he had been given an opportunity to find a solution to a dif-

ficult situation and took it. "It seems out of order," Anderson said, "but it is what it is." The meeting moved on. Afterwards, outside council chambers, Anderson spoke at greater length. "I have a little bit of disbelief," he told the News-Sun. "I don't quite buy it that (six) people would change their minds all at once and on the day of the meeting." Anderson's father, James Anderson, was standing nearby. He said he believed the women must have been threatened or promised inducements. "It must have been significant for them to confess they'd all lied," he said. Sutherland re-emphasized the women had come to him, not the other way around.

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Sinkhole swallows part of resort

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scene Monday afternoon to determine whether the other two buildings near the sinkhole — a common occurrence in Florida — would be safe to re-enter.

The first sign of trouble came about 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Security guard Richard Shanley had just started his shift, and he heard what sounded like shouting from a building.

A guest flagged him down to report that a window had blown out. Shanley reported it to management, and another window popped. The resort's staff decided to evacuate the villa.

Shanley said the building seemed to sink by 10 to 20 inches and bannisters began to fall off the building as he ran up and down three floors trying to wake up guests. One couple with a baby on the third floor couldn't get their door open and had to break a window to get out, he said.

"It's a scary situation," said Shanley, who guests credited with saving lives by knocking on doors to awaken them. Inside, they heard what sounded like thunder and then the storm of water, as if it were a storm. Evacuation took about 10 to 15 minutes, according to staff and witnesses.

Amy Jedele heard screams coming from one of the adjacent buildings around 10:30 p.m., and several minutes later, the sounds of sirens. She and her fiancé, Darren Gade, went outside. "That's when you could hear the pops and the metal, the concrete and the glass breaking," she said.

The first portions of the building to sink were the



Guests had only 10 to 15 minutes to escape the collapsing buildings at the Summer Bay Resort on U.S. Highway 192 in the Four Corners area seven miles east of Walt Disney World resort, where a large sinkhole — about 60 feet in diameter and 15 feet deep — opened in the earth late Sunday.

walkways and the elevator shaft, Gade said.

"You could see the ground falling away from the building where the building started leaning," Gade said. "People were in shock to see a structure of that size just sink into the ground slowly. ... You could see the stress fractures up the side of the structure getting wider."

Then, as a part of the leaning building crumbled quickly into the ground, dust shot up around the site, amateur video of the collapse shows.

In one of the adjacent buildings, firefighters and police officers knocking on doors woke up Maggie Moreno of San Antonio. She couldn't fully open the door to her unit.

"It sounded like popcorn," said Moreno, who was visiting with her husband,

daughter and two grandchildren. "The building was just snapping."

Luis Perez also was staying at a nearby building. He said he was in his room when the lights went off around 11:30 p.m. He said he was on his way to the front desk to report it when he saw firefighters and police outside.

"I started walking toward where they were at, and you could see the building leaning, and you could see a big crack at the base of the building," said Perez, 54, of New Jersey.

Over the next five hours, sections of the building sank into the ground. Paul Caldwell, the development's president, said the resort gave all affected guests other rooms. Some visitors — many of whom had to leave their wallets, purses and other belongings behind

in the quick evacuation — were given cash advances by Summer Bay.

The Red Cross also distributed food, clothing and medicines to vacationers who had lost their belongings in their resort rooms. There were no signs before Sunday that a sinkhole was developing, Caldwell said. He said the resort underwent geological testing when it was built about 15 years ago, showing the ground to be stable.

Caldwell said he was awaiting further inspections to determine if there was any damage to the second and third buildings. The resort — with condominiums, two-bedroom villas and vacation houses in addition to standard rooms — has about 900 units spread over a large area about 10 miles west of Walt Disney World.

Q&A: Sinkholes cost \$1.4 billion from 2006-10

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blasting from construction.

occurring at a greater rate than usual but that the high-profile nature of recent one in populated areas has drawn attention to them. There also has been a rise in sinkhole claims in Florida, but insurance officials believe some of those claims are questionable. Here are some answers about why sinkholes form and their costs.

Why are there sinkholes?

Florida's peninsula is made up of porous carbonate rocks such as limestone that store and help move groundwater. Dirt, sand and clay sit on top of the carbonate rock. Over time, these rocks can dissolve from an acid created from oxygen in water, creating a void underneath the limestone roof. When the dirt, clay or sand gets too heavy for the limestone roof, it can collapse and form a sinkhole. Sinkholes are caused naturally but they can be triggered by outside events.

What triggers sinkholes?

Although sinkholes are formed naturally, they can be triggered by heavy rainfall, drought followed by heavy rainfall, tropical storms and human activity. The most common actions by humans that cause sinkholes are heavy pumping of groundwater to spray on oranges and strawberries during freezes to keep them from being damaged, well drilling, excavating, creating landfills, leaking broken water lines and pounding or

Where are sinkholes most common?

Three counties in the Tampa region are known as "sinkhole alley." Two-thirds of the sinkhole damage claims reported to the state Office of Insurance Regulation from 2006 to 2010 came from Hernando, Hillsborough and Pasco counties. Sinkholes are less common in South Florida, home to the state's two most populous counties — Broward and Miami-Dade.

How many occur in Florida?

The state Office of Insurance Regulation says reported claims from sinkholes have risen in recent years. More than 2,300 claims were reported in Florida in 2006 but that figure jumped to almost 6,700 claims in 2010. There is no geological explanation for the rise and state insurance officials believe many claims are questionable. There must be structural damage to a home for a policyholder to claim a loss from a sinkhole, but insurance officials say claims are often paid without that proof.

How much damage do sinkholes do?

The state Office of Insurance Regulation says sinkhole claims in Florida cost insurers \$1.4 billion from 2006 to 2010.

Sources: Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Senate report.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 09001270GCS
 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
 v.
 JESUS M. BENITEZ A/K/A JESUS BENITEZ; MARCIA DE NARDO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS NKA NATALIE LANG, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 2, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 09001270GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 5th day of September, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 2, IN BLOCK 1, OF PALM HAVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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 Office of the Court Administrator
 FL
 Phone: (863) 534-4686
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 DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp, D.C.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 August 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282012CA001046
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-CH5, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-CH5 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHERYL S. MARTZ A/K/A CHERYL MARTZ; SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHERYL S. MARTZ A/K/A CHERYL MARTZ; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 30th day of July, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282012CA001046, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-CH5, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-CH5 is the Plaintiff and CHERYL S. MARTZ A/K/A CHERYL MARTZ, SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION, INC. and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 887, OF SEBRING HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
 Dated this 31st day of July, 2013.
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 August 7, 14, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 282013CA000066CAXMX
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CRYSTALLE J. GUTHRIE, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated July 30, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282013CA000066CAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff, and CRYSTALLE J. GUTHRIE, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 3rd day of December, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 23, BLOCK 63, OF SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
 Dated at Sebring, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, this 31st day of July, 2013.
 (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)
 Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk of said Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 As Deputy Clerk
 Florida Bar Number: 175661
 13 N Oak Avenue
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 Telephone: (863)465-1111
 Fax: (863)465-8100
 E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com
 August 14, 21, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-320 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEANETTE M. SHUMAKE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of JEANETTE M. SHUMAKE, deceased, whose date of death was May 14, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2013.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ Agatha M. Johnson
 P.O. Box 5
 Lorida, Florida 33857
 Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 /s/ Michael A. Rider
 MICHAEL A. RIDER
 Florida Bar Number: 175661
 13 N Oak Avenue
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 Telephone: (863)465-1111
 Fax: (863)465-8100
 E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com
 August 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-322 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT W. LONG, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of ROBERT W. LONG, JR., deceased, whose date of death was May 15, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
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 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2013.
 Personal Representatives:
 /s/ Paula W. Long
 302 E. K Street
 Newton, North Carolina 28658
 /s/ Michele A. Rider
 13 N. Oak Avenue
 Lake Placid, Florida 33852
 Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 /s/ Michael A. Rider
 MICHAEL A. RIDER
 Florida Bar Number: 175661
 13 N Oak Avenue
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
 Telephone: (863)465-1111
 Fax: (863)465-8100
 E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com
 August 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-288

IN RE: ESTATE OF WALTER EDWIN TATE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (Summary Administration)
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of WALTER EDWIN TATE, deceased, File Number PC 13-288, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was March 14, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$0 and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Mary Wanda Hayes, 17911 W. Orangewood Place, Avon Park, Florida 33825.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is August 7, 2013.
 Person Giving Notice:
 Mary Wanda Hayes
 17911 W. Orangewood Place
 Avon Park, Florida 33825
 Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
 John K. McClure
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Florida Bar No. 286958
 MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
 211 S. Ridgewood Drive
 Sebring, Florida 33870
 Telephone: (863) 402-1888
 Fax: (863) 402-2436
 E-Mail: jkmcclure@mllaw.net
 Secondary E-Mail: johnmc@mllaw.net
 August 7, 14, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-312

IN RE: ESTATE OF SHEILA R. MINCKLER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 (Summary Administration)
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of SHEILA R. MINCKLER, deceased, File Number PC 13-312, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was April 2, 2013; that the total value of the estate is less than \$75,000.00 and the name and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order is: Heidi Minckler, 4427 Selah Road, Sebring, Florida 33875.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is August 7, 2013.
 Person Giving Notice:
 Heidi Minckler
 4427 Selah Road
 Sebring, Florida 33875
 Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
 John K. McClure
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Florida Bar No. 286958
 MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
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 E-Mail: emfille@mllaw.net
 August 7, 14, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-317

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALENE RING Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of DONALENE RING, deceased, whose date of death was June 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is August 7, 2013.
 Personal Representatives:
 /s/ Donald C. Ring
 3284 Golfview Road
 Sebring, Florida 33875
 /s/ Cheryl Ann Ring Bateman
 3284 Golfview Road
 Sebring, Florida 33875
 Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 /s/ W. Roy Wilkes
 Attorney for Donald C. Ring
 Florida Bar Number: 0608475
 202 Dal Hall Boulevard
 Lake Placid, Florida 33852
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 Fax: (863)382-7715
 E-Mail: www@wilkeslawfirm.com
 Secondary E-Mail: darah@wilkeslawfirm.com
 August 7, 14, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-319 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF WANDA L. MCKINNEY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of WANDA L. MCKINNEY, deceased, whose date of death was June 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this Notice is August 7, 2013.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ Teresa Dawn McKinney
 140 Jamison Ave.
 Lake Placid, Florida 33852
 Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Pamela T. Karlson
 Florida Bar Number: 0017957
 301 Dal Hall Boulevard
 Lake Placid, FL 33852
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 E-Mail: pam@karlsonlaw.com
 August 7, 14, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-329
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
GEORGE DAVENPORT JR.
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GEORGE DAVENPORT JR., deceased, whose date of death was January 23, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Jodi K. Graverson
11848 Larsen Street
Overland Park, Kansas 66210

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Pamela T. Karlson
Florida Bar Number: 0017957
301 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-5033
Fax: (863) 465-6022
E-Mail: pam@karlsonlaw.com

August 14, 21, 2013
Notice of Public Sale. Notice is hereby given that on 9/16/13 at 10:30 am, the following vehicle will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 713.585 to satisfy towing, storage, and labor charges: 2006 DODG #3D7KR28C76G202899. The vehicle will be sold for \$2661.17. Sale will be held by lienor at Alan Jay FORD-LINC-MERC Inc- 3201 US Hwy 27 S, Sebring, FL 33870. 863-385-0144. Pursuant to F.S. 713.585, the cash sum amount of \$2661.17 would be sufficient to redeem the vehicle from the lienor. Any owner, lien holders, or interested parties have a right to a hearing prior to the sale by filing a demand with the Highlands County Clerk of Circuit Court for disposition. The owner has a right to recover possession of the vehicle prior to the sale, by posting a bond pursuant to F.S. 559.917, and if sold, proceeds remaining from the sale will be deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Highlands County for disposition. Lienor reserves the right to bid.

August 14, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: PC 13-271

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM L. PRATER
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of William L. Prater, deceased, whose date of death was April 12, 2013 is pending in the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number PC 13-271, 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THE DATE THAT IS THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS AUGUST 14, 2013.

Personal Representative:
Donna L. Penny
10131 SW 137th Place
Miami, Florida 33186

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Kathleen M. Weber Raskin
Fla. Bar No. 816450
Attorney for Personal Representative
10689 North Kendall Drive Suite 217
Miami, Florida 33176
Telephone: (305)-595-3477

August 14, 21, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: PC 13-271

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM L. PRATER
Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TESTATE

The administration of the estate of William L. Prater, deceased, File Number PC 13-271, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The estate is TESTATE AND THE DATE OF THE DECEDENT'S WILL AND ANY CODICILS ARE August 16, 2006. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are sent forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualification on the personal representative, the venue, or the jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claim with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

Personal Representative:
Donna L. Penny
10131 SW 137 Place
Miami, Florida 33186

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Kathleen M. Weber Raskin
Fla. Bar No. 816450
Attorney for Personal Representatives
10689 North Kendall Suite 216
Miami, Florida 33173
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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-330
IN RE: ESTATE OF RUTH V. WEIGEL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of RUTH V. WEIGEL, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 14, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Ruth Ann Murphy
1911 E. Jefferson Street
Mishawaka, Indiana 46545

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
/s/ William J. Nielander
WILLIAM J. NIELANDER

Florida Bar Number: 0386014
172 E. Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863) 465-8181
Fax: (863) 465-5614
E-Mail: wjn@nielander.com

August 14, 21, 2013

Notice is hereby given that Downtown Mini Storage LLC will sell at public auction at 195 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825 at 1:00 P.M. Saturday 24th August 2013 to the highest bidder.

Items held for Juatevin Hicks: Mirror, dresser, headboard, full size bed.

Items held for Yamila Escalett: Outdoor storage box, office chair, file cabinet, computer, battery charger, air conditioner, security box, pac-man arcade game, fishing rods, refrigerator, slate pool table top, stereo, light fixtures, lion, xmas tree, trash can, insulation, flags, cabinet, boxes of unknown contents.

Items held for Erica Lemay: Dresser, bed, crib, shelf, kids electric scooter, carpet, boxes of unknown contents.

Items held for Amanda Wadlan: Carpet shampooer, microwave, pictures, couch, bed, dresser, dining chairs.

Items held for Lacy Faircloth: Nightstands, bassinet, table, tv, box spring, gate, vase, clothing, child's bike.

Items held for Rhonda Washington: Bed frame, fishing rods, cooler, tv, bike, sombrero, instrument cases, boxes & bags of unknown contents.

Items held for Jennifer Casimir: Dining table, two hutches, kitchen shelf, entry table, armoire, coffee table, medicine cabinet, chairs.

August 11, 14, 2013

1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000043TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that A PERFORMANCE MAINTENANCE CO, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 14368
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-19-39-30-010-00E0-0010
Description of Property:

A PORTION OF VENUS PARK PLAT NO. 2 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 32 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND A PORTION OF TOWN OF VENUS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK 25 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

Name in which assessed:
VENUS CARIBBEAN GROUP LLC;

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 28th day of August, 2013.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk

July 24, 31; August 7, 14, 2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000104TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that KYLE L. BOLYARD the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 9757
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-21-36-29-130-3040-0030
Description of Property:

LOT 3 BLOCK 304 LEISURE LAKES SECTION 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7 PAGE 73 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed:
FAREED J. ALI;

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 18th day of September, 2013.

Dated this 5th day of July, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk

August 14, 21, 28; September 4, 2013

1100 Announcements

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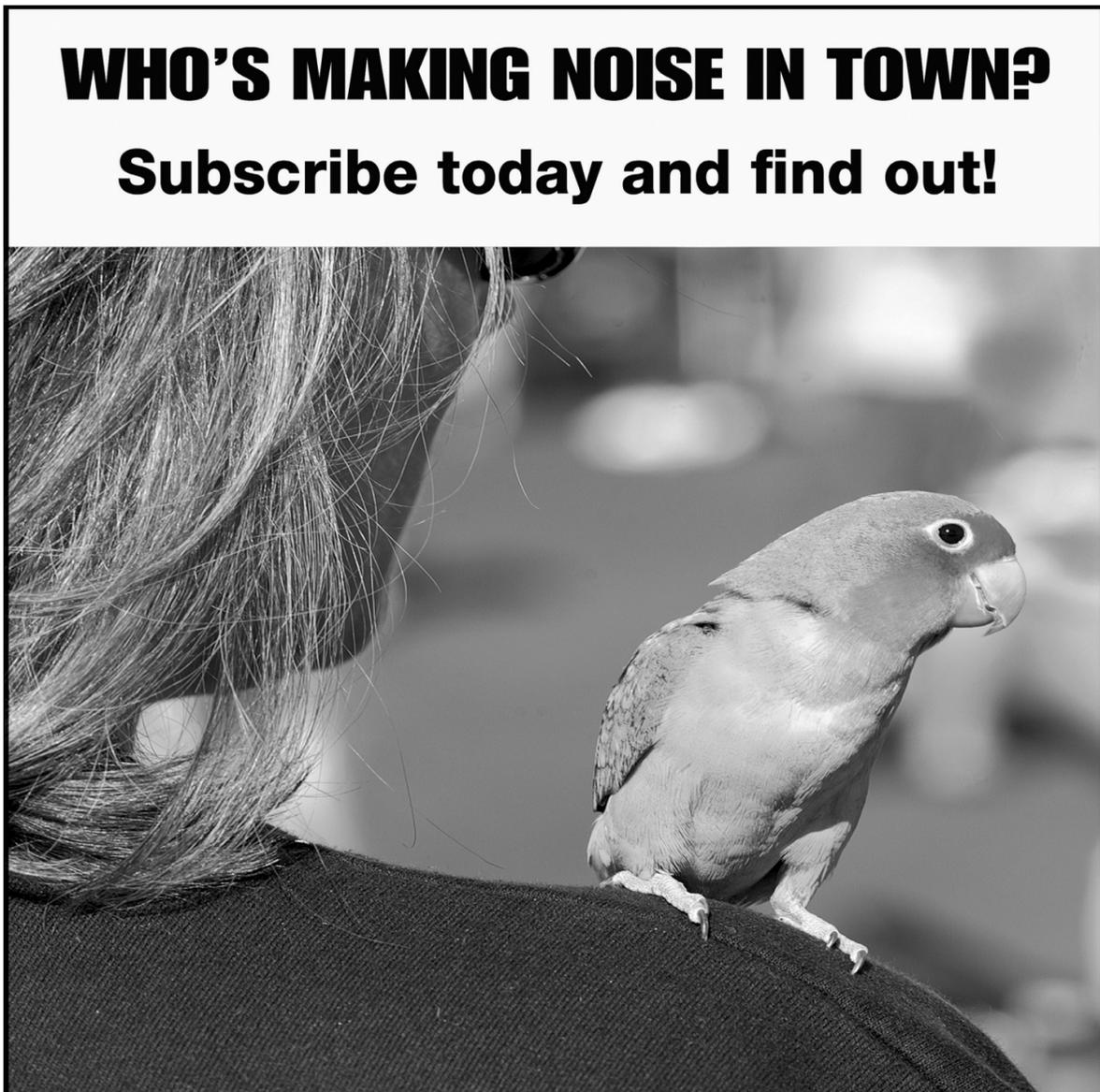
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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A thunderstorm in the afternoon	Couple of thunderstorms	Partly sunny, a couple of t-storms	Partly sunny, a couple of t-storms	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon
94° / 74°	92° / 75°	92° / 76°	90° / 74°	92° / 74°
Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: S at 3-6 mph	Winds: S at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 4-8 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	91°
Low Friday	70°
High Saturday	93°
Low Saturday	69°
High Sunday	94°
Low Sunday	67°
High Monday	94°
Low Monday	68°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	48%
Expected air temperature	94°
Makes it feel like	103°

Barometer

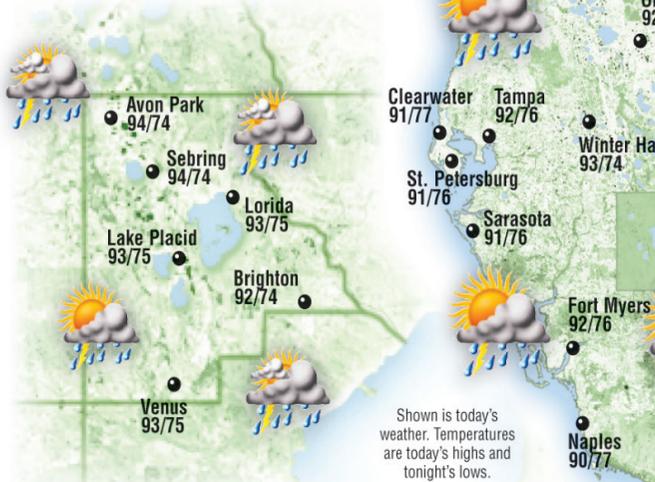
Saturday	30.04
Sunday	30.02
Monday	29.98

Precipitation

Saturday	0.04"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.53"
Year to date	46.17"

Regional Summary

Some sun, then increasing clouds today with a thunderstorm during the afternoon. Patchy clouds tonight. Clouds and sunshine tomorrow and Friday with showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later.



Farm Report

A thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds southwest 4-8 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Water Restrictions

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

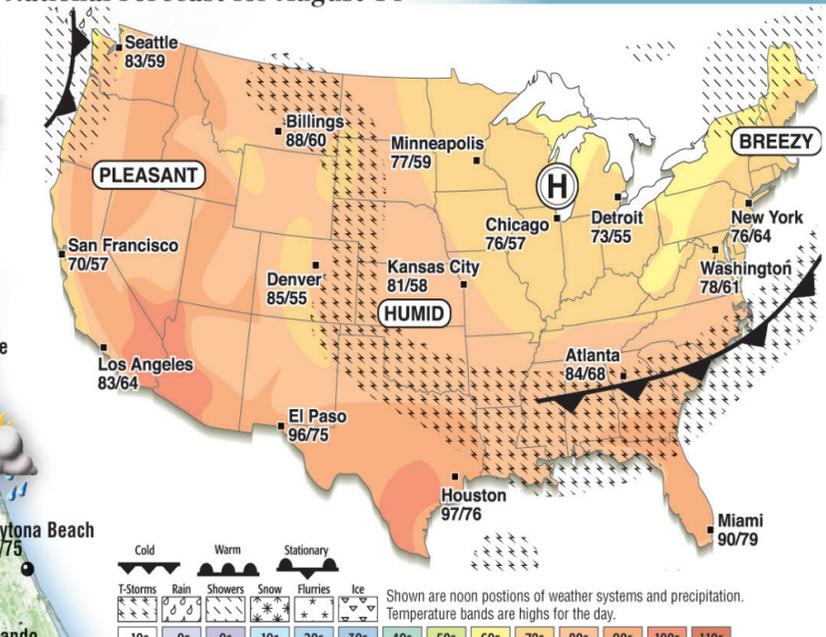
Weather History

Rain on Aug. 14, 1979, left 1,800 Las Vegas residents without electricity and made getting around the flooded city streets dicey.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:58 a.m.	6:59 a.m.
Sunset	8:03 p.m.	8:02 p.m.
Moonrise	2:05 p.m.	3:06 p.m.
Moonset	12:23 a.m.	1:14 a.m.

National Forecast for August 14



National Summary

It will be cooler with less humidity, but breezy across the Northeast today. There will be some showers across northern New England. Thunderstorms are expected along a cold front in the Southeast, and some can contain downpours and gusty winds. Dry with low humidity in the Midwest and Ohio Valley thanks to high pressure dominating those regions. Showers and storms will dot areas in the western and southern Plains, especially in the afternoon. There will be no thunderstorms in the Northwest.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	90/67/pc	92/68/t	92/67/s
Atlanta	84/68/t	83/66/t	77/66/t
Baltimore	78/58/s	79/59/pc	81/62/pc
Birmingham	87/67/t	86/71/t	84/71/pc
Boston	77/60/s	80/63/s	80/63/s
Charlotte	82/63/c	81/60/t	80/64/t
Cheyenne	79/50/s	79/51/pc	82/54/s
Chicago	76/57/pc	78/57/pc	80/59/s
Cleveland	70/50/pc	76/53/s	79/60/s
Columbus	74/52/pc	79/56/pc	81/62/s
Dallas	93/73/t	91/71/t	93/72/s
Denver	85/55/t	85/57/pc	88/60/pc
Detroit	73/55/s	76/58/pc	78/60/s
Harrisburg	76/54/pc	79/56/s	81/60/s
Honolulu	89/75/s	89/76/pc	88/76/pc
Houston	91/76/pc	95/75/t	95/75/pc
Indianapolis	75/54/s	78/58/s	80/63/s
Jackson, MS	88/65/t	87/64/t	89/67/pc
Kansas City	81/58/pc	80/61/s	78/60/pc
Lexington	75/54/pc	79/58/pc	82/63/s
Little Rock	84/61/c	83/62/pc	85/65/s

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	91/78/t	91/80/t	91/79/t
Athens	95/75/s	93/75/s	91/75/s
Beirut	89/76/s	91/75/s	90/76/s
Berlin	70/50/pc	73/57/c	79/61/pc
Bermuda	86/79/r	84/77/sh	84/79/sh
Calgary	81/53/pc	80/54/pc	74/53/pc
Dublin	68/59/c	70/55/sh	70/56/pc
Edmonton	82/54/pc	81/54/pc	76/52/sh
Freeport	88/80/s	87/81/t	88/80/t
Geneva	74/49/s	78/51/s	81/53/pc
Havana	90/72/c	89/74/t	92/73/t
Hong Kong	86/81/r	88/81/r	88/80/t
Jerusalem	87/69/s	89/69/s	87/68/s
Johannesburg	66/42/s	65/41/s	64/46/s
Kiev	82/59/s	70/52/r	77/54/s

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	91/76/t	90/76/t	87/76/t
Clearwater	91/77/t	91/77/t	87/77/t
Coral Springs	90/79/pc	89/78/t	90/80/t
Daytona Beach	91/75/t	89/74/t	88/75/t
Ft. Laud. Bch	89/80/pc	89/80/t	90/81/t
Fort Myers	92/76/t	90/76/t	87/76/t
Gainesville	92/72/t	91/71/t	91/72/t
Hollywood	90/78/pc	89/78/t	90/79/t
Homestead AFB	88/77/pc	88/78/t	90/79/t
Jacksonville	92/73/t	89/73/t	91/73/t
Key West	88/81/pc	88/81/t	89/83/t

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	7:18 a.m.
Low	12:46 a.m.
High	10:02 p.m.
Low	3:15 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	2:15 a.m.
Low	8:23 a.m.
High	3:09 p.m.
Low	8:56 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	16.03'
Normal	14.51'

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SPORTS



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News-Sun

Dragons ready to roar

By HANNAH WALLER
News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID – It’s that time of year again folks – a fall season full of Friday night football!

The helmets are on, the mouth guards are in, and the Lake Placid boys are more ready than ever to bring all they’ve got to the football field.

With more than 10 returning seniors on the team this year, the Dragons are nowhere near being young and inexperienced as in past years.

“Our starters are better than we’ve had in a long

time, if not the best we’ve had since I’ve been the head coach,” said Jason Holden, entering his sixth year of being at the helm of the Lake Placid football team.

The dark and stormy weather of this year’s pre-season practices is not enough to darken the team’s sunny outlook on the 2013 football season.

“We are light-years ahead of where we were last year,” said special teams coach Steven Guelff.

This improvement is due to the immense time and dedication the boys have put into training since February

of this year.

An improvement from last year’s record of 3-7 is not enough for the Dragons; instead a district title is the ultimate goal of the Lake Placid football team.

“We’re hungry for a district championship, that’s all we think about and that’s what pushes us through these hard practices. All of our fans that supported us through our past losing seasons deserve this and we’re going to do everything we can to win a district championship for them,” said starting quarterback Robert

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DAN HOEHNE/News-Sun

An experienced, and sizeable, offensive line will be a key in the Green Dragon attack this season.

Looking up at the new Lady Panthers

By DAN HOEHNE
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Things are looking up on the volleyball court at South Florida State College, literally.

A school name and team colors change came about a year ago, and now the make up of the Lady Panthers has undergone its own alteration, in a big way, a long way – a tall way.

“When we went recruiting for this team, we had a few things we wanted,” head coach Kim Crawford said. “We wanted length and five-tool players with a high volleyball IQ. And we accomplished that.”

But to do so, searching beyond the normal parameters was needed, which is where second-year assistant coach Chad Long came into play.

“I had looked at the records the last few years, and there were teams that just weren’t so good and I knew we needed to step up the recruiting,” he said.

“Looking around the state of Florida, it’s tough to get players to come here, but if you’re talking about players up north, in the Midwest and other places around the country, you tell them they can come to Florida, it’s a lot different reaction.”

And so it was off on a number of trips to various



Courtesy photo

The 2013 South Florida State College Lady Panthers. Back row, left to right, Jasmine Kelly, Breighly Bolton, Brienne Ballow, Allison Taylor and Madison Bitton. Front row, left to right, Melanie Sandoval, Kendall Baum, Darby Jones, Evin Foster, Jada Spano and Abbey Rouch.

tournament showcases throughout the country, where Long worked his recruiting magic.

“You’d be at these tournaments and have 25 players you might talk to,” he said. “You might come out of it with one commitment, and that makes the trip

worth it.”

The roster for the 2013 season is a tribute to the search stretching beyond the normal borders.

Five of the 11 players hail from various parts of Florida – Darby Jones from Okeechobee, Evin Foster from Stuart, Breighly

Bolton from Crawfordville, Jada Spano from Brandon and Abbey Rouch from Port St. Lucie – with the remainder coming from all over the country.

Allison Taylor from Gulf Shores, AL, Kendall Baum from DeKalb, IL, Melanie Sandoval from Georgetown,

KY, Jasmine Kelly from Houston, TX, Brienne Ballow from Elkhart, IN and Madison Bitton from Clinton, UT are all bringing their talents to this little hamlet in Highlands County.

And while their origins

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Griffin at it again

By DAN HOEHNE
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If it’s another weekend in the summer, odds are Kendall Griffin is making some noise in a big golf event.

And so it was this past weekend, again, as Griffin, along with teammates Megan Crews and Morgan Baxendale, represented the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour at the 2013 Florida State Junior Team Championship at Sandridge Golf Club in Vero Beach.

The teen-aged trio, opponents at area courses throughout the summer on the Sertoma Tour, now joined forces to take on teams from all over the state in the Girls 13-15 division.

Their final, 36-hole total of 295 earned them the victory – by a whopping eight strokes over their closest runner-up, a team from the SendMeAQuote.com Tour.

And while Baxendale and Crews certainly did their part in bringing home the win, it was Griffin who put on a remarkable display.

In the opening round of play, she shot a sizzling 67, five under par – the low round for the tournament overall.

“It was crazy because I

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Ed talks Graceland football on ‘Sports Talk’



Courtesy photo

Longtime Avon Park High school coach Don Hickman, ex-Red Devil football players Vinroy Vassell and Blaine Park were featured guests on Ed Lynch’s “Sports Talk” show on Saturday, Aug. 10. Vassell has signed a letter of intent to play football at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa this coming fall. Park is a former Graceland University football player, and is now a Sebring High School assistant football coach. Hickman, who is a Graceland University graduate, has been responsible for recruiting more than 100 Heartland high school athletes to further their higher education at Graceland over the past three decades. The “Sports Talk” show airs Saturdays immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM. Scheduled guests for the Aug. 17 airing are new Sebring head baseball coach Jasone DeWitt, and former Avon Park softball player Katelynn Stoll.

Edge Cheer 5K race results

Saturday, Aug. 10, Highlands Hammock
Overall Male Winner - Renee Marin 17:43

Male Age Group Winners

Age 4-5

1. Dylan Lanier 55:22

Age 6-8

1. Austin Ulm 36:08

2. Bud Cox 37:09

3. Brooker Revell 44:59

4. Austin Hunnewell 52:16

Age 9-12

1. Matthew Andrews 26:13

2. Billy Carol 26:36

3. Drew Morris 28:48

4. Peyton Spencer 30:08

5. Nick Piccione 35:00

6. Clayton Taylor 35:05

7. Austin Malcolm 36:31

8. Beckham Donovan 40:48

9. Josh Bible 40:50

10. Zachary Rhoden 51:57

Age 13-19

1. Joey Piccione 24:14

2. Patrick Clinton 25:29

3. Rhett Williams 26:51

Age 20-29

1. Fabian Gems 23:30

2. Ryan Janovitz 27:29

Age 30-39

1. Jayson Bass 18:46

2. Grant Rowe 21:43

3. Brian Vanfleet 24:53

4. Chuck Baker 25:29

5. Albert Irizarry 31:53

6. Christopher Rhoden 35:26

7. Aaron Lundquist 36:47

8. Chris Gose 37:04

9. Ralph Bawlod 37:35

10. Terry Owens 43:02

11. Wayne Hunnewell 54:34

Age 40-49

1. Bart Kovens 30:24

2. John Komasa 32:08

3. John Caputo 40:10

4. Steve Williams 58:12

Age 50-59

1. Nelson Pacheco 39:52

Age 60 and over

1. Tom Lucas 22:16

2. Peter Lewia 29:31

3. Ron Sevigny 41:48

4. Kenny Vincent 41:54

5. Steve Williams 58:10

Overall Female Winner - Emily Bible 27:29

Female Age Group Winners

Age 4-5

1. Annslee Gose 43:34

2. Baylee Sevigny 47:14

3. Katelyn Rowe 50:52

Age 6-8

1. Riley Sevigny 36:44

2. Corin Smith 39:48

3. Baxley Hines 40:08

4. Ramiya Hawthorne 41:53

5. Hannah Andrews 43:29

6. Emma Mellow 47:57

7. Ashlyn Hunnewell 49:19

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THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	71	49	.592	—
Tampa Bay	66	50	.569	3
Baltimore	65	53	.551	5
New York	60	57	.513	9.5
Toronto	54	64	.458	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	69	48	.590	—
Kansas City	62	54	.534	6.5
Cleveland	63	56	.529	7
Minnesota	53	63	.457	15.5
Chicago	45	72	.385	24
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	69	50	.580	—
Oakland	67	50	.573	1
Seattle	54	63	.462	14
Los Angeles	53	64	.453	15
Houston	37	80	.316	31

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 4
 Cleveland 6, L.A. Angels 5
 Oakland 6, Toronto 4
 Kansas City 4, Boston 3
 Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 2
 Texas 6, Houston 1
 Baltimore 10, San Francisco 2
 Seattle 2, Milwaukee 0
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Tampa Bay 2

Monday's Games

Oakland 5, Toronto 1
 Texas 2, Houston 1
 N.Y. Yankees 2, L.A. Angels 1
 Minnesota 3, Cleveland 0
 Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 2
 Kansas City 6, Miami 2
 Arizona 7, Baltimore 6

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland (Carrasco 0-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 2-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Porcello 8-6) at Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 2-9), 2:10 p.m.
 Miami (Ja.Turner 3-4) at Kansas City (E.Santana 8-6), 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Tillman 14-3) at Arizona (Corbin 12-3), 3:40 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Weaver 7-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Boston (Lester 10-7) at Toronto (Jo.Johnson 2-8), 7:07 p.m.
 Seattle (Harang 5-10) at Tampa Bay (Price 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (D.Hand 0-4) at Texas (Garza 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
 Houston (Cosart 1-0) at Oakland (J.Parker 8-6), 10:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	415	86	152	.366
Trout, LAA	449	82	148	.330
Ortiz, BOS	374	58	122	.326

HOME RUNS

Davis, BAL	43
Cabrera, DET	37
Encarnacion, TOR	30

RUNS BATTED IN

Cabrera, DET	111
Davis, BAL	110
Encarnacion, TOR	89

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Cabrera, DET	.692
Davis, BAL	.679
Ortiz, BOS	.580

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Cabrera, DET	.459
Trout, LAA	.425
Ortiz, BOS	.406

WON-LOST

Scherzer, DET	17-1
Moore, TB	14-3
Tillman, BAL	14-3

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Hernandez, SEA	2.28
Kuroda, NYY	2.33
Sanchez, DET	2.58

STRIKEOUTS

Darvish, TEX	207
Hernandez, SEA	178
Scherzer, DET	175

SAVES

J. Johnson, BAL	39
Rivera, NYY	35
Nathan, TEX	35

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	72	47	.605	—
Washington	57	60	.487	14
New York	54	62	.466	16.5
Philadelphia	53	65	.449	18.5
Miami	44	73	.376	27
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	70	47	.598	—
St. Louis	67	50	.573	3
Cincinnati	66	52	.559	4.5
Chicago	52	66	.441	18.5
Milwaukee	51	67	.432	19.5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	68	50	.576	—
Arizona	60	57	.513	7.5
Colorado	56	64	.467	13
San Diego	53	65	.449	15
San Francisco	52	65	.444	15.5

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati 3, San Diego 2, 13 innings
 Atlanta 9, Miami 4
 St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 4
 Baltimore 10, San Francisco 2
 Seattle 2, Milwaukee 0
 N.Y. Mets 9, Arizona 5
 Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 2
 Washington 6, Philadelphia 0
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Tampa Bay 2

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1
 Cincinnati 2, Chicago Cubs 0
 Kansas City 6, Miami 2
 Colorado 14, San Diego 2
 Arizona 7, Baltimore 6
 L.A. Dodgers 4, N.Y. Mets 2

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Miami (Ja.Turner 3-4) at Kansas City (E.Santana 8-6), 2:10 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

BASEBALL THURSDAY

- 1 p.m.** Little League World Series, Teams TBA. **ESPN**
- 3 p.m.** Little League World Series, Teams TBA. **ESPN**
- 5 p.m.** Little League World Series, Teams TBA. **ESPN2**
- 7 p.m.** Little League World Series, Teams TBA. **ESPN2**

GOLF WEDNESDAY

- 4 p.m.** U.S. Amateur, Day 1. **GOLF**
- Noon** U.S. Amateur, Day 2. **GOLF**
- 2 p.m.** PGA – Wyndham Championship **GOLF**

MLB WEDNESDAY

- 2 p.m.** Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs **WGN**
- 7 p.m.** Seattle at Tampa Bay **SUN**
- 7 p.m.** Seattle at Tampa Bay **SUN**

NFL PRESEASON THURSDAY

- 8 p.m.** San Diego at Chicago **ESPN**

SOCCER WEDNESDAY

- 2:25 p.m.** Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. United States . **ESPN2**

SOFTBALL WEDNESDAY

- 11 p.m.** Little League, Final. **ESPN2**

TENNIS THURSDAY

- 1 p.m.** ATP – Western and Southern Open . . . **ESPN2**
- 9 p.m.** ATP – Western and Southern Open . . . **ESPN2**
- 11 p.m.** ATP – Western and Southern Open . . . **ESPN2**

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Cincinnati (Arroyo 10-9) at Chicago Cubs (Rusin 2-1), 2:20 p.m.
 San Diego (Cashner 8-6) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 11-6), 3:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Tillman 14-3) at Arizona (Corbin 12-3), 3:40 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincecum 6-11) at Washington (Zimmermann 13-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Lannan 3-5) at Atlanta (Beachy 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (D.Hand 0-4) at Texas (Garza 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Liriano 12-5) at St. Louis (S.Miller 11-7), 8:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Gee 8-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 4-6), 10:10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
C. Johnson, ATL	364	43	123	.338
Molina, STL	361	46	119	.330
Cuddyer, COL	354	57	116	.328

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, PIT	28
Goldschmidt, ARI	27
Brown, PHL	26
Gonzalez, COL	26

RUNS BATTED IN

Goldschmidt, ARI	91
Phillips, CIN	89
Craig, STL	87

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Gonzalez, COL	.591
Cuddyer, COL	.545
Goldschmidt, ARI	.539

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Votto, CIN	.436
Choo, CIN	.409
Cuddyer, COL	.392

WON-LOST

Lynn, STL	13-6
Zimmermann, WAS	13-6
Wainwright, STL	13-7

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Kershaw, LAD	1.88
Harvey, NYM	2.09
Corbin, ARI	2.36

STRIKEOUTS

Harvey, NYM	178
Kershaw, LAD	174
Samardzija, CHC	158

SAVES

Kimbrel, ATL	36
Mujica, STL	31
Grilli, PIT	30

ARENA Football Playoffs

FIRST ROUND

Thursday, Aug. 1
National Conference
 Spokane 69, Chicago 47
Saturday, Aug. 3
American Conference
 Philadelphia 59, Orlando 55
 Jacksonville 69, Tampa Bay 62
Sunday, Aug. 4
National Conference
 Arizona 59, San Jose 49

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, Aug. 10
American
 Philadelphia 75, Jacksonville 59
National
 Arizona 65, Spokane 57

ARENABOWL

at Orlando
Friday, Aug. 16
 Philadelphia vs. Arizona, 1 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	7	.682	—
Atlanta	11	8	.579	2.5
Indiana	11	11	.500	4

YMCA Soccer

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA is currently taking registrations for Fall Youth Soccer ages 3-14. Questions please call 382-9622.

STR8 UP seeks help

LAKE PLACID – As STR8 UP Youth Ministry in Lake Placid celebrates its one-year anniversary as a ministry, they are looking for ways to enhance their programs in order to maintain and challenge the influx of teenagers that enter the ministry.

The youth currently play basketball on the back parking lot area and have long since outgrown it.

They need the challenge of a full court and higher goals.

William E. Lewis and Associates have donated the NBA-style fiberglass goals.

Bevis Construction and Concrete has once again partnered with the program to provide the labor for this considerable project.

STR8 UP is seeking to raise \$7,500 for 80 yards of concrete.

STR8 UP is asking for donations towards the goal – one quarter of a yard of concrete is \$25, half a yard is \$50, and one yard of concrete is \$100.

All donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to STR8 UP Youth Ministry P.O. Box 654 Lake Placid, FL 33862 or PayPal can be used from their website www.str8up.org.

14th Annual Firemen Memorial

SEBRING – As one of their biggest fundraisers of the year, Sebring Firemen, Inc. will hold the 14th Annual Memorial Golf Classic on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Sun N' Lake Golf and Country Club.

Presented by AXA Advisors, LLC and Home Depot, the day-long tournament will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and cannon start at 8:30 a.m.

The format is a 4-person Scramble, flighted by handicap, utilizing both the Deer Run and Turtle Run courses, and the entry fee remains at \$75 per player.

As is their nearly 90-year old custom, the Firemen seek to raise funds to help all area student-athletes and athletic programs.

And in so doing, make it a fun and memorable event for all those involved.

The festivities, in fact, begin the night before at the Pre-Tournament Mixer on Friday, Aug. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sun N' Lake restaurant for early registration and a heavy dose of hors d'oeuvres.

Deadline for entry is Thursday, Aug. 8, and checks should be made payable and remit to Sebring Firemen, Inc., P.O. Box 1981, Sebring, FL 33871, (863) 382-2255.

Team entry agreements can also be faxed to Sebring Firemen, Inc. at (863) 385-7773.

Last year's field of more than 250 golfers set a new high for the ever-expanding fundraiser, so make sure to get those entries in to be part of a great day of helping the Firemen give back.

APHS Pool Schedule

AVON PARK – Beginning Tuesday, July 16, the Avon Park High School Pool will be open Monday-Friday 9-11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

The cost is \$2 per swimmer.

Excel Volleyball Clinics

AVON PARK – South Florida State Volleyball coach Kim Crawford will be offering six clinics for beginner/intermediate boys and girls interested in learning fundamental volleyball skills, loco-motor movements, eye/hand coordination and team building skills.

Each clinic will meet one day for two hours, with a cost of \$50 per clinic, or a six-clinic special of \$250.

Pre-register by Monday, July 22 and the cost will be cut down to \$200 for all six.

The clinics will meet in the Panther Gym at SFSC on Saturday's Aug. 3 and 17, Sept. 7 and 21 and Oct. 5 and 12, from 9-11 a.m. each day.

The clinic is perfect for middle-school athletes preparing for the school season.

Private, specialized training sessions with Coach Crawford will be available immediately following each clinic, from 11 a.m.-Noon, at \$20 per athlete.

For more information, contact

Crawford at (863) 385-2377, or at crawford@xcelvolleyball.net.

Sertoma Tourney approaching

SEBRING – The deadline for player entries in the 36th Annual Highlands Independent Bank/Sertoma Golf Tournament will be Monday, Aug. 12.

This most popular tourney, which sports a two-man best ball on Saturday and a two-man team scramble on Sunday, will be held Aug. 24 and 25 at Sun 'N Lake Country Club.

Entry fees and player options for this year's event have remained unchanged.

The individual player fee is still \$155, while the entry fee for a golfer wanting to attend, with guest, the Saturday night Sertoma Luau, is still \$205.

Entry fees include all golf privileges for both days, plus a complimentary Friday practice round, post-tourney London Broil luncheon, complimentary beverages and sausage sandwiches, range balls, over \$20,000 in prizes, along with fabulous trophies and hats.

Saturday night's 16th annual Luau will feature the Blue Mason Barter Company band, heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, with dancing, fun and fellowship for all.

Proceeds will continue to support the speech and hearing impaired, along with the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour.

Currently, more than 150 players have committed to play, with the field limited to the first paid 232 golfers.

For more information for player entries or business sponsorships, call Dusty Johnson at (863) 381-8041.

Registration forms are also available at local golf pro shops.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Associated Press/ORLIN WAGNER

Without Tony Stewart in the cockpit, this might be the team's best bet for running up front.

What have we learned about fate?

We've learned that it remains undefeated. Two weeks ago, Tony Stewart was lecturing the media (in his own gentle way, of course) about short-track, open-wheel racing and how we shouldn't be overly dramatic about the tumbling wrecks that accompany that form of motorsports. "You mortals have got to learn," Stewart said in his opening remarks after an injury-free wreck in Canada on July 29.

And then . . . ?

And then, a week ago, he was tweeting thanks to other mortals (his fans) for their concern about a wreck in Iowa that didn't end so well. If you think it's no big deal to roll a sprint car, fine, but in a sport with plenty of traditions, superstitions and unwritten rules, you should know not to say it out loud and tempt fate.

Can we question Michigan's fate?

With Detroit's spiral, you may question NASCAR's "need" to keep two race dates at Michigan. But as long as the "Big 3" are camped there and as long as their purse strings are in a Detroit desk, Michigan is a two-stop must for NASCAR.

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SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



NASCAR for Getty Images

An orderly finish at The Glen ... who would have thought?

Surprised that Brad Keselowski ran clean on the last lap?

GODSPEAK: It surprised everybody, including Keselowski, probably.

KEN'S CALL: By that point, I think all the tow trucks were out of gas, so it was for the best.

Is Owen Kelly's 24th-place finish worth anything?

GODSPEAK: Worth some decent trivia: Who was the Glen's highest finishing Aussie? Not Marcos Ambrose. He was 31st.

KEN'S CALL: It sent me to the record book, where I found an amazing lack of Kellys in Cup Series history. Strange.

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

NO DRAMA, NO TROPHY



Associated Press

Brad Keselowski won Saturday's Nationwide Series race at Watkins Glen, but a bout of mannerly driving kept him from breaking out the broom on Sunday.

FAILURE TO LAUNCH

Brad Keselowski recovered from an early race spin to go toe-to-toe with Kyle Busch for the Cheez-it 355 victory in the closing laps. For the third straight year Keselowski finished second in the race.

"That kind of stinks," he said. "But I'm proud of the effort and proud of the recovery because that (spin) dug us a deep hole very early in the race."

On the last lap, Keselowski's No. 2 Ford came right up to the rear bumper of Busch's No. 18 Toyota a couple of times. It looked like Keselowski could have easily applied the "chrome horn" to spin Busch and win. Instead, the defending Cup Series champion took the high road.

After the race, Keselowski said he was trying to avoid "drama" by not knocking Busch out of the way for the checkered flag, even though he is fighting for a Chase playoff position. He moved to eighth in points, but has yet to win this season.

"I could have definitely dumped Kyle and won the race," Keselowski said. "That stuff goes back and forth. I'm sure someone in the tabloid side of the media will make a big deal about that, but it won't be me because I know I did the right thing."

OWEN WHO?

Owen Kelly finished 24th at Watkins Glen

on Sunday. Owen who? Kelly was making his Cup Series debut in the No. 51 Phoenix Racing Chevrolet. Kelly is a 36-year-old driver from Devonport, Australia, who is trying to forge a NASCAR career.

"It was an awesome experience," Kelly said. "NASCAR is such a big sport over here, it is hard to put into words. At one point, we were struggling with the front end and I looked into the mirror and Jeff Gordon was chasing me and pushing on my bumper to get by. I thought then, 'This is pretty cool, it's not every week you get pushed around by Jeff Gordon.'"

SPEAKING OF GORDON

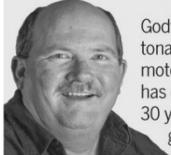
Gordon is struggling to make the Chase. He's 13th in points, but fifth among wild-card hopefuls. Gordon crashed on Lap 13 (of 90) and finished 38th.

"It's unfortunate," he said. "I had a big run on (Denny Hamlin) and I got up on him and the nose just completely took off and put me in the wall."

Gordon is running out of races to secure a Chase berth. When asked what happens now, Gordon said the team needs to fight hard.

"Just keep working to go to the next race and qualify better, execute better and not make mistakes," he said. "That was my mistake; that was on me. We can't have stuff like that happen."

GODWIN'S MICHIGAN PICKS



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Winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr.
Rest of the top five: Carl Edwards, Kurt Busch, Greg Biffle, Brad Keselowski
Dark horse: Mark Martin
Biggest disappointment:

Kasey Kahne
First one out: Michael McDowell
Don't be surprised if: Earnhardt steals Ford's pot of gold in the Irish Hills with late pit-road strategy.

ONLINE EXTRAS

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SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

Rank	Driver	Points
1.	Jimmie Johnson	808
2.	Clint Bowyer	-75
3.	Carl Edwards	-80
4.	Kevin Harvick	-101
5.	Kyle Busch	-115
6.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-138
7.	Matt Kenseth	-149
8.	Brad Keselowski	-174
9.	Greg Biffle	-181
10.	Martin Truex Jr.	-183
11.	Kurt Busch	-185
12.	Kasey Kahne	-186
13.	Jeff Gordon	-198
14.	Ryan Newman	-203
15.	Jamie McMurray	-208
16.	Joey Logano	-210
17.	Tony Stewart	-214
18.	Aric Almirola	-247
19.	Paul Menard	-249
20.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-277
21.	Jeff Burton	-283
22.	Juan Pablo Montoya	-292
23.	Marcos Ambrose	-293
24.	Casey Mears	-336
25.	Denny Hamlin	-394
26.	David Ragan	-409
27.	Danica Patrick	-411
28.	David Gilliland	-421
29.	Mark Martin	-447
30.	Dave Blaney	-479
31.	Bobby Labonte	-480
32.	David Reutimann	-500
33.	J.J. Yeley	-512
34.	David Stremme	-512

FEUD OF THE WEEK



AMBROSE



KENSETH

Marcos Ambrose vs. Matt Kenseth: Kenseth's Toyota tapped Ambrose's Ford and created a big wreck on the fastest part of The Glen road course. **Godwin Kelly gives his take:** "It sounds dramatic. The truth is, Ambrose's car was breaking and Kenseth isn't a great road racer."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: GoBowling.com 400
SITE: Long Pond, Pa.
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Speed, same-day delay at 1 p.m.), qualifying (Speed, 3:10 p.m.), Saturday, practice (Speed, 11:30 a.m.), Sunday, race (ESPN, coverage begins at noon; green flag at 1:19 p.m.)
TRACK: Pocono Raceway (2.5-mile triangle-shaped)
RACE DISTANCE: 160 laps, 400 miles

NATIONWIDE: US Cellular 250
SITE: Newton, Iowa
SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (ESPN2, 8 p.m.)
TRACK: Iowa Speedway (.875-mile oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 250 laps, 218.8 miles



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
JIMMIE JOHNSON 'Wake me in September'	KYLE BUSCH Makes it two straight this week	KEVIN HARVICK Can Newman squeeze into his seat?	MATT KENSETH Junior "feud" will go nowhere	CARL EDWARDS Using trophy case as book shelf	KASEY KAHNE Has become Mr. All or Nothin'	CLINT BOWYER Broke mini-slump at Glen	BRAD KESELOWSKI Chasing the Chase	JUNIOR EARNHARDT Will finish 8th at Michigan	RYAN NEWMAN No contract, but can sign Tony's cast

WATKINS GLEN REWIND

Ford's Ambrose rides roller coaster at road course

Marcos Ambrose ran the gamut of a race driver's emotional spectrum over the weekend at Watkins Glen.

He struggled on Friday, was fast on Saturday, and dominated on Sunday, until everything fell apart near the end.

Ambrose, who was trying to win the Glen event for a third consecutive time, led twice for 51 laps before his day ended on Lap 85 of the 90-lap race. His No. 9 Ford was already going sour when he got turned around by Matt Kenseth, who said his road-rac-

ing skills are not up to snuff.

"Obviously, I'm a weak link when it comes to here," Kenseth said.

Ambrose went from real happy to helmet-slinging mad during the weekend of competition.

Aggravated Ambrose, after going slow in Friday practice:

"Yeah, I actually lost my cool, and we made some changes because I just didn't quite feel like we were good enough. The boys did a good job of listening to my rants and managed to

calm me back down for (qualifying)."

Happy Ambrose, after winning the pole Saturday:

"I'm just thankful to Stanley and DeWalt and everybody at Richard Petty Motorsports for giving me the opportunity to get this pole. It's a very special moment for me. I've never had a pole position here, so I dug deep and put down a solid lap and it was enough."

Disappointed Ambrose, after wrecking out of Sunday's race:

"I'm just really disappointed for my Stanley team. Something was wrong with the car there, and I just couldn't get going. I could feel on the roll-around lap that something had broken, but I just feel bad for the guys who got caught up in all that mess. That's not the way we wanted our day to finish, but thank you to Stanley and Ford and everybody at Richard Petty Motorsports for giving me a good shot to win. We had a very fast car, but it just wasn't our day."

LP gearing up for season

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Walton, who has almost two years of experience as varsity quarterback under his belt.

A district championship is not far out of reach for these determined Dragons, as only Avon Park, Labelle and Clewiston stand in their way of the District 6-4A championship title.

"Clewiston has been getting stronger and stronger every year, but they were hit by graduation pretty hard last year," said coach Holden.

Fortunately for the Dragons, only six seniors were lost to the graduation bug last year.

A change of pace, literally, is one of the major differences between this year's team and previous LPHS football teams.

This year the Dragons' speed on the field will be their biggest advantage, with running backs such as Foster Walker, Marquavein Copeland, Jerry Fields and Eldon MacKenzie leading the pack.

The Dragons' speed and strong offensive line, with almost every lineman over 230 pounds and six feet, will be a deadly combination.

Experienced linemen such as Malachi McLean and Nathan Gibson have proven in previous years their skills on the field and will be a huge threat to challenging opponents.

Clearly this year's Lake Placid offense will be a



DAN HOEHNE/News-Sun
Robert Walton Jr. returns as the signal caller for the Dragons, a position he's held since midway through his sophomore season, and the senior has high hopes for the squad.

force to be reckoned with.

The defense shouldn't be too shabby either, with a "no fly zone" motto, meaning no passes will get through, and numerous experienced, aggressive players, like Nick Tuason and Jerry Fields as safeties, to make their pass-free defense dreams come true.

"We couldn't be happier where we are, everywhere on

the field," said coach Holden proudly of both his offense and defense.

To get the season rolling is the Kick-Off Classic game at Scarborough Field against Okeechobee on Friday, Aug. 23.

Though the game won't count toward the Dragons' record, it's a great chance to catch a glimpse of the season to come.

SFSC expanding its' scope

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might be diverse, the first attribute that Crawford and Long were looking for is a shared trait amongst the majority of them – length.

While Sandoval, a Libero, measures in at 5-foot, 4-inches, nobody else on the roster is listed at less than 5-foot-8.

And that includes Taylor and Ballow both at 6-foot-2, Bitton at 6-foot-even, Foster and Kelly at 5-11 and Jones and Baum both at 5-10.

Spano and Rouch are the 5-foot-8 "runts."

And while length is a key factor, so too are their varied abilities that have Crawford especially excited.

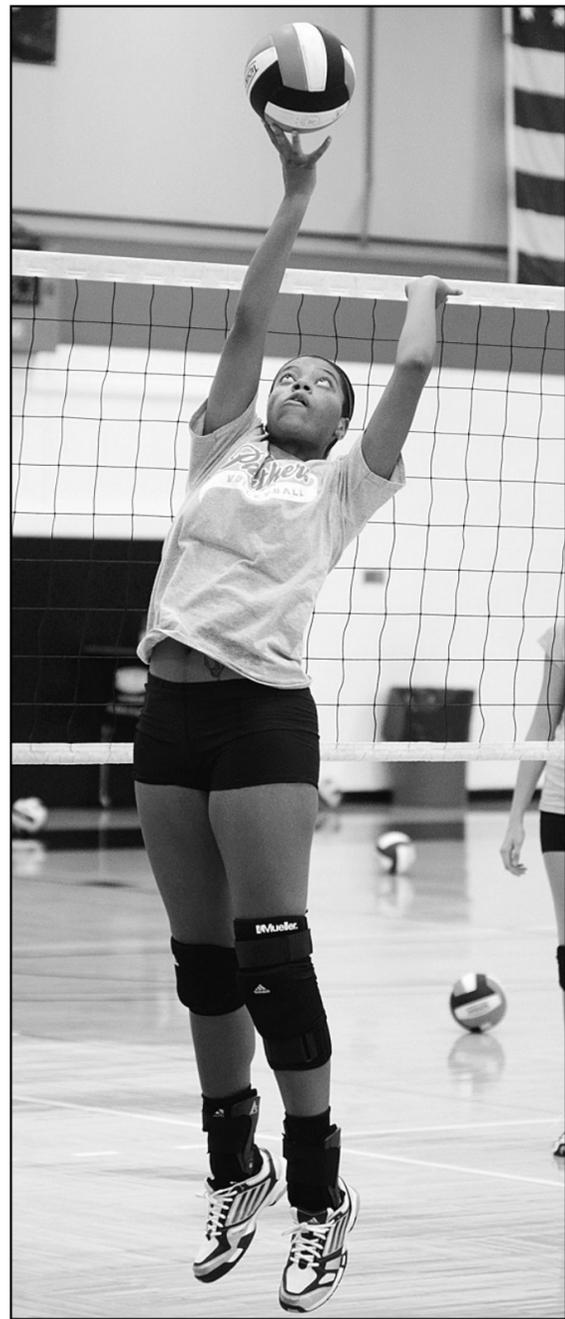
"They are all five-tool players," she said. "We have middles who could play outside, a middle who can also set. We have depth at every position and right now it has been a battle for starting positions."

Battling is a key word, as the team has been working hard in the gym, going through a week of two-a-days, with time spent in the weight room and pool as well.

"There's a lot of soreness as we work on things, and we have some things we need to get stronger at," Crawford said. "We need to focus on first-contact ball control as well as blocking, which is coming along."

"There's also the familiarity factor," she continued. "We have just two returning players, so it's a whole new group of players that have to get familiar with each other."

The Panthers have the rest of this week to continue their progression before they hit the court competitively Monday, Aug. 19, when they will face Southeastern University in



DAN HOEHNE/News-Sun
Jasmine Kelly, at 5-foot-11, is part of a new and lengthy front line for the Lady Panthers.

a home scrimmage at 5 p.m.

The team then has a home date eight days later when they welcome Warner in for a 7 p.m. match on Tuesday, Aug. 27.

A lot of new faces to get

familiar with as the onset of a new season beckons.

But it is a new sort of collection as South Florida expands its' focus and reach – which figuratively and literally, has things looking up.

Race results from Edge 5K

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- 8. Keyli Danley 52:08
- 9. Paige Benton 55:36
- 10. Annabella Marrero 57:12
- 11. Erin Rogers 57:20
- 12. Gracie Troy 58:30
- 13. Sofia Birnie 59:18

Age 9-12

- 1. Maci Leaphart 30:16
- 2. Torri Morris 36:40
- 3. Ashley Bible 36:55
- 4. Cassidy Turner 36:58
- 5. Addy Gose 37:04
- 6. Abby Bernard 37:15
- 7. Anna Piccione 37:23
- 8. Emma Rowe 43:17
- 9. Madison Austin 43:20
- 10. Arreoma Hawthorne 47:02
- 11. Makyla Rhoden 51:54
- 12. Brooke Turner 54:00
- 13. Star Parker 55:33
- 14. Makenzie Thomas 55:34
- 15. Chloe Goolsby 56:57

Age 13-19

- 1. Julia Vanfleet 28:20
- 2. Katrina Scholl-Lanier 33:12
- 3. Sydney Donovan 39:19
- 4. Haley White 39:21

- 5. Katie Carol 39:22
- 6. Chloe Taylor 40:04
- 7. Samantha Donovan 54:39
- 8. Adrianna Springsteen 55:32

Age 20-29

- 1. Destiny Baker 41:31
- 2. Janet Barber 44:33
- 3. Allison Giloe 48:38
- 4. Krista Nelson 52:08
- 5. Kayla Vawter 55:20
- 6. Ashley Brennan 55:26

Age 30-39

- 1. Laura Vanfleet 27:36
- 2. Cari Bird 27:54
- 3. Gabie Birnie 31:22
- 4. Ginny Cox 32:15
- 5. Laura Andrews 32:15
- 6. Michelle Delaney 32:26
- 7. Felicia Coke 32:27
- 8. Catalina Rhoden 33:07
- 9. Trisha Johnson 35:16
- 10. Ester Calacat 37:35
- 11. Megan Davidson 39:31
- 12. Heather Owens 43:01
- 13. Mindy Pugh 45:44
- 14. Constance Mims 47:02
- 15. Tiffany Sevigny 47:15
- 16. Heather Mellow 47:57
- 17. Jenny Rowe 49:25

- 18. Misty Austin 51:48
- 19. Christy Goolsby 51:49
- 20. Morgan Hannewell 54:34
- 21. Dorothy Lyons 57:15
- 22. Julia Nickerson-Troy 58:30

Age 40-49

- 1. Grace Kovans 30:26
- 2. Liz Carol 35:08
- 3. Helen Burton 40:52
- 4. Tiffany Green 41:58
- 5. Hiomendes Jimenez 44:58
- 6. Christy Caputo 45:42
- 7. Tonya White 49:30
- 8. Tammy Rhoden 52:36
- 9. Shelly Komasa 54:42
- 10. Kelly Williams 57:29

Age 50-59

- 1. Helen Bingenheimer 28:06
- 2. Marian Gilde 28:37
- 3. Debbie Webber 32:14
- 4. Leesa Skipper 32:15
- 5. Patty Handley 40:34
- 6. Barb Sheasley 40:39
- 7. Martie Brooker 45:07
- 8. Trish Tolian 47:13

Age 60-69

- 1. Diane Griffin 51:12
- 2. Betty Williams 58:14



Courtesy photo
Kendall Griffin and her opening round opponent, Sarah Noonan of the Treasure Coast Junior Golf Tour.

Golf keeps Griffin busy, winning

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didn't have a very good practice round," Griffin said. "And then, the first day, I didn't have any bogeys, and made it to hole 10 on day two before I had a three-putt for a bogey."

Still, the 14-year old freshman to be, came in with a second-day 71 for a six-under-par total for the weekend – also an overall tournament low.

Just the latest in Griffin's remarkable summer.

Sebring Kayak Tours – three more August outings

Special to the News-Sun

There are three remaining Saturdays in August and Sebring Kayak Tours has an outing scheduled for each one.

Sign up for one of them and go on a second one for 25-percent off.

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. Arbuckle Creek Bombing Range

This is a full day (4-5 hr) paddle down Arbuckle Creek launching from E Arbuckle Rd in Avon Park to Arbuckle Creek Rd in Sebring.

Be prepared to stay in the kayak for the entire trip as high water levels may not allow us to get out.

Pack a lite lunch that you can eat while traveling and be prepared to see alligators.

Aug. 24, Noon Hillsborough River

We will meet and launch from John B Sargeant Park off of Hwy 301 in Tampa and paddling down to Trout Creek Wilderness Park.

We will make a stop halfway down at Morris Bridge Park for lunch.

Bring your (waterproof) cameras and be on the lookout for gators, turtles and birds – Oh my!

Aug. 31, 10 a.m. Peace River

We will meet and launch from Brownville Park north

of Arcadia and paddle down to the public boat ramp off of Hwy 70.

This is a full day (4-5 hr) paddle downstream with a fairly swift current.

Be prepared to stay in the kayak for the entire trip as high water levels may not allow us to get out.

Pack a lite lunch that you can eat while traveling.

All trips are \$39 per person (single or tandem kayak) and includes kayak, equipment, tour fee and shuttle

Cost is \$10 per person for those bringing their own kayak (except Lake Jackson trip) which includes tour fee and shuttle

Please note that the price for the Sunrise at Lake Jackson includes breakfast at IHOP, price on all other trips do NOT include lunch/snacks.

All reservations must be confirmed via phone or email at least 24 hours prior to trip.

Kayaking is a water activity, you will get wet so dress appropriately.

Sebring Kayak Tours reserves the right to cancel any tours that do not meet the minimum amount of participants.

We do not typically cancel tours due to rain unless we encounter dangerous weather such as thunder/lightning.

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APPLE A DAY

Celebrations

Emmalynn Aguilera

Chris Aguilera and Tia Jacobs of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Emmalynn Grace Aguilera on June 21, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Emmalynn weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20.25 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ray Jacobs and Debi Turner of Lake Placid. Paternal grandparents are Jose Aguilera and Vicky Martin of Sebring.

Amari Brown

Antonio Brown and Samantha Bean of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Amari Lamont Brown, at 8:32 p.m. on Aug. 3, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Amari weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and weighed 18 inches in length.

Paternal grandmother is Patrica Ann Brown.

Dakota Brown

Andrew Brown and Carey Smith of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Dakota Marie Brown, at 11:55 p.m. on June 21, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Dakota weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18.5 inches in length.

David Campbell III

David Ray Jr. and Brenae Elaine Campbell of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, David Ray III, at 8:38 a.m. on July 17, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

David III weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Ruthie Blanchette of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Ann Gill of Okeechobee and David Campbell Sr. of Avon Park.

Waylon Dean

Andrew and Candace Dean of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Waylon Andrew, at 7:23 p.m. on July 1, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Waylon weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Teresa Mount of Sebring, Jimmy and Teresa Prevatt, and Michael Prevatt of Avon Park. Paternal grandparents are Rusty and Sue Dean of Sebring.

Military News

Myers

Air Force Airman Jimmie R. Myers graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Myers is the son of Mary and Jimmie Myers Jr. of Lake Placid. He is a 2010 graduate of Lake Placid High School.

Taliah Dickey

Terry Dickey and Samantha Exendine of Avon Park announce the birth of a daughter, Taliah Jade, at 7:47 p.m. on July 27, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Taliah weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Roy and Cathy Exendine of Wauchula. Paternal grandparents are William Dickey and Mary Lee Yarde of Avon Park.

James Fontana

Anthony Lee Fontana Jr. and Bridget Nicole Zuck of Wauchula announce the birth of a son, James Lee Riley Fontana, at 4:09 p.m. on July 17, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

James weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18.75 inches in length.

Maternal grandpares are Ray and Donna Skipper of Wauchula.

Avery Garcia

Erica Garcia of Sebring announces the birth of a daughter, Avery Marie Garcia, at 2:58 p.m. on July 15, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Avery weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Peter and Tina Chamberland of Sebring.

Lawson Holton

Lawrence James and Sarah Joy Holton of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Lawson Donald, at 3:44 a.m. on Aug. 5, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Lawson weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Rose Simmers. Paternal grandparents are Donald and Diana Holton.

Fancy Huggins

James Jr. and Justine Huggins of Lorida announce the birth of a daughter, Fancy Annemarie, at 11:50 a.m. on July 11, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Fancy weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Cathy Repa or Lorida. Paternal grandparents are James and Jill Huggins of Lorida.



Births

Cassie Hunter

Ernest Merancin of Avon Park and Kristi Hunter of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Cassie Ann Hunter, at 5:33 a.m. on July 26, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Cassie weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Cindy Hunter of Sebring.

Tayten Ladwig

Keith Ladwig and Lindsey Wedemeier of Bowling Green announce the birth of their son, Tayten Noel Ladwig, at 1:55 p.m. on July 31, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Tayten weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Melissa Wedemeier and Milton Wedemeier. Paternal grandparents are Roy Ladwig and Martha Ladwig.

Jacob Likes

Ashley and Allen Howard Dean Likes Sr. of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Jacob Gregg Thomas, at 8:43 a.m. on Dec. 4, 2012 at Florida Hospital Heartland Hospital Medical Center.

Jacob weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20.75 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Jenny Boccicchio of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Gregg and Mary Likes of Sebring.

Jaylin Martinez

Manuel Martinez Jr. and Amanda Leigh Griffin of Wauchula announce the birth of a daughter, Jaylin Ann Martinez at 6:02 p.m. on July 28, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Jaylin weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Kathleen Judy Whaley and Junior Griffin, both of Avon

Park. Paternal grandparents are Nancy and Tony Butler of Bowling Green, and Manuel and Sonia Martinez of Fort Green.

Wynn O'Berry

Matt O'Berry and Amy Bachman announce the birth of a son, Wynn Michael O'Berry, at 11:55 a.m. June 24, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Wynn weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Judy Bachman of Avon Park. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Jessie O'Berry of Sebring.

Jonathan Reser

Ben and Jennifer Reser of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Michael at 9:55 a.m. on July 2, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Jonathan weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandfather is Michael Cox of Caryville, Tenn. Paternal grandparents are Kim Reser, and Mark and Linda Reser of Milford, Ohio.

Karielys Roman

Abimael Roman and Jackeline Navarro of Avon Park announce the birth of their daughter, Karielys Zenid Roman, on July 28, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Karielys weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18.9 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Raul Navarro and Zenaida Medina. Paternal grandparents are Carmelo Roman and Abigail Figueroa.

Carson Tootle

Levi Coleby and Deanna Rachael Tootle of Zolfo Springs announce the birth of a son, Carson Riley, at 4:26 a.m. on June 26, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Carson weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Richard Dietch and Bonnie Readinger of Bradenton. Paternal grandparents are Harley and Regina Tootle of Zolfo Springs.

Alexander Williard

Trey and Katelyn Williard of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Alexander James, at 12:55 p.m. on July 4, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Alexander weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Cynthia Sawyer of Orlando and Jay Hitt of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Mark and Esther Williard of Sebring.

Jade Wilson

Robert Philip Wilson and Amanda Jean Williams of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Jade Aliah Wilson, at 8:45 a.m. on Aug. 6, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Jade weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Jaime Garcia and Shirley Garcia. Paternal grandparents are Robert Wilson and Robin Thornton.

Mya Youngblood

Rodney and Leah Youngblood of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Mya Jean, at 12:06 p.m. on July 8, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Mya weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and was 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are James and Julie Fuchs of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Mary Youngblood of Sebring.

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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Museum hopes to buy Jane Austen's ring from singer

Associated Press
LONDON — A Jane Austen museum said Monday it has received 100,000 pounds (\$155,000) from an anonymous benefactor to help it buy the writer's ring back from singer Kelly Clarkson.

Earlier this month, the British government placed a temporary export ban on the gold-and-turquoise ring in the hope that money could be found to keep it in Britain.

The Jane Austen's House museum said it had raised 103,200 pounds of the 152,450-pound asking price since launching a fundraising campaign on Friday,

most of it from a single anonymous donation. "We are two-thirds of the way there in 48 hours, which is tremendous, but we're not there yet," said museum fundraiser Louise West.

The author of "Pride and Prejudice," who died at age 41 in 1817, left the ring to her sister Cassandra. It remained in the family until it was sold at a Sotheby's auction last year.

The museum at Austen's former home in Chawton, southern England, had hoped to buy the ring last year but was outbid when it sold for five times the estimated price.

Clarkson — an Austen fan

who owns a first edition of the author's novel "Persuasion" — was the successful buyer. But she has been prevented from taking the ring home to the U.S. by a power that allows the British government to temporarily halt the export of works judged to be national treasures.

The museum has until December to raise the rest of the money, and Clarkson has agreed to sell the ring should a buyer come forward.

West said the situation is a shame for Clarkson, "but the ring should stay in this country, because there is so little of Austen's personal effects left."

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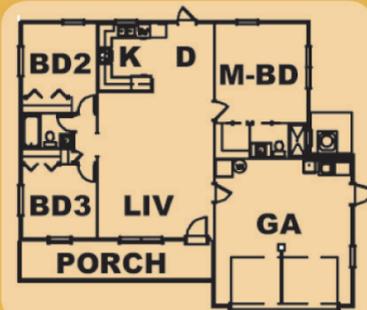
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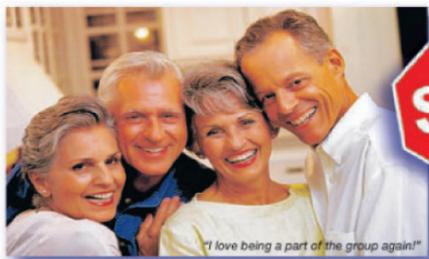
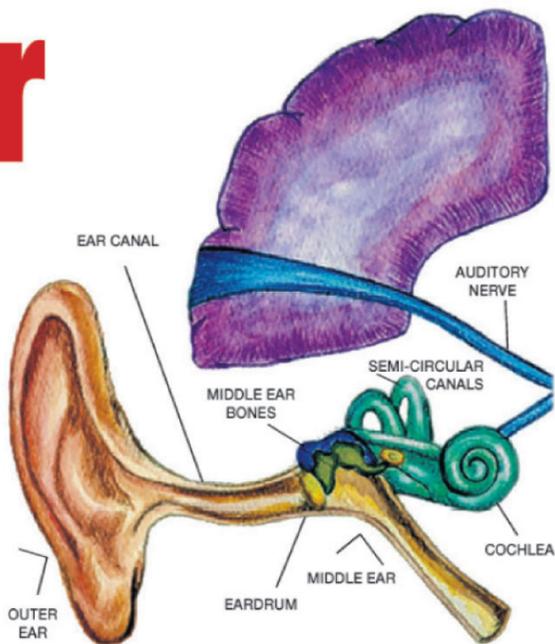
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Entertainment

In 'The Butler,' history told through a black lens

By JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — History in the movies has often been seen through white eyes: civil rights-era tales with white protagonists reacting to a changing world.

"I've been in some of those movies," says David Oyelowo, a star in "Lee Daniels' The Butler." "I was in the 'The Help.'"

The viewpoint of "The Butler," though, is refreshingly colorful. In it, Forest Whitaker plays Cecil Gaines, a man born to sharecroppers who's turned into a domestic servant. After fleeing north, he rises to serve as a butler in the White House for eight successive presidents, spanning from Eisenhower to Reagan, from Jim Crow to Barack Obama.

Though "The Butler" is based on the life of the long-serving White House butler Eugene Allen, it's a composite history (scripted by Danny Strong) where the currents of change — Emmett Till to the Black Panthers — course through a black family whose proximity to power doesn't make it any less elusive. Daniels' film isn't obsessive in its period detail (John Cusack plays Nixon with little make-up), but it moves to its own rhythm — one that films have usually set to a different beat.

"I'm grateful that these stories of African-Americans struggling in America are brought to light by anybody," says Daniels. "But it's always great to see it from the perspective of someone who has actually lived it and walked it and is it."

The film, which the Weinstein Co. will release Friday after a public and protracted feud with Warner Bros. over the rights to the title of "The Butler," also stars Oprah Winfrey as Gaines' wife and Oyelowo as his firebrand son. The crux of the film is in the father-son relationship: one who effects change passively in a quiet dignity that slowly gathers a cumulative force, and another who resolutely protests on whites-only counters to spur action.

Winfrey, who co-produced Daniels' "Precious," was coaxed back into acting 15 years after "Beloved" by a persistent Daniels and by what she considered an important story.

"I was like: What is this movie?" says Winfrey. "But I could feel the heartbeat of a generation of men who had given themselves to their families and to their work and to creating a better life for themselves."

"Men like him," she adds, "are and were the foundation of the African-American community. I want people to know that person, that level of middle-class, hardworking man of integrity exists. That is who we are."

For Whitaker, the part was a welcome return to heavy-weight performance (he sometimes played Gaines across three ages in one day), a thread the actor felt he had lost after his Oscar-winning turn as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in 2006's "The Last King of Scotland." But Whitaker says he was "reinvigorated" by the demands of immersing himself in Gaines — listening to interview recordings of the deceased Allen, studying

with a butler coach — to create who he calls a "quiet champion."

"Who are the owners of the White House?" says Whitaker, whose performance is being hailed by critics as one of his finest. "In fact, it is the people who own the White House and the presidents are, in a way, visitors. Since the White House staff lives there for 20 to 30 years on a normal basis, it's their home."

Creating the generational

conflict of "The Butler" was particularly cathartic for the 53-year-old Daniels who has teenage twins (a son and daughter), and who was the victim of abuse from his policeman father growing up in West Philadelphia.

"Through this now, I understand where the abuse came from," says Daniels. "I understand and I forgive him, finally. He knew no better. His father beat him and his father's father beat him. It stemmed from slavery. It

takes a very evolved person not to pass that on to your next generation. I know now why he beat me, because he didn't know any other way of communicating."

"I love him," says Daniels, finally breaking down into tears.

The line of history through "The Butler" runs right up to the present with plenty of contemporary reverberations beyond Obama. The film is a reminder for young audiences of the great accom-

plishments of an older generation of black Americans, but it also, as Oyelowo says, "contextualizes the America we live in today."

"For me, one of the private privileges was — especially with recent events like Trayvon Martin, with the erosion of the Voting Rights Bill, with the fact that we now have a black president — that it sort of put into context the best and the worst of America," says Oyelowo.



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Clubs & Organizations

Rotarians learn more about Guardian ad Litem program

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Diane Schmelz, on behalf of Guardian Ad Litem, was the speaker at the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club luncheon on Aug. 8. She covers Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties and has been doing this for eight years.

Guardians are a voice for children that have been abused or neglect. Guardian ad Litem does not remove the children from homes; they are a resource after children have been removed. They are a volunteer-powered network of committed people, from all walks of life, who believe society has a fundamental obligation to these children. They are people who believe that every child has the right to be treated with dignity, to be safe, and to thrive in the embrace of a

loving family.

With a GAL volunteer, a child is half as likely to languish in the foster care and child welfare system, and are much more likely to find a safe, permanent home. People fight for these abused and neglected children, to make sure their basic rights and essential needs don't get overlooked or ignored by the system.

There are stories behind the story that few people speak about. It is the story of a 6-year-old girl who has been moved to six group homes and three schools over the past two years. The story of a toddler separated from her brothers and sisters during the most vulnerable time in her life. The story of a child being handed all his belongings in a plastic bag at the age of 18, because he has "aged out"

of the system. These stories occur over and over again in America's foster care and child welfare system. More than 1,800 children have been removed in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties. There have been 30,000 children removed in the state of Florida.

This is one cause where the actions of a single individual can have a profound impact. Don't have time to volunteer? You can still be a key solution. Not only is this a way to give back to the community, but also to have a new life experience by making a difference in the life of a child.

To volunteer for this worthy program, contact Dawn Shinsky, recruiter, at (863) 534-4605 or by cell, (863) 899-7881 or email dawn.shinsky@gal.fl.gov



Courtesy photo
Participants in the Highlands County Family YMCA summer program spent a recent afternoon with the American Legion Riders Chapter 74, learning more about the flag and designing one to send to the troops overseas.

American Legion Riders teach youth about flag

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – With the Middle East on fire, the increasing threats against Americans around the world and the anniversary of 9/11 just around the corner, now more the ever Americans must send a message to the world that the meaning of patriotism is understood.

Recently, the American Legion Riders Chapter 74 did just that. They teamed up with the Highlands County Family YMCA to teach the young participants of the summer program the proper protocol and care of the American flag.

All the participants took the time to design and color a flag that will be sent to the troops overseas to let them know they are not forgotten and what they are doing matters to these young patriots.

In addition to coloring flags members of the Legion



Courtesy photo
American Legion Riders Chapter 74 teach young participants of the Highlands County Family YMCA summer program the proper protocol and care of the American flag.

Riders and the staff of the YMCA instructed the young patriots in the proper way to fold the flag and the meaning behind the stars and stripes.

If a school or organization would like to learn more about the American Legion "Americanism" programs, contact your local American Legion.



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Diane Schmelz, recruiter and trainer for Guardian ad Litem, spoke to the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club last week. With Schmelz (from left) is Elizabeth Rados, upcoming member of the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club and owner of Creative Designs Hair Color Studio, and Dawn Shinsky, Guardian ad Litem recruiter.

District Governor speaks at Lake Placid Rotary meeting

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Rotary District Governor George Robertson-Burnett recently joined the Rotary Club of Lake Placid's breakfast meeting to meet members and provide insight to Rotary's mission as an international service club. Rotary is well known for its near eradication of polio with its "End Polio Now" worldwide challenge.

Local clubs sponsor the Lake Placid High School Interact Club, provide scholarships and complete community projects

to make Lake Placid, Highlands County, the district and the entire state a better place to live.

Rotary clubs serve communities around the world, each with unique concerns and needs.

Rotarians have continually adapted and improved the way they respond to those needs, taking on a broad range of service projects.

The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets at 6:44 a.m. Wednesdays at Platters Restaurant.



Courtesy photo
Rotary Club of Lake Placid had some distinguished guests last week. Shown are Past Club President Ann Pollard (from left), Assistant District Governor Greig Drury, District Governor George Robertson-Burnett and his wife Carol, Past District Governor Beverly Hunt, and Club President Hugh 'Skip' Dent.

Inner Wheel Club awards scholarships

Courtesy photo
The Avon Park Inner Wheel Club awarded three nursing scholarships to local nursing students attending South Florida State College. Here, Patti Crawford, Foundation representative, awards LPN nursing student Christopher Tabayoyong the Margaret Collins Nursing Scholarship. Also receiving scholarships were RN nursing students Rachel Tesa and Jessica Coney. The scholarships were presented at a luncheon on July 30 at the HEalth and Science Education Center.



Tops Club 632

LAKE PLACID – Tops Club 632 meets at the Lake Placid Woman's Club every Monday afternoon. Weigh in is from 3-3:45 p.m.; the meeting begins at 4 p.m.

There were 21 members present. Carolyn Mead led in singing a revised version of "When You're Smiling."

Debbie Luddington presented a program on the myths of nutrition. The focus was on beliefs, which all are taught and later find to be erroneous concerning certain foods. The first one was to limit egg intake because it raises one's cholesterol. What they're now saying is that egg consumption does not raise cholesterol, trans fats are the culprits. Several other "old wives remedies" were cited and then debunked.

There was a good loss and the best loser of

the week was Patty Hynes. Losses were also very good for the month with a positive net loss. The best loser of the month was Fay Nutt.

Laverda Alvis received her four-year KOPS award. June Elam and Phyllis Jieronymous each received a charm for losing four weeks in a row. "I Can" charms were given to Kathy Barber, Lori Barber, June Elam, Mary Lou Lilja and Patty Hynes for renewing at a lower weight. Yes/yesses for the coming week are grapes and spinach, and the no/no is potato chips. Leader Judy O'Boyle is still losing, and if she has a loss for one more week she'll receive the travel gift.

O'Boyle received a thank you from Nancy Hughes for the club's donation to the area captains travel to SRD. There were only two area captains – Cindy Deweese and Nancy's husband – who attended.



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Friends & Neighbors

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – The Dalton Gang met Aug. 6 and whipped up an agenda for the fall season and into the winter. The second International Sausage Festival will take place Sept. 15 at Placid Lakes Town Hall on Placid Lakes Boulevard from 1-4 p.m. That's a Sunday, a great way to round out the day after church.

This year, we will have "take out" orders. We plan for a big turn out and will have plenty of everything.

The Gang gets bigger every month. We welcome new members and as the name implies, we are an active group with lively meetings. We guarantee you will not be bored.

Seldon Bailey had a birthday again, and as he turned 81, his main recreation for his birthday-month has been fishing, of course. Sel is a "catch and release" fisherman, a special kind of sportsman.

We're "Goin' To The Dogs". Look for our flyers about the Naples/Fort Myers Dog Track Day Trip on Nov. 13. We have a sign-up sheet

at Town Hall. It's going to fill up fast, so call Joyce at (862) 699-6331 for reservations for this chartered bus trip.

The Friday Line-Dancers are having a ball! The group is growing. Everyone is welcome and it's "free", of course. Wednesday also has a line-dance group, the BreakAway Line Dancers, who are known to perform at nursing homes and special events, led by Dee Grayber.

The Gang welcomed back Evelyn Huggins, looking better than ever after being in the "Breakdown Lane", as she calls it, for several months. Chet Marino, our newest guy, was with us for the first time. We hope we didn't scare him. Another one of our guys, Cliff Quast, became an Elk recently, which automatically enables him to be a Lake Placid Ballroom Dancer.

Bonnie Bailey is ready to receive new pajamas for kids. This is a yearly endeavor of the Placid Lakes Homeowners Association to make sure every "good" kid in Lake Placid gets a new pair at Christmas to greet the holiday. She's "Mrs. Santa." Drop them off at Town Hall. There will be a box on the porch for them after

New Sebring Elks



Courtesy photo

Sebring Elks 1529 initiated two new members – Pat Kufnowski and Dennis Swanson – for the month of July 2013.

hours. The office is open until 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. And speaking of the porch, be sure to look at the information board. We try to keep up with all activities and post them on that board.

We spotted a "small" bird, not a wren, because its tail didn't stick up in the air. We haven't seen a small bird since last year's finches. This one had sort of the same coloring. And we saw a first-class battle between a Lady Cardinal and a BlueJay at a suet station. The Lady Cardinal won eventually.

After a "mouthy" battle, the Jaybird took off. Good girl!

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – National Night Out was held in the park the evening of Aug. 6. The National Association of Town Watch is a nonprofit organization that focus on crime prevention coordinating neighborhood watch and law enforcement. At our dinner, Marilyn Cromer led us in

the pledge to the U.S. flag and said grace. Nell Hayes, Highlands County Sheriff's Office crime prevention specialist, introduced us to Lt. Kenny Johnson, Capt. Tim Lethbridge and K-i department head Tambelin and Remico. Remico is a trained Belgian Malines from Holland. The program was very interesting and informative. We thank the Sheriff's Department for the program and Lt. Johnson for cooking the tasty hot-dogs.

Attendance to the Men's Pancake breakfast started out slowly on Aug. 3 but increased as the sun started to shine. Our regular and congenial pancake flippers were Duane Dean, George Moriarty and Rick Knoche. Andy Anderson always dishes out the sausage patties and Bob Clouston and Bob Verbarg take your money as you come in. A good breakfast is always in store for those who attend.

Monday morning coffee was made by Joy and Duane Dean. The emcee was Peggy Sue Teague. Carol Noel's only illness report was Kendell Kilbride and he was present. A speedy recovery. Marilyn Cromer played the piano for our one birthday to our emcee, Peggy Sue

Teague. Happy birthday and many good wishes.

Welcome to our new residents: Tom and Ruth Vicat at 122 Bearwood Avenue from Missouri and Deborah Anderson at 419 Beaver Run from Pennsylvania.

Ladies Coffee on Aug. 6 was under control by Marilyn Cromer. Activities mentioned: Participants at the pool parties on Thursday evening are increasing. Swimming at 5 p.m., and food at 6. Bringing finger food is nice, and bring whatever you prefer to drink. The Mustangs are going to the Placid Lakes Country Club for their lunch out on Aug. 20 with Charlie Price hosting. The ladies are going to JR's Cafe at the airport in Sebring on Aug. 20 at 11:30 a.m. with Barb Myers and Susan Bury hosting.

There will be a craft fair on Nov. 16, so put this on your calendar. If you're a crafter and are interested in selling, you can rent a table for \$5. The proceeds for the table rental will go to Relay for Life. Please contact Judy Muisse for more information at 260-0069.

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Money-saving tips to help you stock up this season

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As summer winds down, many are heading into a busy buying season with Labor Day soirees and preparing for back-to-school. With the average family expected to spend an average of \$634.78 on back-to-school shopping this year, according to the National Retail Federation, consumers are seeking cost saving strategies to ensure they are getting the most bang for the buck.

With more access to information thanks to online resources and smartphones, the power is in purchasers' hands. In fact, the National Retail Federation forecast revealed that approximately 36 percent of shoppers will do more comparative shopping online for back-to-school 2013.

Other ways people are cashing in on the savings is going back to the tried and true — bulk shopping. Expert couponer, Kelly Snyder, of Kansas City Mamas says volume buying and storing goods correctly has made a positive impact on her family's finances.

However, one important thing to keep in mind is what to do with all those purchases you bring home.

"The right storage is essential when purchasing in bulk," said Snyder.

"Make sure you have enough storage space and invest in products and appliances that keep you organized and help preserve the integrity of your purchases."

Snyder points to refrigerators as a key investment piece for savvy shoppers who want to store large amounts of perishables.

For example, no other refrigerator on the market has more capacity than the Kenmore 33 cubic foot French door refrigerator according to the standards set by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Snyder along with fellow top savings bloggers Briana Carter, of Bargain Briana, and Lauren Ortiz of Saving Addiction, offer their top tips to help shoppers best navigate through the sea of savings.

— Don't bypass a budget. Know how much you've spent in order to see your savings. By keeping a monthly budget, you'll never pay too much.

— Don't create a storage war. Being organized will help keep track of what you have and prevent wasting food or needless purchases. For perishables, dedicate one shelf each in your refrigerator for beverages, produce and leftovers. A large refrigerator, like the Kenmore Elite with large freezer capacity, allows you to stock up on items on sale.

— Get rewarded for loyalty.



While many still enjoy clipping paper coupons, downloadable eCoupons are more popular than ever.

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Join loyalty programs of establishments you frequent the most. Eventually your purchasing power will return major perks. For example, Shop Your Way, a free membership and shopping community, allows Kmart and Sears customers to earn points for their purchases to

redeem online or in store. In addition, members get alerts on special offerings, personalized deals, product reviews, events and sweepstakes for even more savings.

— Tracking gets you a treat.

Create a price book to record costs for items over a six-week period.

Make a purchase only when prices hit their low. You'll optimize savings and often won't need a coupon.

— Increase your buying IQ with a smartphone. Download money-saving and grocery coupon apps like SavingStar and Coupons.com,

as well as apps for rewards programs like Shop Your Way.

— Remember coupons are king. While many still enjoy clipping paper coupons, downloadable eCoupons are more popular than ever. Now, eCoupons are more sophisticated by pushing savings based on style and shopping habits like those from ShopYourWay.com. Sears is the first retailer to offer eCoupons that are redeemable in-store, online and from a mobile device. In addition, they are redeemable both in-store and online. This will not only save money, but save time too.

— Go generic or store brands. It's always better to go with a store brand if you don't have a coupon for a name-brand item. While these versions are cheaper, they often offer similar quality.

— Serve what's on sale. Buying sale items in bulk allow you to pre-cook meals in one day to be served over the week. A great kitchen helper to get this job done quickly would be a double oven such as the ones offered from Kenmore Double Oven Range.

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Education

SFSC partners with Phi Theta Kappa's CollegeFish.org

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida State Colleges' chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently partnered with CollegeFish.org to provide SFSC faculty, staff, and students with a college completion and transfer planning program.

Dr. Thomas C. Leitzel, SFSC president, signed the partnership agreement on Aug. 7. Collegefish.org, developed by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, is an interactive website that facilitates credential completion and transfer. The extensive database offers profiles on more than 2,000 colleges and over \$37 million in transfer scholarships. It allows students to plan for completion of their two-year degree and successful transfer to a four-year college or university.

CollegeFish.org allows college advisors, transfer personnel, faculty, and other support personnel the ability to monitor, connect, and manage student completion and transfer progress, easily and economically. At the same time, it aids colleges in reaching their goals of increasing student persistence, graduation, and transfer rates.

In addition to SFSC, five other schools have partnered with CollegeFish.org, including Florida Keys Community College, Polk State College, Miami Dade College, Indian River State College, and Hillsborough



Courtesy photo
 Pictured front row (left to right): Arianna Dearce, SGA president; Dr. Thomas C. Leitzel, SFSC president; and Anthony Evans, PTK president. Back row: Dr. Ellen Cover, PTK co-advisor; Zach Osha, SGA treasurer; Olivia Sanchez, SGA jurisprudence; and Kim Hemler, PTK co-advisor.

Community College. "To use CollegeFish's services, students must create a profile," said Kim Hemler, SFSC counselor and PTK co-advisor. "Each profile consists of information on the demographics, education, transfer preferences, financial, extracurricular activities, and athletics that the student is looking for in a four-year college or university. This profile will match colleges and universities which are a good fit based on the student's personalized information. It allows students to narrow their top transfer choices and communicate directly with admissions representatives at

those institutions. The student not only receives college and university matches, but it provides possible scholarship opportunities for students." "Through this partnership, we want students to become aware of this great new tool available for all college transfer students," Hemler said. "Previously, CollegeFish was only available for Phi Theta Kappa members. SFSC's Advising and Counseling Center, along with Phi Theta Kappa and student government members will be coordinating events this year, so that students become aware of this service and begin using

it." PTK is the international honor society for two-year college students. Its mission is to recognize and encourage scholarship by providing its members with opportunities for developing leadership skills, intellectual growth, academic excellence, and networking with other PTK members. Membership in PTK is open to students who have completed at least 12 hours toward an associate degree and earned a 3.5 grade-point average. For more information, contact Hemler at 863-784-7331 or visit <http://www.collegefish.org/>.

Moore, Okla., schools ready for reopening after devastating tornado

Associated Press
MOORE, Okla. — Enthusiastic teachers are being welcomed back to Moore Public Schools as the central Oklahoma community kicks off a new school year following a devastating tornado that destroyed two schools and damaged many others.

Superintendent Robert Romines welcomed hundreds of teachers back to school Monday for the 2013-2014 school year. Romines says Moore has faced many difficulties since the tornado struck 84 days ago and destroyed Briarwood Elementary and Plaza Towers Elementary.

Seven students were killed at Plaza Towers — but Romines says the school district will be stronger than ever. Classes will resume on Friday. Officials say the district has 750 more students than were enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year. Storms that struck the area on May 20 and May 31 damaged 23 of 36 school sites in Moore.

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Three elderly sisters die within days of each other

Associated Press
OPA-LOCKA — A funeral has been held in Miami for three elderly sisters who died within days of each other.

The Miami Herald reports Jacqueline Finley Livingston, 81, died of ovarian cancer on July 29. Later that day, her sister Helen Eloise Finley Spires, 80, died in Maryland. Two days after that, their sister Audrey Finley, 78, died at a Miami nursing home.

The sisters were buried in three identical white caskets on Friday at a cemetery in Opa-locka.

At their funeral, Rev. Richard L. Marquess-Barry said Livingston "would not leave her sisters behind to

suffer." Livingston was the oldest of Chesterfield and Grace Gibson Finley's seven children. According to The Herald, she left Miami for Florida A & M University in 1950 hoping to become a nurse. But soon her mother asked her to come home to help care for her younger siblings. And that's what she did for the next six decades.

The pastor said their mother instilled in her children a deep love for one another.

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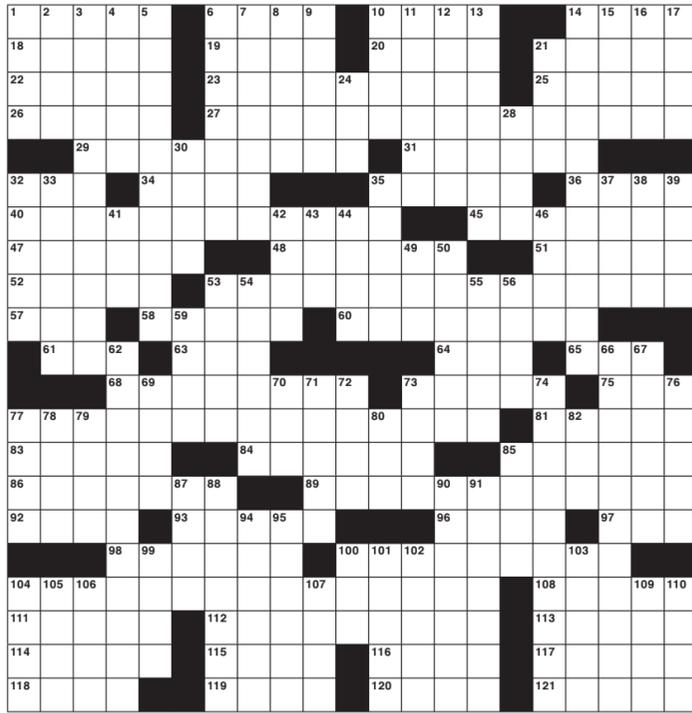
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Freeloading baby daddy refuses to hit the road

Dear Abby: My 22-year-old daughter and her two young children live with me. She doesn't work, which is fine. I don't mind supporting her because I'd rather have the kids see their mom.



Dear Abby

I spent most of my life as a single mom, working long hours and not seeing my kids. My work has finally paid off, and I'm at a point where, while not rich, I can support my daughter and grandbabies.

The problem is the baby daddy. He has a history of drug abuse, theft and jail time. He works only part-time jobs, which he loses monthly. He gives my daughter nothing and treats her as if she owes him. I don't want to support him, but he has moved in and won't leave my house. I have told him to go, that he's welcome to visit the kids, but he ignores me. It's like talking to a wall. He won't even acknowledge that I told him to leave. He acts like he's king of the castle when it's my home! I can't take it anymore. I pay all the bills. I told my daughter, and she ignores me as well. My oldest son has offered to talk to them for me. I don't want to lose my grandbabies. They are my purpose in life. Please help.

- Furious in Pennsylvania

Dear Furious: Part of your problem may be the degree to which you enable your daughter. You won't be around forever. She needs to learn to be independent so she can support herself and those children. Clearly, Baby Daddy isn't man enough to be of any assistance.

If he has lived with you for a while, you may need a lawyer to get him out. According to Los Angeles attorney Lee Dresie: "You can get rid of the freeloader by giving him a 30-day 'notice to leave' in writing. It should say, 'You have 30 days to leave my home. If you don't, I will bring an action to evict you.' If he still refuses to go, consult an attorney who specializes in eviction law."

This is Abby again: Be sure you have a witness present when the notice is

given so Baby Daddy can't deny receiving it. Your son could be that witness, and yes, he should be asked to lead the discussion on how to resolve this situation.

It is also troubling that the daughter for whom you provide food and shelter is ignoring you. You're treated this way because you don't assert yourself. Please do it before Baby Daddy impregnates her again and you have four people to support.

Dear Abby: I'm 27 and have an issue that has bothered me for most of my life. I have overly hot/sweaty hands and feet. When I was dating women, they wouldn't want to hold my hand, which bothered me a lot. Also, my friends sometimes make fun of me for it.

I am entering a profession that will require lots of handshaking with potential clients. This will be an issue for me because I don't want to make a bad impression. Do you have any suggestions?

- Sweaty in North Dakota

Dear Sweaty: Yes! There is help for your problem, and the way to get it is to talk with a dermatologist. There is a product that can curb the excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis), but a doctor must prescribe it for you. Botox injections could also help, but they should be administered by a physician. There is also a machine used to treat this condition. The dermatologist can help you decide which solution would be the best for you.

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'Elysium' tops box office with \$30.5 million

By JAKE COYLE
 AP Entertainment Writer
 NEW YORK — The dystopian science fiction thriller "Elysium" topped the weekend box office with \$30.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday, enough to beat three newcomers, including the Jennifer Aniston comedy "We're the Millers."

Sony's "Elysium," directed by Neill Blomkamp and starring Matt Damon, opened in line with expectations, but still debuted somewhat modestly for a \$115 million action film. It couldn't match Blomkamp's previous film, the \$30 million "District 9," which opened with \$37.4 million in August 2009.

But "Elysium" was able to come out on top in a crowded weekend, with three other new wide releases: the R-rated Warner Bros. comedy "We're the Millers," starring Jason Sudeikis and Aniston (\$26.6 million over the weekend, a strong \$38 million since opening Tuesday night); Disney's "Cars" spin-off "Planes" (\$22.5 million) and Fox's fantasy sequel "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters" (\$14.6 million over the weekend, \$23.5 million since Wednesday).

"District 9" was something of a phenomenon: a relatively low-budget science-fiction film from a first-time, South African director that made over \$210 million worldwide and landed four Academy Awards nominations, including best picture. Like "District 9," "Elysium" is rife with allegory, a futuristic tale heavy with contemporary themes of wealth discrepancy, health care and immigration.

How to get over your fear of decorating

Did you ever glance at those well-lit pictures in a magazine and wish for a room that looked as inviting as the images in their pages. We want the feel of those pictures but we have no clue where to start to accomplish it. Don't feel bad because I can help you get started on your dream home and it can be done in babysteps.

Our biggest problem is that we don't know where to start. We see the beautifully put together rooms and we get overwhelmed. Then we put the magazine down and give up before we ever get started.

I was scared to death to remodel our home. When Robert and I married in 1996, I had a house full of clutter and so did he. We put our clutter together and then went to estate auctions to buy more. We called ourselves upgrading the furniture that we already had. Oh, we got some great deals, but it is so hard to see what you have when your home is filled with clutter.

It was only when we started to get rid of our clutter that we could selectively know what we needed to purchase. It took us about nine months to slowly eliminate our clutter. I like to think of it as giving birth to a new me. As the clutter disappeared, I could see in my mind's eye what I wanted for our home and not the piles of stuff that clouded my vision. I began to feel the peace that I had always searched for and it was hiding underneath my hot spots.

Slowly our home became clutter free and peaceful. It still was not decorated as



FLY Lady
Leanne Ely

those pictures in the magazines, but it hugged us when we walked in the door. Even with the green shag carpet from the '70s our home was inviting and my routines were helping me to keep our home company ready just for us. This was a blessing but it also created another level of fear in me.

With the clutter gone we could see that our home needed updating. Every room in our home needed help. We could actually see the forest for the first time. We looked closely at each room. I took a note pad and put on a different set of eyes to examine our home. Just imagine that you are a real estate agent and you are going to help your client get their home ready to sell. Grab a clipboard and your pen. I am going to walk you through your home.

We started with our one butt kitchen and our copertone appliances. I began to jot down everything that I felt made our home outdated. Then we looked at the outside of our home, our bathrooms, living room,

bedrooms and back deck. We examined our heating unit and our side porch.

Then we went to dinner to discuss what to do first. This was so frightening to me. I was afraid of allowing the clutter and CHAOS to invade our home again. Once I realized that I could do this by taking babysteps and by taking care of me during this process, I was willing to take the next step. I found if my bed was made every day and our room clean then I could function through a remodel.

You can do this too with your routines in place to guide you and by flinging your clutter so that you have a clean palette to start with. You will be surprised at how much better your home will feel when you love yourself enough to take babysteps.

The best compliment I have ever received is that our home looks just like us. This is because we only have things in our home that make us smile.

Are you ready to FLY into building your dream home one babystep at a time? Each week we are in a different zone. This helps us to focus Get rid of your clutter and find your home.

For more help getting rid of your clutter and CHAOS, check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or read her book, 'Sink Reflections' published by Random House. Help me build a Habitat Home this year, www.share.habitat.org/flyladybuildproject. Bless others with your clutter by donating it to a Habitat for Humanity Restore near you. Copyright 2013 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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Fun By The Numbers
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ANSWER:

What's Cooking



Chef's Corner

Tim Spain

Snack on veggies

What a week. I had some much-needed time off last week and I sure had a great time. I didn't even leave the county and only left Sebring one time to go to Avon Park to play golf at River Greens. I played golf every day and enjoyed playing the Firemen's tournament on Saturday at Sun 'N Lake.

I ate well during my break. I had fruits and smoothies for breakfast and then enjoyed some sort of grab-and-go lunches and for dinners I had heart-healthy salads with chicken or fish.

In March, I weighed 217 pounds and as of August, I am proud to say I now weigh 180 and feel like I am in the best shape ever. I was able to do this through watching what I eat and exercise.

I think people have a hard time sticking to diets because they try and stop eating things that they like but know are bad for them. I couldn't do that because I knew it would only be a matter of time before I would find myself eating poorly again. So what worked for me was to continue eating all the bad stuff that I loved but I also added 8 ounces of vegetables to my diet and then added 8 ounces more as a mid-day snack on the next week.

What that did was give the feeling of satisfaction in the afternoons when I would be craving some kind of junk food. It also replaces that junk food with something good for you, and in time I had fewer cravings for that junk food. I know it doesn't sound like much fun to eat broccoli in the afternoons as opposed to that favorite candy bar, however your mind and body will thank you for it in the long run.

This week, I have a simple home-made granola recipe for you that you can make and store in an airtight container for later use.

Cheers, Chef.

Homemade granola

1-1/3 pound Cereal, Oatmeal, Quick, Dry
2/3 cup Wheat Germ
2/3 cup Sugar, Brown, Light
2-2/3 tbs. Honey
1-1/3 tsp. Flavoring, Extract, Vanilla, Imitation
1-1/3 tbs. Spice, Cinnamon, Ground

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Spread mixture evenly on a sheet pan. Bake at 350 F (325 F convection) for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Stir mixture every five minutes. Cool and place in airtight container for storage.

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Fundido Fiesta Flats

Zesty Mexican Meals Made Fast

FAMILY FEATURES

Flavors from south of the border are always a crowd favorite. They're also a quick, easy way to get dinner on the table in a hurry. Celebrity chef Aarón Sánchez shares his favorite weeknight recipes, which use easy, flavorful ingredients to get families out of the kitchen and at the table in record time. "As a chef with a young family, I love creating delicious dishes that are quick and easy to prepare," Sánchez said. "My new Ortega recipes bring that flavor and simplicity together. Enjoy."

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Chef Aarón Sánchez

Fundido Fiesta Flats

Servings: 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 1.25-ounce package Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix or 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 6 ounces American cheese, cubed
- 1 16-ounce jar Ortega Salsa, any variety
- 12 Ortega Fiesta Flats Taco Shells
- Chopped fresh cilantro

Brown beef in large skillet over medium-high heat; drain. Stir in taco seasoning and water. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened.

Meanwhile, combine cheese and one cup salsa in a microwave-safe bowl. Cook on high for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 20 seconds, until smooth.

Evenly spoon meat mixture into Fiesta Flats and top with cheese mixture. Top with additional salsa and sprinkle with cilantro. If desired, also top with Ortega Taco Sauce and Diced Green Chiles.



Chicken Taco Casserole

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Servings: 6
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 12 Ortega yellow corn or white corn taco shells
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 1.25-ounce package Ortega 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 16 ounce container sour cream
- 1 16 ounce jar Ortega Salsa, any variety
- Juice of 1 lime

Preheat oven to 350°F. Break taco shells into large chips. Combine taco chips, chicken, cheese, stock and taco seasoning in large mixing bowl.

Spread mixture in 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. Top with 1 1/2 cups sour cream; pour salsa over sour cream. Bake for 25 minutes, or until hot and bubbling.

Meanwhile, stir lime juice into remaining sour cream. Remove casserole from oven, drizzle sour cream and lime mixture over top and serve at once.

Mexican Lasagna

Servings: 8
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 1.25-ounce package Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup water, divided
- 1 16-ounce can Ortega Refried Beans

- 9 Ortega Flour Soft Tortillas
- 2 10-ounce cans Ortega Mild Red Enchilada Sauce
- 1 16-ounce jar Ortega Thick and Chunky Salsa
- 8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat vegetable oil in large skillet over medium heat and cook onion and garlic for 4 minutes or until softened. Add ground beef and cook for 4 minutes or until browned. Stir in taco seasoning and 1/4 cup water. Cook for 2 minutes or until sauce thickens.

Heat refried beans in microwave or small saucepan and stir in remaining 1/4 cup water to thin slightly.

Cut one tortilla in half and fit cut ends at either end of a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. Arrange two tortillas, slightly overlapping, to cover the bottom. Layer 1/3 refried beans, 1/3 meat mixture and 1 can enchilada sauce. Repeat to make a second layer.

Repeat to make a third layer using salsa instead of enchilada sauce. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 20 minutes or until lasagna is bubbling and cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting.

If desired, top servings with sour cream and diced green onion.



Mexican Lasagna

Mini-Meatball Fiesta Flats

Servings: 4
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

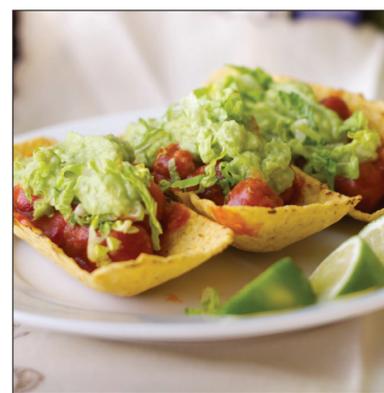
- 4 Ortega Taco Shells, any variety
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1/2 1.25-ounce package Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix or 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 10-ounce can Ortega Mild Red Enchilada Sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 1-ounce package Ortega Guacamole Seasoning Mix
- 12 Ortega Fiesta Flats Taco Shells
- Shredded lettuce

Place taco shells in food processor and pulse until coarse crumbs form. (Or place in resealable plastic bag and crush.) Combine crumbs, pork and taco seasoning in mixing bowl.

Form mixture into small meatballs, about 1/2 inch in diameter. Heat oil in large skillet and brown meatballs lightly, in batches if necessary, about 5 minutes per batch, turning frequently. Return meatballs to skillet and add enchilada sauce and water. Bring to boil over high heat; reduce heat and simmer gently for 15 to 20 minutes or until meatballs are thoroughly cooked.

Meanwhile, mash avocados and stir in guacamole seasoning mix. Let rest in the refrigerator according to package instructions.

To serve, spoon meatballs and sauce into Fiesta Flats. Top each with shredded lettuce and guacamole. If desired, also top with Ortega Taco Sauce and Diced Green Chiles.



Mini-Meatball Fiesta Flats