



SiriusXm purchases Agero

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — It is held out as the crown jewel of achievement of the Highlands County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Commission's effort to bring business to the area.

Once known as Cross Country, the location in the old Walmart store in the DeSoto Square Shopping

Satellite radio leader reportedly paying \$530 million for company, which has Sebring branch

Plaza became the southern hub of communications for drivers in distress who needed help at the turn of the millennium.

Using OnStar or similar systems, motorists could press a button and be connected to an operator in the

heart of Highlands County.

It was in 2011 that Cross Country Automotive Services announced its transition to their new brand name, Agero, and its accompanying tagline "Safe. Smart. Driven." was developed as an international brand to "reflect the compa-

ny's core values of delivering safety, leveraging technology and staying focused on providing innovative solutions for users and providers of mobile services."

Both names are displayed on the front of the building at the company's current location.

A new name may go up soon. The firm reportedly has been bought lock, stock and

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Agero, formerly known as Cross Country, may have a new name on the building in south Sebring after the company was recently purchased by SiriusXM.

2 found dead inside home

HCSO says apparent murder/suicide

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SEBRING — Sheriff's deputies are investigating what is being listed as a murder/suicide for now.

Identification of the victims is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Highlands County Communications Center received a 911 call Tuesday morning from a man stating he had killed his wife and was going to kill himself.

Deputies arrived at 3407 Baxter Ave. in Sebring — just off DeSoto Road — but couldn't get an answer at the door.

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office sent its Crisis Negotiation Team and SWAT Team to attempt to contact the caller, but they also had no success.

Deputies then got assis-

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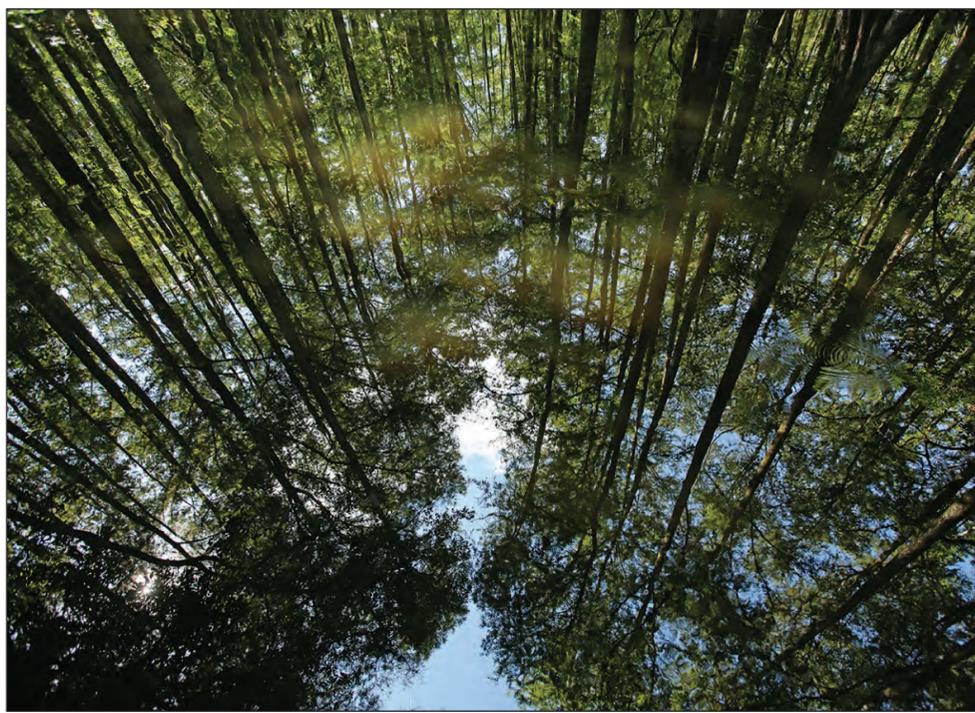
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Hammock hydrology



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Cypress trees need both wet and dry conditions to thrive. Here their grandeur is reflected in the Cypress Swamp of Highlands Hammock State Park.

Highlands Hammock a key part of Ridge's water system

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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SEBRING — Central Florida may seem flat and boring, what with its wide open spaces stretching out to the horizon, broken only by an occasional oak, pine or cabbage palm.

But Lake Wales Ridge runs north to south through Highlands County. Its relative elevation forms undulating hills, connects lakes and creates stunning landscapes, as well as two major catchment basins — the Kissimmee River watershed to its east and the Peace River

watershed to the west.

To the east, water drains through Lake Istokpoga and Lake Okeechobee into the Everglades.

To the west, water drains to the Gulf Coast and enters the Charlotte Harbor Estuary.

Highlands Hammock State Park occupies an essential niche in this complicated water environment. In turn, the park itself is unique. A mix of old-forest hardwood and swamp with areas of blue jay scrub and

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun
Ranger Steven Dale has been Highlands Hammock State Park manager since 2011. 'I feel very fortunate to be in God's place here,' he says.

EDC makes another pitch for funding

Asks commission for half of last year's budget

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority/Economic Development Commission has come back to the county commission with yet another proposal to secure additional funding for their programs.

It came at the end of Tuesday's commission session when Commissioner Greg Harris made the presentation to give the IDA/EDC half of last year's funding amount.

That would mean that commissioners would agree to giving the IDA/EDC \$108,000. As part of the proposal, the economic development group would agree to raise the other half, another \$108,000.

"Then in six months we could evaluate if our investment was worth it, and if not, they could start working on an exit strategy," Harris said.

Commissioner Don Elwell said he would consider the idea and take it up more fully at Thursday night's budget

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Harris

Father missing 35 years reunited with his family

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — This story is about a happy ending still shrouded with mystery, born in the agricultural fields and orange groves of Florida.

The part that is known began at Florida Hospital's Lake Placid campus some time ago.

A man was admitted (for undisclosed reasons due to the HIPPA Act) who had no idea of who he was. Small, slender, older,

but of indeterminate age, he was weathered and Spanish speaking. The hospital staff thought he must be a migrant farm worker.

He had no idea of his name, where and when he was born, or what he'd been doing through the years. The staff called him Don Jose.

He recovered, but when the hospital attempted to discharge him, they discovered he had nowhere to go and was in no

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Christopher Tuffley/News-Sun

Juana Ovalle-Gracia, 51, reunites with her father Sebastian Orvelle, 87. The staff at Florida Hospital Lake Placid spent weeks finding his family, because Ovalle had no memory of who he was. It turned out he had been missing for 35 years.

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The Avon Park Bandstand has long been merely a decoration in downtown Avon Park, but a new musical series starting soon will put the structure back into play as it was intended — a stage for local musicians.

Bandstand to be center of AP concert series

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — The iconic Avon Park Bandstand once again will be alive with the sound of music as the Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club will present a series of concerts featuring the cream of Highlands County's local bands.

"Beginning Sept. 28 we are going to have six different performances," said David Flowers, who helped to put the programs together with this year's club president, Dr. David Mungall.

Among the groups to play will be Lotela Gold, the California Toe Jam Band, Emanon, the Heartland Pops, the Shannon Reed Band, Ransom and opening the series will be the group known as Open Road.

"Their lead singer is one of our Heartland Idol contestants and she is just really something," Flowers said.

The Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club reportedly has been talking about doing some kind of special event for the community for some time and decided to now go ahead with a music series as

We thought it would be a great way to spark some interest and develop some community activities downtown.

David Flowers
program organizer

their project.

"We thought it would be a great way to spark some interest and develop some community activities downtown," he said.

The season's concert schedule is: Sept. 28, Broken Road Band (folk music), Oct. 26, Lotela Gold ('50s and '60s music); Nov. 30, California Toe Jam Band; Jan. 25, 2014, The Shannon Reed Band (country); Feb. 22, Heartland Pops and Doug Andrews and Emanon (big band and jazz); March 29, Ransom Band (blues).

The groups will perform

live at 6 p.m. on the historic Bandstand on the Mile-Long Mall in the City of Charm.

"That's what it was made for," Flowers said of having the Bandstand act as the stage.

"We'll at least start that way and see how it works out."

Merchants will be encouraged to stay open and there will be opportunities for vendors also to set up in the area to cater to the crowd, Flowers said

"We have invited some of the other Rotary Clubs to set up concessions if they wish, and the Interact Club from the high school will be joining us as well," he said.

"It will be a great opportunity for folks to come down, bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a nice evening out."

Flowers said that lining up the entertainment was an easy task, with all the bands eager to play. In fact, the entire lineup was inked and confirmed within a week.

The co-sponsors of this event are Winn Dixie and David Ailstock, owner of 18 East restaurant on Main Street.

Music Mania 2013 kicks off Thursday in downtown Sebring

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A full month's worth of music and entertainment will fill the streets of Downtown Sebring for the first ever Music Mania Concert Series. The Downtown Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has worked diligently to bring the event to the residents and visitors of Highlands County.

The month long celebration taking place through Sept. 28 will fill the needs of local residents, according to Grey Dog Communications' Casey Wohl.

Wohl stated at a recent Sebring City Council meeting that 86 percent of local survey participants results showed the desire for more live music events in the Downtown Sebring area.

"With that in mind, the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency's Downtown Sebring Monthly Promotional Campaign theme for the month of September is 'Music Mania' with 16 concerts and music-related events scheduled in Downtown Sebring during

16 concerts planned for the month

the month of September," Wohl stated in a press release.

Local artist Shannon Reed starts Music Mania off with the acoustic country music edge and southern rock and blues she's known for on Thursday. The Shannon Reed Band takes the stage from 5-8 p.m.

A variety of music is to follow including country, gospel, blues, Christian, rock, oldies and more will be performed by talented artist, most of whom are local residents and performers. Performances by Logan Dressel, the Ransom Band, Lotela Gold and more are scheduled throughout the month.

Dressel will perform at the First Round of Beer Festival on Saturday at 6 p.m.

In addition to live performances, surrounding businesses have scheduled musically themed events and

activities for patrons to enjoy.

Three events hosted by the Highlands Art League are scheduled to coincide with the lively music during the month. Windchimes and Wine will be held Sept. 10 and 17, Highlands Little Theatre's "Lend me Tenor" production will be on stage Sept. 11-20 and the HAL Picasso-era music event will take place Sept. 17.

Regular CRA/Downtown Sebring events including Circle of Truth ministries concert will close out Music Mania Month on Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. with performances by Christian artists Rush of Fools, Rhett Walker Band and All Things New.

Admission to most concerts during Music Mania 2013 is free, however some events will charge admission (Logan Dressel at First Round of Beer Festival, Lotela Gold, Picasso-Era Music, Broken Roads).

For a full list of concert and music-related events, prices, downtown shopping specials and more visit www.downtownsebring.org/.

Community Briefs

'Blessings' luncheon planned for Sept. 11

SEBRING — The Annual Blessing of the Businesses luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Sebring Civic Center on Lake Jackson. This event is designed to bring our community businesses, levels of government, non-profit services and ministries together under God's umbrella for a time of fellowship, prayer and unification. Mayor George Hensley has once again spearheaded this effort along with a team of dedicated individuals that have committed to presenting an edifying and enjoyable experience for all.

The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served following a Color Guard presentation, pledge and prayer. Pastor George Hall will serve as the master of ceremonies and Judge Angela Cowden is scheduled as the keynote speaker. Special music will be presented by Hall and Devon Donaldson and the program will conclude with Pastor Robert Shannon offering a special prayer for the businesses, the community and the country.

Tickets for this event are \$12 per person and can be purchased by sending a check made out to First United Methodist Church and mailed to P. O. Box 3839, Sebring, FL 33871. Advanced reservations are required and seating is limited, so don't delay. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Alex Latuk at 385-5171 or send email to www.blessourbusiness@gmail.com.

Traumatic Brain Injury Group meets

SEBRING — New Beginnings, a support group for people dealing with traumatic brain injury, will meet to start the season with a special get-together at 6 p.m. Thursday at the

office of H.A.L.L.O., 112 Medical Center Ave. Guest speaker is Belinda Wright, CNA/HHA, Sunshine Ambassador with ACE Homecare.

Wright will demonstrate "Music in Motion." Joining Wright will be Carol Kelly, MSEd., RN, also from ACE Homecare. Kelly has been with ACE Homecare for 6.5 years as an RN supervisor of the private services, tele-monitor nurse, educator, and currently working with community outreach. Kelly has a special interest in wellness, healthy lifestyle, music, dance, and exercise.

Refreshments will be served.

The group is sponsored by Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization. For other information call Deanna Pieretti at 385-1196, email halloinc@embarqmail.com or write to H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872. On Facebook look for at Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization.

Free vegetable growing workshop

SEBRING — Fall is here and it's time to plant those gardens again. The Highlands County Horticulture Extension Agent is offering a free vegetable growing workshop from 8:30 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. Thursday at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Civic Center in the O.S." Sam" Polston Auditorium.

Register early by calling the extension office at 402-6540. Save the date also for the Master Gardener Plant Sale on Nov. 9.

Galvano, Pigman to speak at LP chamber lunch

LAKE PLACID — Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center, 2665 Placid View Drive. State Senator Bill Galvano will be the guest speaker. State Representative Cary Pigman will share some experiences from his recent deployment in Kuwait.

Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP the chamber on or before Thursday to chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331. Luncheon is open to chamber members and their guests only.

Volunteers sought for Guardian ad Litem Program

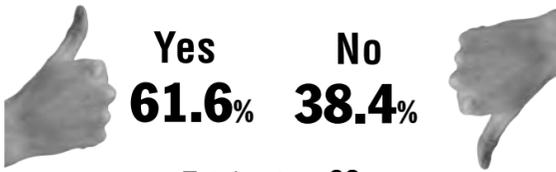
SEBRING — The Guardian ad Litem program, which serves abused and neglected children

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

'Conversion therapy' should be illegal in all states, not just two

New Jersey's Republican Gov. Chris Christie took an important step last week toward changing the country's view of gay and lesbian people.

Christie signed a law barring licensed therapists from trying to turn gay teenagers straight early — making New Jersey only the second state in the country to do so. California has also banned this so-called "conversion therapy."

A lot of attention was brought to the issue during the lead-up to the 2012 presidential primaries, when former Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann was questioned over whether her husband's Christian counseling business provided services that attempted to change gays and lesbians. Bachmann's husband, Marcus, denied involvement in the therapy, and the congresswoman dropped out of the race in January 2012.

We're pleased to see the continually changing attitude toward gays and lesbians in this country — most recently with gay marriage becoming legal in several more states and the Supreme Court's decision to overturn part of the Federal Defense of Marriage Act in June.

However, a lot of young people are still struggling with their sexuality, and trying to "change" them from being gay sends the wrong message and could be harmful to them. We need to support teenagers who have identified their sexual preference, not try to deter them through outdated methods that tell them being gay is wrong.

Gay rights groups back up this assertion, citing that conversion therapy can be damaging to young people, because it tells them that it's not acceptable to be who they are. In an Associated Press article about the New Jersey law, Troy Stevenson, executive director of Garden State Equality, the state's largest gay rights group, said, "... The best way to ensure lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender youth are protected from the abuse of being ostracized is to

provide them with equality."

But while Christie and others may believe people are born gay and homosexuality is not a sin, they have not supported full, equal rights for gay people in this country.

Christie vetoed a law granting gay marriage in New Jersey and continues to oppose it. Many states have enacted their own versions of the federal Defense of Marriage Act — defining marriage as only between one man and one woman.

So while the country is taking small steps, it's not enough.

As long as there is discrimination in our laws and tax code, and young people committing suicide because they are told and made to feel that being gay is wrong, there is more work to do.

Laws like the one in New Jersey and California should be adopted nationwide, and efforts need to continue to bring equality to gay and lesbian people of all ages.

An editorial from the Journal Tribune of Biddeford, Maine.

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Uncircle the firing squad

Guest Column

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Republicans have largely squandered an August that should have been spent preparing the American people for a showdown with Democrats over the president's health care law. Instead, efforts have largely been diverted to a damaging internecine fight between proponents and critics of the defund strategy.

Give credit to the defunders for stepping up with a strategy and filling a bizarre leadership vacuum on the issue. But their tactic of engaging in personal attacks and paid media buys against Republicans who disagree with them on strategy — but not on policy — is counterproductive. Even worse, the bitter and over-the-top attacks against the defunders by other Republicans have been even more poisonous.

The end result is that Democrats who are in cycle in 2014 — like Kay Hagan, Mary Landrieu, and Mark Pryor — have largely gotten a free pass in a month that should have been as intense as the famous August four years ago that almost prevented the law from passing.

There is still "a huge train wreck coming down," in the iconic words of the law's principal Senate author, retiring Senator Max Baucus of Montana.

We now know 106,000 people in New Jersey alone will lose their coverage under that state's most popular plan. We see more private companies, local governments, and universities slashing hours every day. The federal data hub won't even test a data security system until the day before it goes live, presenting a huge risk of fraud for everyone who enrolls in the program. States keep announcing big jumps in premiums.

The American people overwhelmingly believe it is wrong to give the biggest corporations a delay in their mandate but not provide the same to regular Americans.

Opponents of the health care law need to unite to put intense political pressure on Senate Democrats to support defunding or delaying the law's central provisions. In the House, 22 Democrats have already done so.

The specific legislative

mechanism is irrelevant if no Senate Democrats feel a political need to protect their constituents from a law that is clearly not ready. Conversely, if grassroots pressure moves a block of Senate Democrats to tell Harry Reid they need to have some kind of vote, it's hard to imagine Republicans not quickly unifying behind any opportunity to limit the law's damage.

The health care law was written entirely by Democrats and passed without a single Republican vote in the Senate. When the people of Massachusetts rejected the bill in the stunning election of Scott Brown, Democrats contrived to bend the rules and force what was really no more than a draft bill into the U.S. code as is. Democrats have been in charge of implementation every step of the way, even on multiple occasions disregarding the plain text of the law when they preferred some other arrangement.

(Speaking of Scott Brown, this year's version is Steve Lonegan, who could pull off his own stunning upset in New Jersey on October 16, half a month into what's expected to be a very bumpy open enrollment period under the new law. Supporting Lonegan is one of the best ways to scare Senate Democrats into stopping the health care law.)

I support defund and I also support delay. I'll support any strategy that can protect the American people from this train wreck.

There is not much time left before legislative deal-making will begin in earnest. For the sake of the American people, it's critical that opponents of the president's health care law use the limited time we have left to bring maximum pressure to bear on Senate Democrats.

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How Obama uses junk science to punish teachers

The new requirements for No Child Left Behind waivers from the Department of Education have some bad news for America's teachers. The Obama administration wants states to use standardized tests to not only judge students and schools but now teachers as well lest we lose ground to China. Coincidentally, China this week banned standardized testing in early grades and reduced it thereafter. China, it seems, wants to be more like us.

The test scores of American kids have lagged well behind the rest of the industrialized world since well before we put the first man on the moon, build the World Wide Web, revolutionized business software, and mapped the human genome. The United States still has the largest economy in the world 30 years after A Nation at Risk warned that we'd better get our schoolhouse in order. Apparently the standardized tests have no bearing on American ingenuity.

The Obama administration worries we face a testing gap, but the Chinese have figured out they face an innovation gap. This is why, according to Chinese-born Prof. Yong Zhao of the University of Oregon, China wants to move from a "labor-intensive, low-level manufacturing economy into

an innovation-driven knowledge society."

Obama's demand that states rate teachers on their students' test scores moves America away from innovation toward utter lunacy. Judging a teacher on a student's improvement means states have to start testing kids in pre-K. Education Secretary Arne Duncan calls these "formative assessments" and has set aside \$500 million to develop tests for kids as young as four.

Using standardized tests to identify bad teachers gets taken to the woodshed by Diane Ravitch in her new book *Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America's Public Schools*. She quotes studies showing that a teacher only affects 15 percent of a student's test score. The biggest influence on a student's performance is their home life — Did dad lose his job? Are the parents divorcing? Do the parents use big words at home and take them to museums? — none of which the teacher can control.

Simply put, judging a teacher on their students' test scores makes as much sense as judging a farmer on his crop without accounting for



Guest Column

Jason Stanford

drought, severe weather, freezes, pestilence or Wall Street bankers crashing the market and making it impossible to get a loan to buy a tractor.

"Stated politely as possible, value-added assessment is bad science," writes Ravitch. "It may even be junk science."

Worst of all, the system requires teachers to show improvement every year like Wall Street demanding ever-increasing profits. Simply doing great every year in unacceptable, penalizing good schools.

I had this experience with my oldest son. As a fifth grader, he aced Texas' standardized test. Under No Child Left Behind, school ratings depend on whether a 10-year-old fills in the right bubble, so schools emphasize the test in the 5th grade to a fault. Not so in the sixth grade, freeing up Mr. Nelson to blow my son's mind. In one assignment, his class became a living history exhibit for the younger grades. My son started learning German and trombone. Because they weren't so focused on the state test, my son's scores dipped slightly in the 6th grade. According to Obama's policy, Mr. Nelson is a bad teacher.

Ravitch admits we need better teachers, but she suggests investing in better training and collaboration. Obama's policy will encourage teachers to emphasize test preparation at the expense of enriching instruction, something unlikely to yield better teachers.

"Nothing about a multiple-choice test is suited to finding the most inspiring and the most dedicated teachers in every school. In every school, students, teachers, and supervisors know who those teachers are. We need more of them," writes Ravitch. "We will not get them by continuing to turn teachers into testing technicians or judging teachers by inappropriate statistical models."

Liberals and other fans of clean air rightfully skewer Republicans for using junk science to deny climate change. It is time for us to stop letting Obama off the hook for using junk science to fire teachers, or we'll really start losing ground to the Chinese.

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EDC asks county for half of last year's funding

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hearing, one of two final public hearings before the budget is finalized.

"I still think that not funding it right away and looking at it in six months to see what they have been able to accomplish would be the way to go," Elwell said.

Commission Chairman Jack Richie agreed with Elwell, saying it was his opinion that the IDA/EDC be allowed to perform. He also objected to the idea that an "exit strategy" would be needed.

"I don't think that it's

going to be necessary to have a complete shutoff if the IDA," Richie said. "I think that in the next six months they can have the thing going and have some contributions."

At their last session, commissioners told past IDA/EDC chairman John Shoop, that the organization would have to live on their combined savings, just short of \$170,000, for at least the next six months.

In the meantime, EDC proponents were encouraged to go and solicit membership from local business and

industry to help pad their pocketbook.

Richie, who serves as liaison to the organization, noted that the current membership numbers had dwindled over the years to slightly more than a dozen, with about half of those now serving on the board.

Through budget cutting, innovative financing and some horse-trading with the county's constitutional officers, commissioners were able to keep the ad valorem tax rate at 7.1 mills, or \$7.10 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Although the savings would be minimal to local property owners, who may have one or more tax exemptions, the action is more substantial to businesses and rental properties, who receive no such write-offs.

However, that number is not yet final. It may be

changed up until Sept. 13 when the board is mandated to advertise its intent to adopt a final millage rate and their statement summarizing all of the adopted tentative budgets.

That document will show the proposed tax millage, the balances, reserves and totals

in each of the major budget classifications.

The final public hearing on the budget is slated for Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

This week's budget hearing will commence Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Agero purchased by SiriusXM for \$530 million

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barrel by satellite radio giant SiriusXM. Last week, Sirius officials announced that they had entered into a "definitive agreement" to acquire the connected vehicle services business of Agero for a reported \$530 million in cash.

Agero's connected vehicle unit is said to be the nation's leading provider of "innovative telematics services" which "offer safety, security and convenience services for drivers." For automakers, Agero's services are termed "turnkey solutions."

Following the acquisition, it was announced that SiriusXM would provide connected vehicle services to a number of additional automotive manufacturers. Names mentioned in a company press release include Acura, Honda, Hyundai, Infiniti, Lexus, Nissan and Toyota.

SiriusXM Chief Executive Officer Jim Meyer said the

deal would allow Sirius to provide services both via satellite and cellular networks. It also would accelerate the company's plan to develop additional opportunities in the field of connected vehicle services.

"The acquisition of Agero's connected vehicle business is a natural fit for SiriusXM. As the world's leading provider of in-vehicle subscription services, SiriusXM is uniquely positioned to offer world-class end-to-end telematics services," Meyer said

The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2013.

It was in 2001 that Cross Country Automotive Services announced their intention to open a location in Highlands County. Established as the firm's fourth contact services location, initially, they installed just 260 seats in the 37,000-square-foot building.

There were 375 jobs creat-

ed at the time with the new firm. The Sebring contact center provided emergency response services to those covered under new car warranty programs, insurance policies, or affinity memberships.

From the onset, it was a round-the-clock operation with clients including over half of the automotive brands — including Chrysler, Dodge and BMW, among others. Also availing themselves of Cross Country's services were half of the nation's top property/casualty insurance companies and several wireless carriers, financial institutions and affinity groups.

During a presentation before Highlands County commissioners last month, former IDA/EDC chairman John Shoop mentioned that there was an expansion planned at the Agero location, but made no mention of the buyout by Sirius XM.



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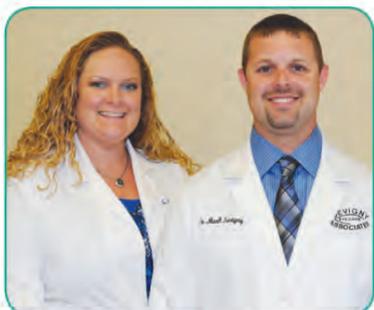




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Awash only weeks ago, the Cypress Swamp catwalk is back to dry. The water surrounding it is only three or four feet deep. In the dry season, it typically disappears.

Water high at Hammock, but still below historical average

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sandy soil, the Hammock supports the entire range of Florida habitats. Standing under the soaring cypress trees is like being inside a cathedral.

Park Manager Steven Dale explained how water makes this beautiful place possible.

"There are three drainage-ways that bring surface water through the park besides rain," he said. "The greatest volume of water moves through Little Charlie Bow Legs Creek and its associated drainage basin on the western border of the park at its lowest elevation. The two other drainageways are small creeks, Haw Branch and Tiger Branch."

Haw Branch is seasonal, Dale said. It originates in the Seven Lakes Property and runs east to west along the park's northern border.

Tiger Branch originates inside the park's northeast border and flows through the park's wetlands. Both branches eventually join Little Charlie Bow Legs Creek, which flows into the Peace River, which in turn flows to the Gulf of Mexico.

The key to the water's movement, Dale said, is the difference in elevation between the Ridge and the western portions of the park. The eastern border, on the west of the Ridge, is 135 feet above sea level. The western border is only 80 feet above sea level. Gravity makes the water run downhill off the Ridge, Dale said — in other words from the west side of U.S. 27 toward the Country Club of Sebring. This water creates a flood plain swamp for part of the year.

2 girls killed in crash, 3rd injured in Polk Co.

AUBURNDALE (AP) — Two 10-year-old girls were killed in a crash after the car they were riding in collided with a truck that apparently ran a red light.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office says the crash happened Sunday night.

The Ledger of Lakeland reports that Linda Hood Mercer was driving a Volkswagen Beetle when her car entered an intersection and was struck by a pickup truck.

There were four girls in Mercer's car. The two 10-year-olds were not wearing seat belts and were killed. A third girl, who also did not wear a seat belt, is in a Tampa hospital with critical injuries. The fourth girl was in the passenger seat and wore her seat belt. She was not injured.

Water, however, is not a constant in the park. The wet and dry seasons have a significant affect.

Average rainfall, in the wet season (roughly June to September) is 31.1 inches, Dale said. The dry season (October to May) generally sees 20.79 inches.

This makes the park wet and dry in cycles. Scientists refer to the habitat as a xeric/ hydric (dry/wet) hammock. "It's a symbiotic relationship. They both have a purpose," Dale said. For example, while cypress trees are swamp plants, they also need dry soil in order to propagate.

The long period of drought in Central Florida has affected the park as well as surrounding lakes. Recent rains have been a bit higher than average, Dale said. "The Southwest Florida Water Management District data show that although the average rainfall in June and

July can be 8.26 and 7.99 inches respectively, this year we actually got 11.81 inches in June and 11.36 inches in July.

"But at the end of the dry season in May, our area and the Lake Wales region was 3.85 feet below normal, and even with all this rain, by the end of July we were still 1.9 feet below normal."

Water levels did rise quickly this summer, Dale said, at one point coming to the top of the catwalk in Cypress Swamp, closing the trail for a short time. The water, however, has been receding ever since. On Friday, the catwalk was an easy, dry walk.

In fact, drier conditions have been in place for so long, Dale said, we don't recognize we've only come halfway back to a healthy aquifer.

"The rain is only abnormal for recent times," he said.

New York case puts N-word use among blacks on trial

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a case that gave a legal airing to the debate over use of the N-word among blacks, a federal jury has rejected a black manager's argument that it was a term of love and endearment when he aimed it at black employee.

Jurors were weighing punitive damages Tuesday after finding last week that the manager's four-minute rant was hostile and discriminatory, and awarding \$250,000 in compensatory damages.

The case against Rob Carmona and the employment agency he founded, STRIVE East Harlem, hinged on the what some see as a complex double standard surrounding the word: It's a degrading slur when uttered by whites but can be used at times with impunity among blacks.

But 38-year-old Brandi Johnson told jurors that being black didn't make it any less hurtful when Carmona repeatedly targeted her with the slur during a March 2012 tirade about inappropriate workplace attire and unprofessional behavior.

Johnson, who taped the remarks after her complaints about his verbal abuse were disregarded, said she fled to the restroom and cried for 45 minutes.

"I was offended. I was hurt. I felt degraded. I felt disrespected. I was embarrassed," Johnson testified.

The controversy is a blemish on STRIVE, which has been heralded for helping people with troubled backgrounds get into the workforce. Its employment model, which was described

in a CBS' "60 Minutes" piece as "part boot camp, part group therapy," claims to have helped nearly 50,000 people find work

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Sharpe told jurors that STRIVE's tough-love program cannot excuse Carmona's behavior.

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across Highlands county, is seeking volunteers. Volunteer guardians help represent children who are involved in court proceedings. Guardians must be at least 21 years old and undergo background checks and a certification process.

For more information about the program, call Dawn Shinsky at (863) 534-4597 or email Dawn.Shinsky@gal.fl.gov.

Sebring Moose Riders have fish fry

SEBRING – Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 Moose Riders will hold their bi-monthly fish fry put on by JT and his crew from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Karaoke by Jewells will start at 6 pm.

Rogers to moderate Scribes Night Out

SEBRING – Bruce Rogers, owner of Brewster's Coffee House, is on tap to take over as moderator of the two September get-togethers of Scribes Night Out, set for the second and fourth Sundays (Sep. 8 and Sep. 22) at 6 p.m. at the coffee house.

As moderator, he'll be serving as master of ceremonies, keeping things moving along and introducing the writers who'll be reading from their works. To add some humor to the events, Rogers will be wearing his kilts to reflect his Scottish heritage.

But, on a more serious note, he'll also be comment-

ing on the important role played by the arts in his life and his business.

A local patron of the arts, he's especially dedicated to projects that use the arts to spread the word about humanitarian causes. He is an outspoken leader in the fight against breast cancer; and his coffee house has often been transformed into an art gallery, a music hall and as a gathering place for writers of all ages.

The motto on the door of the coffee house sums up his vision: "May all who enter leave with a refreshed heart." That means, he says, "Brewster's is not just a place where one grabs a cup of coffee in a heated rush. It's not merely to quench one's thirst, but to ease and refresh one's soul."

Brewster's, just south of Home Depot, is open to the public and the Scribes-Night-Out events are free of charge.

For more information, call Art Lefkowitz at 385-1554.

SFSC Community Education offers Advanced Driver Improvement

AVON PARK – South Florida State College's (SFSC) Community Education Department will offer a 12-hour Advanced Driver Improvement course for drivers who have a suspended license or who have too many points on their license.

The course will be held on consecutive days from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 17-19 at the SFSC DeSoto Campus, 2252

N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia. The course fee is 145, and pre-registration is required.

Participants may register in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact the Community Education office at 784-7388 or email CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu.

Ogg to meet with Republican voters

SEBRING – Peggy Ogg, Supervisor of Elections, will meet with Republican voters in Precinct 15 for an informative discussion at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 at the Country Club of Sebring Restaurant, 4700 Haw Branch Road.

State Senator Denise Grimsley and Commissioner Greg Harris will stop by.

For information, call 402-5456.

Peace River sponsors Domestic Violence walk

SEBRING – Peace River Center Victim Services is inviting Highlands County residents to take steps to end domestic violence in the Highlands Walk-A-Thon set for 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. The walk will take place at Highlands Hammock State Park. Cost will be \$20 per person for participation and a benefit T-shirt.

Proceeds will go to the Peace River Center Victim Services Local Domestic Violence Shelter. For information or to register, call 386-1168.

Missing father reunited with family after 35 years

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condition to be discharged on his own. He stayed in the hospital while the staff began an intensive search to discover his identity.

Sharlene Landers, the hospital nurse responsible for ensuring safe discharges for all patients, was in charge of the quest. She got in touch with the Mexican Consulate in Orlando, sent Don Jose's fingerprints to the FBI to see if they could be identified, contacted Nell Hayes, public information officer for the Sheriff's Office and asked Father Louis Albarracan at St. James Catholic Church to talk to him. Other individuals volunteered hours of assistance.

Albarracan was able to help Don Jose remember his parents' first names and the town from which he originally came.

The first names revealed nothing, however. Neither did Don Jose's fingerprints. He was not on file anywhere.

In the meantime, the Mexican Consulate took out ads in Mexican newspapers and distributed posters with Don Jose's photograph on them. Still nothing.

Along the way, Landers had been given three Mexican email addresses of individuals who might be able to help. She said the first two messages were returned as undeliverable, filling her with despair.

"Then," she said, "there was divine intervention."

A priest in the city of Hildago, Mexico replied to the third email saying he thought he knew the family of the man in the photograph and that he would contact them. If it was the man, the priest said, his name was Sebastian Ovalle. He had been missing for 35 years. The priest said there was a daughter and he would call her. That daughter called her sister, Juana Ovalle-Garcia, in California.

While waiting for confirmation, Ovalle-Garcia packed her bags and prepared to fly to Florida. "When my sister called, I thought it was a joke," she told the press Saturday at the Lake Placid hospital. "I was 16 when my father disappeared. I'm 51 now."

A hard week of waiting passed. "I thought maybe it was just a dream and I would wake up," Ovalle-Garcia said. Instead, the confirmation came. Ovalle-Garcia flew immediately to Highlands County, reuniting with her father Friday



Christopher Tuffley/News-Sun
Juana Ovalle-Garcia, 51, reunites with her father Sebastian Orvelle, 87, at Florida Hospital Lake Placid. With help, Sharlene Landers (third from left) spent weeks finding his family, because Ovalle had no memory of who he was. It turned out he had been missing for 35 years. Hospital administrator Anthony Stahl (far right), said the story was once in a lifetime.

night. He did not recognize her, but "felt in his gut" that she was family.

Saturday, they met with local reporters.

"The only reason I let this (the press conference) happen," Ovalle-Garcia said, "is I am so very proud and happy. A miracle happened. It's a very good thing that happened."

Only some questions

which included eight children, reached out to American authorities for help, but nothing was discovered.

Decades passed. Ovalle's wife died and some of his children and brothers emigrated to California and Texas. Everyone thought Ovalle long dead.

Meeting his daughter and talking to his brothers, some of Ovalle's earliest memories have returned, but what happened over the 35 years he was missing, no one knows, including him. Among possible scenarios is a concern he was trapped in the hands of a human trafficking ring.

Whatever he suffered, his family is rushing to care for him now. Because he has no documentary papers, he is not allowed to fly. A younger brother who lives in San Antonio is taking a bus to Florida so Ovalle can return to Mexico where another daughter will care for him.

Since a heart attack, Ovalle said, it is difficult for him to find words and speak. He smiled shyly. His daughter spoke for him, "God bless you all," she said. "God is still alive."

Anthony Stahl, the hospital's administrator, said, "In a world so full of disaster, this is a once-in-a-lifetime story. I am so proud of my staff, extending the healing hand of Christ."

When my sister called, I thought it was a joke. I was 16 when my father disappeared. I'm 51 now.

Juana Ovalle-Garcia who was reunited with her father Saturday

have been answered.

Sebastian Ovalle had indeed been a migrant field worker, following the orange harvest in Florida and the apple harvest in New York. He is now 87 years old.

His daughter said he came to the United States on a work permit every year, working for three or four months before returning home.

Then one day in 1978, after he'd called to say he was on the way, he simply vanished.

His wife and family,

Progress slow in Doty cases

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — The upcoming pre-trial hearings for the defendants in the Aaron Doty murder case aren't expected to bring any real changes, according to Assistant State's Attorney Steve Houchin.

"I really don't anticipate anything happening for these defendants," Houchin said. "Nothing of significance is going on with the murder cases for Jonathan Rodriguez or Kenneth Felipe."

The two are accused of beating Doty nearly to death during a party at their Sun 'N Lake home on June 10, 2012, then taking his unconscious body into the woods and setting him on fire.



Rodriguez



Felipe



Burgos



Makris

Houchin did mention the Felipe is likely to plead in an unrelated drug case this month.

Rodriguez will appear at for pre-trial hearing on Sept. 19; Felipe will be in court again on Oct. 24.

Two other defendants, Giovanni Burgos and Travis Makris, will be appearing in front of Judge Angela Cowden in two weeks on Sept. 18.

They are charged with being accessories after the fact, allegedly helping the two murder suspects hide evidence (Makris) and hide from authorities (Burgos).

"There isn't a plea deal for those defendants," Houchin said.

Houchin said that depositions for Rodriguez and Felipe are still under way by both prosecutors and defense lawyers.

HCSO investigating apparent murder/suicide in Sebring

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tance from the State Fire Marshal's office and a bomb-disposal robot to enter the house. The robot's cameras recorded two people dead.

Sheriff Susan Benton said her office would provide additional information once the family is notified and as the investigation proceeds.

"These types of cases are difficult for our troops to investigate, given the limited infor-

mation and the historical outcome of such types of cases," Benton said.

Many murder/suicide cases involve a chronic or severe health situation that has left people feeling like they have no control over their future, she said.

"But we have to wait (in this case) for evidence to come in and the case to speak for itself," Benton said.

Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to contact detectives at the Sheriff's Office at 863-402-7200.

Obituaries

CAROLYN FISH

Carolyn Fish, age 71, of Stuart, Fla. passed away on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013 at the Treasure Coast Hospice, Harper House. Carolyn was born March 1, 1942 in Bangor, Maine, daughter of the late Clarence and Virginia (Linton) Ryer.

Carolyn is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Allon R. Fish of Stuart, Fla.; her son, Allon R. Fish Jr. of Bangor, Maine; her daughters, Wendy Pelletier of Rock Hill, S.C. and

Stephany A. Fish of Jupiter Farms, Fla.; her granddaughter, Danielle and grandson, Adam; three great-granddaughters; and her favorite and constant K9 companion, Rylee.

Per her wishes, cremation will take place and a memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013, 11:30 a.m. at New Beginnings Community

Church (8163 SW Citrus Blvd; Palm City, FL 34990). Interment will follow on the family plot in Bangor, Maine at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice (1201 SE Indian St; Stuart, FL 34997) or to New Beginnings Community Church. Arrangements are by the Treasure Coast Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart, Fla. Share a memory or condolence online at www.treasurecoast-seawinds



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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 10000400GCS
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE BANK ALT 2006-AR2 Plaintiff,
vs.
JIMMY LEE HATAWAY, LAKE PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 27, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

CONDOMINIUM PARCEL KNOWN AS UNIT 3-B, BUILDING 3 OF LAKE PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM PHASE II, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1478, PAGE 1233, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 2825 LAKE JUNE BLVD #3B, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on October 15, 2013 at 11 a.m.

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

Dated this 28th day of August, 2013.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
September 4, 11, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2010CA000038
HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH NANCE AND DREMINDA NANCE, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 27, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2010CA000038 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH J. NANCE; DREMINDA J. NANCE; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on October 1, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 29, HEIRINGS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2013.
Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
12-01553
September 4, 11, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000880
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
vs.
NANCY E. DELONG, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA E. STEIN; KATRINA IRENE STEIN GONZALEZ; TRACY LEE STEIN ELLIS; TERESA E. STEIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATRINA IRENE STEIN GONZALEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TRACY LEE STEIN ELLIS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 28, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 21, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 2, BLOCK 10, OF LAKE BLUE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: A PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 10, LAKE BLUE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEASTERN CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE COMMON LINE BETWEEN SAID LOT 2 AND LOT 1 FOR A DISTANCE OF 160.00 FEET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF SAID LOT 2 FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY 25.00 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO SAID COMMON LINE BETWEEN LOTS 1 AND 2, FOR A DISTANCE OF 160.00 FEET TO THE EASTERN SIDE OF SAID LOT 2; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF SAID LOT 2 FOR A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

a/k/a 1339 LAKE CLAY DR., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on September 24, 2013.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 21st day of August, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.
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August 28; September 4, 2013

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION
ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
Names and unit numbers are as follows:
NAME UNIT NUMBER
Leta Davis 116
DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH.
August 28; September 4, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000008
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,
v.
CONNIE J. PETREIT A/K/A CONNIE CLEARWATER A/K/A CONNIE DELOACH; CONNIE PETREIT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONNIE J. PETREIT A/K/A CONNIE CLEARWATER A/K/A CONNIE DELOACH; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 22, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 6E, THE MANORS: COMMENCE AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 7, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF LAKE AVENUE, SAID POINT BEING 25.00 FEET WEST OF THE CENTER LINE OF LAKE AVENUE; THENCE RUN WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 7 FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 420.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET; THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET; THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 32.50 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL LYING AND BEING IN LOT 1, BLOCK 7, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, a/k/a 1429 WRAY ST., AVON PARK, FL 33825 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Highlands County, Florida, at eleven o'clock a.m., on October 9, 2013.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
August 28; September 4, 2013
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.
August 28; September 4, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000355
CAPITAL CITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE R. PEREZ LAJOS, an unmarried man, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, will sell at public sale the following described property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, to wit:

LOTS 6914 and Lot 6915, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 22, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, page 18, of the public records of Highlands County, Florida.
Said sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause and will be held in the Jury Assembly Room of the HIGHLANDS County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, on the 24th day of September, 2013, commencing at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

All interested parties shall be governed accordingly by this Notice.
DATED this 21st day of August, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
August 28; September 4, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282012CA1104
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
SHIRLEY M. WORKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD R. WORKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY M. WORKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE RICHARD D. WORKS; RICHARD D. WORKS; DONALD R. WORKS; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 27th day of August, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282012CA1104, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and SHIRLEY M. WORKS, UNKNOWN TENANT, RICHARD D. WORKS and DONALD R. WORKS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 1st day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2 AND 3, BLOCK 3, MARTHA ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 42, 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 28th day of August, 2013.
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
September 4, 11, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000354
CAPITAL CITY BANK, a Florida banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSE R. PEREZ LAJOS, an unmarried man, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure entered in the above styled cause, will sell at public sale the following described property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, to wit:

Lot 11528 and 11529, OF AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 35, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 39, of the public records of Highlands County, Florida.

Said sale shall be made to the highest and best bidder for cash pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause and will be held in the Jury Assembly Room of the HIGHLANDS County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, on the 24th day of September, 2013, commencing at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

All interested parties shall be governed accordingly by this Notice.
DATED this 21st day of August, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-300
IN RE: ESTATE OF JON BRUCE WHITELAW 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 Jon Bruce Whitelaw, deceased, File Number PC 13-300, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was March 28, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$4,500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name and Address
Thomas John Whitelaw
3823 Vista Blanca
San Clemente, CA 92672

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 September 4, 2013.
Person Giving Notice:
Thomas John Whitelaw
3823 Vista Blanca
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BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
Attorneys for Person Giving Notice:
325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 382-3154
By: /s/ Thomas L. Nunnallee
THOMAS L. NUNNALLEE
Florida Bar No. 0062162
E-Mail Address: service@bnpalaw.com
September 4, 11, 2012

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 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

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The Town Clerk must have the
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develop within a responsible
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* Certification as Municipal Clerk or
Municipal Clerk experience is preferred
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* Must have background favorable to a
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* Must be a Florida Notary Public
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* Supervises and manages the Town's
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* Publishes legal notices for all public
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* Administers oath of office to
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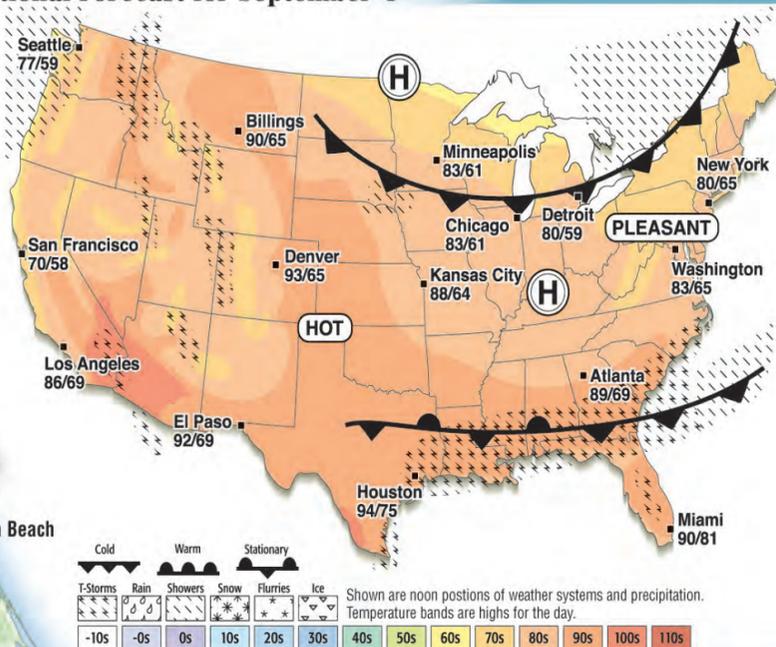
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| An afternoon thunderstorm or two | A couple of t-storms, mainly later | An afternoon thunderstorm or two | An afternoon thunderstorm | An afternoon thunderstorm in spots |
| 92° / 75° | 92° / 74° | 92° / 74° | 90° / 73° | 90° / 72° |
| Winds: E at 3-6 mph | Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph | Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph | Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph | Winds: NE at 4-8 mph |

National Forecast for September 4



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| High Friday | 93° |
| Low Friday | 67° |
| High Saturday | 93° |
| Low Saturday | 69° |
| High Sunday | 92° |
| Low Sunday | 68° |
| High Monday | 93° |
| Low Monday | 66° |

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Relative humidity | 53% |
| Expected air temperature | 92° |
| Makes it feel like | 101° |

Barometer

| | |
|----------|-------|
| Saturday | 29.93 |
| Sunday | 29.94 |
| Monday | 29.92 |

Precipitation

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Saturday | 0.09" |
| Sunday | 0.25" |
| Monday | 1.25" |
| Month to date | 1.50" |
| Year to date | 53.51" |

Regional Summary

Partly sunny, a thunderstorm or two this afternoon. A thunderstorm in spots early this evening. A couple of thunderstorms tomorrow, mainly later. Friday: thunderstorms around in the afternoon.

Tides
Readings at St. Petersburg

| | |
|------|-----------|
| High | 2:30 a.m. |
| Low | 7:48 a.m. |
| High | 2:05 p.m. |
| Low | 8:45 p.m. |

Readings at Palm Beach

| | |
|------|-----------|
| High | 8:32 a.m. |
| Low | 2:08 a.m. |
| High | 8:55 p.m. |
| Low | 2:25 p.m. |

Lake Levels
Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

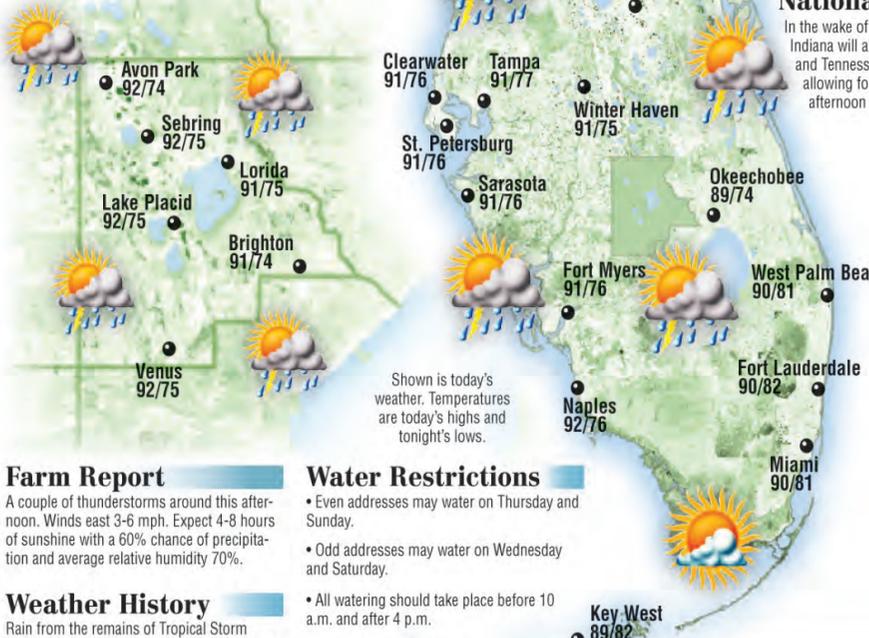
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|-----------------|--------|
| Lake Jackson | 78.36' |
| Lake Okeechobee | 15.56' |
| Normal | 14.51' |

UV Index Today
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

| | |
|---------|---|
| 10 a.m. | 5 |
| Noon | 9 |
| 2 p.m. | 9 |
| 4 p.m. | 5 |

0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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Farm Report

A couple of thunderstorms around this afternoon. Winds east 3-6 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

Rain from the remains of Tropical Storm Norma caused disastrous floods in Arizona on Sept. 4, 1970. Rain fell so heavily that some streams rose 5-10 feet per hour.

Sun and Moon

| | Today | Thursday |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sunrise | 7:07 a.m. | 7:08 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:42 p.m. | 7:41 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 6:18 a.m. | 7:12 a.m. |
| Moonset | 7:04 p.m. | 7:41 p.m. |

| | New | First | Full | Last |
|--|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Sept 5 | Sept 12 | Sept 19 | Sept 26 |

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

| City | Today | Thu. | Fri. | City | Today | Thu. | Fri. |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cape Coral | 91/76/t | 91/75/pc | 92/75/t | Miami | 90/81/pc | 91/79/pc | 91/79/pc |
| Clearwater | 91/76/t | 91/77/pc | 91/77/t | Okeechobee | 89/74/t | 89/74/t | 89/73/t |
| Coral Springs | 90/80/pc | 91/78/pc | 91/77/pc | Orlando | 91/74/t | 93/75/t | 93/74/t |
| Daytona Beach | 91/75/t | 92/75/pc | 91/74/pc | Pembroke Pines | 91/80/pc | 91/78/pc | 91/78/pc |
| Ft. Laud. Bch | 90/82/pc | 90/80/pc | 89/80/pc | St. Augustine | 89/73/t | 91/77/pc | 89/74/pc |
| Fort Myers | 91/76/t | 91/75/pc | 92/74/t | St. Petersburg | 91/76/t | 91/77/pc | 92/76/t |
| Gainesville | 92/71/pc | 92/72/t | 89/71/t | Sarasota | 91/76/pc | 92/76/pc | 91/74/t |
| Hollywood | 90/79/pc | 91/78/pc | 91/77/pc | Tallahassee | 92/72/pc | 93/73/t | 94/72/t |
| Homestead AFB | 89/79/pc | 89/78/pc | 90/77/t | Tampa | 91/77/t | 91/77/pc | 91/76/t |
| Jacksonville | 92/72/pc | 93/73/pc | 88/72/t | W. Palm Bch | 90/81/t | 90/79/pc | 90/79/pc |
| Key West | 89/82/pc | 89/82/pc | 89/81/t | Winter Haven | 91/75/t | 93/75/t | 92/74/t |

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

National Summary

In the wake of a cold front that continues to move through the East today, high pressure will be in place. A high over Indiana will allow for lower humidity and pleasant temperatures from the Northeast all the way through the Ohio and Tennessee valleys to the Southeast and central Plains. Along the Gulf Coast, the front will still linger tomorrow, allowing for a couple spotty showers and thunderstorms. With monsoonal moisture streaming up from Mexico, afternoon storms will again develop across the mountains of the West.

U.S. Cities

| City | Today | Thu. | Fri. | City | Today | Thu. | Fri. |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 90/65/s | 89/66/pc | 86/64/s | Los Angeles | 86/69/s | 89/67/s | 89/66/s |
| Atlanta | 89/69/s | 89/68/pc | 87/69/pc | Louisville | 83/62/s | 87/64/s | 84/60/s |
| Baltimore | 83/60/s | 85/57/s | 78/58/s | Memphis | 89/67/s | 91/70/s | 92/71/s |
| Birmingham | 90/66/s | 90/67/pc | 90/67/s | Milwaukee | 80/61/s | 70/56/s | 69/51/s |
| Boston | 80/63/s | 71/53/pc | 70/56/pc | Minneapolis | 83/61/pc | 82/68/pc | 90/72/pc |
| Charlotte | 87/66/s | 89/64/pc | 83/63/pc | Nashville | 86/60/s | 88/64/s | 88/63/s |
| Cheyenne | 88/59/s | 89/63/pc | 89/61/pc | New Orleans | 90/75/t | 90/75/t | 90/73/t |
| Chicago | 83/61/s | 76/60/s | 83/63/s | New York City | 80/65/s | 79/57/pc | 75/58/s |
| Cleveland | 76/61/s | 69/49/s | 75/55/s | Norfolk | 80/67/pc | 85/69/s | 78/60/pc |
| Columbus | 82/60/s | 78/53/s | 78/55/s | Oklahoma City | 94/68/s | 95/68/s | 94/68/s |
| Dallas | 98/77/s | 98/73/s | 97/73/s | Philadelphia | 81/65/s | 82/56/pc | 76/57/s |
| Denver | 93/65/s | 95/66/pc | 93/64/pc | Phoenix | 107/88/s | 108/88/s | 107/83/s |
| Detroit | 80/59/s | 72/52/s | 76/60/s | Pittsburgh | 79/57/s | 75/50/s | 77/55/s |
| Harrisburg | 82/57/s | 79/47/pc | 75/48/s | Portland, ME | 78/58/s | 69/46/pc | 69/51/pc |
| Honolulu | 89/71/sh | 89/71/s | 89/73/s | Portland, OR | 80/61/c | 73/57/t | 73/56/c |
| Houston | 94/75/pc | 94/76/t | 95/75/t | Raleigh | 86/66/s | 87/63/pc | 84/60/pc |
| Indianapolis | 82/61/s | 82/57/s | 82/61/s | Rochester | 78/56/s | 66/45/pc | 72/55/pc |
| Jackson, MS | 94/68/s | 93/67/pc | 93/67/s | St. Louis | 87/63/s | 89/66/s | 90/70/s |
| Kansas City | 88/64/s | 88/65/pc | 91/67/s | San Francisco | 70/58/pc | 72/56/pc | 79/56/pc |
| Lexington | 82/58/s | 84/58/s | 82/56/s | Seattle | 77/59/c | 69/56/t | 66/55/sh |
| Little Rock | 90/65/s | 91/64/s | 90/65/s | Wash., DC | 83/65/s | 86/60/s | 78/58/s |

World Cities

| City | Today | Thu. | Fri. | City | Today | Thu. | Fri. |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco | 90/75/t | 89/77/t | 91/78/t | London | 79/59/s | 81/61/s | 68/57/r |
| Athens | 86/70/s | 86/66/s | 86/68/s | Montreal | 72/48/sh | 63/45/pc | 68/59/pc |
| Beirut | 86/73/s | 85/76/s | 87/73/s | Moscow | 58/43/sh | 53/45/r | 56/52/r |
| Berlin | 73/55/sh | 77/57/s | 79/57/s | Nice | 81/68/s | 81/69/s | 79/69/pc |
| Bermuda | 84/78/t | 84/77/sh | 84/77/pc | Ottawa | 69/46/pc | 63/44/pc | 72/57/pc |
| Calgary | 83/53/pc | 81/52/pc | 68/49/t | Quebec | 66/43/pc | 59/37/pc | 63/50/pc |
| Dublin | 69/51/pc | 61/42/pc | 58/48/s | Rio de Janeiro | 74/67/sh | 72/67/c | 76/67/pc |
| Edmonton | 83/50/pc | 80/52/s | 69/51/r | Seoul | 82/63/s | 82/64/pc | 81/61/c |
| Freemont | 89/79/pc | 88/79/pc | 88/79/pc | Singapore | 87/76/r | 86/76/r | 85/76/c |
| Geneva | 82/54/s | 82/58/s | 79/55/t | Sydney | 76/48/s | 82/55/s | 81/57/pc |
| Havana | 90/72/pc | 90/73/t | 89/73/t | Toronto | 77/56/pc | 66/52/pc | 74/60/pc |
| Hong Kong | 82/79/r | 86/80/r | 88/80/r | Vancouver | 71/57/sh | 70/60/t | 66/55/r |
| Jerusalem | 81/65/s | 81/64/s | 86/64/s | Vienna | 75/58/pc | 77/57/pc | 77/59/s |
| Johannesburg | 74/45/s | 72/48/s | 74/47/s | Warsaw | 68/52/pc | 68/50/pc | 70/45/s |
| Kiev | 59/50/r | 63/48/c | 55/50/r | Winnipeg | 70/48/pc | 80/61/pc | 86/59/s |

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Sept 17th
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Front row, from left, Kinsley White, second place 8-year-old female; Kassidy Caputo; Mika Lonsdale, third place 6-year-old male; Zander Durastanti; Cale DeLaney, sixth place 6-year-old male. Back row, from left: Trevor Doty; Bud Cox, fifth place 8-year-old male; Chance Smoak; Zack Durastanti; Chase Doty.

TriPower tough at IronKids

By DAN HOEHNE
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Ten members of the local TriPower team made their way to the HyVee IronKids Championship in Des Moines, IA over the weekend and came away with strong results among a massive field of triathlon competitors.

Kassidy Caputo, Zander Durastanti, Trevor Doty, Chance Smoak, Zack

Durastanti and Chase Doty all powered through the course in their races in fine fashion, while four others shone through with medal-winning finishes.

Cale Delaney, racing in the 6-year old boys division, came in with a time of 16:30 to finish in sixth place, while Mika Lonsdale of Lake Placid finished in

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MCT photo

Tim Tebow may have seen the last of his NFL career.

Hard to imagine another chance for Tebow

There was never any real reason to dislike Tim Tebow, who never pretended to be anything he wasn't.

Blame him for the Tebowing craze, if you will, but even that was worth a few laughs in a league that doesn't always embrace fun.

Unfortunately, there wasn't much reason to like him as an NFL quarterback, either.

Three teams tried their best to make use of his unique talents, but even Bill Belichick couldn't find a way to turn him into a competent NFL quarterback.

It's hard to imagine anyone else trying, which means ESPN is going to have to find other programming to fill the hours that were spent endlessly debating Tebow's every move.

Maybe they can give him a show of his own for the profits he helped the network make over the past few years.

If it's over for Tebow, well, maybe it's for the best.

Allows him to get on with his life, and allows us to avoid being bombarded with news and opinions on a quarterback who was never going to be more than a bit player in the league at best.

The NFL is a cold and unforgiving place.

There's no room for sentimentality, no place for a quarterback who can't throw.

Players are tossed onto the scrap heap with little regard to what they've done before or how well they're liked.

A lot of people were rooting for some kind of miracle transformation in New England, given Belichick's track record with reclamation



TIM DAHLBERG

Associated Press

projects.

Surely, they thought, he would find some way to improve Tebow's ungainly mechanics enough to win a spot as Tom Brady's backup.

But even with owner Bob Kraft coming out earlier in the week to say he was rooting for Tebow to make the team wasn't enough.

Neither was Tebow's best outing of the preseason on Thursday, when he completed 6 of 11 passes for 91 yards against the New York Giants.

History will tell us that Tebowmania peaked on a cold Sunday in Denver, when Tebow threw an 80-yard touchdown pass on the first snap of overtime on Jan. 8, 2012, and the Broncos upset the Pittsburgh Steelers 29-23 in the opening round of the playoffs.

Tebowing was suddenly the rage, and Tebow finally had some believers in his quest to become a starting quarterback in a league where passing is everything.

"He showed he's a quarterback in the NFL," Broncos running back Willis McGahee said afterward. "Case closed."

Not so fast.

The next week Tom Brady

See TELOW, Page B5

Lady Streaks solid at South Fork

By DAN HOEHNE
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Before getting too used to the general routine of Tuesday and Thursday nights that make up the high school volleyball season, the Lady Blue Streaks traveled to Stuart Saturday for the ever-competitive South Fork Tournament.

And while the 1-2 record on the day was something at least one player wasn't really up to discuss – "let's not and say we did" – it is so because Sebring's early-season success has them aiming higher and expecting more.

And yet a look at the results shows the Streaks had nothing at all to hang their collective heads about.

Their opening, two-set loss to host South Fork saw a pair of 25-20 scores, showing a pretty even match against the 5-1, District 13-6A-leading Lady Bulldogs.

South Fork's only loss on their season thus far came against powerful Cocoa Beach in an earlier match on the day, which turned out to be Sebring's next opponent.

And, in fact, while it was another two-set loss, the Lady Streaks made it even closer against the undefeated Minutemen with 25-22 and 25-21 scores.

Sebring would then break through and close their day out with a win against the Wildcats of Melbourne's West Shore High School.

After a 28-26, opening-set win for the Streaks, the Lady Wildcats evened it up



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files

Hannah Gotsch and the Lady Blue Streaks took on a tough field at the South Fork Tournament in Stuart Saturday.

with a 25-20 win.

But Sebring finished things off in the tie-breaker with a 15-11 win to end their day on a high note.

Now 3-2 since the regular season got underway, the Lady Streaks get into the new District 11-5A schedule Thursday night on

the road at DeSoto before returning home Tuesday, Sept. 10, to face the Hardee Wildcats.

Nyad 1st to swim to Florida from Cuba without cage

By JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press

KEY WEST — Looking dazed and sunburned, U.S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad waded ashore Monday and became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the help of a shark cage.

The 64-year-old Nyad swam up to the beach just before 2 p.m. EDT, about 53 hours after starting her journey from Havana on Saturday.

As she approached, spectators waded into waist-high water and surrounded her, taking pictures and cheering her on.

"I have three messages. One is, we should never, ever give up. Two is, you're never too old to chase your dream. Three is, it looks like a solitary sport, but it is a team," she said on the beach.

"I have to say, I'm a little

bit out of it right now," Nyad said. She gestured toward her swollen lips, and simply said "seawater."

Her team said she had been slurring her words while out in the water.

She was placed on a stretcher on the beach and received an IV before she was taken by ambulance to a hospital.

But her doctor later declared her essentially healthy and expected her to recover quickly from dehydration, swelling and sunburn.

"I just wanted to get out of the sun," she said after coming ashore on a scorching, sunny day amid calm seas.

It was Nyad's fifth attempt and what she had said would be her last try to complete the approximately 110-mile swim.

She tried three times in

2011 and 2012.

Her first attempt was in 1978.

"It's historic, marvelous," said Jose Miguel Diaz Escrich, the Hemingway Marina commodore who helped organize the Cuba side of Nyad's multiple attempts.

"I always thought she could do it given her internal energy, her mental and physical strength, her will of iron," said Diaz Escrich, whom Nyad has called a longtime friend.

"More than the athletic feat, she wants to send a message of peace, love, friendship and happiness ... between the people of the United States and Cuba," he added.

President Barack Obama was among a flurry of public officials and celebrities who tweeted congratulations.

The president's tweet



MCT photo

Diana Nyad swims the last few strokes into Smathers Beach to complete her historic crossing from Havana, Cuba, to Key West, Florida, Monday, Sept. 2.

read: "Never give up on your dreams."

Others who tweeted included Ryan Seacrest, who wrote "We should never ever

give up ... you never are too old to chase your dreams."

Nyad later told broadcast outlet CNN her swim wasn't easy but she was determined

with each stroke forward to "push Cuba back, and push Florida towards" her.

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| Boston | 82 | 57 | .590 | — |
| Tampa Bay | 75 | 61 | .551 | 5.5 |
| Baltimore | 73 | 63 | .537 | 7.5 |
| New York | 73 | 64 | .533 | 8 |
| Toronto | 63 | 75 | .457 | 18.5 |

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| Detroit | 81 | 57 | .587 | — |
| Cleveland | 72 | 65 | .526 | 8.5 |
| Kansas City | 71 | 66 | .518 | 9.5 |
| Minnesota | 60 | 76 | .441 | 20 |
| Chicago | 56 | 80 | .412 | 24 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|
| Oakland | 79 | 58 | .577 | — |
| Texas | 79 | 58 | .577 | — |
| Los Angeles | 64 | 72 | .471 | 14.5 |
| Seattle | 62 | 75 | .453 | 17 |
| Houston | 45 | 92 | .328 | 34 |

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 9, Chicago White Sox 1
 Detroit 3, Boston 0
 Minnesota 10, Houston 6
 Kansas City 3, Seattle 1
 Baltimore 7, Cleveland 2
 Oakland 4, Texas 2
 Toronto 4, Arizona 1
 L.A. Angels 11, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota (Hendriks 1-2) at Houston (Lyles 6-7), 2:10 p.m.
 Texas (Darvish 12-6) at Oakland (J.Parker 10-6), 3:35 p.m.
 Toronto (Buehrle 11-7) at Arizona (Delgado 4-5), 3:40 p.m.
 Baltimore (Mig.Gonzalez 8-7) at Cleveland (McAllister 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 4-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Porcello 11-7) at Boston (Dempsler 7-9), 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle (T.Walker 1-0) at Kansas City (E.Santana 8-8), 8:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Hellickson 10-8) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 9-7), 10:05 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

| | AB | R | H | BA |
|----------------|-----|----|-----|------|
| Cabrera, DET | 483 | 95 | 173 | .358 |
| Trout, LAA | 507 | 95 | 170 | .335 |
| A. Beltre, TEX | 532 | 79 | 174 | .327 |

HOME RUNS

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Davis, BAL | 47 |
| Cabrera, DET | 43 |
| Encarnacion, TOR | 35 |

RUNS BATTED IN

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Cabrera, DET | 130 |
| Davis, BAL | 122 |
| Encarnacion, TOR | 101 |

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Cabrera, DET | .449 |
| Trout, LAA | .432 |
| Mauer, MIN | .404 |

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Cabrera, DET | .681 |
| Davis, BAL | .663 |
| Trout, LAA | .576 |

WON-LOST

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Scherzer, DET | 19-1 |
| Tillman, BAL | 15-4 |
| Moore, TB | 14-3 |

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Sanchez, DET | 2.68 |
| Darvish, TEX | 2.73 |
| Kuroda, NYY | 2.89 |

STRIKEOUTS

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Darvish, TEX | 236 |
| Scherzer, DET | 201 |
| Hernandez, SEA | 200 |

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|
| Atlanta | 84 | 53 | .613 | — |
| Washington | 69 | 68 | .504 | 15 |
| Philadelphia | 63 | 75 | .457 | 21.5 |
| New York | 62 | 74 | .456 | 21.5 |
| Miami | 51 | 85 | .375 | 32.5 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Pittsburgh | 80 | 57 | .584 | — |
| St. Louis | 79 | 58 | .577 | 1 |
| Cincinnati | 77 | 61 | .558 | 3.5 |
| Milwaukee | 59 | 78 | .431 | 21 |
| Chicago | 58 | 79 | .423 | 22 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|------|
| Los Angeles | 82 | 55 | .599 | — |
| Arizona | 69 | 67 | .507 | 12.5 |
| Colorado | 65 | 74 | .468 | 18 |
| San Diego | 61 | 76 | .445 | 21 |
| San Francisco | 61 | 76 | .445 | 21 |

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 2
 L.A. Angels 5, Milwaukee 3
 Chicago Cubs 7, Philadelphia 1
 Colorado 7, Cincinnati 4
 L.A. Dodgers 2, San Diego 1
 San Francisco 8, Arizona 2
 Miami 7, Atlanta 0
 Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 5

Monday's Games

Atlanta 13, N.Y. Mets 5
 Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 2
 Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 2
 Miami 4, Chicago Cubs 3
 San Diego 4, San Francisco 1
 L.A. Dodgers 10, Colorado 8
 Toronto 4, Arizona 1
 Philadelphia 3, Washington 2

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets (Gee 10-9) at Atlanta (Loe 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
 Miami (Flynn 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11), 2:20 p.m.
 Toronto (Buehrle 11-7) at Arizona (Delgado 4-5), 3:40 p.m.
 San Francisco (Linccum 8-13) at San Diego (Stults 8-12), 6:40 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

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THURSDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Omega European Masters . . . **GOLF**
1 p.m. EuroPGA – Omega European Masters . . . **GOLF**
4 p.m. PGA – Chiquita Classic **GOLF**

MLB

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Detroit at Boston **ESPN**
10 p.m. Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels **SUN/ESPN**
THURSDAY
10 p.m. Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels **SUN**

NFL

THURSDAY

8:30 p.m. Baltimore at Denver **NBC**

TENNIS

WEDNESDAY

Noon U.S. Open, Quarterfinals. **ESPN2**
7 p.m. U.S. Open, Quarterfinals. **ESPN2**

THURSDAY

Noon U.S. Open, Mixed Doubles Final. **ESPN2**
8 p.m. U.S. Open, Men's Quarterfinal **ESPN**
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Washington (Zimmermann 15-8) at Philadelphia (Halladay 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (S.Miller 12-9) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 13-10), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Liriano 15-6) at Milwaukee (W.Peraita 8-14), 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Volquez 9-10) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 15-6), 8:40 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

| | AB | R | H | BA |
|-----------------|-----|----|-----|------|
| C. Johnson, ATL | 431 | 47 | 144 | .334 |
| Cuddeyer, COL | 420 | 67 | 138 | .329 |
| Molina, STL | 422 | 56 | 138 | .327 |

HOME RUNS

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Alvarez, PIT | 32 |
| Goldschmidt, ARI | 31 |
| Brown, PHL | 27 |

RUNS BATTED IN

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Goldschmidt, ARI | 104 |
| Phillips, CIN | 99 |
| Craig, STL | 97 |

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Votto, CIN | .430 |
| Choo, CIN | .415 |
| Goldschmidt, ARI | .399 |

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Gonzalez, COL | .591 |
| Goldschmidt, ARI | .540 |
| Cuddeyer, COL | .538 |

WON-LOST

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Liriano, PIT | 15-6 |
| De La Rosa, COL | 15-6 |
| Zimmermann, WAS | 15-8 |

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Kershaw, LAD | 1.89 |
| Harvey, NYM | 2.27 |
| Fernandez, MIA | 2.33 |

STRIKEOUTS

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Kershaw, LAD | 201 |
| Harvey, NYM | 191 |
| Wainwright, STL | 187 |

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Buffalo | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Miami | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| New England | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| N.Y. Jets | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

South

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Houston | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Indianapolis | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Jacksonville | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

North

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Baltimore | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

West

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Denver | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Kansas City | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Oakland | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| San Diego | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Dallas | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| N.Y. Giants | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

South

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Atlanta | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Carolina | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| New Orleans | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

North

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-----------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Chicago | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Detroit | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Bay | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Minnesota | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

West

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|----|----|
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Seattle | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |

Thursday's Game

Baltimore at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 Kansas City at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Oakland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 Arizona at St. Louis, 4:25 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7:10 p.m.
 Houston at San Diego, 10:20 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| z-Chicago | 21 | 8 | .724 | — |
| Atlanta | 15 | 13 | .536 | 5.5 |
| Washington | 14 | 15 | .483 | 7 |
| Indiana | 13 | 15 | .464 | 7.5 |
| New York | | | | |

NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



AP/JOHN BAZEMORE

That daylight between Gordon and Edwards soon disappeared.

It really was labor, wasn't it?

Labor Day Weekend is meant to be a labor of love for one and all, but good grief ... Jeff Gordon and Carl Edwards are mad at each other. Chase Elliott and Ty Dillon (and Richard Childress) were mad after the truck race, Brad Keselowski's Cup defense is on life support, and Jimmie Johnson has slipped the rail.

Will things get better soon?

This week at Richmond is when dreams officially die. Entire campaigns (competitive and marketing) are blown out of the water when teams miss the Chase. So, you tell me how much fun it'll be.

Is Kyle Larson ready for the big jump?

There are those who like to sound wise and seasoned by suggesting Larson needs more time in the Nationwide Series before going full time in NASCAR's biggest league. Larson may or may not hit the ground running next year, but if he doesn't, it's not because he needs another year in Triple-A ball. Jimmie Johnson and Tony Stewart are two guys who didn't light it up in the old Busch Series, yet seemed to adjust pretty well, in case you didn't notice.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



BUSCH STEWART

Kurt Busch vs. Tony Stewart: Busch was hired to drive for Stewart-Haas Racing without Stewart's consent and the three-time NASCAR champion was not happy by the turn of events.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "If this is not handled like a fragile egg shell, the Stewart-Haas shop will have that distinct omelet smell about it."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Federated Auto Parts 400
SITE: Richmond, Va.
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (ESPN2, noon, 2:30 p.m.), qualifying (ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.). Saturday, race (ABC, coverage begins at 7 p.m.; green flag at 7:46 p.m.)
TRACK: Richmond International Raceway (0.75-mile oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 400 laps, 300 miles

NATIONWIDE: Virginia 529 College Savings 250
SITE: Richmond, Va.
SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (ESPN2, 4 p.m.) race (ESPN, 7:30 p.m.)
TRACK: Richmond International Raceway (0.75-mile oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 250 laps, 187.5 miles

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

The Haas hire

Super Team or super stupid? That is the question. Gene Haas, the founder of Stewart-Haas Racing, flexed his alpha-dog muscles last week and hired Kurt Busch to drive a fourth NASCAR Sprint Cup Series car in 2014.

The team's co-owner, Tony Stewart, who willed this team into a winner, was not told in advance of Haas' hire and at first was angered by the unilateral move. Apparently, all is well after Haas explained himself to Stewart, who is sidelined from driving duty with a broken leg.

One gets the sense that Haas, who has poured millions of dollars into this operation, wanted to have his identity emerge from the team, where the perception is Stewart calls all the shots.

Hiring Busch sure feels like a not-so-fast-Tony moment in the Stewart-Haas timeline. But the questions remain about what this will do to the entire operation.

Stewart has everything neatly lined up for 2014. He cut Ryan Newman from next year's roster to make way

for Kevin Harvick and the Budweiser sponsorship money. Danica Patrick has GoDaddy onboard for several more seasons, and Stewart has a variety of cash backers for his No. 14 Chevy.

Now the team is scrambling to make room for Busch, which could have negative implications if not handled with kid gloves. Busch's primary sponsor will be Haas Automation.

"It all happened pretty quick as everybody knows," Patrick said.

Stewart, Harvick and Busch represent three ultra-uber racing personalities, and, if they don't mix it could be problematic.

Racing isn't just about a driver going fast. It's about how people work together as a team; how driver, crew chief and owner communicate. It's about team chemistry.

Will Busch be the spark for the Bunsen burner, or will this cause an explosion in the laboratory? Only time will tell.

KID GETS THE CALL

Kyle Larson's most famous racing moment was during the Daytona Nationwide Series race at Daytona in

February when his stock car turned dart and went straight into a catch-fence crossover gate, injuring dozens of race fans. Fast-forward to last week and Larson, 21, was announced as the guy taking the wheel of the Cup Series No. 42 Earnhardt Ganassi Racing Chevy from Juan Pablo Montoya. "Kyle was our first choice," car owner Chip Ganassi said. "We did not offer any deals to any other drivers. We talked to other drivers. We're thrilled to have Kyle. Nothing he has done makes us feel he cannot move to the Sprint Cup Series."

LAME DUCKS

There was a rumor floating around that ESPN and TNT were shopping their 2014 NASCAR television contracts to NBC and Fox. NBC and Fox will be NASCAR's only broadcasters in 2015. ESPN has been through this painful, lame-duck experience before and it's no fun for anyone — well, except NBC. NASCAR quickly shot the speculation down and said all 2014 contracts will remain in place.

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



Daytona Beach News-Journal/JIM TILLER

This wasn't one of Kyle Larson's better headline grabbers.

Kyle Larson: Hit or miss for Chip Ganassi Racing?

GODSPEAK: Too young and too soon. Ganassi will lament his decision to release Juan Pablo Montoya. Larson may grow into the position one day.

KEN'S CALL: Mark it down — he's a future star.

Any chance Kurt Busch blends in well at Stewart-Haas?

GODSPEAK: Busch is a diamond-level Cup Series driver, but throw that diamond into a blender and something is gonna break.

KEN'S CALL: Sure, no problem. Forced marriages always work out, right?

ONLINE EXTRAS

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SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

- Jimmie Johnson 837
- Clint Bowyer -28
- Kevin Harvick -42
- Carl Edwards -42
- Kyle Busch -51
- Matt Kenseth -69
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. -87
- Joey Logano -108
- Greg Biffle -110
- Kurt Busch -118
- Jeff Gordon -124
- Kasey Kahne -128
- Martin Truex Jr. -133
- Ryan Newman -138
- Brad Keselowski -146
- Jamie McMurray -157
- Paul Menard -179
- Aric Almirola -197
- Juan Pablo Montoya -209
- Marcos Ambrose -216
- Ricky Stenhouse Jr. -227
- Jeff Burton -235
- Tony Stewart -243
- Casey Mears -311
- David Ragan -363
- Denny Hamlin -375
- Danica Patrick -378
- David Gilliland -396
- Mark Martin -415
- Dave Blaney -454
- David Stremme -481
- Bobby Labonte -494
- David Reutimann -496
- Travis Kvapil -501
- JJ Yeley -505



AP/CHUCK BURTON

Forget what you see, we doubt it was a simple handshake deal.

GODWIN'S RICHMOND PICKS



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Winner: Brad Keselowski
Rest of the top five: Denny Hamlin, Jeff Gordon, Kyle Busch, Clint Bowyer
Dark horse: AJ Allmendinger
First one out: Michael McDowell

Disappointment: Jimmie Johnson
Don't be surprised if: It's now or never for Keselowski, the defending Cup Series champion. A win gets the "Kez" in.



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| KYLE BUSCH Best choice to uproot Jimmie here | JOEY LOGANO One great run after another | JIMMIE JOHNSON Wow. Which racing god did he anger? | CLINT BOWYER The quietest Chaser | KURT BUSCH Respected here, but Chase berth elusive | KEVIN HARVICK Probably no fan of Gene Haas | CARL EDWARDS Finishes 5th at Richmond | MATT KENSETH Consistency takes a back seat | KASEY KAHNE Hey, look, it's this week's Richmond winner | JUNIOR EARNHARDT Will the Chase light a fire? Doubtful |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

ATLANTA REWIND

Playing hurt is part of the game for drivers

Three NASCAR Sprint Cup Series drivers were injured in the last few weeks. Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. suffered injuries to their right wrists after crashing at Bristol. Bobby Labonte broke three ribs after a bicycle accident near his home. Playing hurt is part of the game in NASCAR. This is Hamlin's second injury in 2013. He fractured his lower back in the spring and sat out four races during recovery.

Hamlin speaking to SiriusXM NASCAR Radio: "Oddly enough I have the same injury as Martin. I've got a splint on my right hand, right on my right thumb right there where he broke his bone. Mine's all black and blue. I guess we had the same thing happen. His was obviously worse. I couldn't get my finger out of the wheel quick enough before it spun, and obviously kinda it took some ligaments with it. So I feel his pain, and it's going to be tough. I tested on Monday and Tuesday at Chicago and I couldn't

put my thumb on the wheel so that's something that he's gonna have to fight over these next six or seven weeks or so while it is healing. It gets better. It'll get better. I've had this injury before. It's not that big of a deal but it really can affect how you grip the steering wheel."

Truex in a press release: "It's unfortunate that it happened at this point in the season given our position in the standings. Our goals don't change. We are going to Atlanta to win. It will be

a challenge but I think we're up to it. I know I am."

Team owner Tad Geschickter on Labonte: "Bobby is pretty banged up right now. So I guess as a football head coach says, 'It may be a game-time decision.' Bobby still has a burning passion to drive the race car and see his contract through the end, but having said that we obviously don't want to him to risk further injury or push the issue, so more to come."



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Swim to Florida completed in Nyad's fifth try

Continued from B1

"With all that experience I have, especially in this ocean, I never knew I would suffer the way I did," she told CNN. "For 49 hours the wind just blew like heck, and it was rough."

Nyad's previous try was cut short amid boat trouble, storms, unfavorable currents and jellyfish stings that left her face puffy and swollen.

This time, she wore a full bodysuit, gloves, booties and a mask at night, when jellyfish rise to the surface.

The new silicone mask caused bruises inside her mouth, making it difficult for her to speak, she told her team as she neared land.

Doctors traveling with

Nyad had been worried about her slurred speech and her breathing, but didn't intervene, according to Nyad's website.

"She was incredible to watch the whole way through," said one of her doctors, Derek Covington, speaking with The Associated Press afterward.

Covington said Nyad was given IV fluids on her arrival to combat dehydration and was resting and being checked out at a medical center as a precaution.

Although she had some swelling of the lips, tongue and the airway near the mouth, Nyad wouldn't need a long recovery, the doctor said, calling her stable and "very healthy."

Meanwhile, her website declared her team was in a mood to celebrate, with the words "Party Time."

Nyad jumped from the seawall of the Hemingway Marina into the warm waters

'I never knew I would suffer the way I did.'

DIANA NYAD

off Havana Saturday morning to begin swimming.

She paused occasionally for nourishment, but never left the water.

The support team accompanying her had equipment that generated a faint electrical field around her,

designed to keep sharks at bay.

A boat also dragged a line in the water to help keep her on course.

Sumaya Haddin, of Miami, had been tracking Nyad's swim before her family's weekend trip to Key West.

She was surprised to see Nyad's flotilla from a parasail off Smather's Beach on Monday morning, thinking she wouldn't arrive for another day.

"You couldn't see her, you could just see the boats. It was very exciting," she said.

Haddin said Nyad still had her fighting spirit when she arrived: "Getting into the ambulance, she had her peace sign up, her fist up.

She was still fired up."

Australian Susie Maroney successfully swam the Strait in 1997 with a shark cage, which besides protection from the predators, has a drafting effect that pulls a swimmer along.

In 2012, Australian Penny Palfrey swam 79 miles toward Florida without a cage before strong currents forced her to stop.

This June, her countrywoman Chloe McCardel made it 11 hours and 14 miles before jellyfish stings ended her bid.

In 1978, Walter Poenisch, an Ohio baker, claimed to have made the swim using flippers and a snorkel.

Critics say there was insufficient independent doc-

umentation to verify his claim.

Nyad first garnered national attention in 1975 when she swam the 28 miles around the island of Manhattan in just under eight hours.

In 1979 she swam the 102 miles from North Bimini, Bahamas, to Juno Beach, Fla., in 27.5 hours.

Nyad is also an author of three books, a motivational speaker and has been a reporter and commentator for NPR.

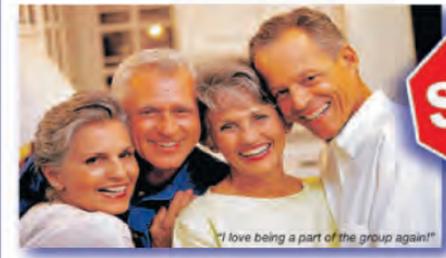
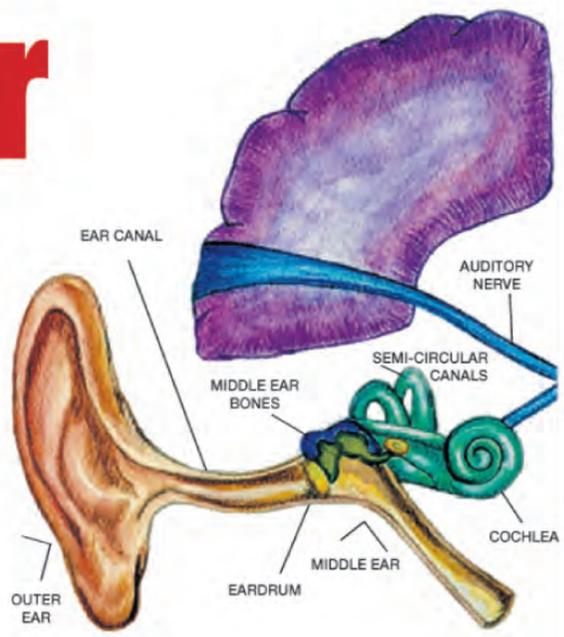
Associated Press writer Anne-Marie Garcia in Havana contributed to this report. Online: www.diananyad.com



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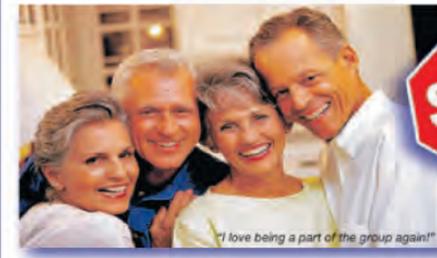
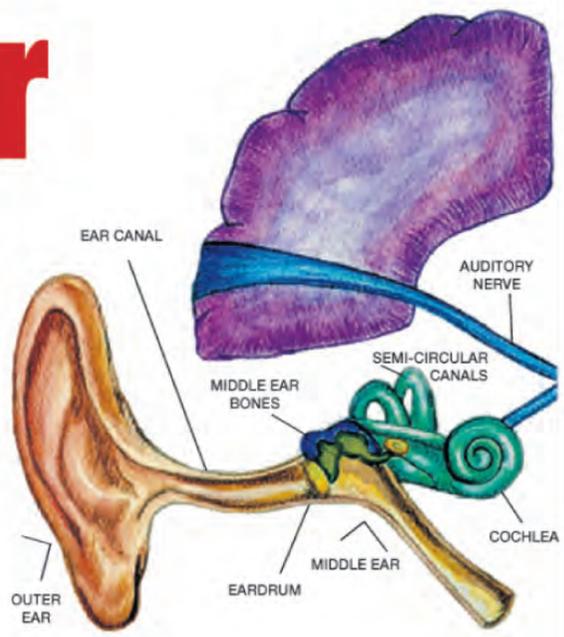
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Tebow has other options

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threw six touchdown passes and Tebow and the Broncos were completely outmatched by the Patriots in a 45-10 loss that ended their brief playoff run.

Tebow was nothing short of awful, completing just nine passes and getting sacked five times.

John Elway couldn't get Tebow out of town fast enough, and for some reason the Jets couldn't wait to get him.

But even with Mark Sanchez self-destructing under center, Rex Ryan wasn't going to give Tebow any playing time.

That the Patriots picked him up wasn't a total shock considering Belichick believes he can make a better football player out of anyone.

That he didn't even make it to the regular season with the Pats, though, was the final indication that Tebow just doesn't have the skills to play in the league.

Tebow has nothing to be ashamed of.

He did everything he could to be a quarterback in the NFL, but it's a position that requires a certain skill set.

Tebow didn't have the accuracy in his arm, and quarterbacks who run aren't valued in the NFL unless they can throw, too.

What worked in college at Florida — where he won two national championships and a Heisman — didn't work in the NFL.

Great guy, great effort, but a bad fit from the moment Denver took him in with the 25th pick of the 2010 draft.

Tebow took the news of his release Saturday in the same stoic way he has taken all his disappointments in the NFL.

He remained unbending, at least on Twitter, where he vowed to find another team willing to take yet another chance.

"I will remain in relentless pursuit of continuing my life-long dream of being an NFL quarterback," he tweeted.

At some point, though,

Tebow has to face reality.

If three different teams and three different coaches couldn't turn him into an NFL quarterback, odds aren't good any other team or coach can either.

It will be time to let go of the dream, and find something else to do in life.

Luckily for Tebow, he already has that something.

He's a missionary intent on spreading the word, and he's a positive speaker who can make NFL quarterback money on the lecture circuit should he choose.

ESPN is so obsessed with

him that he could even be hired as a TV analyst.

The regular season starts this week, and there are teams — Buffalo comes to mind — that could still really use a quarterback.

And desperate teams sometimes do desperate things.

By now, though, even they should have figured out that Tebowmania has run its course.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at tdahlberg@ap.org or <http://twitter.com/timdahlberg>

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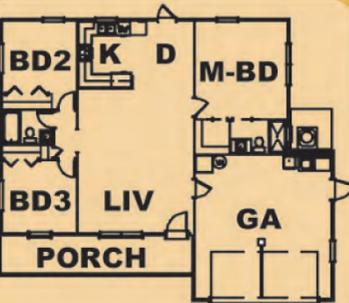
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Kids shine in Iowa

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15:43 to take third in the division.

Eight-year old Bud Cox had a time of 13:01 to take fifth in both the overall Junior and eight-year old male division.

And then there was Kinsley White, in a near-even duel with Jet Francis of Huntersville, NC in the eight-year old girls division.

The two posted identical times in both the swim (:47) and run (3:20).

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Legion Ladies help pediatric patients



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Florida Hospital's Pediatric Unit in Sebring was the proud recipient of more 'Josh the Dog' stuffed animal sets from the American Legion Post 69 Ladies Auxiliary in Avon Park. The women worked diligently raising \$1,460 through dinners, raffle tickets and other fundraisers to bring comfort to Florida Hospital pediatric patients through the 'Josh the Dog' stuffed puppy project featuring the companion book 'I'll Be Okay.' For the second time, the group donated 36 sets hoping to turn a pediatric patient's anxious moments into an exciting, fun-filled adventure creating a positive impact and faster healing times. Pictured are (from left, standing) Florida Hospital Pediatric Nurse Manager Lissa De La Cruz, American Legion District Eight Children & Youth chairman Nancy Galida, American Legion treasurer Terry Gallagher, Florida Hospital Pediatric RN Kimberly Watkins, (seated) American Legion Auxiliary president Judy Chrysanthis and American Legion Executive Committee Beverly Harter.

Co-op artist to be honored with 1st Friday reception

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – Beverly Fyffe joined the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative in 2006. She has four children and 11 grandchildren.

Fyffe comes from Springfield, Ohio where she worked in physical therapy for 37 years. After retirement, she moved to Leisure Lakes and in 1990 a friend talked her into taking up sewing. She loved sewing so much and accumulated so many finished projects that she and her friend would hold craft shows.

Fyffe was first selected as the Crafter of the Month for May 2011. She also served as president for the 2011-2012 year.

Fyffe is so thankful that she found the Caladium Arts as an outlet for her crafts. She has many items in the store. A partial list of her articles is: vests, table runners, aprons, and placemats most of which are reversible, along with pillows and embroidered towels. All of which will be displayed in the special Artist of the Month display area in the showroom. As with all of the members, Fyffe is happy to do custom work as well.

Fyffe will be present at the Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative meet during the Artist of the Month Reception to be held in conjunction with Lake Placid's inaugural 1st Friday, Tour



Courtesy photo

Beverly Fyffe is this month's Caladium Arts & Crafts Cooperative Artist of the Month. She will be honored with a reception during the coming 1st Friday festivity.

Lake Placid, which is an Arts and Culture Event being held downtown from 4-8 p.m. on Friday.

The Caladium Arts & Crafts Co-operative, 132 E. Interlake Blvd., is in "America's Most Interesting Town", Lake Placid. It is an unique establishment allow-

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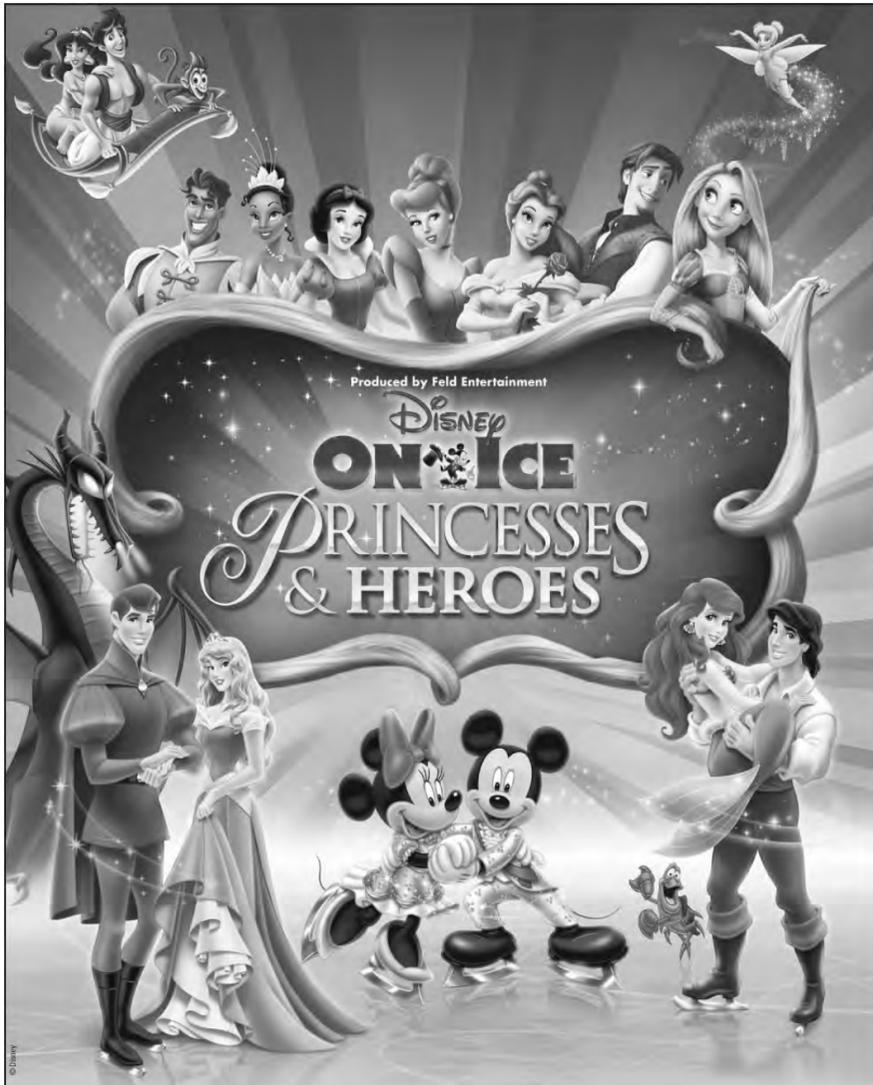
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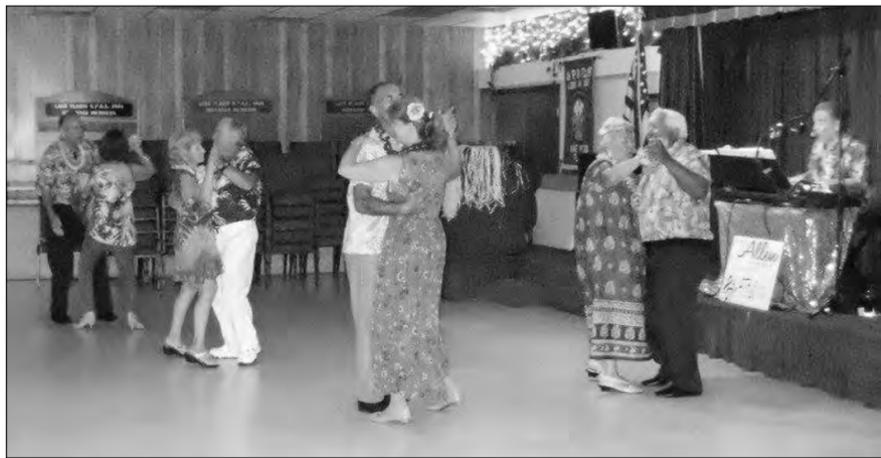
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Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will return to the floor Sept. 21 for a dance at the Elks Hall.

Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers partner with Elks

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers “have turned two!” and will be having an Anniversary Dance Party on Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Elks Hall in Lake Placid from 6:30-9 p.m. As the saying goes, when you turn 2 years old the world suddenly becomes “your world” and you lay claim to it by displaying whatever it was you learned along the way and sharing it with everyone. Starting off in 2011 with free Ballroom Dance lessons, Bill and Shirley Ringo laid the groundwork for the

creation of a dance club in Lake Placid. Meeting at the Placid Lakes Town Hall became a difficult situation because of the number of students, so the group would soon be meeting at the fellowship hall of Eastside Christian Church. Dances were arranged the first year twice a month, and as the summer approached, was narrowed to once a month. Determined to see the year through, the group went into their second year of dances, and as with all good things, circumstances changed and we moved on. And the group did move

on. It is now in partnership with the Elks Lodge, and dances are held monthly, usually (but not always) on the third Saturday of the month. The Ladies of the Elks run their snack bar with the most delightful sandwiches and desserts. This is the way of dancing, a light repast before to get you through the night. With that combination, one is in the right place to have fun, socialize, dance, or just listen to the music. There is a “Terrible Two’s Combo” who will probably bring the house down at intermission on Sept. 21.

Elks make road trip to see Rays



Courtesy photo

Sebring Elks 1529 had a road trip to St. Petersburg to watch the Rays defeat the Toronto Blue Jays. Forty-seven Elks and guests road a bus on Aug. 18. Pictured are Grace Brauer surrounded by her parents, Suzanne and Bill.

Elk of the Month



Courtesy photo

Sebring Elks 1529 announces Frank Pytloway as September Elk of the Month. Pytloway and his wife Kaye met a lot of great people at the lodge and enjoy working with them in the kitchen, Bar Bingo and Bar Poker. Pytloway took over Member Bingo each Monday and Bar Poker on Thursday.

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Friends & Neighbors

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – The Dalton Gang will meet at Beef O’Brady’s at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 10. We will be signing up for the Nov. 13 day trip, “Goin’ To The Dogs”, and giving out assignments for the second International Sausage Festival on Sept. 15 to be held at town hall from 1-4 p.m.

Sioux Hurley, cruise coordinator for the March 2-9 cruise, has informed us that if enough ballroom dancers sign up, there will be a special arrangement made by the cruise line for them. Sioux can be reached at (941) 464-0728 for reservations and information.

We’re going to have a pot luck supper on Oct. 6th, a Sunday from 4-6 p.m. Welcome back, Snowbirds. This is a great way to socialize, meet your neighbors, and get all the news that’s going on. And it’s free!

Don’t forget Sept. 9, you Hand and Footers, game is on at 5:30 p.m.

The Placid Lakes Social Circle will be helping the Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers celebrate their second Anniversary on Sept. 21st at the Elks Hall from 6:30-9 p.m. and there’s a free dance lesson in the lounge from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — It was in the month of August 1995 when there was a train derailment right in our own back yard. Eighteen years ago a South Central Florida

Express freight train with six tanker cars, each with more than 95 tons of molasses for its cargo jumped the tracks. Due to the fact that there were no roads to the sight of this derailment, all men needed to repair the wreck or clean up the molasses had to use the roads in our park. Clean-up crews had a sticky mess to clean up as tons and tons of molasses were dumped on the ground when the tanker cars jumped their tracks. Even some of the bear from the wildlife refuge couldn’t resist this temptation and had to enjoy some of that molasses. Of course, since then the wiggly wobbly tracks have been replaced.

The Nu-Hope Free Movie Matinee showed “The Help” on Sunday, Aug. 25 with Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer and Bryce Dallas Howard and many other actors and actresses. Good cakes and coffee were served to the attendance. We always appreciate the donations that were given to Nu-Hope Senior Care Service.

Monday morning coffee hour, Aug. 26 was set up by the Knoches and hosted by Clare and Maury Bloch. They served doughnuts in honor of Clare’s 77th birthday. We all sang happy birthday acappella to Clare Bloch. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee.

Carol Noel read the list of convalescence in our park: Bob Bechtel, Millie Verbar, Patti Blout, Patti Wood, Ron Dammer and John Eckelberry. Please sign the sheets of get well greetings and remember these people in your prayers.

Joan Rau and Marysue Willeke were selling tickets for Labor Day at which we

will be having Walking Tacos at 4 p.m. Ice Cream Sundays will be made later. Brenda Knoche thanked everyone for coming to the Sunday movie and donating to the Nu-Hope Senior Care Service. Brenda said that since we’ve started to show movies that we have collected \$1,641 for Senior Care Service thanks to the residence of the park. Thanks too to the Knoches for making the films available and showing them for our pleasure.

Derek Willeke announced the pancake breakfast Saturday morning, Sept. 7. Bring your table service and enjoy a good breakfast.

Peggy Sue Teague announced that the Red Hats will be going to Cang Tong Chinese Restaurant in Sebring at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 12.

Ladies Tuesday Morning coffee was made by Carol Noel. Marysue Willeke led the meeting.

We sang Happy Birthday to Fran Bueo. Carol Noel mentioned that Ann Rissmiller and Joseph Schwegler are having surgery. Cards for well wishes will be put out for us to sign. Ladies exercises in the pool are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday through the summer months at 10:30 a.m. we walk in the pool from 10-10:30 and then we have exercise with the plastic noodles. Ladies, when you go home on Wednesdays don’t forget to stop at the Red Barn. Buy your fruit and vegetables for lunch or dinner at the McCracken Farms stand. You’ll be glad that you did as everything is farm fresh.

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Paustian is the son of Carl and Sarah Paustian of Avon Park. He is a 2011 graduate of South Florida State College in Avon Park.



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Samantha Aguiar

Naivy Gutierrez of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Samantha Aguiar, at 9:43 p.m. on Aug. 22, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Samantha weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Nikito and Veronica Guterrez.



at 8:32 p.m. on Aug. 28, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Jase weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Paul McGee, and Greg and Beth Adair. Paternal grandparents are Rusty and Lena Grimes.

Zayden West

Eric and Brittanie West of Tampa announce the birth of a son, Zayden Eric Enouch, at 8:12 p.m. on Aug. 31, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Zayden weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ritchie Calhoun and Pamela Thompson. Paternal grandparents are Eric and Brenda West.

Sederick Brown

Frederick Sr. and Gwendolyn Brown of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Sederick L., at 8:19 a.m. on Aug. 27, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Sederick weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are

Births

Arthur and Wanda Ward. Paternal grandparents are Frank (Becky) and Frankie Brown.

Jase Grimes

Russell Edward II and Megan McGee Grimes of Jacksonville announce the birth of a son, Jase Russell,

Food

Double duty school night suppers for Paleo families

If you've adopted the Paleo lifestyle over the summer (maybe you took our Paleo Challenge?), you might be panicking a little, wondering how you're going to handle those chaotic evening meals that tend to take place when everyone's back to school. Or maybe you're considering hopping on that Paleo bandwagon now and thoughts of harried dinner times is making you rethink the whole thing.

Relax! Take a deep breath. The good news is, preparing Paleo meals for the family isn't much more difficult than preparing non-Paleo meals. Is Paleo meal prep harder than putting a packaged meal on the table? Absolutely. It is worth the effort? You betcha.

When I make my meal plan for the week, I plan with lunches in mind. When you have school-aged children, you'll want to do the same thing. This is especially true if you are keeping your kids on a Paleo diet. It can be difficult to pack a Paleo school lunch (bye bye sandwiches and packaged snacks) without quite a bit of planning, but it can be done. Let your evening meals give you a hand by planning accordingly.

For example, if you're making chicken on Monday, whip up a batch of Paleo tortillas and plan for lunchtime fajitas on Tuesday! Ole!

The following are some examples of easy weekday suppers that can do double duty as Paleo lunches the next day:

- Hamburgers. Hamburgers are popular in most Paleo households, so when you're making burgers for supper, cook up some extras for lunches.

- Meatballs. Cooked in a Paleo tomato sauce and served on spaghetti squash noodles with a great big side salad, meatballs make a deli-



Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

cious supper. Fill up the thermos with leftovers the next day and pack up a green salad to go with it. Easy! (Time Saver Tip: Form your meatballs and patties at the time you purchase your ground meat.)

- Pizza. You can still enjoy pizza when you're a Paleoista. My favorite way to eat this family-pleasing meal is by using meat as the crust for the pie. Simply mix up a giant hamburger and spread it out over your pizza pan. Bake it until it appears cooked, then remove it from the oven and top with Paleo pizza sauce and your favorite toppings. Serve with a green salad and pack up leftover portions for the next day's lunches.

- Pulled pork. This one's easy. Put your pork shoulder in the slow cooker in the morning with some garlic, salt and pepper, and let it cook away on low for the day. Serve with some Paleo barbecue sauce and enjoy with your favorite veggies. It will be a yummy lunch the next day, kept warm in a thermos.

The beautiful thing about eating Paleo is that it's all about produce and protein. It doesn't get a whole lot more simple than that.

Have you heard about the 30 Day Paleo Challenge? We give you 30 days of paleo

dinners, breakfast, lunch and snack ideas. Plus, we have a private Facebook group where I will be sharing tips, answering questions, and helping guide you on your paleo journey. This is perfect for both paleo beginners as well as paleo veterans.

<http://savingdinner.com/sale/paleochallenge/>

Leanne Ely is a New York Times bestselling author of 'Body Clutter' and the Saving Dinner series. The Dinner Diva syndicated newspaper column appears in 250 newspapers nationwide.

Learn how to cook great and save significant money with the Dinner Diva's menus, recipes and shopping lists at www.savingdinner.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Please take notice that public hearings will be held at 6:00pm on the 17th day of September, 2013, and at 6:00pm on the 1st day of October, 2013, at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. After the second hearing, Ordinance No. 1364 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-79 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING BY AMENDING THE REGULATION OF IDENTIFICATION SIGNS IN COMMERCIAL ZONES BY CORRECTING THE ERROR CREATED IN CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interest person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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'American Idol' taps Lopez, Connick as judges for upcoming season

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES —

Jennifer Lopez and Harry Connick Jr. are joining Keith Urban as "American Idol" judges next season.

Fox TV announced the revamped panel Tuesday, along with a new role for original judge Randy Jackson.

Jackson, who stepped down as a panelist after last

season, will serve as in-house mentor to the show's contestants.

Pop star and actress Lopez is returning to the show after a two-season run as judge. Connick, a respected jazz singer and musician, proved adept as a mentor in several appearances on the singing contest.

Urban's return for a second year of judging was previously announced.

Diversions/Puzzles

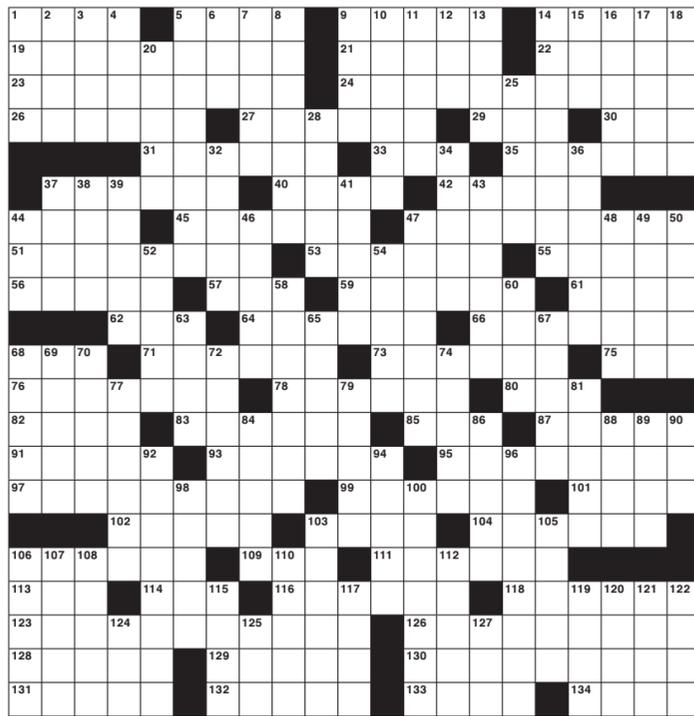
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By VICTOR BAROCAS



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Publix digital coupons

While checking out at Publix this week, a customer behind me asked why I input my phone number into the pin pad at checkout. She had been standing behind me grunting over my coupons, but during the process I handed her coupons that she could use today and we struck up a check-out line friendship.



Savings Diva
 Tanya Senseney

"Have you heard of Publix e-coupons?" I asked. My new check-out buddy had no idea what e-coupons were. After I explained she couldn't wait to get on her tablet in the car to add coupons for her next Publix shopping trip.

Many national grocers are offering e-coupons (digital coupons) as an added benefit to saving while you shop. If you have checked out at Publix lately, you may have noticed that before you can swipe your form of payment on the pin pad, you are asked for your phone number. This is for the Publix e-coupons! This is an additional savings tool for you and super easy to use. Add coupons from your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Many moons ago, my family and I lived in Atlanta, where most stores had e-coupons that were linked to my store loyalty card. Swipe, Save and Go! But when we moved to Florida not only did we not have double coupons, but e-coupons were unheard of.

Technology has changed that and Publix is changing too for the better in my opinion. It is simple to get started and best of all, no loyalty card required.

1. Register your phone number at Publix.com to access the digital coupons. (This is your pin to access your coupons every time you shop.)
2. Choose from a wide variety of manufacturer and store coupons.
3. Next time you shop, enter your number on the

pin pad at checkout and as the items are scanned the Digital Coupon will deduct automatically.

Below are a few tips to help you understand the process:

- Can I use a paper coupon and e-coupon? No, you can only use one or the other.

- What if I buy more than one of the same item and have an e-coupon? When buying multiples of the same items, only (1) one digital coupon will deduct on that item (one-time use). You may use a paper coupon on the remaining like items.

- How do I know what coupons I have picked? If you have a Smart Phone, you can simply log in and select your coupons. Or you can log in and print a list to put in your coupon binder.

- What do I do if I forgot to use my Publix Digital Coupon? Next time you are at the store, stop by customer service with your receipt and print out of coupons currently in your e-coupon account. They will happily refund the coupon value to you.

CHECK out www.DivineSavings.com for more information and a national list of stores offering e-coupons. This will begin our series on e-coupons for Central Florida and surrounding areas.

Tanya Senseney has over 16 years experience saving and teaching others how to reduce their monthly grocery budget and give back to the community. Her focus and passion is to teach others how to never go without. In addition to her workshops, Tanya is a syndicated columnist and radio show personality. Tanya travels the country to speak at numerous workshops and events to teach, enlighten and engage audiences large and small on how to shop for FREE. Contact Tanya for more information at Tanya@DivineSavings.com or visit www.DivineSavings.com for more information.

LeBron James joins forces with Starz for sitcom

NEW YORK (AP) — After LeBron James won his second NBA championship this year, he talked about the improbability of his journey — ascending to world fame despite growing up with challenge after challenge in the inner city.

Now James plans to explore that theme as part of "Survivor's Remorse," a new show he's developing with Starz. While he won't star in the half-hour sitcom, he'll be one of the executive producers of the show, which will explore the lives of two men from the streets who attain fame — one is an NBA star and one is not — and how they deal with friends and families in the wake of that success.

"I think the main thing for me is, first of all, making it out of a place where you're not supposed to. You're supposed to be a statistic and end up like the rest of the people in the inner city — (and) being one of the few to make it out and everyone looking at you to be the savior," the Miami Heat superstar said in a phone interview last week.

"When you make it out, everyone expects for — they automatically think that they made it out and it's very tough for a young, African-American 18-year-old kid to now hold the responsibility of a whole city, of a whole community. I can relate to that as well," said James.

Grandma weighs her decision to sever contact with daughter

Dear Abby: Two years ago one of my granddaughters was molested by her mother's (my daughter's) then-boyfriend, whom they were living with. When the girl's father found out, he called the police and the man was arrested, tried and convicted.

Abby, while he was out on bail, my daughter married him! She doesn't believe the molestation took place. If I were in her shoes, I would certainly believe my 8-year-old daughter over a boyfriend about something so damaging.

I cut off contact with this daughter, as did her sisters. She occasionally calls my husband (who is not her father) when she wants something, and I have received a few texts, which I ignore.

Am I doing the right thing? I sometimes feel guilty, but it angers me that she didn't stand behind her daughter and has made no effort to see either of her girls over the past two years. I see them often because their dad knows I stand with the girls 100 percent.

— *Grandma in Ohio*

Dear Grandma: The answer to your question depends upon why your daughter hasn't seen her children in two years. If it's because their father won't allow it, then her estrangement from her daughters isn't her fault. If it has been her choice, however, then stop



Dear Abby

feeling guilty.

Dear Abby: I need your opinion about my ex-husband and his lack of respect for boundaries. He moved out of our home two years ago, but never changed his mailing address. We have been officially divorced for six months. He feels it's OK to come to our "married house" anytime he wants. We have two teenage children who refuse to spend the night with him.

When he comes to my house, he goes through the mail, opens the cabinets and refrigerators, even goes into my room when I'm not home and watches TV. I am dating someone new and don't feel comfortable with this setup. I'm worried it will cause problems with my new friend, and I don't know how to stop this madness.

We currently have the "married house" on the market, and I want to make sure he knows he won't be welcome in my new home if not invited. How do I avoid conflict with him and my kids?

— *Really Divorced in St.*

Louis

Dear Really Divorced:

You should have set clear boundaries the day your divorce became official, but it's still not too late to do so. Tell your ex to notify the post office — and his creditors — of his change of address, and that if his mail continues to show up at your house, after a month it will be returned to the post office with the notation "not at this address."

You should also inform him and your children that you do not want him in your house in your absence. If he doesn't respect your wishes, then change the locks. The time he spends with your teenage children should also be elsewhere. He may not like the fact that you are establishing your independence, but you have a right to your privacy.

To My Jewish Readers:

Sundown starts Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year. It is the beginning of our time of solemn introspection. I would like to wish you all "Leshana tova tikatevu" — may you be inscribed in the Book of Life and enjoy another good year.

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

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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What's Cooking



Chef's Corner

Tim Spain

Time in Tally

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday weekend and got to spend time with friends and family.

Today I am in Tallahassee at Capital Regional Medical Center offering support to the Morrison staff at this account. Capital Regional is a 230-bed hospital located in north Tallahassee.

I will be here for the next 30 days acting as interim executive chef until a new chef is hired and placed in this account.

This is a nice facility and has a great staff that works very hard to make good food for the patients, staff and guests who come into the café.

While I am up here, our Sous Chefs, Beau Shelly and Sherlon Hyde, will lead the culinary team in Sebring while Brian Sweat in Lake Placid and C.J. Edmonson in Wauchula will continue to lead their team to success as they do on a daily basis.

I must say that we are blessed in the Heartland to have such talented associates that can step up and not only do their daily roles but also take on more responsibilities when called upon.

I am getting to know the staff up here in Tallahassee and there are some very talented people in this kitchen as well. The kitchen supervisor Kenny Green has been a great source of information and seems to know everything about the kitchen. Kenny also seems to really be engaged with the other culinary staff and he shows signs of a good leader.

This week I have a simple recipe that is a great alternative to potato. Yucca is commonly used in the Caribbean and I enjoy substituting it for potatoes. I suggest trying it with some fish or chicken and I think you will enjoy it. Cheers, Chef.

Yucca root

14-1/4 ounce Yucca Root (Cassava), Fresh
1/2 tsp. Salt, Kosher
1/2 cup Juice, Lemon
1/2 cup Juice, Lime, Fresh
5-1/3 oz. Onions, Yellow, Fresh, Sliced, 1/2"
2-2/3 oz. Garlic Cloves, Peeled, Fresh, Crushed
2-2/3 tsp. Spice, Oregano, Dried, Crushed
7/8 cup Oil, Canola

Wash and peel the yucca. Bring water and salt to a boil and add the yucca root. Check for tenderness with a fork. (Center should be soft) When yucca is done and internal temperature reaches 140 F, hold warm in the serving pan.

Mix the lime juice, lemon juice and add to the onions.

In a saucepan put the oil in medium heat and add the garlic. When garlic starts to cook add the onions and juice mixture. Add oregano. Take off the heat and reserve.

Add the Mojo to the yucca.

Tim Spain is System Executive Chef with Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Morrison Healthcare Food Service. He can be reached at tim.spain@ahss.org/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.



Magnificent Mole Chicken Torta



Peanut Butter Pear-ot



Bananas Foster PB & B

Magnificent Mole Chicken Torta

Jacob C., Morgantown, N.C.
 2013 Grand Prize Winner

Makes: 1 Sandwich

Sauce:

- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking spray**
- 2 tablespoons minced onion**
- 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic**
- 2 tablespoons Jif® Chocolate Flavored Hazelnut Spread**
- 1/3 cup condensed tomato soup**
- Juice of half a lime (about 2 tablespoons)**
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin**
- 1/4 teaspoon dried cilantro**
- 1/4 cup chopped green chili peppers**

Sandwich:

- 3/4 cup pulled rotisserie chicken, heated**
- 1 bolillo roll, sliced lengthwise**
- 1 slice Monterey Jack cheese, halved**
- 3 avocado slices**
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced lettuce**
- 1/8 cup chopped tomato**
- Dollop of sour cream (optional)**

1. SPRAY small sauce pot generously with no-stick cooking spray; sauté minced onion and garlic over medium-high heat until tender.
2. STIR in spread, tomato soup, lime juice, cumin, cilantro and green chili peppers. Bring to a boil and simmer on low heat for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
3. REMOVE sauce from heat. Toss half the sauce with pulled chicken; place mixture on bottom half of roll.
4. TOP with cheese slices and place sandwich open-faced under toaster oven or broiler for 2 to 3 minutes until cheese melts. Remove sandwich from oven, and place sliced avocado on top of melted cheese.
5. ADD lettuce, tomatoes, dollop of sour cream (optional) and top half of roll. Use remaining sauce as extra or to make another sandwich.

Culinary Creations by (and for) Families

FAMILY FEATURES

Encouraging kids to get creative in the kitchen is a fun way to make great memories, meals and moments together. And for more than 10 years, Jif® has inspired parents to creatively collaborate with their kids in the **Jif Most Creative Sandwich Contest™** for the chance to win a \$25,000 college fund. Last year's top entries ranged from a sweet and spicy sandwich to satisfying snacks and dreamy desserts. Inspire your family with these delicious recipes or check out www.jif.com for even more creative options.

Banutter Cream Sandwiches

Makes: 4 Sandwiches

- 2 ripe bananas**
- 4 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter**
- 1 teaspoon honey**
- 8 chocolate graham crackers**

1. PEEL 2 ripe bananas and cut into 1-inch slices. Freeze bananas for at least 1 hour, then remove from freezer and put into blender.
2. ADD 4 rounded tablespoons of peanut butter, 1 teaspoon of honey, and blend well.
3. SPOON mixture onto graham cracker and place another graham cracker on top (should make 4 sandwiches).
4. PUT sandwiches in freezer until mixture is frozen solid.



Banutter Cream Sandwiches

Peanut Butter Pear-ot

Makes: 2 Sandwiches

- 2 tablespoons Jif Natural Creamy Peanut Butter**
- 1 pear, shredded**
- 1 medium carrot, shredded**
- 1 celery stalk, sliced thin**
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries**
- 2 whole wheat flatbread wraps**
- 2 tablespoons Jif Chocolate Flavored Hazelnut Spread**
- 1 teaspoon chopped dry roasted peanuts**

1. MIX peanut butter, pear, carrot, celery and dried cranberries in medium bowl.
2. DIVIDE mixture between two flatbread wraps. Wrap snugly. Cut each wrap in half.
3. SPREAD hazelnut spread on cut halves of wraps, and sprinkle on chopped peanuts.
4. PREPARE to delight your taste buds. Don't forget to share with a friend.

Bananas Foster PB & B

Makes: 1 Sandwich

- 4 tablespoons butter**
- 2/3 cup brown sugar**
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon**
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract**
- Bananas**
- 2 thick slices of bread**
- 2 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter**
- Crispy cooked bacon**

1. MELT butter in pan over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar, cinnamon and vanilla. Peel and slice bananas in half, then slice again lengthwise. Once it begins to bubble, put in slices of banana and cook until bananas are warm, about 2 to 3 minutes.
2. TOAST bread. Spread 1 tablespoon peanut butter (or more, if desired) on each piece of toast.
3. PLACE bacon slices on one side of toast.
4. GENTLY place warm banana slices on top of other piece of toast.
5. CLOSE sandwich and slice in half.

Apple Fries Peanut Butter Surprise

Makes: 1 Sandwich

- 1 8-inch flour tortilla**
- 3 tablespoons Jif Creamy Peanut Butter, divided**
- 1 tablespoon granola (small chunks)**
- 1 tablespoon mini chocolate chips**
- 1 large apple**

1. LAY tortilla flat on plate. Spread 2 tablespoons peanut butter in 4-inch circle in top center of tortilla (start about 2 inches down from top).
2. SPRINKLE 1 tablespoon of granola and 1 tablespoon of mini chocolate chips on top of peanut butter. Lightly press in.
3. CUT one apple to look like French fries. Lay apple fries vertically on top of the peanut butter circle. Place all apple fries on top of peanut butter; stack if necessary.
4. SPREAD remaining 1 tablespoon peanut butter to line edges of entire bottom half of tortilla.
5. FOLD up bottom half of tortilla to cover half of apple fries. Take right side of tortilla and fold in. Take left side and fold in as well, overlapping the right side. Dab some peanut butter to "glue" sides together.
6. TO EAT: Pull out apple fries one by one, and/or eat like a sandwich.



Our most recent champ, 9-year-old Jacob C. from North Carolina, impressed the judges with his savory Mexican-inspired sandwich using Jif Chocolate Flavored Hazelnut Spread.

Get Cooking! This year, your family can be a part of the excitement as Jif launched the 12th Annual **Jif Most Creative Sandwich Contest** on August 20, 2013. Parents can submit their kid's creative sandwich recipes using at least two tablespoons of any Jif product (except Jif To Go®). Visit jif.com for Official Rules and more information. The **Jif Most Creative Sandwich Contest** is open to legal residents of the 50 United States and D.C. between six and 12 years of age by November 8, 2013. Void where prohibited.