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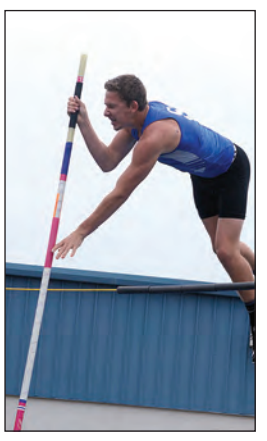

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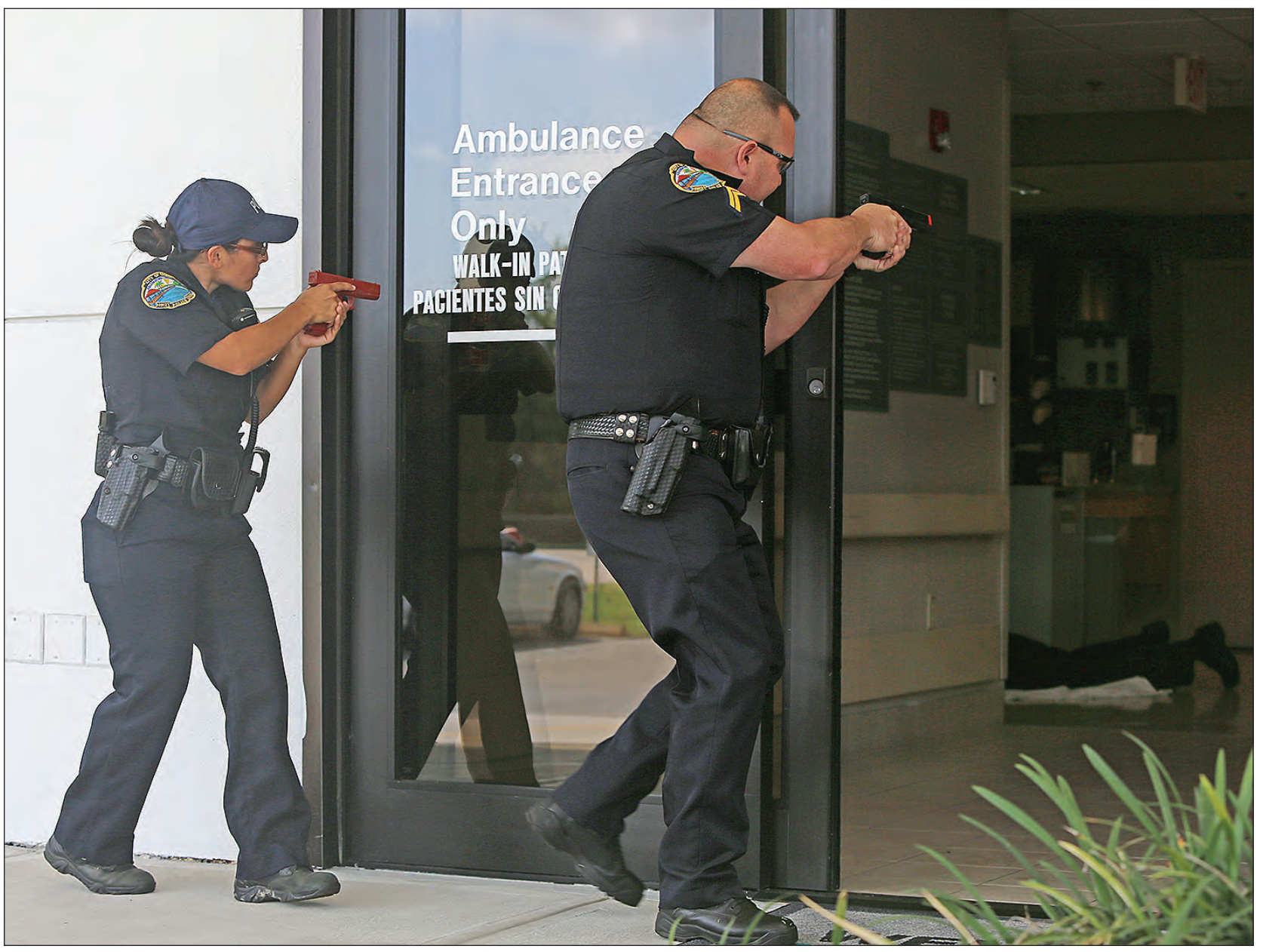

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Sebring Police Officers approach the scene of a mock shooting Tuesday morning with their weapons drawn during a disaster drill at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring.

Preparing for the worst

Drill a success, despite 'casualties'

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

SEBRING — A "gunman" stormed the emergency room at Highlands Regional Medical Center Tuesday, "killed" five people and was "shot" by a deputy and Sebring police officer. Afterward, all casualties got up and held a briefing on the staged emergency incident.

It's not the kind of situation anyone with the hospital,

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A shooting victim is stabilized and transported Tuesday morning following a mock shooting scenario during a disaster drill at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring.

Taylor goes above, beyond for children

Unsung Heroes

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

SEBRING — Humbly and gracefully, Linda Taylor has become a major part of the local community by helping out children behind the scenes on a daily basis.

A child advocate volunteer for the Guardian ad Litem program, Taylor has spent the past three and a half years serving children in need in almost every capacity imaginable, which has earned her the News-Sun Unsung Hero award for the month of April.

Though she wouldn't admit it, Taylor is one of the busiest and most dedicated volunteers in the organization and is praised by many of her colleagues and friends.

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Linda Taylor has earned the respect and admiration of her peers by going far above and beyond the call of duty as a volunteer for the Guardian ad Litem program.

"The special gift Linda has working with teen girls is amazing," said Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Falcon. "I have seen and heard from teens (about) the connection she has made with them and it is remarkable how she relates to them."

Renee Grider, another volunteer coordinator, has watched Taylor first hand and witnessed her dedicated work ethic.

"If I could clone her, child welfare would truly be a much better place," said Grider.

"For this program, volunteers do a number of different things when assigned a child. The advocate volunteers advocate on a child's behalf and makes recommendations to

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Counties mourn loss of Maxcy

Former Highlands commissioner, current DeSoto administrator Guy Maxcy dies at 60

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Former Highlands County Commissioner C. Guy Maxcy died Tuesday at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte. He was 60.

MAXCY

DeSoto County Coordinator Mandy Hines reportedly told commissioners there that Maxcy had gone in for knee surgery on Monday and died Tuesday after complications, reportedly from a heart problem.

Maxcy most recently had been

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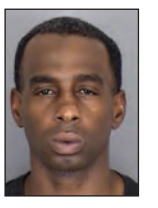
Parking dispute sparked shooting

Arrest reports detail events that led to deadly fight last week

BY SCOTT DRESSEL
News-Sun Editor

LAKE PLACID — The fight on a Lake Placid street that eventually left a Moore Haven man dead of a gunshot wound early on April 21 started over a parking dispute.

Travis Devon Wiggins, 41, turned himself in to the Highlands County Jail on Friday for an arrest warrant issued on him, charging him with second degree murder and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon. Arrest reports state that he shot and killed 34-year-old Lee Andrew Thomas on the street in front of 122 Crestmore Drive in Highway Park.



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Veterans helping veterans

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(Front row, from left) U.S. Air Force Sgt. Carol West, Military Order of The Purple Heart Commander Fred Arbelo and Highlands County Veteran Services Officer Denise Williams, a sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves; (back row): Kenny Jensen, Harry Marsh, Russell Holdych, and Purple Heart chapter Adjutant Doug Tait with some of the gift cards donated to veterans on Wednesday.

Order of Purple Heart gives $1,200 in gift cards

BY MAT DELANEY
Lake Placid Journal Editor

SEBRING — Reaching out to fellow veterans in need is high on the priority list for members of Highlands County's chapter 601 of Military Order of The Purple Heart. "It's brothers helping brothers," said Commander Fred Arbelo.

The Purple Heart chapter hosted a golf tournament in February and raised $1,200. That money was used to purchase 48 gift cards in the amount of $25 each. Arbelo and a delegation of fellow Purple Heart medal recipients presented the gift cards to Highlands County Veterans Service Officer Denis Williams in a brief ceremony Wednesday.

"It's important that we step up and help our fellow veterans when they are in need," Arbelo said. "That's where we partner with the VSO office and the staff here. They're trained to identify need and to get these cards in the hands of veterans who really need the help."

Williams had high praise for the Purple Heart chapter and its efforts. "This is a great bunch of guys who are always willing to help their fellow veterans," she said. "Their kindness will go a long way in helping others."

SNAPSHOTS
LOCAL NEWS

Boat ramp closed for repair

AVON PARK — Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department will close Arbuckle Creek (Burnt Out Bridge) boat ramp at 7600 Arbuckle Creek Road for repair and maintenance from Monday through Thursday, May 15. The ramp is scheduled to reopen Friday, May 16.

For further information on boat ramp repairs, contact the Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department at 402-6812.

SFSC's Corporate Education ioffers a Certified Crop Advisor's Seminar

AVON PARK — South Florida State College is offering a Certified Crop Advisor's Continuing Education seminar. The seminar will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 8 at SFSC Highlands Campus, Building T, Room 20.

Ten contact hours will be awarded for attending the full day, five contact hours in each of the two educational areas. Register for a half day if credits in only one of the educational areas are needed.

The two educational areas that will be covered in this seminar are Soil and Water Management from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Crop Management from 1-6 p.m. A working lunch and snacks are included. Registration deadline is Monday.

Contact Lorrie Key, director of Corporate and Community Education, at 784-7033 or by emailing CorporateTraining@southflorida.edu.

Florida Hospital hosts mixer

SEBRING — Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center will host a tri-county mixer from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday. Meet the new CEO and hear about all the exciting changes.

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Landshark Band to play at Girls Gone Wine Festival

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Take care to look for sharks in downtown Sebring on May 10. But these sharks aren't the kind that bite.

The Landshark Band is a fun, interactive band that has played with Jimmy Buffett in Key West, at Margaritaville in Orlando, as well as with the Beach Boys, at the Super Bowl, and at more than 100 Disney and Universal shows and for the troops overseas. Everyone has a great time at a Landshark concert.

The Landshark Band will perform at the Girls Gone Wine Festival, which is set for May 10 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The family friendly event will include merchandise and service vendors, wine and cheese tastings, as well as culinary demonstrations in the historic Circle Theatre. There will be live music by the Landsharks Band, a variety of food vendors and beer, as well as the galleries, boutiques and eateries of historic downtown Sebring. A portion of the proceeds will benefit two non-profits the Champion for Children Foundation and the Getaway Girl Foundation.

Free general admission tickets are available online at www.GirlsGoneWineFest.com and at Dogtown USA (112 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring). The first 100 tickets purchased will include a signature Girls Gone Wine tote filled with goodies, coupons and free merchandise samples.

Non-drinking festival guests and kids under 21 are welcome to attend. There will be a $25 fee to participate in the wine tastings by Rex Goliath and Barefoot Wines and cheese tastings by Cabot Cheese (ages 21 and up only), as well as the culinary demonstrations, which will be held inside Circle Theatre.

The monthly downtown Sebring Wine Walk from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 9 at participating merchants will feature 80s music to set the tone for the weekend. Dress in your best 80s attire. Get free wine tastings from the local merchants (while supplies last).

Non-drinking festival guests and kids under 21 are welcome to attend. There will be a $25 fee to participate in the wine tastings by Rex Goliath and Barefoot Wines and cheese tastings by Cabot Cheese (ages 21+ only), as well as the Culinary Demonstrations, which will be held inside Circle Theatre.

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Students get tasty reward for fundraising efforts

BY SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Staff Writer

SEBRING — Thirty-one Fred Wild Elementary School third graders got treated like one big Italian family Tuesday morning during a field trip to the Olive Garden restaurant as part of the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser.

Teachers Charlene Smith and Stephanie Davis, along with their students, were given the royal treatment in the privacy of their own little nook at the restaurant, starting with a guided tour through the kitchen by Olive Garden manager Lorenzo Ortiz.

As the students learned their way around the soup station, sauce and dish-washing stations, their tummies grew rumbly with the smells of Italian favorites.

The Pasta for Pennies fundraiser contest is open to all Highlands County schools. This year, however, Fred Wild was the sole participant in the county.

Though they had no competition outside the school, FWE students put on their game faces for the fundraiser to see who could come out on top.

"Originally, there was only supposed to be one class winner, but (it) was so close with the fundraising dollars that they let us both share the win this year," said Davis.

Students raised approximately $3,000 during the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser. The money raised will go directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to benefit those currently battling the two diseases.

One of the students had a very personal reason to work to raise funds and was very proud of his class and fellow fundraisers.

"My cousin Rebecca (Bishop) had leukemia. She had treatment for four years. Now she is doing very good," said third grader Teddy Peterson.

"I was glad when I heard we won. I'm going to try to do this again next year in fourth grade," said Peterson.

Students Ryan Scott, Evy Tumbleston and Tori Altman also worked extra hard to raise funds for the event. Scott mowed nearly 10 yards in a two-week period to raise money.

"I think it was almost $70 I raised. It was fun," said Scott.

Tumbleston enlisted the help of Lorida Church of the Brethren church family for donations during three services, and Altman got some help from patrons of one of Sebring's other restaurants.

"My mom works at Dee's Place. I went with her and helped clean up tables and stuff like that. I asked people to donate each time I went," said Altman.

Between the two classes, $700 was raised — nearly a third of the entire school's fundraising efforts.

The two classes enjoyed spaghetti and meat sauce, breadsticks and salad during their private lunch.

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Luis Martinez scoops up some salad during a special lunch Tuesday with his classmates at Olive Garden in Sebring.

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Olive Garden cook Darrell Whigam works the soup station Tuesday as a group of Fred Wild Elementary School third graders tour the kitchen at Olive Garden in Sebring. Students received a special tour and a spaghetti lunch for raising money for the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser.

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'Art in the Wild' at HCA Gallery features Yarbour's work

Artist reception set for 12-2 p.m. Saturday at HCA

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'Courting Wolves' by Christine Yarbour

'Istokpoga Sunrise' by Christine Yarbour

SEBRING — The Heartland Cultural Alliance presents "Art in the Wild," a gallery exhibition by award-winning wildlife artist Christine Yarbour.

The artist reception at the HCA Galleries in the Sebring Airport is from 12-2 p.m. Saturday. Appetizers and beverages will be provided by JR Runway Cafe. This free event is open to the public.

Yarbour was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of Ohio State University.

With her husband, she moved to South Florida in 1980. She has been painting most of her life. Her work was featured in many galleries around South Florida. She is the winner of several awards for wildlife painting.

"I can't conceive of anything more varied, rich, and handsome as the planet Earth. It's crowning beauty is the natural world," Yarbour said.

"I want to soak it up, to understand it as well as I can, and express it in my painting.

"I try to capture the spirit and personality of each of the animals I create. Some have a very calm and gentle manner while others are much more active and dramatic. The challenge of all artists is to create powerful works that portray to others the very spirit of their subject, whatever that subject may be, and to give life to their art."

There will be a fund-raising raffle at the event for 'choice of menu' meals donated by JR Runway Cafe in the Sebring Airport. Drawings are at 1 and 2 p.m.

Free meals can be redeemed any day during normal restaurant hours.

Local authors Sunny Serafino and Gerald Pleau will also be on hand for book signings.

The exhibit runs through June 3. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, seven days a week.

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OUR VIEW

County should pull trigger on gun range

We think the proposed target range at the county's clay pit on County Road 17A in Avon Park is a good idea.

For one thing, it will bring in money from outside the county that is currently headed out. For another, what is now an abandoned, overgrown and ugly site will be brought back to life and put to use.

Highlands County can certainly use a safe gun range overseen by National Rifle Association certified personnel. Gun owners need a place where they practice and have fun. Parents need a place where they can teach their children how to shoot and handle a gun safely. The 4-H Club had to disband its gun program because of the lack of a facility. Currently, the nearest ranges are in north Polk and Okeechobee counties.

The idea of a gun range, however, is not original to us. Jeri Canale and Steve Marabel, co-owners of Boom Boom Guns & Ammo, were the individuals who introduced it to the county commission. Not only that, but they told the News-Sun they had done their due diligence first — contacting the NRA to get an insurance rider; checking with the department of environmental protection, OSHA and the county's planning and zoning advisory board.

We have issues with what happened next.

From our perspective, Canale and Marabel had earned the chance to fulfill their proposal. After all, if not for them, no one would have thought of it.

Instead, the commission asked for letters of interest, and then for bids from anyone interested in the project. So now there are three competitors: Canale and Marabel; the Heartland Gun Club; and one from a group in Avon Park that identifies itself as "The Team," which includes Avon Park City Councilman Garrett Anderson, who owns an ammunition manufacturing business.

Of course, we support the bidding process. We know how important it is in keeping the county's business honest and fair. If the gun range had been the county commission's idea, we would be insisting on doing things by the book.

But this is a different situation. The only financial issue regards the real estate itself. Will it be leased, or offered for sale? We don't yet know.

Given that it was Canale and Marabel's idea, that they invested time and effort and are not asking the county for funding of any kind, we wonder why the hold up and why the county felt the need to complicate the process.

The county commission should support ideas that bring economic development opportunities to the county, not throw up road blocks.

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Cancer doesn't take a break

In the past year, I have quietly watched two young mothers come to grips with having to watch their children deal with this terrible disease called cancer.

The pictures I saw recently posted on Facebook of Jackie Jackson and her teenage daughter Jade can just break your heart. Jade sits in a chair without the smile that is so familiar to those who know and love her. The missing smile alone is enough to let you know she is hurting and doesn't feel well.

Then you look at Jackie's face and what you see is a mother's love and concern for her young child.

I don't know Jackie personally. I probably know her husband a little better, but only because I remember Greg from school. They are both much younger than myself.

Regardless, I have come across Jackie in various ways since Jade's diagnosis early last year and have watched them both as the news goes up and down. I have also watched and learned from Mandy Guthrie, Jackie's sister, who has been quite open about the feelings of the family as they travel Jade's Journey.

Mandy has done a wonderful job of keeping friends informed of what Jade and the family are going through. She, of course, shares some of her own personal thoughts. Some of the emotions are raw, but everything that is written is from the heart and as open as the family wants it to be.

Mandy will be with Jackie and Jade, as well as other members of the Jackson family, at Friday evening's opening ceremonies of the Avon Park Relay for Life at the Avon Park High School football field. The opening ceremony is at 6 p.m.

Another young woman I have admired from afar has been my second cousin, Candace Yaklich. Candace's daughter, Cedar, was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma at just 6 months of age. It was found when Cedar's tiny feet became red hot and swollen. Tests revealed the cancerous tumor growing around her spine, pinching off the spinal cord. As a result, this sweet baby is now paralyzed.

Like Mandy has done with Jade, Candace's husband Andrew has done a wonderful job keeping everyone informed of Cedar's journey. Pictures have been posted to show the various events in their timeline. One in particular shows Cedar all wrapped up and the words "Cancer Fears Me" on the side of her head.

Courtesy photo

Jade Jackson and her mother, Jackie, share a touch.

AT RANDOM

Romona Washington

Like Jade, Cedar is nearly always smiling in the pictures that are shared. With IVs and ledes running from her tiny little body, she is all smiles and twinkling eyes. The same for her parents, though once in a while you can see the stress they face through their smiles.

Then, of course, their families are also affected. Jade has a sister and two brothers and countless cousins and friends who continue to cheer her on. Cedar, who celebrated her first birthday in January, has two older brothers and a huge number of cousins and friends who are in her corner in this battle.

Mandy, Jackie, Candace, Andrew and, of course, Jade and Cedar are proof that this terrible thing called cancer has a face, an all too familiar face. While most of us see their smiles and the optimism, you know that underneath are struggles and pain. They are all people of faith. They not only put their trust in the doctors who treat their loved ones, but, most important, put their faith in God.

Last year, I had every intention of taking a break from Relay for Life. That was before I learned of Jade's and later Cedar's diagnosis. In reality, these ladies and their families are not taking a break from their worries or their diagnosis, so why should I take a break? Instead, I'll be out there Friday night. Maybe not walking with a team, but I'll be busy as a member of the Relay committee. I won't take a break this year as planned.

And if the good Lord's willing, I won't try to take a break in the future. We all need to do what we can until a cure is found for Cedar, for Jade and for the countless others — both young and old — who are diagnosed with cancer.

Come join me Friday night at the Avon Park High School football field. Do something for Cedar and Jade.

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

A Highlands Regional Medical Center employee plays the part of a worker in distress Tuesday morning after a mock shooting inside the emergency room during a disaster drill at the hospital in Sebring. Multiple agencies participated in the drill which consisted of three separate scenarios, each one involving an active shooter.

DRILL

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Sebring Fire Department firefighters participate in a disaster drill Tuesday morning at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring.

Highlands County Sheriff's Office, Sebring Police Department, Sebring Fire Department or Highlands County Emergency Medical Services ever want to see. If they do, however, they hope Tuesday's mock emergency will have given them some practice towards preparation.

"All went well," said Nell Hays, public information officer for the Sheriff's Office, who also acted as designated spokesperson to media during the exercise. "We hope we learned something. (We'll) find out what we can do well and what we can do better."

Susan Reed, marketing director for HRMC, said the hospital holds emergency drills twice each year in coordination with law enforcement and emergency response agencies. She said it helps demonstrate the hospital and staff readiness for extreme emergency situations to both the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration and The Joint Commission, respectively the state and national accrediting agencies for hospital facilities.

"It's to practice what we'd have to do in a true emergency," Reed said. "We make it as realistic as possible so we can not only test but hone our skills to ensure that in real-life situations, we are aware and ready."

That realism did not extend to panicking patients or staff who would not be involved in the exercise, Reed said. Participants wore vests or other indicators that they were playing parts in the scenario, and both visitors and patients would be warned through signs and through staff that they might see or hear unusual things.

Polk County Government, also participating in the drill, provided lightboard warning signs on U.S. 27 to warn motorists that a law-enforcement exercise was taking place in the area.

Pete McNally, Polk County's director of Emergency Management, joined the event as an observer and consultant for the debriefing. The exact results of the debriefing were not released, and Reed said it wasn't likely that HRMC would share what it learned, good or bad. However, McNally said that cooperation is one key factor officials want to see in any such exercise.

"They seemed to work together. They had one voice with good information and it was disseminated well," McNally said, referring to Hays' public information "briefings" to the press.

"The Joint Information Center is the hardest part," McNally added.

Through Hays, reporters learned that the drill started at 9:50 a.m. when a "shooter" entered the emergency room. Through bulletins and a press conference, reporters learned that officers had shot and captured the shooter, but an officer had been shot.

The hospital was "closed" during the "incident," Hays said, and the public was warned to stay away until it was safe.

As Hays provided more information, she said five people had been "killed" and five "wounded" — including the officer and the "shooter." The "shooter" was "airlifted by Aeromed helicopter to a local hospital where he was in critical condition," Hays said.

Names would not be available until "notification of the next of kin," Hays said.

Reed, as part of the drill, said hospital staff members' "thoughts and prayers were with all those affected" and was "grateful to the responders for containing the incident."

"It could have been worse," Reed said.

As part of the drill, she also thanked the community for staying away from the incident and said that care was not disrupted for the patients: "Our first concern."

MAXCY

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serving as county administrator in DeSoto County. He first was hired in 2011 as an interim replacement for Jan Brewer, who had been fired from the post.

Maxcy was hired on a permanent basis a short time later.

Originally elected as a Highlands County commissioner in 1992, Maxcy served in that capacity for 18 years.

"I was named county administrator in 1991 and he came on the year after that," said former Highlands County administrator Carl Cool. "He took the seat that formerly had been held by Chip Boring."

Cool said although Cecil Skipper had the longest number of years served, Maxcy probably had the most consecutive years.

"Guy was a person that was always trying to find ways to help the citizens of Highlands County. I never recall even one time that he ever did anything you would consider selfish," Cool said.

Those sentiments were echoed by former Avon Park mayor and county commissioner Doris Gentry, now Doris Hawthorn.

"Guy was a very caring person. He always wanted to do what was right for the citizens," she said. "I know it bothered him if he thought we had made a mistake."

Former county commissioner Edgar Stokes said Maxcy had helped him as a commissioner on a number of projects.

"He was a team player, you know," Stokes said. "He would listen to all the facts before he made any final decision."

Stokes said that both Maxcy and another longtime commissioner, the late Jimmy Gose, had been good friends and had worked to advance issues in the county.

Maxcy was a certified county commissioner through the Florida Counties Foundation, where he was a board member.

He also served a term as president of the Florida Association of Counties.

He was an active participant in the Florida Small Counties Coalition and sat on the Heartland Workforce Investment Board, the Library Advisory Committee, the Health Care Council and Rural Health Network, Heartland Library Cooperative, Highlands County Adjustment Board and the Canvassing Board.

Maxcy also worked as a liaison to the Highlands County Water Advisory Committee, the Historic Preservation Committee, Tourist Development Council, Hospital Board and the Highlands County Insurance Committee.

He lived in Sebring with his wife Jacque. They had three children. He was the owner of Maxcy Group insurance agency in Sebring, and was born and raised in Highlands County.

Morris Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements, which had not been finalized as of press time Tuesday.

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Child advocate volunteer Linda Taylor (left) looks over a case file with Volunteer Supervisor Renee Grider at the Children's Advocacy Center in Sebring.

TAYLOR

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the court on what she feels is in the child's best interest," said Grider. "These are all children who have been in the court system due to neglect or child welfare issues, whether it be a parent on drugs or whatever."

Taylor gathers all the information about the child and facilitates needed resources like counseling, dental care, medical care or mental health care, Grider said.

"She then monitors the child in her cases to make sure the court orders are being followed."

Guardian ad Litem advocate volunteers are required to meet with their children at least once a month. Taylor, however, does things a little different.

"Linda is notorious for meeting with her children much more frequently," Grider said.

"Transportation of and for children is not mandated but she (Linda) has no issues taking these kids wherever they need to go and more. She takes them shopping, on weekend outings and various church functions in the local community," Grider said.

"Recently, she prepared a birthday party for one of her kids. The girl turned 18 years old and I know she spent quite a bit of money making this day perfect for this child," said Grider.

Taylor was also commended for her attention to detail, timeliness, organization skills and following through when it comes to her cases. Along with her time at Guardian ad Litem, Taylor works with various other organizations within the county, including volunteering at the local hospitals and library.

"Sometimes, volunteers come to a place and just do the bare minimum — not Linda. She is just amazing. She has a heart of gold, her work is impeccable and she is a true child advocate," Grider said.

Volunteer coordinators recently moved Taylor into a position where she will mentor and assist the coordinators with training new Guardian volunteers.

"She has done such a great job here," said Falcon. "She is a wonderful asset to the children in our community."

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Avon Park to beef up illegal dumping laws

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — The city has been very helpful to residents about hauling off garbage, but some non-residents have been taking advantage of of the city's generosity.

That's about to change, if Public Safety Director Jason Lister can enforce stricter codes.

On Monday, Lister asked for and got approval from the Avon Park City Council to have Avon Park staff review the solid waste ordinance and suggest changes to make it easier to enforce. Among the problems is the fact that while the ordinance prohibits excessive dumping, "excessive" is not well defined. Lister and City Manager Julian Deleon said it's resulted in increased disposal costs for the city.

"Tires are the biggest problem," Lister said Monday. "They are imported, in my opinion."

Lister said he's found single tires and pyramids of radials dropped off on the sides of city streets overnight, costing the city $2 per tire in disposal costs for passenger car tires, $10 each for semi-trailer tires and $15 each for tractor tires.

Lister said the only way to take tires off rims is with a commercial tire changer, so he suspects many of the tires are being dumped by commercial operations trying to save themselves money by dropping the costs on the city.

Once the tires are removed, he said, another pile is there the next day.

"Tire appear magically overnight," Deleon said.

Deleon said the city has been hauling the tires to a recycling facility in Fort Pierce — to the tune of $4,000 to $7,000 per month. Lister would like to prohibit all tires from neighborhood pick-up.

The city has also seen excessive construction debris and yard debris, especially from homes outside the city limits, Deleon said.

Lister said city officers have filed criminal dumping charges when they catch someone in the act of bringing in refuse from outside the city, but the language on city rules are "very loose." For example, if a resident puts a large pile of yard debris on the curb, the only thing the city can do is measure it. If it's more than 12 cubic yards, the city can charge more for it.

Often, however, residents report that they didn't place the pile there and didn't authorize anyone to do it, leaving the city with no one to charge, Lister said.

Councilman Garrett Anderson also said some communities have used a "community drop-off point" for all nearby residents' yard waste. It increases the size of piles and makes it hard for city officials to gauge whether or not someone is dumping too much.

However, Lister also said that small piles in front of every home on a block can mean more wear on the claw truck. The driver has to pull forward, stop, set the outrigger supports, deploy the claw, park the claw back in its holder, pull forward again and repeat the process several times.

In other instances, he's photographed what looks like the entire contents of homes — furniture, appliances, cabinets and belongings — piled up by the street. One pile included a riding mower.

AP Council: 'Citizens don't want apartments'

BY PHIL ATTINGER
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — Homeowners Monday told developer Marty Wohl they didn't want apartments in their neighborhood.

Avon Park City Council members agreed and unanimously denied Wohl's request to change land use on an 8.3-acre parcel, which would have allowed him to build up to 80 apartments in two-story buildings within a neighborhood of mostly single-family homes.

It was the same message residents said two weeks ago, and the same they said several years ago to another developer wanting to build rental property in the same area, Deputy Mayor Brenda Giles said.

Avon Park has vacant apartments in several complexes now, Giles said. Also, she said renters have complained about high rates and would prefer to buy if someone would build a house they can afford.

"My thought on rental property, (is) that it just doesn't fly with me right now," Giles said.

Councilman Parke Sutherland agreed, saying 26 residents contacted him in opposition to the project — more than had talked to him about the city's contract with Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

"I feel it compromises people's way of life," Councilman Terry Heston said about Wohl's proposal.

Wohl's owns land on the southeast corner of West Cornell Street and Florida Avenue. It's zoned and platted now for 36 single-family homes, he said, all with driveways opening onto adjacent streets. He argued that a single-entrance apartment complex would manage traffic, and said the project showed no negative impacts on traffic studies. Wohl also said he would be willing to have setbacks and buffers to reduce impacts to surrounding residents.

However, he said he could not afford to build houses cheaply enough for people to afford them without taking a loss, as he did selling an existing home on that block.

Marien Venezuela, who said she bought that house at 508 W. Kirkland St. for $62,000, understood that the remaining vacant land on that block would become single-family homes. She said neighborhood streets are already "backed up" with traffic each day from homes and nearby apartments, despite what traffic studies said.

> **'There are negative impacts on us; not the city, us.'**
> *Marien Venezuela*
> *AP resident*

"There are negative impacts on us; not the city, us," Venezuela said.

She said the only other single-family home on that block is next door. If it sold and became part of an apartment complex, her house would be surrounded by apartments, she said.

Mike Roberts, retired Sebring firefighter at 513 Tulane Circle, a block east of the property, said traffic potentially could more than double with 80 units, versus 36, even with just two cars per dwelling.

"I live on a busy area (of street)," Roberts said. "I watch a lot of near misses."

John Sedlock, at 127 W. Bell St., has seen Avon Park Middle School students drop litter on the street and play "chicken" with trains on their way to and from school. Although they've behaved better this year, more apartments would mean more kids crossing those railroad tracks, he said.

Roberts also said he'd seen a lot of apartment complexes in the city that didn't seem fully occupied.

Wohl said his apartments would not "add to the child population." However, Shirley Ashe of 509 W. Kirkland St. said while building apartments "won't put more children in Avon Park, but it will bring more children to our area."

Christy Caputo said she and her husband had bought 217 Tulane Circle two months ago with intention of raising their children there. She was concerned with Wohl's plan to "outsource" management to another company, which she believes would not maintain the property.

Wohl had said he would contract with NDC Property Management, the same company that runs Highlands Cove, his apartment complex behind Publix in Lake Placid. He also said that under the financing he hoped to secure from Florida Housing Financing, he would have to own interest in the property for 15 years, and could sell after that. However, financing covenants would require any new buyer to run the property according to his same standards for up to 50 years.

His statements didn't persuade residents who had lived in the area for 20-30 years and liked their "quiet neighborhood."

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Two decades of prayer on the courthouse lawn

National Day of Prayer event to be held Thursday

BY BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — National Day of Prayer observances will be held Thursday starting at 11 a.m. on the front lawn of the Highlands County Courthouse.

The observance began locally in 1995 after the then-Highlands County Clerk of Court Luke Brooker decided to join the nationally recognized event.

"We had received a lot of calls the preceding year asking if we were going to have some kind of ceremony, so the next year we did," Brooker said.

Since that time, dozens of local pastors, elected officials and others have delivered messages and songs as part of the 40-minute program.

"We try to hold it to a half hour, but generally it goes over a bit," said current Highlands County Clerk of Court Bob Germaine, who has continued the tradition.

Slated to speak this year are Rev. Ted Moore of Heartland Christian Church, Rev. Matt Crawford of the First Baptist Church of Sebring, and Dr. Eugene Bengston, retired, of Bible Fellowship Church.

A number of local officials also will participate. Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwayre is scheduled to offer the invocation, 10th Judicial Circuit Court Judge Peter F. Estrada is to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Highlands County Court Judge Anthony J. Rittenour is slated to give a benediction.

Another 10th Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Angela J. Cowden, will sing the national anthem. Cowden was one of the featured speakers earlier this year at the annual Blessings of the Businesses event.

Music will also be provided by the Fire and Steel drum band from Walker Memorial Academy directed by Leonard Cann and Highlands Little Theatre's Joe Lewis, who will offer a rendition of "How Great Thou Art."

"The Fire and Steel band will play twice. They will start about 10:45 to provide music while people are taking their seats," Germaine said.

David Flowers will lead the crowd in a rendition of "God Bless America." Flowers, a former county commissioner, currently is the director of facilities management for Highlands County.

The event will be bookended by the Highlands County Sheriff's Honor Guard, which will present and retire the colors.

As part of the National Day of Prayer, an Adopt-a-Leader Prayer Luncheon will be held again following the ceremonies on the courthouse lawn. This year, the Highlands University Preparatory School that will host the event.

Dubbed "One Voice United in Prayer," it will be an opportunity for the community to come alongside local leaders and officials by supporting them in prayer.

The luncheon will be set up in the gymnasium at U Prep on Persimmon Avenue across from the Highlands County Fairgrounds.

Highlands County Commissioner Jim Brooks will be the guest speaker there. Music will be presented by the UPrep choir and the school's new music and arts teacher, Vicknell Berrios, who will play the harp.

Dustin Woods of Grace Bible Church will close the event in prayer.

Those in attendance will each be given a bookmark with a local leader's name. They will be asked to pray especially for that person, but also for all of the local, state and national elected and appointed officials.

A chicken dinner will be catered by Mae Lee's Deli.

Tickets are $12 each and are available at the school office or call 385-3850 for reservations.

THE HEAT IS ON

Courtesy photo

A group of teens got to go to see the Miami Heat beat the Charlotte Bobcats 99-88 during a first-round playoff game last week in Miami. The trip was a part of the "Taking Back our Cities" effort to detour the boys, who are from "at-risk" areas, from senseless shootings related to gang violence, drugs, and suicide. This group of young boys are mentored by Rev. Barbara J. Robinson of Ruth House Ministries International Inc., and sponsored by the business and medical community of Highlands and St. Lucie counties. Contact Robinson at (561)767-1778 or Rev. Mary Coston at (863) 699-0478 for more information about the program.

Sea World trainers to start wearing safety vests

When working with killer whales

MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Trainers at Sea World's marine parks will be wearing safety vests whenever they work in close proximity to killer whales.

Sea World trainers on Monday started wearing the vests, which can inflate and have tubes hooked up to a small oxygen tank.

Kelly Flaherty Clark, Sea World's curator of animal training, says the vests have been in development for three years. That's not long after the death of trainer Dawn Brancheau, who was killed when an orca dragged her into a pool in 2010.

Flaherty Clark says using the vests had nothing to do with an appellate court's decision upholding a ruling that Sea World had violated a federal workplace safety law. That decision on a ruling by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission was made earlier this month.

SHOOTING

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came in at 2:10 a.m. on April 21. Two deputies already in the area to provide security during the "Hushmouth Flawda" Easter weekend event reported hearing the gunfire and arrived on scene to find Thomas on the ground with a gunshot wound to his lower right back.

Thomas was transported to Florida Hospital Lake Placid, where he bled to death from a perforated aorta. Reports said it all started because Thomas' car was blocking traffic.

Ironically, Sheriff Susan Benton has said that she has tried to get "Hushmouth" event organizers to apply for proper county event permits in the past, which would allow them to close streets and coordinate with law enforcement and emergency management for traffic control and security.

Typically, she would station a command post and a squad of deputies to patrol the area during the annual event. This year's event was not as heavily advertised, so she had two deputies on patrol in the area.

Witnesses told investigators that Thomas was parked in front of 122 Crestmore Drive in a way that partially blocked traffic. When a silver Dodge Ram had to drive around Thomas' car, an argument ensued that turned into a fight between Thomas and the driver of the truck, then swelled to include a large group — half from Moore Haven and half from Highway Park, deputies reported.

During the fight, witnesses reported hearing three shots and seeing Thomas fall to the ground. They also told investigators that the shooter was the driver of a dark-colored car parked nearby. An anonymous tipster later told deputies that the shooter was Wiggins.

A search of Highway Park turned up the Dodge Ram that was involved. Investigators talked with Tlepius Jones, who had "bruises, lumps and cuts on his face as if he had been in a recent fight," reports said. Jones admitted to the fight, saying that he "was just trying to survive," but didn't recall any gunfire or see Thomas get shot. He did say that he saw Wiggins in the area, but not during the fight.

Surveillance video from the Highway Park Liquor Store, next door to the crime scene, showed a man later identified as Wiggins parking next to the liquor store just before midnight, then sitting down and talking to an elderly man at the entrance of the store for over an hour.

At 2:07 a.m., Wiggins moved his car to a spot near the crime scene. As the fight started at 2:11 a.m. between Jones and Thomas, video showed Wiggins running to his car and reaching inside it, then running back toward the fight, reports said.

"As the combatants disengaged, the victim and the defendant come face to face," the report said. Wiggins reportedly pushed Thomas, who tried to retreat toward the parking lot. That's when video showed Wiggins "reaching out as to grab the victim's shoulder with his left hand" while his right hand "appears to come in close contact with the victim's lower back area."

Reports said the victim slumped over as the suspect moved away toward his vehicle, driving away as Thomas falls to the ground.

The report said the video showed a gun in Wiggins' hand and showed that nobody came near Thomas after he fell to the ground.

From a non-custodial interview with Wiggins, deputies reported he was "caught in a lie" because he said he never went back to his car during the fight and "did not respond to the actual allegation that he shot the victim." The rest of Wiggins' statement was redacted.

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SPORTS

Highlands track fired up for Finals

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Gary Demarest is making a return trip to the FHSAA Finals in the discus and needs a bit more distance to reach his goal of medaling this year.

BY DAN HOEHNE
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As the masses gather at University of North Florida's campus this weekend for the FHSAA Track and Field Finals, four Highlands County student-athletes will be among them.

One returnee and three making their first venture onto the big stage that is this highest level of competition for the season.

Classes 1A and 2A will have their day on the track Friday, beginning at 9 a.m. with a lone Lady Dragon representing Highlands County, albeit in two events.

Quiahja Williams qualified for state in both the 100-meter dash and high jump.

The sophomore cleared 4-feet, 10-inches at the Region 3-2A meet at Berkeley Prep, placing fourth, and ran the 100 in 12.82 to place third and secure her spot in Jacksonville.

She will have to kick it up a notch, however, as the times she'll be running against are impressive.

Top seed Alfreda Steele of Pasco ran an 11.64, with Deanna Hill of Lake Highland Prep coming in with a time of 11.73.

There are two other sub-12-second marks in the field, so it will be tough, but one never knows what adrenaline may kick in amid such competition.

Similarly, in the high jump, there are some strong numbers she'll be going against, as there are four girls coming in the seed marks of 5-feet, 6-inches, four more at 5-feet, 4-inches and another four a 5-feet, 2-inches.

The Class 3A and 4A meets take place Saturday, with three Blue Streaks earning the chance to take part.

Gary Demarest is making his second consecutive trip in the discus and comes in as the top seed of the first heat, with a regional throw of 149-feet, 10-inches.

"I'm still a little short of where I was at last year at this time," Demarest said. "So I know I've got more in me."

Which he'll need to do if he hopes to come back with a medal.

His seed mark is just eight inches short of the low seed in the second heat, but after that, the distances grow rapidly, topping out at the 189-feet, 6-inches of top seed Freddick Jones of Central.

"That actually motivates me because it shows I've got to work harder," Demarest said. "The top eight finishes get medals and I didn't get one last year. So this gives me another goal to reach."

Byron Cobb finds himself in a mix of eight other pole vaulters who are coming in with seed marks of 12-feet, 6-inches.

Three others are just six inches higher and two come in with 13-feet, 6-inch marks, while the top seed, Carson Waters of Osceola, looks like the one to beat with a mark of 15-feet, 6-inches.

But with such a large group so evenly matched, it is just a matter of who breaks out of the pack and rise up the medal stand.

And while Demarest and Cobb both have attainable measurements to reach, so too does Jordyn Blount.

The Sebring junior set a school record in winning the long jump at regionals, soaring 22-feet, 11 1/2-inches.

This mark puts him as the fourth seed for Saturday's meet – a mere three-and-a-half inches behind top seed Deiondre Porter of Tampa Jefferson's 23-feet, 3-inches.

Naples' Tyler Byrd comes in with a seed mark of 23-feet, 1 1/2-inches and Pine Forest's Daveyon Finkley comes in at an even 23-feet.

Blount did injure a leg at regionals, which hindered him from qualifying for state in the high jump as well.

But head coach Cynthia Cook says he is healing up just fine and is ready to go.

"Jordyn is doing much better and is working hard this week on reaching his goal of 23-feet," she said. "It has finally sunk in to him that he is going to state as a District Champ and Regional Champ. He is very excited as am I."

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Jordyn Blount is fresh off setting the Sebring High School long jump record, and is seeded within reach of medal standings at state.

ED TALKS TO TRIPLE-THREAT CORLEY

Courtesy photo

Breauna Corley (center), along with her grandmother Jean Dueth (left) and mother Jennifer Corley, were featured guests on Ed Lynch's Sports Talk Show on Saturday, April 26. Breauna participated in three sports – volleyball, weight lifting and softball – at Lake Placid High School during the 2013-2014 school year The Sports Talk show airs live Saturdays immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM. During the May 3 show Sports Talk's 2013/2014 Highlands County High School Female "Athlete of the Year" will be named and honored.

ELKS SUPPORT SPECIAL STARS

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Sebring Elks 1529 was an All-Star Sponsor in the 15th annual Special STARS Softball Classic held on Saturday, March 22, in Sebring. Pictured, Sebring Elks 1529 ER George Quel, left, accepts a plaque from Special STARS athlete Tim Brown from the Dee's Place softball team. Sebring Elks 1529 sponsorship donation was $562.50. STARS provides sports and recreational services for more than 400 children and adults with mental and physical disabilities in Highlands County.

James, Heat complete sweep of Bobcats, 109-98

STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — LeBron James scored 31 points, and the Miami Heat completed a first-round sweep of the Charlotte Bobcats with a 109-98 victory Monday night.

James scored 19 points after injuring his thigh in the third quarter.

He finished the game 10 of 19 from the field and had nine assists.

Chris Bosh added 17 points and Dwyane Wade battled through foul trouble and finished with 15 as Miami won its 20th straight game over Charlotte.

The two-time defending NBA champions will await the winner of Brooklyn-Toronto series, which is tied 2-2.

Kemba Walker led Charlotte with 29 points.

The Bobcats played without Al Jefferson, their leading scorer and rebounder who has been bothered by a foot injury since the first quarter of Game 1.

The loss signaled the end of an era for the Bobcats.

They will become the Hornets next season.

The Heat improved to 16-2 in first-round games since James' arrival four years ago.

This was the second straight year the Heat swept their first-round series, taking out Milwaukee in four games last season.

This was Miami's ninth consecutive series victory.

Miami began to take control midway through the third quarter shortly after James gave his teammates a scare when he drove to the basket and his right thigh collided with Bismack Biyombo's knee, sending him to the ground.

James remained on the floor for more than a minute and concerned teammates began gathering around him.

He eventually got up and hobbled to the bench

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MCT photo

Charlotte Bobcats' team owner Michael Jordan shakes hands with Miami Heat forward LeBron James (6), after the Heat defeated the Bobcats, 109-98, in Game 4 of the NBA Eastern Conference quarterfinals at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, April 28, 2014. The Heat swept the series, 4-0.

COMING UP

High School Baseball
Thursday – Avon Park in Class 4A playoffs, vs. Tampa Catholic, 7 p.m.

Track and Field
Saturday – Sebring at Class 3A Finals, UNF-Jacksonville, 9 a.m.

SPORTS ON TV

TODAY

MLB

■ Detroit at Chicago White Sox	2 p.m.	WGN
■ Tampa Bay at Boston	7 p.m.	SUN/ESPN

NBA PLAYOFFS

■ Dallas at San Antonio	7 p.m.	TNT
■ Portland at Houston	9:30 p.m.	TNT

THURSDAY

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

■ Alabama at Missouri	8 p.m.	ESPN

GOLF

■ EuroPGA – The Championship	9 a.m.	GOLF
■ LPGA – North Texas Shootout	12:30 p.m.	GOLF
■ PGA – Wells Fargo Championship	3 p.m.	GOLF

MLB

■ Tampa Bay at Boston	7 p.m.	SUN

NBA PLAYOFFS

■ Oklahoma City at Memphis	8 p.m.	TNT
■ L.A. Clippers at Golden State	10:30 p.m.	TNT

SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta 3, Indiana 2
Atlanta 101, Indiana 93
Indiana 101, Atlanta 85
Atlanta 98, Indiana 85
Indiana 91, Atlanta 88
Monday: Atlanta 107, Indiana 97
Thursday: Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 3: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA
Miami 4, Charlotte 0
Miami 99, Charlotte 88
Miami 101, Charlotte 97
Saturday: Miami 98, Charlotte 85
Monday: Miami 109, Charlotte 98
Brooklyn 2, Toronto 2
Brooklyn 94, Toronto 87
Toronto 100, Brooklyn 95
Brooklyn 102, Toronto 98
Sunday: Toronto 87, Brooklyn 79
Wednesday: Brooklyn at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 2: Toronto at Brooklyn, TBA
x-Sunday, May 4: Brooklyn at Toronto, TBA
Washington 3, Chicago 1
Washington 102, Chicago 93
Washington 101, Chicago 99, OT
Chicago 100, Washington 97
Sunday: Washington 98, Chicago 89
Tuesday: Washington at Chicago, late
x-Thursday: Chicago at Washington, 7 or 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 3: Washington at Chicago, TBA
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas 2, San Antonio 2
San Antonio 90, Dallas 85
Dallas 113, San Antonio 92
Saturday: Dallas 109, San Antonio 108
Monday: San Antonio 93, Dallas 89
Wednesday: Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 2: San Antonio at Dallas, TBA
x-Sunday, May 4: Dallas at San Antonio, TBA
Memphis 2, Oklahoma City 2
Oklahoma City 100, Memphis 86
Memphis 111, Oklahoma City 105, OT
Memphis 98, Oklahoma City 95, OT
Saturday: Oklahoma City 92, Memphis 89, OT
Tuesday: Memphis at Oklahoma City, late
Thursday: Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 3: Memphis at Oklahoma City, TBA
L.A. Clippers 2, Golden State 2
Golden State 109, L.A. Clippers 105
L.A. Clippers 138, Golden State 98
L.A. Clippers 98, Golden State 96
Sunday: Golden State 118, L.A. Clippers 97
Tuesday: Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late
Thursday: L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 3: Golden State at L.A. Clippers, TBA
Portland 3, Houston 1
Portland 122, Houston 120, OT
Portland 112, Houston 105
Houston 121, Portland 116, OT
Sunday: Portland 123, Houston 120, OT
Wednesday: Portland at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
x-Friday: Houston at Portland, TBA
x-Sunday, May 4: Portland at Houston, TBA

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 4, Detroit 1
Detroit 1, Boston 0
Boston 4, Detroit 1
Boston 3, Detroit 0
Boston 3, Detroit 2, OT
Saturday: Boston 4, Detroit 2
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 0
Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1
Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2
Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 2
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT
Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3
Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
Saturday: Pittsburgh 3, Columbus 1
Monday: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3
N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Sunday: N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 2
Tuesday: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, late
x-Wednesday, April 30: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Colorado 3, Minnesota 3
Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT
Colorado 4, Minnesota 2
Minnesota 1, Colorado 0, OT
Minnesota 2, Colorado 1
Saturday: Colorado 4, Minnesota 3, OT
Monday: Minnesota 5, Colorado 2
Wednesday: Minnesota at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Chicago 4, St. Louis 2
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 3OT
St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT
Chicago 2, St. Louis 0
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, OT
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Sunday: Chicago 5, St. Louis 1
Anaheim 4, Dallas 2
Anaheim 4, Dallas 3
Anaheim 3, Dallas 2
Dallas 3, Anaheim 0
Dallas 4, Anaheim 2
Anaheim 6, Dallas 2
Sunday: Anaheim 5, Dallas 4, OT
San Jose 3, Los Angeles 3
San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3
San Jose 7, Los Angeles 2
San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3, OT
Los Angeles 6, San Jose 3
Saturday: Los Angeles 3, San Jose 0
Monday: Los Angeles 4, San Jose 1
Wednesday: Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Major League Baseball

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	10	.600	—
Baltimore	12	12	.500	2½
Toronto	12	13	.480	3
Boston	12	14	.462	3½
Tampa Bay	11	15	.423	4½
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Detroit	12	9	.571	—
Minnesota	12	11	.522	1
Chicago	14	13	.519	1
Kansas City	12	12	.500	1½
Cleveland	11	15	.423	3½
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	16	10	.615	—
Texas	15	11	.577	1
Los Angeles	12	13	.480	3½
Seattle	10	14	.417	5
Houston	9	17	.346	7

Monday's Games
Oakland 4, Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 7, Tampa Bay 3
L.A. Angels 6, Cleveland 3

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

Wednesday's Games
Detroit (Scherzer 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Undecided), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 0-3) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cumpton 0-1) at Baltimore (B.Norris 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 2-1) at Boston (Doubront 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (J.Chavez 1-0) at Texas (Ross Jr. 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 3-0) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 1-1) at Kansas City (B.Chen 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 1-1) at Houston (Oberholtzer 0-4), 8:10 p.m.

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	17	7	.708	—
New York	14	11	.560	3½
Washington	14	12	.538	4
Philadelphia	13	12	.520	4½
Miami	11	14	.440	6½
Central	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Milwaukee	19	7	.731	—
St. Louis	14	13	.519	5½
Cincinnati	11	14	.440	7½
Pittsburgh	10	16	.385	9
Chicago	8	16	.333	10
West	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
San Francisco	15	11	.577	—
Colorado	15	12	.556	½
Los Angeles	14	12	.538	1
San Diego	13	14	.481	2½
Arizona	8	21	.276	8½

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3, 12 innings
Colorado 8, Arizona 5
San Diego 6, San Francisco 4

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

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee (Garza 1-2) at St. Louis (S.Miller 2-2), 1:45 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Colon 2-3) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cumpton 0-1) at Baltimore (B.Norris 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Harang 3-1) at Miami (Eovaldi 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 1-2) at Cincinnati (Cingrani 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 3-0) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 0-2), 8:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 1-1) at Houston (Oberholtzer 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Lyles 3-0) at Arizona (Collmenter 1-2), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Erlin 1-3) at San Francisco (Hudson 3-1), 10:15 p.m.

YMCA Flag Football

SEBRING – The YMCA/Eagle Youth Flag Football League for ages 5-14 registration deadline is Monday, May 5. For questions or more information, call 382-9622.

Sebring Elks Golf Tournament

The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, May 5, beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is $30, which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

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

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

Highlands County Summer Leagues

SEBRING – The Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department announces that the 2014 Summer Leagues will start the week of May 12.

Leagues will include Women's, Church and Recreational A and B Leagues and are open to all adults and youth 16 years and older.

Registration and fees are due by Wednesday, May 7, no exceptions.

Fees are $360 and $15 sanctioning fee for the year.

For any further information please call Bob Keefe at 863-381-8284, Dustin Ridenour at 381-8269 or the Sports Complex at 863-402-6755.

Firemen's BBQ

SEBRING – The Sebring Firemen Inc. will be hosting their 4th Annual Barbecue on Friday, May 16, from 4-6 p.m. at Firemen's Field to benefit Sebring High School Football.

Dine in or drive through and enjoy a half-chicken dinner or a third-pound pulled pork sandwich, both with two sides, for $8.

Make checks payable to Sebring Firemen Inc./Football Fund.

Come for the food and stay for the Spring Blue and White game following the dinner.

Bass 'N Trash Tournament

SEBRING – The Sebring Sr. FFA will host the First Annual Bass 'N Trash Fishing Tournament on Saturday, May 17, on Lake Jackson at the Veteran's Beach boat ramp.

Cost is $25 per person, with a maximum of four people per team, with all registered team members receiving a free T-shirt and lunch.

Meet time is 7 a.m. and fishing will get underway at 7:30 a.m.

Weigh-in takes place at Noon.

Cass prizes will be given to heaviest total of three bass, three trash fish, heaviest bass and heaviest trash fish.

All fish must be alive at weigh-in.

Registration deadline is May 1, which guarantees a shirt, registrations after that, up through the day of the tournament, aren't guaranteed a shirt.

To register, or for more information, contact Sarah Cleveland at (352) 214-9883, or Rebekah Wills at (863) 273-0208.

SHS Summer of Swim

Sebring High School will be offering swimming lessons with four sessions to choose from.

The first session begins Monday, June 9 and runs through Friday, June 20.

The second session runs from June 23-July 3, the third session July 7-July 18 and the fourth from July 21-August 1.

Registrations are being taken, beginning Monday, May 5, at the front office of Sebring High School during the day from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., where office secretaries will be able to sign you up.

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

Emails can also be sent to *catonp@highlands.k12.fl.us*.

The Sebring High School pool will be open on Wednesday, May 1,Monday through Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-3 p.m.

Additional hours will be added once school is out for the summer.

Cost is $2 per swimmer, and family passes are available at $50 for first family member and $15 for each additional.

Sebring Summer Swim Program

The Summer Swim Program will again offer four (4) instructional sessions.

Each will last two weeks and the swim class meets each weekday, Monday through Friday.

The Program will offer eight types of instruction:

1. Adult Beginner: Adults Only. For the novice-no experience necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There will be no refunds after completion of registration and payment of fees, unless the swim class is cancelled.

There must be at least four swimmers per class for the lessons to be taught.

Sunrise Rotary Charity Golf

SEBRING – The Sebring Sunrise Rotary 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament will tee off on Saturday, June 7 at Sun 'N Lake on the Turtle Run course.

Format is a four-person Scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is $240 per team, which includes green fees, cart, range balls, lunch and on-course beverages.

The Cohan Radio Group, SpringLake Hardware, Dixon Golf and the Alan Jay Automotive Network are Hole-In-One sponsors and Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center is a Trophy Sponsor.

Other sponsorships are available, from a $100 hole sponsor, to a $160 hole sponsor which includes a single entry, and a $340 hole sponsor which includes a team entry.

Sign-up is available online at *www.sebringsunriserotary.com*.

Make checks payable to Sebring Sunrise Foundation, P.O. Box 1363, Sebring, FL 33871.

Panther Baseball Youth Summer Camps

AVON PARK – Spring is here and summer is just around the corner, which means the annual Panther Baseball Summer Youth Camps will be warming up before you know it.

For youth players aged 5-13, there will be two camps.

The first meets Monday through Thursday, June 16-19, with the second the following week, June 23-26.

The camps will go each day from 8:30 a.m.-Noon, with a cost of $80 per week, or $150 for both weeks.

For additional campers from the same family, $5 discounts do apply.

All campers will receive a camp T-shirt.

Registration each day is from 8-8:30 a.m., with the camp then getting underway with all aspects of baseball fundamentals, pitching mechanics and games, with a dip in the SFSC pool to finish each day.

SFSC head coach Rick Hitt will serve as camp director, with instruction given from assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the Panther baseball team.

Campers should bring a glove, cap and any baseball attire desired, including bathing suit and towel.

Register by phone by calling the SFSC Baseball office at (863) 784-7036, or register the morning of the first camp session.

Walk-up registrations are accepted.

Applications can be found at *www.southflorida.edu/athletics/baseball*.

SNAPSHOTS
SPORTS

This Date In Baseball
April 30

1903 — The New York Highlanders won their home opener at Hilltop Park, 6-2 over Washington.

1919 — Philadelphia's Joe Oeschger and Brooklyn's Burleigh Grimes pitched complete games in a 9-9, 20-inning tie. Both teams scored three runs in the 19th inning. Oeschger gave up 22 hits and walked five, while Grimes allowed 15 hits and walked five.

1922 — Charlie Robertson of the Chicago White Sox pitched a 2-0 perfect game against the Detroit Tigers. Johnny Mostil, playing left field for the only time, made two outstanding catches.

1940 — James "Tex" Carleton of the Brooklyn Dodgers threw a 3-0 no-hitter at Cincinnati.

1946 — Bob Feller struck out 11 New York Yankees en route to the second of his three career no-hitters, a 1-0 victory at Yankee Stadium.

1961 — Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants hit four home runs and drove in eight runs in a 14-4 victory over the Braves in Milwaukee. Hank Aaron hit two homers for the Braves.

1967 — Steve Barber and Stu Miller of the Baltimore Orioles combined on a no-hitter in a 2-1 loss to the Detroit Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader. Barber pitched 8 2-3 innings and Miller one-third of an inning.

1969 — Jim Maloney of the Cincinnati Reds struck out 13 en route to a 10-0 no-hitter over the Houston Astros, the third of his career.

1988 — New York and Cincinnati hooked up in a wild game at Riverfront Stadium that the Mets pulled out 6-5, on a delayed call by first base umpire Dave Pallone. The call resulted in a $10,000 fine and 30-day suspension of Reds manager Pete Rose when Pallone accidentally poked Rose in the cheek and Rose shoved Pallone twice.

1999 — About 3,000 fans wearing T-shirts that said, "$hare the wealth" protested baseball economics at the Yankees-Royals game. The protesters turned their backs when the Yankees batted, then walked out of Kansas City's Kauffman Stadium during the fourth inning. The Yankees began the season with baseball's top payroll at $85.05 million, and the Royals were 25th at $23.8 million.

2002 — Al Leiter cruised through seven three-hit innings in the New York Mets' 10-1 rout of Arizona to become the first pitcher to beat all 30 teams in the majors.

2002 — Texas Rangers shortstop Alex Rodriguez became the second-youngest player to reach 250 homers a 10-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays. Only Jimmie Foxx was younger.

2009 — Johnny Damon of New York and Mike Napoli of Los Angeles homered at Yankee Stadium, pushing the number hit there to 28 overall and 19 to right field since the ballpark opened. That set a record for most in the first seven games of a new park, one more than at Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati in 2003.

Park it in the CLASSIFIEDS and watch it go fast!

NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves

Getty Images/**JERRY MARKLAND**
Marcos Ambrose is no pushover.

How many new fans did Marcos Ambrose earn at Richmond?

GODSPEAK: He's had Australia mesmerized, and now I see New Zealand jumping on the bandwagon.

KEN'S CALL: It's nice to see someone actually take action. Casey Mears was probably expecting finger- pointing and yelling.

Will Talladega bring a surprise or one of the usual suspects?

GODSPEAK: Let's throw David Gilliland's name out there and see if he can take it across the finish line.

KEN'S CALL: Would Jeff Gordon be considered a surprise?

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FEEDBACK

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HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

Small tracks bring big fun

Getty Images/**TODD WARSHAW**
Not sure if it'll become a trend, but Joey Logano celebrating victory with steering wheel in hand provides a nice visual.

NASCAR's shortest tracks have provided some of the sport's most spectacular moments to start the 2014 Sprint Cup Series. The closing laps of the Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond International Raceway were a cut-and-paste of old-school stock-car racing.

The four drivers with a chance to win were thumping and banging each other like they were driving bumper cars. Joey Logano emerged from fourth place in the running order to steal the triumph.

One sure sign of a good race? When it's not over after the checkered flag falls. Brad Keselowski was mad that Matt Kenseth squeezed him up to the wall during an outside pass attempt for the lead. Jeff Gordon was in the mix, too, with Logano starting shotgun among the race contenders.

When it was over, Keselowski did a brake-check on Kenseth, causing damage to several cars, including Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s, who was just making his way around the track on the cool-down lap.

"The No. 2 (Keselowski) was mad at the No. 20 (Kenseth) and he slammed on the brakes after the checkered and the No. 47 (AJ Allmendinger) ran into the No. 20 and I ran into the No. 20, and I don't know what that was all about," Earnhardt said. "You know, get over it."

And nobody is quite sure what happened between Casey Mears and Marcos Ambrose, who were battling to finish 18th Saturday night.

After the race, Mears found Ambrose in the garage area. They had a heated exchange before Mears gave Ambrose a good shove.

Ambrose, a gritty Australian, did a walkabout on Mears' face, landing a solid right hook on Mears' left cheek.

If you didn't see the fracas Saturday night, no fears. The video is garage gold for Fox, which we guess will be using it the rest of its broadcast season to promote races.

LEAP OF FAITH

Brad Keselowski was upset he didn't win the race, but pleased his teammate Joey Logano scored the victory. Keselowski was so happy, when Logano arrived on pit road in his No. 22 Team Penske Ford, Keselowski did a kangaroo hop — his two feet flat on the ground — to the hood of Logano's race car, then tapped on Logano's windshield. It was an impressive show of quad strength by the 2012 Cup Series champion. Keselowski had no comment about the dazzling jump in post-race interviews.

TALLADEGA QUALIFYING

There is so much anticipation about Sunday's Aaron's 499 Cup Series race that Saturday's qualifying session will be live on Fox and not one of its cable networks. Driver Clint Bowyer said don't look for much blocking during group qualifying. "You're just going to be ridiculed and make yourself look like a fool," he said. "Being cute and doing stuff like that, it will catch up to you just like it always does."

GODWIN'S RICHMOND PICKS

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Winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr.
Rest of the top five: Kevin Harvick, Clint Bowyer, Jamie McMurray, Danica Patrick
Dark horse: David Gilliland
Disappointment: Jimmie Johnson
First one out: Cole Whitt
Don't be surprised if: This turns into a car-flipping free-for-all by the halfway point of the race.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

News-Journal/**DAVID TUCKER**
Brian France may be over-confident about a couple of things.

Why are the old racers chuckling?

They always laugh when everyone gets all animated about a post-race punch. When Fox cameras caught Marcos Ambrose's right cross to Casey Mears' left cheek, it became the big news of the night. It was replayed more than anything since the Zapruder film. And while it was certainly more interesting than Brad Keselowski's temper tantrum over Matt Kenseth, it was mild compared with the days when post-race fisticuffs were the rule instead of the exception.

Brian France said what?

In a conference with national sports editors last week, the NASCAR chairman indicated that the current Chase format "is built to stand a long time." Two things: 1. The first decade of the Chase has already seen more "tweaks" than Joan Rivers; and 2. The newest changes were made to encourage "racing to win," but you can still win the championship without winning a race.

And what else?

He suggested SAFER barriers are already installed where deemed necessary. If deemed necessary, they'll add to them at certain tracks. Unfortunately, they're usually deemed necessary after someone crashes at an uncovered section of concrete previously deemed unnecessary. It's why they're called "accidents." They should cover all exposed concrete.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK

MARCOS AMBROSE

CASEY MEARS

Casey Mears vs. Marcos Ambrose: Something happened at Richmond that ruffled Mears' feathers and he gave Ambrose a shove — Ambrose returned the compliment with a knuckle thank-you.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "They were fighting for 18th place. Eighteenth! This will be a gift that keeps giving until NASCAR President Mike Helton sits them down for 'the talk.'"

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Aaron's 499
SITE: Talladega Superspeedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox, 1:10 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage starts at 12:30 p.m., green flag at 1:20 p.m.).
NATIONWIDE: Aaron's 312
SITE: Talladega Superspeedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, race (ESPN 2:30 p.m.)

WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
JOEY LOGANO	JEFF GORDON	KYLE BUSCH	JUNIOR EARNHARDT	MATT KENSETH	BRAD KESELOWSKI	CARL EDWARDS	KEVIN HARVICK	JIMMIE JOHNSON	MARCOS AMBROSE
Has streak of two-time winners started?	Always in mix, never in Victory Lane	Turns 29 this week	Turns 40 in 5 months (Yikes!)	Stakes claim to Kez's head	Mild Matt's only known enemy?	Finishes fourth at Talladega	Say hey to this week's winner	Near-misses and big misses this year	"Marcos of Queensberry"

RICHMOND REWIND

Bowyer talks wedding, honeymoon ... and, yes, Kurt Busch

The media enjoyed a lively interview session with Clint Bowyer, who hasn't lost his country-boy charm in the spotlight of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. During the Richmond racing weekend, Bowyer talked about getting married during Easter wekend.

How does the new wedding ring feel?
"It's heavy. It's forever."

How was the wedding and honeymoon?
"We did have us a good honeymoon — had a big bonfire at the house the other night. I was burning some brush and I look over and I was like, 'How's your honeymoon, honey? Pretty good, huh?'

"We had so much fun. We went down to the Bahamas with just a little group of family and friends (for the wedding) — some of my closest friends and some of hers. They (neighbors) knew we were there; just put it that way.

"It was a lot of fun. 'Train wreck' is what it would kind of be considered, too. It was so funny, though. Jay Frye crashed the wedding in his swim trunks, and I thought that was the highlight of the night.

"I thought that if I was him I would have definitely done that, and probably that much more. Him and (wife) Danielle (Frye) came in straight off the beach, and I thought that was hilarious."

What happened with Kurt Busch at Darlington?

"It was just a bad deal. You never want to wreck anybody. It was quite clear that I got into the back of him and wrecked him. You always feel bad when that happens. It's a different circumstance if you were having a skirmish with him.

"You get down to the end of those things and they are green-white-checkered and there's two tires, four tires — (Jeff) Gordon was on two and was protecting it pretty hard getting in, and I kind of checked up and next thing you know I'm the guy that's three-wide and I was like, 'Oh no.' "

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Byron Cobb finds himself in a crowded seeding in the pole vault at the FHSAA Finals, and hopes to break out of the pack toward a medal.

HEAT

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and sat down during a timeout, but he stayed in the game.

The injury only seemed to inspire James after fans cheered when he went down.

After the timeout he buried a 3-pointer and a long jumper before a one-handed dunk to help give Miami a 73-66 lead with 4:51 left in the third quarter.

Miami pushed the lead to 13 when Norris Cole knocked down a 3-point buzzer-beater from the right corner at the end of the quarter.

Charlotte never got closer than seven points in the fourth quarter.

With Wade on the bench for most of the fourth quarter with foul trouble, the Heat went almost exclusively to James.

The four-time NBA MVP scored 11 points in the final period and Cole and James Jones knocked down big 3-pointers to keep the Bobcats at bay.

Despite being without Jefferson, the Bobcats led 54-52 at halftime behind 12 points from Walker.

Walker, who finished 11 of 15 from the field, did a little bit of everything to keep Charlotte in the game.

With the shot clock winding down on one possession he purposely fired the ball off the backboard from just inside the 3-point arc and raced to get his own rebound and put it in.

On the next possession, Walker drove the lane and found Biyombo with a no-look feed for a dunk.

Before the game the Heat showed solidarity with the Los Angeles Clippers over the Donald Sterling controversy.

Like the Clippers on Sunday, the Heat ran out of the tunnel wearing their warmups, huddled at center court and tossed their white shooting T-shirts to the ground.

They then went through their pregame routine with their red Heat warmup jerseys inside out, hiding the team's logo.

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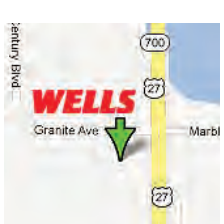

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TEN TIPS FOR PERFECT GRILLING

1) Clean and preheat your grill on high.
2) Lightly oil everything before you put it on the grill. This helps the searing process and prevents sticking.
3) Season your food before grilling.
4) Sear the outside of steaks when grilling. This really helps with the flavor and juiciness.
5) Use tongs or a spatula to turn your meat on the grill. Using a fork can damage the meat.
6) Cover your grill as much as possible during the grilling process. This helps to lock in the grilled flavor and will help prevent flare-ups.
7) Keep a spray bottle with water handy to douse any unexpected flare-ups.
8) Use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill for 60 percent of the time on the first side, then grill 40 percent of the time after you turn over the food. This will give you an evenly cooked product.
9) Place your cooked product on a clean plate. Never place cooked product on the plate you used to transport the raw product to the grill without thoroughly washing it.
10) Allow your foods to "rest" for 5 minutes between cooking and eating This will help them retain moisture.

ANCHO CHILE RUBBED GRILLED T-BONES

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 Omaha Steaks T-bone steaks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 tablespoons Ancho Chile Rub (see recipe below)
- 12 grilled tri-color sweet baby peppers

1. Preheat grill to medium. Thaw and blot dry steaks.
2. Brush steaks with olive oil. Generously cover both sides of steaks with Ancho Chile Rub by dipping them in rub. Continue until steaks are completely covered.
3. Place steaks on heated grill and grill to desired doneness. (For a medium-rare steak, grill approximately 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side.)
4. Remove steaks from grill and garnish with grilled tri-colored sweet baby peppers.

ANCHO CHILE RUB

Makes: 4 tablespoons

- 1 tablespoon smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 2 tablespoons ancho chile powder
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- Combine all ingredients and mix well.

ROASTED PEPPER PESTO RUBBED GRILLED T-BONES

Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 Omaha Steaks T-bone steaks
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup Omaha Steaks Private Reserve Seasoning, or salt and pepper
- 1 recipe Roasted Pepper Pesto (see recipe below)
- 4 fresh basil sprigs

1. Preheat grill to medium. Brush steaks with olive oil and season with seasoning, or salt and pepper. Brush both sides of steaks with Roasted Pepper Pesto.
2. Place steaks on grill and cook to desired doneness. (For a medium-rare steak about 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side.)
3. When steaks are finished, brush both sides one final time with pesto. Serve steaks with dollop of unused pesto in center of each and garnish with fresh basil sprig.

ROASTED PEPPER PESTO

Makes: approximately 2 cups

- 1 cup roasted red peppers, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup garlic cloves, peeled
- 1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil

1. Combine all ingredients except olive oil in food processor or blender, and puree until smooth. Next, add oil slowly in food processor until completely combined.

GRILLED T-BONES WITH TABASCO AND ROQUEFORT CHEESE BUTTER

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 4 hours refrigerator time
Cook time: 15 minutes
Total time: 4 hours and 30 minutes
Serves: 4

- 4 Omaha Steaks T-bones
- Omaha Steaks All Natural Steak Seasoning, or salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 slices (1 1/2-inch coins) Tabasco and Roquefort Cheese Butter (see recipe below)
- 2 tablespoons minced chives

1. Thaw steaks overnight in refrigerator or quick thaw by placing sealed steaks in sink with water for approximately one hour.
2. Preheat grill to medium. Season both sides of steaks with seasoning, or salt and pepper. Grill steaks to desired doneness. (For medium-rare steak, grill approximately 8 minutes on first side and 6 to 7 minutes on second side.) Just before removing steaks from grill, place butter slice on each steak. The idea is to have butter half melted on top as you are serving steaks.
3. Garnish each steak with sprinkle of minced chives.

TABASCO AND ROQUEFORT CHEESE BUTTER

- 4 ounces unsalted butter, softened
- 4 ounces Roquefort blue cheese, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons Tabasco sauce
- 1/4 cup fresh chives, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh garlic, minced
- 1 roasted red pepper, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

1. Whip butter slightly in mixer. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
2. Transfer mixture to sheet of parchment paper. Roll into tube (approximately 1 1/2-inch diameter) and twist paper at the ends.
3. Refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours. When ready to serve, slice into coins as needed. Unused butter can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week.

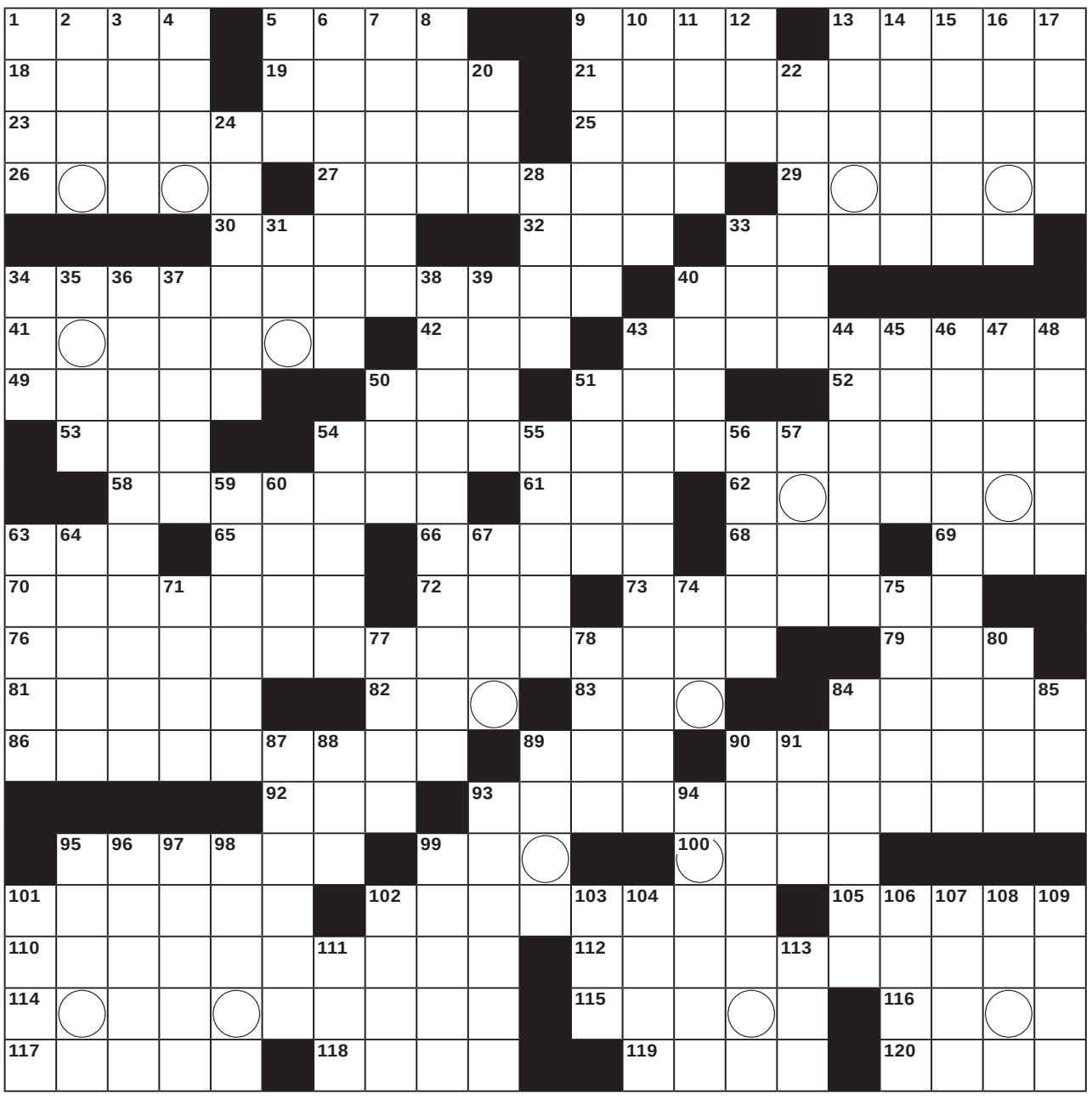
THICK STEAK, BONE-IN STEAK AND CHOP COOKING CHART

Cooking times are in minutes and based on fully-thawed steaks.
Gas grill: Preheat grill to high, reduce to medium heat prior to cooking.
Charcoal grill: Sear over red hot coals, finish over indirect heat.

	THICKNESS	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	1 3/4"	2"	2 1/4"	2 1/2"
Rare 120° to 130°F	First Side	6	6	7	9	11	13	14
	After Turning	3–4	4–5	5–6	6–7	7–8	8–9	10–12
Medium Rare 130° to 140°F	First Side	6	7	8	11	13	14	16
	After Turning	4–5	5–6	6–7	8–9	9–10	10–12	12–14
Medium 140° to 150°F	First Side	7	8	9	12	14	16	17
	After Turning	5–6	6–7	7–8	9–10	11–12	12–14	14–16
Well Done 160° to 170°F	First Side	9	10	12	14	18	19	20
	After Turning	7–8	8–9	9–11	12–14	14–16	16–18	21–23

ON WHEELS

BY ELIZABETH C. GORSKI



Solution on B5

ACROSS
1 Healing cover
5 Instants
9 Ancient symbols of royalty
13 Checks
18 "___ and Louis," 1956 jazz album
19 The Sun, The Moon or The Star
21 Best-selling novelist whom Time called "Bard of the Litigious Age"
23 Attribute of Elks or Lions Club members
25 Recital piece for a wind player
26 Toast words after "Here's"
27 Relative of turquoise
29 Proceeds
30 Within earshot
32 Anthem preposition
33 Mobile home seeker?
34 1966 Wilson Pickett R&B hit
40 Abbr. on sale garment tags
41 Short open jackets
42 Commandment word
43 Pipe valves
49 "I've got half ___ to …"
50 '50s political inits.
51 Year, to Casals
52 Greeting that includes a Spanish greeting in reverse?
53 Andean tuber
54 Opera based on a play by Pierre Beaumarchais, with "The"
58 Complete shutout?
61 Post letters
62 Hammer
63 Stockholm-bound carrier
65 Yale Bowl fan
66 Roisterous
68 Bond yield: Abbr.
69 These, to Thierry
70 Ruler known as "Big Daddy"
72 TV's Cousin ___
73 Urban renewal target
76 Qualcomm Stadium athlete
79 Paris's ___ du Carrousel
81 Writer Chekhov
82 Pet Shop Boys, e.g.
83 Stella D'___ (cookie brand)
84 Jermaine of the N.B.A.
86 They're steeped in strainers
89 Mrs. abroad
90 Vocabulary
92 Reversal, of sorts
93 Walker's strip
95 Govt. promissory notes
99 Former Chevrolet division
100 Suffix with narc-
101 Dirty rats
102 Like equinoxes
105 Fine hosiery material
110 Visa alternative
112 "The African Queen" novelist
114 Makeup removal item
115 Classic theater name
116 Stain
117 Designer Anne
118 Leonard ___ a.k.a. Roy Rogers
119 Covenant keepers
120 All alternative

DOWN
1 Breakaway group
2 Renault model with a mythological name
3 Woody's "Annie Hall" role
4 "Joanie Loves Chachi" co-star
5 ___ 500, annual race in Ridgeway, Va.
6 Wildlife IDs
7 Ones who are the talk of the town?
8 Baking ___
9 Actress Judd
10 Use elbow grease on
11 Opening for a dermatologist
12 Common newsstand locale: Abbr.
13 Seat at the counter
14 Ready to be played, say
15 De-file?
16 ___ Trend
17 Graceful trumpeter
20 ___ Aviv
22 John Irving character
24 QE2's operator
28 Leave in a hurry
31 Music producer Brian
33 ___-Magnon man
34 New corp. hire, often
35 Man, in Milano
36 Cuts, as a cake
37 Coffee-break time, perhaps
38 Shakespeare's "Titus ___"
39 Financial writer Marshall
40 "What business is ___ yours?"
43 Bird whose feathers were once prized by milliners
44 Neil of Fox News
45 Ken of "Brothers & Sisters"
46 Quaker production
47 One of the Kardashians
48 Composer Camille Saint-___
50 The U.N.'s ___ Hammarskjöld
51 Pounds' sounds
54 Give rise to
55 "You Must Love Me" musical
56 Nosy one
57 Millennia on end
59 Candy-heart message
60 "That's ___!" ("Not true!")
63 Rug fiber
64 Hersey's Italian town
67 Roman emperor
71 Flaps
74 Naval petty officer: Abbr.
75 "Amazing" debunker
77 Anita of jazz
78 "La Dolce Vita" setting
80 Slugger's practice area
84 Futurist
85 ESPN broadcaster Bob
87 Certain Sooner
88 Some M.I.T. grads: Abbr.
89 "Are you putting ___?"
90 Slick hairstyle
91 Fancy tie
93 English church official
94 Kick-around shoe
95 Chaim ___, 1971 Best Actor nominee
96 City that sounds like a humdinger?
97 Query from Judas
98 Life Saver flavor
99 Like bachelorette parties, typically
101 Product of Yale
102 Jezebel's idol
103 Many a PX patron
104 Prime letters?
106 Amazon fig.
107 D-Day invasion town
108 Former C.I.A. chief Panetta
109 Artist's alias with an accent
111 "The Price Is Right" broadcaster
113 I.C.U. pros

Tattoo of former love's name puts damper on romance

DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for two years. We live together, and his child from another woman lives with us. I love my boyfriend and his child, but one thing prevents me from imagining us being married: He has his child's mother's name tattooed on his body.

The tattoo bothers me for many reasons, and I'd like him to have it covered up if we ever do marry. He says he doesn't want to get rid of it. When the topic comes up, we argue.

Am I unreasonable for wanting him to get rid of the tattoo? If that woman really is in his past, why does he need a constant reminder of her on his body?

— IN A STINK OVER INK

DEAR IN A STINK: You're asking the wrong person. Only your boyfriend can answer that. He may not want to go to the expense, or to experience the pain of having more artwork done. Or he may not like the idea that you are telling him what to do.

However, if he has been living with you for two years, I doubt it's because he's still carrying a torch for someone else. If you love him and the two of you want to get married, my advice is to accept him warts, artwork and all, because regardless of any romance in his past, YOU have habeas corpus. (That's Latin for "you have the body.")

DEAR ABBY: I consider myself a social person and enjoy talking to friends on the phone. My problem is, when I talk to one of them, she will never let me get off the phone. Sometimes we'll talk for several hours, but eventually I have other obligations and have to go. When I tell her that, she often ignores me and keeps right on talking.

I don't want to be rude, but sometimes I have to say goodbye four and five times before she finally acknowledges that I must end the call. It irritates me. I like talking to her, but I can't go on and on forever. How can I make her let me off the phone without hanging up on her or upsetting her?

— MR. NICE GUY

DEAR MR. NICE GUY: The person you're describing obviously has less going on in her life than you do. She may also be a compulsive talker.

The next time you talk to her, make the conversation face-to-face and tell her that as much as you like her, you don't have the amount of time to spend on the phone that she does. Explain that when you tell her you must end the conversation, if she doesn't stop talking within five minutes, you will have to hang up. And then do it.

Will she like it? No. But the alternative is that she will continue to take advantage of you — which she has been doing because you have allowed it.

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Make your own pizza for dinner this weekend

DINNER DIVA

Leanne Ely

If you've adopted a healthy new lifestyle for you and your family, you might be starting to miss some of your favorite meals to sit down to.

Meals like pizza, for instance.

Announcing that it's Pizza Night is an easy way to get the family together around the table, but a lot of the chain pizza joints serve greasy, cheesy junk.

Luckily, homemade pizza is just as convenient as takeout (if you know how to do homemade pizza right) http://savingdinnershop.com/ebooks-2/pizza-ebook/ and there's no contest that it's healthier for you.

How can you make homemade pizza convenient? There are several ways.

Prep ahead of time. If you're planning on making Friday pizza night, keep that in mind through the week. When you're chopping veggies for a stir-fry on Wednesday, set aside some extra for your pizzas. Same goes for meat. If you're cooking ground beef and bacon for a separate dish, set some aside in a container for Friday's pizza.

On Friday morning, before work, grate some cheese while you're making breakfast, and set it aside in the fridge for later. When you get home from work, make your favorite crust, get the sauce going and simply put your toppings on and bake. Or, involve the kids and let everyone make his or her own favorite pizza.

Freeze it, baby. Another thing you might want to consider, is making your own batch of frozen pizzas.

Make your favorite crust recipe and your favorite sauce. When the crust is ready for the pan, bake it for about 7 minutes. After the crust is out of the oven, allow it to cool and then top with sauce (the sauce must be completely cooled), cheese and meats/veggies of your choosing. Freeze for 3 to 5 hours. Then, wrap in plastic wrap, label and date. Voila!

Next Friday, you can just take a pie out of the freezer, heat your oven to 375 and bake for 20 minutes or so, until the pizza is nice and golden and bubbly.

I would recommend making a few of these at a time while you're going to the trouble, so you can have a stack in the freezer ready when you need them.

When you serve your pizza, whether it's Paleo, gluten-free or a traditional variety, put as many veggies and lean, local meats on there as you can and go easy on the cheese. Always serve with a great big green salad.

Also try thinking outside the pizza box a bit with your combos. Top your pizza with fresh basil, figs and goat cheese. Or make it Thai and top with peanut sauce, chicken and bean sprouts. Why not?

Get inspired!

We have a couple of great pizza Ebooks you would love. The latest was just released this week, and it features five crusts, five sauces and 32 different pizza recipes. It even includes gluten-free and Paleo options.

Tell me. What is your favorite pizza topping?

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Craig Ferguson announces late-night retirement

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — A few weeks after David Letterman announced he'd be retiring from the CBS late-night television lineup, Craig Ferguson did the same.

Ferguson, host of "The Late Late Show" since 2005, told his studio audience during Monday's taping that he will step down at the end of the year. Ferguson's show airs after Letterman's, at 12:35 a.m. on weekdays.

The move was no surprise after CBS announced that Stephen Colbert will replace Letterman next year.

There was a time that Ferguson, whose show won a Peabody Award in 2009, was considered a strong contender for that job.

But "The Late Late Show" has faded in the ratings, particularly with the arrival of Seth Meyers in February as competition in the same time slot.

"CBS and I are not getting divorced, we are consciously uncoupling," Ferguson said. "But we will still spend holidays together and share custody of the fake horse and robot skeleton, both of whom we love very much."

He told the audience it was his decision to leave, adding, "CBS has been fine with me."

CBS Entertainment Chairwoman Nina Tassler said Ferguson "infused the broadcast with tremendous energy, unique comedy, insightful interviews and some of the most heartfelt monologues seen on television."

The Scottish-born Ferguson, 51, became a U.S. citizen during his tenure on the show.

'Master' Willie Nelson gets 5th-degree black belt

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some advice for when Willie Nelson slides off his sneakers personalized with the word "Texas" on them: Don't mess with him.

The country music icon who turns 81 this week received his fifth-degree black belt Monday in the martial art of Gong Kwon Yu Sul. He cinched the personalized belt around a black robe at an Austin studio. Nelson didn't show off his chops but Grand Master Sam Um assured a packed room that the "Red Headed Stranger" could hold his own against anyone.

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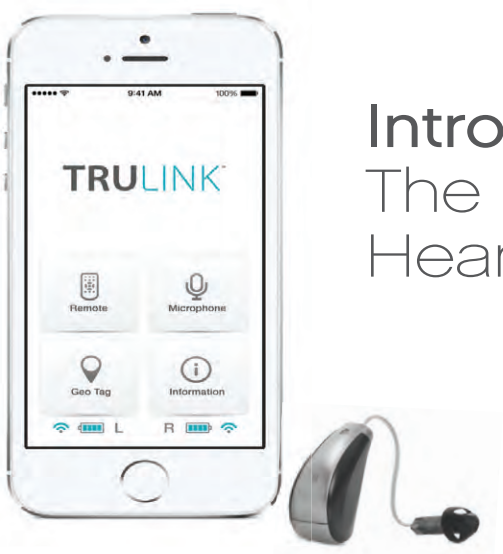

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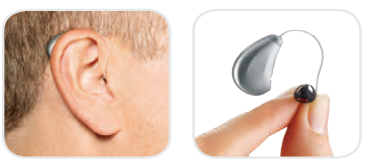

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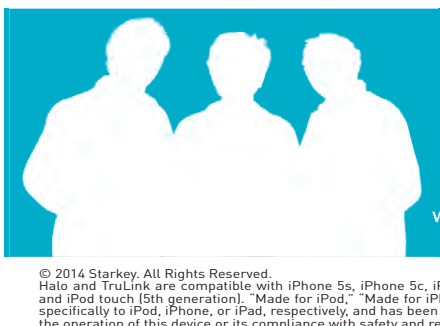
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Tim Spain

I was 7 years old in 1980, and that is when Mattie Harris Johnson started working at Capital Regional Medical Center. She came with experience because she previously worked at another hospital in Tallahassee. Mattie started out as a diet aid and did everything from building trays to cooking on the weekends.

Mattie was then and still is a real "go-getter" and in 1981 she was promoted to supervisor overseeing the daily operations of the tray line. It warms my heart to think of all the people she has cared for through food and nutrition in their times of need.

Over the years here, Mattie has received employee of the month four times and is known throughout the hospital as "Miss Mattie."

In 1989, Delores Gosby Chaires started working at CRMC as a diet aid as well as the doctor's lounge attendant and is now my kitchen supervisor and helps run the day-to-day operations of food and nutrition.

When I think about how long these ladies have been here, I am amazed at their dedication to doing their part to help patients along the pathway to wellness.

Over the years these ladies have seen a lot of changes, from the building of a new hospital to adding two floors to the new hospital eight years after it was built, to a robot that delivers trays to the nurse's stations during times of service.

I asked Delores what was her favorite meal to eat and — being a fourth generation southern woman born in Tallahassee — she told me smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes and collard greens. I asked her to share a recipe for smothered pork chops so I could share it with you and this is what she described to me. I put it into measurements that would be easy to use.

Delores also said, "If you don't have any collard greens, any kinda greens will do."

Cheers, Chef.

SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS

- 4 center cut, bone-in pork chops (4 ounces each)
- 2 ounces all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black cracked pepper
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- Half of a fresh chopped yellow onion
- 5 1/3 ounce canned cream of mushroom condensed soup
- 5-1/3 ounce cold water
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1-1/2 tsp. Kitchen Bouquet flavoring

PREPARATION

1. Mix flour salt, pepper, garlic powder, and onion powder together. Dip the pork chop in the flour mixure. Shake off extra flour.
2. Sauté the onions until translucent in the braising pan, then remove onion from pan.
3. Brown the pork chop on both sides for about two minutes per side in the same pan as the onions, then place the onion over the pork chops.
4. In a bowl, combine soup, water, Worcestershire sauce and Kitchen Bouquet, then pour over the pork chop.
5. Place in the oven and bake, covered at 350 F for approximately 1 hour or until fork tender and internal temperature reaches 155 F.

Tim Spain is System Executive Chef with Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Morrison Healthcare Food Service. He can be reached by email at TimmieSpain@IamMorrison.com.

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A forbidden take on a healthy rice pudding

SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

Speaking as a mom and a chef, let me assure you — one of the nicest things you can do for Mom on Mother's Day is cook for her. Something sweet is best. And my candidate? Comforting, traditional rice pudding.

Or maybe not so traditional. Classic rice puddings are made from plain white rice. The grains are very tender, the flavor is kind of bland, and the color is white. In my recipe, which is made using black forbidden rice, the grains are slightly chewy, the flavor is slightly nutty, and the color is deep purple.

Once upon a time forbidden rice was said to be literally forbidden. First cultivated in China, forbidden rice was so rare — and so nutritious — no one was allowed to eat it except for the emperor. Today, forbidden rice is considered a delicious and healthy whole grain we can all enjoy.

Like brown rice, forbidden rice is unpolished; the hull of the grain, a rich source of insoluble fiber, is left intact. It's also a good source of iron and vitamin E, and a great source of the same antioxidants that put the blue in blueberries. I was first introduced to forbidden rice six years ago, when it was still rare. Thankfully, these days it's readily available at most grocers.

The Associated Press

FORBIDDEN RICE PUDDING

Start to finish: 3 hours 25 minutes (15 minutes active)
Servings: 4

- 1/2 cup forbidden rice (Chinese black rice)
- 1 cup water
- 2 1/2 cups whole milk, divided
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 large cinnamon stick
- Salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup chopped crystallized ginger, to garnish (optional)

1. In a small saucepan over medium-high, combine the rice and water. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook, covered, for 30 minutes. Let stand for a few minutes, then pour through a mesh strainer to discard any excess water. Return the rice to the pot over medium-high heat. Add 2 cups of the milk, the sugar, the cinnamon stick and a hefty pinch of salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to simmer and cook, uncovered and stirring occasionally, for 40 minutes.
2. In a small bowl, beat the eggs with the remaining 1/2 cup milk. Whisk in a large spoonful of the hot rice mixture. Add the egg mixture to the rice and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until the custard coats the back of a spoon, 4 to 5 minutes. Do not let the rice pudding boil or the eggs will scramble.
3. Remove the saucepan from the heat, stir in the vanilla and transfer the rice pudding to a bowl. Cover the pudding and chill until cold, at least 2 hours. The pudding will thicken as it chills. To serve, discard the cinnamon stick and divide the rice pudding among 4 bowls. Top each portion with some of the ginger.

Nutrition information per serving: 280 calories; 70 calories from fat (25 percent of total calories); 8 g fat (3.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 105 mg cholesterol; 42 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 17 g sugar; 10 g protein; 160 mg sodium.

Sara Moulton was executive chef at Gourmet magazine for nearly 25 years, and spent a decade hosting several Food Network shows. She currently stars in public television's "Sara's Weeknight Meals" and has written three cookbooks, including "Sara Moulton's Everyday Family Dinners."

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Kline shares her book with Lake Placid Rotarians

Special to the News-Sun

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Merry Cresswell (left), Lake Placid Noon Rotary director and past Lake Placid librarian, joins Maria Chenique (right), Lake Plaid Noon Rotary and current Lake Placid librarian, in introducing author Carol Kline to the club.

LAKE PLACID — Carol Kline was the speakers at the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Clubs luncheon on April 24. Kline has written three children's books along with an autobiography about her daughter that is available on Amazon.com.

The name of the book is "Home of the Brave," which is a true story of courage, determination and hope. The basis for this story is two-fold. First, it is imperative to bring to light a desperate need for rehabilitation facilities that will more efficiently serve today's men and women veterans who are wounded and/or disabled. Second, an example of precisely why such a need has become imperative is based on the true story of an Air Force nurse. If she could only speak, she would likely tell in great detail why proper housing and more individualized care for today's veterans is sorely needed.

Major Kristin Ratliff, RN, United States Air Force, pediatric intensive care unit nurse, two-time deployed to Iraq, suffered a traumatic brain injury after being hit broadside by a truck on her way home from work at San Antonio's huge Lackland Air Force Base hospital.

Kline said, "Watching her smile and hearing her laugh today gives us the greatest hope." People ask her every day, "How is your daughter doing?" She simply stops and reflects and thanks God every day that she is here at all. She considers all that she has endured on this tremendously long journey back and then she smiles and says, "She is awesome!"

Autographed copies of Kline's book may be ordered directly by emailing cak145@comcast.net or place an order with amazon.com by searching for "Home of the Brave" by Carol Kline.

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Lake Placid Garden Club treasurer Patsy Stamm (left) and president Alice Stahr present a check of $366 to Officer Tommy Sauls, from the Avon Correctional Institution in Avon Park, for the Signage Project.

Lake Placid Garden Club holds Easter meeting

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Garden Club met April 9 at the Lake Placid Woman's Club, with president Alice Stahr presiding. Members arrived in their Easter bonnets and tables were adorned with flowered Easter baskets made by Marcia Price.

The Hostess committee served a catered lunch of quiche with all the trimmings and key lime pie, to 43 members and two guests, Susan Fontaine and Wanda Hieronymous.

Program chairman Marsha Browning introduced Officer Tommy Sauls, from Avon Park Correctional Institution, who gave an informative and interesting program on "Therapy Through Plants." The horticulture program began in 1960, and there is only one sponsored by the Federation of Garden Club with a re-entry program.

Plant chairman Margo Sanders and Garden Club members held a very successful plant sale in March for the Signage Project on the Iand at APCI. Treasurer Patsy Stamm and President Alice Stahr presented $366 to Sauls for the project. Sauls also announced a public plant sale at APCI to be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday with a lunch that can be purchased for $5.

Stahr talked about the "new member" picnic held at Medowlake on April 1. Board and new members shared some personal stories and a boxed lunch was served. Member Marian Chambers presented a "comical" presentation about planting sweet potato vine. Member Sue Grady introduced the 2014 plant of America as being the "Butterfly Weed". Member Sandy Otway spoke about the note making/plant study at her home and 14 members attended.

The scholarship committee held its selection meeting for high school awards, which will be given May 8.

Lake Placid Garden Club's next meeting is May 14 at the Lake Placid Woman's Club. Installation of the 2014-2015 officers will be held. After the summer recess, the next meeting will be Sept. 10.

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Gulf Ridge Council

TAMPA — The Gulf Ridge Council recently held its annual Council Banquet on April 5 at Busch Gardens. The highlight of the evening is awarding the Silver Beaver recipients.

Thirteen volunteers that span the eight counties that the Gulf Ridge Council serves, received the award that evening. Among the recipients were Daniel R. Walker and Peter and Karen Albert of Highlands County.

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest award given to a volunteer on the Council level. It was introduced in 1931.

Recipients of this award are volunteers that have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self -sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not actively seek it.

TOPS 632

LAKE PLACID — The TOPS 632 program last week was given by Elaine Orr, who pointed out how different countries eat and still seem to stay thinner than Americans. They are healthier, too. Chamomile tea is good for you along with coconut oil, ginger, mushrooms, caraway seeds, sage and, in China, they eat tomatoes to prevent depression.

Because of that program the Yes's this coming week are mushrooms and Chamomile tea. The No No is left-over Easter candy.

After a wonderful holiday the habit of a net loss turned into a net gain, the third one this year. Members are determined to change that. Vi Christian was the best loser this week. The club had two guests, Kathy and Sharon. They are leaving for the north right away. Mary Lou Lilja's name was drawn for the travel gift.

Leader Judy O'Boyle had a discussion on what members do when they become discouraged. Everyone agreed that coming to the TOPS club was very important for the support and encouragement found here. Mary Anderson challenged all to "eat a well rounded diet and not a diet that makes us well rounded."

The club meets Monday at the Women's Club in Lake Placid. Weigh in is between 3 and 3:45 p.m. and the meeting starts at 4 p.m. Call 260-0831 for information.

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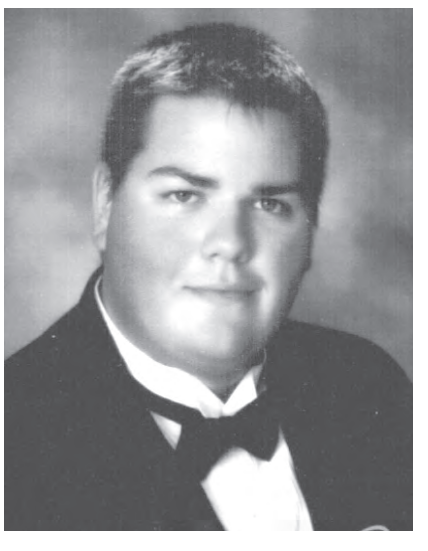

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LOYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE OFFICERS

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Moose Lodge 2259 of Sebring on U.S. 98 held its new officer installation on April 26. The Loyal Order of the Moose officers were installed by Jerry Pasquino and the Women of the Moose's installing Regent was Roni Newsom. A luncheon followed. LOOM officers installed are (front row) Tommy Downing (Past Governor), Pilgrim, Jerry Pasquino (Installing Officer), Carl Rochelle (Outer Guard), Pete Maceri (Inner Guard), Wes Harris (Prelate), Mike Conley (Administrator), Don Adams (Jr. Governor), David Mangold (Treasurer), John Tucker (Governor). (back row) Bob Hewitt, Jimmy Acevedo, Tom Robert (Trustees) and George Hollingsworth (Sgt. at Arms).

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE OFFICERS

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Women of the Moose officers installed and installing officers are (front) Mary Ann Mangold (Senior Regent), Guide Becky Ballard (Asst. Guide), (second row) College of Regents Pauline Rose, Joan Mix, Marie Herrera (Committee Chairmen), Donna Tucker (Recorder), Michelle Hughes (Sec./Treas.), Pat Polk (Chaplain), Dee Gavin (Jr. Regent Grad), Carolyn Beckman (Committee Chair), Installing Regent-Roni Newsom (Committee Chairman), Faye White (Jr. Regent), Paulette Parks, JoAnn Hurst (Committee Chairmen), (back row) Gerry Hollingsworth and Annette Jourdan (Committee Chairmen). Missing in the photo are Installing Chaplain, Carol Cook and Kate Appenowich, Installing Chairman. Gerri O'Brien (Appointed Guide), Terri Gerhart and Marcy Sharett (appointed Committee Chairmen) and Jeanette Meloche (appointed College of Regents chairman) will be installed May 5.

NEW MOOSE GOVERNOR AND SENIOR REGENT

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Moose Lodge 2259's newly installed Governor and Senior Regent, John Tucker and Mary Ann Mangold.

ELK OF THE YEAR

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Sebring Elks 1529 announces the selection of Darlene Quel as Elk of the Year. Quel is doing an outstanding job in her capacity of dining room manager. Under her dedication and direction, the hall rental bookings have significantly increased also.

SEBRING ELKS ADD SIX NEW MEMBERS

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Sebring Elks 1529 is proud to initiate new members — Max Newgent (from left), Susan Camaraire, Doug Shugar, James Norling, Helen Hutchinson and Joe Donahue — for the month of March 2014.

Torres home earns Yard of the Month honor in Avon Park

It's all Florida friendly

Special to the News-Sun

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Jose and Rebeca Torres received the Yard of the Month award presented by the Avon Park Founders Garden Club.

AVON PARK — The methods used in the landscape at 365 Pine Hill Ave. are exactly what the Avon Park Founders Garden Club is watching for. Most of the plants in the yard have been donor plants or were started from cutting and they are drought tolerant.

Jose and Rebecca Torres were presented with the Yard of the Month Award by the club

Two "Coronoa de Cristo" (Crown of Thorn) plants are placed in the recess at the front door of the home.

These plants are of the large leafed-deep pink flowering variety and have many thorns along their stems.

In front of the house are other varieties of this plant with smaller, lighter pink flowers and one with small, white flowers. These plants have all been started from cuttings. Also in the area by the door is a potted peace lily.

In front of the window to the right of the entrance is a pot with a very different type of cactus, a hot chili pepper plant, a papaya tree, a pineapple, arrowroot, Liriope and aloe vera. A hen and chicks plant is found in a hanging pot, where it drops its "babies" on the ground below. A jasmine vine winds its way around the lamp post. Several bromiliads are in a row across the front of the yar a well as encircling a tree. Plumbago, crotons, and golden dew drop are also seen. A loquat tree produces its yellow, large seeded fruit that Juan tells an be pulverized, placed in tap water and strained to produce pure drinking water. What looks like an agave is called mescah and can be used to produce a liquor similar to tequila.

The back yard of the home has a variety of citrus.

All of the plants used in this yard were placed because of being Florida-friendly and for their water requirements.

To recommend a yard for the award or to learn more about the Founders Garden Club, call 452-1927.

CAREERSOURCE OFFERS TOOLS

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Donna Doubleday, president/CEO of Career Source Heartland, was a recent guest speaker for the Rotary Club of Lake Placid. For more than 10 years, Career Source Heartland, formerly known as Heartland Workforce, has provided no cost, talent focused, assistance to both employers and job seekers in Highlands, DeSoto, and Hardee counties. Concentrating on the people part of economic development, Career Source Heartland offers tools for individual and business success. These tools include job search assistance, skill development workshops, hiring events, job training opportunities, resume and interview assistance. job posting, applicant screening and much more. Career Source Heartland is committed to developing and improving the quality of our workforce to meet current and future needs of the community. The Career Source Heartland resource rooms, library and computer job banks also help ease the transition from school to work. For more information on programs and services, visit www.careersourceheartloand.com. The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets Wednesdays at 6:44 a.m. at Platters Restaurant.

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SEBRING — The Highlands County Ostomy Support Group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Homer's, 1000 Sebring Square.

The group meets the firsts Thursday of every month, except June through August.

Placid Lakes Garden Club meets

LAKE PLACID — Placid Lakes Garden Club meeting will be at 10 a.m. Monday. A speaker will give a "hands on" presentation pertaining to plant propagation prior to the regular meeting.

Call 465-4888 with a confirmation of attendance.

Bob Evans helps Lions Club

SEBRING — The Sebring Lions Club and Bob Evans Restaurant have teamed up for a fundraiser. Bring a special coupon to the restaurant on from noon until 9:30 p.m. Thursday and 15 perent of the order will be donated to the Lions Club.

The Lions Club supplies eye exams and eyeglasses to children who would otherwise go without and also provided funds for surgeries to prevent vision loss, the Fisher House veteran support facility, guide dogs for the vision and hearing impaired and local scouting.

The coupons can be found at the News-Sun, Alan Jay Kia, Sevigny and Associates Eye Care, Highlands Today and the Sebring Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 414-2403.

Support offered for newly single

LAKE PLACID — Are you divorced? Separated?

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The program starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, and runs on consecutive Thursdays through June 26. It will be held at St. James Catholic Church, 3380 Placid View Drive. The cost is $15 (stipends available.) This program is for all faiths.

For more information or to sign up, call 699-2788 or 633-8142 (cell).

Citrus Cuisine & History celebrated at Art Museum's Cocktails & Culture

SEBRING — On Thursday, art will focus on citrus culture, cuisine and cocktails with the second 'Cocktails & Culture' at the Highlands Museum of the Arts (MoTA), 351 W. Center Ave. in Downtown Sebring's Cultural Center (behind the library). Inside the museum's Citrus Labels & Crate Expectations art exhibit, Ray Royce, Highlands County Citrus Growers Association executive director, and citrus industry representatives will discuss the history of the region's citrus industry while attendees savor the flavors of citrus cuisine and cocktails provided by Chicanes Restaurant from 6-8 p.m.

Guests will savor menu items such as: Warm Citrus Crab Dip, Seared Scallops with Grapefruit Basil Salsa, Sweet & Spicy Tangerine Beef Kabobs, Orange Glazed Chicken Wings, Grapefruit Cranberry Marmalade Toast, Fruit Skewers with Orange Dip, mimosas and Orange Creamsicle Martinis.

Highlands MoTA is one of the four buildings that comprise the Highlands Art League's (HAL) Village Where Art Lives. This event sponsored by Chicanes Restaurant. The citrus exhibits are provided by the Museum of Florida History, and curated by Hector Nieblas.

Reserve a spot today, which includes dinner and cocktails, as well as the history presentation and art exhibit for just $30 for HAL members, $35 for not-yet-a-member. Limited availability; pre-registration available at www.HighlandsArtLeague.org or by calling 385-5312.

Avon Park's Relay is Friday

AVON PARK — Relay for Life this year will be held at Avon Park High School on Friday, with the opening ceremony starting at 6 p.m.

The organizers of Relay for Life have asked downtown Avon Park to "Paint the Town Purple" in support of their efforts. Visitors/teams will vote on the Best Purple Business and the Best Relay Window. Winners will be announced Friday night.

Beswick will read at library

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Library will host local author Barbara Beswick at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Atrium. She will discuss her writing and will read excerpts from her recently published children's book from Mirror Publishing Company, "Dippy Duck's Adventures". Her previous book from Mirror, which came out in 2012, "A Christmas Moon", is a gift book for young children.

Refreshments will be offered and children and their parents are invited to join her to peek into a bit of life on a farm. The colorful soft-cover book is designed for intermediate readers in grades 4 and up and contains a Glossary of unfamiliar terminology and vocabulary which the author suggests reading first.

Beswick is a retired art teacher and her illustrations in the book create an exciting atmosphere of farm life along with the animals that Dippy encounters, giving a message of the value of the work ethic and the importance of respect, responsibility and friendship. The book has been reviewed by several professionals in education and the publishing field and will be available from the author at the event or by contacting her at barbara@barbarabeswick.com. The book can also be purchased through amazonbooks.com or ordered at any book store.

For further information on this event, contact Beswick at 402-9181 or the library at 699-3705.

Snapshots

LOCAL CLUBS

Sebring Meals still has tickets for party

SEBRING — The Kentucky Derby Party, sponsored by Sebring Meals On Wheels, will be held at St. Agnes Episcopal Church from 4-8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $25.

There's a Derby Hat contest for the ladies and a stick pony race for the gents. There will be door prizes, fun, food, and festivities, along with a big screen TV set up to watch the real Kentucky Derby.

Tickets are $20 each. This is a fundraiser for Meals On Wheels. Sebring Meals On Wheels, a not-for-profit organization, provides midday meals to the home-bound and shut-in clients in the Sebring area and for those unable to otherwise prepare their own meals.

APCI annual Spring Plant Sale is Saturday

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Correctional Institute, along with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, invites the public to the 2014 Annual Spring Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Take Main Street east in Avon Park all the way to the Correctional Institute gate house. Let the gate attendant know you are coming for the plant sale and directions to the nursery will be provided.

Gather your family, friends and neighbors to visit the nursery. See hundreds of plant selections at very low prices. All plants are grown by inmates who participate in "Therapy Thru Plants," a unique program and the only one of its kind in the state of Florida.

Lunch will also be available for $5 to those attending.

Tournament sponsors needed

AVON PARK — Sponsors are needed for a Texas Hold'em Tournament to be held Saturday at Cowpoke's Watering Hole. This is a tournament to support Avon Park High School Project Graduation.

Entry fee is $50 and includes lunch. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Top 15 guaranteed prizes.

To play or sponsor a table, contact Amy Guerndt at 443-1133 or Doreen Pearlman at 443-0602.

Moore Performing Arts presents 'My Cinderella'

SEBRING — Moore Performing Arts Inc. will present "My Cinderella," A Porch Play Production, at 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Champion for Children Circle Theatre, 202 Circle Park Drive.

General admission tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for child (18 and under). Tickets are available at the Circle Theatre Box Office, 382-1029.

"My Cinderella" is a musical concert following the traditional Cinderella storyline in Act 1 and a second story line of love found between stepsister Jacqueline and a local baker in Act 2. "My Cinderella" uses modern songs with edited lyrics designed to promote positive self-esteem.

GFWC Woman's Club meets

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring will have its last meeting on Monday, May 12 before the summer hiatus. The executive board will host the meeting and Rev. A.C. Bryant will be the guest speaker.

There will not be a business meeting, but the timewill be used installing the new officers.

The cost of the luncheon is $10 and membersshould RSVP by calling Pat Gangemi at 386-0735 or Phyllis Summers at 385-7435 no later than Monday, May 5.

The month's sponsor is Mrs. Blumie's Porcelain Doll Studio. Community projects for the month are flip flops for the Safe House, canned goods for the Heartland Food Reservoir, and old eye glasses for the Lions Club.

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Friends & Neighbors

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID — The Dalton Gang had a cookout last Saturday at Tobler Park with 30 members in attendance. Joe Briski and Dave Jackson kept the grille going, and Joyce Briski and Olive Jackson kept the food line moving.

There is one ticket left for the "Mid-life Crisis" Dinner theatre outing on June 11. The next meeting for the group is on May 1 at the PLCC starting at 4 p.m. There will be sign-up sheets for coming events, and plans for the annual Sausage Festival will be discussed.

The Pioneers will be meeting on May 15 at the PLCC at 11:30 a.m. We urge you to bring pictures, news clippings, anything from the Tobler-era. This is a sub-division with a lot of interesting history. We will compile all the stories and anecdotes of Placid Lakes in the hope that an eventual historical publication results from all our efforts. Betty Hardy has pictures of the Catfish Creek Bridge being constructed by her late husband and several other volunteers.

The Dalton Gang decided to help stock the Manna Ministries shelves and will be presenting them with a huge May Basket, along with the Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers who will also be stocking their shelves at the May 17 "May Time Dance" with another May Basket. Does anyone remember the real olden days when you "hung" a May Basket (usually with spring flowers) at somebody's door, rang the bell and ran like you-know-what out of range so you could watch secretly and smile. That's what these two groups are going to be doing, bringing smiles to a lot of folks who need help.

On that note, we'll go smile at all the ducks that chose this neck of the woods to bring up their families. They like oatmeal, you know.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — Christ has Risen, He has Risen indeed! echoed through the churches in the Lake Placid area on Easter Sunday as we acknowledged the true meaning of Easter Sunday. Each of us has the freedom to go to the church of our choice and worship as we choose. Later we enjoyed Easter eggs, candy, flowers and Easter dinner.

In our park, the Easter ham dinner was served at 4 p.m. in the clubhouse. We saluted the U.S. flag and said the pledge, followed by Marilyn Cromer saying Grace. We then sat down to decorated tables. Peggy Sue Teague called table numbers for us to help ourselves from the tables of side dishes brought by everyone. More than 100 people enjoyed the meal after which beautiful potted plants were given away for door prizes. Joan Rau and all her volunteers put on a beautiful dinner.

Monday Morning Coffee Meeting was hosted by Julie and Fred Foland with the help of their visiting daughter, Micah. Peggy Sue Teague emceed the get-together. The only birthday we had was Marilyn Cromer, and Ruth Ann Walls played the piano for us to sing Happy Birthday to her. We also sang Happy Anniversary to Donna and Kendall Kilbride, who had just come back from Australia.

April activities are over and May is starting with the Men's Pancake Breakfast on May 3. Don't forget to bring your place setting and enjoy those pancakes. Peggy Sue mentioned the Red Hat's luncheon on May 8 at Jaxson's on the deck at 11:30. That sounds like fun!

Carol Noel was asked to make her sunshine report and we're asked to sign the Thinking of You card for the Wahls, especially Pat recovering from a bone marrow transplant. Carol asked Luetta Kiger to tell us about Evelyn Guiney. She said Evelyn had passed away at 1:30 a.m. Monday, which we all were sad to hear. Memorial arrangements will be made for here. James Dean had a heart attack at home in Pennsylvania after they arrived home from Tropical Harbor.

April 22 Ladies Coffee was made by Carolyn Reece. Wilma Miller treated with homemade Monkey Bread (coffee cake). Marilyn Cromer led the meeting. First the discussion was financial and next were the activities coming up in May.

The last Homeowners Association meeting of the season is May 5. It will resume in September. May 6 will be the men's breakfast out at the Truck Stop with Charlie Price hosting. May 13 will be the noon carry-in lunch in the clubhouse. May 20 will be the ladies lunch out and the Mustang's lunch out. May 26 will be Memorial Day, so a picnic lunch will be planned.

During the summer, all active activities continue. Emily Snider asks that people interested in shuffling come down to the shuffleboard court. If interested, call Emily at 465-2097. The pool exercisers always exercise in the pool, weather permitting, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. At 10:30 we walk in the pool until 11, after which exercise starts, led by Dee Ziegler, Ingrid Taft and Marysue Willeke.

Ralph and Kay Weber's granddaughter has won the Nebraska State Bowling Tournament for her age group. The 12-year-old will compete at the national event in Buffalo, N.Y. in July. The prizes are scholarship money for college. She lives in Omaha with her parents and three brothers, who are all bowlers.

"Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 perent perspiration." — Thomas A. Edison.

Celebrations

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Isabel Biedler

Robert Biedler Jr. and Jennifer Hurst, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Isabel Marie Biedler, at 1:17 a.m. on March 14, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Isabel weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are James Hurst of Indianapolis and Dawn Johnson of Hudson. Paternal grandparents are Robert Biedler Sr. of Lake Wales and Theresa Biedler of Sebring.

Carl Dickerson

Adrian Dickerson and Kristen Bryson, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Carl Amari Dickerson, at 10:18 a.m. on April 14, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Carl weighed 8 pounds and was 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Lisa Bryson of Sebring. Paternal grandmother is Gwen Dickerson, also of Sebring.

Jace Eubanks

Akeem Eubanks of Sebring and Jasmine Perry of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Jace Ke'London Eubanks, at 9 p.m. on April 14, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Jace weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Earl and Barbara Collins of Avon Park. Paternal grandparents are David and Regina

Mack of Sebring.

Jaxson Fleeger

Joseph and Melissa Fleeger of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Jaxson Daniel, at 3:14 a.m. on April 14, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Jaxson weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Glenda Newgent of Avon Park.

Marisela Francisco

Juan Francisco Juan Francisco and Larenza Manuel Lopez announce the birth of a daughter, Marisela Manuel Francisco, at 9:45 a.m. on April 4, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Marisela weighed 7 pounds and was 18 inches in length.

Joseph Guerrero

Juan Pablo and Eliana Guerrero of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Joseph Nehemiah, at 11:57 p.m. on March 19, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

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

Maternal grandparents are Carlos and Adalie Cardona of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Juan and Carmen Guerrero of Avon Park.

Mia Jaimez

Jaime Jaimez and Reina Caballero, both of Okeechobee, announce the birth of a daughter, Mia Estrella Jaimez, at 8:57 a.m. on March 27, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Mia weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounceand was 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Silvestre and Florencia Caballero of Okeechobee. Paternal grandparents are Raul and Hilda Jaimez of Okeechobee.

Harley Johnson

James William Johnson of Sebring and Kaycee Rae Johnson of Sarasota announce the birth of a daughter, Harley Jane, at 5:11 a.m. on April 12, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Harley weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Karen and Jill Jordan, and Curt Jordan, all of Sarasota. Paternal grandparents are Grover Johnson of Lorida and Joy Johnson of Sebring.

Icelynn Jones

Otavis Jones and Latisha Walton, both of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a daughter, Icelynn Marie Jones, at 2:09 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014.

Icelynn weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Isaac Walton and Tess Walton. Paternal grandparents are Robert Robinson and Barbara Chatman.

Nakein Justin Jr.

Nakein Justin and Tonya Ann Emerick, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Nakein Demesmion Justin Jr., at 2:23 p.m. on April 22, 2014 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Nakein Jr. weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Elliott and Donna Smith. Paternal grandparents are Tony and Michelle Smith.

Connor Kelly

Sean Timothy and Sara Elizabeth Kelly of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Connor Lachlan, at 7:52 p.m. on March 21, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Connor weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ruben and Libby Ayala of Sebring. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Liz Kelly of Sebring.

Devin Martinez

John and Yulissa Martinez of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Devin Allen, at 1;51 p.m. on April 2, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Devin weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ray Blanco and Julie Sauleda, both of Miami. Paternal grandparents are Victor and Ileana Martinez of Sebring.

Sergio Morales

Andres and Rosa Morales of Lake Placid announce the birth of a son, Sergio Adrian, at 8:38 p.m. on March 20, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center. Sergio weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Cameron Pack

Mickey and Christy Pack of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Cameron Michael, at 8:15 a.m. on March 27, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Cameron weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Kenneth Cooper and Janet Hill. Paternal grandparents are Willis and Faye Pack of Leesburg.

Ryland Peacock

Joseph Peacock and Ronda Biegek announce the birth of a son, Ryland Jase Peacock, at 5:12 a.m. on March 23, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Ryland weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19.5 inches in length.

Alivia Peterson

Ricardo Peterson and Brianne Davis, both of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Alivia Nicole, at 3:39 p.m. on March 23, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Alivia weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

Gerick Smith

Gerick Smith of Lake Wales and Shanika Brown of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Gerick Payton Smith, at 1:31 p.m. on March 31, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Little Gerick weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Nathan Stephenson

Matthew and Stephanie Stephenson of Frostproof announce the birth of a son, Nathan Owen, at 3:17 a.m. on March 29, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Nathan weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Brantlee Worley

Joshua and JaSara Worley of Lake Placid announce the birth of a son, Brantlee James, at 3:17 p.m. on March 23, 2014 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

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

Maternal grandparents are Joseph Thomas and Shellie Hobson, both of Lake Placid. Paternal grandparents are James Worley and Kathi Worley, both of Lake Placid.

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CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000574
BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P.
Plaintiff,
-vs.-
James Ray Strickland a/k/a James R. Strickland a/k/a James Strickland; Shannon Ranae Singletary f/k/a Shannon Strickland f/k/a Shannon R. Vines; Sun 'N Lake Improvement District; Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Property Owners Association, Inc.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000574 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P., Plaintiff and James Ray Strickland a/k/a James R. Strickland a/k/a James Strickland are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., May 14, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 19, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk of Court

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April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000909-XXAX-MX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
KEITH SENIOR; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH SENIOR; JAYKIN RIVERA; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); RIVER RAIN INVESTMENTS INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTIING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S), UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, described as:

LOT 6, BLOCK 1, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, In the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on May 14, 2014.

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 pendents, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 9th day of April, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13000747GCAXMX
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS G. BANCROFT SR. A/K/A THOMAS G. BANCROFT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF THOMAS G. BANCROFT SR. A/K/A THOMAS G. BANCROFT; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 25, 2014, entered in Civil Case No.: 13000747GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, and THOMAS G. BANCROFT SR. A/K/A THOMAS G. BANCROFT; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of May, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 723, OF SEBRING RIDGE SECTION C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 28, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
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April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13000656GCAXMX
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SUSAN R. PARADERO; MELVIN PARADERO; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A CAPITAL ONE BANK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELVIN PARADERO; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 25, 2014, entered in Civil Case No.: 13000656GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and SUSAN R. PARADERO; MELVIN PARADERO; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A CAPITAL ONE BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A MICHAEL CLARKE; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #2 N/K/A DONLETHIA CLARKE , are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of May, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 319, 320, 321 AND 322, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A: 1827 N SEMINOLE ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 28, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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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, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000428
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
v.
ROY G. ASUMBRADO; ET. AL.
Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated January 7, 2014, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2010-CA-000428, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, is Plaintiff, and ROY G. ASUMBRADO; STELLA ASUMBRADO; SUN TRUST BANK; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendant(s).

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, 33870 on the 13th day of May, 2014, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, IN BLOCK 733, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT NO. 25, R1, A 1989 REPOAT OF UNIT 25 AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 41, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The property is located at the Street address of: 5201 Belmar Drive, Sebring, FL 33872.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on January 7, 2014.

CLERK OF THE COURT
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Elizabeth R. Wellborn, P.A.
350 Jim Moran Blvd, Suite 100
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 354-3544
Facsimile: (954) 354-3545

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at not cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
FILE #7525ST-03475

April 23, 30, 2014

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,
v.
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, GRANTEES, 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 April 8, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the clerk shall 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 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, on May 13, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

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 9th day of April, 2014.

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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April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000800
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF RUTH L. WHITTINGTON, DECEASED; EVONNE W. PRESCOTT; JACK SHERRON WHITTINGTON; JOHN LEON WHITTINGTON, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EVONNE W. PRESCOTT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACK SHERROD WHITTINGTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN LEON WHITTINGTON, JR.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; 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 August 26, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on April 8, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ: ALL OF LOT 23, AND THE NORTHWESTERLY FIFTEEN FEET OF LOT 22, OF BLOCK 179, WOODLAWN TERRACE ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 96, AND IN TRANSCRIPT PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID NORTHWESTERLY 15 FEET OF LOT 22, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE COMMON LOT LINE OF SAID LOTS 22 AND 23, ON FERNVALE AVENUE, THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID COMMON LINE OF LOTS 22 AND 23, TO THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOT 22, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOT 22, A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE COMMON LOT LINE OF SAID LOTS 22 AND 23, TO FERNVALE AVENUE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG FERNVALE AVENUE, 15 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
a/k/a 1303 FERNVALE AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870-2918

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 May 14, 2014.

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 9th day of April, 2014.

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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April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28 2010-CA-001374
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-7 HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
MARTHA RAMOS, etc., et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure dated the 8th day of April, 2014, entered in the above-captioned action, Case No. 28 2010-CA-001374, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, with bidding beginning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time at the Jury Assembly Room at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on May 13, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 64, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 15, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, 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 April 9, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: FC 14-52
IN RE: The Marriage of
ABIMAEL COLON,
Husband
vs.
MELISSA JUARBE,
Wife.

NOTICE OF ACTION
FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: MELISSA JUARBE
(Respondent's last known address) HC 03 BOX 13395, UTUADO, PUERTO RICO 00640

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Abimael Colon c/o Brian M. Monk, Esq., whose address is Boyette Cummins & Nailos, PLLC, 1635 East Highway 50, Suite 300, Clermont, FL 34711, on or before June 4, 2014 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clerk of Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real property should be divided: None.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: April 23, 2014.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Lana Delaney
Deputy Clerk

April 30; May 7, 14, 21, 2014

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 14-142
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DANIEL DEUEL
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DANIEL DEUEL, deceased, whose date of death was March 9, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 23, 2014.

Personal Representative:
Jolynne Crout Deuel
2301 Archer Road
Avon Park, Florida 33825

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Charlotte C. Stone
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar Number: 21297
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Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)402-5424
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April 23, 30, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000054
DIVISION:

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALEJANDRO AVELAR, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 26, 2014, and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000054 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Alejandro Avelar, Juaquina Avelar, Tenant #1, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Alejandro Avelar, The Unknown Spouse of Juaquina Avelar, are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 14th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 3, IN BLOCK 19, OF HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SECTION P, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 59, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 425 SANDPIPER ST LAKE PLACID FL 33852-7563

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 27th day of March, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
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NR-011576F01
April 23, 30, 2013

Insight Auctioneers
5000 State Rd 66, Sebring FL 33875
SURPLUS PUBLIC AUCTION - Vehicle, Equip, Misc.
From: Highlands County School Board, City of Bartow, City of Avon Park, Hendry County School Board, and Glades Electric. Saturday, May 10th, 2014.
April 30; May 2, 4, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000085
DIVISION:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ADELINE MICHEL, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 26, 2014, and entered in Case No. 28-2013-CA-000085 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Nationstar Mortgage LLC, is the Plaintiff and Adeline Michel, Tenant #1 also known as Leo Fils-aime, Tenant #2, The Unknown Spouse of Adeline Michel, are defendants, the Highlands County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 13th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 9 AND THE WEST 39.5 FEET OF LOT 10, BLOCK I, TULANE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 61A PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 422 W HAL MCRAE BLVD AVON PARK FL 33825-5004

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

Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of April, 2014.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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

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NR-014189F01
April 23, 30, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000216

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON
FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK,
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS INC.,
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2007-2,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
SELIA M. GARZA, ET AL.,
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on July 9, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LAND, WITH THE BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, VIZ: THE EAST 100.00 FEET OF THE WEST 130.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 135.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 165.00 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 3, BLOCK 13 OF THE TOWN OF AVON PARK LYING IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

DATED: April 10, 2104.

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

Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33486

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

File #10-000364-FST
April 23, 30, 2014

1100 Announcements

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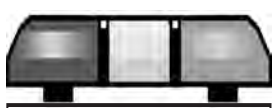

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You can be ticketed for failing to pull over and stop when an ambulance, police, fire or other emergency vehicle is travelling to meet an emergency. Below is the Florida law.

EMERGENCY VEHICLES

Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, while en route to meet an existing emergency, the driver of every other vehicle shall, when such emergency vehicle is giving audible signals by siren, exhaust whistle, or other adequate device, or visible signals by the use of displayed blue or red lights, yield the right-of-way to the emergency vehicle and shall immediately proceed to a position parallel to, and as close as reasonable to the closest edge of the curb of the roadway, clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, unless otherwise directed by any law enforcement officer.

2100 Help Wanted

BUSY INSURANCE agency in Sebring looking for clerical/data entry person, 2-20 or 440 license preferred but not req. Great hours Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30. Call Eva 305-301-2744.

OUR AMAZING team at Dental Care of Mid Florida is seeking a new team member!!! If you are an experience office assistant with a knack for multitasking in a fast paced environment - then we are looking for you!!! Candidate must bring a willingness to achieve and grow. Experience in scheduling, insurance verification is a must! A dynamic personality & bilingual communication skills are preferred!!! Call and/or email us today! 863-382-9090
dentalcareofmidflorida@gmail.com

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PEST CONTROL company seeking FT/PT technician. Must be 18 years old, w/good driving record. Fax resume to 863-465-1513.

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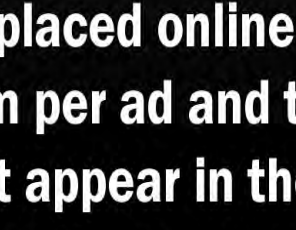

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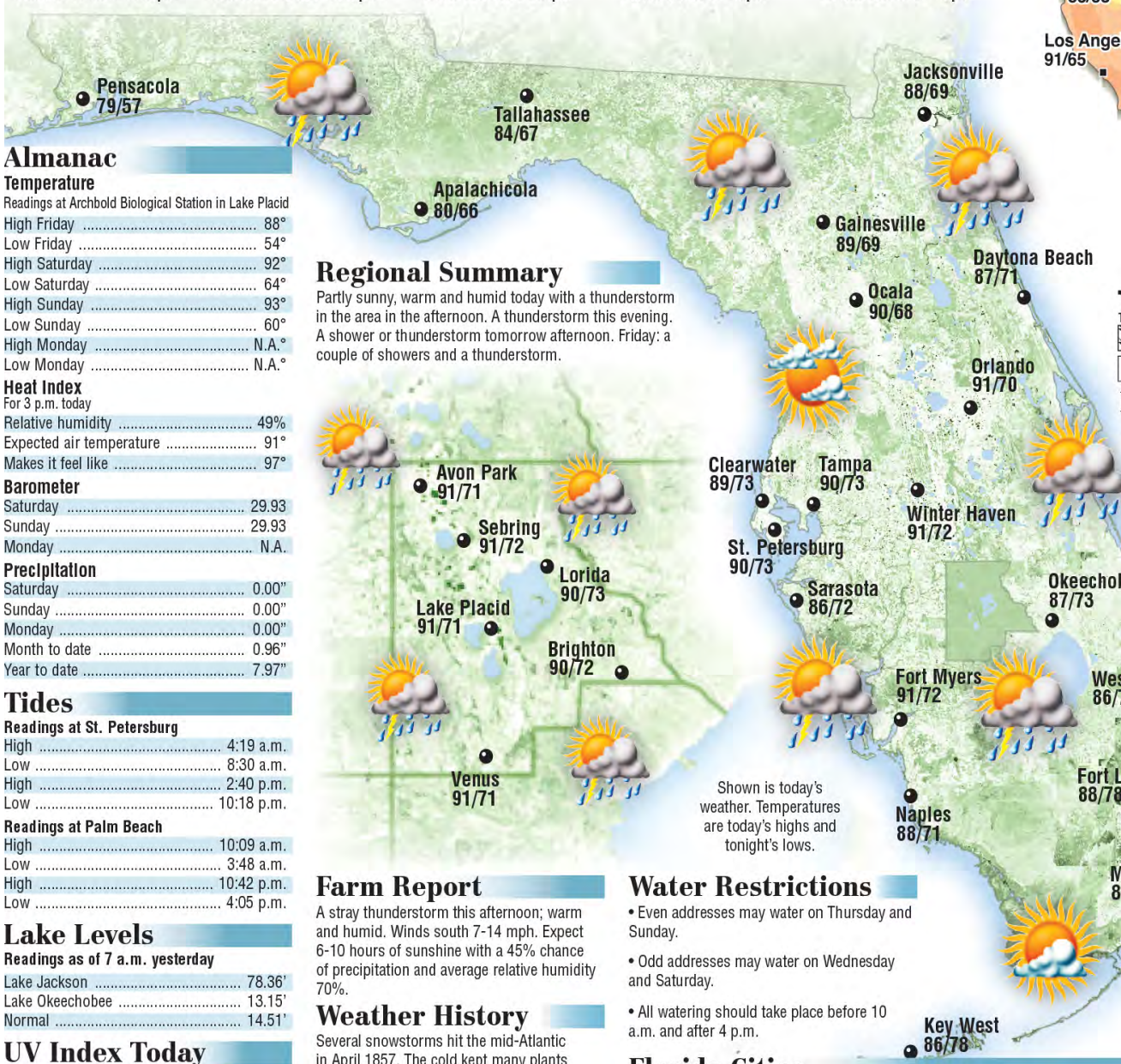
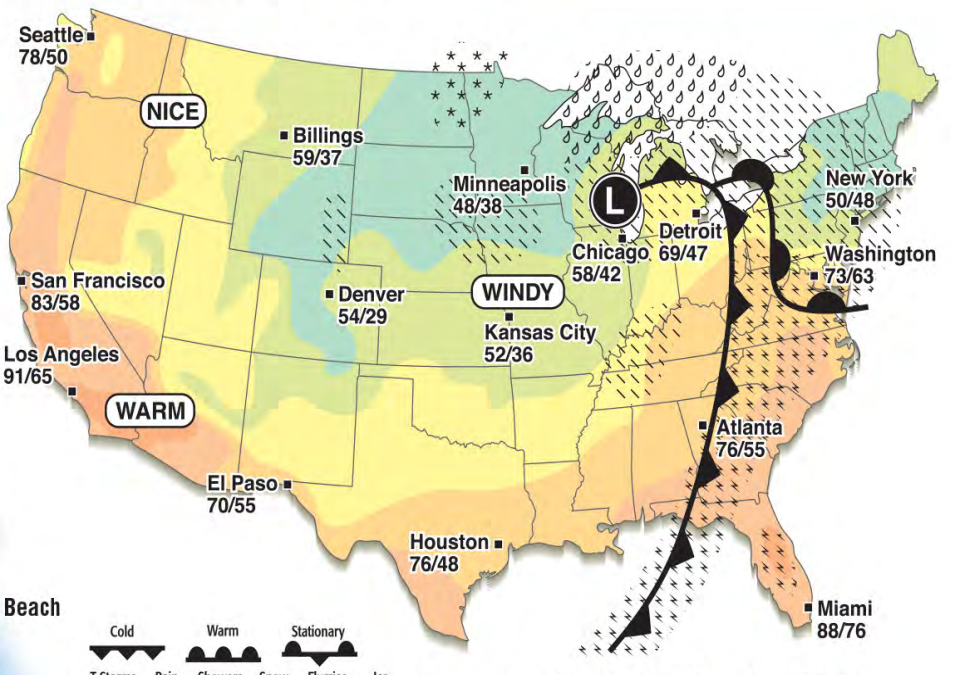
Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A stray afternoon thunderstorm	A p.m. shower or thunderstorm	A couple of showers and a t-storm	Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible
91° / 72°	88° / 69°	83° / 62°	84° / 62°	85° / 63°
Winds: SSE at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSW at 7-14 mph	Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: N at 4-8 mph	Winds: NE at 3-6 mph



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

National Forecast for April 30



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

National Summary

A slow-moving low pressure system will continue the threat of severe weather across the East today with heavy, gusty thunderstorms possible from northern Florida to the coast of the mid-Atlantic and back into the Ohio Valley. Flash flooding may occur with some of the heavier storms as well over the Appalachian Mountains. Rain will spread over much of New England and the Great Lakes with showers across the northern Plains and central Rockies. Windy conditions are expected to persist across the Plains.

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	88°
Low Friday	54°
High Saturday	92°
Low Saturday	64°
High Sunday	93°
Low Sunday	60°
High Monday	N.A.°
Low Monday	N.A.°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	49%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	97°

Barometer

Saturday	29.93
Sunday	29.93
Monday	N.A.

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.96"
Year to date	7.97"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	4:19 a.m.
Low	8:30 a.m.
High	2:40 p.m.
Low	10:18 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	10:09 a.m.
Low	3:48 a.m.
High	10:42 p.m.
Low	4:05 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.15'
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.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
6	10	10	5

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

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Regional Summary

Partly sunny, warm and humid today with a thunderstorm in the area in the afternoon. A thunderstorm this evening. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon. Friday: a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.

Farm Report

A stray thunderstorm this afternoon; warm and humid. Winds south 7-14 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with a 45% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 70%.

Weather History

Several snowstorms hit the mid-Atlantic in April 1857. The cold kept many plants dormant; even by April 30, no blossoms were seen in northern New Jersey.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.	6:49 a.m.
Sunset	7:57 p.m.	7:58 p.m.
Moonrise	7:53 a.m.	8:41 a.m.
Moonset	9:31 p.m.	10:24 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
May 6	May 14	May 21	May 28

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 Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	90/72/t	88/71/t	86/67/t	Miami	88/76/pc	87/76/t	88/73/sh
Clearwater	89/73/pc	85/70/t	79/65/t	Okeechobee	87/73/t	86/71/t	82/65/t
Coral Springs	88/75/pc	87/75/t	89/72/sh	Orlando	91/70/t	88/69/t	82/62/t
Daytona Beach	87/71/t	86/67/t	77/58/t	Pembroke Pines	89/75/pc	89/74/t	89/72/sh
Ft. Laud. Bch	88/78/pc	86/76/t	88/74/sh	St. Augustine	86/70/t	82/65/t	72/56/t
Fort Myers	91/72/t	89/71/t	87/68/t	St. Petersburg	90/73/pc	86/70/t	80/65/t
Gainesville	89/69/t	85/65/t	76/51/t	Sarasota	86/72/pc	85/71/t	81/63/t
Hollywood	88/75/pc	88/74/t	88/72/sh	Tallahassee	84/67/t	80/54/t	64/47/t
Homestead AFB	86/75/pc	85/75/t	86/71/sh	Tampa	90/73/pc	85/69/t	78/62/t
Jacksonville	88/69/t	83/63/t	73/50/t	W. Palm Bch	86/75/pc	86/75/t	87/69/sh
Key West	86/78/pc	86/77/pc	85/75/pc	Winter Haven	91/72/t	88/69/t	83/61/t

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

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	60/42/s	64/44/pc	74/50/s	Los Angeles	91/65/s	95/65/s	90/60/s
Atlanta	76/55/t	70/50/pc	69/46/pc	Louisville	71/46/pc	60/45/pc	62/43/pc
Baltimore	68/60/r	76/49/t	70/48/pc	Memphis	65/45/pc	65/48/pc	69/47/pc
Birmingham	75/48/t	68/47/pc	71/47/pc	Milwaukee	53/38/sh	51/41/sh	51/39/c
Boston	47/42/r	62/49/r	65/48/pc	Minneapolis	48/38/sh	51/38/sh	51/37/sh
Charlotte	79/60/t	78/52/pc	70/46/pc	Nashville	70/46/pc	64/42/pc	67/42/c
Cheyenne	46/27/sh	54/36/c	53/34/pc	New Orleans	79/56/s	73/58/pc	76/58/pc
Chicago	58/42/sh	55/42/sh	55/42/c	New York City	50/48/r	73/52/t	66/51/pc
Cleveland	70/48/t	58/42/c	57/42/c	Norfolk	78/68/t	81/60/r	69/53/pc
Columbus	74/49/t	60/43/c	57/42/c	Oklahoma City	62/36/pc	68/40/pc	77/49/s
Dallas	67/43/pc	71/47/pc	80/51/s	Philadelphia	58/56/r	76/53/t	69/48/pc
Denver	54/29/sh	61/36/c	61/38/pc	Phoenix	90/66/s	92/68/s	93/71/s
Detroit	69/47/t	57/43/sh	57/42/c	Pittsburgh	73/51/r	61/42/pc	57/42/c
Harrisburg	62/57/r	74/47/pc	65/45/pc	Portland, ME	46/38/r	55/43/r	63/42/c
Honolulu	82/69/pc	82/71/s	85/73/s	Portland, OR	83/51/s	86/55/s	75/49/pc
Houston	76/48/s	76/51/pc	80/54/pc	Raleigh	81/66/t	78/54/t	69/48/pc
Indianapolis	64/41/c	56/42/c	54/40/c	Rochester	60/49/r	63/43/sh	57/42/sh
Jackson, MS	72/46/s	69/44/pc	73/45/pc	St. Louis	55/41/sh	57/43/c	57/41/pc
Kansas City	52/36/sh	55/36/c	58/38/s	San Francisco	83/58/s	79/55/s	68/51/s
Lexington	71/45/pc	60/40/pc	60/40/pc	Seattle	78/50/pc	83/51/s	75/48/pc
Little Rock	64/42/pc	67/45/pc	72/45/pc	Wash., DC	73/63/r	78/55/t	69/51/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/73/pc	90/73/pc	90/75/pc	London	64/48/sh	59/46/r	55/38/pc
Athens	72/55/pc	74/58/s	76/57/s	Montreal	50/43/r	59/43/r	57/43/c
Beirut	74/61/s	76/61/s	75/59/s	Moscow	66/47/pc	66/50/pc	63/39/s
Berlin	72/51/pc	69/48/c	57/36/c	Nice	68/54/sh	68/56/c	65/55/r
Bermuda	70/63/pc	69/65/pc	75/70/pc	Ottawa	46/44/r	59/41/sh	57/43/c
Calgary	66/38/s	66/36/pc	50/26/c	Quebec	54/37/pc	50/41/r	54/41/c
Dublin	57/47/r	57/41/sh	53/45/pc	Rio de Janeiro	80/68/s	85/71/pc	81/71/pc
Edmonton	65/45/pc	62/35/pc	55/27/s	Seoul	68/51/pc	70/48/s	74/48/pc
Freeport	84/75/pc	84/74/pc	84/76/pc	Singapore	90/79/t	89/79/t	88/81/t
Geneva	57/46/r	63/50/sh	54/50/sh	Sydney	73/55/c	70/55/c	70/52/pc
Havana	92/67/t	91/69/t	90/69/pc	Toronto	52/44/r	61/41/sh	56/41/c
Hong Kong	79/74/r	80/73/r	82/75/c	Vancouver	67/54/pc	74/52/s	69/52/pc
Jerusalem	76/57/s	80/59/s	75/55/s	Vienna	70/51/sh	72/51/s	73/50/pc
Johannesburg	74/49/s	73/48/s	76/48/s	Warsaw	70/44/s	70/44/pc	62/40/sh
Kiev	64/51/pc	69/49/pc	71/50/sh	Winnipeg	48/35/sh	47/33/c	47/32/pc

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