Imagine what’s next

Sixth-graders contemplate the future

Write your note. The middle school County Science Fair takes place this week. Best in school has been established, now the best in the county is to be chosen. One hundred and five young people are entering projects—those involve answering a question by using scientific methods. Sixth-grade teacher Angie Porte’s sixth-grade advanced science class, age eleven, has the most participants. The News-Sun and the class sat down Wednesday and talked together.

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Sixth-graders put the finishing touches on a classroom project in geography. She is designing a cereal box promoting a state. News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Sixth-graders talk about science with the warm-hearted Angie Porte.

Legislative delegation listens, and gets an earful

by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — While some agencies pleaded to not be cut from the budget, or have their current allocations lowered, money was not the main topic of discussion at the Legislative Delegation’s public hearing Friday morning.

Four main concerns did emerge however—unfunded mandates, unrealistic time lines, flexibility within state mandates, and stability.

Several social service agencies asked the delegation to think in terms of prevention as a way to lower crime rates, and several agencies and organizations had specific requests and warnings.

School chairman Andy Tack told Senator Bill Galvano, Senator Dianne Grillmeier, and Representative Cary Pignan, “If there are any new mandates, hold off on the ones that would require more funding.” Tom Collier, executive director of the Heartland Educational Consortium, whose allotment had been revised by the governor in a new bill, told the delegation that the consortium spends more per capita in smaller counties, “because we must help to fill the mandate.”

The numbers were nearly 2 percent better than December 2011 when Highlands’ unemployment stood at 9.8 percent.

Last month’s local figures were better than the seasonally-adjusted 8 percent statewide average and matched the national December unemployment rate.

Some of the residents went back to work through word-of-mouth notices, while a number of other jobs have been established locally.

Then there’s the Heartland Workforce on U.S. 27 south in Sebring. The government agency offers opportunities both for businesses and job seekers in Highlands, De Lorento and Bartow counties.

For employers, there are online job postings, online business resources, virtual recruiting tools, recruitment and screening, and training funds available. For job seekers, online resume posting services, career counseling, and job search tools for professionals looking for employment are provided. There are services specifically for veterans looking for jobs and career training programs.

Nevertheless, the Florida rate was the lowest since November 2008 when it was 7.8 percent.

The December rate was down 0.1 percentage point from the November 8.1 percent and was 1.9 percentage points lower than the November 9.9 rate. See JOBS, page 6A

Detectives investigate shooting

Sexe staff

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County Sheriff’s Office has issued an arrest warrant for Marquay Rockmore, a 16-year-old, on charges of tampering with evidence in relation to a shooting.

According to reports, as approximately 7:30 a.m. Monday, a call was received by the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office Central Dispatch that a shooting had taken place.

Laura Dierking, with the HCSO Public Information Office Nell Rayes said that once the ambulance crew arrived to transport the seriously injured victim, they knew that time was of the essence. Due to the staff requested scene assistance and Central Dispatch was able to contact

State Senator Bill Gauberni (from left), State Senator Dianne Grillmeier, and Representative Cary Pignan join in a lively discussion about science and change.

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HCSO photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

State Senator Bill Galvano, Dianne Grillmeier, and Cary Pignan meet with reporters before their public hearing Thursday. They wanted to know what was on people’s minds.

Wally Cus, superintendent of schools, praised the new format in education, especially the concept of the “Common Core” classes. He worried the delegation, howev

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Local Sweetbay Supermarkets safe; 33 others not so lucky

By SAMANTHA GRIEB
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SEBRING — Sweetbay employees and shoppers in Highlands, County were breathing a sigh of relief after the Thursday morning crash in Longwood left a truck operator dead and other drivers injured.

Police and Florida Highway Patrol officials in Tampa announced the closure of U.S. 27 from 12:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. today from bound lane of U.S. 27 to the northbound exit where the accident occurred.

Emergency officials said the accident happened just before 8 a.m. when the semi-truck driver lost control of the vehicle and crossed over the centerline, striking a car and a pickup truck, police said.

There were reports that the person who died was the truck driver, authorities said.

Hoglund of the Sebring Police said Longwood Medical Center confirmed the fatality of 35-year-old Meeker’s vehicle was involved in the collision. All three parties were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, according to FHP.

Meeker was airlifted to Longwood Medical Center and received life-saving measures at the hospital as a result of his injuries.

Questions regarding today’s crash should be directed to police in the county.

By BARBY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

The public is invited to the Highlands County Development Services Department for review. They will be available only from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 for assets that could be put into the private sector would determine if there was interest from the public sector to purchase the land.

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More snow in the forecast for eighth annual Winter Fest

By SAMPSONIA GILDAIR

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Editors

What kind of ‘compassion’ is that?

Editor: I read the President’s talk on new gun control laws that he was initiating. Quite comprehensive. But they were all aimed at the law-abiding citizen. I was a word-scouting fellow to detect criminals or the criminal “market” which makes them possible.

One of the shabbiest things of the criminal “black market” in firearms is the gun store that’s doing the choosing, and recom- mendation of firearms and ammunition, for a person seeking to commit a crime.

What if your doctor treated you for a broken leg, prescribed an electric shock treatment, and said you were cured? That’s what some of these gun laws will do.

When I grew up in the ’50s and ’60s, we were taught that guns were for personal protection, not for committing crime. That’s what it’s all about today. The President wants to ban “assault weapons” because he wants to prevent criminals from using them.

It is well known that rural communities are facing a crisis in access to mental health services. The national suicide rate is rising, and many rural areas lack the necessary resources to address this issue.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has been working to improve access to care in rural areas, and has identified several key areas for improvement:

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A R I A N N A DOWNS
Arianne Downs, youngest daughter of JoAnn Benton and Richard Downs, passed away Dec. 26, 2012 at home. She was born Dec. 18, 2011.
She was survived by her par- ents, JoAnn Benton and Richard Downs of Lake Wales; a brother, Mason Benton; a sister, Sarah Benton; a grandpa, Connie Benton of Sebring; and aunts and uncles.
A memorial service will be held from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 23 at the United Methodist Church, 5704 County Road 69A, Sebring FL. Call 471-8535 for more information.

J U L I A W H I T E
Julia White, age 64, passed away Dec. 14, 2012 in Sebring, Fla. She was born in Ansbach, Germany on
June 14, 1948 to Frances and Ted (Mrak) White. She was a yoga instructor and of the Catholic faith. She was a lover of yoga and music, and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. At the time of her death she lived in Sebring since 2007 coming from Germany. She was survived by her son, Joseph White and her sister, Alicia White, of Sebring, FL.

W A L T E R K A T Z

The Sebring Recreation Club, 335 Putnam Avenue, will host Shellfish Festive Tournament/Any Doubles in Avon Park Saturday, Jan. 5 at 1 p.m. Shellhead shrimp will be $1.50 at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Shellhead/Bucktail Tournament, Two Person Doubles at 9 a.m. Thursday. Shellhead/Bucktail/Tournament, Any Doubles at 9 a.m. Friday. Ice cream shad- fizzle will be served at a board meeting at 3 p.m. Call 385-1986.

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Students look at future through science

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Sixth-graders Nyssa Gunthorp (from left), Kadi Ealy, Colby

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Lejeune prior to the release served at USMC Camp claims from veterans who levels at Hadnot Point as organic compounds exceed under the 2012 legislative report noted that a preliminary toxic substance registry by the expansion of the time how many Marines and family members may have been exposed to contamination on the base in 1987. "This is yet another piece to the puzzle that's coming together. If one is not considering the extent of the contamination at Camp Lejeune—and the Marine Corps' culpability and negligence," said Mike Partain, a Marine veteran who served at the northeast North Carolina base and said the base was one of at least 82 men diagnosed with multiple myeloma. "This is four years overdue.

The Marines were slow to react after groundbreaking sampling first showed contamination on the base in the early 1980s. Some drinking water wells were clouded in 1984 and 1985, after further testing confirmed contamination from leaking fuel tanks and an off-base dry cleaner. Health officials believe as many as 1 million people may have been exposed to tainted water. It's not clear how many Marines and family members will be affected by the latest line, but Partain estimates several hundred.

In a letter to Gen. Allison Hickman, the Marine's Secretary for benefits, the head of the toxic substance registry noted that a preliminary water modeling report showed that the period covered under the 2012 legislation didn't go back far enough. "We're dealing with organic compounds exceeding chronic residential levels at Hadnot Point as early as August 1953."

"I hope this information is useful as the Department of Veterans Affairs evaluates claims from veterans who served at USMC Camp Lejeune prior to the release of our full water modeling report," agency Director Christopher J. Porter wrote in the letter dated Wednesday. The letter was first released publicly during a meeting Thursday of the agency's community assistance panel at the disease registry headquarters in Atlanta. Former Marines and family members angrily questioned officials about why these studies have taken so long to complete. Marine Corps Capt. Kendra Mote said she got the disease registry letter Thursday. She didn't have immediate comment on it.

The TSA will remove all 174 backscatter scanners from the 30 airports they're used in now. Another 76 are in storage. It has 669 of the millimeter wave machines it is keeping, plus options for 60 more, TSA spokesman David Colefcuender said.

Not all of the machines will be replaced. Colefcuender said that some airports that now have backscatter scanners will go back to hair-metal detectors. That's what most air-ports used before scanners were introduced.

The Rappaport scanners have been on their way for too long, in slow motion.

The government hadn't bought any since 2011. It quietly removed them from seven major airports in October, including New York's LaGuardia and Kennedy airports, Chicago's O'Hare, and Los Angeles International. The TSA moved a handful of the X-ray scanners to very small airports. At the time, the agency said the switch was being made because millimeter-wave scanners moved passengers through faster.

Rappaport parent company OSI Systems Inc. said it will help the TSA move the scanners to other government agencies. It hasn't yet been decided where they will go, said Alan Edrick, OSI's chief financial officer, in an interview. Scanners are often used in prisons or on military bases. Edrick said that "there's quite a few agencies which will have a great deal of interest" in the scanners, Edwards said.

OSI is taking a one-time charge of $2.7 million to cover the money spent trying to develop software to blur the image, and to move the machines out of airports, Edwards said.
Florida tightening juvenile justice

Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) introduced the contest, according to the MCT photo.

Florida tightening juvenile justice

Stop and listen for a dry, guttural "rattip."

The python hunt is on in the Everglades. As of Thursday, 21 pythons had been captured. "One of Lake Placid's Calvin Turner.

Burmese pythons, an invasive species in Florida, likely developed from pets released into the wild, either intentionally or as the result of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. They can grow to more than 20 feet long and have no natural enemies in Florida other than very large alligators or cold weather, which drives heat-seeking pythons into nearby roads and lakes.

The state prohibits owning or selling pythons for use as pets, and federal law bans the import, sale or transportation of pythons for use as pets. The penalty is $100,000 for a violation.

Mazzotti, one of four hunters frustrated by the pythons' near-invisibility: "Stop and listen for a dry, guttural "rattip."

"We're looking at inches," Howard said. "They've been seeing pythons for two years in 10 miles of canals to levees and contained more than 50 miles of canals to levees.

Officials say the number of pythons "is exactly the same. From that perspective, the hunt for the wild, wolfish python seems futile."
Woodlawn students celebrate Literacy Week

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SHERBROOKE — Jan. 14-18 was Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! This is a statewide initiative held to promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading for children and adults of all ages. Students and staff at Woodlawn Elementary School celebrated literacy with daily activities.

Monday was “Paint Woodlawn Red and Read”. Students participated in the Million Minutes Marathon and 515 WES students read 10,300 minutes, which contributed to the statewide 30 million-minute goal. Tuesday was “Team up to Read” and WES wore their favorite team clothing. That day some very special community members teamed up as “Mystery Readers” to read to classrooms sharing special books and how reading is a part of their everyday lives.

The students loved this and WES would like to thank those who took time from their busy day to promote reading at Woodlawn. They include Cheryl Vermilye, WES reading coach; Paul Blackman, Highlands County Sheriff’s Office; Anita Bible, Kaye Wise and Bonnie Brown, all retired teachers/principals; Dr. Erin McIntyre Hinds, veterinarian; Eric Zwayer, Highlands County Tax Collector; Michelle Johnson, Mid Florida Credit Union; Joyce McClelland, The School Board of Highlands County; Nuno Norberto, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church of Sebring; Lauren Taylor, college student; Raymond McIntyre, Highlands County Property Appraiser; William Timmell, school resource officer; Donna Howerton and Jan Shoop, school board members; and Wally Cox, Highlands County School Superintendent.

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4. The west line of said Lot 20 for 125.00 feet.

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/\s/  Priscilla Michalak
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Saints Thursday, marking the first program win in three seasons ended on a high note as Martin Maldonado got a two-base hit with the bases loaded and tripled for his 2-4 night. On Thursday night the Streaks traveled to Lake Placid for the Dragon’s senior night, and both games ended in a 12-12 tie, running past seven innings.

The back-and-forth continued with a number of offensive highlights.

Osvaldo Orduna of Lake Placid had an offensive breakthrough for the Dragon boys in a 21-point loss at Lake Placid Park 51-37 Friday night. The Lady Blue Streaks showed up a bit, perhaps, as charges were called at that point, resulting in five personal fouls and a technical foul from Lake Placid coach Keith Bowyer.

Lake Placid’s Lady Streaks battled it out for the second straight night, tying in a very exciting game both nights,” said Sebring head coach Keith Bowyer. “Lake Placid retaliated back with a beeline shot by Jose Torres going 3-for-4, including a triple.

Osvaldo Orduna went 4-for-4 and Larry Ambuel and Fred Moore connected for three hits each. Bob best had 2-for-3 and scored two runs.

Don Day had a long triple to go with his game winning final hit to seal the 13-12 win. Highlands Independent Bank had a good game, as, after a near upset at Lake Placid.

While the Lady Dragons had a tough time getting any serious threats to a mini-Regional Quarterfinals.

The Lady Blue Jays tied the score 12-12 at the end of seven innings. But rather than have a let-down effort the following night, they took out their frustrations on an even matched, visiting Lake Gibson squad by a whopping 65-16 count. Another county sweep of the Lady Blue Jays wasn’t as fortunate Friday as, after a near upset at Winter Haven Tuesday the Lady Blue Jays didn’t have much to offer in a 25-point loss at Lake Gibson.

The Blue Jays travel continue Monday at Deltona before getting a long-awaited home date Tuesday against Bartlett.

The Lady Streaks next travel to Poinsettia while the Lady Dragons will be hosting Riverdale both on Tuesday, and the Great Blue Jays are off until a Friday contest at Okeechobee.

The Lady Red Devils travel to George Jenkins Thursday and the boys are off until a Monday, Jan. 28, game at Sebring.

## Highlands Hoops

Mary Grace Bates has the ball and the goal in her sights, but three Lady Bulldogs have her in their sights as Frostproof held on for a 1-0 win to take the District 10-2A title Friday night.

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**Sports Snapshots**

**YMCA Spring Soccer**  
The YMCA Highlands County Family YMCA is having a sign-up for their Spring Soccer Program, ages 5-14. More information can be found at 928-8622.

**FSU Open Challenge**  
FSU Open Challenge was held on Saturday, January 26 at 6:25 p.m. at FSU's Tucker Civic Center. Admission to the opening day game is free for everyone.

**AP Softball Sign-ups**  
AP Softball Sign-ups will be held during the spring season.

**YMCA Kids Golf**  
The YMCA Kids Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 9 a.m. at The Florida Resort. Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate if she is in a first-year play group. A $15 card off a purchase at Ruby Tuesday's is a sponsor and more

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**SPORTS SNAPSHOT**

**LOCAL SCHEDULE**

**TUESDAY:** Boys Soccer vs. District 10-2A Tournament, Havana, vs. Deltona 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Girls Basketball vs. District 10-2A Tournament, Havana, vs. Deltona 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:** Kids Soccer vs. District 10-2A Tournament, Havana, vs. Deltona 6:30 p.m.

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**TUESDAY:** Football vs. District 10-2A Tournament, Havana, vs. Deltona 6 p.m.

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**TUESDAY:** Girls Fastpitch Softball at Deltona, 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY:** Basketball at College of Central Florida, 1 p.m.

**Friday:** Softball at Red-Black Game, Community TPD

**Sunday:** Girls Basketball at Lake Salute, 1 p.m.

**January 26:** Basketball at Deltona, 6:30 p.m.

**January 27:** Boys Basketball at Deltona, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** Girls Fastpitch Softball at Deltona, 6:30 p.m.

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the picture was blocked. Kekua face-to-face and when Press since Wednesday. "That goes back to what I've always said," Te'o told ESPN. "That I was with somebody that I didn't meet," he said. "So I think that I was with somebody that was kind of tailored my stories to tell everyone but he met her before she passed away."

Still, he didn't figure out there is no way enough." It never really crossed my mind. I had friends."

"I don't mind being the victim," said Lang. "It was a result of a handicap. I was happy when the football team came out and people didn't even seem to notice the story about Te'o," Schaap said. "I think he should be able to do it on his own time, wherever he is comfortable." "We got in an argument," said Te'o, "and Tuiasosopo told him that I was with somebody that he had never met." He finally concluded in his parents over Christmas break 2009. Kekua took the call from the person posing as her "dead" girlfriend and told him that she had not died at all, according to Schaap. "That would be a lie, and a lie that doesn't contribute to their story," Schaap said.

"There were blocks and times and periods and we would talk and then it would end," he offered her a "shoulder to cry on" when they met her father had told her to do. "I've called Kekua and told Kekua in a coma following an April 22 car accident, but she incidence of Sebring nearly headed to victory. Four batters having 3-for-3 furnished."

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**Armstrong emotional when recalling talk with son**

CHICAGO — Lance Armstrong calls it "the hardest moment" of his life.

"It was another bit of collateral damage," he said.

"I was quite moved," he added.

"I think the only thing better was when I asked him to stop," Armstrong said.

"I saw my son decrying me, and saying, 'That's not true. What you're saying about my dad is not true,'" Armstrong said.

"What's that I want you to believe?"

"I'm saying no, and I'm saying yes.

"That's when I knew I couldn't go back, because he was defending me."

"That just went out of my mind."

"It wasn't even about his career."

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"I don't think I can go back to that." ***Page 4B***

**Jaguars hire UM’s Fisch as offensive coordinator**

By MARK LONG

Jacksonville Jaguars coach Gus Bradley has turned to a former colleague for his first major offensive coordinator.

Bruce Bevel hired Miami Hurricanes offensive coordinator Jedd Fisch to the same position Saturday, charging him with remodeling one of the league’s worst offenses.

"Knowing we’d be in the playoffs against one of those teams, the girls asked me if they really had a chance," Bevel said.

"We’d told them it would be tough, but if we play our best we can play with them, keep it close and you never know what can happen."

"But however it goes, it’s been a great season and I think this is great experience for these girls to get."
By KIM COOK

As the new year begins, winning new and current friends for their home or RV can help reinforce and recall customers. This spring, blues may be on the rise in the market.

Many color marketing and manufacturing groups have named some version of blue among their trends for the year. ArtPlaza, a trends group, explains that this trend is not the day-to-day blues as in sadness, but rather a transitional color for anyone interested in something new and light.

According to Dr. Richard Curtin, RV industry analyst and director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan, revels 9.5 percent of U.S. households now own RVs, up from 8.0 percent in 2005. RV ownership rates have surged among adults 35-54 and 55 and over, according to Curtin. In the 35-54 demo, RV ownership rose from 9.0 percent in 2005 to 11.2 percent today. Among those 55 and older, ownership rates grew from 6.8 percent to 9.4 percent.

And, with the economy smoothing consumers’ budgets, RV travel remains an affordable option. PKF’s 2013 Vacation Cost Comparison Study shows that RV trips remain the most affordable way for a family to travel because of the significant savings on air, hotel and restaurant costs, which continue to rise. The study showed that a family of four can save 25-39 percent on vacation costs by traveling in an RV, depending on the type of trip and RV used. A two-person travel party (the typical empty-nest couple) would save 11-46 percent. With continuing high fuel prices, more than 80 percent of RV owners say their RV vacations cost less than other forms of vacation.

To combat rising fuel prices, RV manufacturers have improved fuel economy through the use of plastic composite materials that have reduced the weight of many RVs by as much as 25 percent. Fuel prices would need to more than double from their current level to make RVing more expensive for a family of four than other forms of travel, the PKF study showed. The lure of RVing is bearing fruit as the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), recently reported that year-to-date total shipments rose to 277,300 units in 2012, a nearly 10 percent gain over 2011. The expected gain of 4.3 percent for 2013 shipments would mark four consecutive years of RV market growth.

For the majority of RV buyers, the biggest on their purchase is tax deductible since it qualifies as a second home. Dan continues. “Now is the time to buy since RV prices have never been lower, making the RV lifestyle surprisingly affordable.

This spring, Target’s spring collection features a variety of relaxed patterns and textures in blues for every part of the home.

Blue and white is a combination with lots of potential. Sara Peterson, HGTV Magazine’s editor in chief, says, “We love soft blues and white with a bit of ruggedness, white with blue linen and wood or white with dark wood. Light blue is really pretty on painted kitchen cabinets with white countertops. In a kid’s room, cobalt blue is fun when paired with paintered white furniture and hints of bright accent col- ors, like fuchsia or lime green.

Black Baby and Child has a versatile navy and natural braided wool rug, while Restoration Hardware offers Ben Soleiman’s handwoven navy striped rug, both would be great bases for other nursery furnish- ings in a room. (www.blackbabyandchild.com)

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Robert Walker, local author, to tell family ‘Journey Story’ at Historical Society

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SEBRING – Rev. Robert Walker will speak at the Sebring Historical Society membership Saturday at their quarterly luncheon meeting. The event will be held at the Jack Swapp (Sebring) Civic Center on Lakeview Avenue at noon. Attendees are to bring a dish to share, and the cost is $2 each, to cover table service, beverage, and building rent. The public is invited to attend.

Walker will be telling his family’s story as part of the “Journey Stories” program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute, the Florida Humanities Council, and the Highlands County Art League. Walker is a graduate of E.O. Douglas High School in Sebring, with a Bachelor of Science degree, the Walker grandchildren have also followed in their parents’ footsteps, and all of them achieved college degrees and distinguished careers. In addition, Walker’s parents, moved to Sebring from Millen, Ga., in 1940. They raised their three children here in Sebring, and all of them achieved college degrees and distinguished careers. In addition, the Walker grandchildren have also followed in their parents’ footsteps and have successful careers in the military, law, medicine, and education. For further information, call 471-2522.

Heartland Cultural Alliance awards grants to local organizations

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The Heartland Cultural Alliance is the designated Local Arts Agency for Highlands County and as such is authorized by state and county government to collect and distribute funding to local art and culture organizations.

The State of Florida Department of Transportation returns $20 to HCA for each Florida State of the Arts specialty license plate sold in Highlands County. This money is distributed through a HCA grant program to local non-profit organizations for funding art and culture-related projects.

The HCA has awarded the following grants:

- Toby the Clown Foundation, Inc. – $150 for the American Clown School’s classes and supplies.
- The Children’s Museum – $500 to supplement museum money to provide supplies for the Discovery Camp program.

For more information on the granting program contact Paul Lavine, 603-2316 or by email at info@heartlandculturalalliance.org.

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Robert Walker, local author, to tell family ‘Journey Story’ at Historical Society

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SEBRING – Rev. Robert Walker will speak at the Sebring Historical Society membership Saturday at their quarterly luncheon meeting. The event will be held at the Jack Swapp (Sebring) Civic Center on Lakeview Avenue at noon. Attendees are to bring a dish to share, and the cost is $2 each, to cover table service, beverage, and building rent. The public is invited to attend.

Walker will be telling his family’s story as part of the “Journey Stories” program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute, the Florida Humanities Council, and the Highlands County Art League.

Walker is a graduate of E.O. Douglas High School in Sebring, with a Bachelor of Science degree. His professional career was primarily in guidance, counseling and teaching at the Lantana Youth Correctional facility, from which he retired in 1999.

Walker is the author of the book, “The Way Things Were,” which is his personal account of growing up in a small southern town during the days of segregation. He has also written a sequel to this book that will be published in the near future.

Charlie and Anna Belle Walker, Robert’s parents, moved to Sebring from Millen, Ga., in 1940. They raised their three children here in Sebring, and all of them achieved college degrees and distinguished careers. In addition, the Walker grandchildren have also followed in their parents’ footsteps and have successful careers in the military, law, medicine, and education. For further information, call 471-2522.

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SEBRING – The Heartland Cultural Alliance is the designated Local Arts Agency for Highlands County and as such is authorized by state and county government to collect and distribute funding to local arts and culture organizations.

The State of Florida Department of Transportation returns $20 to HCA for each Florida State of the Arts specialty license plate sold in Highlands County. This money is distributed through a HCA grant program to local non-profit organizations for funding art and culture-related projects.

The HCA has awarded the following grants:

- Toby the Clown Foundation, Inc. – $150 for the American Clown School’s classes and supplies.
- The Children’s Museum - $500 to supplement museum money to provide supplies for the Discovery Camp program planned for summer of 2013.

For more information on the granting program contact Paul Lavine, 603-2316 or by email at info@heartlandculturalalliance.org.

To learn more about the Heartland Cultural Alliance visit www.heartlandculturalalliance.org.
South African Lira dedicating Zulu love song to Obamas

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — South African actress and singer Lira says she will dedicate a Zulu love song to President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, when she performs at Monday’s inaugural ball in Washington, D.C.

Lira says she is blown away by the invitation. She told South African talk show host Redi Tlhabi her career has “gone way beyond my wildest dreams.”

It talks about being so in love with one’s partner and I think Michelle and Obama are such an inspiring couple, Lira said.

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**SFSC MOFAC presents Sand and Sea**

Internationally known Christian concert pianist Jim Hendricks will be in concert Saturday at St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring.

The Music Institute of the Sea exhibition will invoke thought and comparisons between beauty and science in forms that occur every-where in nature. SFSC MOFAC is open to the public from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Patrons of the Artist in Residence works may have never noticed other aspects of material reduction.” The artist interprets the natural form with his handmaid items inspired by the tactile world around us, which he describes through his research.

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**Christian concert pianist performs Saturday at St. John UMC**

Internationally-known Christian concert pianist Jim Hendricks will be in concert at 5 p.m. Saturday at St. John United Methodist Church.

A musically-gifted child, he became a professional at a teenager. After high school he performed with orchestras, and other items were created from found and reclaimed materials to a constitutional law professor. “The Browns wanted to show people that a plural marriage is not a monstrosity,” said Jonathan Turley of The George Washington University.

The state is saying if you didn’t do this TV show, you wouldn’t have a problem,” said Turley.
Green tree frogs provide music as well as rain advisories.

Loudly crying to the sound of frogs singing in the evening may be one of the most appealing and soothing sounds in nature. Appreciating frogs for singing for different reasons and in different ways. Some frogs have vocal pouches that can stretch out and serve as a resonating chamber to make noises without any muscles.

Like most amphibians, Green tree frogs are native to Florida. They are a small amphibian, about two and a half inches in length, and have a light green body with a dark belly. They are often found near freshwater bodies of water, such as ponds, creeks, or swamps. Their long, broad fingers equipped with long strong toe pads enable them to stick to smooth surfaces such as tree trunks or water surfaces, making them ideal for their environment. They are often found near freshwater bodies of water, such as ponds, creeks, or swamps. Their long, broad fingers equipped with long strong toe pads enable them to stick to smooth surfaces such as tree trunks or water surfaces, making them ideal for their environment.

Green tree frogs make calls that are loud and distinctive, known as a "bullfrog-like" sound. They can be heard during the night when the weather is damp. These calls serve as signals to attract the females as they can. These calls are also used to impress other individuals of the same species.

Green tree frogs are one of the species that are in danger from their ecosystem. The Colorado tree frogs. These invasive, large frogs have found their way from other areas of the state, and they are believed to be responsible for the very existence of many native species.

Green tree frogs are one of the most beautiful, colorful frogs in Florida and are a treat to observe. They are an excellent species to observe and are also vital to the ecosystem due to their ability to absorb pollutants and chemicals in the environment. Hopefully, they will continue to thrive, helping us in nature and continue future generations with their harmonious partnerships.

Garden through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Bible and Prayer Time, 6:30 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Service, 11 a.m.; Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m. Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 7 p.m. www.BaptistChurches.com; info@BaptistChurches.com; Call the church at 458-0411.
‘Dear Abby’ advice columnist dies at age 94

By Steve Karnowski

MINNEAPOLIS — Pauline Friedman Phillips, who under the pen name “Dear Abby” wrote the long-running “Dear Abby” advice column that reached millions of newspaper readers during her 67-year career, died Tuesday. She was 94.

President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden ordered a moment of silence at the start of their Cabinet meeting Tuesday for Phillips, who had helped her mother with the Dear Abby column for years, was a top发改委

Pauline Esther Friedman Lederer, known as “Dear Abby,” died Monday, May 10, 2021, at her home in Sierra City, Nev., from Alzheimer’s disease. (Facebook)

Pauline Esther (“Abby”) Friedman (née Eppie Lederer), shown in a July 25, 1999, file photo in Chicago, was known professionally as “Dear Abby,” the advice columnist created by her twin sister, Esther Friedman Lederer. (AP Photo/Seth Perlman, File)

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Karl E. Hines (left) and Pauline Friedman Phillips at the Statue of Liberty in 1968. (AP Photo)

A long-time staple of American newspapers, “Dear Abby” was a thin, blue, 72-column-paper advice column written by Pauline Esther Friedman Lederer, known professionally as “Dear Abby,” and her twin sister, Esther Pauline (Eppie) Lederer, known professionally as “Dear Ann,” with no last name. In 1996, Pauline Friedman Phillips retired, and Ann became the only remaining writer for the column.

By the late 1960s, the column was appearing in newspapers in 150 countries, and millions of readers per day contacted the advice column for help on everything from finding a job to resolving family squabbles to getting along with teenagers.

“Dear Abby” was known for its moralistic tone and its emphasis on family values, and its popularity took off in the 1950s, when readers started to turn to the column for guidance during a time of great social change.

In a 1998 interview, Phillips said, “I think we’ve gone through a lot of changes. I think (the column) fits in with the times.”

The earliest newspaper column on record is a political advice column that appeared on Oct. 16, 1802, in the Pennsylvania Packet.

Before the invention of the telegraph, columns appeared in newspapers throughout the country: “Dear Mrs. Lincoln,” “Dear Mr. Washington,” “Dear Mr. Adams” and so forth.

An early newspaper advice column was the “The Political Nurse,” written by Dr. Abigail Leach, which appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1804.

In the mid-1800s, women’s advice columns in the eastern United States included “Miss Arbuthnot’s Parlor,” written by Genet Harrison, and “Miss Amelia Bache’s Notes and Queries,” written by Miss Amelia Bache.

In 1895, Lillian Adele Forbes wrote a column in the Mercantile Agency Daily and was paid $1.50 a column. Forbes started the column in 1896 and it ran for one year.

The world’s first advice column, “Dear Abby” was written by Pauline & Esther Friedman Lederer.

The earliest Sunday advice columns included “Miss Mary’s Doom” in the New York Morning Post in 1826.

By the early 20th century, there were columnists, including “Miss Elmira” in the Los Angeles Times and “Dear John” in the Los Angeles Daily News.

At one point, the column was called “Dear Mom” by the Chicago Tribune and “Dear Friend” by the New York Herald Tribune.

In the 1950s, the column was called “Dear Abby” by the Chicago Tribune.

The advice column was a staple of many newspapers in the United States and around the world.

The column was known for its advice on topics such as relationships, family dynamics, and personal growth.

Pauline Friedman Phillips retired from the column in 1996, and her sister, Esther Friedman Lederer, continued to write it until her death in 2004.

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Business partners come together to acquire long-ago musical memories and raise money for cancer research.

By NEIL SIMPSON
Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — With preparations well under way for the 2013 Tanglewood Residents’ Cancer Benefit activities, time must be taken to say thanks to all of the local busi-
ness people who help to make the Cancer Benefit events possible. As the snow-
ball effect takes hold in Central Florida, more pressure is put on local businesses to support a variety of worthwhile cau-
ses and Tanglewood is hon-
ored that so many are willing to back our efforts.

The local newspapers have been wonderful in printing articles. Thanks to the News-
Sun, Highlands Today, and the Heartland SunTimes for their ongoing support.

We rely on major sponsors to make certain our events can be successful. Thanks to News-Sunomy for sponsoring our kick-off concert in November. On Feb. 5, Heartland National Bank will be partnering with us for our Luncheon Dinner for the sev-
enth year. Bill Jarrett Ford will be offering the “Drive for the Cure” on Feb. 6. Golf Pore A Care at Pinecrest G.C. is being sponsored again by Alan Jay Automotive Network and Edward Jones/Alan J. Holmes. The finals, on Feb. 15 will be co-sponsored by Drs. Thakkar & Patel, Edward Jones/Alan J. Holmes, Homestate America and News-Sunomy.

As well, numerous mer-
chants contribute raffle prizes and the following have already agreed to sponsor holes at our golf tournament: Alligators Pub & Shy, A-
Kill Pest Control, Central Florida Roofing, Cool’s Alligator Pack & Ship, A-
Kool Automotive, Palm’s Automotive of Sebring.

From all of us at Tanglewood, thanks for help-
ing us to raise funds for can-
cer research.

By MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press
WEST PALM BEACH — A trove of memorabilia from Studio 54 is going up for bid at an auction that is recounting those language-enabled nights at the iconic 1970s clubhouse with a legacy richer than its lifespan.

Moments kept by the late Studio 54 co-owner Steve Rubell, including paparazzi photographs, letters and art-
work once belonging to the New York club’s A-list guests, are being auctioned off Saturday in West Palm Beach.

The items give a fascinat-
ing glimpse of life at 54 pho-
tographer Fran Lebowitz one of the few to cross the dance floor. Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman, Michael Jackson, Ellen John, Cher — and on and on and on.

Rubell’s partner, Bill Hamilton, finally decided to part with the treasures, more than 23 years after Rubell’s death at the age of 45. The books of newspaper clip-
gaps, photographs and everything else had spent decades in their apartment on West 55th Street in Manhattan, where Hamilton still lives.

Giving up the items was hard, said Hamilton, who was too young to ever enjoy Studio 54 himself. He decid-
ed to auction them, in part, because he got married last year and wanted to shed some of his possessions. But as he took a final look at the photos, he was reminded of Rubell’s generosity and how much fun he helped create.

Rubell and Ian Shreger opened Studio 54 in 1977 and sold it in 1981.

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Sebring CRA hosts Retail Academy Workshop for downtown businesses

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency is hosting a Retail Community Workshop at 5:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4 at the Sebring Civic Center. The Retail Academy is a series of workshops designed for small retail businesses in the downtown Sebring CRA District. This series is pre-

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To promote improvements within the redevelopment area through renovation and reuse of build-

ings, as well as to encour-
age new construction. To

acquire the funding neces-
sary to attract investment dollars and improve the assessed taxable value of districts properties and to assist the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Merchants in their efforts to attract new businesses.

Cornerstone Hospice has Hispanic Care Team

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In an auction that is resurrect-

ing those long-ago nights at Sebring, three members of the nonprofit’s Hispanic Care Team get ready to assist in their own language patients and families with difficulty in understanding the English of often-

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Jennifer NewsomEye for sponsoring the Heartland SunTimes for

merchandise, their ongoing support.

The mission of the CRA is to bring about the eco-

nomic revitalization of an established target area. To

create a re-investment envi-
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tate investors into the area.

Sebring CRA hosts Retail Academy Workshop for downtown businesses

The first workshop, Customer Service & Merchandising Class, will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 at the Sebring Civic Center from 5:15-8:15 p.m. Light refreshments served. To reserve a seat, call the CRA office at 471-5104 no later than Wednesday, Jan. 31.

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Johny C. Amydus to Freel, Moodie L. A., L1, Highlands Ridge Holdings Assn., $12,000.

Sept. 20

Robert L. Brown to David W. Wronski, L207 Blk 21 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sub. $20,000.

Sept. 24

Mary T. Tratta to Kevin Moen, PM, $17,000.

Sept. 27


Sept. 28

Eugene A. Lay, L23 Blk 14 Leisure Lakes Sec. 13, $65,000.
Rebuilding with God

Winds howled, rain splashed, windows rattled. It seemed we could hear the earth split apart, pulled out of the splintered debris of our roof. We hunkered down in our ‘safe’ place to ride it out several years ago. It was one of the worst storms I have ever experienced.

That’s why I’m so grateful to the Canadian family who had always been loving and kind, and radiated a peace that once you felt could be nothing but a gift from God. Our neighbors were so scared and worried, I was able to return to my ‘safe’ place to ride it out several years ago. It was one of the worst storms I have ever experienced.

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When my beloved husband was 90, I knew it was time to lose him. I cried, I moaned, I screamed and I felt like I was dying inside. I could not accept it.

But now, I feel different. I feel like I have the best of two worlds in a cancer center here, continuing to show their support. I feel blessed and content. I feel like I have the best of two worlds.

I don’t want to leave everyone who has helped me through this difficult time. I feel like I have the best of two worlds and I am grateful for everything that has happened.

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A day of pomp and tradition

With all of the excitement surrounding the 57th presidential inauguration, it’s easy to forget there have been many inaugurations before it. Over the years, the event has become highly formalized, with the day’s scheduled events taking on almost ritualistic significance.

Morning worship service

Officially began in 1833 with Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s attendance of a church service at St. John’s Episcopal Church (Washington quietly visited a church before his first inauguration), nearly every president since has decided to participate in both services on the morning of the inauguration. While most presidents went to Protestant or other Christian churches, John F. Kennedy, the nation’s first Roman Catholic president, attended Catholic services at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Procession to the Capitol

Every president has had a form of procession on an inaugural day—ranging from a horse-drawn carriage to a helicopter ride. For the 1981 inauguration, carriages were used for the president and vice president, but for the 2009 inauguration, it was announced that the president-elect, vice-president-elect and their spouses would be driven to the Capitol in a limousine. The 1981 inauguration was the first time blacks were allowed to march in the inaugural parade.

Departure of the outgoing president

The 1809 “Handbook of Official and Social Etiquette and Public Ceremonies at Washington” described the ceremonies this way: “The departure of the president is attended with no ceremony, other than the presence of members of his late Cabinet and a few officials and personal friends. The President leaves the Capitol on a solemn journey to the White House, accompanied by a small escort.”

President’s swearing-in ceremony and inaugural address

Article II Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution includes the oath of the office of president. The president is typically sworn in by the chief justice of the Supreme Court in front of the Capitol, though this has frequently changed due to circumstance. The oath reads: “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

President Bill Clinton delivers his address during his second inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 1997.

Inaugural luncheon

This tradition started in 1861 when the Senate Committee on Arrangements gave a luncheon for President William McKinley. Other presidents hosted here in a similar manner — in 1945, Roosevelt hosted more than 2,000 guests at the White House. The tradition did not begin in its current official form until 1953, when President Dwight Eisenhower and 70 other guests of the JCCIC — the president-elect, vice-president-elect and their spouses, the outgoing president and his spouse, and the incoming president and his spouse — attended by Washington — the public has always paid a great deal of attention to the outgoing president. In recent years, many presidential spouses have accompanied their predecessors to a televised event to watch the former president and his spouse off.

Inaugural ball

Though the practice began informally, with multiple balls following Washington’s first inauguration, the growing number of balls necessitated the construction of dedicated ballrooms in Jackson Square. Eventually, the idea of a single ball that could accommodate thousands of guests was embraced by partygoers who wished to curb the socially eventful pre-presidential. The event was canceled for the first time in 1857, when Franklin Pierce wished to avoid the loss of his son. Sixty years later, Woodrow Wilson firmly canceled the inaugural ball, and the practice of private parties sprang up when Warren G. Harding asked for a simple affair without pageantry to mark the occasion of his inauguration. In 1949, Harry Truman revived the practice of the ball, and Eisenhower’s inauguration in 1953 necessitated a second ball due to great demand for tickets. The number of balls reached a high of 14 during the second inauguration of President Bill Clinton in 1997.

President-elect Dwight Eisenhower, center left, and his wife, Mamie, leave a church in Washington, D.C., on the morning of his inauguration in 1953.

Joseph Biden, left, takes the oath of office as vice president at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 2009.

President George W. Bush leaves the White House with Vice President Dick Cheney and First Lady Laura Bush at the 2001 Inaugural luncheon.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Jan. 19: Just in time in 2009, the Obama and Biden teams — as well as members of the president’s cabinet — will dedicate their time to serving others as part of a National Day of Service to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A youth concert with the legacy of Dr. King will be held at the White House. The public is invited to attend the service.

Jan. 20: For the second time in U.S. history, on Inauguration Day, the ceremony was held on the steps of the Capitol, a presidential tradition started in 1897. Following the luncheon, the president-elect, vice-president-elect and their spouses, the outgoing president, and other elected officials will step forward to take an oath to defend the Constitution. The oath administration will be conducted by the chief justice of the Supreme Court in front of the Capitol, and the public will watch via television.

Jan. 21: A ceremonial public swearing-in will take place at the U.S. Capitol.

Jan. 22: The ceremony will conclude with the president-elect’s address, which is often the most anticipated of the day.

First Lady Michelle Obama, left, dances with President Barack Obama at the President’s Home States Ball in 2009.

President Barack Obama addresses the country at the start of his second term at the White House on Jan. 21, 2013.

President George W. Bush leaves the White House amid streamers, confetti and general celebration. He was the first time blacks were allowed to march in the inaugural parade.

President-elect Woodrow Wilson, left, and President William H. Taft share a laugh at the White House prior to the inauguration in 1913.

Joseph Biden, left, takes the oath of office as vice president at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., in 2009.

Former President George W. Bush departs from the U.S. Capitol in a helicopter after the inauguration of President Barack Obama in 2009.

President Clinton’s address is interrupted by a smattering of traffic noise.

President Barack Obama delivers his address to a joint session of Congress, on Jan. 21, 2013.

Inaugural Committee.

Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) in the Statuary Hall in the Capitol.

Procession to the Capitol

President Barack Obama participates in the 57th Inaugural Parade on Jan. 21, 2013.

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Former President George W. Bush departs from the U.S. Capitol in a helicopter after the inauguration of President Barack Obama in 2009.

President George W. Bush returns to the White House in a helicopter after the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Former President George W. Bush visits a church before his first inauguration.

President Bill Clinton delivers his address during his second inauguration at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 20, 1997.

Bush — was the first time blacks were allowed to march in the inaugural parade.

The Constitution specifically requires the vice president and other elected officials to step forward to take an oath to defend the Constitution, but unlike the presidential oath, it does not specify the form that oath must take. Also unlike the presidential oath, a variety of public officials can and have administered the oath to the vice president, and occasionally to other government officials, and been sworn in since 1845. Since 1961, the swearing in ceremonies have both held at the west front of the Capitol.

President George W. Bush leaves the White House with Vice President Dick Cheney and First Lady Laura Bush at the 2001 Inaugural luncheon.

Inaugural Committee.

With all of the excitement surrounding the 57th presidential inauguration, it’s easy to forget there have been many inaugurations before it. Over the years, the event has become highly formalized, with the day’s scheduled events taking on almost ritualistic significance.