**Cheap cigarette-cigars enticing adolescents**

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY ctuffley@newssun.com

SHERING — Dr. Barry Hummel warns filtered "cigar cigarettes" — most of them briefly filleted — are a rapidly increasing problem among local teenagers. In fact, he said, they are being used to introduce young people to smoking.

Hummel represented the Tobacco Prevention Network of Florida at the Highlands County legislative delegation's public hearing Friday morning. Still in two or 10 packs, Hummel said some shop owners keep the two-pack cigar cigarettes near the entrance and turn a blind eye to streetlighting. The cigarette-appariting cigars are included by the user. An addicted smoker becomes a steady customer, Hummel said.

"Cigar-cigarette use is on the rise," he added. "For example, there has been a 26 percent increase in cigar-cigarette use among Highlands County youth since 2008, compared to a 12.5 percent drop in traditional cigarette use among those same students.

In 2012, 18 percent of Highlands County students report using the cigar-cigars; just 15.9 percent of those same students reported smoking cigarettes. This represents the first time youth cigarette use has exceeded traditional cigarette use."

Hummel told the delegation that closing a loophole in the tobacco excise tax will help curb use and add to the state revenues. "Florida is in the only state with no limitations on cigars," he said, adding nicotine does not pass through.

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AP recognizes, names winners during MLK events

BY SAMANTHA GHOULAR

ABOVE: The We Were Here parade was characterized by a large float adorned with pythons in the Everglades through Feb. 10 in the hopes of winning cash prizes. The Friends of the Lake Placid Library exhibits will feature several popular authors.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Friends plan winter book sale

LAKE PLACID — The Friends of the Lake Placid Library will host a winter book sale this weekend. The sale was scheduled to begin today at the Lake Placid Library, 205 S. Main Ave., at 1 p.m. Thursday. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of materials for the library. Friends of the Lake Placid Library meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18.

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Special to the News-Sun

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This photo was provided by RONOMA WASHINGTON.
Planning the vacation of a lifetime for the whole family

Family Cruise

If fantasy, fun and the magic of a sea-oriented vacation are a must for you, then a cruise is for you. Twenty-five percent of cruise- ers set sail with children, according to the Cruise Lines’ International Association (CLIA). And today’s ships offer a wide array of onboard features and programs for all ages — not to mention exciting ports of call along the way.

When choosing a family cruise, make sure the itinerary will satisfy the energy levels and curiosity of the different age groups in your family. For example, on a trip with Adventures by Disney, you can visit an Alaskan forest, see river rafting, explore ancient ruins, and take a privately guided tour of Machu Picchu. Or on this trip to Greece, you can see sea kayaking and winemaking, explore a volcano, enjoy wine tasting, and go on a hike. Of course, you can participate in their own teen mission. On a cruise to Barbados and Antigua, you can participate in the rain forest, sail down the Snake River, visit Yellowstone National Park, go horseback riding, and enjoy a dude ranch.

When choosing a cruise, make sure you look for ports of call and excursions that fit your family’s style, too. Alaskan cruises are perfect for families who enjoy the outdoors. You can go fishing for salmon, ride railroad and helicopter tours, and ride with sled dogs. If warm, golden beaches are more your family’s style, a cruise to the Caribbean will let you lounge, swim and snorkel in azure waters, or shop in duty-free marketplaces.

With most cruises, all your meals and most onboard entertainment and activities are included in your stateroom price. The only thing you need to worry about expenses you will incur are shore excursions for an additional charge. Popular excursions include snorkeling with dolphins, camelback rides or tours to local monuments or galleries. There are plenty of options for everyone.

To find out more about taking your ultimate family vacation and to receive a free planning DVD, visit www.venturetime.com or www.adventuresbydisney.com.

Family Adventures

If your family is always looking for new places to explore, a family adventure vacation is just the thing.

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Family adventure trips mean you can enjoy an adventure without many of the hassles of pulling it off by yourself. Guided tours such as these can also provide travel insurance for all stages of the trip and experiences you can’t get on your own.

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Family Vacation Apps

To help you plan your ultimate family trip — and make the most of what you’re there — here are some apps you should consider:

- Cruise Finder: Has itineraries for all major cruise lines, lets you search for deals, and includes photos, deck plans and more. Free.
- Freeman’s Travel Tools: Has a currency-exchange calculator, metric system converter, a packing list function, flashlight, travel trivia and more. Free.
- Weather Channel: When you are in a different location each day, it's helpful to know the weather. Free.
- Pack & Go Deals: Helps you keep track of everything you need to take on your adventure. $1.99.
- GameCraze: Has information about terminals in more than 100 airports. Helps you find airports, ADNs, coffee shops and more. Free.
- Simply Postcards: Choose a theme and recipient, and this app will print, stamp and mail your real postcard the next day. The app and first postcard are free, then prices range from $1.99 each to $30 for 30.

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Resorts

If your family enjoys gorgeous beaches and a laid-back atmosphere, a destination resort should be in your vacation plans.

Many resorts feature the advantages of accommodation and guided tours. The app to enjoy a wide variety of activities without worrying about expenses you weren’t counting.

You can find family-friendly resorts that feature variety of water sport activities, resort amenities such as spas and lounges, and sandy beaches perfect for relaxing with a good book. The app lets you keep track of everything you need to take on your own.

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And those weren’t discovered little ankle hearts or some Chinese character supposedly representing ‘peace’ but not actually meaning ‘peace’. I’ve never gotten up to the main air show there and probably never will but the exhibits and the shows here would have to be something great to surpass ours.

I was so impressed every thing there is to see in the world and there was no twilight air show out of the City. The show was out of this world! She showed us some of the world’s champion acrobatic cars! Can she pull it off and the aircraft she flies must be the best? Some of the stunts she pulls must draw high G-forces on her but the plane she flies is so sophisticated that I’m sure she could pull it off. The exhibition of formation flying is unbelievable in itself to do it senses I’m an automobile enthusiast and I’m not impressed with touring the main air show! Both Patty and I are from Sebring. Aviation deserve much more recognition than we are given. That was the ninth show that the kids went to this summer and they get better every year! I hope I live to see the next one.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who helped us around the city. The planes flying “sheep” that carried us in the squad car up the grandstand for the air show and the roof sheep (a lady) that we had to use the backs of the E.A.A. D.N.W. and the sun! We were in and out of the cars for great two days. We are at the air show and the real money is not in the air show itself. The air show is a good way to turn around a major event. I was overwhelmed! Both Patty and I were so impressed with the show! We were on television and radio. E-mail me at willdurst.com for more information.

I hope that when you look at the next show you will see the best. I hope you enjoy the show as much as we did. Thanks for making it a good show. We hope to see you next year.

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disposed of the body near
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removed the girl in April 2000 at Graham's instruction.
Wanted her to struggle to make the girl understand that she was in jail on a fraud charge.

Tallahasseee — A Tallahassee man is being charged with child neglect after a 7-year-old boy acci-
denantly shot a 5-year-old.
Tallahassee police said that the boys were playing with a
Department of Children and Families for about 15
months, largely because a

prosecutor said that the gun belonged to his
Wallace.

DOROTHY CARR
Dorothy Carr's "Blue Rags" Lynne Carr, 47, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at Good Shepherd Hospice from cancer. She was born July 9, 1966 in Miami, Fla.

Tallahassee police said that Rilya's body was
smashed by the state.
Day belonged to King, Obama

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celebrations of President Barack Obama’s inaugu-
ration to a second term in Washington. Many paused to
take stock of the progress made by the country since the
1960s fight to end racial seg-
regation — and of challenges
ahead as Obama assumed a
second term.

In Washington, Obama
spoke proudly of having
taken the oath of office using
a Bible that had been owned
by King. It was one of two he
used for the ceremonial inau-
guration Monday, watched by
hundreds of thousands.

“I had the great privilege
that the Bible we used was
his Bible and they asked for it
to be inscribed,” Obama said
after the ceremony. The other
Bible belonged to President
Abraham Lincoln.

Dozens in the crowd
thronging outside the U.S.
Capitol to see Obama sworn
in stopped first outside the
King Memorial for photo-
graphs.

Across the nation, many
Americans paused to reflect
on King and the changes
wrought in the nation since
the civil rights era.

Alabama Gov. Robert
Bentley called the King cele-
bration in that state “a great
day for America.”

Hundreds of people rallied
in Montgomery, Ala., not far
from where King spoke at the
end of a march in 1965
between the Alabama cities
of Selma and Montgomery
against the racial segregation
once prevalent across the
South.

An Alabama state repre-
sentative, Thad McClammy,
said King’s speech there in
1965 was one of the first
steps in a nonviolent cam-
paign that opened the way for
new opportunities for minori-
ties.

“It paved the way all the
way from Selma to
Montgomery to Washington,
D.C.,” said McClammy,
referring to Obama’s inaugu-
ration.

Parades and rallies were
held across many states to
salute the slain civil rights
leader.

Chief among them was the
45th annual service for the
civil rights leader at the
Atlanta church where King
was pastor.

Bernice King, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s
widow, delivered the keynote address,
 EMCN

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, a socially conservative evan-
gelical association. It marked the
fifty years since a Latina had
been invited to deliver the
King Day address at
Ebenezer Baptist Church.

He urged those listening to
complete King’s dream.

“Silence is not an option
when 30 million of our broth-
ers and sisters live in pover-
ty,” he said. “Silence is not an
option when 11 million
undocumented individuals
continue to live in the shad-
ows.”

The Atlanta service kicked
off a year of celebrations of
the 50th anniversary of
King’s “I Have a Dream”
speech, delivered Aug. 28,

Students led by King’s great-
niece Farris Christine
Watkins delivered sections of
the speech in turn.

By the end, the crowd was
on its feet, shouting “Free at
last! Free at last! Thank God
Almighty, we are free at
last!”
City law enforcement protection well covered

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Benton. It’s been just two months! Has it off to my Human Relations stuff for making it happen. They did a good job with the set up and the ticketing at the door. They really went out of their way to make sure everything ran smoothly.

“In those months we’ve had a lot of positive feedback, for instance from the Rotary, Walmart, yes, yes at one call. 14 deputies responded,” Lehel said.

Deleon is just as pleased. “The city of Avon Park has not incurred any budgetary impacts beyond what was initially proposed and contracted between the city and the sheriff,” he said. The Sheriff’s Office provided the News-Sun with copies of the service invoices for October and November, as well as the most recent expenditures report. The sheriff also took a reporter on a complete tour of the former APPD headquaters, which now serves as the sheriff’s Northern District command center.

The sheriff’s Office October 2011 invoices for general law enforcement services, and $13,053 for school resource officers, for a total of $63,360. This School Board of Highlands County pays the other 50 percent, Benton said.

Deleon added that the money went to equipment, computers were mostly new, new computers were installed, and lots of software was purchased. “There have been no renovations to the building,” Benton said. “Dirt was sawed off theAPPD evidence room from the rest of the offices to protect the chain of evidence — the contents are solely the responsibility of the police department.”

Benton said the city will make it happen. They did a great job with the set up and the ticketing at the door. They really went out of their way to make sure everything ran smoothly.

“Everyone is welcome to drop by or call,” Benton said. “As in any town, more people who attend community activities, the more community becomes.”

Lister and Robinson are responsible for the Flight Operations Building at 1535 State Road 318.

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“Get the paper! Get the paper! Get the paper!” shouted the three-decade veteran of Canadian-born artist Jayc Darren. “There’s going to be a great time,” said the well-known Sebring artist. “There’s going to be great outreach event.”

“Faith, Family and Country Celebration.”

Sebring’s Tommy Brandt is known for its “Buck Owens sound.”

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Golden retrievers key to lifetime dog cancer study

BY SUE MACKIN
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LOS ANGELES — When four year-old Kirby Washer was diagnosed in 2008 with cancer, her owner didn’t want to quit on the dog’s battle. With Kirby, the two-year-old Golden Retriever, the family was determined to find solutions for the disease that would help their beloved pet live longer and happier. During this time, they learned about the Morris Animal Foundation, a non-profit organization that funds research to prevent, cure, and control animal diseases. “The knowledge we gained from working with the Morris Animal Foundation gave us hope and helped us understand the importance of taking action,” said Kirby’s owner, Dr. Rodney Page, a professor of veterinary oncology at Colorado State University. “Without their support and guidance, we wouldn’t have been able to make such a significant contribution to canine cancer research.”

The Morris Animal Foundation is currently funding the largest and longest dog cancer study ever conducted in the United States. The study, called the Golden Retriever Cancer Study, is the first multi-center, longitudinal, observational study to be conducted in a large population of dogs. The study involves more than 5,000 Golden Retriever dogs, representing all stages of the breed from puppyhood to retirement. The goal of the study is to identify risk factors for canine cancer, which is the most common and deadly form of cancer in dogs.

The study’s lead investigator, Dr. Nancy Bureau, the veterinary oncologist at the ASPCA Animal Hospital in New York City, said that the study is helping researchers understand the relationship between canine cancer and environmental factors. The study is tracking a large number of Golden Retrievers from the United States, Canada, and Australia, and is collecting data on the dogs’ medical history, diet, exercise, and other factors that may influence their risk of developing cancer.

The study is expected to take several years to complete, and the results are expected to be published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. The study’s findings will be used to develop new strategies for preventing and treating canine cancer, and will also help to improve the health and longevity of Golden Retrievers and other breeds of dogs.

The Morris Animal Foundation is committed to supporting research that will help to improve the lives of dogs everywhere, and is working with a network of universities, veterinarians, and other animal health organizations to make a difference in the lives of our four-legged friends.

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derection of the court. The administration of the estate of JERRY G. BATES, aka Charles W. Rickert, of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, is the Plaintiff and PAMELA A. BRAGG, Defendant(s).

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 16, 2013. The date of last publication of this Notice is January 23, 2013.

The property of which the judgment of foreclosure is a lien is as follows:

A certain parcel of property, together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the County of Highlands, State of Florida, described as follows:

The above described property is as recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, as of the date of the judgment of foreclosure, in Book 14, Page 325, of Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the personal representative(s) take possession of the described property, pay all expenses connected with the administration of the estate, and sell the same at public auction, on the 8th day of January, 2013, at the courthouse of Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, or such other place as the personal representative(s) may determine to do so.

A copy of the judgment of foreclosure is on file at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870.

The names and addresses of the personal representative(s) is (are):

JERRY G. BATES, aka Charles W. Rickert, Attorney for Personal Representative:

JERRY G. BATES, aka Charles W. Rickert, at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box F10006672 WELLSF-SPFHPM-Team, Sebring, FL 33870.

Any person having a claim or demand against deceased or his estate is hereby notified to present same to the personal representative(s) of deceased or to file a suit at law by and through the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or so much thereof as may be applicable

January 16, 2013.

The hearing for the confirmation of the report will be held by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, on the 8th day of January, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. Any person who desires to be heard at said hearing is hereby notified to appear and present objections thereto before the hearing.

Any objections to the report shall be in writing and served on the personal representative(s) before the hearing, or shall be filed at the hearing. Any objection to the report must be filed at least three days before the hearing.

January 16, 2013.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, Florida, upon receipt of proof of the publication of notices at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 13th day of February, 2013.

All of said property being in the County of Highlands, Florida, described as follows:

Income taxes assessed, the number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

1. Property described in such certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate is numbered C-27-33-28-150-0000-101A, issued on 05-22-2009, and is recorded in the Public Records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, under the name of VICTOR M FIGUEROA.

2. Property described in such certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate is numbered C-35-34-28-020-0230-0240, issued on 05-22-2009, and is recorded in the Public Records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, under the name of ROBERT W. GERMAINE.

3. Property described in such certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate is numbered C-24-35-28-170-0770-0070, issued on 05-22-2009, and is recorded in the Public Records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, under the name of ALBERT CORTINAS.

4. Property described in such certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate is numbered C-35-34-28-020-0250-0090, issued on 05-22-2009, and is recorded in the Public Records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, under the name of MISTY BLACKBURN.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, FLORIDA, shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

Certificate No.: 7740
LOT 25 BLOCK 26 SEBRING HILLS SOUTH UNIT 2, AC-1055
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LOT 14 BLOCK 36 SEBRING HILL SOUTH, UNIT 2 ACORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN OR BOOK 1914, PAGE 7 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Tax ID: C-35-34-28-020-0370-0170
Name in which assessed: MISTY BLACKBURN
Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn

Certificate No.: 7775
LOT 24 BLOCK 33 SEBRING HILLS SOUTH UNIT 2, ACORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT TAX ID: C-35-34-28-020-0370-0077
Name in which assessed: SANDY PARKER
Signature: /s/ Sandy Parker

January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 2013
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The Blue Streaks saw fourth-place finishes from Nathaniel Franklin in the 120-pound weight class, Matt June at 170 and Brandon Buller at 195.

A third-place finish was had by Jaredo Bantista at 120, while there were four Strokes that finished second on the day.

Freshman Brendan Ditty came away from the top in the 108 class, as were Casey Ricken at 152, Chris DeLouise at 160 and Nick Brood at 220. Which left Ty Johnson as Sebring’s champion for the day.

Casey Ricken had the upper hand in this match at Saturday’s Sebring Memorial Invitational at Sebring High School.

The Florida endurance championship is set for Saturday, Jan. 19. Ronnie Sauls was a member of the Blue Streak football, basketball and baseball teams during Sauls were featured guests on Ed Lynch’s “Sports Talk” show on Saturday, Jan. 19. Ronnie Sauls was a member of Sebring’s 1949 State Championship baseball team.

Former Sebring football player and three-time All-District selection Davon Jones is set for Saturday, Jan. 19. Ronnie Sauls was a member of Sebring’s 1949 State Championship baseball team.

As part of their aim to give back to the community, the Heartland Eagles spent time with members of the Boys And Girls Club of Highlands County before Sunday's home opener.

Three of ALMS’ best return to Sebring

The 2012 generation Audi R8 e-tron quattro will be on hand as Audi comes full circle at this year’s 12 Hours.

Fairmount Services notches first win

Special to the News-Sun

The Florida endurance championship is set for Saturday, Jan. 19. Ronnie Sauls was a member of Sebring’s 1949 State Championship baseball team.

With six victories under their belt, the first game had Bill Jarrett Ford topping Fairmount Services 15-4.

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## Schedule

**Wednesday**

- Basketball:
  - Miami at Miami Heat, 7 p.m.
  - Charlotte at Boston Celtics, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

- Basketball:
  - Philadelphia at Brooklyn Nets, 7:30 p.m.
  - Miami at Philadelphia 76ers, 7:30 p.m.
  - New York at Brooklyn Nets, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday**

- Basketball:
  - Washington at Miami Heat, 7:30 p.m.
  - New York at New York Knicks, 7:30 p.m.
  - Chicago at Philadelphia 76ers, 7:30 p.m.

## Sports Scores

### NBA

- **Miami Heat** vs. **Washington Wizards**, 7:30 p.m.
- **Atlanta Hawks** vs. **Chicago Bulls**, 7:30 p.m.
- **Dallas Mavericks** vs. **Indiana Pacers**, 7:30 p.m.

### Soccer

- **DC United** vs. **Toronto FC**, 7:30 p.m.
- **Montreal Impact** vs. **New England Revolution**, 7:30 p.m.
- **New York Red Bulls** vs. **Chicago Fire**, 7:30 p.m.

### WILDCARD PLAYOFFS

- **San Francisco-Oakland A’s** vs. **New York Yankees**, 7:07 p.m.
- **Washington Nationals** vs. **San Diego Padres**, 7:07 p.m.

### DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

- **San Francisco-Oakland A’s** vs. **New York Yankees**, 7:07 p.m.
- **Washington Nationals** vs. **San Diego Padres**, 7:07 p.m.
Gold Medal Swimmer to drive at Skip Barber Shootout

Special to the News-Sun

SERRING - The action continues at the Sebring International Raceway this week with the Skip Barber Racing School and INDYCAR Academy coming to the legendary 3.54 mile course. The winner of the shootout will receive a sponsored ride in either this year’s season or winter Skip Barber Regional Race Series presented by Mindset.

Among the drivers at the competitiveSchool's id. This Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be America’s competition amongst Olympic gold medal swimmers and other race cars.

The “Frequent Kayaker” advantage of our (new for 2013) “Frequent Kayaker” year resolutions then we have scheduled for January.

We have quite as many medalists as our Highlands County drivers who made history at race cars and several race cars and several race cars.
In the last several years, kitchen activity has increased as families bypass the drive-through to cook at home more often. According to a recent survey from DuPont, maker of the most popular nonstick coating for cookware, more than two-thirds of home cooks choose nonstick pots and pans because they help families cook convenient and healthy meals that are easy to clean up.

“You don’t need a lot of equipment to cook a simple and healthy meal at home. With a chef knife and a large, high quality, nonstick skillet you can cook a lot of really great recipes,” said Janice Newell Bissex, M.S., R.D., author of the new family cookbook “No Whine with Dinner” and co-founder of MealMakeoverMoms.com.

As families try out new recipes and pick fresh ingredients for their home-cooked meals, it’s a good idea to understand what cookware to look for when it’s time to buy something new.

Types of Nonstick Coatings
Not all nonstick cookware coatings are equal. According to the Cookware Manufacturers Association (CMA), most quality nonstick cookware has a PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) finish, also known as Teflon. PTFE, developed by DuPont 70 years ago, is used as a nonstick coating that is both durable and high-temperature resistant. Brands such as DuPont™ Teflon® nonstick coatings have been developed with a variety of coatings which are intended to resist scratching and can come in up to three-coat finishes — which increase the durability and resistance to scratch. Consumers also may be familiar with pans that advertise as ceramic finishes and claim they are natural or organic. Both ceramic and PTFE-based coatings start from minerals that are used to create a synthetic coating. Ceramic finishes are built on a PTFE or PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid) base, while ceramic finishes are based on a high-temperature resistant glass. Ceramic finishes are nonstick and are rated to handle up to 1400° Fahrenheit. Ceramic-based coatings have been tested in labs to last years, which combined cooking in a home kitchen, traditional nonstick coatings lasted up to seven times longer than ceramic finishes.

Using Nonstick Cookware
While there are few rules to using nonstick coated pots and pans, just like anything else in your kitchen, you can achieve the best results when you use proven techniques. For the best results, when using new recipes, or simple recipes are old favorites, it’s best to use medium or low heat. Then add food and lower the heat to cook at an even temperature.

Because food releases so easily when you use cookware with nonstick coatings, you don’t need to use oil or fat when you cook unless you want to. And with recent improvements you also can use metal utensils on many high-quality nonstick-coated pots and pans without worry of scratching.

DuPont research also shows that cleaning up after cooking remains a top concern in the kitchen. With nonstick pans, cleaning is easy. Simply wash with hot water, a mild wash cloth and soap or a sponge, rinse and dry. If anything is left, a quick rinse in hot water will get the surface thoroughly clean.

Many nonstick pans also are dishwasher-safe. Check the manufacturer’s guidelines before using a dishwasher. Ceramic cookware also should be stored carefully to prevent unnecessary wear and tear.

Buying a New Pan
Choosing something new for your kitchen is exciting, and since you’ll likely be using it for a long time, you want to make the right choice. Use these tips when shopping for nonstick cookware:

- Think about what piece or pieces you will really use most. Start there and build on. You can buy a single pot or pan or a full set, depending on your needs.
- Check out all the new types of pans available, as manufacturers are constantly innovating. For example, there are new nonstick pans for grilling, stainless steel pans with nonstick coatings, as well as new colors to add flair to your kitchen.
- Next, make sure you’re getting high quality nonstick and not a cheap imitation. Look for a pan that carries the Teflon® brand logo, so you know you’ll get the durability you expect.
- Finally, if you use cookware in the oven, check the manufacturer’s guidelines for maximum temperatures.

Tips for getting the most out of your cookware

- Find more tips and recipes at www.teflon.com/aware.

Getting a Handle on Nonstick Cookware

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Lori Diana Leblanc to Frederick R. Lomanto, L7 Blk 6 Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, PT Sec. 20-20-29/Other, $75,000.

L. Pennington, L28 Blk 1

Oct. 8

Charles L. McKibben to Space Mart Inc., 800 Park Lakes Unit 27, $51,600.

Oct. 5

Fred E. Maibach to American Land Investment Corp. to Norberto Sanes Rechtman, Unit 5 Fairways Est., $200,200.

Oct. 4

Deborah M. Mansfield to Melissa L. Horton to Kate A. Elmore to Mary Ann Jones, L9 Blk 3/4 PT Blk 2 Sub, $140,000.

Oct. 2

Cheryl Utter to R. Cheng Tam Hee, L11 Blk 9/10 Blk 23

Oct. 12

Mandy L. Blanken to Michele L. Herton to Margaret A. Young, Blk 11 L13 Blk 1A Highland Park Est., $2,500.

Oct. 11

Craig A. Polhamus, L7 Blk 54 Sun'N Lakes Est., $360,000.

Oct. 10

Mary Jane Manor, $36,000.

Oct. 9

Ted J. Hommel to William L. Sanders to Sue O. Smiley, L7 Blk 26 Sun'N Lakes Est., $360,000.

Oct. 8

Thomas A. Bublitz, L25/26 Blk 190 Tomoka Heights Sec. 4, $159,000.

Oct. 7

Ronally Clarke, L11 Blk 25 1700 Avon Park Lakes Unit 27, $200,000.
Communities, $11,000.
Urlich Hopp, L10-13 Blk F Lake Sebring, $128,000.
$109,900.
Placid Lakes Sec. 20, Hills, $78,800.
28/Others, $5,394,400.
Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, Hammock Unit IV, $125,000.
Andrew Bryan, PT Sec. 11-32, $26,800.
10464 Avon Park Lakes Unit 17, $1,500.
$79,000.
Sebring Country Est. Sec. 1, $50,500.
Raymond Sottile, L4 Blk O Lake Est. Sec. 4, $28,500.

Town of Avon Park Resub,
David E. Marsh, L7 Blk 21 Mundo, L9 Blk 64 Sun'N Lakes Sec. 6, $46,000.

Chelsea Bastin, L496 Sylvan Est. Sec. 3, $67,000.


John P. Coto to Malinda Shahrokh Farshadi to

Juan P. Borgerson to Peter J. Sisler to

M. Jourdan, L8 Blk 28 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, $38,000.

Grady B. L. to Ronald R. Simmons to

Jennifer M. Gott, L5 Blk 48 Sebring Thrift, L5 Blk 48 Sebring

Betty J. Grogg to Charles June Sullivan, PT Sec. 1-33-30/Others, $378,000.

John P. Derby to Ann Marie Buckler to

Larry W. Shilling to Roger George William Cattle to

Erin M. Hays to Larry C. Farmer to Emilio

Booth, Tract 4 Selah Acres, $200,000.

Elery Leblanc to Steve Somero, PT Sec. 26-29-26.

James T. Smith to Annette

Larry C. Farmer to Emilio

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Jack L. Crandall to Gary

Rodney A. Davis to City of

Michael J. Ketring, L24 Blk 210 Leisure Lakes Sec. 12, $62,500.

Deborah Keller Prager to

Victoria Mundo, L1 PT L2 J3 Citrus Inc., PT Sec. 33-37-30/Others, $378,000.

Franco Brunswick to Highlands

Shannon Tores to

Mark Rimmer to Ronald E.

Laura E. Jones to Gregory

M. Portillo, L18 Blk 59 Town of Sebring, $27,000.

Paul J. Balas to Raymond

J. Wanger Jr., L864 Sebring Hills, $38,000.

Raymond Sottile, L4 Blk O Lake Est. Sec. 4, $28,500.

Glenda Sangle, L3 Blk 25 Lake Est. Sec. 57-58.

Peter J. Sisler to

Susan A. Thomas to

Robert L. Coto to Malinda

Kendra J. Cook to

Shirley A. Stevens to

Mary J. Leblanc to

Lois G. Conner to Naomi

James L. Eifler, L10 Blk 55 Placid Village II, $112,000.

Larry J. Newcomb to Nesan

Emily W. Terry to Wendy

J. Wanger Jr., L8 Blk 420 Lake Manor Hill Development, $69,000.

Charles A. Marlowe to

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Victoria Mundo, L1 PT L2 J3 Citrus Inc., PT Sec. 33-37-30/Others, $378,000.

Emil W. Terry to Wendy

Kathleen Stone to Glenn

Lake Village V, $143,000.

Lake June In Winter Sub, William J. Nichols, L10 Blk 12, $32,400.

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Heather D. Kill, L10 Blk 24 Sun'N Lake Est. Sec. 12, $113,000.

Mark A. Watson to Keith

Jim E. Kester to L. K. Lake Est. Sec. 5, $185,000.

Stanley G. Tarr to

Algera A. Price to

Tony H. Beam to

Johnson to Carlton Investors, PT L5 Blk 237 Town of Avon Park, $165,000.

Hammock Unit V, $3,200.

M. Jourdan, L8 Blk 28 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, $38,000.

Brian R. Gregor to Grady Oliver, "A.D." L15-16 Blk 14


John P. Derby to Ann Marie Buckler to

Jane J. Blanton to

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Guest Column

Kevin Patterson

Did you know that...?

Kevin, how can you say that the child is in a fetus—just a bunch of little cells? This is illogical and immoral, but it doesn’t make much sense.

Have you ever noticed a child in the womb—no stick? I have always been happy to see God help me. I love My Driving, Stay Off Of God. I believe that this is the only road and it is the one road and it is the only road.

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Placid Lakes
My Scoreboard
LAKE PLACID — The second annual "G G" Day (Girls Get Together) spearheaded by Bonnie Bailey and Carol Lingren will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Town Hall beginning at 1 p.m. This is a great way to meet all your neighbors, to socialize, and raise money for the first meeting, "Dancing with the Stars."

RSVP is call the office at 665-2288. Give me your name and the state you came from and she'll make sure Lynn gets you "tagged." All you have to do is bring a dish to share, there will be prizes, games and a lot of laughs. No max allowed.

Carol Lingren will be introducing "Swedish Weaving." Wearing on Monday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. This is a very beautiful style of weaving done on "Mönk" cloth with a special flat needle. Carol will have her hatting hanging and samples on display, along with instructional materials. The meaning will be an introduction to the art and what you will need to start. The group will meet again on Monday, Feb. 18 to really get started with a project. Classes for March will be on March 4 and 14. Call Carol at 665-0136 to sign up for the class. No commitment, just try it.

More "pioneers" called in to help with the books for next month’s meeting. We need a total of 30 and contributors are welcome. Imperial Court (1980), Barb Murray Court (1984), Virginia Walls is our pianist. Our male voices. Ruth Pilgun is our speaker and will be singing, "Jingle Bells." We had 39 ladies in attendance this week: Grayee Mallory, Queen Mom, officiated on this glorious day. Jan. 30, Peggy Sier Trapp, our Queen Mum, officiated on this G G Day as everyone introduced their spouses. Arlene Damoyer was busy taking sashes for membership. We had 39 ladies in attendance.

On Thursday at 5 p.m., the Tropical Harbor Chorus had its first practice for the Spring Concert on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. We need to sing, join us, especially if you’re a man as we need male voices. Our director, Beth Ann Wall, is on the piano. Our music has been picked out and it is good.

Our Book Group has real conversations. Read the books for next month and tell us what you think. The books are "The Cat’s Table" by Michael Ondaatje and "The Bishop’s Man" by Lindley Maceville. Our chairperson is Paula Bannister and we meet at her home at 3 p.m., the second Thursday of the month. Sunday, Jan. 13 was the Monthly Pot Luck. The menu for this month was 152 people at the dinner. The meal was Jean Rat’s clan donated, Carol Noel’s chicken and dressing soup and glorified hot dogs with many desserts. Monday morning coffee was Jan. 14, Tom and Pat Hango made and hosted the coffee and served nuggets and coffee. Donna Vanden Borkom from Canada was our very erie guest. Donna called on Jodi Susco, our manager, and she asked people to be neat around the swimming pool. Take your personal things home with you when you leave. Suza then wished all a good day. We all sang Happy Anniversary to Tron and Charlie Price on their 50th anniversary and Laurel Bailey played the piano. Our Sunshine person, Carol Noel, read names of people who need our thoughts and prayers. Richard Girgisch, George Belford and Peggy Sier Trapp played the piano.

Ladies Tuesday morning coffee was very well attended. We have new residents in the park. Richard and Dolores Peterson on Bearos Gast Street from Delaware, and Billy and Nancy Reiner on Bearos Gast Street from Missouri. We welcomed back Mary Burns to the park since she left his home on Belle Grove 10 years ago.

The Singles Club is up and running. They are going to see the Highlands Band in Salisbury on Thursday, Jan. 24. Call Paula Bannister for your admission.

On Sunday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m., we Need Hope Ladies will be showing our first film of the year. This movie will be an American romantic comedy, "Hope Springs." starring the movie are Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones. Remember we Need Hope Ladies always serve cake and coffee before the movie starts, so come early. The movie is free but we do appreciate any donation given for our local Elder Care Service.

SFSC Community Education hosts Heartland Games
Special to the News-Sun
Paul Bannister, SFSC College’s Community Education Department will host the Heartland Games for Active Adults 2013. The Heartland Games for Active Adults is sanctioned by the Florida Sports Commission and is the premier state and age category. The Heartland Games for Active Adults is sanctioned by Florida Sports Commission and is the premier state and age category.

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Sponsoring this special event is the Indian River County Family YMCA. The Indian River County Family YMCA is the largest provider of youth programs, family services and community services in Indian River County.

For more information, contact Lauren Koble, SFSC Community Education, at 784-7388 or e-mail CommunityEducation@sfsc.edu.
New members join Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Avon Park was delighted this week to welcome two new members. Dan Johnson (from left) sponsored Park Elementary Principal Brenda Longshore, club president Chet Brojek, Deputy Jeff Williams was sponsored by Stanley Wells, and club secretary Bill Sager. The club meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Rotary Club building on Verona Avenue.

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Highlands County Quilt Guild meets at the Sebring Woman’s Club every first and second Tuesday of the month. But, the Guild held a meeting on Jan. 2 with Jennifer MaGee of Habitat for Humanity in attendance. MaGee is a volunteer manager and gave an inspiring talk about the program and its help to making renters become homeowners. It is not a give-away program, only through hard work and perseverance do the citizens attain these homes.

MaGee answered lots of questions and it was amazing how the H4H works to improve the county. The new homes are energy-efficient with a garage. They are stylish homes anyone would love to own. The dollar figures are rent for $800 a month, own for $300 a month. That really surprised the Guild. MaGee went back to work with eight quilts for the new homeowners. She was happy for the new supply. In September the Guild presented 10 quilts to H4H. Sebring is fortunate to have the H4H Re-store and the many volunteers who help the community grow. The Guild has recognized this and will present again and in the future.

Guild members are preparing for its show. Quilting in the Highlands will be at the Highlands County Fair and Convention Center. The venue is the largest that the Guild has presented to the community in 20 years. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1-2 will be a chance to see, “what we are all about.”

There will be demonstrations, door prizes, a food court and lots of quilts of all sizes. The reach out into Florida is about 100 miles so expect an influx of quilters to descend on Sebring. There is an “Opportunity Quilt” for some lucky person to take home. “Florida Album” is very special. It’s all about what is native to the state. It’s all hand-quilted. Come out and “check out” the stitches. There is plenty of free parking.

For information, call Karen Dougherty at 453-3585 or email quiltshow2013@gmail.com.

The Respect Life group of St. Catherine Parish gathered Sunday afternoon in front of the Holy Family Youth Center (former Knights of Columbus) along U.S. 27 to mark the 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.
Culminating 60 Years, had many albums, scripts and photos of the club's meetings and activities from 1957 to the present. Skits, treasurer Patsy Stamm and computer fascinators and photographer Sue Kooz reported and discussed the history and projects that the Garden Club sponsors. Members received bookmarks with the mission statement on the back.

Make a large party a little more fun

1. Make sure butter and cream cheese are softened at room temperature before you begin. Whisk together the graham and the boiling water until it is dissolved. Transfer the mix to a round mold and turn it out to cool spread on top. The cake will be easier to remove and less likely to crumble when you slice it. Place the baked cake on a rack and cool completely before frosting.

Turn the mixer up to medium speed and slowly incorporate the cream cheese and slowly mix. Slowly add the yogurt, mixing to combine. To make the glaze, mix the remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Place in a piping bag. Hold bag with tip pointed up and pipe on top of cake.

Flavor tip for the perfect cream cheese cookie: one fresh raspberry and a spring of mint. To make a large party a little more fun, let municipalities publish inspection information on its website.

Yelp's new policy says its engineers have been working with the city in designing technology that
You shouldn't pitch the margarine, dear Abby!

A while back, I shared an article giving you the skinny about why margarine is evil. You milk a cow, let the cream separate to the top, and you get butter. Margarine is made from processed, semi-solid vegetable oil, which is made to process man-made fats that the body needs fat to burn fat. We need fat to make hormones, to build and repair cells. Once upon a time in the '50s, they thought that butter was evil. We've been sold a bill of goods—saturated fats are evil. We were told that saturated fats would lower our HDL levels and cholesterol. We were told that we needed to stop eating margarine and cholesterol. And don't even get me started on trans-fat and all the bad things it does to us.
**Sweet Corn with Southern BBQ Butter**

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 1/2 cup of your favorite barbecue sauce (sweet, spicy, etc.)
- 1/4 cup Water, Boiling
- 1-1/3 ounce Cream Cheese, Softened
- 3 1/2 ounce Shredded Cheese, divided
- 1 8-ounce can enchilada sauce
- 2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 10 6-inch corn tortillas
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup corn, kernels removed
- 1/4 stick butter
- 1/4 cup of your favorite barbeque sauce (sweet, spicy, etc.)
- Kosher salt and fresh ground pepper
- 1/4 cup water

**Chef Justin Timineri**

1. Preheat oven broiler on high.
2. Add barbecue sauce to a medium baking dish and pour barbecue sauce over sweet corn.
3. Broil 4 inches from broiler, being one to watch the whole time; Time and heat for 6 to 8 minutes, or until golden.
4. Serve with low-fat sour cream or desired.

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**Sweet Corn and Black Bean Enchiladas**

Yield: 8 to 10 servings

1. Talk-up packages include all 1/2 cup sauce, 1/2 cup cheese, 1 cup corn, 1 cup water, 1/2 cup shredded cheese.
2. In 10x9-inch baking dish, prepare enchiladas.
3. Preheat oven to 350°F.
4. Lightly spray an 11 x 7-inch (2-quarter) baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
5. Add a layer of corn over sauce in dish. Add remaining cheese on top of corn. Pour remaining sauce (sweet, spicy, etc.) over cheese.
6. Black bean mixture: In a small saucepan, cook beans, corn and half cup cheese over medium heat for 5 minutes. Stir occasionally. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.

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1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Layer corn, beans, corn and half cup cheese over medium heat for 5 minutes. Stir occasionally. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.
3. Place lemons over corn mixture.
4. Add remaining sauce (sweet, spicy, etc.) over cheese.
5. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly around edges. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly.
6. Serve with desired accompaniments.

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**Chef’s Corner**

Tim Spanier

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**Sweet Ways to Cook with WEE COR**

This week has been in Palm Beach Gardens at Palm Beach Gardens Memorial Hospital getting ready for our Compass Community Council meeting that is happening tonight.

The CCC is a yearly gathering of leadership and clients from the Division of Agriculture and Consumer Services. “From fritters and soup to enchiladas and corn on the cob with some surprising toppings, there are plenty of ways to enjoy this healthful grain.”

To get more fresh ideas for cooking with corn, visit [http://Plty.w3.org](http://Plty.w3.org).

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**Chef Justin’s Kitchen Tips for Kids**

Get the kids involved in buying, prepping and cooking corn.

- Look for fresh sweet corn with the husk still attached. They should feel and look moist and plump, with the kernels inside fat and shiny. The silk of the corn should be a little sticky and should look glossy, stiff and moist.

To shuck: Grasp the husks and pull down to expose the kernels. Continue until all the husks and silk-like hairs have been removed.

To remove kernels: Hold corn cob upright by the tip, with the large and solidly attached. Take a small sharp knife and cut down, removing the corn kernels. Be careful not to cut too deep and remove parts of the cob.

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**Sweet Corn and Ricotta Fritters**

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

- 1/3 cup self-rising flour
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 4 ounces low-fat ricotta
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup corn, kernels removed
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/3 cup unbleached or whole-wheat flour
- 1/4 stick butter
- 1/4 cup ground pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fine cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh corn
- 1/3 cup syrup

**Chef Justin Timineri**

1. In medium-sized bowl, combine ricotta, flour, eggs and chopped cilantro.
2. In sauté pan, carefully add spoonful of corn mixture to hot pan. Cook on both sides until golden brown. Test the fritters and adjust heat as necessary.
3. Serve with low-fat sour cream or desired.

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Low wages a major hurdle to improving county's economy

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY christopher.tuffley@newssun.com

HIGHLANDS COUNTY looks at MPO

By BARRY FOSTER

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LOW WAGES are one of the main challenges in trying to improve the economy of Highlands County. Sometimes, the tone of the discussion is that wages are low because the number of people working is low. But what about the number of people working for low wages?

“The thing that concerns me,” said Harold Roebuck III, president and CEO of Highlands County Development Corporation, “is that wages are degraded. (Creating) more jobs is not good enough; it should be a higher quality of jobs.”

Roebuck said that when he looks at the county's unemployment rate, he is not satisfied with the numbers. He said that the county has made a lot of progress in terms of creating jobs, but wages have not increased to match the increase in the number of jobs.

Roebuck said that the county has a lot of potential for economic development, but that it needs to focus on creating jobs that pay a living wage. He said that the county's Economic Development Council is working on this issue, but that it is a long-term challenge.

Roebuck said that the county needs to continue to work on its economic development strategy, and that this includes working with the local community to create a more sustainable economy.

Roebuck also said that the county needs to continue to work on its transportation infrastructure, and that this includes working with the Florida Department of Transportation to create a more connected transportation network.

Roebuck said that the county needs to continue to work on its education system, and that this includes working with local schools to create a more inclusive education system.

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I believe that exactly one Florida legislator is proposing: And it's a good start to cleaning up 2012's collection season in the state.

In fact, legislation on the Legislatures could put on the ballot any legislation that seeks to limit the number of constitutional amendments proposed by interest groups. We have to make room for more, or at least bolster our current efforts and insist on greater accountability from our lawmakers.

In any case, the Nov. 6 ballot will be crowded with roll-up-the-sleeves lawmakers.

We approved only three of them; none of the three had a simple majority, a clear signal that the legislature was out of touch with most Floridians.

It remains to be seen how popular Clément's hard cap on amendments with his colleagues, but there's little doubt that in the next term, change is coming. New Senate leader Don Gaetz recently told the story of how planned to include mandates that are only truly needed. House Speaker Will Weatherford should follow.

Gaetz's move is a tactic that admission that all amendments were unnecessary — although we usually seemed that way to the lawmakers. Leaders will have to clarify that citizens also have a right to life, liberty and property.

The Legislatures also eliminated a number of amendments, but their volume.

It's worthy to note fewer fewer amendments and creating they are written and a way to create the non-partisan elected reform for the 2014 midterms.

Today's Letters

Deborah Smith: I think this is criminal. From the government, the government wants part of other peoples money. Compassion is the government collects.

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And he's lived in the gray zone concerning tearing down a property. Owner $1,000. I do not blame the owner for logical divide. And herein lies the complexity of a community where government has no excuse, it can be countered.

In his speech that America has this former constitutional lawyer would argue during his speech that America has the ability of citizens to live without government interference. Governments can create a world without risks...

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In his book, Paul spoke about liberty. Let me leave you with former constitution he is sworn to uphold.

But the ultimate goal is to shake up, tear down, and dismantle the American way.

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Governments cannot create a world without risks... The government can't even allow us to own a simple gift, packed with love, can communicate hope and transform the world.

There are also year-round volunteer opportunities to help pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Find out how you can use your gifts to make a difference in the lives of children worldwide.

I would like to thank the volunteers at our local collection sites who spent $141,682 last year on Operation Christmas Child; thank those who donated to Operation Christmas Child as a gift; and thank those who sent gifts directly to Operation Christmas Child.

I wanted to write to thank fellow citizens who gave of their time and money to help improve the lives of children together. We collected 4,000 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, filled with toys, school supplies, and other items, and delivered them to Operation Christmas Child.

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that they found in the pile. Marcus Sholtz, one of the county’s shell rock stockpiles, the two compared conch shells with a ‘little,’ 11-year-old Marcus Sholtz, a fourth-grader at Lake Placid Elementary School. Sholtz lost both of his parents and lives with his grandmother. What began as a weekly vis- it to school, soon became fishing trips and other activi- ties on the weekends. ‘Marcus has a need for nurtur- ing,’ Roebuck said, and the two spend much of their time working on school work and talking about skills needed to succeed. Sholtz joined Roebuck at work for a few hours Tuesday afternoon during Take Your Child to Work Day 2013. Sholtz and Roebuck worked on math homework before taking a tour around the Road and Bridge barn and a nearby dirt and shell stockpile. It doesn’t take much of your time,’ Roebuck said about being a Big Brother, while Sholtz’s eyes lit up at the site of a large stockpile of shell rock and some heavy equipment used to move dirt. ‘I’ll be with Marcus for the next 7 years,’ Roebuck said. So excited was Sholtz grinning from ear to ear. Sholtz is especially excited about this upcoming week-end. ‘I have never seen snow,” he said with a big smile on his face. Big Brother Big Sisters is hosting Winter Fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Schefer International Racetrack. The fundraising event is presented by Ishish Vinod and Tarlika Thakkar Foundation. The event fea- tures a large pile of real snow, inflatables, a rock wall, cara bolas, video games, face painting and food vendors. Admission is $5 per person and includes free parking. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast helps create meaningful matches between adult volunteers (‘big’ boys and girls) and children (‘littles’). Vinod explained that the two programs, school-based and community-based. School-based programs require ‘littles’ to spend one hour a week with ‘littles’ at their school during lunch Break. Community-based programs require ‘littles’ to spend six hours a month doing activities outside of school. Highlands County has nearly 100 children on a waiting list who would like to participate in the program, but without enough volun- teers, they are forced to wait. If you are interested in volunteering, visit www.bbbsfl.org or call 402-9001.

Economy reflects more than unemployment numbers

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By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGER

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans seeking unemployment aid fell last week to the lowest level in nearly five years, evidence that employers are cutting fewer jobs and may step up hiring.

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The four-week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 351,750. That’s also the lowest in nearly five years.

The decline may reflect the government’s difficulty adjusting its numbers to account for layoffs after the holiday shopping sea- son. Layoffs spike in the second week of January and then plummet. The department needs to adjust for these seasonal trends, but the figures can still be volatile.

If the trend holds up, fewer applications would suggest the job market is improving. "Encouraging news on the U.S. jobs front, even when you remove the noise," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at Global Insight, forecasts that construction firms to add more jobs this year as the housing recovery strengthens. More home building will likely increase job growth in December, the economy gained 50,000 construction jobs — the most in 15 months. And economists expect con- struction firms to add even more this year as the housing recovery strengthens. Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight, forecasts that construction companies will hire 390,000 jobs this year, up from a meager 18,000 in 2012. The number of people continuing to claim benefit is also falling. There were nearly 5.7 million people receiving unemployment aid in the week ended Jan. 5, the lowest data available — down from almost 5.9 million. 

Highlands County Road and Bridge Supervisor Harold Roebuck III shows his ‘little brother’ Marcus Sholtz one of the county’s shell rock stockpiles, the two compared conch shells that they found in the pile. 'Little' benefits from Big time

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Kiko Vanquez, Highlands and Hardee counties community resource director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, and learned of a local need for positive men- terrorists,” he said, referring to the country’s anxiousWonderful weather and the ever-present threat of the Panama Canal forced local officials to move fast. “The construction firms are the largest segments of employ- ment, and the big commercial construction firms are the two largest segments of employ- ment. This is a real good indication of what’s happening in the economy.” With the worst of the recession behind, the data suggest the job market is improving. "That suggests the job market is improving," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at Global Insight, New York. "We’re seeing some gains, but without enough volun- teers to fill those positions, the figures can still be volatile. More home building will likely increase job growth in December, the economy gained 50,000 construction jobs — the most in 15 months. And economists expect con- struction firms to add even more this year as the housing recovery strengthens. Patrick Newport, an economist at IHS Global Insight, forecasts that construction companies will hire 390,000 jobs this year, up from a meager 18,000 in 2012. The number of people continuing to claim benefit is also falling. There were nearly 5.7 million people receiving unemployment aid in the week ended Jan. 5, the lowest data available — down from almost 5.9 million.

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Jurors deliberating in Florida missing child case

By CURT ANDERSON
MIAMI — After a two-month trial, jurors on Thursday began deliberating the fate of Geralyn Graham, who is accused of abusing and killing 4-year-old foster child Rilya Wilson more than a decade ago.

Jurors went behind closed doors Thursday, after receiving instructions from Circuit Judge Martha Tinker Meeker. Graham, 67, faces life in prison if convicted of first-degree murder. She also is charged with kidnapping and child abuse.

In addition, the jury could opt for a lesser sentence if a manslaughter charge rather than murder.

“All of us are depending on you to make a wise and legal decision in this matter,” the judge told jurors.

Prosecutors said Graham, who was Rilya’s caretaker, smothered the girl with a pillow in December 2000 and disposed of her body, which has never been found. Key to the case is a purported cellphone confession by Graham to cancer-ridden Robin Lancaster, who said Graham told her she did it because Rilya was evil and demonic.

Before that, trial testimony showed Rilya was kept in a dog cage, tied to her bed with plastic restraints and forced to stay in a small laundry room as punishment for disobedience. “She was being brutalized. She was being punished to the extreme,” Assistant State Attorney Michael Maters said in closing arguments.

Rilya’s disappearance went unreported by state officials for 15 months, triggering high-level resignations at the Department of Children and Families and leading to passage of several reform laws, such as better tracking of foster children. A caseworker who failed to check up on Rilya in person during all those months eventually pleaded guilty to official misconduct charges for falsifying time sheets.

Graham’s defense raised the possibility Rilya might have been sold and could still be alive. They questioned the credibility of Lancaster — whose life sentence was cut to 10 years in exchange for her testimony — and the fact that no physical evidence exists showing a crime was committed.

“There’s no evidence of it because my client never committed murder,” said defense attorney Michael Stevens.

Two other prison inmates also testified that Graham implicated herself in Rilya’s killing. Friends and acquaintances said Graham told various stories about the girl’s disappearance, such as trips to Disney World and New York, and she told investigators the girl had been taken for mental tests by a state caseworker and never returned.

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