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Council to discuss Max Long, Circle improvements

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Max Long Recreation Complex may get revamped Youth Baseball of Sebring gets its proposal approved by the Sebring Council Tuesday.

Sebring City Council members will discuss the future of the complex along with other items at the month's first meeting.

A request from Youth Baseball of Sebring, Inc. has been submitted to the city for partnership in the improvement of current

dugouts and bleacher seating at the complex off Lakewood Road.

The organization hopes to get the City of Sebring on board as a partner along with the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

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Circle of Speed waves green flag on Race festivities



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Both young and old enjoy race cars on display Thursday evening during the Circle of Speed at downtown Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

The Sebring Circle was packed with people Thursday evening during the Circle of Speed, an annual event featuring live music, unlimited beer, brats and historic race cars.



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Heartland Riders Association members Doyle Book and Mike Bussell tend to a grill full of bratwursts Thursday.

Hahn puts a special touch on Sebring culture

By BARRY FOSTER
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Fans at the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring are well acquainted with Tequila Patrón — the presenting sponsor of the American Le Mans Series, the organization that has sanctioned the grand prix of endurance for better than a decade.

The muralist for Patrón's Platinum Club at the Sunrise Bank Atlantic Center is James R. Hahn, who owns and operates his newest gallery at Majestic Cove

here in Sebring. Patrón executives called James R. Hahn Productions, Hahn's company, after seeing examples of his work online.

"They were looking for an artist to create concepts for their multimillion dollar clubs and bars," he said.

Hahn designed a 50-foot mural that now stretches around the top of the Sunrise facility, blending renderings of sports icons with images of Patrón and

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Surrounded by a few pieces from a new race-themed project, artist James Hahn relaxes at his new Sebring gallery located at Majestic Cove in Sebring.

Group to pursue tourism tax repeal

Citizens to begin collecting signatures

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — A group of voters calling themselves Citizens for Government Accountability decided Thursday to seek signatures to repeal the 2 percent tourism tax.

"We are not getting what was promised," said organizer Bill Youngman.

"The law says they had to put together a plan, and they did. The plan calls for 32 percent to be used for promotion and advertising, 29 percent is supposed to go to administration, 17 percent is to go for arts and culture, 12 percent for local events and 10 percent for the lakes. That's not happening," Youngman said.

Youngman laid out some options the group could take, including the repeal, and explained that the tourism tax was not a bad thing, in fact it "did good," but the funds were not allocated correctly.

The county commissioners could reopen the discussion and institute a sunset, which is the overall goal of the effort led by Youngman. But only Commissioners Barbara Stewart and Greg Harris, who voted against a similar motion last year, or new Commissioner Ron Handley could make a new motion.

"I don't think Stewart or Harris will reopen that discussion, and appealing to Commissioner Handley is an option we could take," Youngman said.

"A lot more is being spent on administration and several other areas are not being supported at all. Here is flier from 2002 where the public was told one thing and now we are doing another," Youngman said.

The flier, developed by Citizens for a Healthy Economy, an activist group that promoted a yes vote on the tax, included groups like the Highlands Art League and events like the Avon Park Mall Festival.

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Lake Placid Police Dept. fingerprinting goes digital

By ED BALDRIDGE

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LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Police Department upgraded its fingerprinting equipment this month, going to a digital system rather than the old ink process.

“The chief (Paul Williams) has been working on this for a while now. This will save a lot of time and money for everyone,” said Lt. James Fansler.

The department received the self-contained unit on Thursday, and most of the office went through training immediately, according to Fansler.

“This is going to help out just about every volunteer who has to have their fingerprints on file. Especially with the price of gas right now, volunteers will no longer have to make the trek to Sebring to get their fingerprints taken,” Fansler said.

“We have had a pretty steady business with ink prints and this unit will save time when there is a kick back of a set of prints. It’s instant and folks will no longer have to wait until the old ink-style prints are run through,” Fansler said.

Fansler added Williams was seeking the new equipment to also make sure that the department was able to keep abreast of the changes in technology.

“Several agencies no longer take ink prints and require the electronic submissions. I am sure that in the



CrossMatch installation and training tech Shawn Murphy instructs Lake Placid Police Department staff on the new LiveScan system.

Courtesy photo

‘It’s instant and folks will no longer have to wait until the old ink-style prints are run through.’

LT. JAMES FANSLER
Lake Placid Police

near future, most everyone will prefer the electronic prints,” said Fansler.

According to a press release from Williams, fingerprinting is still the best foundation for researching all manner of applicants, from employment to firearms permits.

A person can change their name, but they can not change their fingerprints.

Inked fingerprinting is becoming a thing of the past as technology enables rapid electronic transmissions of digitally captured fingerprints to state and federal sources that can return national results often within the hour.

“This is the culmination of a three-year desire to purchase this unit and afford Lake Placid residents a local

place to get fingerprinted. The department is proud that implementing this process locally will help Lake Placid residents. The entire \$15,000 cost of the unit was paid for using the police donations fund, not taxpayer dollars,” Williams said in a press release.

Williams also said the donations fund pays for CPR classes, first aid classes, self-defense classes and other events.

Local functions such as the Merchants Interlake Street Festival have also specifically designated donations towards the fingerprinting unit.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LP Moose Riders plan poker run

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid Moose Riders will hold a poker run today to benefit The Wounded Warriors Foundation. The winner will receive two four-day Super tickets to the 12 Hours of Sebring. There will be raffles, basket of cheer, food, 50/50 and lots of fun.

Registration is at 10 a.m., kickstands up at 11 a.m. Breakfast will be available for those who would like at 10 a.m. Dinner and music is set for 4 p.m.

Registration is \$15, which includes dinner. For information call 465-5079 or 840-4612.

G.W. Saunders is special guest singer

SEBRING — Singer/songwriter G.W. Saunders and the rest of the Opry Cast will be the featured singers at Under the Oaks Opry, along with some special guests back on the stage today. “Stringbean O” will be a very special featured guest today.

This is an alcohol-free, inside family venue. For more information call 253-0771 and just follow the signs to the “Under The Oaks Opry,” 3414 Beck Ave.

Bird Expo set for today

SEBRING — A Bird Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Johnson & Johnson Wood Products Inc., 5948 State

Road 66, approximately six miles west of U.S. 27. Rain or shine. Birds, cages, toys, food and related products.

For more information, call 385-1966.

Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau appear at library

SEBRING — The exciting duo of Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau will appear at 4 p.m. Monday at the Sebring Library. The husband and wife team have spent the last several years developing and perfecting their unique blend of Jazz, Bossa Nova, American Songbook Standards and International Cabaret, which has become their musical signature.

This free concert is sponsored by the Sebring Friends of the Library.

Legion Auxiliary plans for yard sale

SEBRING — American Legion Auxiliary is accepting yard sale donations at 528 N. Pine St. from 11 a.m. to closing, beginning Monday through Thursday, March 5-8.

The yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10.

Whitley County ‘Snowbird Luncheon’ planned

SEBRING — All citizens of Whitley County, Indiana are invited to a Florida luncheon get-together at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Homer’s

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12 Hours of Sebring also marking anniversary

Sebring International Raceway is celebrating its 60th anniversary this Centennial Year with the 60th Annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring.

The race begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17.

Gates open Wednesday, March 14 and remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday, March 17. Fans are allowed to camp inside the green of the racetrack starting several days before the actual race. Within the track is a midway, containing everything from souvenirs and official merchandise, to hot coffee and cold beer. Attractions are also featured in the midway and differ from year to year.

This year Sebring International Raceway will host the opening round of the 2012 FIA World Endurance Championship in conjunction with the 60th anniversary. The first FIA World Championship for sports car racing made its debut at SIR in 1953.

Sebring will also open the 2012 American Le Mans Series.

There are a few commemorative items available for purchase that you may want this year, such as “Sebring 60th Anniversary Record Book,” the complete record book of Sebring’s 12-hour classic, with detailed results for every Sebring race since 1952 and over 600 photos, every car to finish in the top 10. The limited edition book is offered at only \$40. There’s also a poster by



Centennial Notebook

artist Roger Warrick celebrating the 60th anniversary that shows all 59 winners of America’s greatest sports car race. Only 600 copies of the poster will be sold; the posters are just \$30. SIR will also offer a commemorative wine for its 60th anniversary



of the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring, complete with the 60th anniversary logo. The premium red wine blend is available for \$25 a bottle.

This year SIR also has scheduled the Inaugural Sebring Histories, Oct. 25-28, creating an annual event to honor the historic cars that have competed on the legendary circuit. Participation is open to all vintage and historic cars meeting the eligibility criteria for these types of events.

Sebring International Raceway is one of the oldest continuously operating race-tracks in the United States. The raceway occupies a portion of Sebring Regional Airport, an airport that was originally built as a World

War II Army Air Force training base called Hendricks Field. Sebring is renowned for its rough surface. The course still runs on old sections of World War II-era landing fields that were constructed of concrete sections with large seams. Much of the track has intentionally been left with its original concrete runway surface.

The 60th anniversary of Sebring International Raceway will be special this year and add another chapter to Sebring’s legendary status during Sebring’s Centennial Celebration.

For more information visit SebringRaceway.com, or call 655-1442.

Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration.

The Centennial Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 PM. The public is invited & encouraged to attend, at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial, Go to the website, www.Sebring100.com, call 655-5554 or email events@sebring100.com to get involved.

Thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone informed on Sebring’s Centennial Celebration. Reference this article every Sunday and you won’t miss a thing!

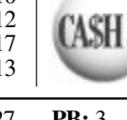
Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Another reason not to trust

The state of Florida has long played a cynical game with its trust funds, turning the term on its head.

One example is the Sadowski fund, which is designed to make housing more affordable. It was perfectly designed to produce funds based on documentary stamp taxes. When prices are high, the taxes produce more revenue.

Instead, state leaders have been

siphoning most of this revenue into the general fund.

What's worse is that the housing industry has been hard hit by the recession. These funds create jobs.

You can claim that you don't believe in the entire concept of trust funds, but then wouldn't it be more honest to reform the state's tax code and eliminate them altogether?

Instead, there is this annual dance that takes place in which a token amount of trust fund money is retained.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, the current version of this dance would assign about \$30 million of the \$98 million in stamp tax revenue to affordable housing statewide.

The rest would go to the general fund. Never mind that affordable housing in this state is in crisis and that all of the money is needed to help create jobs.

And people wonder why the public has no trust in government.

An editorial from the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Looking at options for tourist tax

Editor:

Do you think we should allow a tax in Highlands County, that is forever, no end, no way to stop it, no matter how bad it gets? Or do you think that every so often the citizens should be able to review it, see how it's working, what it has done, how the money collected was spent and then vote to keep it or repeal it? The question is do we need a sunset in the tourist tax?

This is the issue that has been discussed at the county commission meetings for several months. The county attorney told us in order to put a sunset in the present tourist tax, we needed to repeal it, then put it back on the ballot with a sunset in it. Commissioner (Don) Elwell proposed a way to do this with very little cost and no loss of tax dollars. It would involve the voters of Highlands County repealing the tax, then re-instating it with a sunset. Commissioners (Barbara) Stewart and (Greg) Harris voted not to allow the voters to do this. They knew it would be repealed but didn't trust the voters to re-instate it with a sunset. It was brought up that any one of three commissioners could now recall Commissioner Elwell's proposal back to the floor for another vote. Remember every elected officer faces a sunset, even commissioners, every four years. Why should a tax be exempt?

This left no other choice except to petition the commission, forcing the issue be put on a ballot, for repeal and if repealed by the voters, then the commission could, if they wanted, put it back on a ballot, with a sunset to be re-instated during the next election.

At the Feb. 21 commission meeting, after the county attorney stated what he thought should be on the petition we were going to use, he then agreed to another option, which would have no chance of losing the 2 percent bed tax, but could put a sunset in it. This



option will be put on the commission agenda shortly; hopefully on a night time meeting so everyone could attend and express their opinion.

*Bill Youngman
Sebring*

HGMS 'still' an energy hog

Editor:

This is an update of the "School Energy Hog Needs Diet" newspaper letter I wrote two years ago.

Why is it when teachers are now asked to crawl under their desks to unplug their computers that Hill-Gustat Middle School still has outside walkways that are heated and air-conditioned? Las Vegas casinos are designed to have outdoor walkway air-conditioning vents because the energy from Hoover Dam is virtually free; unlike the cost of our local energy.

Why is it that HGMS is still lit up like the Arc of the Covenant at night with 'architectural lighting'?

I am not talking about the large gooseneck security lights. The school is as secure as Fort Knox with motion detectors and cameras everywhere. It is fenced with a literal moat in front where an alligator used to live. I am talking about the type of decorative architectural lights multi-million dollar homes are dolled up with. This waste can be seen glowing from a mile down Cougar Avenue.

By the way, as the art teacher there (now retired), I know that no one at the

school can control these major problems, including Principal (Chris) Doty. Everything is set at the county office.

Now eyes are looking to feed our broke school system by raising property taxes.

Taxpayers need to ask: Why could three Sebring middle schools be run for what one HGMS (sucking in energy? Data (before the new building at HGMS) indicates SMS and HGMS housing approximately the same amount of students, with SMS a few dozen more. Yet SMS, in range of \$8 to \$12,000 a month, did not compare with HGMS hovering towards \$40,000 a month.

As a taxpayer you might ask why three Sebring middle schools could be run for what one Hill Gustat Middle School sucks in energy. While the superintendent has cut more than 33 teachers, was this energy drain something out of the superintendent's control or something outside his vision? Who is watching taxpayer waste?

Consider that an estimated four mini-mansions could fit within the large 'gym-theatre-locker-complex' at HGMS. All of these areas share the same heat and air conditioning. This school year, when it was in the 90s outside, many students still complained about the freezing cold in the gym, asking to go outside for P.E.

Consider that a sister middle school, Avon Park Middle, does not even have a gym that is heated and air-conditioned. When school arts are

now being phased out, and most recently at SMS, because our system is completely broke, does maintaining enough waste at HGMS to fuel three similar sized schools make sense? ...

At the supervising level, being penny wise is a good thing, but penny wise and dollar foolish is like carefully counting pennies from a bag of monies saved, oblivious of the coins falling out of the gaping holes, which taxpayers always end up being responsible for.

*Roberta and Asa Peck
Sebring*

Reclaim our stolen property rights

Editor:

We, the American people, petition our elected servants to reclaim our stolen property rights.

Our elected servants have elected to steal our energy resources without paying the true owners of all energy resources.

We the people ask that all Americans, home owner associations, property owners, petition our elected officials for a national vote, to have a trust, such as the state of Alaska does on oil, but it is to cover all energy sources.

We, the American people, demand a national vote on this issue of stolen property rights.

All public resources belong to we the people and cannot be sold to foreign nations without the consent of the American people.

*Billie E. Jewett
Sebring*

Does free speech mean free to insult?

OK, here's a question for my fellow Christians out there: you see somebody in a parade dressed like a zombie version of Jesus. I don't have a clue what a zombie Jesus would look like; maybe he's wearing a sign that says "I am Zombie Jesus."

So, he's walking down the street right in front of you. What do you do?

Me, I would not be happy. I would probably be a little angry, and for sure a lot insulted that someone did that. So what would I do?

Well, first I'd remind myself that under the First Amendment of our Constitution, that person has the right to do what he's doing, even if it insults me. Then I'd remember I also have rights under the First Amendment, and would probably exercise them as he went past me by singing "Amazing Grace" loudly (and hopefully on key). That would probably offend him, but hey, the First Amendment would be honored by both sides, and life would go on.

The reason this line of thought occurred to me (besides the fact that weird lines of thought often occur to me) is because of a news story I stumbled across on <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/>. The story concerns two men – atheist Ernie Perce and Talaag Elbayomy, a Muslim.

Last October Perce marched in a Halloween parade dressed as – I am not kidding – a zombie Mohammed. He, along with a friend dressed as a zombie pope, carried a banner saying "The Parading Atheists of Central Pennsylvania / Ghoulish – Godless – God-Awful."

Apparently Elbayomy took offense at Perce's costume and his statements (Perce is heard on a YouTube video saying things like, "I am the prophet Mohammed! Zombie from the dead!"). What Elbayomy did about it, however, is in dispute.

Perce claims that Elbayomy attacked him physically, choking him and trying to pull a sign off his neck. In court last December, Elbayomy, who was charged with harassment, denied that the confrontation got physical.

Mechanicsburg District Judge Mark Martin threw out the harassment conviction claiming there was no evidence or eyewitness tes-

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

timony to back up Perce's claim.

Martin then went on to chastise Perce, telling the atheist that he'd been needlessly provocative and that in many Muslim countries what he did could bring about the death penalty.

Perce apparently recorded the hearing, where you can hear the judge say, among other things, "You have that right, but you're way outside your bounds of First Amendment rights."

When asked about the case, Judge Martin defended his decision and denied he had favored the Muslim man out of bias. Some have even accused the Lutheran of being Muslim himself.

He wouldn't back down on what he said to Perce either. "With rights come responsibilities."

According to foxnews.com, the audio recording of the hearing was recently posted on the Internet and has brought about a storm of response.

Looking at this story, I come away with several conclusions.

Perce was provocative. He meant to be. But he was exercising his First Amendment right to do so.

At the same time, this altercation happened in a public place – a parade. The police couldn't find any witnesses to the assault?

Judge Martin apparently didn't have anything to say to Elbayomy about being tolerant of other's beliefs. He could've done that. Instead, he tells Perce he has no right to offend someone.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. If you are going to believe in the First Amendment, you are going to be offended by someone's speech. We do not have a freedom from being offended in the Constitution.

Just remember, I'm not kidding about singing if you come marching down my street dressed as Zombie Jesus. You have been warned. Cover your ears.

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Young Eagles provided a nest at Sebring Airport

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — John Rousch has been, among other things, the technology education teacher at Lake Placid High School.

For 10 years, he said, the school, the Sebring Regional Airport, and the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1240 have worked together to bring a comprehensive aviation program to his school.

Students may take the FAA ground school, or help refurbish a 1958 single engine, two place, fabric covered Tri-Champ. The chapter includes the Young Eagles, which provides flight opportunities for

young people between 8 and 17.

Recently James Ray, of the Aviation Education Foundation in Naples, offered a \$75,000 donation so the program could build a home at the airport.

After visiting, however, and seeing the student enthusiasm and community support, Ray went home and sent a check for the full amount needed to construct the building shell — \$175,000.

A contractor has offered to work at cost.

Rousch is very excited. “The airport has been extremely supportive,” he said.

“They let us use two hangars whenever they are available, but



this will be something permanent.”

Part of the 60-by-70-foot building will be hangar and repair space, the rest classrooms. The building will be on the flag line, meaning planes can taxi directly to it. The

Young Eagles will hold their pancake breakfasts there.

Mike Willingham, the airport’s executive director, is also excited about the proposed EAA Chapter 1240 headquarters, although he said the airport’s only real part has been to donate the land.

Both Willingham and Rousch see opportunities in aviation’s future.

“Globally speaking,” Willingham said, “there is a growing pilot shortage. Experts say there will be a scarcity of pilots in the near future. The EAA and Young Eagles are fulfilling a real need.”

“Boeing released figures predicting that between 2010 and 2029 there will be 23,000 pilot vacancies

a year, and about 30,000 positions for repair personnel and technicians” Rousch said.

Beyond career opportunities, Rousch said the aviation curriculum requires high-level mathematics and science skills.

Willingham said the building project is still in the permitting phase, but should get under way in about four or five months.

Rousch said anyone with donations of cash or equipment is welcome to contact him.

Money still needs to be raised for the interior of the building.

Rousch can be reached at jhr@strato.net, 385-8107 or 273-0522.

Farm Bureau donates to 4-H



Courtesy photo
Scott Kirouac, president of Highlands County Farm Bureau presents Highlands County 4-H agent Lauren Hrcirik (right) with a \$1,500 donation.

Students visit state capitol for annual 4-H day

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A small group of Highlands County youth spent their day at in Tallahassee last week learning the ins and outs of the legislative process.

The Highlands County 4-H group participated in the statewide 4-H Day at the capitol Tuesday.

The county’s new 4-H agent, Lauren Hrcirik, was the mastermind behind getting these kids to be a part of a unique experience.

“It was the first time any group from Highlands County has ever gone,” Hrcirik said.

A group of six students and two volunteers made the six-hour trip to Tallahassee, where they participated in various events that all revolved around the state legislature and leadership.

“My background is in leadership skills and development. I wanted the kids to have this experience. It is an open activity for kids to get more interested in the legislature,” Hrcirik said.

In Tallahassee, nearly 600 4-H students and volunteers gathered for the day.

The organization’s new motto, “I Am the Revolution of Responsibility”, coincided with this year’s message of the misconception of the youth’s involvement in their communities, both near and far.

Highlands County 4-H members went on a historical tour of the capitol all while

learning the ins and outs of the process. The group was able to select beforehand the various activities they participated in throughout the day.

“They were in a mock voting and debate. They were given three issues; they learned about each of them and ‘voted’ on one. The three issues were old issues from the past. One was a barge (canal) that was supposed to have been built across the state of Florida back in the 1950s I believe. The other was equal rights and the third was an education issue. They ended up debating and voting on the barge issue,” Hrcirik said.

Once the group finished the vote and debate they were able to sit in on an actual live legislative meeting. The students used what they had just experienced during their mock to use their own opinions to “vote” on current issues.

“They didn’t actually vote in the legislative session but because of the mock vote, they were engaged and listening,” Hrcirik said.

Hrcirik is working to expand the Highlands County 4-H’s projects and interests as the new agent.

“This is just one way to pique their interest. I want them to have the opportunity to choose what they are interested in,” Hrcirik said.

“They loved it. They all said they wanted to go back, so we are looking forward to it,” Hrcirik said.

Seven of 10 businesses fail compliance check by HCSO

Special to the News-Sun

Seven of 10 businesses checked Feb. 25 by the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office Safe Neighborhoods Unit failed alcohol sales compliance checks, according to a press release issued Friday evening by Nell Hays, public information officer.

Sheriff Susan Benton would like to recognize the three establishments that did

not sell alcohol illegally during this operation. They are USA Grocery, 244 County Road 621, Lake Placid; Citgo Quik Mart, 1070 US 27 N, Lake Placid and BP, 3901 US 27 N, Sebring.

“We would like to thank these three stores and we appreciate their diligence in keeping our young people from purchasing alcohol,” Benton said in the release.

The seven businesses that

failed the compliance check were Jalisco, 928 S. Main Ave., Lake Placid - clerk Alfonso Lugo; Convenience Store, 3100 Miller Ave., Lake Placid - clerk William Travers; Spring Lake Market, 6106 US 98, Sebring - clerk Erika Velazquez; Chevron Food Mart, 2758 US 27 S, Lake Placid - clerk Abdur Alam; Circle K, 2742 US 27 S, Lake Placid - clerk

Samantha Morton; Lupita Grocery, 269 Highlands Boulevard, Lake Placid - clerk Letcia Valdez; and Gyro Plus, 4141 US 27 S Suite 1, Sebring - clerk Osama Becker.

Hays said the clerks in each of the above locations were charged with Sale of an Alcoholic Beverage to a Person Under the Age of 21, which is a misdemeanor offense.

Avon Park annexations continue

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — City Manager Julian Deleon presented the city council with a proposal to annex the Boston Mining Company’s properties at 325 Garrett Road and 1400 S. Lake Boulevard.

The parcel on South Lake Boulevard totals 62.26 acres, the property on Garrett Road 6.89 acres. Side by side, they are currently mostly used as

orange groves.

Long-term plans call for dwelling units, however.

The city is therefore amending the official zoning map — changing the county zoning of R-1A (single family residential) and county R-3 (multiple family dwelling including motel and hotel district) to city R-3 (high density multi-family residential). That allows 16 units an acre.

No one asked to speak during the

public meeting. The council passed the ordinance unanimously.

This was the first reading. The ordinance will be brought back for a second public hearing and a vote, most likely at the next regular meeting. When it passes a second time, the ordinance becomes effective and the property annexes into the city.

The city continues exploring the possibility of annexing South Florida Community College.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Main Street Avon Park” program.

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Art, craft and plant vendor applicants wanted

SEBRING — Vendors of original art work, crafts and plants are being called to celebrate spring and its holidays for Unity Life Enrichment Centre's second Arts-Crafts and Creativity Fair.

Artist and craft vendors will enjoy indoor comfort: both round (\$15) and rectangular (\$20) tables are still available for the Saturday, March 10 event. Plant vendors, using their own displays (\$10 space rental) will be situated on the outside sidewalks.

To obtain details of event (advertising, door prizes, raffles, food sales, etc.) and reserve space, contact Sherry Carlson at 471-1122 and leave a message or call (954) 319-2140.

Return shoppers, expect a wide variety of distinctive artworks in a broad range of prices.

Original Smorgasbord, 1000 Sebring Square. This will be a casual social get together for guests to enjoy with family, friends, classmates and alumni of Whitley County, Ind. No reservations needed; pay for meal at the door. Hosted by Columbia City High School Alumni Association.

‘What’s Up Main Street Avon Park?’ meeting set

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Community Redevelopment Agency - Main Street District will host its next “What’s Up Main Street?” meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Heartland National Bank, 800 W. Main St.

These monthly meetings provide a discussion forum and place for ideas to be exchanged that relate to Avon Park’s Main Street District. Anyone who has a business, residence or is interested in the Main Street area is encouraged to attend. This meeting will also serve as the launch for the new “Buy

New species of bee named after former Archbold chairman

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — A new species of bee has been named after a prominent area resident.

The newly discovered native bee was recently named *Colletes francescae* for the late Frances Archbold Hufty. Hufty was the chairman of Archbold Expeditions and the sister of the late Richard Archbold, for whom the Archbold Biological Station in the Lake Placid area is named.

The new species of bee was discovered in 2002 by Dr. Mark Deyrup and Dr. Leif Deyrup. The father and son scientific team discovered the bee in the scrub at the Archbold Biological Station. They published their findings in the December 2011 edition of *Florida Entomologist*. Established near Lake Placid



A new bee, *Colletes francescae*, was discovered at Archbold Biological Station in Venus by father and son scientists Mark Deyrup and Leif Deyrup.

Courtesy photo

in 1941, the research preserve was founded by Richard Archbold, renowned explorer, aviator, scientist and Standard Oil heir. When Archbold died

in 1976, his sister, longtime Palm Beach resident Frances Archbold Hufty, assumed the chairmanship of Archbold Expeditions, the nonprofit

organization that governs the 5,200-acre research center.

“In Frances Hufty, a love of nature went hand in hand with support for the natural sciences,” Dr. Mark Deyrup said. “Although she passed on before her name was bestowed on this bee, we know that she would have enjoyed this small tribute to her person and her work.”

This new bee is smaller than a honey bee—approximately 1/2 inch in length—and black with silvery bands. The *Colletes francescae*’s conservation status remains unclear, although it is currently known to occur on only five protected sites on the Lake Wales Ridge. There is concern for the species because 85 percent of its habitat has been destroyed by agriculture or development.

Sebring council to hear proposal about Max Long, Circle projects

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before taking the request to the county commission for approval.

The three entities (Youth Baseball, City of Sebring and RPAC) will each put up a portion of the funds to complete the project, according to the proposal.

Other topics will be touched on, including Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) appointments and downtown Circle landscape improvements.

The Circle grass and trees need work, according to Public Works Manager Ken Fields.

If council approves, several things will be done to improve the area including moss removal, removal of trees in poor condition, pruning and new grass in bare areas. The work will be done

under the direction of former Division of Forestry employee Mike Sawyer.

The Sebring Trails Committee will also revisit the council Tuesday evening to further discuss the request for appointing an Implementation Committee.

The idea for the committee was discussed at a previous council meeting when the council adopted the City Trails map and directed the group to discuss the implementation.

The group hopes to appoint volunteers to the to Sebring Trails, Trailheads and Blueways Plan Implementation Task Force in order to create and enhance the bike and walking trails throughout Highlands County.

The council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

Justice Dept. wants trial on state voting changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is opposing changes in Florida voting procedures and says it wants a trial in the dispute, a move that could impact the state’s August primary elections.

The state is seeking court approval for changes that shorten the time for voter registration groups turning in registration forms to 48 hours and that narrow the time frame for early voting to 10 days prior to the election day.

The state sued the federal government last August,

seeking a ruling that the changes in state law comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Section 5 of the act requires all or parts of 16 states to be cleared by the Justice Department’s civil rights division or a federal court before carrying out changes in elections.

The states are mostly in the South and all have a history of discriminating against minorities.

The Florida counties covered by Section 5 are Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough and Monroe.

Tourism tax repeal to be sought

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Neither have received funding from tourism dollars, according to Youngman and audience members.

Fred Leavitt, president of the Heartland Cultural Alliance, agreed with Youngman.

“They are setting aside the 10 percent for the lakes, and there is about \$90,000 in that account. But they are not setting aside the rest. We is the money outlined in the plan for arts and culture? If they are doing it for the lakes, why are they not doing it for the others set aside in the plan?” Leavitt said.

Many in the meeting echoed Youngman and Leavitt, restating that they supported a tax, but not the way it was being used.

Youngman also explained that the county was currently proposing a change in the ordinance, and asked if the group should continue on the path of gathering signatures.

“Yes. We should go ahead and collect signatures. If the county changes direction and makes the whole thing moot, then so be it. But can we trust them to correct this? We should go ahead and collect signatures to keep this moving in the right direction,” said Barry Foster, a local radio personality.

Leavitt, who stated he was speaking on behalf of his entire board, showed concern that an approved application for an event organized by his organization was approved for \$400, but the funds were not received.

Leavitt said it was because he could not show

how many “heads on beds” were gathered for his event.

“Where is the rules that stipulate that you have to put heads on beads? That is not in the plan nor the statute,” Leavitt said. “No one can show me that as a written policy.”

Youngman indicated that the group has already established a registered agent for their petition drive and sought input from both Supervisor of Elections Joe Campbell and County Attorney Ross Macbeth, who supplied the proper legal language for the petition.

Youngman also explained that the group had to organize copying duties and which organization would take what area of the county to seek petitions.

Several in attendance offered donations and also offered in-kind services such as supplying paper and volunteering to make copies of the petition.

Youngman stressed that the group had to stay below a \$500 threshold for donations or it would trigger additional costs from the Supervisor of Elections when the signatures were verified, but added there was no time limit on collecting the needed signatures.

“We are not restricted to just 30 days from start to finish. We could take several months or several years to gather the needed 10,000 or so signatures. After that, the burden falls on the county to schedule a special election. We don’t want that cost, but it looks like the only way to go,” Youngman said.

OBITUARIES

VIOLET KINYON

Violet Kinyon, 99, of Avon Park and Sebring, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. Born April 22, 1912 in Kinde, Mich., she is survived by her three daughters, Carol (Herb) Sturdevant of Lansing, Mich., Linda (Ralph) Pickering and Kathy (Bob) Keifling, both of Sebring; her son, TJ (Julie) Kinyon of Avon Park; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was married to her first husband, Terrence Ayling, who passed away in 1942. Then in 1947 she married Fredric Kinyon, who passed away in 1976.

The family moved to Florida in 1954. Violet

worked for many years in the cafeteria at the Avon Park High School. She attended the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer where she was involved as a vestry member, the vice president then president of the ECW and a member of the altar guild.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, March 9, at The Church of the Redeemer at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her name to the church.

Death notice

Arthur F. Parks Jr., 84, of Sebring, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2012. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood.



Kinyon

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BP expects to pay \$7.8B in Gulf spill suit deal

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP’s settlement of lawsuits filed by more than 100,000 victims of the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history goes a long way toward resolving pending claims. But will Americans who live along the Gulf go for it?

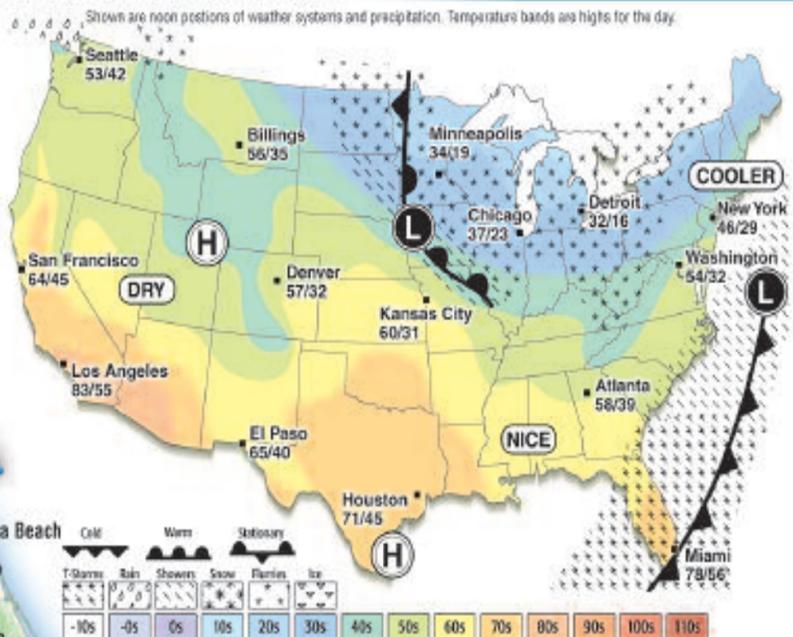
BP expects to pay out \$7.8 billion and anticipates that a separate claims fund run by Ken Feinberg will cease at some point.

People waiting for money from Feinberg’s Gulf Coast Claims Facility can take what the settlement vehicles offer them or opt out and make a claim directly.

Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Cooler, a morning shower or t-storm	Bright and sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny and windy	Partly sunny, breezy and pleasant
69° / 43°	74° / 48°	74° / 53°	77° / 57°	82° / 58°
Winds: NW at 12-25 mph	Winds: NNW at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 12-25 mph	Winds: E at 15-25 mph	Winds: E at 12-25 mph

National Forecast for March 4



Almanac

Readings at Archfield Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	86°
Low Tuesday	61°
High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	58°
High Thursday	88°
Low Thursday	57°

Heat Index For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	36%
Expected air temperature	65°
Makes it feel like	66°

Barometer

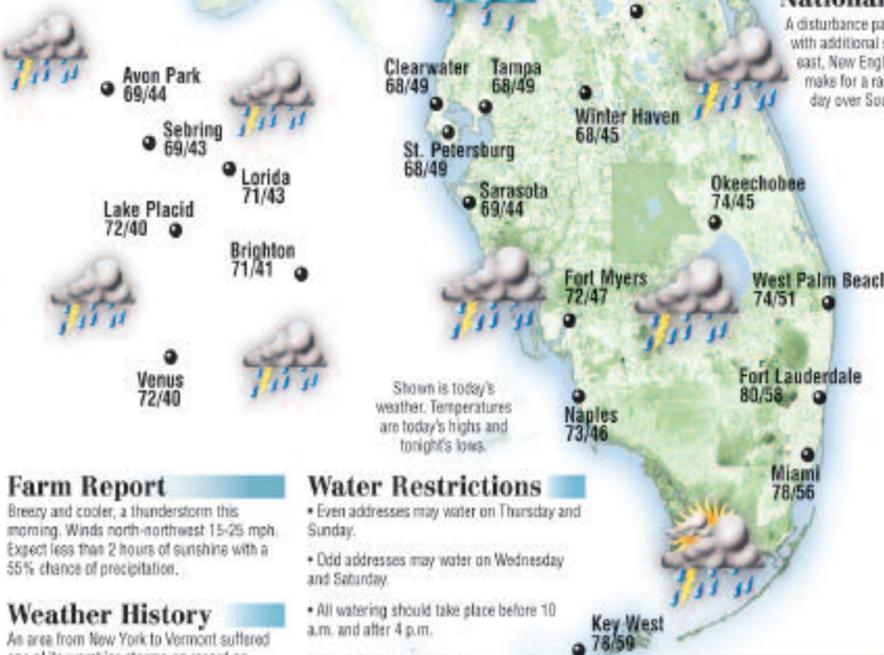
Tuesday	30.17
Wednesday	30.18
Thursday	30.02

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.10"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	1.81"
Year to date	2.10"

Regional Summary

A shower or thunderstorm around in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler today. Clear and cooler tonight. Bright and sunny tomorrow. Tuesday: partly sunny. Wednesday and Thursday: partly sunny and windy.



National Summary

A disturbance passing through the Midwest will spread snow flurries from the Dakotas through the Ohio Valley today, with additional snow showers expected downwind of the Great Lakes in upstate New York and Pennsylvania. Farther east, New England will experience a cool, but dry day. Meanwhile, a wave of low pressure passing offshore will make for a rainy start to the day from northern Florida to the Delmarva, with wet conditions lingering most of the day over South Florida and eastern North Carolina.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon	Tue	City	Today	Mon	Tue
Albuquerque	58/25/s	65/41/s	68/40/s	Los Angeles	63/55/s	77/55/s	68/51/s
Atlanta	58/29/s	58/22/s	60/33/s	Louisville	48/20/c	45/30/c	58/41/s
Baltimore	54/25/pc	43/24/pc	44/26/s	Memphis	58/44/s	56/33/s	66/45/s
Birmingham	58/41/s	63/33/s	62/41/s	Minneapolis	28/20/sf	39/27/pc	49/40/pc
Boston	44/24/pc	35/19/pc	34/27/s	Mississippi	34/19/s	38/31/pc	52/32/s
Charlotte	54/24/c	55/25/pc	56/30/s	Nashville	54/36/pc	49/29/s	63/40/s
Chicago	37/23/sf	31/27/pc	55/35/pc	New Orleans	67/48/s	72/52/s	70/58/pc
Cleveland	32/18/sf	25/20/c	44/33/s	New York City	46/29/pc	40/23/c	43/34/pc
Columbus	38/25/sf	35/23/pc	50/35/s	Portland, ME	55/36/sf	44/31/sf	45/31/s
Dallas	74/46/s	78/51/s	74/56/pc	Portland, OR	54/42/pc	52/36/sf	49/34/sf
Denver	57/32/s	64/37/s	63/25/s	Raleigh	56/35/sf	50/29/pc	53/31/s
Detroit	32/16/sf	30/29/pc	46/33/pc	Rochester	28/10/sf	23/11/pc	38/28/s
Harrisburg	46/25/pc	36/22/pc	40/26/s	St. Louis	49/30/pc	47/35/s	62/45/s
Honolulu	80/68/sf	82/69/c	80/67/sf	San Francisco	64/45/s	60/45/s	60/42/pc
Houston	71/45/s	78/50/s	76/49/pc	Seattle	53/42/pc	47/32/sf	47/36/sf
Indianapolis	36/23/sf	40/27/pc	53/39/pc	Wash., DC	54/32/pc	49/29/c	46/32/s
Jackson, MS	68/40/s	68/38/s	69/45/s				
Kansas City	60/31/pc	55/43/s	61/49/pc				
Lexington	44/23/c	43/26/pc	54/37/s				
Little Rock	68/42/s	63/29/s	70/47/pc				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon	Tue	City	Today	Mon	Tue
Acapulco	90/72/s	91/70/s	88/70/s	London	45/36/sf	41/34/pc	46/36/s
Athens	57/40/s	56/45/sf	58/47/sf	Montreal	23/9/sf	21/1/pc	27/23/pc
Bahia	58/45/sf	60/48/pc	62/49/s	Moscow	28/18/sf	21/10/c	18/10/c
Bahia	41/28/c	41/27/s	41/25/pc	Niiza	64/49/pc	64/41/sf	59/43/sf
Bombay	74/62/pc	64/60/sf	63/57/sf	Ottawa	20/0/sf	22/5/pc	29/25/pc
Calgary	50/32/c	51/17/c	25/17/c	Quebec	28/10/sf	19/4/sf	25/14/pc
Dublin	49/24/s	48/23/c	49/43/sf	Rio de Janeiro	83/71/pc	86/73/s	85/71/s
Edmonton	40/17/pc	33/12/sf	15/5/s	Seoul	52/37/c	50/36/sf	45/30/sf
Freeport	80/60/sf	71/55/s	71/55/sf	Singapore	90/77/sf	98/73/sf	90/73/sf
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Kiev	31/23/sf	27/19/sf	24/12/sf	Winnipeg	24/6/sf	33/32/c	41/8/c

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	1:00 p.m.
Low	5:45 a.m.
High	10:53 p.m.
Low	4:45 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	5:15 a.m.
Low	11:07 a.m.
High	5:28 p.m.
Low	11:29 p.m.

Lake Levels

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Lake Jackson	78.36'
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Weather History

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Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
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Sunset	6:29 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
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Moonset	3:46 a.m.	4:30 a.m.



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Daytona Beach	68/43/sf	72/49/s	67/55/sf
Fl. Laud. Bch.	80/58/pc	74/63/pc	76/68/sf
Fort Myers	72/47/sf	74/51/s	78/57/pc
Gainesville	63/39/sf	73/38/s	68/46/pc
Hollywood	80/52/pc	74/53/pc	75/61/sf
Homestead AFB	77/51/pc	72/58/pc	75/65/sf
Jacksonville	63/29/sf	72/40/s	63/45/sf
Key West	78/59/pc	78/64/pc	76/67/sf

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As gas prices rise, Detroit is ready

By DEE-ANN DURBIN and TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writers

DETROIT — Gas prices are spiking. But this time, Detroit is ready.

When prices soared in 2008, the city's three U.S. automakers were caught flat-footed. They didn't have competitive small cars and relied on trucks and SUVs for profits. When gas prices peaked at \$4.12 in July of that year, sales from the Big Three plummeted more than 20 percent. That same month, sales of the fuel-sipping Toyota Corolla jumped 16 percent.

Fast forward to February 2012. Overall U.S. auto sales rose 16 percent to 1.1 million last month, largely on the strength of Detroit's small cars. The annual sales pace hit 15.1 million, the best rate in four years.

The difference: U.S. automakers spent billions in the last four years to roll out new models such as the Dodge Dart and Chevrolet Cruze.

The timing is fortunate. Buyers are shifting to small cars again. Twenty-three percent of new-car sales were small cars in February, up from 17.9 percent in December, according to auto information site Edmunds.com.



Workers assemble a preproduction 2013 Dodge Dart on the same assembly line as the Jeep Patriot and Compass SUVs at Chrysler's Belvidere Assembly Plant in Illinois

So far, the shift isn't as dramatic as it was in 2008, when small-car sales leaped to 27 percent of the market in May as gas suddenly spiked to near \$4 per gallon. But prices have never been as high at this time of year. The price of a gallon of gas is up 46 cents this year to an average of \$3.74. Analysts say gas could hit \$4.25 by late April.

It bodes well for Detroit, which has a newfound confidence that it can weather the pain at the pump.

"We are very well positioned as a company to thrive in a world of escalating gasoline prices," Bill Ford, chairman of Ford Motor Co, told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

Sales of the Focus small car, which Ford rolled out last year, more than doubled to 23,350, making it the best February for the Focus in 12 years. The new Focus gets up to 40 mpg on the highway, seven miles per gallon better than the 2008 model. The company's sales were up 14

percent in February compared to the same month last year.

The story is the same at General Motors Co. In July 2008, Honda Motor Co. sold 12,266 Fit subcompacts, besting the Chevrolet Aveo by nearly 5,000 cars. But GM recently replaced the unappealing, underpowered Aveo with the sportier Sonic. The company sold 8,000 Sonics in February, outselling the Honda Fit and Toyota Yaris combined.

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Empty homes need additional insurance

There are many reasons why someone might leave their home unoccupied for months at a time: Maybe you moved to another state and your old house is languishing on the market; or you can no longer afford your mortgage so you're working out a short sale and couch-surfing at your sister's house; or you struck it rich and are taking a six-month, around-the-world cruise.

In each case, there's one very important person you should call well before locking the door that last time — your insurance agent.

"Many people don't realize that their standard homeowners policy won't provide full coverage if their home sits unoccupied for a certain amount of time," says Ruth Stroup, a Farmers Insurance Group agent from Oakland, Calif. "The timeframe varies by state and insurance carrier, but typically it's 30 or 60 days. After that, you could be liable for losses related to theft or vandalism."

Unoccupied or vacant homes are considered a

higher risk by insurers because no one lives on site to maintain and protect the property. We've all seen news reports of abandoned or foreclosed homes that have been stripped of their fixtures, overrun by squatters or simply van-

dalized.

Also, if you're hoping that your insurer simply won't notice your house is unoccupied, think again. As Stroup points out, "Insurance companies increasingly are doing routine inspections at policy renewal time. If they find that the property is unoccupied, chances are your policy won't be renewed."

So what should you do if you find yourself in this situation? First, check your homeowners policy for language regarding unoccupied or vacant homes. Once you know that your house will be empty for more than the allowable time — and before the deadline passes — contact your insurer to find out whether they offer vacant home insurance. They may be

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Detroit eyes smaller cars

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Don Johnson, GM's U.S. sales chief, said that three years ago, just 16 percent of the cars and trucks GM sold got over 30 miles per gallon on the highway. Now, it's close to 40 percent.

"We believe that this puts us in a very strong competitive position," Johnson said Thursday. GM's sales rose 1 percent in February.

Even Chrysler Group, whose lineup skews toward SUVs and big cars, will become a bigger player in the small car market this spring, when the new Dodge Dart goes on sale. In the meantime, its Fiat 500 subcompact had its best month ever in February, helping Chrysler's sales climb 40 percent.

Carl Galeana, who owns a Fiat dealership north of Detroit, said sales were flat in the first part of the month but picked up the last two weeks as gas prices jumped. Shoppers were constantly asking about the fuel economy of the 500, which can get up to 38 miles per gallon on the highway, Galeana said.

"All of the sudden, boom! We're starting to sell Fiats," Galeana said.

Japanese carmakers are also benefitting. In 2008, they saw sales slide because they couldn't make their most efficient cars, like the Toyota Prius hybrid, quickly enough to satisfy demands. But this February, Toyota Motor Corp.'s sales rose, led by a 52 percent jump in the Prius. Honda Motor Co.'s sales were also up, thanks to a 36-percent increase for the small Honda Civic.

Bigger vehicles from both U.S. and Japanese automakers are also less vulnerable to gas spikes, since they get better gas mileage than they did in 2008. Ford's new Explorer SUV, which came out last year, sits lower and is more



Chevrolet introduced the Sonic to compete with the Honda Fit.

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aerodynamic to save fuel. It gets up to 28 miles per gallon on the highway; its 2008 predecessor didn't even get 20. Honda's new CR-V gets up to 31 miles per gallon compared to 27 for the 2008 model.

But many buyers are still choosing to downsize. Dennis Beshear of Monument, Colo., recently bought a new Focus for his 100-mile round-trip commute to Denver. The advertising salesman now gets around 35 miles per gallon, up from just 21 mpg in the 2006 Nissan Murano crossover SUV he used to drive. He fills up the Focus every third day, compared with every day and a half with the Murano.

Gas prices were his main motive for buying.

"I had a feeling they were going to go up. They were just too good to be true," he said.

For automakers, there's tough competition ahead for small cars. They're trying to make them more profitable by loading them up with

pricey features such as leather seats and navigation systems. As a result, prices are rising. Vehicles sold for an average of \$30,605 last month, up almost 7 percent from a year earlier, mostly due to more luxurious small cars, according to the TrueCar.com automotive website.

Companies that don't move fast enough in the small-car market will be hurt.

The Honda Civic, Chevrolet Cruze and Ford Focus all gained market share in the compact car segment last month, with some of the sales coming at the expense of Toyota's aging Corolla, said Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of forecasting for the LMC Automotive consulting firm. That's a very different story than 2008, when the Corolla was the runaway best-seller in the

segment. The shift to smaller cars is becoming a regular pattern. Buyers also leaned to smaller cars at the beginning of last year, when gas prices jumped 80 cents between February and May before moderating in the summer. Last March, when gas prices reached \$3.74 per gallon, 23 percent of buyers purchased small cars. But they went back into bigger cars once gas prices eased.

Edmunds chief economist Lacey Plache said rising gas prices won't make buyers hold off on purchases altogether. That's because they're more confident about the jobs market and because cars on U.S. roads are getting so old that they have to be replaced. She says people will simply put more emphasis on fuel economy and cut back on the miles they drive.

Obama demands Congress end oil, gas subsidies

By JULIE PACE
Associated Press
NEW YORK

President Barack Obama, turning his political sights on snowy New Hampshire, demanded that Congress eliminate oil and gas company subsidies that he called an outrageous government "giveaway."

Though politically a long shot, the White House believes the idea resonates at a time of high gasoline prices.

"Let's put every single member of Congress on record: You can stand with oil companies or you can stand up for the American people," Obama said, reiterating an appeal he made last year as gas prices were rising.

"It's outrageous. It's inexcusable. I'm asking Congress: Eliminate this oil industry giveaway right away," he told a crowd at Nashua Community College after touring the school's automotive lab.

Republican presidential contenders and GOP leaders in Congress denounced Obama's appeal for ending subsidies and called on Obama to take further steps to expand oil production in the United States.

Obama's move was his latest and most direct appeal to Congress to act on the tax breaks, a move that is certain to get stiff Republican opposition and that failed even when Democrats controlled both Houses of Congress.

But an administration official said the White House expects Congress to soon take up a measure ending some subsidies.

The official requested anonymity to avoid speaking publicly without authorization.

Later Thursday, Obama shifted his political focus to raising money for his re-election campaign, blitzing through Manhattan for four high-dollar fundraisers.

Obama defended his foreign policy record, from drawing down the war in Iraq to ordering the raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.



Obama

Empty homes still need protection

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willing to make special provisions depending on the projected duration of vacancy. If your carrier doesn't offer such coverage, find one that does.

- Foreclosure or short sale. This is grim but critical information to know if you're losing your home through a foreclosure or short sale: Even if you've already moved out, you're still responsible for insuring the property until you no longer officially own it. "If a prospective buyer slipped and fell, you'd be liable for damages since you're still technically the owner," says Stroup.

- Landlord insurance. Many homeowners prefer to rent out their property until the real estate market rebounds. From the insurer's perspective, this is preferable to leaving the house vacant, although it's still considered riskier coverage because tenants are less likely than owners to protect and maintain the property.

Landlord insurance covers the structure of the building as well as any personal belongings you leave on the premises against hazards such as fire, water damage, lightning, etc. It will reimburse you for lost rental income if the home becomes uninhabitable.

"Landlord policies are structured differently than homeowners coverage but often cost about the same," says Stroup. "Homeowners policies typically provide considerable coverage for personal property, which you probably wouldn't need here because your renters are responsible for insuring their own things."

To protect your current and future assets, always have sufficient loss and liability insurance on all your property and possessions. Better safe than sorry.

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Jobs picture brightens, but economy awaits liftoff

By PAUL WISEMAN and CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writers

WASHINGTON — After years of bad news begetting more bad news, the American economy may finally be building momentum in the other direction.

A flurry of economic reports issued Thursday captured some solid recent gains: Companies are hiring. Factories and department stores are busier. Americans are buying more cars.

And the stock market just ended its best February in 14 years.

But Thursday's reports also showed that a healthier job market hasn't translated into bigger paychecks for workers or a surge in consumer spending. And the progress of the past few months is now threatened by a rise in gasoline prices.

On one hand, analysts say the economy may be on the verge of a "virtuous cycle," in which stronger hiring fuels more consumer spending, which leads to even more hiring and spending.

On the other hand, even months of improvement have yet to demonstrate that the cycle can sustain itself.

"When you get this sort of hodgepodge and not-so-good results, you start to see the true nature of this recovery," said Sean Snaith, director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness.

A healthier job market hasn't produced bigger paychecks or a surge in consumer spending. The housing market is still weak. A European recession threatens to hold back U.S. growth.

Thursday's reports showed an economy maintaining its growth 2 1/2 years after the official end of the Great Recession: The number of people applying for first-time unemployment benefits fell last week to a four-year low. And automakers, such as Ford and Chrysler, and many retailers,



Craig Guerdat, 64, enters data into a spreadsheet to help with his wife's business Feb. 8 at their home in Raleigh, N.C. Guerdat has been out of full-time work since 2009. He lost a part-time job in December of 2011 and is struggling to find employment.

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including Target Corp. and Macy's Inc., reported improved sales for February.

At the same time, the government said consumer spending flat-lined in January after adjusting for inflation. Manufacturing activity grew at a slower pace in February as factories received fewer orders and had to pay more for raw materials. And construction spending slipped in January, the first monthly drop since July.

Another worrisome sign is that gas prices are headed toward \$4 a gallon.

All that comes even as a strong report this week on consumer confidence helped lift the Dow Jones industrial average past 13,000 for the first time since May 2008. Unemployment has dropped for five straight months. And the economy has generated nearly 2 million jobs over the past year.

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Once a virtuous cycle feeds on itself, optimistic consumers spend more, which motivates businesses to hire more. And so on.

That still might happen. But consumers are struggling to sustain their confidence after the housing market collapsed and the resulting recession vaporized \$7.8 trillion in household wealth from 2006

through mid-2011.

"The recovery is still bearing the scars of the recession and the crisis that led into it," Snaith said.

Even the Federal Reserve appears baffled by the economy's unpredictability.

Chairman Ben Bernanke told lawmakers this week that the recovery remains "uneven and modest by historical standards." Yet he also acknowledged that the Fed underestimated the job market's strength, which has led to sharp declines in unemployment.

The Fed might need to re-examine its outlook — and policies — if that strength continues, he suggested.

Miserly employers aren't helping. Pay raises are all but invisible. Across the country, wages and salaries rose less (\$25.5 billion) in January than in December (\$29.9 billion) — even though the econo-

my added 243,000 jobs in the interim.

That means, says Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors, that the pay increases must have gone disproportionately to unemployed people who found work and began collecting a paycheck — not the vast majority of workers who already had jobs.

In fact, once inflation and taxes are factored in, incomes fell in January.

Higher gasoline prices are threatening to pinch consumers just as they did last spring. Oil prices are up 9 percent this year to nearly \$109 a barrel. And gasoline prices are up 30 cents to \$3.74 a gallon over the past month, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge.

Economists say today's prices probably won't do much damage to the economy. That's because the economy is healthier than it was early last year, when higher gas prices slowed growth and consumers cut back on clothes, food and other items.

But if gasoline prices blow past \$4.50 a gallon this summer, perhaps because of tensions over Iran's nuclear program, all bets are off.

Consumers could scale back. That would cool an economy that relies on consumer spending for 70 percent of its output.

Expectations for economic growth this year are already muted. Beth Ann Bovino, senior economist at Standard & Poor's, expects growth to slow from a 3 percent annual rate at the end of last year to 2.1 percent this year and 2.3 percent in 2013.

"It's a very subpar recovery," she says. "Historically, after a recession ends, we would see 5 percent growth. ... I think we can survive \$100 oil. But it's going to make this pretty lousy recovery feel even worse."

Judge: Government can require union posters at work

By SAM HANANEL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ruled Friday the National Labor Relations Board can require most private businesses to put up posters telling workers they have a legal right to form a union.

But U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson limited how the board can enforce the requirement. She said simply failing to display the new NLRB poster isn't automatically a legal violation without other evidence of anti-union conduct.

The ruling disappointed business groups that argued the new poster is too one-sided and seems to encourage workers to join unions. The posters, to be displayed effective April 30, explain workers' rights to bargain collectively, distribute union literature and engage in other union activities without reprisal. They also explain that workers have a right not to join a union.

"We are concerned that

this decision will encourage frivolous lawsuits by unions against small business owners who refuse to comply," said Karen Harned, an executive director of the National Federation of Independent Business, which challenged the poster rule.

Harned said she expects her group and others to appeal the decision. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers also challenged the poster requirement in court.

Despite the judge's limit on enforcement, the decision is seen as a victory for unions. Labor leaders see the posters as a positive step in letting workers know their rights under the law. They believe the posters could discourage the practice in some companies of intimidating workers who want to organize a union.

A spokeswoman for the NLRB said agency attorneys were reviewing the decision and could not immediately comment.



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Downtown Disney hotels to reward A-plus teachers

Special to the News-Sun
ORLANDO — The Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels has partnered with Walt Disney World to once again honor outstanding K-12 teachers with its 2012 A+ For Teachers at Downtown Disney essay contest.

The fourth annual contest, which runs through April 13, asks students in grades 1 through 12 to nominate their favorite teacher by writing a brief essay of no more than 300 words and submitting it via www.downtowndisneyhotels.com. The essay should explain how the teacher has made a difference in the student's life and will be judged on its relevance to theme, creativity, originality, and the merit of the teacher's accomplishments as outlined in the essay.

Seven winners will be chosen, and those students and their favorite teacher nominees each will win a vacation prize package that consists of:

- Five-day / four-night accommodations (for up to four family members) at one of the Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels
- Four free Walt Disney World one-day, one-park passes
- Four free tickets to the DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive theme park
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- One \$100 gas card
"We're excited to kick off our fourth annual contest to celebrate those teachers who truly make a difference in the lives of their students in spite of the many challenges their schools are facing," said Kevin Renzi, chairperson of the organization's marketing committee. "We've been amazed by the stories we've received in prior years, so we look forward to selecting even more gifted teachers for the recognition they deserve."

Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels has awarded 60 vacation trips to deserving teachers and their students since starting the annual essay contest in 2009. Prior winners have been recognized for home schooling students struggling with challenging illnesses, persevering in their teaching careers despite life-threatening medical conditions, supporting the work of non-profit organizations, helping their students excel academically, inspiring learning in the classroom, and other professional and personal feats.

This year's A+ For Teachers at Downtown Disney contest winners will be notified directly by May 1, and also announced on the hotels' website and Facebook page.

Walker Academy plans Kindergarten Roundup

AVON PARK — Walker Memorial Academy is planning a kindergarten open house next month. The academy has full term dual accreditation.

Join in the "Kindergarten Roundup" on April 2. Call 453-3131 ext. 201 to sign up for a two-hour session at 9 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. Visit the classroom, meet the principal, tour the campus, and ask questions for pre-testing.

Cowgirls and Buckaroos must be 5 years old before Aug. 15, 2012.

For financial assistance, check out StepUpForStudents.org.

Snapshots

Pollard named to FSU President's List

TALLAHASSEE — Courtney Pollard has been named to the President's List for the fall term of 2011 at Florida State University by receiving an "A" grade in each of her classes.

She transferred to FSU after completing her degree at South Florida Community College.

Courtney is the daughter of Roy and Lori Pollard, and the granddaughter of Buddy and Agnes Nelson and A.W. and Doris Pollard, all of Sebring.

State House OKs charter school accountability bill

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — Charter schools would be required to put management information on websites under a wide-ranging bill that cleared the Florida House on Friday.

But opponents criticized a provision that would exempt charters from some public school reporting requirements.

The legislation (HB 903) also will allow colleges and universities to sponsor charter schools.

Rep. Janet Adkins, a Fernandina Beach Republican who is sponsoring the bill, said she wants to promote charter schools because they give parents more choices about how their children are educated.

"We have to move away from an education system that is focused on the institution and not on the student," Adkins said.

Rep. Dwight Bullard, D-Miami, said the bill continues to give charters an unfair advantage over tradi-

tional public schools by exempting them from reporting teachers' evaluations to the Florida Department of Education. Bullard, who debated against the bill, also noted it does not require state approval for charters' evaluation plans.

Charters are considered public schools and receive taxpayer funding.

The difference is they are not run by elected school boards but by other entities, including for-profit management companies.

"What is it that we're running from?" Bullard asked.

"If we agree that they are in fact public schools why not hold them to the same standards?"

Adkins said 250 charters participating in the state's federally funded Race to the Top grant program, which includes a focus on teacher merit pay, will have to comply with the same reporting requirements as regular public schools.



Jeff Street, center, helps volunteer Melissa Cullison, left, emerge from his destroyed house as she and volunteer Heather Thompson help with clean up efforts along Brady Street in Harrisburg, Ill., on Thursday. MCT

'Disaster junkies' form backbone of US safety net when storms strike

By JAY REEVES
Associated Press
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Taking a break from laying sod in a tornado-torn neighborhood, volunteer David Elliott cocked his head to the left.

He was trying to remember all the trips he's made to help rebuild after disasters.

Elliott went to New Orleans seven times after Hurricane Katrina swamped the city in 2005, or was it eight? He was in Nashville, Tenn., after floodwaters inundated the city in 2010. He's been to Alabama three times since tornadoes killed about 250 people statewide in April. Wait: that was just last year?

"I've lost track," said Elliott, of Sacramento, Calif. Rebuilding after storms is becoming a growth industry as the United States is slammed by more natural disasters, and leaders of the response efforts say the nation's recovery network functions as well as it does because of a backbone of volunteers nicknamed "disaster junkies."

The small group of people like Elliott travel from tragedy to tragedy shoveling mud out of flooded houses and rebuilding neighborhoods laid waste by busted levees, tornadoes and wildfires. Often, they bring more helpers with them.

No one knows exactly how many disaster junkies are active in the United States, but the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster says a core group of around 300 people travel the country at least six months out of each year performing such work. Based in Arlington, Va., the nonprofit group estimates several thousand more people are like Elliott and make several trips each year helping out after disasters.

Often associated with churches or other religious groups and traveling at their own expense, these volunteers sleep in churches or mobile homes and frequently eat food provided by other volunteers.

While volunteers and others provided labor worth some \$147 million and donated another \$200 million toward relief aid in 2008, the last year for which figures are available, some recovery projects still can't get off the ground because of the sheer number of disasters that struck the country in recent months, said James McGowan, associate executive director with National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

'You get it in your blood and you just can't quit. (It's) just the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping someone.'

JULIE DAVIS
volunteer

"After all these disasters across the country our resources have really been stretched," said McGowan, whose organization includes 51 nonprofits. "We've been struggling with it."

Thousands of people volunteer regularly without approaching "junkie" status. The American Red Cross, which is part of McGowan's organization, said 24,236 of its volunteers helped out after 137 disasters in 46 states last year, but most went to only one or two sites.

Dan Burton, a Samaritan's Purse project manager who has worked on disaster recoveries from Atlanta to Alaska, said the "junkies" provide a knowledge base and experience level that many less-experienced volunteers lack. Major disaster assistance work would be much more difficult without them, he said.

"There's an array of jobs to do, and they're just willing to do whatever it is that we

have to do," said Burton, overseeing the rebuilding of a home that was destroyed by a tornado in Alabama last year.

With the spring severe weather season drawing near — and as severe storms this week roughed up the country music resort city of Branson, Mo., and devastated a small town in Kansas — volunteers are still cleaning up and rebuilding from 2011, when the United States had a record 12 weather disasters that caused at least \$1 billion in damage.

That's more major disasters than occurred all through the 1980s, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Aside from the dozens of tornadoes that damaged or destroyed about 24,000 homes in Alabama on April 27, there was the megatwister that pummeled Joplin, Mo.; flooding in the Northeast from Hurricane Irene in August; wildfires in Texas and other parts of the

Southwest; and flooding along the Mississippi River. And recovery work continues along the Gulf Coast from Katrina, the disaster that many people say spurred them to service in the first place.

The devastation of Katrina compelled Julie Davis to help more than six years ago, and she and her husband Ken have been repeat volunteers ever since. They once were "snowbirds," or retirees who visited the South in search of warm weather each year, but now they spend weeks at a time each winter performing volunteer work in disaster-torn areas like Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Chatting with Deloris Mack as her husband worked on the woman's rebuilt house, Davis said volunteering is addictive.

"We are definitely junkies because you get it in your blood and just can't quit," said Davis, of Girard, Penn. "(It's) just the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping someone, that they aren't expecting anything and you just come up."

Mack said such volunteers aren't just random people who help out — she believes they are sent by God.

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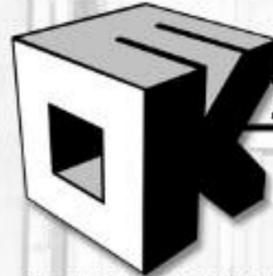
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ELECTION 2012

Fact check: You can't have it all, candidates ... sorry

By CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Is there any impulse greater in politics than to promise people the sun and the moon?

Each in their own way, the Republican candidates heading into Super Tuesday primaries are telling Americans they can have "it all" — plentiful energy without pain at the pump, jobs without deeper debt, thriving factories like the days of yore, a renaissance at every dusty turn.

Call it the can-do spirit or, as Barack Obama liked to put it, "Yes we can."

But, seriously.

No independent economist believes manufacturing will come rushing back against the global economic tide if the government merely backs off on taxes and regulations. The vastly complex energy market is not a Norman Rockwell painting that a president can create with brush strokes. Taps on a cold calculator tell a different story than the rosy accounts of balanced budgets just ahead.

In promising to unleash an energy production boom leading America to the promised land of cheap fuel, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich (who promises a moon colony) routinely ignore that the nation is already experiencing such a boom — apparently without making a dime's worth of difference at the gas station.

Energy has become a prime source of contortions and distortions in the campaign as Republicans hold out false hopes to pressed consumers and Obama takes too much credit for developments that are beyond any president's influence. But there are other sources of have-it-all promises, too.

A look at some of those promises and how they stack up against the facts:

Debt

ROMNEY: "I'm going to deliver on more jobs, less debt, and smaller government. ... He (Obama) raised the national debt. I will cut, cap, and balance the budget. He passed Obamacare. I'll repeal it. He lost our AAA credit rating; I'll restore it."

THE FACTS: Romney's tax-cut and spending plans fall far short of balancing the budget or making much of a dent, if any, in the national debt, now more than \$15 trillion, according to independent analyses of the plan. He can cut taxes. He can cut debt. It's unlikely he can do both.

An analysis by the non-partisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget finds that his plans probably would add significantly to deficits for the coming decade, deepening the debt by some \$250 billion under a middle-of-the-road scenario or by as much as \$2.15 trillion in the worst case. The group found a best-case scenario that could see the debt decline by as much as \$2.25 trillion but considered that improbable.

The group forecast even worse deficit results from the plans of Gingrich and Santorum. Only Ron Paul would seriously reduce the flow of red ink, through wrenching budget cuts that would dismantle much of the government and are far beyond anything the other candidates would do.

The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center said Romney's plan would reduce federal tax revenues by 16 percent in 2015 and increase the debt in that time.

In blaming Obama for



(From left) Republican presidential candidates Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich and Texas Rep. Ron Paul take the stage for the Fox News debate in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in January.

having "lost our AAA credit rating," Romney was referring to the Standard & Poor's one-notch downgrade after Congress balked on Obama's push to raise the nation's borrowing authority and avoid default. The rating agency said the eventual deal with lawmakers did not do enough to stabilize the debt path and cited "the difficulties of bridging the gap between the political parties." That was a pox on both their houses, not just the White House.

Manufacturing

SANTORUM: On the decline of the manufacturing work force: "That's just inexcusable — all of it because government regulation and government taxation.... The average manufacturing job in America pays \$20,000 more a year than the average job in America. We can get those jobs back."

THE FACTS: Santorum's assertion that rules and taxes are solely to blame for closed factories flies in the face of America's decades-long transformation to a new economy and global forces anchoring the production of consumer goods in low-wage economies. Remaining manufacturing jobs pay better than usual because low-wage manufacturing jobs have largely fled and are out of the equation.

Building airplanes for Boeing, tractors for Caterpillar and big machinery and equipment for overseas customers is a higher-value enterprise than turning out the toys and consumer electronics now made in Asia.

The U.S. remains a manufacturing powerhouse, and expanding that is a goal of both parties. But a revival of 20th century blue-collar America, flush with steady jobs from hard work, limited skills and numbing assembly-line repetition, is improbable — and for the most part undesirable — in the minds of economists on the left and right. They see Santorum, and to some extent Obama, tapping a nostalgic vein with their visions of manufacturing renewal.

In 2008, John McCain got in hot water on his way to the GOP presidential nomination — from primary rival Romney, actually — for speaking what most economists believe is the harder truth, that the manufacturing jobs of old are gone forever.

Entitlements

GINGRICH: "The duty of the president is to find a way to manage the federal government so the primary pain is on changing the bureaucracy. On theft alone, we could save \$100 billion a year in Medicare and Medicaid if the federal gov-

ernment were competent. That's a trillion dollars over 10 years. And the only people in pain would be crooks."

THE FACTS: A sober look at the books shows leaders from both parties that painful choices must be made in entitlements. Medicare and Medicaid are running into trouble mainly because of an aging population, the cost of high-tech medicine and budget woes. The number-crunchers say solving health care fraud alone is not enough. Health care fraud investigations are already a big source of recovered money, surpassing fines and penalties collected for defense contracting fraud.

Energy

OBAMA: "After three decades of inaction, we're gradually putting in place the toughest fuel economy standards in history for our cars and pickups. That means the cars you build will average nearly 55 miles per gallon by the middle of the next decade — almost double what they get today. That means folks, every time they fill up, they're going to be saving money. They'll have to fill up every two weeks instead of every week. That saves the typical family more than \$8,000 at the pump over time. That means we'll cut our oil consumption by more than 2 million barrels a day."

THE FACTS: Raising mileage standards is not pain-free, and Obama spoke about the benefits while excluding the costs. Compliance will add thousands of dollars to the cost of a car.

The standards are going up in two stages. The second and most ambitious stage is expected to cost the auto industry more than \$150 billion, raise the cost of the average new vehicle by \$2,000, then save drivers up to \$4,400 in gas over the life of the vehicle. Obama's estimate of \$8,000 in savings refers to the substantial break in fuel purchases from both increases in mileage standards, but excludes the higher costs of buying the vehicle in the first place.

SANTORUM: "We can drive down prices, decrease our dependency on foreign oil. We can do it all, but we have a president who says no. We have a president who, when the opportunity to open up federal lands for mining and oil and gas

drilling, says no. We have a president who's — we have an opportunity to open up offshore, he says no. Deepwater, he says no.

Alaska, he says no. Build a pipeline, he says no."

GINGRICH: "It comes down to a simple idea: What if we had a program that enabled the American people to develop so much new energy that we were, in fact, no longer reliant on Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran?" in a campaign ad on energy.

ROMNEY: "He's going to talk about how he's responsible for the increasing production of oil in this country, oil and gas in this country. Is he responsible for the increase? No, I didn't think so." — About Obama.

THE FACTS: The reams of statistics on energy development are at odds with Republican depictions of Obama as the "President No" of energy.

The U.S. produced more oil in 2010 than it has since 2003. More gas has been produced in each of Obama's three years in office than at any time since 1936. Coal mining is on the rebound. The radioactive ore that fuels nuclear power plants has come out of the ground faster every year in his presidency.

Production from renewables, such as hydroelectric power, solar, wind and bio-fuels, is higher than ever before. Active U.S. oil rigs increased 22.5 percent last year and the oil and gas extraction industry added 25,000 jobs, up 12 percent.

As Romney suggested, though, Obama is not responsible for much if not most of the fossil-fuel revival because the industry determines what makes financial sense to do and many new wells were planned before he became

president.

The case can be made that Obama has not done enough — or from an environmental viewpoint, that he has done too much. But the record shows growth in every sector.

Still, he's drawn some lines that Republicans want erased. He is against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, has put off drilling in the Atlantic Ocean and temporarily blocked the Keystone pipeline from Canada to Texas.

Santorum's claim that the U.S. could "do it all" and Gingrich, in holding out the prospect of \$2.50 a gallon a gas if he becomes president, shortchange the forces that shape the energy picture beyond a president's influence. Among them: a bitter winter in Europe that drove up demand and for oil and its price, growing demand in developing countries and political uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa hindering supplies over the last year.

The U.S. gets no oil from Iran, despite Gingrich's suggestion otherwise, and only 13 percent of its oil comes from Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

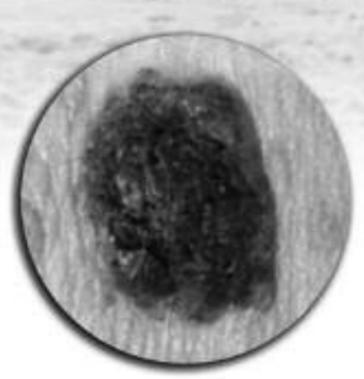
Eliminating dependence on imports would require both a huge increase in domestic production and reduced demand, but Gingrich opposes fuel efficiency standards that are known to reduce the need for oil.

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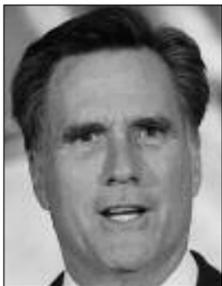


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Ron Paul
U.S. representative from Texas

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None will wear capes — we hope — but the candidates for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination are about to go Super. As in Super Tuesday.

After two months of campaigning largely in one state at a time, they're in a coast-to-coast dash leading up to the March 6 caucuses and primaries in 10 "Super Tuesday" states: Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Vermont and Virginia.

There will be 437 delegates up for grabs on that one day, more than the 299 selected so far in all states that have voted.

That won't be enough to clinch the nomination for anyone. It will take votes from 1,144 delegates at the Republican National Convention in Tampa to win.

It is enough to offer a smorgasbord of opportunity, though, and the four major candidates will spread out across the map in search of victories to brag about and delegates to add to their totals.

THE CANDIDATES

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, leading the pack with 163 delegates so far, will look for wins everywhere, particularly Ohio. He should have Massachusetts in the bag, and he's also likely to dominate Virginia, where he's one of only two candidates on the ballot, along with Texas Rep. Ron Paul. Former Sen. Rick Santorum of

Pennsylvania, with 83 delegates so far, will focus on Georgia, Ohio, Oklahoma and Tennessee. "Well over half the country still has to vote," he told supporters by email Wednesday. "I am prepared for this marathon race."

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has 32 delegates, looks for a win in his former home state of Georgia, the biggest delegate prize of the day with 76, as well as delegate wins in Ohio and Oklahoma. "Winning next Tuesday moves us toward Tampa in a big way," Gingrich said Tuesday. "Georgia is the biggest group of delegates out there on Super Tuesday, so this is a big deal and it really, really matters."

Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, with 19 delegates, aims at caucus states such as North Dakota

where his loyal supporters can have outsized impact in the town hall-like meetings, and Virginia, where only he and Romney qualified for the primary ballot. "It's very appropriate that the state of Virginia be involved in our revolution that's going on," he said.

THE HISTORY

Given the universal role of caucuses and primaries in selecting delegates, and thus the major party nominees, it's easy to forget that they only became widespread starting in 1972 as a modern reform meant to give more power to voters and take it away from party bosses.

As recently as 1968, a candidate such as Democrat Hubert Humphrey could jump in late with the backing of party elites, go to the convention without hav-

ing won a single primary himself, and win the nomination.

The idea of a Super Tuesday started in 1988, when Southern Democrats wanted to pool their political strength to make sure the party reflected their more conservative views. Eight states in the South plus Oklahoma voted on that Super Tuesday. But Al Gore, Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis split the vote. Dukakis, a Massachusetts liberal, won the nomination and lost the general election.

The day has produced mixed results over the years since, sometimes producing a split verdict — as in 2008 when Democrat Barack Obama won 11 states and 847 delegates and Hillary Clinton won 12 states and 834 delegates — and sometimes helping a can-

didate all but clinch — as in 2004 when Democrat John Kerry swept 9 of 10 states.

While it is a big day in the campaign, this year's vote won't be that super.

First, it will select just 19 percent of the delegates in 10 states. The Republican campaign will not even reach the halfway mark of delegates until March 24.

Second, it's a pale version of some earlier Super Tuesdays.

In 2000, 16 states held caucuses or primaries, the largest single day in history up to that point.

In 2004, when only the Democrats had a contested nomination, 52 percent of the delegates needed for the nomination were up on Super Tuesday. Only 10 states voted that March 4, but they included such mega-states as California, New York and Ohio.

And in 2008, the rush of states to a Feb. 5 primary grew so large — 23 — that pundits searched for a new name. Some called it Mega Tuesday, others Tsunami Tuesday.

For Republicans, 38 percent of all delegates were awarded that day. For the Democrats, it was 40 percent.

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Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses affecting the Republican race

Below is a map of the states participating in Super Tuesday this year (all times ET). Total delegates needed to win the GOP nomination under current rules: 1,144.

1 IDAHO

Delegates: 32
Polls close: 9 p.m.
Who votes: Registered Republicans; unaffiliated voters may register as a Republican on election day
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: John McCain

2 NORTH DAKOTA

Delegates: 28
Polls close: 10 p.m.
Who votes: Registered Republicans
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: Mitt Romney

3 OHIO

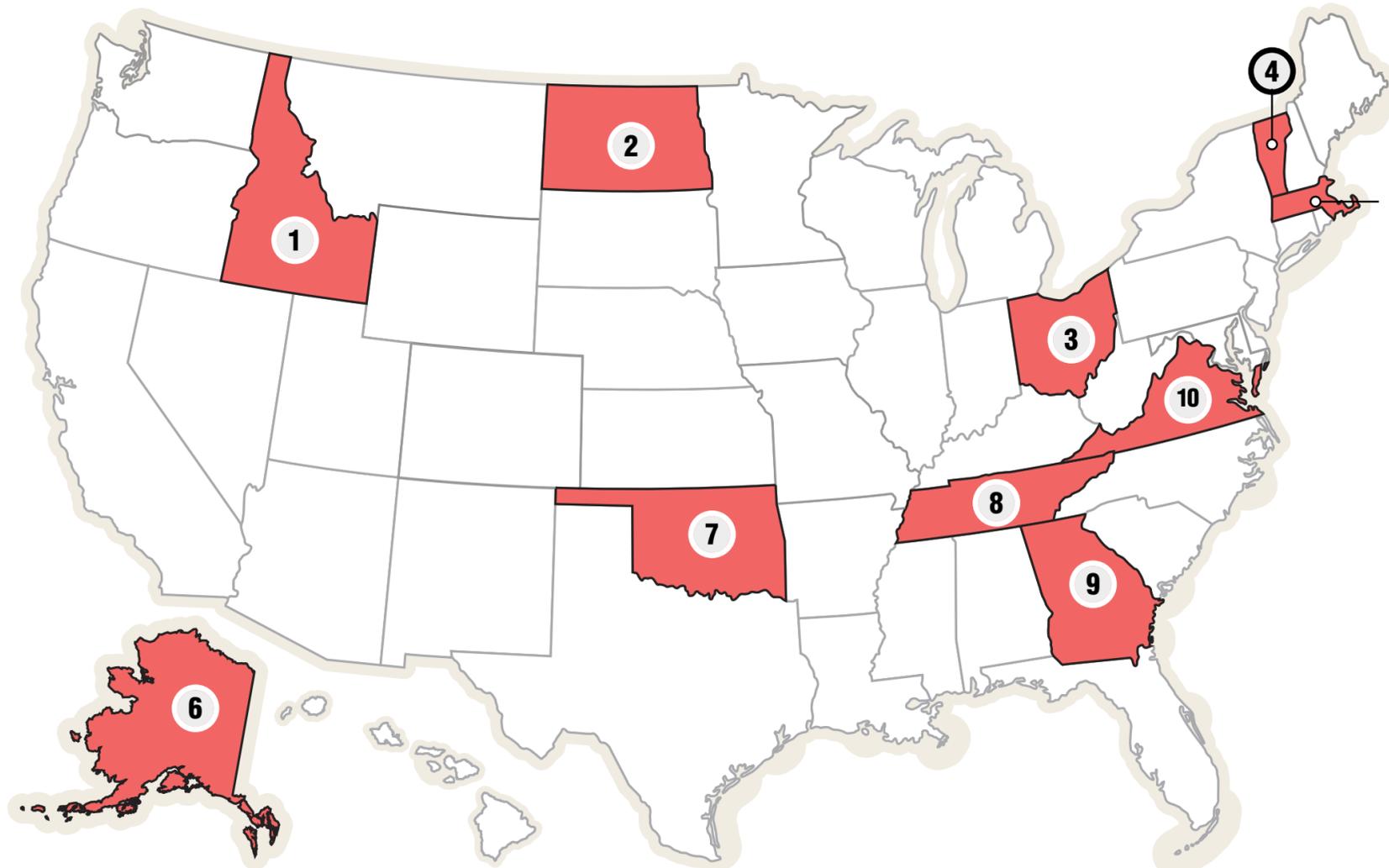
Delegates: 66
Polls close: 7:30 p.m.
Who votes: Registered Republicans; unaffiliated voters may register as a Republican on election day
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: John McCain

4 VERMONT

Delegates: 17
Polls close: 7 p.m.
Who votes: All registered voters
Who gets the delegates: Winner takes all
2008 GOP primary winner: John McCain

5 MASSACHUSETTS

Delegates: 41
Polls close: 8 p.m.
Who votes: Registered Republicans and independents
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: Mitt Romney



6 ALASKA

Delegates: 27
Polls close: midnight
Who votes: Voters registered as Republican, nonpartisan or undeclared
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: Mitt Romney

7 OKLAHOMA

Delegates: 43
Polls close: 8 p.m.
Who votes: Registered Republicans
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: John McCain

8 TENNESSEE

Delegates: 58
Polls close: 8 p.m.
Who votes: All registered voters
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: Mike Huckabee

9 GEORGIA

Delegates: 76
Polls close: 7 p.m.
Who votes: All registered voters
Who gets the delegates: Divided proportionally
2008 GOP primary winner: Mike Huckabee

10 VIRGINIA

Delegates: 49
Polls close: 7 p.m.
Who votes: All registered voters
Who gets the delegates: Winner takes all
2008 GOP primary winner: John McCain

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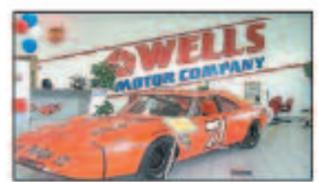
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Avon Park- On Saturday, March 10th, Wells Motor Company in Avon Park is kicking off Speedweek for the 15th year by hosting their annual Classic Car Show. This is the granddaddy of car shows for Highlands County that includes several unique features setting it apart from other regional shows. Because there is no entry fee nor is there an official competition, the Wells Car Show draws many entries that are never displayed elsewhere. The Wells show also annually features special guests or special vehicles. Last year thousands of people came to have their picture taken with Marvin Panch, the 1961 winner of the Daytona 500. In previous years the dealership has featured factory concept cars from Chrysler, the winning LeMans Dodge Viper, Richard Petty's Daytona winning Dodge Charger and the official Mopar Performance exhibit.

This year they are featuring the new 2012 Fiat 500. For the last three years there has been an integral association between Fiat and Chrysler. That relationship will continue to grow as evidenced by the all new Dodge Dart being built on the Alfa-Romeo platform and due in the Wells Showroom later this summer. In the mean time many metro Chrysler stores have been allowed to obtain a Fiat franchise and are now selling the world famous Fiat 500. Wells Motor Company being situated in "small town Avon Park" has not obtained that franchise, however,

the number of customers asking about the car has been tremendous. So, for the 15th Annual Classic Car Show Stanley Wells has made special arrangements to have the new Fiat 500 on display for everyone to "sit in and try on for size".

Once again the Avon Park High School Band will be selling hot dogs and Hamburgers. Plus, there will be door prizes awarded plus some vintage video for the old timers to reminisce about. With free admission, this once again promises to be a great day of family entertainment. There is abundant parking with a shuttle for those who have a difficult time walking.



KNK Insurance former Daytona Race Car

For those wishing to display their vehicle, the dealership encourages anyone with a pre-1980 vehicle to display it free of charge. It can be a classic car, a street rod, an antique or a race car. In the past we have had dragsters, Legend Cars, sprint cars, etc. All are welcome.

The date for the event is Saturday, March 10th, from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. at Wells Motor Company, on US 27 between Avon Park and Sebring, right across the highway from the Race-track gas station.

Talking with kids about SCHOOL VIOLENCE

School violence, which was little heard of until the 1999 Columbine, Colo., school shootings in which 12 students and a teacher were killed, is in the headlines again. Now the nation is dealing with shootings at an Ohio high school, as well as other incidents, like a recent elementary school shooting in Seattle.

As terrible and frightening as incidents like these are, they are rare. Although it may not seem that way, the rate of crime involving physical harm has been declining at U.S. schools since the early 1990s. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), fewer than 1 percent of all homicides among school-age children happen on school grounds or on the way to and from school. The vast majority of students will never experience violence at school or in college.

Still, it's natural for kids and teens — no matter where they go to school — to worry about whether this type of incident may someday affect them. How can you help them deal with these fears? The experts at KidsHealth.org offer advice on talking with kids about these tragedies, and what they watch or hear about them, to help put frightening information into a more balanced context.

REACHING OUT TO YOUR KIDS

It's important for kids to feel like they can share their feelings and know that their fears and anxieties are understandable.

Rather than wait for your child to approach you, consider starting the conversation. You can ask what your child understands about these incidents and how they make him or her feel.

Share your own feelings too — during a tragedy, kids may look to adults for their reactions. It helps kids to know that they are not alone in their anxieties. Knowing that their parents have similar feelings will help kids legitimize their own.

At the same time, kids often need parents to help them feel safe. It may help to discuss in concrete terms what you have done and what the school is doing to help protect its students.

WHAT SCHOOLS ARE DOING

Many schools are taking extra precautions to keep students safe.

Some schools have focused on keeping weapons out by conducting random locker and bag checks, limit-

Parents can help children deal with their fears in the wake of recent school tragedies



An 8-year-old girl, who was shot by another student at her Bremerton, Wash., elementary school, arrives at Seattle's Harborview Medical Center on Feb. 22.

MIKE SIEGEL/SEATTLE TIMES/MCT

ing entry and exit points at the school, and keeping the entryways under teacher supervision. Other schools use metal detectors, such as those used in airport security.

Lessons on conflict resolution have also been added to many schools' courses to help prevent troubled students from resorting to violence. Peer counseling and active peer programs have also helped students become more aware of the signs that a fellow student may be becoming more troubled or violent.

Another thing that helps make schools safer is greater awareness of problems such as bullying and discrimination. Many schools now have programs to fight these problems, and teachers and administrators know more about protecting students from violence.

HOW KIDS PERCEIVE THE NEWS

Of course, you are not your child's only source of information about school shootings or other tragic events that receive media attention. Kids are likely to repeatedly encounter news stories or graphic images on television, radio or the Internet, and such reports can teach them to view the world as a confusing, threatening or unfriendly

place.

Unlike movies or entertainment programs, news is real. But depending on your child's age or maturity level, he or she may not yet understand the distinctions between fact and fantasy. By the time kids reach 7 or 8, however, what they watch on TV can seem all too real.

For some children, the vividness of a sensational news story can be internalized and transformed into something that might happen to them. A child watching a news story about a school shooting might worry, "Could I be next? Could that happen to me?" TV has the effect of shrinking the world and bringing it into your own living room.

By concentrating on violent stories, TV news can also promote a "mean-world" syndrome, which can give kids a misrepresentation of what the world and society are actually like.

TALKING ABOUT THE NEWS

To calm fears about the news, parents should be prepared to deliver what psychologists call "calm, unequivocal, but limited information." This means delivering the truth, but in a way that fits the emotional level of your child. The key is to be truthful, but not go into more detail than your child is interested in or can handle.

Although it's true that some things can't be controlled, parents should still give kids the space to share their fears. Encourage them to talk openly about what scares them.

Older kids are less likely to accept an explanation at face value. Their budding skepticism about the news and how it's produced and sold might mask anxieties they have about the stories covered.

If an older child is bothered about a story, help him or her cope with these fears. An adult's willingness to listen will send a powerful message.

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR PARENTS

Keeping an eye on what TV news kids watch can go a long way toward monitoring the content of what they hear and see about events like school shootings. Here are some additional tips:

- Recognize that news doesn't have to be driven by disturbing pictures. Public television programs, newspapers or newsmagazines specifically designed for kids can be less sensational — and less upsetting — ways for them to get information.

- Discuss current events with your child on a regular basis. It's important to help kids think through stories they hear about. Ask questions: What do you think about these events? How do you think these things happen? Such questions can encourage conversation about non-news topics as well.

- Put news stories in proper context. Showing that certain events are isolated or explaining how one event relates to another helps kids make better sense of what they hear.

- Watch the news with your child to filter stories together.

- Anticipate when guidance will be necessary and avoid shows that aren't appropriate for your child's age or level of development.

- If you're uncomfortable with the content of the news or it's inappropriate for your child's age, turn it off.

For more health information for parents, kids and teens, visit kidshealth.org. KidsHealth is from the health experts of Nemours, a nonprofit devoted to children's health.
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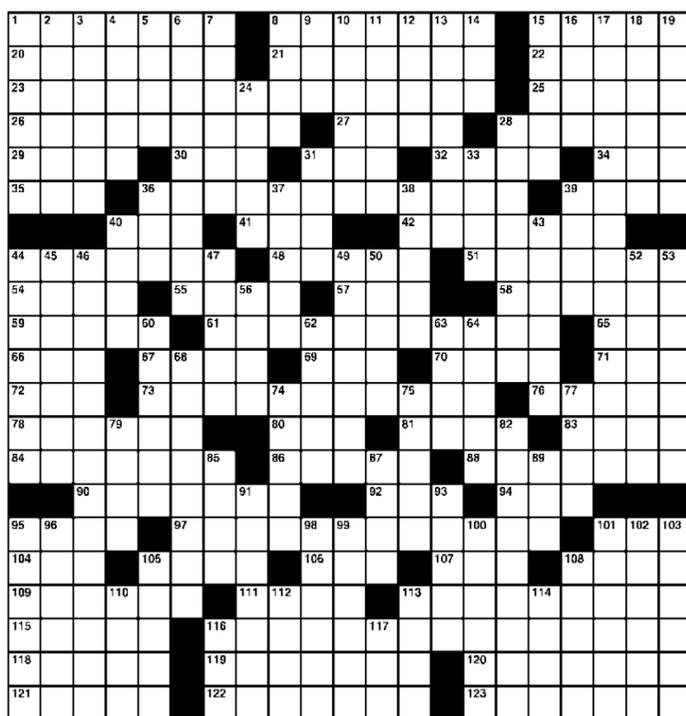
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 - Dodge SUV model
 - Pays attention, informally
 - Cop, in Cannes
 - Swiss district
 - Sale warning
 - Enjoy a salon, maybe
 - Adversary
 - Khloé Kardashian
 - Long-haired bovine
 - Agnus
 - 1993 literature Nobelist
 - Bisset co-star in "The Mephisto Waltz"
 - Conger, e.g.
 - Rocky peak
 - Yoko Ono genre
 - 1945 conference site
 - Elemental
 - Fish with sucker-like organs
 - Word of sorrow
 - Pacific island nation
 - Here, to José
 - Slip in a pool parlor
 - Chronicle anew
 - Flight school hurdle
 - West end
 - Sound of disapproval
 - Bailiff's instruction
 - Nonspecific ordinal
 - Doing: thereby
 - Japanese drama
 - Addams family cousin
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 - Hubert's successor
 - Water or wind, e.g.
 - Large load
 - Time fraction: Abbr.
 - Scorch

- Repeat
- Fencing supplies
- Antarctic waters
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- Sporty coupes
- Was the right size
- Hera's spouse
- Like opposers of the Roe v. Wade decision
- CBS forensic drama
- Rose of rock
- Cutting remarks
- More, in Monterrey
- Prof's address ending
- H.S. VIP
- Attend to, in a way, as a tiny tot
- Son of Adam
- Large-venue music genre
- Emperor crowned in 962
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- Stinks
- Reason for a siren
- More minuscule
- Relevant, to a lawyer
- Bizarre
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- Love song
- Ask for: request more pay
- Only reigning pope to write an autobiography
- Some Air Force NCOs
- Spillane's "Jury"
- College founded by Norwegian immigrants
- Smart one
- Sporty car roof
- Claire, Wisconsin
- Represent
- One working on charges
- French possessive
- Natural sugar
- Barrett of Pink Floyd
- Midmorning hr.

By LEONARD WILLIAMS



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- Hopkins's "Thor" role
- They're less than grand
- Encroachment
- Hall of Fame fullback Larry
- "Give 'er some gas!"
- Censures
- Roman marketplaces
- Means of access
- Newsman Koppel
- Company with a Pegasus trademark
- Quechua speaker
- Bustling times
- Standard Oil name
- Pals
- Paints the town red
- Fake fat
- Its abbreviation is hidden in 17-Down
- Bette's "Divine" nickname
- Krispy cracker
- Corporate raider Carl
- Polar lights
- Lisbon lady
- Milne's Roo, e.g.
- "For pleasures past I do not...": Byron
- "Hop": Seuss work
- Gilberto's god
- Toward the center
- Well maintained
- Cheri of "SNL"
- Piano, e.g.: Abbr.
- Sibilant attention-getter
- Pulls on
- Jobs at Apple, say
- a bell: was familiar
- They may be bruised
- Envy, for one
- Baseball announcer's cry
- Unrelenting
- "Butterfly" co-star who won the 1982
- Golden Raspberry Award for Worst Actress
- Left the building
- Supreme Egyptian deity
- Like Serbs or Croats
- Form concepts
- "The Citadel" author A.J.
- Prompted to attack, with "on"
- Comic book artists
- Reason-based faith
- One of yoga's five vital forces
- Go slowly (along)
- 2008 Libertarian presidential candidate
- Hill helper
- Testify
- Sometime classroom leaders, briefly
- Milano Mr.

One in a million



Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Every now and then we meet someone who is distinctive...one in a million. Our dear friend, Sam Goertz, who recently moved from earth to heaven, fit that description.

While most would think twice about inviting a new couple with three growing sons – two teens and one pre-teen – to dinner, Sam and Flossie not only invited us; but their faces were wreathed with hope and expectancy that we'd say yes.

A friendship developed as we interacted in one another's homes, church, ministry and prayer over the years.

Even after we became empty nesters, Sam always remembered to ask and pray for our sons, ever eager to hear about their lives and walk with the Lord. He gladly listened and offered advice; though, at times, his answers surprised me.

Once I shared with Sam my frustration with the decisions of one of our sons. I fully expected him to take my side.

Instead, he looked off into the distance for a moment. Then he made eye contact with me and said, "Sometimes it's hard to know who God is raising, the parents or the children."

What a lesson I learned from this simple, profound and even humorous insight.

His prayers came from a heart abandoned to God. And perhaps it is that abandonment that set him apart. He was no stranger to

suffering and loss. He exhibited vulnerability and authenticity in every circumstance. Though he may have questioned his lot, he always returned to the goodness of God and his relationship with him through Jesus Christ.

And before you knew it, whether it was his wife's stay in a nursing home or the loss of both his legs late in life, Sam trusted God. He received each as a new assignment from his heavenly Father and reached out to others with encouragement and the hope of the gospel.

He responded to joys with the same exuberant abandon. When in his severities he remarried another missionary lady, Burness, it was with gusto, joy, excitement and sheer delight. Everyone was blessed by their marriage.

Whether in joy or sorrow, Sam blessed the Lord

These few memories are only the tip of the iceberg. Many Bible passages could describe Sam's godly character. But when I think of Sam, I see him exemplifying Psalm 103:1, NKJV, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"

One in a million! He inspires us to live with the same abandon to God. Selah

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Scorpio, help a family member through rough times

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Aries, you typically have a lot of energy and feel the need to come in first in everything you do. Today that trait will work to your advantage at work.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, you won't necessarily feel comfortable when a friend asks for a favor. But in this instance you simply need to go along for the ride to ruffle the least feathers.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, your social energy this week is helping to bring the right people into your inner circle. Be sure to pay one particular person a good deal of attention.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, financial issues are certainly keeping you on your toes, although you are hoping for a respite. Go with the flow for now and find a better way to organize.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Keep trying to win over someone who is not entirely on board with your line of thinking, Leo. A little more persuasion and there's a good chance you can get another supporter.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, you're energy and attention span is a bit scattered this week but could be just enough to find a new way to take care of things. Experiment with fun activities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, you have an uncanny ability to tune into the way people think and operate. You can put this knowledge to work at the workplace and find success

Horoscope

in new ventures.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Scorpio, a family member needs help getting through a rough time. You may be the only one who can provide the comfort and help your loved one needs and deserves.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Put your creative energy to good use, Sagittarius. It could mean renovating a part of your home or discovering a new hobby to keep you busy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, try to tackle an easy financial project this week. It could involve brown-bagging your lunch or saving loose change for a vacation fund.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Don't fret, Aquarius. People are paying attention to you even if they seem distracted on the surface. Take every opportunity to be on your best behavior this week.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, it may seem like a struggle right now, but you will find out that almost any obstacle can be overcome if you set your mind to it.

Notable birthdays

March 4: Chaz Bono, Activist (43); March 5: Jake Lloyd, Actor (23); March 6: Rob Reiner, Director (66); March 7: Rachel Weisz, Actress (41); March 8: Kat Von D, Tattoo artist (30); March 9: Juliette Binoche, Actress (48); March 10: Timbaland, Music producer (41).

One year into her retirement widow seeks new purpose



Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I am a 64-year-old healthy widow with no children. I retired a year ago after a successful 42-year career. I am financially sound.

I couldn't wait to retire because my job was demanding, and toward the end it had become extremely stressful. About two months into retirement – and after taking a few trips – I began feeling worthless and guilty for being non-productive. I tried a part-time job, but it wasn't my thing.

I'm now considering another part-time job, volunteering or returning to school. I have always wanted to further my education and get a graduate degree, but I don't know if I'm too old to meet the demands.

I feel like I lost my identity when I stopped working. I know it had to end one day, but I still have a lot of energy and want to engage in some activity that will revive my self-worth.

At this point, I don't know what that will be. Your thoughts and guidance would be greatly appreciated.

– Searching for 'Me' in Texas

Dear Searching: Not everyone ages at the same rate. Some people wear out faster than others do. Today, for various reasons – not all of

them financial – many seniors choose to remain in the business world. Their work ethic and experience are valuable assets.

If you think a graduate degree would be challenging and would help you in a new career, then by all means, go for it.

When people tell me they are thinking of retiring, I always ask, "And what will you be retiring TO?" because I am convinced that retiring to "nothing" is neither physically nor emotionally healthy for individuals who are used to being active.

Dear Abby: I bought my aunt, uncle and two teenage cousins gift cards from an online retailer a year and a half ago. I checked with them in advance to see if this might be something they'd use. Six months ago, I noticed in my order history that only one of the cards had been redeemed.

I hate to see the money go to waste.

Should I call my relatives?

If I do, what do I say? It's possible they just haven't gotten around to using the cards. Should I reprint the cards and send them with a reminder note? (Maybe the cards were lost?) Should I send my relatives a check and use the cards myself? Chalk it up to a loss? That one kills me!

I suppose if I hadn't seen the order history, I would never have known whether the cards had been used. What do you think I should do?

– Conflicted in Connecticut

Dear Conflicted: Use the direct approach. Contact your relatives and tell them that while reviewing your account history, you noticed that three of the four gift cards you sent have not been used. Ask if they would like to have them printed out again, if by chance they were lost – or if they would prefer you send them a check for the value of the cards.

To contact them isn't rude, and it shouldn't be awkward. In fact, it may be appreciated.

Dear Abby: My wife says I am always wrong. Is she right?

– Tongue in My Cheek

Dear Cheek: Not this time.

Funeral home denies role in Houston casket photo

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The owner of the Newark, N.J., funeral home that handled services for Whitney Houston says the home had nothing to do with a photograph that surfaced showing the singer's body in an open casket.

But Carolyn Whigham of Whigham Funeral Home and two pastors say they do know who took the photo that ran in the National Enquirer. They just aren't identify-

ing the person and say that's up to the Houston family.

Defending Whigham, the Rev. Ronald Slaughter of nearby St. James AME Church said Thursday the funeral home "had no role in this shameful betrayal."

The 48-year-old Houston died Feb. 11 in California. Whigham says she determined the photo was taken Feb. 17, a day before the funeral.

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Jonathan Daniel Brown, Oliver Cooper and Thomas Mann in Warner Bros. Pictures' 'Project X.'

Hangover comes quickly in hormonal 'Project X'

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

"Project X" suggests what it might look like if the teen romp "Superbad" had been shot with the first-person, hand-held aesthetic of "Cloverfield" — except it never achieves the hilarity of the former or the thrills of the latter.

It's mainly an excuse to show hot, young women cavorting drunk and topless — in a swimming pool, in a bouncy house, with a dog, with each other — in music-video style montages edited to the insistent thump of house music. So if you ever wanted to see "Girls Gone Wild" blown up on the big screen, well then, hooray for you. This is your lucky day.

But the feature debut from Nima Nourizadeh, directing from a script by Michael Bacall ("Scott Pilgrim vs. the World") and Matt Drake, does indeed have some semblance of a plot, flimsy though it may be. (Todd Phillips, director of the "Hangover" movies, is one of the film's producers.)

Shy, sweet-faced Thomas (Thomas Mann) is turning 17, and his fast-talking, super-confident best friend Costa (Oliver Costa) insists that they need to throw the mother of all ragers at his Pasadena home to celebrate. It will make them popular, Costa promises — and more importantly, it will get them laid. Tagging along is their nerdy, awkward pal J.B. (Jonathan



Movie Review 'Project X'

Rating: R (crude and sexual content throughout, nudity, drugs, drinking, pervasive language, reckless behavior and mayhem)

Running time: 88 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

Daniel Brown), who thinks he's more sophisticated than he really is. So if you're keeping score at home, Thomas is the Michael Cera figure, Costa is Jonah Hill and J.B. is Christopher Mintz-Plasse.

Thomas' parents just happen to be going out of town for their wedding anniversary, and they don't even begin to suspect that Thomas and his friends have the potential for hedonism. But they do, and they've enlisted the mostly unseen (and undeveloped) Dax (Dax Flame) to videotape everything. Although, like the recent "Chronicle," which also was based on the well-worn found-footage concept, "Project X" eventually must rely on other sources and perspectives.

Things spiral out of control pretty quickly as a couple thousand people show up and trash the place, which admittedly does get amusing and provides an escalating energy. Costa's nearly incessant chatter offers consistent laughs, although it's clear pretty quickly that he (like the film itself) is woefully one-note. There's a cute subplot involving the scrawny 12-year-olds Costa has hired as security guards and the run-ins they have with Thomas' annoyed neighbors.

But only about an hour in, "Project X" grows repetitive and starts running out of steam, and you begin to wonder what could possibly occur over the remaining 30 minutes or so. And not to get all mom-ish, but it does send a disturbing message to teens under the guise of "edgy" entertainment. If you provide a setting and the means for strangers to get hammered, it will make you cool.

If you are a young woman who wants approval, you must get naked and give up the goods.

The one girl who gets the benefit of any sort of characterization is Thomas' childhood friend Kirby (Kirby Bliss Blanton), who has tomboyish, girl-next-door cool as well as blonde, Blake Lively-esque good looks.

She's just part of the elaborate fantasy that the film's target audience will gladly buy into without question.

Frostproof Rotary looking for Avon Park talent

Special to the News-Sun
FROSTPROOF — Do you live or work in Avon Park, or did you graduate from Avon Park High School? If so, the Frostproof Rotary Club might have \$1,000 for your talents.

Frostproof's Got Talent to begin March 9

Time is running short to become part of Frostproof's big money talent show, which is back for another go-round, thanks to the Rotary Club, with the \$1,000 grand prize awarded on March 24 at the show's finals.

The club's fifth annual "Frostproof's Got Talent!" show will hold its preliminary rounds on March 9-10 at the Ramon Theater in Frostproof, with the top acts moving on to the \$1,000 finals. The contest is open to anyone who lives or graduated high school in Avon Park, Babson Park, Fort

Meade, Frostproof or Lake Wales. Show time all nights is 7 p.m.

Contestants will be assigned one of the two opening night dates based on their schedules and availability.

Applications to enter — and it's free to enter — are available online at www.frostproofchamber.com. They are also available at Frostproof City Hall of the Frostproof chamber offices. Only the first 36 acts entered will be allowed to perform. A complete set of rules and eligibility requirements, as well as a break-

down of the different age categories, are outlined in the entry application.

Tickets for each night's performances are \$10 for anyone over age 12. Children's tickets for each show are also available for \$5 each. Adult tickets for all three shows are \$25, and children's tickets for all three shows are just \$10 and are available at Frostproof City Hall. They will also be sold at the door. Refreshments will be sold at the theater each night, and a 50-50 drawing will be held.

All proceeds from the event go towards helping fund the club's high school scholarships and many other community initiatives including the Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast and purchasing dictionaries for all fifth-grade students in Frostproof.

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Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13). The word of God reminds us in whatever situation you are facing today your way of escape has already been made. Victory is ours according to the word of God. We are not going to be tempted above which we are able. We go through different tests in order for the Lord to make us the person he wants us to be. During our time of testing, we must wait on the Lord. There are times we want to rush to the finish, but it could be during that time the Lord is still working on us. Rushing through your test before the Lord has completed his work will only make the test longer. If we do not pass the test, then we will continue to repeat it over and over again. Allow the Lord to complete his work during the first time around and you will not have to repeat the same test again. Testing only brings promotion and elevation. Say to yourself when you are being tested "It must be time for promotion and elevation". **Be Blessed!**

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KVAHC presents archaeologist Nathan Lawres

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Archeologist Nathan Lawres presents “The Muskogean Way of War: An Anthropological Perspective on Creek and Seminole Combat Behaviors” during the Kissimmee Valley Archaeological and Historical Conservancy’s speaker series at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, in Building G, Room 202, SFCC Highlands Campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Warfare is a topic that has received a high level of attention in the anthropological literature since the inception of the discipline. Much of the literature, however, has focused on the origins and causes of warfare rather than the behavior associated with it. Throughout the 16th and 19th centuries, Europeans and Americans employed tactics and instituted laws that sought to subjugate Native Americans and

appropriate their lands. The Muskogean peoples of the southeastern United States resisted this process by employing a distinct set of behaviors during combat. These behaviors provided them with substantial success against both Europeans and Americans.

Lawres received his B.A. in Anthropology (Honors) from the University of Central Florida and is currently a candidate in the Department of Anthropology at UCF. He is an archaeological field assistant for the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Tribal Archaeology Section. His research interests include the origins of warfare, indigenous warfare patterns, Woodland and Mississippian archaeology, Native cultures of the Southeast, fire behavior and the effects of fire on cultural resources, and archaeological applications of LiDAR.

Call Anne Reynolds at 441-4803.



Dana Daniels, along with his sidekick, a psychic parrot, will perform at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts

Courtesy photo

Comedian, magician Dana Daniels performing at SFCC

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Dana Daniels, along with his sidekick, a psychic parrot, closes out another entertaining season of SFCC Matinee Series performances with his comedy and magic act at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, Highlands Campus.

Daniels has been entertaining audiences for the past 25 years at corporate events, Las Vegas stages, and on television.

He got his start at Disneyland as the youngest comedian ever to be cast in the famous Golden Horseshoe Revue. Since then, he has won many of the top awards in magic and comedy and has opened for

headliners such as Tony Orlando, Charo, Gary Shandling, Vince Gill, and Amy Grant.

Together with his psychic parrot, Luigi, Daniels sets out to prove that his little green friend is truly clairvoyant by performing off the wall magic blended with rapid-fire clean comedy and audience participation.

Daniels has been awarded some of the top honors in magic such as Comedy Magician of the Year and Stage Magician of the Year by the Academy of Magical Arts in Hollywood, Calif. His many television appearances include Stand Up Live, Evening at the Improv, CBS Morning Show, Masters of Illusions, Lance Burton’s Guerilla Magic, and the best-

selling clean comedy series on DVD, Thou Shalt Laugh 4.

The 2012 Matinee Series is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Bassetti, Lampe and Kiefer Hearing Aid Center, Inc., and The Palms of Sebring Retirement Community.

Tickets range from \$13 to \$17 and may be purchased online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at <http://performances.southflorida.edu>.

Tickets may also be purchased by calling the SFCC Box Office at 863-784-7178 or by visiting the SFCC Box Office Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., located in the front the of the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park.

China Painters to honor Filip

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid China Painters are presenting their annual Peacock Palette Tea” March 11 in the Caladium Arts & Crafts Co-op, 132 Interlake Blvd.

This year, the free tea will be in honor of Chris Filip, longtime resident, china painting teacher and member of the Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op. After losing her husband George Filip, local musician and builder, she has decided to move out to the Pacific Northwest and live with her daughter, watercolor artist Joilynn Littleton, and her husband, Bob, out on Eliza Island, a small Island nine miles out in the bay off Bellingham, Wash. She will continue to china paint, teach and show in a local gallery.

The Lake Placid China Painters will be displaying their beautiful hand painted china and hold live demonstrations of this fine art. The artists will offer unique hand painted pieces for show and for sale. Some of the highlights of the Tea are the live demonstrations, the silent auction, where exceptional pieces by members of the World Organization of Porcelain Artists are offered and the door prizes awarded every half hour. Chris’s son, Gary Filip, will be playing the piano and guitar.



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Created by Avon Park High School student Toni Crunkleton, the longleaf pine is one of eight plaques featuring a variety of plants and animals that can be found along the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail.

Relief printmaking on display at MOFAC

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Visitors to the South Florida Community College Museum of Florida Art and Culture’s (SFCC MOFAC) Wildflower Wayside Shrine can now view a new relief printmaking exhibit during their walk along the trail. Made by students and community members who attended a printmaking workshop at SFCC, the exhibition includes eight plaques featuring the flora and fauna of the trail.

Artists whose plaques are located on the trail are Rose Besch, Kiri Crommet, Toni Crunkleton, Mollie Doctrow, Cathy Futral, Michael Kemp, Emmie Pereira, and Karla Respress.

“The plaques allow the community to become more involved in the development of the trail and provide even more detail about the plants and animals that can be seen on the trail,” said Mollie Doctrow, SFCC MOFAC curator.

Located on the SFCC Highlands Campus, the

Wildflower Wayside Shrine is a walking trail through scrub habitat with shrine boxes and trail plaques installed along the way. Each shrine box and trail plaque is dedicated to an endemic or endangered plant species found on the Lake Wales Ridge. The trail takes between 20 and 30 minutes to walk and is clearly marked by signs. The trail is open to the public daily and was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more information, call Doctrow at 784-7240 or visit the Wildflower Wayside Shrine website at <http://mofac.org/wayside/>.

Celebrity burglary suspect takes plea deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The alleged ringleader of a series of burglaries at the homes of celebrities has pleaded no contest to stealing from Lindsay Lohan and reality star Audrina Patridge.

Nicholas Prugo entered the plea Friday in Los Angeles and is expected to serve two years in state prison.

Neither Lohan or Patridge, a star of “The Hills” series, attended the hearing.

The plea came in exchange for Prugo testifying against three other people suspected of helping him break into the homes of stars.

Prugo will be sentenced May 4, or after the cases against the remaining defendants have concluded.

The 21-year-old had also been charged with conspiracy and burglarizing the homes of Orlando Bloom, Paris Hilton and Rachel Bilson, but those counts were dropped.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Three events planned at Highlands Art League

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Friday night, the Highlands Art League has events in all three buildings at the Artist Village. The Yellow House Gallery will feature Don Kah and Max Gooding as their 'Artists of the Month' for March, in conjunction with Sebring's Destination Downtown. The Opening Reception is from 5-8 p.m. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served, and guitarist Kenny Summers will provide the music.

Kah is known for his intricately designed collage paintings with constantly unfolding details, inspired by nature. Gooding's watercolors and ink sketches all have a bold, fun, and relaxed style. Both artists have won numerous awards locally and across the country.

Gooding has been the poster artist for the previous two Highlands Art League's November Arts and Crafts Festivals.

Barry Foster of Cohan Radio Group presents a history of the 12 Hours of Sebring at Highlands Museum of the Arts. This program is free to

the public at 5:30 p.m. The exhibit at MOTA consists of art and photographs relating to Hendricks Field and the Sebring International Raceway. The centerpiece of the exhibit is an original watercolor of Tommy McGuire's final mission, donated by aviation artist Andrea Davide.

At the Visual Arts Center, The Hals Gals and Pals, a member group that paints every Tuesday at the Art League, will host an exhibit of some of their best works of the season.

This venue will be the future site of a new restaurant at the Artist's Village, on the waterfront in downtown Sebring.

The Yellow House Gallery, which is next door to the Sebring Public Library at 1989 Lakeview Drive, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Artists' websites and museum hours can be found at www.highland-sartleague.org.

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Courtesy photo

Max Gooding is one of two artists chosen to be featured at the Yellow House Gallery in March. Gooding's watercolors and ink sketches have helped him become the poster artist for the previous two Highlands Art League's November Arts and Crafts Festivals.

Tickets on sale for Bok Tower Gardens' Curtis on Tour concert

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE WALES — Tickets are on sale for two special concerts and a reception during Bok Tower Gardens' 21st International Carillon Festival that began Saturday during the Gardens' peak bloom season. Six of the world's leading carillonners representing the United States, The Netherlands and Belgium will perform daily concerts on the 60-bell Taylor carillon housed in the Singing Tower.

Continuing through March 11, the festival will debut five world premieres of original carillon compositions. Visit boktowergardens.org to purchase tickets online.

At 7:30 p.m. today, Live at the Gardens presents Curtis on Tour, featuring some of the world's most gifted young performers from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Roberto Diaz, Curtis president and renowned violinist, will perform with guitar faculty member Jason Vieaux, and students Nadir Khashimov, violin, and Eric Han, cello. In addition to Paganini's last guitar quartet, "Paganini's

Quartet in A minor, M.S. 42," the program will include a commissioned piece for strings and guitar by Zhou Tian, "Zhou Red Trees, Wrinkled Cliffs;" "Kodály Duo for Violin and Cello;" and an arrangement of "Piazzolla's Oblivion for Guitar and Strings." Tickets are \$25 per person.

Founded in 1925 by Edward Bok's wife Mary Louis Curtis Bok, Curtis is one of the world's finest music schools. Individually tailored study with a faculty of leading musicians has nurtured a long line of great performers, from such legends as Leonard Bernstein and Samuel Barber, to current stars Juan Diego Flórez, Alan Gilbert, Hilary Hahn, Jennifer Higdon, Leila Josefowicz and Lang Lang. Curtis provides full-tuition scholarships to all of its students, ensuring that admissions are based solely on artistic promise. Teaming youthful exuberance with seasoned artistry, students learn by doing, performing frequently and often collaborating side-by-side with their teachers.

On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., the Moonlight Concert will be performed by Geert D'hollander from Antwerp, Belgium. The concert will be followed by a reception at 8:30 p.m. where the public is invited to meet other guest carillonners including Sue Bergren, Naperville, Ill.; Dennis Curry, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Malgosia Fiebig, The Netherlands; George Gregory, San Antonio, Tex.; and Julianne Vanden Wyngaard, Grand Rapids, Mich. The standing reception in the Visitor Center will include desserts of chocolate dipped fruit, cake pops and glazed fruit tartlets, and late night hors d'oeuvres of artichoke dip, brie pastries and gourmet cheeses along with beer and wine. Each reception ticket is \$25 per person and includes all refreshments.

Daily concerts will be performed at 1 and 3 p.m. with weekend concerts at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors will be able to watch performances on a monitor located behind the Peace Lantern near the Singing Tower. Carillonners will meet visitors at the

Singing Tower moat gate near the Information Booth following the concerts. These concerts are included with general admission.

Hours will be extended from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Blue Palmetto Café and Tower & Garden Gift Shop during the festival. Admission to the festival is included with general Gardens' admission: \$12 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Members and children under age 5 are admitted free. After 5 p.m., on Tuesday, admission is \$6 for adults and \$1.50 for children ages 5 to 12.

Visitors who purchase a new, gift or upgraded Sustainer level or above membership will receive a coupon code for a buy one, get one free ticket to attend the Moonlight Concert and Mix & Mingle Reception on Tuesday. The offer ends at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Call (863) 734-1222 for group tour reservations and to purchase event tickets.

NFL gives guidance to its music hopefuls

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Even before Darren Howard entered the NFL, the defensive end had dreams of being in the music business. He was a DJ in high school and by the time he was in college, he'd created a "rag-tag" recording studio in the basement of his residence.

"It's always been something I loved," said Howard. "I knew one day that I would transform to that."

So after Howard retired in 2009, the former New Orleans Saints and Philadelphia Eagles player jumped into making records. He started his own label, Empyre, and signed a pop and R&B singer that he's confident about.

But Howard admits he hasn't yet had what he'd call success, calling the music industry "fickle."

"The music business is funny. Some artists go 10, 15 years of making records before they ever recoup and make any money," said Howard. "The label can be the same, because they're depending on the artist. Hopefully it won't take that long."

This week, the National Football League offered an assist to current and former players like Howard who are trying to find their footing in a business that can be just as unforgiving as football. Its player engagement division paired with New York University's Clive Davis Institute of Recorded Music, part of the Tisch School of the Arts, for the "Business of Music Boot Camp." The camp had key music figures — from mogul Davis to record company executives and managers — offering their insights in intimate sessions with the players. Each player was then paired with a mentor.

"The music game, it's not just finding the talent. It's what you do with that talent that ultimately determines your level of success," said Jeffrey Rabhan, the institute's department chair and a mentor in the program.

Given that sports can be considered entertainment itself, it's not surprising that some athletes migrate into the field. Magic Johnson

may be among the biggest success stories, with his theaters and other ventures. Shaquille O'Neal was a recording artist and actually had a platinum album. Chris Webber, Metta World Peace and others have also tried their hand in the music business, and Roy Jones Jr. had a record label Body Head (whose financial troubles, according to a recent Sports Illustrated article, may be part of the reason the forty-something boxer is still in the ring).

While Rabhan noted there have been a smattering of athletes who have made it in the music industry, "unfortunately, the stories of those who have not had successes are a longer list, so we're trying to change that."

About 70 players applied to be a part of the four-day program, and 20 were accepted. Among those who took part in the camp were former Oakland Raider Justin Fargis, New York Giants player Marvin Austin, St. Louis Rams player Brandon Lloyd, and Torry Holt, who played for the Rams and the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Troy Vincent Jr., the NFL's vice president for player engagement, said the league created the program after player surveys showed a strong interest in the entertainment field, particularly music. The NFL already does a broadcasting boot camp to ready players for media careers, and a Hollywood boot camp is planned for April at Universal Studios, and will include such talent as Oscar-nominated director John Singleton.

Vincent said there was also a real concern that players have jumped into the industry but then floundered because they don't have the expertise.

"It doesn't matter how much money you have or you think you have. Money does not equal success," said Vincent, who retired as a Washington Redskin in 2006. "It's proper planning, it's educating yourself in the subject matter, having the right people with you, the right guidance, and not making an emotional decision."

Sheridan testifies about getting hit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nicollette Sheridan told jurors on Thursday that she was shocked and humiliated after being struck in the head by the creator of "Desperate Housewives" on the set of the hit ABC show.

The actress was the first witness called during her trial alleging that she was fired after a dispute with creator and executive producer Marc Cherry.

She is seeking more than \$6 million in damages.

At the request of her attorney, Patrick Maloney, the actress demonstrated the blow by striking her lawyer in court.

Sheridan contended it was a hard blow, although attorneys for Cherry and ABC claimed it was a light tap meant to give the actress some direction for a scene.

Sheridan told jurors that Cherry appeared stunned

after the hit and later apologized to her.

Wearing a navy blue suit and white blouse, Sheridan split the day testifying about the show's early years and the dispute with Cherry.

Her character Edie Britt was killed off in the show's fifth season, when she was

earning \$175,000 an episode. By then, she also had been granted a portion of the series' profits by that point and was slated to earn \$250,000 an episode if she remained on the series through the seventh season.

Cherry and ABC have denied wrongdoing.

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Managing natural lands has its challenges. Once upon a time, nature took care of keeping the land healthy and balanced. Wildfire was a huge part of the natural process. The majority of Florida was, and continues to be, covered in pine forests, which are considered fire dependent ecosystems. As



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Corine Burgess

populations increased and landscapes were changed, the natural process slowed and changed significantly. Without fire, plant communities change into different types of ecosystems.

When wildfires were a common occurrence, they would sweep through the pine forests and kill the weak and unhealthy trees. This allowed the healthier, larger pines the nutrients, space, sunlight and water they needed to grow into huge, beautiful trees. Another phenomenon that occurs without fire

is succession, which is when one ecosystem takes over another, completely changing its makeup. When this happens, all the flora and fauna that depend on that ecosystem will either die off or move to another suitable area.

Without the flames to keep the pines from growing too close together, the trees will compete for the limited amount of water, nutrition and sunlight. When pine trees grow unchecked, they also become more susceptible to disease and insects. In order to provide the necessary forage, shelter and nesting areas for the creatures that live in the pine forests, the trees must be spaced apart, healthy and certain plants must be available. Since fire isn't always practical or popular in many areas, mankind has come up with other ways to keep the pine forests healthy.

Thinning pine stands becomes necessary when the canopy of pines has closed, allowing little or no sunlight to reach the ground. The pines become so dense that it is difficult for wildlife to navigate through them. The vegetation dies because it is shaded out and does not



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A healthy pine forest consists of trees that are spaced apart, allowing necessary sunlight and rainfall to reach the forest floor. Healthy forests provide the necessary forage, shelter and nesting areas for the creatures that live there.

receive the necessary light. Dense stands allow an ideal place for pine beetles to thrive. When pine trees are too close together, their growth rate decreases.

Selective thinning is an excellent way to provide wildlife habitat while promoting tree growth. Once the canopy of a pine forest is opened up, wildlife returns to the area. In addition, the remaining, healthy trees will begin to grow wider and taller. Sunlight, once again, can reach the forest floor

stimulating herbaceous plant growth that many wildlife species prefer. Rainfall will reach the ground, giving the pine roots and ground cover much needed moisture.

Because the density of trees is reduced, pine beetles are less of a threat. Selectively thinning pines allows them to extend their branches and roots.

Another reason to selectively thin is safety. "Thinning can be an effective tool for wildfire hazard reduction through the cre-

ation of defensible space. Defensible space refers to an area surrounding a house or neighborhood where the vegetation has been modified to reduce wildfire threat and which provides an opportunity for firefighters to work effectively and safely.

The crowns of standing live and dead trees represent one of the primary fuel sources contributing to wildfire hazard in forested communities." (John Christopherson, Forest Thinning & Defensible Space)

Selective thinning is a process where individual trees are selectively removed from the stand. Tree selection is based on position, form and health. It is similar to "weeding" out the bad plants in a garden. By removing the sickly, thin trees, those remaining are allowed to thrive with the additional space, nutrients, sunlight and water.

According to Forest Management Solutions, "selectively thinning 30 percent of trees in an unhealthy forest will eliminate 93 percent of future tree death and lower potential for catastrophic fire. Removal of bio-

mass (brush and unhealthy vegetation and trees) makes the area more resistant to disease and provides an improved habitat for wildlife. Forest-stand thinning has been a silvicultural practice since the early 18th century. Thinning the number of trees to open the forest floor to light and also to reduce the competition for soil moisture can promote additional development of grass and shrub species along with the animals whose habitat depends on a healthy understory.

Removing competing vegetation and high-risk trees results in the reduction of tree mortality because the remaining trees become healthier."

Many forests have been growing without fire for hundreds of years. Cutting down trees can be viewed by some as a destructive or harmful act.

In reality, if done properly, it improves the condition of the forest.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

Places to Worship is a paid advertisement in the News-Sun that is published Friday and Sunday. To find out more information on how to place a listing in this directory, call the News-Sun at 385-6155, ext. 502.

APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

■ **Christ Fellowship Church (Assembly of God)**, 2935 New Life Way. Bearing His Name; Preaching His Doctrine; and Awaiting His Coming. "Worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

■ **First Assembly of God**, 4301 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring. The Rev. Wilmont McCrary, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship and KIDS Church, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Family Night, (Adult Bible Study), LIFE Youth Group, Royal Rangers, Missionettes, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-6431.

BAPTIST

■ **Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church**, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. George Hall, Pastor. Christ centered and biblically based. Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available. Bible studies at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday. Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. are centered for all ages. Choir practice at 5 p.m. Sunday. Church phone: 452-6556.

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catalyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m.

Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid**, Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721. Website: www.fbclp.com. Email: information@fbclp.com. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a.m., Senior Sunday Night at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. (\$4 per person, reservations required). Prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. The church is at 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid. For information, call 465-3721 or go to www.fbclp.com.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lorida** located right on U.S. 98 in Lorida. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Preschool care is provided at the 11 a.m. worship service. Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m., followed by adult choir rehearsal. From September the AWANA groups meet. First Lorida is the "Place to discover God's love." For more information about the church or the ministries offered, call 655-1878.

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.;

Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Aruckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

■ **Parkway Free Will Baptist Church**, 3413 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Welcome to the church where the "Son" always shines. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Evening Worship, 7 p.m. End-of-the-Month-Sing at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. The Rev. J.S. Scaggs, pastor. Church phone: 382-3552. Home phone: 214-3025. Affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Ken Geren, interim pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and

hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Cavedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses - Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on

County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

■ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Christian and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Larry Roberts. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to visit with us here at Sebring Parkway. Our hours of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

■ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
2. "Celebrity in Death" by J.D. Robb (Putnam Adult)
3. "A Perfect Blood" by Kim Harrison (Harper Voyager)
4. "Kill Shot" by Vince Flynn (Atria)
5. "Private Games" by James Patterson, Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown)
6. "Defending Jacob" by William Landay (Delacorte Press)
7. "The Wolf Gift" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
8. "I've Got Your Number" by Sophie Kinsella (Dial Press)
9. "The Shadow Patrol" by Alex Berenson (Putnam)
10. "11/22/63" by Stephen King (Scribner)
11. "Sonoma Rose" by Jennifer Chiaverini (Dutton)
12. "Death Comes to Pemberley" by P.D. James (Knopf)
13. "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's)
14. "A Dance with

Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)

15. "The House I Loved" by Tatiana de Rosnay (St. Martin's)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "American Sniper: The autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" by Chris Kyle, Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen (Morrow)
2. "Abundance: The Future Is Better Than You Think" by Peter H. Diamandis and Steven Kotler (Free Press)
3. "The End of Illness" by David Agus (Free Press)
4. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
5. "The World of Downtown Abbey" by Jessica Fellowes (St. Martin's)
6. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Indivisible: Restoring

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

Faith, Family, and Freedom Before It's Too Late" by James Robison and Jay W. Richards (FaithWords)

8. "The Start-Up of You" by Reid Hoffman & Ben Casnocha (Crown)
9. "Yes! Energy: The Equation to Do Less, Make More" by Loral Langemeier (Hay House)
10. "Ameritopia: The Unmaking of America" by Mark R. Levin (Threshold Editions)
11. "The 17 Day Diet" by Dr. Mike Moreno (Free Press)
12. "Quiet" by Susan Cain (Crown)
13. "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo (Random House)
14. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
15. "One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are" by Ann Voskamp (Zondervan)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
2. "Against All Enemies" by Tom Clancy with Peter Telep (Berkley)
3. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
4. "Tom Clancy Presents: Act of Valor" by Dick Couch and George Galdorisi (Berkley)
5. "44 Charles Street" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
6. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
7. "Lucky Penny" by Catherine Anderson (Signet)
8. "The 9th Judgement" by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (Vision)
9. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
10. "Crunch Time" by

Diane Mott Davidson (Avon)

11. "Bonnie" by Iris Johansen (St. Martin's)
12. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Vision)
13. "Bennett and Camilla" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
14. "Carte Blanche" by Jeffery Deaver (Pocket Star)
15. "Cold Vengeance" by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child (Grand Central)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
2. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
3. "The Vow" by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter with Dana Wilkerson (B&H)
4. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
5. "The Tiger's Wife: A Novel" by Tea Obreht (Random House)
6. "The Girl with the

Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

7. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)
8. "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" by Jonathan Safran Foer (Mariner)
9. "Kill Me If You Can" by James Patterson, Marshall Karp (Grand Central)
10. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
11. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
12. "Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey" by The Countess of Carnarvon (Broadway)
13. "Save Me" by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's Griffin)
14. "The Devil in the White City: A Saga of Magic and Murder at the Fair that Changed America" by Erik Larson (Vintage)
15. "The Weird Sisters" by Eleanor Brown (Berkley)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redemer1895@aol.com Web site: redeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church,** 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries,** (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always wel-

come. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park – LCMS,** 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindle, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church – ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life.

Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

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■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone: 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church,** a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church,** 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

■ **Union Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL

33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vis-tanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way – A place for you. Office Phone:471-6140, Church Cell Phone:381-6190. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP,** 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.fpclp.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school), and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible studies.

Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5 choir, 3:15 p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA),** 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlelakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

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THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship.** Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meet-

ing, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759. R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church,** 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

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Area results



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Mason Jahna follows through on his swing, but the Devils saw their winning streak stopped by Ft. Meade Thursday.

News-Sun sports staff

Avon Park's string of shutouts, as well as its winning ways on the baseball field, were halted Thursday in a non-district battle with visiting Fort Meade.

The Miners struck first, with single runs in the first and third innings, before the Red Devils tied it with two in the bottom of the fourth.

But a two-spot in the top of the sixth nabbed the win for Fort Meade when Avon Park couldn't bring any more across.

The Devils get into district play Tuesday at county rival Lake Placid.

The Lady Dragons, meanwhile, kept up their turn-

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Fisher to become Warrior

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – As senior winds down, Sebring's Savana Fisher is preparing for college just like many of her peers.

However, her journey is just a bit different—graduating at the ripe, young age of sixteen, Fisher learned how to grow up fast to keep up with the pace of older girls as she continued through both her school and golf career.

Her hours of hard work and dedication have paid off, as was illustrated Thursday afternoon when she committed to playing for the Webber Warriors.

For most athletes, the scouting process is always



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Committing to Webber Thursday, Sebring's Savana Fisher was joined by, back row, left to right, Sebring coach Lisa Lovett, Athletic Director Chris Cook and Susie Gentry. Front row, left to right, mother Julie Burg, Webber head coach Nancy Nichols, Fisher, Wes and Brandy Fisher.

the trickiest; being in the right place at the right time so-to-speak.

You have got to hope the

scout comes to a game you're doing well in, as well as maintain a level mindset in knowing that someone

who could possibly hold the key to your future is watch-

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Blue Streaks rally for revenge

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Those infamous Friday night lights do not always necessarily associate with football.

Rather, the lights glowing across Lake Jackson lit the way as Lake Placid visited Firemen's Field after taking the win over the Streaks just one week ago.

This drove both teams as they fought for county bragging rights once again, only this time the scoreboard would fall in Sebring's favor as they took the 7-3 win.

The combined pitching efforts of Sebring's Jordan Baker and Lake Placid's Pike Cloninger kept the game scoreless for the first two innings.

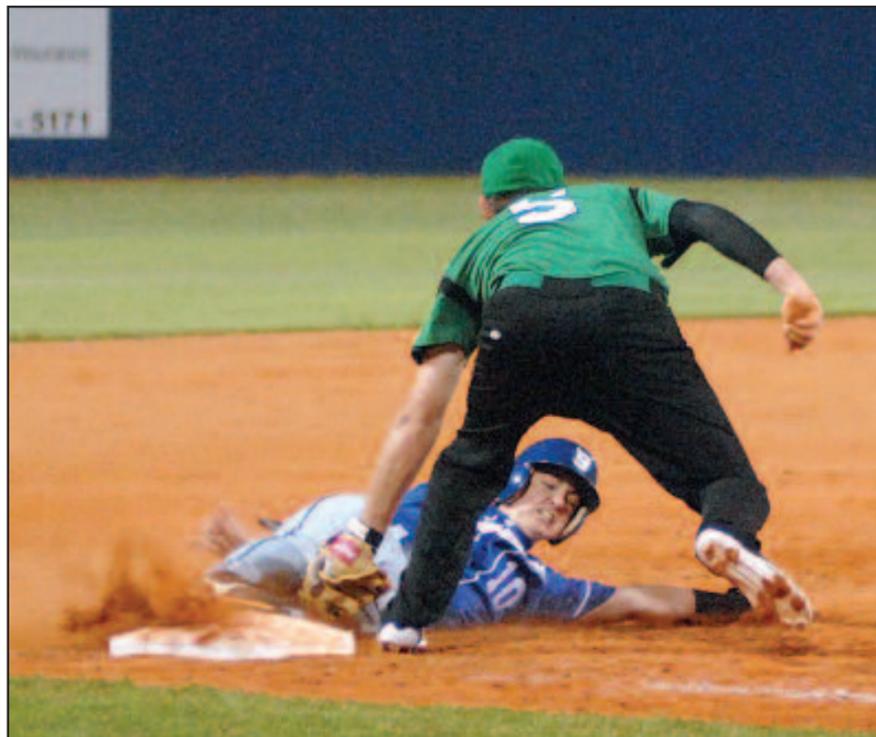
In the bottom of the third, however, Sebring would see six hits in a row that would result in a 5-0 gain.

Among those contributing hits were Alex Griffin's RBI single that would bring in the first run of the night, soon followed by another RBI single from Wyatt Johnson.

Two more RBIs would come from Kyle Cunningham and Cullen Lovett to peak the innings five-run advancement.

The Dragons would not back down just yet, and held a tight defense in the fourth to not allow any more Steaks across the plate.

That is until Seth Abeln added another run-scoring base-knock for Sebring in the bottom of the fifth, and as Nate Greene drove in Lovett,



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Cullen Lovett slides safely into third, just around the tag of Dragon third baseman Heath Harris in Sebring's Friday win.

Sebring saw seven runs over the Dragons.

Yet to be silenced, Lake Placid drove in three runs of their own in the top of the sixth to put a dent in those insurance runs and to remind the Streaks of the threats they faced a week prior.

After Cloninger drew a walk to load the bases, Rick Miller's single would put the first run on the board for the Dragons as he drove in Tyler Carr.

This same hit loaded the bases as Rufino Gutierrez

stepped into the batter's box.

After his RBI single, a fielding error would later allow a third run for lake placid to see a 7-3 score as the final inning rolled around.

The top of the seventh inning would remain scoreless, and given the home field advantage that granted Lake Placid the win last week, Sebring would not take their last at bat as the 7-3 win went down in the official scorebook.

Lake Placid head coach

Dan Coomes said, "We probably hit the ball as hard as they did, they just had more of them find the holes.

That's the way the game is played; it's base hits, and we had two pitchers that really struggled tonight and when that happens you're going to get beat."

He went on to explain that, due to a cancelled game earlier this week, he tried to get all the pitchers into tonight's game to keep their arms

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Salesmen take one in extras

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – On Thursday, March 1, only four teams played at the Highlands County Sports Complex in the Sebring 70s Softball league.

Silent Salesman took on the first-place Millers Heating and Air Conditioning team.

The thriller went into extra innings before the Salesman emerged victorious by a relatively low score of 11-10.

At the end of six innings, Millers had a lead of 8-4 only to see the Salesman tie the game at 9-9 after eight innings.

A base-running blunder sent the game into extra innings as the Salesman's winning run failed to score on a would-be sacrifice fly.

In the ninth the same player who failed to score in the eighth inning drove in the winning run with a solid base hit.

Good managing in the final two innings by Pete Mathews almost put the game in Millers' favor.

Doing their normal thing for the Salesman were Kyle Saunders, 4-for-5 with a triple, and Bob Roth, 3-for-5 including a double.

Jerry Murphy had a good day, going 4-for-4 with a double.

Helping the cause with

three base hits each were Lloyd Noaker and Ken Crandall.

Millers players doing their part were Doug Hammond, with three hits including a home run.

Ray Concepcion was 3-for-3 with two doubles, Jim Longman drove out a double and Don Sheets and Victor Rodriguez each had three hits.

Allstate Insurance and Royal Palms Bowling Center finished with a 21-6 win for Allstate.

The top hitter for Allstate was John Penna having two hits with a home run.

All having three hits were Russ Moody, Gene Phillips and Dick Harmic, while the winning pitcher was Rudy Pribble.

Palms Don Cunningham again drove out a home run for his team.

Bob MacCarrick was 3-for-3 with 2 triples and going 2-for-3 were Shaun Kilduff and Dick Schiltz.

There are only two more weeks of play and we encourage anyone to come out to the Complex and watch the activity.

It is free and entertaining.

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, the weather was very agreeable at the Highlands County Sports Complex in

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Dino Lower nearly knocked the cover off this pitch, sending it deep, though foul, to left in Sebring's loss to visiting Lake Wales Friday night.

Lady Streaks downed by Highlanders

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – It may be somewhat of a down year for Lake Wales softball, as the team brought an uncharacteristic 3-4 record into Sebring Friday night.

But that is never a reason to take a team with such a strong tradition and program lightly, as evidenced by the Lady Highlanders 15-3 win over the Streaks.

Then again, that may have been part of the problem.

"It's tough because the ability is there, but mentally, if one thing goes wrong, they lose focus," Sebring head coach Joe Sinness said. "They tighten up and lose sight of why they're out here, which is to have fun."

Things started out well enough, with starting pitcher Haley Pack working around a

Kaley Jo Smith lead-off single to get through a scoreless top of the first.

The Lady Streaks then took the lead in the bottom of the frame as Jayme Faircloth lead off with a walk and moved to second on a Tayla DeSilva single to left.

Dino Lower looked to do some damage and rocketed a deep fly to left.

But the potential base-clearer hooked foul and merely went for a long strike before Lower tattooed another pitch, though right at DeVonna Moore at third for a line-out.

Carly Hoffner popped out next, though a wild pitch during her at bat moved the runners to second and third.

And during Alison Hoffner's at bat, an eventual walk, wild pitches brought both Faircloth and DaSilva in

for a 2-0 lead.

Trouble began to brew in the second, however, as Carneshia Thompson bunted for a hit and moved to second when a potential double play was turned too slowly, putting runners at first and second.

With fielders then in motion for a potential bunt, a liner to third was snared by DaSilva, who then threw behind the runner at second to Lower, who alertly came in from center field, for an unconventional 5-to-8 double play.

But a walk to Moore followed and consecutive singles from Tyra Hodge and Smith plated two runs to even things up.

Sebring threatened right back, with a Loren Eures lead-off single and a two-out Faircloth walk.

But Lake Wales starter Kelsey Oller worked out of it to keep things even.

Pack would hold the Highlanders down in the top of the third and the Streaks then took the lead back.

Lower reached on an error and Carly Hoffner walked before the runners moved to second and third on a wild pitch.

Alison Hoffner's bouncer back to the mound couldn't advance them, but Pack's ground-out to short brought Lower in for a 3-2 lead.

A lead that would be short-lived, however, as things fell apart in the fourth.

An error on a Moore grounder got the inning started and as Sebring is all too familiar with against the Highlanders, if given the opening, they will take

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THE SCOREBOARD



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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	22	15	.595	—
Boston	18	17	.514	3
New York	18	18	.500	3½
Toronto	11	25	.306	10½
New Jersey	11	26	.297	11

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	28	8	.778	—
Orlando	23	14	.622	5½
Atlanta	21	15	.583	7
Washington	7	28	.200	20½
Charlotte	4	30	.118	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	30	8	.789	—
Indiana	22	12	.647	6
Milwaukee	14	22	.389	15
Cleveland	13	21	.382	15
Detroit	12	25	.324	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	11	.694	—
Memphis	21	15	.583	4
Dallas	21	16	.568	4½
Houston	21	16	.568	4½
New Orleans	9	27	.250	16

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	29	7	.806	—
Denver	20	17	.541	9½
Portland	18	18	.500	11
Minnesota	18	19	.486	11½
Utah	17	18	.486	11½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	21	13	.618	—
L.A. Lakers	22	14	.611	—
Phoenix	16	20	.444	6
Golden State	14	19	.424	6½
Sacramento	12	24	.333	10

Thursday's Games

Oklahoma City 105, Orlando 102
 Phoenix 104, Minnesota 95
 L.A. Clippers 108, Sacramento 100
 Miami 107, Portland 93

Friday's Games

Memphis 102, Toronto 99
 Atlanta 99, Milwaukee 94
 Boston 107, New Jersey 94
 Chicago 112, Cleveland 91
 Denver 117, Houston 105
 New Orleans 97, Dallas 92
 Philadelphia 105, Golden State 83
 San Antonio 102, Charlotte 72
 Utah 99, Miami 98
 L.A. Lakers 115, Sacramento 107
 Phoenix 81, L.A. Clippers 78

Saturday's Games

Oklahoma City at Atlanta, late
 Milwaukee at Orlando, late
 Cleveland at Washington, late
 Indiana at New Orleans, late
 Detroit at Memphis, late
 Utah at Dallas, late
 Minnesota at Portland, late

Sunday's Games

New York at Boston, 1 p.m.
 Miami at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
 Golden State at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Sacramento at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Denver at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

	Scoring			
	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	375	237	1035	28.8
Durant, OKC	362	219	1009	28.0
James, MIA	355	237	976	27.9
Love, MIN	270	242	832	24.5
Westbrook, OK	321	181	850	23.6
Wade, MIA	236	150	624	23.1
Ellis, GOL	266	137	709	22.2
Aldridge, POR	306	140	753	22.1
D. Williams, NJ	260	176	780	21.7
Griffin, LAC	295	133	724	21.3
Howard, ORL	276	197	749	20.2

Rebounds

	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, ORL	135	420	555	15.0
Love, MIN	139	327	466	13.7
Bynum, LAL	106	305	411	12.8
Cousins, SAC	163	241	404	11.5
Griffin, LAC	105	270	375	11.0
Humphries, NJ	127	230	357	10.5
Gortat, PHX	98	277	375	10.4
Gasol, LAL	107	266	373	10.4
Noah, CHI	139	233	372	10.1
Monroe, DET	149	223	372	10.1

Assists

	GAMES	AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	33	362	11.0
Rondo, BOS	25	244	9.8
Calderon, TOR	36	317	8.8
Paul, LAC	29	243	8.4
D. Williams, NJ	36	298	8.3
Rubio, MIN	37	304	8.2
Parker, SAN	35	279	8.0
Wall, WAS	35	270	7.7
Rose, CHI	28	214	7.6

Steals

	GAMES	STL	AVG
Conley, MEM	34	86	2.53
Rubio, MIN	37	85	2.30
Paul, LAC	29	65	2.24
Shumpert, NYK	29	59	2.03
Iguodala, PHL	37	71	1.92
Lowry, HOU	35	66	1.89
Allen, MEM	33	61	1.85
Westbrook, OK	36	65	1.81

Blocked Shots

	Games	BLK	AVG
Ibaka, OK	36	112	3.11
McGee, WAS	35	90	2.57
Jordan, LAC	34	87	2.56
Howard, ORL	37	83	2.24
Gasol, MEM	36	79	2.19
Smith, ATL	36	76	2.11
Bynum, LAL	32	67	2.09
Dalembert, HOU	37	71	1.92

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	41	15	7	89	175	130
Pittsburgh	37	21	5	79	202	166
Philadelphia	35	21	7	77	209	191
New Jersey	36	23	5	77	180	174
N.Y. Islanders	26	29	9	61	151	193

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	38	21	3	79	204	143
Ottawa	34	24	8	76	200	194
Buffalo	29	27	8	66	157	180
Toronto	29	28	7	65	191	200
Montreal	25	30	10	60	169	181

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	30	21	12	72	158	179
Winnipeg	31	27	8	70	173	186
Washington	32	27	5	69	172	183
Tampa Bay	30	28	6	66	180	216

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SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. NASCAR – Subway Fresh Fit 500. FOX

COLLEGE BASEBALL

MONDAY

Noon Florida at Miami SUN

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

Noon Kentucky at Florida CBS
 Noon Clemson at Florida State ESPN2

1 p.m. Michigan at Penn State. ESPN
 2 p.m. Missouri Valley Tournament. CBS

3:30 p.m. Arizona at Arizona State SUN
 4 p.m. Ohio State at Michigan State. CBS

5:30 p.m. California at Stanford. SUN

MONDAY

7 p.m. CAA Tournament ESPN
 7 p.m. MAAC Tournament. ESPN2

9 p.m. West Coast Tournament ESPN
 9 p.m. Southern Conference Tournament ESPN2

TUESDAY

Noon Big East Tournament ESPN2
 2 p.m. Big East Tournament ESPN2

7 p.m. Sun Belt Tournament ESPN2
 9 p.m. Horizon Tournament ESPN

9 p.m. Summit League Tournament ESPN2

GOLF

SUNDAY

1 p.m. PGA – Honda Classic. GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – Honda Classic. NBC

NBA

SUNDAY

1 p.m. N.Y. Knicks at Boston ABC
 3:30 p.m. Miami at L.A. Lakers ABC

7 p.m. Chicago at Philadelphia ESPN
 9:30 p.m. Denver at San Antonio. ESPN

MONDAY

7 p.m. Orlando at Toronto. SUN

NHL

SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Rangers. NBC

TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Ottawa at Tampa Bay. SUN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Texas A&M at Texas. SUN
 2 p.m. ACC Tournament ESPN2

4 p.m. Big Ten Tournament. ESPN2
 6 p.m. SEC Tournament ESPN2

9 p.m. Stanford at California. SUN

MONDAY

5 p.m. Atlantic 10 Tournament ESPN2

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Big East Tournament ESPN
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Carolina	24	27	13	61	168	193
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	43	19	3	89	208	151
St. Louis	40	18	7	87	166	130
Nashville	37	20	7	81	181	165
Chicago	35	24	7	77	200	194
Columbus	19	38	7	45	148	212

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	41	16	8	90	206	156
Colorado	33	28	4	70	168	175
Calgary	29	25	11	69	157	178
Minnesota	28	27	10	66	143	178
Edmonton	25	33	6	56	170	192

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	33	22	9	75	168	160
San Jose	33	23	7	73	178	160
Dallas	34	26	5	73	171	176
Los Angeles	29	23	12	70	138	137
Anaheim	28	27	10	66	164	182

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Montreal 5, Minnesota 4, SO
 Boston 4, New Jersey 3, OT
 Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
 N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 2
 Winnipeg 7, Florida 0

Columbus 2, Colorado 0
 Calgary 4, Phoenix 2
 Vancouver 2, St. Louis 0
 Buffalo 1, San Jose 0

Friday's Games

New Jersey 5, Washington 0
 Chicago 2, Ottawa 1
 Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT
 Detroit 6, Minnesota 0
 Dallas 3, Edmonton 1
 Anaheim 3, Calgary 2

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Boston, late
 Toronto at Montreal, late
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, late
 Nashville at Florida, late
 Columbus at Phoenix, late
 Pittsburgh at Colorado, late
 Buffalo at Vancouver, late
 Anaheim at Los Angeles, late
 St. Louis at San Jose, late

Sunday's Games

Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 4 p.m.
 Ottawa at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Calgary, 6 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Colorado at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Games	G	A	PTS
Malkin, PIT	56	37	42	79
Stamkos, TB	64	45	33	78
Giroux, PHI	59	23	52	75
Spezza, TOR	66	28	44	72

Lady Panther claws need some sharpening



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Though Morgan Huhn made solid contact on this swing, the Lady Panthers recent offensive woes continued in Thursday's sweep by the visiting Raiders of Seminole State. After a strong stretch, trips to Palm Beach and Broward saw the SFCC scoring drop off, losing three out of four. The dry spell continued against Seminole in 9-0 and 11-4 losses. South Florida traveled to Ocala Saturday to face the College of Central Florida before returning home for a Monday contest with Hesston College of Kansas.

Senior season winding down

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Sebring.

The Silent Salesman tangled with the Highlands Merchants, hoping to avenge a 33-20 trouncing the last time they met.

Before the game started, Gary Vanthournout, the interim manager, told the team, "Let's win one for Al."

Al Taratuta, the team manager, is currently in the hospital.

The Salesman took it to heart and played its best game of the year.

With a 6-5 lead in the third inning, they held the Merchants scoreless over the last six innings for a 15-5 win.

The Salesman's defense would certainly make ESPN highlights if such were possible.

Dazzling plays by Salesman's fielders were too numerous to mention one by one.

Leading the base-hit barrage were Kyle Saunders and Bob Roth with four hits each.

Gary Vanthournout and Richard Godfrey rapped out three singles each.

The Merchants having three hits each were Bob Fahnestock, Ross Anderson and Jack Definney.

Harry Bell and Dick Ostreck each were credited

with two hits.

Millers Heating and Air Conditioning had a 15-10 win over Royal Palms Bowling Center.

Doug Hammond was high hitter with a triple and a double.

John Schmidt went 4-for-4 and Victor Rodriguez had three hits.

Bobby Fulcher, Jim Longman and Ron Lewis each had two hits.

Palms Bob MacCarrick had a double in his 4-for-4 times up.

Don Cunningham and Moe Pier went 3-for-4, while Cal Bready and Dick Schiltz had two hits each.

Allstate Insurance topped Buttonwood Bay with a 21-10 win.

At the top of the fifth inning, Allstate had a great triple play around the horn.

Bill Todd had a triple in his 5-for-5 times up.

Gene Phillips also had five hits, and having four hits each were Rudy Pribble, Dennis Birkholz, John Penna and Russ Moody.

Buttonwood Bay's John Deggen had a double in his four hits.

Fred Boyd was 3-for-4 with a double and Tom "Moose" Morrisette and Rich Vancuren each had three hits.

with 20 points and six rebounds to lead the Jazz (17-18) to their second straight win.

Five other players scored in double figures for Utah, led by C.J. Miles with 14 points off the bench.

"We are a very confident team," Wade said. "We never feel like we are out of the game. You just have to keep chipping away. We have guys that can make plays on both ends of the floor, so we are always very confident that we can get back into the game, especially on the road, to give ourselves the opportunity to win."

Miami had won all nine games in its streak by more than 10 points.

NFL: Saints violated 'Bounty Rule'

By BARRY WILNER

Associated Press

NEW YORK —

Encouraging defensive players to be aggressive, hit hard and not back down is standard procedure in pro football.

Paying them to injure the opposition is not.

New Orleans Saints players and at least one assistant coach, defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, maintained a bounty pool of up to \$50,000 the last three seasons, the NFL said Friday.

Payoffs came for inflicting game-ending injuries.

Among the targets were Brett Favre and Kurt Warner, with "knockouts" worth \$1,500 and "cart-offs" \$1,000.

Payments doubled or tripled for the playoffs, and, according to an investigation by NFL security, pool amounts reached their height in 2009 — the year the Saints won the Super Bowl.

"It was a terrible mistake, and we knew it was wrong while we were doing it," Williams said after the league said between 22 and 27 defensive players were involved in the program he administered, with the knowledge of coach Sean Payton.

"Instead of getting caught up in it, I should have stopped it. I take full responsibility for my role," added Williams, now the defensive coordinator in St. Louis. "I am truly sorry. I have learned a hard lesson and I guarantee that I will never participate in or allow this kind of activity to happen again."

Williams, the Saints organization and the players involved face hefty fines and possible suspensions.

The team could lose draft picks when NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hands out punishment.

"It is our responsibility to protect player safety and the integrity of our game, and this type of conduct will not be tolerated," Goodell said. "We have made significant progress in changing the culture with respect to player safety and we are not going to relent. We have more work to do and we will do it."

The NFL said its findings were corroborated by multiple, independent sources.

Asked about potential criminal charges, NFL

spokesman Greg Aiello said:

"We believe that any violation of league rules should and will be handled by the commissioner."

All payouts for specific performances in a game, including interceptions or causing fumbles, are against NFL rules.

The NFL also warns teams against such practices before each season.

Saints players contributed cash to the pool, at times large amounts, and in some cases the money pledged was directed against a specific person, the NFL said.

"The payments here are particularly troubling because they involved not just payments for 'performance,' but also for injuring opposing players," Goodell said in a statement. "The bounty rule promotes two key elements of NFL football: player safety and competitive integrity."

"Cart-offs" are defined by the NFL as a player being carried off the field; "knockouts" as when a player cannot return to the game.

The league absolved Saints owner Tom Benson of any blame, but said the investigation showed Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis knew about the "pay for performance" program.

"Although head coach Sean Payton was not a direct participant in the funding or administration of the program, he was aware of the allegations, did not make any detailed inquiry or otherwise seek to learn the facts, and failed to stop the bounty program. He never instructed his assistant coaches or players that a bounty program was improper and could not continue," the NFL said.

When informed about it earlier this year, the NFL said Benson directed Loomis to "ensure that any bounty program be discontinued immediately."

However, the NFL's report said evidence showed Loomis didn't carry out Benson's directions and that in 2010 Loomis denied any knowledge of a bounty program.

"There is no evidence that Mr. Loomis took any effective action to stop these practices," the NFL said.

The NFL found no evidence of similar bounty programs within the league, but several Redskins told The

Washington Post that Williams had a similar system as defensive coordinator for the team.

Former defensive end Philip Daniels, now Washington's director of player development, said he believed Williams paid off big hits with fines collected from players for being late to meetings or practices.

"Rather than pocket that money or whatever, he would redistribute it to players who had good games or good practices," said Daniels, who added the most he received was \$1,500 for a four-sack game against Dallas in 2005.

"I think it is wrong the way they're trying to paint (Williams)," Daniels told the Post. "He never told us to go out there and break a guy's neck or break a guy's leg. It was all in the context of good, hard football."

Benson responded to the NFL's report saying: "I have been made aware of the NFL's findings relative to the 'Bounty Rule' and how it relates to our club. I have offered, and the NFL has received, our full cooperation in their investigation. While the findings may be troubling, we look forward to putting this behind us and winning more championships in the future for our fans."

The NFL's most infamous bounty case occurred in 1989 when Eagles coach Buddy Ryan was accused of putting a bounty on Cowboys players.

On Thanksgiving Day, Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson accused Ryan of putting a bounty on Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman and placekicker Luis Zendejas before a 27-0 Philadelphia victory.

Ryan and his players denied the charges and NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue found no evidence of wrongdoing.

The NFL began its Saints investigation in early 2010 after allegations surfaced that quarterbacks Warner of Arizona and Favre of Minnesota had been targeted.

After interviewing several Saints who denied the bounty program existed and after the player who originally made the allegations recanted, the league couldn't prove anything.

However, Goodell said the NFL "recently received significant and credible new

information and the investigation was re-opened during the latter part of the 2011 season."

Warner, who retired after the 2009 season, responded to a fan's comment on Twitter that even if the Saints had a bounty program a play-off hit on Warner was clean.

Warner tweeted, "I would have to agree with you!!!"

"I don't want to say that there was an attempt to injure, but I definitely think there were games where I could tell you that it seemed that they went beyond what was normal in regard to when they were going to hit me or how they were going to hit me," Warner said on the NFL Network. "Again, not with the intention necessarily of hurting me, but knocking me out of my game to get me to think about things differently. If by chance they hit me and knocked me out of the game, maybe that's a benefit for them."

Favre's agent, Bus Cook, said he was unaware of the investigation until Friday.

He said the Saints should have been penalized for several hard, late hits during the 2009 NFC championship game and that he believed the contact was not coincidental.

"It was pretty obvious that the intent was to take Brett out of the game, and it happened the week before with Kurt Warner, too," Cook said. "I don't know anything about whether it was by design or whatever, but I think a lot of people shared that same viewpoint that there were some hits that didn't get called."

Cook, however, said Favre never suggested to him he was maliciously targeted.

"That's part of football, getting hit," Cook said. "Brett never complained to me one way or another."

After the news broke Friday, tackle Joe Staley of the San Francisco 49er tweeted: "Just seeing all the reports about the Saints D. I knew there was something fishy about getting punched in the face during our playoff game"

The 49ers beat the Saints 36-32 in the NFC divisional playoffs.

AP Sports Writers Janie McCauley in San Francisco and Dave Campbell in Minneapolis contributed to this story

Roddick loses to Anderson at Delray Beach

Associated Press

DELRAY BEACH — Andy Roddick had three chances to close out Kevin Anderson on Friday night, and failed each time. The third set was even worse.

Roddick lost 2-6, 7-6 (9), 6-4 to the seventh-seeded South African in the quarter-finals of the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships.

"There's not often I can look back at my career and say a serve lost me the match," Roddick said. "But, today, that was the case."

"I've made a career of getting my first serves in."

One of Roddick's three

match points was on his own serve, but he couldn't get his first opportunity in. He eventually netted a backhand slice.

Anderson, who never before survived three match points in a match, next plays top-seeded John Isner, who advanced with a solid 6-3, 6-2 victory over No. 8 seed Bernard Tomic of Australia.

"I just settled down a bit better and was getting better looks at his serve," Anderson said.

Roddick saved three set points in the second, but pushed a forehand long on the final point of the tiebreaker.

Anderson squandered a 2-0 lead in the deciding set, but he moved ahead for good when he broke Roddick for the final time in the fifth game.

Despite the loss, Roddick feels his game is getting into better shape after dealing

with a right hamstring and right ankle injury this season.

"I played OK this week," Roddick said. "I returned a little bit better. I flowed a little bit better than a week ago. It's just a matter of getting my percentage better on my serve."

Jazz snap Heat's 9-game win streak

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Devin Harris converted a three-point play with 4.5 seconds and the Utah Jazz snapped the Miami Heat's nine-game winning streak with a 99-98 victory on Friday night.

LeBron James had 35 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and three blocked shots for Miami, but passed on the final possession to Udonis Haslem, who missed a long jumper at the buzzer.

Dwyane Wade chipped in 31 points and six rebounds.

Shane Battier also added 18 points for the Heat (28-8), who were playing without All-Star Chris Bosh.

Al Jefferson came up

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Sebring atones for loss

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warm. Coomes reminded his team that, no matter the circumstances, even if it involves playing one game in two weeks, you still have to go out and play.

"We played good defense and we ran the bases okay, we're just not swinging the bats as well as I'd like."

"Redemption Week", as Abeln called it, has been fresh on the mind of the Streaks.

"We didn't beat Lake Wales and we lost to Lake Placid, but we came out tonight and turned on the switch."

"We wanted to get back on track, and I think they came out a bit more focused tonight than they have been the last few games," said Sebring coach Buck Rapp. "We swung the bats a lot better tonight, we got a good starting pitching performance from Jordan and the guys just stepped up and did their job."

Baker wouldn't take the credit for himself, though.

"The offense really helped us out," he said. "It was a great team effort tonight - a great team win."



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN
Lake Placid catcher Brandon Wells reaches back to catch this foul pop in Friday's contest against the Blue Streaks at Firemen's Field.

The Streaks have the early part of the week off before welcoming Brooks-DeBartolo in for a game Thursday.

Lake Placid has another cross-county battle Tuesday, hosting Avon Park, before heading to Hardee for a Thursday matchup.

Ladies in blue let down in loss

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advantage. Consecutive singles followed, to score a run, and after a sacrifice bunt, three more hits brought home three more runs.

A controversial balk was called to bring home another, and two more came home on a single and wild pitch to make it a seven-run frame and a 9-3 Lake Wales lead.

The Lady Streaks tried to battle back, with a one-out Emily Gilbert single and two

out DaSilva walk, but were unable to bring any more runs platemard.

Two Highlander runs came across in the fifth, with freshman Hannah Lollis on in relief, though further damage was avoided when the Hoffner cousin combo came up with a pick-off, with catcher Alison throwing to cousin Carly at first to nab a napping Thompson.

Facing the now 11-3 deficit, the wind seemed somewhat out of the Blue

Streak sails, as three straight ground outs made for a quick bottom of the fifth and four more runs came across in the top of the sixth to soon end this one early on the mercy rule.

"It's just a lot of the little things we need to keep working on," Sinness said. "The girls just need to relax, play the way they know how and have fun. We'll keep at it."

The team will have most of the week to recuperate before heading to DeSoto Friday.

Fisher focuses future at Webber

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ing your every move.

Savana's case, however, was slightly different.

Her new coach, Nancy Nichols, explained that she had seen Savana at a tournament and took an immediate interest in her.

However, she was going to have to wait a few years, seeing as how Fisher was in her seventh grade year playing for Heartland Christian.

Avon Park golf coach Susie Gentry, whose son Greg plays for the mens team at Webber, put the two back in touch with each other for Fisher's senior year.

Nichols had Savana come doing to play with a current team member and, as she would put it, "That's all it was."

"I try very hard to recruit top players. Savana wanted to be close to home and still play college golf and we were the best option for her, so we're excited."

Nichols is hoping to build the women's team as strong as the men's at Webber and feels Fisher will be a good core for them to build on.

"She's got a good long game, she's working on her chipping and she's an excellent putter."

Coach Nichols admired Fisher's credibility both on and off the course, noting her involvement with the family business and local church.

"I think I'm getting a very mature, responsible young lady even though she is only sixteen years old; I'm very excited."

Savana is well-liked and respected, I'm sure she will be a good voice piece for us."

As driven as she is, Fisher has already been avidly preparing for this collegiate level of play.

"I've been working on my swing overall, just trying to get it fine-tuned."

My putting saves me a lot of strokes, but when I've got a wedge in my hands some-

times I choke but I'm working on it."

Among those supporting Fisher on her big day was her mother Julie Burg, father and step-mother Wes and Brandy Fisher, as well as grandparents and high school coach Lisa Lovett who all agreed that she should have no trouble making the transition and foresee a bright future ahead.

Fisher knows that, without the support of her family and friends, she would not be where she is today.

Fisher also credits her nine-year involvement with the Sertoma Junior tour for bringing her to this accomplishment and keeping her focused throughout the summer.

Even after her college education, Fisher hopes to stick with golf throughout her life.

She plans to study business, possibly in the field of marketing and advertising, and utilize her studies somewhere in the golf world.



Courtesy photos

The Lady Blue Streaks, from left, Morgan Heston, Micaela DeVane, Nisha Patel, Kaley Walter, Kelly Boern and Joy Donglasan, celebrated their Heartland Conference tournament win and continued the positive mood with a 7-0 win over Haines City Thursday.

Lady Streaks sting Hornets

By DAN HOEHNE
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The winning ways are back on track for the Lady Blue Streak tennis squad.

After stumbling to their first season loss against George Jenins on Tuesday, Feb. 21, Sebring has bounced back in a big way.

A win over Kathleen got the run started, which was followed by a sweep through the Heartland Conference Tournament last weekend.

Then came a win over Lake Wales this past Tuesday at home before the ladies headed to Haines City Thursday to face the Hornets.

Though it was the Streaks doing the stinging with a dominant, 7-0 win.

Only one game was lost in the entire match, that coming in Joy Donglasan's 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 3 singles over Jane Combs.

Otherwise, it was shutouts across the board,

with 6-0, 6-0 wins going to Kale Walter at No. 1 singles, Nisha Patel at No. 2, Kelly Broen at No. 4 and Morgan Heston at No. 5.

The doubles combos were no less dominant, as Walter and Donglasan teamed up at No. 1 to win 8-0, as did Broen and Micaela DeVane at No. 2.

Now 9-1 on the season, the girls travel to Okeechobee Monday and host Bartow Tuesday.

Mets scratch 3B Wright with left side soreness

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE — New York Mets third baseman David Wright was scratched from the lineup for the intrasquad game on Saturday because of soreness on his left side.

The Mets say he has stiffness near his ribcage and

will be replaced by Zach Lutz in the lineup.

Wright says he understands the decision to sit out, noting "if it was a real game, obviously I would be playing. But they wanted to try to take it slow, especially this early in the spring."

Wright felt stiffness on

Monday and was limited in workouts early in the week.

Mets manager Terry Collins says it's more important for Wright to be healthy for the Mets Grapefruit League opener against the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Scores up and down around the county

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around of a season with back-to-back drubbings of Avon Park and Gateway Charter.

Home for both contests, Lake Placid topped the Lady Devils by an 11-1 score on Tuesday and really opened up the floodgates Thursday, plating 22 runs while shutting out the Griffins.

The team fell Friday at Clewiston to a strong Lady Tiger team, however, 8-7 in a wild, back-and-forth affair.

The scoring started with a triple from Laine Weber-Callahan in the second, who proceeded to score when the throw to third got away.

Clewiston responded with

a five-run third, though just four were earned.

The Dragons came back to tie it with four in the fourth on a Raveen Gobourne RBI single and a Taylor Test two-run double.

The Tigers went back on top with a single run in the bottom of the frame but Lake Placid got an RBI triple from Test in the sixth and reclaimed a 7-6 lead.

But with two on and two out in the bottom of the sixth, a Clewiston hit brought home the difference makers - though the batter was thrown out trying to stretch the hit to a double for the final out, both runners had crossed the

plate before the out was made.

Now 5-3 on the season, the Lady Dragons have a big rematch Thursday at home against Frostproof, a team they toppled earlier this season for the first time in a long time.

In college baseball action, the Panthers of SFCC came back down to the .500 mark with an 8-4 loss at Pasco-Hernando.

South Florida will face the Conquistadors again Wednesday, after a double-header with Linconland of Illinois Saturday and a match-up with the University of Tampa's B team Monday.

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EMPLOYMENT
TRANSPORTATION
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\$31⁵⁰
6 lines - 14 pubs
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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-55

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE B. YOUNG Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of ANNIE B. YOUNG, deceased, File Number PC 12-55, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was December 7, 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$38,800.00 and the name and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Billy D. Hart, 1500 Randall Rd., Sebring, Florida 33870.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 26, 2012.

Person Giving Notice:
 Billy D. Hart
 1500 Randall Rd.
 Sebring, Florida 33872

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
 John K. McClure
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Florida Bar No. 286958
 MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
 211 South Ridgewood Drive
 Sebring, FL 33870
 Telephone: (863)402-1888
 Fax: (863) 402-0751

February 26; March 4, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-60

IN RE: ESTATE OF DORIS ANN WHITT a.k.a. DORIS BOYD WHITT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DORIS ANN WHITT a.k.a. DORIS BOYD WHITT, deceased, whose date of death was November 9, 2011, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-4832, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 4, 2012.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Jeanne Denise Knudtson
 f/k/a Jeanne Denise Whitt
 4319 Sebring Avenue
 Sebring, Florida 33875

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 /s/ David F. Lanier
 E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
 Florida Bar No. 045399
 DAVID F. LANIER
 P.O. Box 400
 Avon Park, Florida 33825-0400
 Telephone: (863)453-4457

March 4, 11, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001244

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE6, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SHAUN MERCURE A/K/A SHAUN R. MERCURE, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 27, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001244 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE6, is the Plaintiff and SHAUN MERCURE A/K/A SHAUN R. MERCURE; MICHELLE MERCURE A/K/A MICHELLE L. MERCURE A/K/A MICHELLE BROWNING; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 21st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 22, 24 AND 28, LAKE ANOKA BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. AND THAT PORTION AT VACATED FRED PLACE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PORTION OF FRED PLACE OF LAKE ANOKA BEACH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 24 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THEN RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST AND ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRED PLACE A DISTANCE OF 87.60 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST AND ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRED PLACE A DISTANCE OF 87.60 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 28; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 908 W. FRED PLACE, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 27, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
 P.O. Box 25018
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
 F08076640 EMC-COV--Team 3-F08076640
 **See Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

March 4, 11, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 282010CA000341A000XX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DOROTHY L. ALLEN A/K/A DOROTHY ALLEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY L. ALLEN A/K/A DOROTHY ALLEN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000341A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is the Plaintiff and DOROTHY L. ALLEN A/K/A DOROTHY ALLEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DOROTHY L. ALLEN A/K/A DOROTHY ALLEN and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LAKEWOOD TERRACE, SH1, LOT 12 AND WEST HALF OF LOT 13, BLOCK 99, BOOK 1356, PAGE 969, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 March 4, 11, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11000845GCS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Plaintiff
 vs.
 RIVERO, DANNY, ET AL Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: DANNY RIVERO, 3135 NW 1ST ST, MIAMI, FL 33125

DANNY RIVERO, 205 BALLARD ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 10, BLOCK 5, AVON PARK ESTATES, UNIT III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 43, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, in the NEWS SUN or on or before March 30, 2012; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 16th day of February, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk of said Court
 By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
 As Deputy Clerk
 February 26; March 4, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000094

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 3 TEAM HOLDINGS, LLC; RICARDO GOMEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #1 AS TO 805; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #2 AS TO 805; UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION #1 AS TO 807; IF LIVING, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 1, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000094 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. f/k/a COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff and 3 TEAM HOLDINGS, LLC are defendants(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., March 21, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 12 AND 13, BLOCK 46, PLACID LAKES SECTION FIVE, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, ON PAGE 65, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT A PORTION OF LOT 12, BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE EASTERLY MOST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 00'44" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 12, A DISTANCE OF 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT AND CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHWEST; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS: A RADIUS OF 975.00 FEET; CENTRAL ANGLE OF 3 DEGREES 12'24" AND A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 52 DEGREES 35'28" WEST, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 54.57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 08'00" EAST, 125.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NORTHWEST, SAID POINT BEING ON A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT AND CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHWEST; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND SAID CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS: A RADIUS OF 1100.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 3 DEGREES 10'10" AND A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 52 DEGREES 34'21" EAST, FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 60.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

ROBERT W. GERMAINE

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 6.912 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to adopt Rule 6.912, Terminal Pay, at a regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed new rule shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed rule. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed rule is to update in accordance with annual review and implement statutory changes and other corrective measures as deemed necessary. A summary of the proposed rule or amendment is as follows: The School Board shall provide terminal pay at "normal retirement" or "disability retirement" to a member of the instructional, professional administrative, or non-instructional staff or his/her beneficiary, if service is terminated by death as defined in this policy. "Normal retirement" and "disability retirement" as used in this subsection shall mean retirement under the Florida Retirement System (FRS) or any other plan established by the legislature. Normal retirement is defined as 62 years of age or 30 years of service. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41, 1012.22 and 1012.23, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn: Connie Scobey), George Douglas Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,

BY: Wally Cox,
 Superintendent & ex officio secretary

March 4, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 282009CA001869A000XX

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 AVERY T. MILLS; STEPHANIE S. MILLS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001869A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC. is the Plaintiff and AVERY T. MILLS and STEPHANIE S. MILLS, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 22, OF THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF RIVER RIDGE RANCHES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1993 CARRIE-CRAFT MOBILE HOME, HAVING VIN'S F1FLP70A21422CG AND F1FLP70B21422CG, AND TITLE #S65709286 AND 65709287

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

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 March 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001279

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS A/K/A MICHAEL ALLEN WILLIAM; CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SUNTRUST BANK; CHRISTINA L. LEE A/K/A CHRISTINA LOIS LEE; STEVEN M. GUELFF D.M.D. P.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001279, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS A/K/A MICHAEL ALLEN WILLIAM; CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SUNTRUST BANK; CHRISTINA L. LEE A/K/A CHRISTINA LOIS LEE; STEVEN M. GUELFF D.M.D. P.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK F, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 March 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001279

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS A/K/A MICHAEL ALLEN WILLIAM; CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SUNTRUST BANK; CHRISTINA L. LEE A/K/A CHRISTINA LOIS LEE; STEVEN M. GUELFF D.M.D. P.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001279, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS A/K/A MICHAEL ALLEN WILLIAM; CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SUNTRUST BANK; CHRISTINA L. LEE A/K/A CHRISTINA LOIS LEE; STEVEN M. GUELFF D.M.D. P.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK F, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 March 4, 11, 2012

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS GENERAL STATEMENT

The Industrial Development Authority of Highlands County, Inc. (IDA) regularly purchases goods and services throughout the year in order to carry out its mission in the community. In practicing good stewardship of funds provided to the organization, it is the policy of the IDA that significant purchase of goods and/or services, which may be competitive in nature, shall be accomplished through a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be sure that the organization is receiving the best possible product or service at the lowest possible price. That does not imply that decisions made to purchase goods and services for the IDA will be made solely upon the best price, but that price is a significant factor all other things being equal.

The IDA reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. If those providing a proposal that conforms to the specifications of the RFP also have an alternate proposal they would like to submit at the same time, the alternate proposal will be accepted for review and consideration. Alternate proposals only will not be accepted or reviewed. The IDA is managed under ss. 159.44-159.53 and is wholly funded by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. The IDA is exempt from payment or collection of state sales tax in the state of Florida.

If your firm is qualified, willing and able to provide the scope of services outlined hereafter, please have your proposal delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS PROPOSAL BY: MARCH 26, 2012

Kristina Anderson
 Executive Director
 Highlands County
 Industrial Development Authority
 One East Main ST
 Avon Park, FL 33825

SPECIFICATIONS

To conduct a 2012 Economic Impact Analysis related to the activity at the Avon Park Air Force Range and tenants including State of Florida Juvenile Academy, Florida National Guard and Avon Park Correctional Institution, in conjunction with a Defense Reinvestment Grant Award by Enterprise Florida, INC (EFI) and the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO).

Scope of Services:
 Provide artwork and graphic design in regards to a new logo for the Highlands County Industrial Development Authority and Economic Development Authority.

Include in Proposal:
 Written proposals should reflect the approximate rate for analytical services and Economic Impact report compilation for Avon Park Air Force Range and tenants and the direct impacts of special operations, environmental flight and compliance and revenue generating programs, as well as, indirect impacts calculated for special operations, deployments and range tenants to show the Range's benefit to the local community. Analysis should include current benefits of job creation and retention, skills development for Highlands County and a projection of future benefit potential should the on-site landing strip receive certification in the future.

If any significant fees or one-time expenses are expected in connection with the initial set up of this new business relationship, they should be identified in the proposal separate from any other rate quote.

Any questions about this Request for Proposal should be directed to: Kristina Anderson, Executive Director, Highlands County Industrial Development Authority, One East Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone 888-388-4233.

March 4, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001279

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS A/K/A MICHAEL ALLEN WILLIAM; CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SUNTRUST BANK; CHRISTINA L. LEE A/K/A CHRISTINA LOIS LEE; STEVEN M. GUELFF D.M.D. P.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 22nd day of February, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001279, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL A. WILLIAMS A/K/A MICHAEL ALLEN WILLIAM; CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLAND COUNTY, FLORIDA; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC. F/K/A SPRING LAKE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; SUNTRUST BANK; CHRISTINA L. LEE A/K/A CHRISTINA LOIS LEE; STEVEN M. GUELFF D.M.D. P.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of March, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK F, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd. Suite 100 Tampa, FL 33614 (813)880-8888 (813)880-8800

March 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 2011CA000320A000XX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT3, Plaintiff vs. TIMOTHY MICHAEL CANNON, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated February 9, 2012, entered in Civil Case Number 2011CA000320A000XX in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT 3, is the Plaintiff, and TIMOTHY MICHAEL CANNON, SR., et al, are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

LOT 5, BLOCK M, LAKE JACKSON HEIGHTS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 52 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room, in Basement of Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33871 at 11:00 A.M. on 20th day of March, 2012. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: February 10, 2012. Highlands County Clerk of Court CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ Toni Kopp March 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 11-716-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. COREY STEIN and MICHELE STEIN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on February 29, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on March 21, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lot 15, HAWK'S LANDING SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 58, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Address: 3007 Hawks Landing Circle, Sebring, Florida 33875-5335

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

BOB GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk March 4, 11, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No.: 11-CA-000607-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. CHARLTON L. WILSON, individually, and LEAH WILSON, individually, Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on February 29, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on March 21, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lot 10, in Block 10, of SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION A, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 81, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 1724 Amber Lane, Lake Placid, FL 33825-5885. The Real Property tax identification number is C-29-36-30-010-0100-0100.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. BOB GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court Highlands County, Florida /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk March 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 11-586GCS SECTION NO. CIVIL

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION f/k/a MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. SHIKHA MASIH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIKHA MASIH; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment entered on February 20, 2012 in this case in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the real property described as: Lot 3, Block "F", SPRING LAKE - VILLAGE VI, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 10, Page 21, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property Address: 2925 Duane Palmer Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876

will be sold at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, on 14th day of March, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Highlands County Courthouse, 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.

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

BOB GERMAINE Clerk of Court Highlands County, Florida /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk DATE: February 202, 2012 February 26; March 4, 2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Notice of Public Sale or Auction of the contents of the following storage units located at CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW, 2609 BAYVIEW STREET, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 on 03/22/12 at 9:00 AM. Contents are said to contain Household Goods/Business Items unless otherwise specified. K767 August, Brenda - HOUSEHOLD GOODS F419 Gonzales, Phillip Alan - HOUSEHOLD GOODS L1010 Walker, Teresa - HOUSEHOLD GOODS Sale being made to satisfy landlord's lien. Cash or Credit/Debit Card accepted. Contents to be removed by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the sale. CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW 2609 BAYVIEW STREET SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 (863) 386-0880

March 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000890 PHH Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, vs. CAROL MAULDIN a/k/a CAROL MAULDING, INDIVIDUALLY AD AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF MELL V. DEAN, DECEASED. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 20, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000890 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff and CAROL MAULDIN a/k/a CAROL MAULDING, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENTANT OF MELL V. DEAN, DECEASED are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., March 14, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 29, LAKE CHARLOTTE SHORES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 24, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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

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

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADPOT ANNEXATION ORDINANCE

Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1331 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading at the City Council chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on the 6th day of March, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. The complete legal description by metes and bounds and a copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY FLORIDA INTO THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. PC 12-37

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRANK J. FUSICK,
aka FRANK J. FUSICK, JR.,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of FRANK J. FUSICK, aka FRANK J. FUSICK, JR., deceased, File Number PC 12-37, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 26, 2012.

Personal Representative:
THOMAS D. MARKOWSKI
115 112th Avenue NE #517
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Attorney for Personal Representative:
DOREEN DOE, P.A.
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SEBRING FRI. - SAT. 8 - 4pm. Grace Bible Church, Thunderbird Rd. Huge Sale! Baby items & more! Come Help Families with Cancer Medical Expenses.

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7340 Wanted to Buy

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7380 Machinery & Tools

CUB CADET 42", Hydrostatic Drive. 271 hrs. \$850. Call 863-441-1218

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7520 Pets & Supplies

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Count the correct number of Shamrocks and you will be entered in a random drawing to WIN a \$100 Gas Card!

Start counting Shamrocks in our Classified Section on February 26th thru March 16th. Either go online at www.newssun.com or fill out the form below with your guess. All forms must be submitted or postmarked by March 23, 2012. Drop off or mail your entries to: News-Sun, 2227 US 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. You can submit up to 10 entries. No purchase necessary to win.

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