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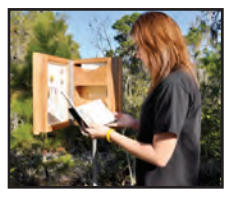

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Is the special meeting called by Avon Park mayor necessary?

Yes 21.3%

No 78.7%

Total votes: **61**

Next question:
Do you think Avon Park City Manager Bruce Behrens is doing a good job?

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'We need to let the man do his job'

News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Avon Park's City Manager Bruce Behrens listens to Mayor Sharon Schuler read a statement on Monday. Behrens spent the meeting defending decisions he made concerning job descriptions. Behrens asserted that everything he did was within his own job description and the city charter.

Avon Park mayor questions city manager's actions at special meeting, but some wonder why

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK – "Let the man do his job" was a sentiment expressed by several people at the special meeting in Avon Park on Monday night.

The meeting was called, according to Mayor Sharon Schuler, to discuss recent job description changes at city hall, but Schuler started off with a prepared statement about "transparency" over recent decisions made by City Manager Bruce Behrens.

"I, for one, cannot get the city manager to communicate with me. He does not call me on any issue, and I think that when we change job descriptions and something that is out in the public and other employees can see that a raise is given, it is not something that this council does not need to know. We need to know before the citizens come to us. We need to know before the employees come to us," Schuler said.

More than 60 people, mostly city employees, packed the audience to hear Schuler ask pointed questions to Behrens also and make statements about the city manager.

"A lot of it is transparency. It seems that a lot of it, and lot of the job changes, is done behind closed doors," Schuler said.

Schuler asked Behrens to describe what he thought his job

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE
Avon Park's Mayor Sharon Schuler called a special meeting on Monday to discuss City Manager Bruce Behrens. Schuler expressed her concerns over recent decisions made by Behrens and said she hasn't been happy with the level of communication she's had with the city manager.

Discovery heading for final landing

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — Just a day away from landing, Discovery's astronauts received the first-ever live wake-up music in the history of the shuttle program Tuesday, a tune written in honor of the world's most traveled spaceship.

Discovery is on the verge of ending its nearly 27-year flying career. It's scheduled to return to Earth at 11:57 a.m. today for the last time.

The approach will take it across the northern half of the peninsula, meaning a loud sonic boom likely won't be heard in Highlands County as the shuttle passes overhead on a west-to-east track.

NASA will spend several months decommissioning Discovery, then send it to the Smithsonian Institution to live out its days.

Before Tuesday morning, a shuttle crew had never awakened to a live music performance before from Mission Control.

The lead guitarist of Big Head Todd and the Monsters performed a solo version of "Blue Sky." The group wrote the song at the request of the 2005 crew of Discovery, which returned NASA to orbit following the Columbia tragedy. It ended up the top vote-getter in NASA's pick-the-wake-up-music contest to mark the end of the shuttle program, just a few months away with only two mission remaining.

Shuttle commander Steven Lindsey thanked Mission Control for the special recording. He didn't realize the acoustic performance was live until Todd Park Mohr radioed greetings.

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12 Hours of Sebring

Race Week will feature more than just cars

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Lisa Celentano talks about the 12 Obstacles of Sebring CrossFit Challenge, a new event to take place March 18 at the Sebring International Raceway.

New events and activities set for Raceway

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — The Sebring International Raceway is beginning to awaken with the sights and sounds of the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh From Florida. Motorists have been falling into their "spots" in the Raceway field set aside for early arrivals for weeks.

Several RVs were parked in the staging area mid-morning on Tuesday, but there were no fans out and about.

The Raceway staff members, however were the exact opposite. Bustling in and out of offices, the staff is beginning to feel the pull of Race Week as it quickly approaches.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
All CrossFit Challenge participants will receive an official 12 Obstacles of Sebring t-shirt.

President and General Manager Tres Stephenson is excited about this year's Race Week. "Last year, we totaled 107,000 people during Race Week," said Stephenson, who is confident that the numbers will be well above last year's.

"We are already 10 percent up from last year," started Stephenson. "Last year we had 33 cars (entered in the Race). This year we have 60."

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Service agencies told to trim fat

County out to fill $11 million budget deficit

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — County Commissioners started their first round of budget presentations on Tuesday, and everyone was asked to make cuts in order to fix an $11 million deficit.

"We are facing a hole. We plugged the budget with $11 million, so we are looking for $11 million," said Board Chairwoman Barbara Stewart at the beginning of the presentations. "Government has no money."

The Boys and Girls Club of Highlands County, Ridge Area Arc, the Champion for Children Advocacy Center, Parks and Natural Resources, Animal Control and the Highlands County Library System were all asked to make cuts to this year's budget during the meeting.

Commissioners complimented each presenter and expressed that their services were much needed in the county, but the message about trimming services remained consistent throughout the discussion.

"You have to cut," said Commissioner Jack Richie during the presentation by the Ridge Area Arc.

Stewart called for an early start in the budget season because of her concerns that the trend this year is a continuation of a downturn in the economy that started in 2007.

Stewart is the only commissioner of the four that was seated during the last budget season, and stated at an earli-

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Police Blotter

The News-Sun would like to remind the readers that the names listed below reflect those who have been charged with a crime, but they are all innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. If anyone listed here is acquitted or has charges dropped, they can bring in proof of such decision or mail a copy to the paper and the News-Sun will be happy to report that information. The News-Sun is at 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Monday, March 7:

♦ Robert Michael Albaugh, 46, of Lake Placid, was charged with contempt of court for failure to pay child support.

♦ Lee Marvin Anderson, 25, of Sebring, was charged with domestic violence or battery, second or subsequent offense.

♦ Emanuel Morrice Brown, 27, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams; and possession of drug equipment and/or use.

♦ Mateo Nicholas Castaneda, 20, had a status conference hearing for municipal ordinance violation.

♦ Joice Marie Channell, 56, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

♦ Ray Davila, 22, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

♦ Larry Gene Dotson, 29, of Deltona, was charged with grand theft; uttering forged instrument; and forgery.

♦ Mary Magdalene Garcia, 41, of Wauchula, was charged with petit theft; and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

♦ Rolando Garcia, 34, of Clewiston, was charged with driving while license suspended, first offense.

♦ Larry William Langman, 20, of Lake Placid, was charged with theft of a credit card; larceny or grand theft; burglary of an unoccupied conveyance, unarmed; fraudulent use of credit card to obtain goods.

♦ John Michael McConniel, 21, of Avon Park, was charged with damaging property, criminal mischief; and larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

♦ Henry Daniel McLendon, 45, of Sebring, was charged with possession of cocaine, two counts.

♦ Robert Ray Molina, 34, of Miami, was charged on a Broward County warrant for stalking.

♦ Reynaldo Anastasio Molinar, 28, of Lake Wales, was charged with trafficking in stolen property; and giving false information to pawn broker.

♦ Jason David Parsons, 19, of Sebring, was charged with larceny or grand theft, three counts; burglary of unoccupied conveyance, unarmed, five counts; larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense, three counts; burglary of structure or conveyance, unarmed; trespassing property, not structure or conveyance; and larceny or petit theft, first degree.

♦ Ramon Perez Quinones, 25, of Sebring, was charged on out-of-county warrant for fraudulent use of rental property.

♦ Derian Orret Thelwell, 32, of Sebring, was charged with attempted manslaughter with firearm.

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Courtesy photo

South Florida Community College student Mollie Ruble reads information on the plants that will be located inside the shrine boxes.

SFCC opens Wayside Shrine, walking trail

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The South Florida Community College Museum of Florida Art and Culture is partnering with Archbold Biological Station to present its first outdoor environmental art and science exhibition, "Nine Natives: Wildflower Wayside Shrine," located on College Drive opposite the SFCC Highlands Campus.

The exhibition features a walking trail through the scrub habitat with shrine boxes installed along the way. Each shrine box is dedicated to an endemic or endangered plant species found on the Lake Wales Ridge. The project was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The trail takes between 20 and 30 minutes to walk and is clearly marked by signs created by SFCC's Intermediate computer graphics students. Trail maps are located in a shrine box located outside of SFCC MOFAC. Each shrine box contains information on the plant it features as well as a book in which visitors can write their own observations. Visitors to the trail can also make rubbings from the shrine box covers. The trail will be open to the public daily.

Mollie Doctrow, SFCC MOFAC curator, decided to create the exhibit after hearing about the scrub habitat located on the SFCC Highlands Campus. "I had been working in scrub habitat for a couple of years and have since come to appreciate its different kind of beauty," she said. "My hope is that this project brings attention to conserving and preserving it."

SFCC student and Archbold Biological Station volunteer Chris Jennings is tracking and recording plants, animals and insects found along the trail using GPS coordinates.

Courtesy photo

Shrine boxes featuring a endemic plant will be located along the trail.

So far, seven endangered and/or threatened plants have been located along the trail.

An indoor group exhibition featuring artists Reed Bowman, David Price, John Moran, Mark Deyrup, Carlton Ward Jr. and Doctrow will also be held inside SFCC MOFAC honoring these plants. The exhibition and trail opens to the public with a reception from 12:40-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, in SFCC MOFAC.

Scientists from Archbold Biological Station will identify the flora and fauna endemic to the Lake Wales Ridge, and author Carol Mahler will read passages from Florida literature that highlight features of the scrub habitat.

"A place becomes sacred when people stop and take the time to notice what is around them," said Doctrow. "The exhibition is a chance for those in the community to learn about and appreciate what is living just outside their back doors."

For more information on the trail and exhibit, call Doctrow at 784-7240.

Community Briefs

Precautionary Boil Water Notice rescinded

LAKE PLACID — The March 3 "Precautionary Boil Water Notice" for the emergency water shutdown on Wednesday and Thursday, March 2-3, to all Placid Utility water system customers in Tomoka Heights on Grandview Boulevard and Crestview Terrace from the Rosewood Drive North/Crestview Terrace intersection to the Tomoka Boulevard North intersection including Crestview Court North is rescinded following the repair of the 10-inch water line and the satisfactory completion of the bacteriological survey showing that the water is safe to drink.

Call Placid Utilities at 402-6786 or 699-3716.

IDA/EDC board meets today

SEBRING – The board meeting for the Industrial Development Authority and the Economic Development Commission will meet at 7:30 a.m. today in the SFCC Board Room in Building F, 600 W. College Drive.

Elder Affairs' Program to present 'Medicare 101' workshop

SEBRING – Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders, an award-winning, volunteer- based program will be presenting a Medicare 101 workshop on Thursday at the Lake Placid Library, 205 W. Interlake Blvd. The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and will focus on what you need to know about Medicare when you turn 65 including the recent changes to Medicare benefits. In addition, it will address how to avoid becoming a victim of Medicare fraud.

SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, which offers one-on-one assistance and information at no cost to you. Locally, it is administered by the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, a non-profit focused on improving the lives of seniors. Specially-trained volunteers of the SHINE program can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid, prescription drug and health insurance questions by providing information, comparing policies and helping with claims and appeals.

Contact Robin Watt at the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging at (813) 740-3888 or the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

Ash Wednesday services planned

SEBRING — Ash Wednesday services are planned at St. John United Methodist Church at 12 and 7 p.m. today, and at Atonement Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. today. The service at Atonement Lutheran Church will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox with the imposition of ashes.

Founders Garden Club meets Thursday

AVON PARK — The March meeting of Avon Park's Founders Garden Club will be held Thursday at the lovely home of Martha and Winkie Williams on Lake Byrd. Martha, an Avon Park High School cheerleader in 1958, has been a life-long resident of Avon Park and has faithfully served as treasurer of the club for many years. Read Winkie Williams' life story in "A People's History of Avon Park, 2010."

Guest speaker will be Darlene Foster, who will present a program on deluxe trees and shrubs and native plants. The beauty of the new green leaves and flowers that have popped out on Avon Park's trees and shrubs serves to remind all why we like to garden.

Call Anita Helbig, club president, at 452-1927. Visitors are welcome. And don't forget to buy the blub's 2011 calendar in Albritton's Barbershop.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK

The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Megasounz today. For

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Courtesy photo

Pantalone (Brant Rakoski) threatens to beat Trufaldino (Caylinn Shurtleff) in the Washpin Players production of 'Bamboozled.' The play, done in the Commedia del Arte style, will be presented at the Smith Performing Arts Center at Sebring High School at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

SHS theater class putting on play

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Washpin Players, a group of thespians at Sebring Senior High School have been offering their production of Bamboozled to students free of charge this week. On Friday and Saturday night, members of the general public have an opportunity to see the production for a $3 admission fee.

This is absolutely G rated and good for everybody from grandparents to grandkids," said Kareide Arthur-McGovern, class teacher and play director.

Done in the Italian Comedia Del Arte style, Bamboozled is described as a high-energy performance, that sometimes sees characters leaving the stage and interacting with the audience during the action.

The box office will open at 6:30 p.m. with the curtain to rise at 7 p.m. McGovern estimated the run time for the performance at a bit over an hour.

"It probably will be the fastest hour of your life," she said.

The 10-member cast are students in McGovern's theater class and have been performing the play for elementary students during assemblies earlier this week.

Lottery Center

Florida Lotto

March 5	5	6	14	23	24	29	x:4
Next jackpot $2 million							
March 2	3	7	11	19	40	41	x:4
Feb. 26	5	7	18	24	49	53	

Fantasy 5 with ezmatch

March 7	2	6	13	21	28
March 6	12	14	22	23	29
March 5	11	15	19	22	31
March 4	2	23	25	28	30

Play 4

March 7 (n)	3	9	1	7
March 7 (d)	1	8	2	4
March 6 (n)	9	2	9	9

Mega Money

March 4	2	6	9	27	MB	7
March 1	3	17	23	29	MB	18
Feb. 25	6	8	34	40	MB	13
Feb. 22	2	11	35	36	MB	14

Cash 3

March 7 (n)	0	7	2
March 7 (d)	0	3	8
March 6 (n)	1	7	1
March 6 (d)	2	7	1

Florida Powerball

March 55	2	23	31	42	48	**PB:** 21	**PP:** 2
Next jackpot $40 million								
March 2	7	31	50	51	58	**PB:** 6	**PP:** 2
Feb. 26	4	13	17	21	45	**PB:** 10	**PP:** 5

Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day: (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing.
PB: Power Ball PP: Power Play

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Annual Classic Car Show Kicks Off Speedweek

Avon Park- For fourteen years, Wells Motor Company, Florida's oldest car dealership and the exclusive dealer for Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep and Ram in Highlands County, is kicking off Speedweek with their classic car show on Saturday, March 12th. Every year the show continues to grow, and because of NO entry fee, we have vehicles that have never been seen anywhere else in Central Florida. For six weeks the phones have been ringing with exhibitors calling about dates and times. If inquiries are any indication, this year's show will be bigger than ever before.

Marvin Panch

One thing that separates this car show from any other in the area is the added features that are offered. This year, Marvin Panch, the 1961 Daytona 500 winner will be signing autographs along with displaying his race winning, Smokey Yunick Pontiac. In a 12 year Cup career, Panch had 17 wins, driving for Ray Fox, Holman-Moody, the Wood Brothers, Petty Engineering, and Yunick. His last win came behind the wheel of a Petty Plymouth in the 1966 World 600 in Charlotte.

Along with this special guest, don't miss the Classic Theater in the showroom, featuring rare racing footage from the past. You will be able to see Panch's victory at Dayton a, along with footage from the Winter Nationals at the old Tampa Fairgrounds plus historic clips from the 1964 12 Hours of Sebring.

The Jacked-Up-Jeep-Club will have a special display area with their members showing some radical and some not so radical Jeeps. Four-by-four Jeep rides will be available free of charge through "the pit" for those who have never been off-roading before.

The show is free to both the public and exhibitors. If you have a classic, rod, antique or muscle car, 1979 or older, you are invited to display your vehicle. No registration is required, but it would be helpful if you called and notified Wells if you are coming and provide some information on the vehicle so that the Wells personnel will know how to plan. The Avon Park High School Band will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers as a fund-raiser.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, March 12th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wells Motor Company, located on Highway US 27 between Avon Park and Sebring, directly across the highway from the RaceTrac gas station. This is one of those fun, free, family events you don't want to miss.

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Today's Editorial

Keeping a shorter leash

Well, at least the county commission's decision to monitor County Attorney Ross Macbeth more closely is a step in the right direction.

The main issue with Macbeth has to do with his billing process, which has led to significant overcharges in the past.

Another problem is that county employees call Macbeth on their own to ask for legal guidance regarding official day-to-day business. This leads to additional, often untracked billing.

In 2010 Macbeth's services topped $355,000. We think this is too high a cost for a county our size.

At the March 1 commission meeting, Macbeth told the members that his services are actually a bargain — that the county is paying about the same for his legal services as other similar counties are paying their appointed attorneys.

He said, for example, Sumter County pays $2.28 per person for legal representation; Hardee County pays $3.07; and Highlands pays $2.68.

With litigation factored into the equation, Macbeth said Highlands spends $3.58 per person.

Commissioner Don Elwell said at the meeting he thought an attorney and two paralegals could be hired for approximately $240,000 a year.

We believe the county would be better off with a staff attorney.

There are reasons for this beyond saving money.

A county attorney works on behalf of the people, not the county commissioners — and certainly doesn't work at tax payer expense to benefit his or her law firm.

A county attorney has to have the community welfare as his or her first priority.

In our opinion, the appointed (not elected) Macbeth wields a great deal of power in the county — for example, he reviews the agenda for county commission meetings and makes suggestions — with very little supervision. Any lack of supervision is not a healthy situation no matter what county position is in question or who holds it.

Democracy really only functions well when there is a balance of powers and individual accountability.

We are not accusing Macbeth of impropriety. We are sure the situation is more a case of complaisance after years of service, which is one reason long-time public servants need direction and parameters to function successfully.

All of this is why we are glad the commission is setting new ground rules.

County employees will not be allowed to call Macbeth. Only Ricky Helms, the county administrator, and the board itself, will now be allowed to direct Macbeth.

The commissioners also called for a review of Macbeth's contract and another audit of his bills.

In other words, the commission made it clear to Macbeth that he may no longer act on his own, and must adhere to the will of the commission. He is an employee of the county, in other words, and not a free-standing entity who can make his own set of rules.

This, we think, is a very good thing.

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Today's Letters

Nothing in this world is free

Editor:

Cutting entitlement programs is a common topic these days. According to Webster's dictionary, entitlement is something one has a right to. Social Security, Medicare and pensions are entitlement programs. Why, because to be eligible for these, one pays into them for years.

In trying to eliminate the deficit, these should be the last to consider. Every freebie should be eliminated first. It irritates me to hear politicians lumping all these other things with these programs.

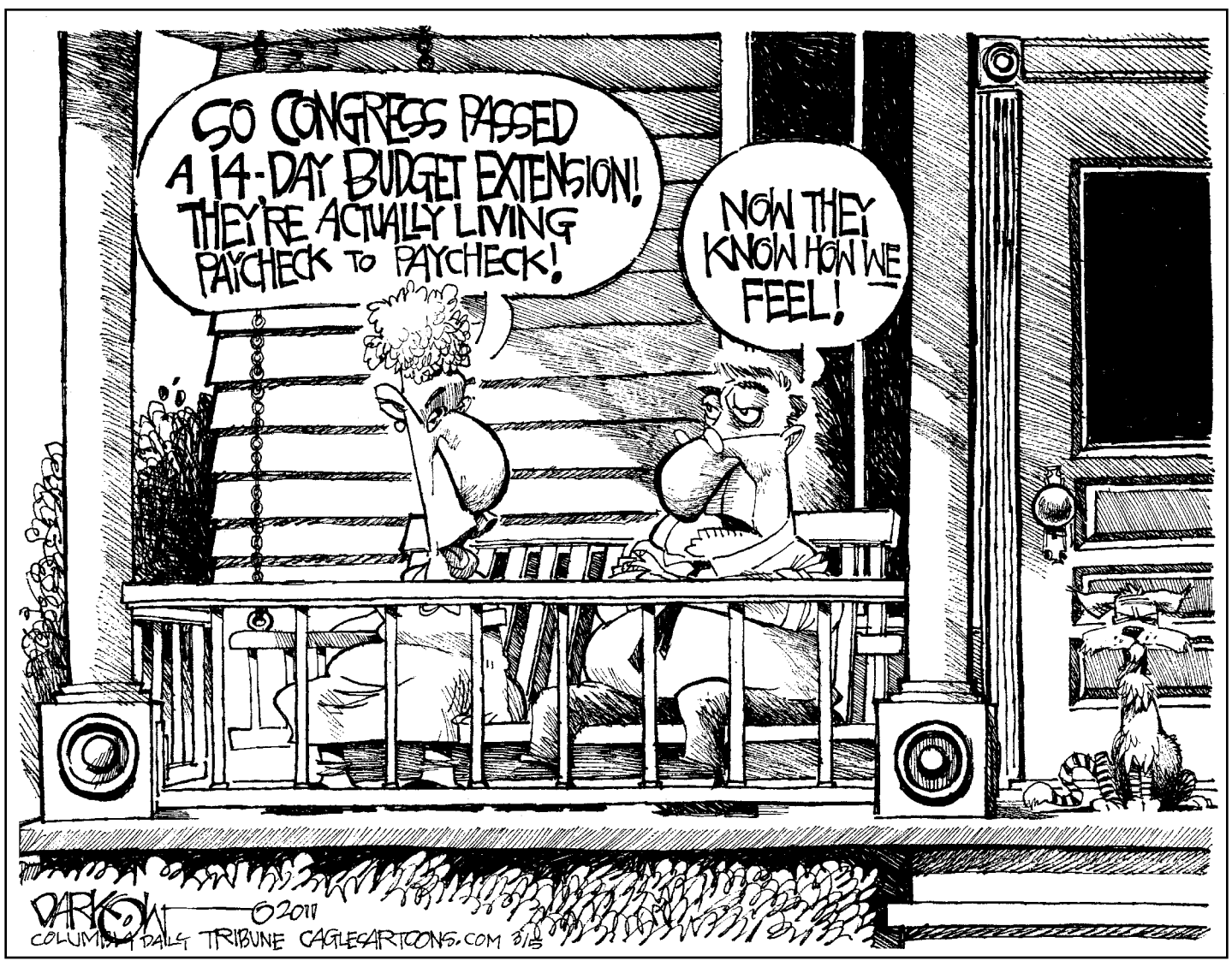
There are numerous people who have made welfare a way of life, never trying to be self-supporting and many filling income taxes claiming dependents they have contributed nothing to their support. We are encouraging our children at a young age to have babies out of wedlock – the more they have, the larger their government check; even bragging they have nothing to worry about. They get a check each month from the government, paying their expenses such as rent, childcare, diapers, etc., providing healthcare free of charge.

Nothing in this world is free. When we don't pay for what we're getting, we are living at the expense of someone else. If some of these things were stopped, a lot of these people would go to work and these young girls would quickly learn the importance of preparing to be able to provide for themselves, when they are no longer getting that check. These boys who are in school because it is illegal to miss who are just waiting to be able to drop out, sell drugs, rob or do some other crime were forced to work to defray some of the cost they are causing, they would learn to get their priorities in order.

People will never learn to be self-reliant as long as they get it given to them; that's just human nature, but to have a good life we forfeit that nature. God didn't intent for a few to provide for all, but He will provide if we live according to His Word, read it and heed it. It works. That's been my philosophy for many years. Things have not always been roses, but He always shows me the way.

I'm approaching 88; I've never been on welfare. I came up in Depression days; I didn't have everything I wanted, but He only promises our needs. May we all work together to make this great country what our Lord Jesus Christ intended it to be. In the spirit of Christian love.

Willie Clyde (Toole) Cloud
Sebring



High speed rail would be good for government

Editor:

What is to me most striking is that in all of the stories concerning high speed rail between Tampa and Orlando there was no mention of the importance of this project to the U.S. government. High speed rail is of standout importance in France, China and Japan where these trains routinely carry passenger traffic between cities, frequently more efficiently than air travel for intermediate distances. As an important and growing element of the transportation industry in those countries, they have demonstrated their useful contribution to infrastructure.

Yet, here rather than consider the importance to the nation as a whole, and the reason for a large dederal contribution to the project our governor only focused on short term costs and concerns that it might cost the state money. Never mind the support by referendum, and popular public voices, his excellency, the businessman's Governor, looks only to the so-called bottom line, as if even patriotic concerns must show a profit.

Our roads are in disrepair, bridges in need of work, rail service and air travel stressed to the limit, yet an opportunity of jobs in the process are to be brushed aside because the "prospectus" does not guarantee profitability.

Governor Scott, Florida is a peninsula, not an island. What's good for the country may in fact may also be good for Florida. After all we are all Americans as well as Floridians.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Governor, please stay the course

Editor:

Governor Scott, I am writing to you again in reference to not accepting the high speed rail. I met you when you were in Lake Placid on the campaign. I am a disabled Army veteran, and again I want to express my concern of taking the money like you are.

It is the cities that will have the rail system, so let the mayors come up with the money for the hundreds that would use the rail and not the millions who could not, would not.

You, Gov. Scott, is why I voted for you (a Democrat) instead of Alex Sink. I did not want a yes person to Obama's hold on the state of Florida. We the citizens are losing more and more daily; we do not need the burden of this $2.4 billion added to us. So please stay your course.

C.F. Neeley
Lake Placid

Bouquets

'Soup Up the Arts' event a huge success

Editor:

The Art Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors who donated to our "Soup Up the Arts" event at Sebring High School. Our community's generosity sincerely helped the club help others in need.

We would also like to thank the members who stuck this year out with Art Club. We are incessantly grateful for your dedication and diligent participation. Members like you are what make Art Club so wonderful to be in. This is our ninth year doing this event (Soup Up the Arts) and this year we have decided to donate $3,000 to the Alex Barajas family (with medical needs) and for scholarships for Sebring High School's graduating art seniors.

We have been appreciatively victorious this year; as we have made and glazed over 500 bowls. Knowingly, these bowls would have been put to shame if there were no soup, bread, dessert, or drink to accompany them. Thus, Art Club would like to thank all of our sponsors and donators. All of you are amazing and will always have the vast assist and admiration of Art Club. Soup Up the Arts would have faltered miserably without your help.

Therefore, officially, thank you Jean W. Moyer, Panera Bread, Alan Jay and Wildstein Family, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Zeno's, Sebring Firemen, Taylor Rental Center, Chicanes Restaurant, Beef O'Brady's, IHOP, SweetBay, Brewster's Coffee House, Blackman Properties LLC., Sonny's, Bob Evans, Lake Placid Health Center, Polk county Art teachers, Stephen Hulen, Jean Brown, Cowboy's, Blue Crab, Dr.Hulen, Yianna's Steakhouse, Starbuck, Mae Lee's International Deli, Captain D's, Christine Sebring, Village Inn, K-mart, Rick Hebert, Bobbi Berry, Juliet Perkins, Ruby Tuesday's, Dee's Place, Sirriano's, Don Jose, Haines City High School Art Class, Children Academy of Theatre and Champions for Children, and Lake Placid High School FFA memebers.

We can never thank you enough, dear sponsors and community, for accompanying or helping us out continuously. We thank you for all the time you have helped us succeed in giving back before and, hopefully, the times to come. We genuinely thank all those who support the Visual Arts.

Fermin Saja
SHS Art Club President

Concert was a celebration of life

Editor:

What an amazing evening. Last Thursday, my husband and I saw a performance by Pat and Donna Surface. They hail from Ely, Minn., and have achieved notoriety across the country – Pat is a Grammy award winner. Donna, his wife, is a performance artist in sign language and accompanied the group, which included three local musicians – Manny Pitino playing bass, Doug Andrews on the keyboard and Jim Robertson multitasking on fiddle, guitar and mandolin.

The concert was not only part of the SFCC ongoing Kaleidoscope series it was a memorial to Jo Brenner, a beloved community member who passed away 17 months ago. Her husband Gene Brenner, who owns Brenner Pottery on the historic downtown Sebring Circle, was the performance sponsor.

This moving tribute was really a celebration of life as even Pat and Donna included a song dedicated to Donna's mother who passed last summer. What an uplifting event hearing inspirational music sang, played and signed all evening. Songs like John Denver's "Country Roads", Leonard Cohen's "Halleluiah", and Jo's favorite, Dan Fogelberg's "Run for the Roses!" Guaranteed at some points there wasn't a dry eye in the place.

The intimate setting of the small theater made for a feeling of sitting around your living room and celebrating life with good friends.

We did not have the pleasure of knowing Jo Brenner, but judging from the heartfelt audience response, she was quite a generous and caring lady. Thank you SFCC, Gene Brenner, Pat and Donna, the band and the wonderful audience for giving us a real night to remember.

Angela and Jay Nash
Sebring

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Obituaries

ROBERT L. ADAMS

Robert L. Adams, 93, of Sebring, Fla. died on March 3, 2011. He had lived at the Palms of Sebring and was receiving Good Shepherd Hospice Care.

He was born in Van Buren Township, Putnam County, Ohio to Virgil and Ruth Adams. The family moved to Indiana in 1927 and Robert graduated from Lapaz High School, Lapaz, Ind., in 1935. He married Mary E. Martin on Dec. 11, 1937. They celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary just before she died on March 9, 2010.

Adams

Children surviving are Don (Barbara) Adams of Fort Wayne and Sebring, Fla., Pat (Richard) Farmer of Sebring, Fla., Ruth (Rick) Peairs of Atascadero, Calif., and Bob (Nancy) Adams of Union, Ky. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. Three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter are deceased. Brothers surviving are Clifford and Jim Adams of Plymouth, Ind. One brother, Stuart, and an infant sister, Gertrude Louise, preceded him in death.

Robert worked at Kingsbury Ordinance Plant, Ball Band and Studebakers as well as farmed an 80-acre farm near Tyner, Ind. In 1950 he sold that farm and bought a 160-acre farm in Columbia City, Ind. He farmed full time until 1972 when he went to work for the Whitley County Highway Department. The last four years he was the superintendent and he retired at 62. They purchased a home in Sebring in 1979 and sold the farm. For several years they wintered in Florida and summered in Columbia City. He was an member of the ASC board, helped assess property for Thorncreek Township, was on the school board, and a member of the Eagles in Columbia City. He was a volunteer and member of the Sebring Recreational Club and helped to maintain the shuffleboard courts. He loved to play shuffleboard and achieved State Pro status by winning points at many tournaments. He also had a workshop where he made many woodworking projects for his family.

The viewing was held Tuesday, March 8 from 4-7 p.m. and the funeral will be on March 9 at 1 p.m. at Smith & Sons in Columbia City, Ind., and burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

JOYCE A. HOLLYWOOD

Joyce A. Hollywood, 57 of Sebring, Fla., died Saturday, March 5, 2011. Joyce was born in Washington, D.C., a graduate of Miami-Dade Community College, Miami, Fla. She married Jerry Hollywood in 1975, moving to Sebring in 1978 and received her BA from Webber College, Babson Park, Fla. Joyce worked at Sebring High School for several years and at the time of her death she was serving as assistant registrar at South Florida Community College. She was a member of St. Catherine Junior Womens Club and the church choir. Joyce was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Avon Park. She had a love for music and enjoyed playing her white baby grand piano and also enjoyed crocheting. Joyce will be greatly missed for her unconditional love, compassionate heart, unique simplicity and her generosity.

Hollywood

She is survived by her loving family, husband, Jerry; mother-in-law, Virginia Hollywood both of Sebring; children and their spouses, Christy and Michael Lynn, Gainesville, Fla.; Brandon and Amanda Hollywood, Sebring; and grandchildren, Carlie Jay Hollywood and Catherine Joyce Lynn.

To honor Joyce's memory a music fund is being established at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church for those who wish to contribute. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Grace. Funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Avon Park with a time of fellowship and refreshments at Grogan Center, Our Lady of Grace following the burial. Condolences may be expressed at www.morrisfuneralchapel.com.

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www.morrisfuneralchapel.com

PAUL RICHARD WHETSTINE

Paul Richard Whetstine, 83, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, March 7, 2011 at his home. He was born Nov. 12, 1927, to John and Ava (Eakle) Whetstine, in Canton, Ill., and had been a resident of Okeechobee and Sebring since 1992, coming from Bettendorf, Iowa.

He was a supervisor for the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, retiring in 1988 after over 26 years of service. He attended Canton, Ill. public schools and Allied Institute of Technology and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring.

Paul is survived by his wife, Eleanor Coleman Whetstine; daughter, Lynne (Rick) Culligan of Chicago, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters.

A funeral service will take place at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Stephenson-Nelson Chapel, Sebring, with Rev. Ron Degenaro officiating. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Hope Hospice, 4840 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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Police Blotter

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♦ Jack M. Tran, 18, of Sebring, was charged with lewd or lascivious battery, victim age 12-16, nine counts.

♦ Pedro Salvador Vasconcelos, 21, of Lorida, was charged with operating motor vehicle without valid driver license.

♦ Cristobal Velazquez Jr., 34, of Orlando, was charged with cruelty toward child, abuse without great harm; battery, second or subsequent offense; and disturbing the peace.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Sunday, March 6:

♦ Matthew Thomas Blankenship, 19, of Lake Placid, was charged with larceny of credit card; burglary of unoccupied conveyance, unarmed; larceny or grand theft; and illegal use of credit card to obtain goods.

♦ Aaron Andrew Doty, 19, of Sebring, was charged for taking wildlife roads/ right way, prohibited; and possession of gun with light, prohibited.

♦ Jose Luis Eslava, 33, of Rocky Mount, N.C., was charged for operating motor vehicle without valid driver license.

♦ Maria Consuelo Hernandez, 39, of Sebring, was charged with permitting unauthorized person to drive.

♦ Charles Stanley Hunt, 31, of Lake Placid, was charged with disturbing the peace.

♦ Kevin Darnell Jefferson, 35, of Sebring, was charged with battery, touch or strike.

♦ Linda Denise Kooi, 50, of Sebring, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

♦ Dustin David Lang, 20, of Sebring, was charged for taking wildlife roads/right way prohibited; possession of gun with light prohibited; and discharged firearm in public.

♦ Ma'hya-Deen Al-Meen Mu'Min, 41, of Avon Park, was charged with attaching registration license plate not assigned; larceny, petit theft, first degree; failing to register motor vehicle; and driving while license suspended, habitual offender.

♦ Karen Shyanne Rice, 66, of Muncie, Ind., was charged for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

♦ John Henry Shirer, 59, of Sebring, was charged with purchase of cocaine; possession of cocaine.

♦ Melissa Michelle Smith, 38, of Lake Placid, was charged for obtaining property with worthless check.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Saturday, March 5:

♦ Maurilio, Antonio, 19, of Avon Park, was charged with operating motor vehicle without valid license.

♦ Donald Thomas Harper, 20, of Avon Park, was charged with resisting officer, obstruction without violence; and cruelty toward child, infliction of physical or mental injury.

♦ Joseph Lawrence Heston, 23, of Sebring, was charged with battery, touch or strike.

♦ Robert Lester Mathews, 43, of Sebring, was charged with possession of drug equipment and/or use, two counts; and possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams, two counts.

♦ David Earl Matthews, 20, of Mineral Wells, Texas, was charged with crimes against person, corrupted by threatening public servant.

♦ Juste Pierre, 18, of Avon Park, was charged with possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams; and possession of drug equipment and/or use.

♦ Miguel Angelo Sanchez, 41, of Avon Park, was charged with domestic violence or neglect of child without great harm; domestic violence or simple assault, intent threat to do violence; and resisting officer, obstruction without violence.

♦ Brandi Nicole White, 19, of Frostproof, was charged with possession of drug equipment and/or use; and possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Friday, March 4:

♦ Alberto Arceo, 18, of Lake Placid, was charged with conspiring to riot, disrupting education and affray, two counts; criminal mischief; possession of cannabis; possession of drug paraphernalia; breach of peace, disorderly conduct.

♦ Grover Leon Broxey, 41, of Live Oak, was charged on an out-of-county warrant for burglary of structure; and resisting arrest with violence.

♦ Octavio Gabriel Cisneros, 20, of Wauchula, was charged for no valid driver license.

♦ Vincent Edward DeLong, 20, of Boynton Beach, was charged with petit theft.

♦ Allen Sidney Edwards, 25, of Washington, D.C., was charged on an out-of-county warrant for selling, manufacturing or delivering drug.

♦ Carlos A. Juarbe, 18, of Avon Park, was charged with domestic violence or battery, causing bodily harm; and domestic violence or battery, felony or domestic battery by strangulation.

♦ Francis Scott Key, 56, of Wauchula, was charged with battery on law enforcement officer; and resisting with violence.

♦ Marcus Douglas Lanfier, 26, of Sebring, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and refusing to submit to driving under the influence of alcohol test after license was suspended.

♦ Jose Luis Martin, 27, of Sebring, was charged with operating motor vehicle without valid driver license.

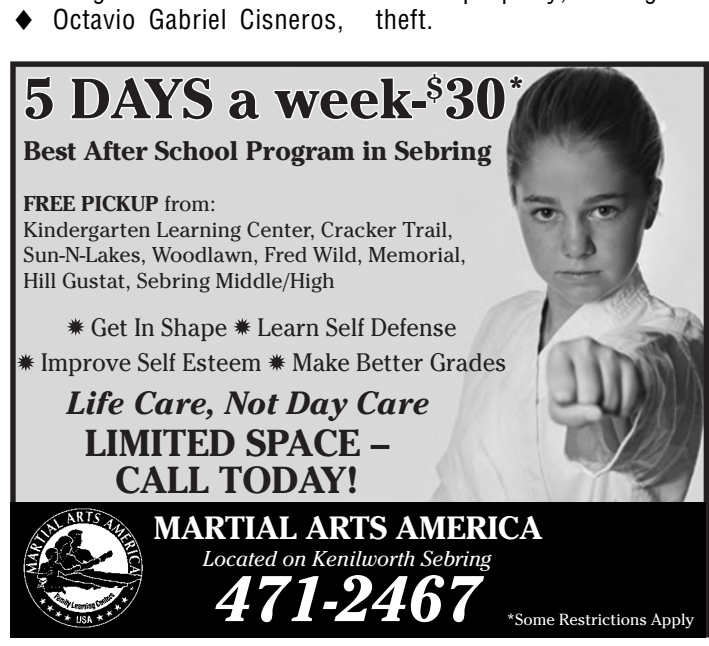
♦ Theodore S. McKeithan, 18, of Lake Placid, was charged with domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

♦ Robert Darnell Moore, 26, of Tampa, was charged on a Hillsborough County warrant for burglary of occupied dwelling or conveyance.

♦ Alberto Resendiz Morales, 50, of Lake Placid, was charged with simple battery, touch or strike.

♦ Christopher Jere Pate, 21, of Sebring, was charged with possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams.

♦ Jesus Rivas, 31, of Frostproof, was charged with burglary of tool; dealing in stolen property; and grand theft.



Community Briefs

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more information and menu selection, call 453-4553.

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. today. The Men's Auxiliary will meet at 6 p.m. and the Post meeting is at 7 p.m. Bar bingo is set for 1 p.m. Thursday. For more information and menu selection, call 452-9853.

LAKE PLACID

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host music with Mike Claxton at 5:30 p.m. today. For more information and menu selection, call 699-5444.

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host karaoke with Fireman from 5:30-8:30 p.m. today. Music by Franke is set for 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information and menu selection, call 465-0131.

Lunch Club Wednesday meets today

SEBRING – Lunch Club Wednesday, a ladies networking club (career and career retired), will meet today and learn about "NuSkin & New Tax Laws Information." Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at the Sebring Elks Lodge for members and guests with showcases to preview and lunch to be served around 11:40 a.m. The program starts at noon; cost for lunch is $10. There's no monthly dues.

"Rise and Shine" speaker is Lisa Thomas, NuSkin independent distributor and owner of two year-round Jackson Hewitt Tax Serive locations and during the tax season three other locations. She will also bring Kathleen Tillman, her operations manager, for any 2011 tax questions.

For more information, contact Diana Albritton at 381-8170.

Sweet Adelines invite guests

AVON PARK — The Heart of Highland Sweet Adelines invites guests to an evening filled with fun, music and good fellowship at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Avon Park Rotary, 20 S Verona Ave. Light refreshments will be served. Call 382-1269, 699-0743, 452-1927.

Sebring Country Estates plan business meeting

SEBRING — The Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Inc. will hold its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (behind Walmart). The meeting is open to residents and guests of Sebring Country Estates and Grand Prix Heights subdivisions and is held every second Thursday of the month.

New members are invited and welcome to come and share in the association's mission to preserve the neighborhood and to find ways of improving it. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Commodities to be distributed

SEBRING — March 2011 Commodities will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday at The Salvation Army, 3135 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring.

If you don't have a 2011 Commodities Card you can register in the office, receive the 2011 card and receive Commodities to take.

If you have any other questions, call the Commodities Hotline at 385-7548, ext. 306.

Works in Faith plans estate sale

SEBRING – Works in Faith is hosting a large estate sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The organization is helping a family that was referred by the Special Victim Unit of the Highlands County Sheriff's Department.

Proceeds from the sales will be going to support local missionaries from Highlands. One is going to travel to 11 countries for 11 months, one is going to Haiti to witness, and one family is traveling to Peru for four years to continue God's work. Some funds will also be used to help with the teen mothers.

After the sale, the space will be utilized to sell tons of high quality fabric. There are more than 200 20-gallon totes full. To contribute, call 446-1367. The addresss of the sale is 917 Fielder Ave.

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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CASH IN AT THE AVON PARK ROADSHOW YESTERDAY!

Gold and silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.

By Jason Delong
STAFF WRITER

Yesterday at the **Hotel Jacaranda**, hundreds lined up to cash in antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in **Avon Park** all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for $700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old Fender guitar his fathar had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for $5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another $150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

"IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, I BROUGHT IN SOME OLD COINS THAT HAD BEEN IN A LITTLE CIGAR BOX FOR YEARS AND SOME OLD HERRINGBONE NECKLACES—IN LESS THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES I LEFT WITH A CHECK FOR $700."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or just about anything old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over $650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over $1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.

If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for competitive prices. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Hotel Jacaranda, this week through Saturday, in Avon Park.

HOW IT WORKS

- Gather items of interest from your attic, garage, basement, etc. There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring.
- No appointment is necessary.
- If interested in selling, we will consult our collectors' database to see if a buyer exists—90% of all items have offers in our database.
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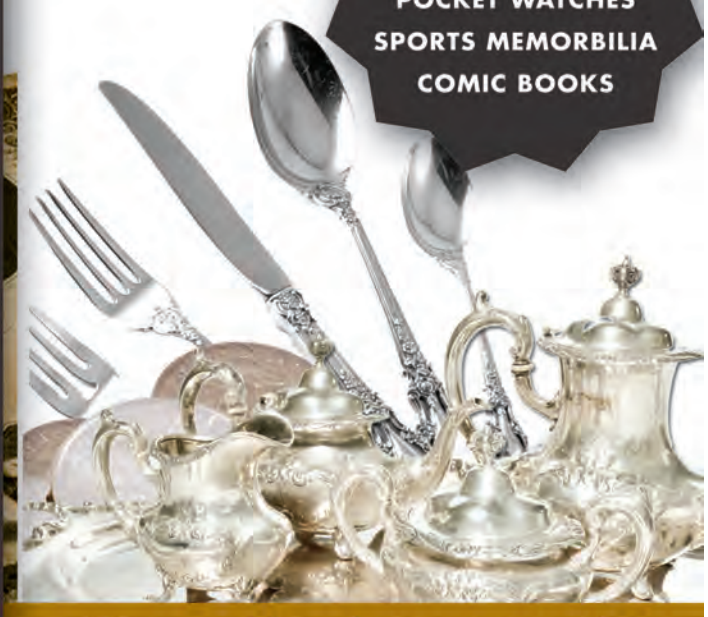

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Mayor grills manager in AP

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description was, asked why he made the changes in job title for Maria Sutherland to assistant city manager, why he shuffled around duties in the city's finance department and if he signed an employment contract with Police Chief Michael J. Rowan.

Behrens explained that all of those decisions were within his job description outlined by the city charter, ordinances and the city policy manual.

Behrens also asserted that his changes were made to provide backup people to key positions within city hall.

"If anything happens, there has to be someone to step in. Especially in finance," Behrens said. "This is not some hidden reorganization. We had a workload that ran our overtime over the budget. I sat down with the departments and we reorganized some things around. We just finished this last week. I gathered input form the department heads and the staff and then I made a decision."

Other city council members responded that Behrens always responded to their questions in a timely fashion.

"I called this because of my transparency issues and my problems with the city manager. I do not know if he is communicating with the others," Schuler said after Councilman Paul Miller pointed out that he had no problems with the city manager and communications.

"We need to let him do his job," Miller said. "We brought him in here as city manager, and we need to let the man do his job.

"We cannot be stepping on his toes all the time. We do that at the evaluation. What has been done so far, I have no problem with him."

"I will say that the city manager has been responsive to every issue that I have asked," Councilman Parke Sutherland said.

During the discussion about job changes within the finance department, Chief Financial Officer Renee Green refused to elaborate on some subjects because of what she stated was a concern about backlash from another city employee, but refused to say who that employee.

"I am not going to say anything, because I will be retaliated against. I have no more comment," Green said.

News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

Avon Park's fire department union leader Warren West asks council to let City Manager Bruce Behrens do his job during a special meeting on Monday.

Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray pushed the issue, but Green stood fast on no comment about personnel because of her fears.

"I want to get the chain of command here correct. So she is afraid of retaliation from the city manager, she's not afraid of us?" Gray asked.

Green made it clear that it was not Behrens she was afraid of, but another co-worker and that she would go no further.

"It's a sad picture that someone like Renee Green, who has worked as long as she has for the city, can be afraid to make a comment about policy and be retaliated against," Parke Sutherland said.

Despite council concerns, no member of the council called for an investigation into the intimidation matter during the meeting.

Schuler then pointed out it was the council's job to make sure that the budget was followed, stating that the job reclassification in the accounting department was followed by a raise of $1.80 per hour, and that other employees are concerned because "no one has gotten a raise in three years."

Behrens explained that the raise was because the individual taking on the job had increased responsibilities actually outside the city's job classifications, but that the increase was well within the department's and city's budget.

"I just make sure that the city is still following the policy that the council has set," Schuler said. "I might be wrong, and I have been wrong before."

'If there is anyone who needs to be held accountable, I hold you people up there accountable. This whole discussion is just in bad faith.'

TOM MACKLIN
former mayor

Former mayor Tom Macklin pointed out that a couple of employees were given raises before Behrens came into office, including Maria Sutherland, who was given a 10 percent increase in pay after she stepped down from the interim city manager position when Behrens was hired, and Public Works Director Julian Deleon, who received a $12,500 pay increase at the end of Maria Sutherland's term of office that was never approved by council.

Macklin stated that in his opinion, Behrens was doing what the charter and the policy manual directed him to do.

"I see no place where he has overstepped his authority in what he has done," Macklin said.

Macklin also pointed out that Behrens asked council if they would like to oversee all of his changes at a previous meeting, and council declined.

"He cracked the door, no one walked through it. If there is anyone who needs to be held accountable, I hold you people up there accountable," Macklin said. "This whole discussion is just in bad faith."

Fire department union leader Warren West echoed Macklin's statements about Behrens.

"I think we should give him an opportunity to do his job. We have changed the classification in the fire department more than once, and it has never had to come before the council," West said.

Gray was still searching for a reason for the meeting at the end.

"I've been trying to find out what this meeting was all about. When I called the city manager, he wasn't sure what the meeting was about. Why were certain people getting raises, and some are not? That's why I called the city manager," Gray said.

"I am still as confused as when I came up here."

But Schuler insisted that the meeting was about communications between the city manager and the council.

"The main thing is transparency and communication. According to the charter, he needs to keep us abreast. We as a city council need to know what is going on before it comes out on the street," Schuler said.

Behrens is scheduled for an evaluation later in March.

County tells agencies to make budget cuts

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er meeting that a continuing slide in ad valorem taxes is a problem for the county.

"Traditionally, constitutional officers return some funds, and traditionally we have about $2 million left out of budget. That does not take into account the loss in ad valorem revenues this year," Stewart said during a Feb. 1 meeting.

"We have to fill that hole," Stewart asserted Tuesday.

Commissioners Don Elwell and Richie pushed hard for a $60,000 cut in the recreation budget spending already this year during a meeting on Feb. 22, showing their resolve to bring the budget into line with decreasing revenues.

Although Stewart stated she thought the county should stick to this year's approved budget during that meeting, she also voted for the $60,000 cut.

"At the last minute, the commission decided 'Well, we'll take a look at changing it' after the cities already had their budgets made up, and to me that is not fair for this year," Stewart said Feb. 22.

But, despite those savings, Elwell and Richie are looking for more.

"I know you are already frugal, but is there any way you could help us out further?" Elwell asked Jeff Roth, the director for the Champion for Children Advocacy Center.

When Recreation and Parks made their presentation, Director Vicki Pontius told the commission that the Sports Complex was not even meeting expectations for revenue generation of 50 percent of expenses, although the complex was very active.

"In my opinion, we will never get there until we run our own concessions," Pontius told commissioners.

"Put all the cost numbers on the table," Stewart said to Pontius. "Make sure you give us all the numbers included in your budgets."

Stewart also asked to stop hiring until the commissioners were sure of where they stand overall.

"I would like to ask the commission to put a freeze on all vacancies until we get further into the budget," Stewart asked.

Commissioners left each of the departments to return later in the year with their suggestions, but with a warning to closely review their budgets.

"We are looking at reductions in every department. Instead of trying to micro-manage your department, we are asking you to make those decisions. If you don't do it enough, then we will practice it," Elwell warned.

Discovery ready to make landing today

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"Did you just do that live?" Lindsey asked.

"I did just do that live, and I believe it's a first in history," replied Mohr. "On behalf of Big Head Todd and the Monsters, and songwriters and artists everywhere, we just want to thank you so much for your courage and your bravery and your effort in just giving all of us a better shot at knowing more."

Lindsey said he and his five crewmates wish everyone could see what astronauts see when they look down at Earth. "Hopefully, everybody will be able to do that one of these days," he said. "Hopefully sooner than later."

On Monday, Mission Control beamed up a prerecorded message by actor William Shatner of 1960s "Star Trek" fame, in honor of Discovery's final mission. "Theme from Star Trek" was the music contest runner-up.

Commander Steven Lindsey and his crew tested Discovery's flight systems on the eve of their return. Everything checked out fine.

Discovery departed from the International Space Station on Monday, leaving behind a newly installed storage compartment and equipment platform, as well as the first humanoid robot in space. The shuttle will wrap up its 13-day mission with a noontime touchdown Wednesday, weather permitting. Good weather is forecast.

Discovery is the first of NASA's three shuttles to be retired. Many at NASA contend that the fleet still has lots of flying lifetime left. But the space agency is under presidential direction to aim for true outer space, which means giving up the shuttles, which are confined to orbit.

Two shuttle launches remain: Endeavour next month and Atlantis at the end of June.

Race Week to have new activities — and a new race

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The tough economy may have patrons clutching their wallets tight for many recreational and entertainment ventures, but 12 Hours of Sebring is not one of them.

"We are doing well; the economy isn't affecting us. We have loyal race fans and I think that's why," said Stephenson.

This year's Race festivities will feature a few new sights and aspects that Stephenson and vice-president and director of sales and marketing, Michelle DeLaney, are certain will be crowd pleasers.

DeLaney described a few of the new events that Race fans are welcomed to enjoy this year.

"The Intercontinental Le Mans Cup will take place here this year. It's a six-race series," said DeLaney. "There are 24 teams from overseas. We've always had an international spin, but this year is the most we've ever had."

At sundown on Friday, March 18, Race fans will be in for a treat as a Balloon Glow will light up the track and provide beautiful spin on the Races.

Fans can look forward to the traditional and well loved parts of the 12 Hours including the Gala, the Run the Track and Ride the Track events, and of course the Party Zone.

The usual live music and entertainment, activities and refreshments will be available to the public. This year's bikini contest will be sponsored by the newly renovated Cowpoke's Watering Hole. The Party Zone will feature the Patron tent as well as a brand new item, the 12 Obstacles of Sebring.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Motor homes sit parked outside the Sebring International Raceway on Tuesday, they will be permitted to enter the track early next Wednesday.

The Crossfit challenge is the newest addition to the 12 Hours scene and is headed by Lisa Celentano, hospitality and project manager.

Celentano is thrilled about the challenge and invites everyone to pre-register for the event. The course consists of 12 obstacles (each in Crossfit style) that participants must finish. The participants are timed and the top three winners of each group will compete at the main event at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 18.

The cost of the 12 Obstacles is $25 per entrant. The participants receive a T-shirt and unlimited beer from Budweiser. The winner of the adult category receives $150 and the teen (ages 13-19) gets $100.

The course was constructed voluntarily by ex-Marine Mike Hines, owner of Double H Fencing. Proceeds from the event benefit the Wounded Warrior Foundation which provides wounded and disabled law enforcement and military personnel exercise equipment.

For race ticket information, call 1-800-626-7223 or visit sebringraceway.com. For information on the 12 Obstacles info, call Celentano at 655-1442 (extension 213).

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OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
Case #: GC 10-1179
Division:
CARLA RENEE BENNETT, Personal Representative
ESTATE OF DAVID L. MARSH, deceased,
Plaintiff(s),
-vs.-
JOSE L. GONZALES, JR., JENNIFER TABOR, JOSE LUIS GONZALES, SR., WARREN SNYDER and ELIZABETH SAGER, and STATE OF FLORIDA
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Elizabeth Sager
Residence and Address unknown
Last known address: 1570 W. Poinsettia Rd.
Avon Park, FL
or if any of the aforesaid persons is dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees; and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, though, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status, if known, claiming under any of the above named or described Defendant(s) or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described as Defendant(s).
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Action to foreclose an Agreement for Deed for the following described property, to wit:
The West 45 feet of Lot 4 and the East 30 feet of Lot 5, MORNING SUN MANOR, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 46, 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 it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before March 25, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on February 14, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
Case #: GCS 10-1379
Division:
CARLA RENEE BENNETT, Personal Representative
ESTATE OF DAVID L. MARSH, deceased,
Plaintiff(s),
-vs.-
PABLO RODRIGUEZ and ROILAN RODRIGUEZ
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Roilan Rodriguez
Last known address: 905 W. Pleasant St.
Avon Park, FL 33826

Pablo Rodriguez
Last known address: 18560 SE 24th Place
Silver Springs, FL 34488
or if any of the aforesaid persons is dead, then his or her unknown heirs, devisees, legatees or grantees; and any and all other persons or parties claiming by, though, under or against them; and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status, if known, claiming under any of the above named or described Defendant(s) or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described as Defendant(s).
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Lot 9, Block 176, WOODLAWN TERRACE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 96, 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 it, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney, whose name and address is: David F. Lanier, Esq., P.O. Box 400, Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court on or before March 25, 2011, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
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Deputy Clerk
February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-44
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DOROTHY H. GARMAN
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DOROTHY H. GARMAN, deceased, whose date of death was April 21, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., 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 9, 2011.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Timothy J. Garman
P.O. Box 6133
West Palm Beach, Florida 33405
Attorney for Personal Representative:
WILLIAM J. NIELANDER
Florida Bar Number: 0386014
172 E. Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863) 465-8181
Fax: (863) 465-5614
E-Mail: wjn@nielander.com
March 9, 16, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 11000054PCS
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JUAN H. VELEZ
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Juan H. Velez, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representatives 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.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is March 9, 2011.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Mary Ann Velez
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Harry A. Shevin
Harry A. Shevin, Esq.
Florida Bar #984450
DOMNICK-SHEVIN, PL
5100 PGA Blvd. Suite 317
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
Telephone: (561)630-5363
March 9, 16, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-510
IN RE: ESTATE OF
KATHLEEN M. CREWS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of KATHLEEN M. CREWS, deceased, whose date of death was November 2, 2010, file number PC-10-510, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the personal representatives 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.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is March 9, 2011.
Personal Representative:
ROBERT C. CREWS
P.O. Box 1117
Avon Park, Florida 33826-1117
Attorney for Personal Representative:
ASHLEY CALHOUN WINSHIP
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Orlando, Florida 34772
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March 9, 16, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-75
IN RE: ESTATE OF
STEPHEN G. VUKELIC
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Stephen G. Vukelic, deceased, whose date of death was March 25, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867. 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.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is March 9, 2011.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Wendy Kummer
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Boston, New York 14025
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Paul S. Gravenhorst
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 10-489GCS
THE HOWARD E. HILL
FOUNDATION, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ARMANDO PEREZ, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 22nd day of March, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., in the Jury Assembly Room at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to wit:
Lot 8, Block 35, of PLACID LAKES SECTION 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 63, Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is: THE HOWARD E. HILL FOUNDATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. ARMANDO PEREZ, ET AL.,, and the docket number of which is Number is Case No. 10-489GCS.
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, tot he provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, whose telephone number is (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 15th day of February, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 2, 9, 2011

Posted: February 23, 2011

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PUBLIC NOTICE

REAPPOINTMENT EVALUATION OF
MAGISTRATE JUDGE JAMES M. HOPKINS
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge James M. Hopkins, West Palm Beach, Florida, is due to expire on October 14, 2011. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code, Section 636. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging and may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1) Conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
3) Conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court;
4) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants; and
5) Assist the district court with any ``additional duties as are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the United States.''

At the request of the Chair of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, written comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court, and should be directed in a confidential/sealed envelope to Steven M. Larimore, Court Administrator - Clerk of Court, United States District Court, 400 N. Miami Avenue, Room 8N09, Miami, FL 33128.

Members of the Federal Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel: John Mariani, Esq. Chair; Mr. J. Patterson Cooper, Nicole Daggs, Esq., Alexander Del Russo, Esq., Mr. George Elmore, KaiLi Fouts, Esq., John W. Little, Esq., Ryan McCabe, Esq., Ms. Mary Kay Murray, Denise Nieman, Esq., Mr. Harold Ostrow, David Prather, Esq., and John Whittles, Esq.

Comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., April 1, 2011

If you wish to comment, please visit the Court's Internet site at: www.flsd.uscourts.gov and click on the link under the Public Notices section.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 10-CA-000650
BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
v.
PAULETTE ROSE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida; I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida described as:
LOT 5, A PORTION OF VENUS PLAT NO. 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 32, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the NW corner of Said Venus Plat No. 2; thence North 88 degrees 14'56'' East along the North line of said Plat a distance of 1567.09 feet; thence South 04 degrees 04'39'' East a distance of 1162.66 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 16'17'' East A distance of 659.32 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43'43'' West a distance of 654.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 16'17'' West a distance of 640.33 feet; thence North 04 degrees 04'39'' West a distance of 656.31 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said lands lying and being in Highlands County, Florida and containing 436760 square feet, 10.027 acres More or Less.
and commonly known as: 327 County Road 731, Lot 5, Venus, FL 33960, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the basement of the courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on March 22, 2011, at 11:00 A.M.
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.
Disability Language:
If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in ta program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the Courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
Dated this February 15, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 09001468GCS
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BANK OF NEW YORK ON BEHALF OF CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1;
Plaintiff,
vs.
CAROLE BERTRAND, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROLE BERTRAND, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, ET AL.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE, AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, IF ANY; SYLVAN SHORES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14th, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM of the Courthouse, located at 430 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FLORIDA33870, at 11:00 AM on March 24, 2011, the following described property:
LOT 314, OF SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION D, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 1550 Cedar Brook Street, Lake Placid, FL 33852.
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 15, 2011.
In accordance with the Americans withDisailities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Highlands County Court, (863) 402-6591, or the Florida Relay Service number, 1-800-955-8771, for assistance.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy of Court
(COURT SEAL)
March 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000867
DIVISION:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS
TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2007-2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PARBATTI BHOLANAUTH, et al,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2011, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA000867 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-2, is the Plaintiff and Parbatti Bholanauth, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 22nd day of March, 2011, the following described property as set forth ins said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOTS 4 AND 5, IN BLOCK 159, OF SEBRING HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 97, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 1523 WOLFE DR., SEBRING, FL 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.
Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of February, 2011.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk
March 2, 9, 2011

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
The Heartland Workforce Executive Committee will hold a meeting at approx. 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at the Heartland Workforce One-Stop Career Center, 205 Carlton St., Wauchula, FL. Topic of the meeting is review and discussion of Region 19's proposed standards for Regional Workforce Board expenditures. Interested individuals should arrive no later than 10:25 am. For more information see agenda posted on the Heartland Workforce website at www.hwib.org
March 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 10-1231-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT A. GOSSAGE; TINA FONTANA; HAJOCA CORPORATION d/b/a GORMAN COMPANY, a Maine corporation; HORNERXPRESS-MANASOTA, INC., a Florida corporation; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the ``Stipulated Final Judgment as to Count IV of Complaint'' (the ``Final Judgment''), entered in the above-styled action on February 15, 2011, 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 the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on March 24, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.:
Lot 14, Block 11, of LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page(s) 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Parcel ID Number: C-01-35-28-020-0110-0140

Lot 29, Block 7, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES UNIT NO. 3, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page(s) 43, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Parcel ID Number: C-24-35-28-030-0070-0290

Lot 12, Block 7, of LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, SECTION ONE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page(s) 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Parcel ID Number: C-01-35-28-020-0070-0120
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.
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 9, 16, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000203
LITTON LOAN SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES C. CLERE AND CYNTHIA ANN HENDRIX a/k/a CYNTHIA A. HENDRIX
Defendant(s).
AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling Foreclosure sale dated February 22, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000203 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein LITTON LOAN SERVICING, LP Plaintiff and are JAMES C. CLERE AND CYNTHIA ANN HENDRIX a/k/a CYNTHIA A. HENDRIX 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 23, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 44, IN BLOCK 114, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SIXTEEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 18, 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 at SEBRING, Florida, this 23rd day of February, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Highlands County, Florida
By: Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28 2009 CA 001658
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOANNE E. FLAA A/K/A JOANNE FLAA, DECEASED, ET AL,
Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment in Foreclosure dated February 14, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28 2009 CA 001658 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is Plaintiff and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, CREDITORS AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOANNE E. FLAA A/K/A JOANNE FLAA, DECEASED; MARY K. FLAA; ____, AS THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY K. FLAA, IF ANY; MANOR HILL OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOANNE E. FLAA A/K/A JOANNE FLAA, DECEASED; all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); whether living or not, and whether said unknown parties claims asheirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or in another capacity, claiming by, through under or against the named Defendant(s) are the 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., on the 22nd day of March, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:
SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT ``A''
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
EXHIBIT ``A''
The East unit of Lot 13, Block 278, Unit 13 Triplex, being more particularly described as follows: a portion of Lot 13, Block 278, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring Unit 13, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, at Page 71 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, said unit being one unit of a triplex which lies on Lot 13, said unit being further described as follows: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of said Lot 13, said corner being on the Southerly right of way of Granada Blvd.; run thence South 53 degrees 04'13'' East 102.68 feet; run thence South 36 degrees 19'48'' West 14.31 feet to the southeasterly corner of said triplex for Point of Beginning 1; run thence South 36 degrees 19'48'' West 24.71 feet; run thence through the common wall between the east and middle units of said triplex North 53 degrees 40'12'' West 54.00 feet; run thence North 36 degrees 19'48'' East 8.71 feet; run thence North 53 degrees 40'12'' West 14.00 feet; run thence North 36 degrees 19'48'' East 16.00 feet; run thence South 53 degrees 40'12'' East 68.00 feet to the Point of Beginning 1.
Together with an exclusive easement for the yard for the East Unit as described in the Lot 13, Block 278 Unit 13 Triplex Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions recorded in Official Records Book 979, Page 946, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
Street Address: 5603 GRANADA BOULEVARD, UNIT 13, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33872
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 this 14th day of FEBRUARY, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
As Deputy Clerk
March 2, 9, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 09000433GCS
SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs
MELYNDA E. RIGDON; UNKNONW SPOUSE OF MELYNDA E. RIGDON; EARL T. RIGDON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EARL T. RIGDON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THOUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 11, BLOCK 26, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on March 22, 2011.
DATED THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.
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.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 15th day of February, 2011.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 2, 9, 2011

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-843-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WOODY'S TRUCKING, INC.; PROGRESS ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY, LLC; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION,Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALEPURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure Against Defendant, WOODY'S TRUCKING, INC., dated the 25th day of October, 2010, in Case No. 10-843-GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK is the Plaintiff and WOODY'S TRUCKING, INC. is the Defendant, I will sell tothe highest and best bidder for cash in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.. on the 24th day of March, 2011, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure Against Defendant, WOODY'S TRUCKING, INC., and described as follows: The East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Township 33 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida, Less the East 25 feet for Road right-of-wayANDA portion of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 16, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE at the Northeast cornerof the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 16; thence run South 89 degrees 07' 13'' West along the North line of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section, 264.75 feet to a point located on the West right-of-way of U.S. highway No. 27; thence South 05 degrees 00' 30'' East along said right-of-way, 379.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 07' 30'' West and parallel with said North line of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section, 1048.33 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees 07' 30'' West, 715.89 feet, to a point located on the West line of the East Three-quarters (E 3/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section; thence South00 degrees 25' 51'' West and along said line 510.90 feet to a point located on the North right-of-way of State Road 66, said point also lying an arc of a curve having a radius of 5779.58 feet and a central angle of 07 degrees 25' 28''; thence in a Northeasterly direction and along said right-of-way and said curve 748.93 feet, said arc subtended by a chord which bears North 76 degrees 35' 50'' East for 748.41 feet; thence North 01 degrees 22 ' 40 '' West, 348.44 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Real Property tax identification number is: C-11-33-28-A00-0220-0000 and C-16-35-29-A00-0032-0000.

DATED on February 16, 2011.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of Said CourtBy
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
March 9, 16, 2011

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TAX DEED SALE: 4/13/2011
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TO WIT:
C283429-09000000310
LOT 31 RIDGEWOOD EST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11 PAGE 27 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
THE ASSESSMENT OF SAID PROPERTY UNDER SAID CERTIFICATE ISSUED WAS IN THE NAME(S) OF A L WILLIAMS; NOVELLA WILLIAMS
UNLESS THE SAID CERTIFICATE SHALL BE REDEEMED ACCORDING TO LAW, THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 590 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BOARDROOM, ON 4/13/2011 AT THE LEGAL HOUR OF SALE, 10:00 A.M.
DATED THIS 3/9/2011

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF COURTS
BY: /S/ MISTY BLACKBURN
DEPUTY CLERK
March 9, 16, 23, 30

TAX DEED SALE: 4/13/2011
CERT. NO.: 07-8510
10000788TDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, HOLDER OF TAX CERTIFICATE NUMBER 07-8510 ISSUED 5/31/2008, HAS FILED SAME IN MY OFFICE AND HAS MADE AN APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TO BE ISSUED THEREON, SAID CERTIFICATE EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, STATE OF FLORIDA,
TO WIT:
C223529-03008200240
LOT 24 BLOCK 82 DESOTO CITY 2ND SUB ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 39 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
THE ASSESSMENT OF SAID PROPERTY UNDER SAID CERTIFICATE ISSUED WAS IN THE NAME(S) OF KEVIN CARPENTER; SANDRA CARPENTER
UNLESS THE SAID CERTIFICATE SHALL BE REDEEMED ACCORDING TO LAW, THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 590 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BOARDROOM, ON 4/13/2011 AT THE LEGAL HOUR OF SALE, 10:00 A.M.
DATED THIS 3/9/2011

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF COURTS
BY: /S/ MISTY BLACKBURN
DEPUTY CLERK
March 9, 16, 23, 30

TAX DEED SALE: 4/13/2011
CERT. NO.: 07-7895
TAX DEED NO.: 10000789TDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, HOLDER OF TAX CERTIFICATE NUMBER 07-7895 ISSUED 5/31/2008, HAS FILED SAME IN MY OFFICE AND HAS MADE AN APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TO BE ISSUED THEREON, SAID CERTIFICATE EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, STATE OF FLORIDA,
TO WIT:
C213429-06000001110
LOT 111 LINCOLN HEIGHTS SUB ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGE 42 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
THE ASSESSMENT OF SAID PROPERTY UNDER SAID CERTIFICATE ISSUED WAS IN THE NAME(S) OF DELORES BROWN SMITH
UNLESS THE SAID CERTIFICATE SHALL BE REDEEMED ACCORDING TO LAW, THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 590 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BOARDROOM, ON 4/13/2011 AT THE LEGAL HOUR OF SALE, 10:00 A.M.
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THE GREATER SEBRING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is now accepting resumes for the position of President/CEO. Applicants must possess a strong financial background with excellent administrative, organizational and marketing skills. Salary is competitive. Resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, March 18. Finalists will be interviewed Friday, March 25. Send resumes to: Attention Search Committee Chair, Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce, 227 U.S. 27 North, Sebring, FL 33870.

REGISTERED NURSE - part time (20 hrs. per week). Dependable transportation is required. Home Health experience preferred in order to train and monitor, Personal Care Workers doing in-home services. Good oral and written communication skills are necessary. A non-clinical position. Apply in person at NU-HOPE ELDER CARE SERVICES, 6414 US HWY 27 South, Sebring. EOE DFWP

Hometown homecare

HOME CARE
RN, OT,PT, CNA/HHA needed for local visits in Highlands.
* Good Salary/Per Diem Rates
* Excellent Benefits
* **Immediate Need !!!**
Call (863) 401-3550 or
Fax Resume to (863)401-8199

CAREGIVERS NOW HIRING
For caring, compassionate caregivers. You must be 21 yrs old with a HS Diploma/GED, pass a criminal & driving record check. Call HR between 9am and 4 pm M-F. 863-385-8558 or visit: **ck381.ersp.biz/employment**

ARE YOUR A HIGHLANDS COUNTY **PREMIERE HAIRSTYLIST,** LOOKING FOR AS SECURE , PROFESSIONAL WORK PLACE? CALL DIANE 863-532-9440

COMCAST OUTSIDE SALES
Contractor for COMCAST needs **OUTSIDE SALES REPS** to sell cable to homeowners. Earn $600+ weekly, will train. Must pass background check. Call Chris @ 863-381-6007.

HIGHLY MOTIVATED Individual needed for full-time **General Office/Bookkeeper/Receptionist** position with busy law practice. Needs to be able to work independently, and be extremely organized with attention to details. Excellent computer and communication skills are required. Send Resume to: Reply Box #2198 News Sun, 2227 US 27, S. Sebring, FL 33870

LOCAL PRE-SCHOOL HIRING for several positions. Experience preferred but not required. Benefits available. Call 863-382-2727 to schedule an interview.

MEDICAL OFFICE seeks experienced **Insurance Biller**. PT/FT. Fax resume to 863-465-6385.

SEEKING WELL EXPERIENCED MEDICAL OFFICE HELP P/T. Excellent billing/collection, communication, typing, computer skills & medical terminology are A MUST. Fax resume to: 863-471-3206 or email to: medicalofficebilling@yahoo.com

SUNRISE COMMUNITY INC is currently accepting applications for the position of: Direct Support Staff. Qualified applicants must meet the following: 18 yrs. old, High school diploma or equivalent, 1 yr. experience - medical, or childcare setting, must be able to pass law enforcement background screening and drug test. All interested can call for appt. and application informaton: Sunrise Community Inc. 1014 6th Ave. S., Wauchula, Fl. 33873. 863-773-0434 ext. 305 EOE / DFWP

TEACHERS NEEDED
For Christian Preschool
* Substitute Teacher/10 days in March
* Assistant Teacher Needed
Call 863-443-2344

TRUCK DRIVER Over-the-Road. Must be able to stay out 3+ weeks at a time. Verifiable experience necessary. Clean driving record a must! Mechanical knowledge a plus. For information contact Linda @ 863-452-5959.

TRUCK DRIVER WANTED
Clean driving record a must! Apply in person 3636 Desoto Rd. Sebring.

WAITRESSES - EXPERIENCED
needed for high volume restaurant at 950 Sebring Square. Only experienced individuals need to apply! 863-382-2333

3000 Financial

4000 Real Estate

4060 Homes for Sale Avon Park

AVON PARK Mediterranean Home on Lake Lillian, 3000 sq ft+ Guest Cottage. CHA, Fireplace, SunPorch, Open Stairway, & Much More! $249,000. 863-453-8955 or 863-453-0392 (eve).

4080 Homes for Sale Sebring

SEBRING - **NO NEED FOR A BANK! Owner Financing**. 3BR, 1BA remodeled, NICE HOME! Woodlawn Elem. area. 1243 Fernvale Ave. 863-227-2717

SEBRING 3BR, 2BA 1CG, CBS Home 303 Virginia Pl. $119,00 or 2BR, 2BA, MH 5151 Barnum St. $42,500 10% Down Owner Financing Call 863-835-1445

4160 Commercial Prop. For Sale

MUST SELL!!!!!
4 Acres Cleared Commercial US 27 Near Hwy 98
700 Ft. Frontage w/Turn Out
595K OBO
ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED!
Call John, 561-385-4099

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Susan Benton Sheriff
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JOIN OUR TEAM OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

TELECOMMUNICATOR
Annual Salary: $24,544

Offers this exciting career if you have what it takes to:

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- Work on computers
- Multi-task
- Make sound decisions
- Listen carefully
- Handle stress
- 12 hour rotating shifts
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Apply at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 (863) 402-7218
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BACKGROUND CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED

4170 Lakefront Prop. For Sale

WOW !
LAKE PLACID Lake Front Condo fully furnished, 2BR, 1BA, covered parking. Bring your toothbrush. Only $54,500. Deb Worley Realtor. 863-465-0123

4180 Duplexes for Sale

AVON PARK- DUPLEX-VIILLA in Orangewood Acres Newly painted inside and out. New roof in 2009, New counter tops and sinks. All updated appliances incl. Excellent community. Own your own land. 863-257-1873

4220 Lots for Sale

BEAUTIFUL LOTS in Sebring and Lake Placid areas. Golf and Lake Communities. $3900. email Lotsfor5000.com or Call Sal 863-633-0050

LAKE PLACID - Florida Vacant Residential Land, 603 Archie Summers Rd, MUST SELL! Lot is .26 acre (11,454 sq ft) with 83' Frontage & 138' Depth. Paved road access, with access to electricity at property line. Well water & septic tank are used in the neighborhood. It has sandy ground and a few trees. Perfect location for a home near Lake June-in-Winter Florida State Park where there is access to sailing, hiking, fishing & bird watching. If interested contact Margaret Hughes @ 888-878-8918, leave message.

4300 Out-of-Town Property

NC MOUNTAINS - ASHVILLE AREA Spotless, Fully Furnished, 3BR, 2BA Doublewide MH on beautiful tree lined 1/2 acre. Cable, FP, W/D, Dishes, Linens, Gas Grill.....just bring your toothbrush! Cool nights, 2300' elevation. $950/mo. 863-381-0611

4320 Real Estate Wanted

ATTENTION: CASH for your Home, Duplex, Apartment, Commercial Property. Rapid Closing, "As Is" Condition. 863-441-2689. **STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

5000 Mobile Homes

5050 Mobile Homes For Sale

AVON PARK - 12X46, 1BR, 1BA in Avon Mobile Home Park. New gas cook stove, carport, screened room, shed, other recent updates. Reasonable lot rent. Asking $6500. 574-518-8483

PALM HARBOR HOMES
Short Sales/Repo's/Used Homes
3 or 4 Bedroom Doublewides
Won't Last!! $3,500 - 40k
John - 800-622-2832, Ext. 210

SEBRING - 2BR, 1.5BA in 55+ Park. All new inside, completely furnished, includes Washer/Dryer, 32'' flat screen TV. All new windows, FL Room, carport. Free yard sprinkler system. Best Park in Sebring! Low lot rent. Not in Pet Section. Priced to sell quick...by owner. Background check required by park owner. 863-382-0219.

SEBRING - MH in 55+ community. Comletely furn 1BR, Large BA, kitchen & D.R, L.R. & Dressing Rm. Lakefront, Boat Ramp w/gazebo. Pets Welcome. 2900 St Rd 17, N., Lot 20. 863-402-0037, no calls before 1 pm.

6000 Rentals

6050 Duplexes for Rent

SEBRING - UNFURNISHED 2203 Colma Ave., 2/BR, 1/BA & Patio. No smokers & no pets. $450 monthly, 1st. and last, plus $300 security deposit. 561-379-6823 or 561-965-4458

6150 Furnished Apartments

LAKE PLACID Fully Furnished, Remodeled Studio Apt. Utilities paid except cable & telephone. Starting at $425-$475. No Pets/No Smoke. $400 security deposit. 863-243-4580

SEBRING - Downtown on the Circle. Weekly. or Monthy, starting at $150 wkly. Includes elec. & water. No Pets. 306 circle. 863-386-9100 or 954-295-7194. Or go to Bldg. and ask for John. 863-414-7535

6200 Unfurnished Apartments

RELAX AT Lake Isis Villas
Luxurious 2BR Apartment.
Clean & Quiet Setting.
Call **863-453-2669**

AVON PARK **** Highlands Apartments
1680 North Delaware
1BR, 1BA & 2BR, 2BA Available.
Central Heat & Air. Extra insulation.
1st & Sec. Call 863-449-0195

AVON PARK - Apartment with balcony overlooking Lake Verona and City Park. 100 E. Main St. Laundry Facilities. *SPECIAL*: $325/mo. 863-453-8598

AVON PARK - Clean, Quiet; Studios / 1BR. 1BA / 2BR, 2BA Apts., from $375/mo. New tile & appliances, screened patios & W/D hook ups. Students/Seniors Discount Call 863-452-0469.

AVON PARK - LEMONTREE APTS: 1BR, 1BA $495/mo +$200 security; Washer/Dryer, Microwave, WSG included. Pets Wlcome. Call Alan, 386-503-8953

KEY LAKE VILLAS
LAKEFRONT LIVING IN SEBRING
2 Bedroom townhouse unit. Clean & quiet, Screen porch, Outside patio, Central air, Washer/Dryer hookup, $585/mo., first & security. No Pets. 863-465-2740

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL HOME? Search the News-Sun Classifieds every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday.

6200 Unfurnished Apartments

LAKE PLACID - Newly remodled! 2/BR, 2/BA, screened patio, Washer / Dryer, **Excellent Condition**. Includes water. $500 monthly plus 1 mo. security. **954-695-8348**

LAKE PLACID 2BR, 1BA & 1BR, 1BA available immediately. Includes laundry facility / water / sewage. 1st. & security. No Pets! 561-706-6743

AVON PARK
AFFORDABLE RENT
Ridgedale Apartments
1, 2, 3 & 4 Br Apts
Central Location, water & trash included
Rent subsidized — Based on household income.
No Application Fee
Call 863-452-4432
TTY 800-955-8771
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

6250 Furnished Houses

SEBRING - Country Club of Sebring. 2BR, 2BA, den, lanai, pool, beautifully furnished/decorated. Available April 1st. Call 863-386-0340.

6300 Unfurnished Houses

LAKE PLACID - 125 Pine Tree Dr, 3BR, 2BA on 2 acres. $850/mo. + $1150 security deposit. Pets OK. 423-802-6036.

The Avon Park Housing Authority is now taking applications for North Central Heights Homes, a new "Rent Restricted" single family home development in Avon Park consisting of 20 Two Bedroom, 46 Three Bedroom and 4 Four Bedroom homes. Rents will average in the low $400's for 2 br. homes and low to mid $500 & $600's for the 3 & 4 Br. homes.
Applications open for Avon Park residents only; February 14 – March 11, 2011 and all other applicants after March 11, 2011. For further information, contact:
Avon Park Housing Authority
at
863-452-4432, Ext. 2220

SEBRING - 2BR with fenced yard & concrete shed/laundry. Will consider pets. $550/lmo + $400 security deposit. Extra pet deposit. 863-243-4580

SEBRING - Harder Hall area, 2BR, 2BA, 1CG, screened porch. $725/mo. plus & security deposit. View by appointment. Call 863-381-6747, leave message.

SEBRING - Harder Hall Executive Home on Golf Course. 3BR, 2BR, 2CG, Nice screen porch, 1900 sq ft liv. Appl's included. 1 year lease, no smoke. $850/mo. + sec. dep. 863-381-3990.

6400 Rooms for Rent

SEBRING - 1BR w/bath, furn/unfurn, W/D, Satellite, full use of home. $400/mo. or $100/wk + dep. 863-304-2849

6550 Warehouses for Rent

SEBRING 20'X40' Warehouse, 12' overhead door, on busy Highway 27 across from Lakeshore Mall. 863-385-3474

6750 Commercial Rental

GARAGE 32' X 60' BLOCK BUILDING, cement floor, 12' X 12' door, 100 amp electrical service. $450 monthly. S. Marion Rd, Avon Park 269-420-6331

6750 Commercial Rental

SEBRING **(2) Available**. 3926 Kenilworth Blvd, **1500 sq ft, $550/mo**: A/C, office, BA, lg overhead door, near Sebring High School. 640 Park St, **6400 sq ft, $2500/mo**: A/C, office, BA, 8 overhead doors, 3 phase electric, fenced yard, near Sebring Parkway. 941-416-2813

7000 Merchandise

7180 Furniture

DAYBED TWIN Size, White and Gold frame. $200 / KITCHEN SET table w/ 4 chairs, 2 leaves, white wash finish. $150. Both in excellent cond. 863-471-2863

7300 Miscellaneous

COVER / ADCO for RV trailers 28' 7" X 31' 6", never opened still in orig,pkg. a bargin ! $150 863-453-7027

DRILL PRESS 34" bench radial Craftsman incl. HD bench on wheels $150 obo / LAWN MOWER Craftsman 195cc 22" self propelled mulcher 6.75hp excl. $200 obo 863-414-5038

7310 Bargain Buys

BARBIE DOLL HOUSE - 4 ft w/furniture. Asking $90 OBO. Call 863-381-1839.

BED EXTENDER for Chevy Colorado truck. $75 863-243-1633

BOAT ANCHOR (2) 25lbs, $65, cash only please. 863-699-1119

DRAFTING T-SQUARE - 48'' Stainless Steel, $10. 863-873-7201 or 863-414-0448

DS - PINK, like new w/case & 2 games. Asking $90 OBO. Call 863-381-1839.

EMBROIDERY SET-UP for a Singer Quantum XL 5000 machie, includes thread. used once, $50 863-257-1873

FISHING RODS & REELS. 4 new Shakespeare Ugly Stick with reels $90 863-273-1846

KITCHEN TABLE - Glass, w/4 chairs. $100. 863-201-3769

MARINE BATTERY - Marine Trolling Battery, new , MCA750, RC180. $70 83-273-1846

MINI-FRIDGE W/FREEZER,M black, 3', 2 door, $80. 863-201-3769

NAVAJO - Bracelet / watch band. Silver / turquoise, heavy. $80 863-402-2285

PAPER WEIGHT - 6'', Glass, with flower inside. $20. 863-873-7201 or 863-441-0448

RECLINER - LAZYBOY, Ladies size, light blue coudoroy, in new condition w/arm covers. $75. 863-332-5012

STOVE - Electric, Clean & Works Great! Also vent hood (does not match stove) Both $75. 863-382-2717

TYPEWRITER - SHARP electric $30 863-471-2502

VACUUM - Upright, excellent condition, clean as a whistle! $20 863-402-2285

WHEEL & TIRE (1) Large, LT 265/70 R17. $55, cash only please. 863-699-1119

7320 Garage & Yard Sales

AVON PARK - 3221 N. Cambridge Rd, Sat, Mar. 12th. Recvr's (HD) & Dishes, Stereo & TV Equip. & Cables, Computer Equip., Cycle/ATV Jack, Lg Gas Grill, Corning Ware, Microwave, Artwork, Clothing & LOTS MORE!!

AVON PARK - **HAIR DEPOT** 2650 US 27, N., Sun, Mar 13th. Antiques, Nice Furniture, Solid Wood Hutch, Tables & Chairs, Tools, Table Saw, Mattresses, Lamps, Paintings, Milk Cans, Videos, Dishes, & Lots More! Must Downsize!

AVON PARK - Multi Family Yard & Bake Sale! 218 E. Walnut St. Sat Mar 12th, 8Am - 2pm. Twin beds, cypress yard swing, household items, clothes,books, movies and CDs. Much More!

BUTTONWOOD BAY
Spring Arts / Crafts & Bake Sale
Sat. March 12, 8AM to 11AM
Recreation Center
Free Adminission - Door Prizes
US 27 S 1mi. S of Rte. 98 & 66

FROSTPROOF - 1901 S. Lake Reedy Blvd, Fri-Sat, Mar 11&12, 8am-4pm. Tools, Exercise Equipment, 7-pc Bedroom Set, Household Items, Jewelry, Clothing & Lots of Misc.

LAKE PLACID- Multi Family Sale. 35 & 39 Cove Rd. Fri & Sat Mar 11 & 12, 8am - 2pm. Patio furn., lg. bar, sleep sofa, fishing, household, mechanic / yard tools, Cargo trsiler & much more! 863-699-9473

7320 Garage & Yard Sales

SEBRING - 117 Winston Rd. (Spring Lake Village I) 98 to Lakeview Blvd. Left on Candler Ter. to Winston Rd. Thur -Fri - Sat, Mar. 10-11-12. 7:30 am - ? Lots of clothing & household items.

SEBRING - 1203 Lake Sebring Blvd., Fri & Sat 3/11 & 3/12, 7AM - ? Collectibles, furn., glassware, tools. Much More!

SEBRING - 3998 Eiland Dr, Hwy 66 to Payne Rd, corner Eiland & Payne, Thurs-Fri-Sat, Mar 10-11-12, 8am-2pm. Lots of good bargains... Something for Everyone!

SEBRING - 5713 Angelo Cir. Sat Mar. 12th, 7AM - 2PM. Something for Everyone - Too Much To List!

SEBRING - BIGGGGG YARD SALE! 2454 Lakeview Dr. Fri - Sat - Sun Mar 11-12-13, Clean Under cover ! Furn., to knick knacks. Plus all in between.

SEBRING - Huge Sale! 5729 CR 17 S (Desoto City) Fri - Sat - Sun, Mar. 11-12-13., 8am - ? Clothes, tools, household items, travel trailer. Too Much To List!

SEBRING - PARKING LOT SALE 2237 US 27, S. (Sebring Heart Cnt), Sat, March 12th, 7am-Noon. Computers, File Cabinets, Chairs, Clothing, Shoes & MUCH MORE!!

SEBRING -HUGE SALE! 1086 Lakeview Dr. (across from VFW). Fri & Sat Mar 11 & 12, 8am - 2pm. Furn., collectibles, clothing, 2 boats, household items. Too Much To List!

SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES 521 Volvo Ave. Fri & Sat, Mar 11 & 12, 8am - 3pm. Collectibles, tools, jewelry, proof sets & coins, fishing equip., old banks, framed beer posters, household items & Lots Of Misc.

7520 Pets & Supplies

CHOCOLATE LAB 10 months old MALE, AKC registered, health certificate, all shots. $100 863-382-8237 or 863-214-4451

NOTICE
Florida statute 585.195 states that all dogs and cats sold in Florida must be at least eight weeks old, have an official health certificate and proper shots and be free of intestinal and external parasites.

8000 Recreation

8000 Recreation

SEBRING RACE SPOTS
Three (3) Reserved Parking Spots on Turn 15. Great View, on Concrete. $400 each; Take Some or All! Call 863-381-9526.

8400 Recreational Vehicles

2010 38' HY-LINE Travel Trailer - Park Model. Very Clean. 2 Slide outs, W/D, Bayfront, non-smoke, no pets. Will Deliver. Lake Josephine RV Resort area. $21,000. 941-518-4040

2010 BMX UTV - 500 4 Seater, 4 X 4. $7400. 8633865445

2011 39 FT. Monte Carlo 2 slides, 2BR, sleeps 8, CHA, washer / dryer, self contained, microwave and awning. Every option. Limited Edition. $23,500. MUST SELL! 630-631-1795

CAMPER - 1999 PROWLER LS Excellent Condition, Super Slide-out, Queen Bed, Many Extras. $7500 OBO. 570-352-7766

RV 38' 2010 5TH Wheel. EAGLE RIDGE by HEARTLAND, 2BR, 1BA, 2 slides, fiberglass, W/D, awning. All options. $29,000 obo. Immediate Sale! 321-437-5887

9000 Transportation

9100 Motorcycles & ATVs

1973 NORTON 850 COMMANDO
New professional restoration, very low miles, includes Owner's Manuel.
One Owner * Rare Find * Great Price
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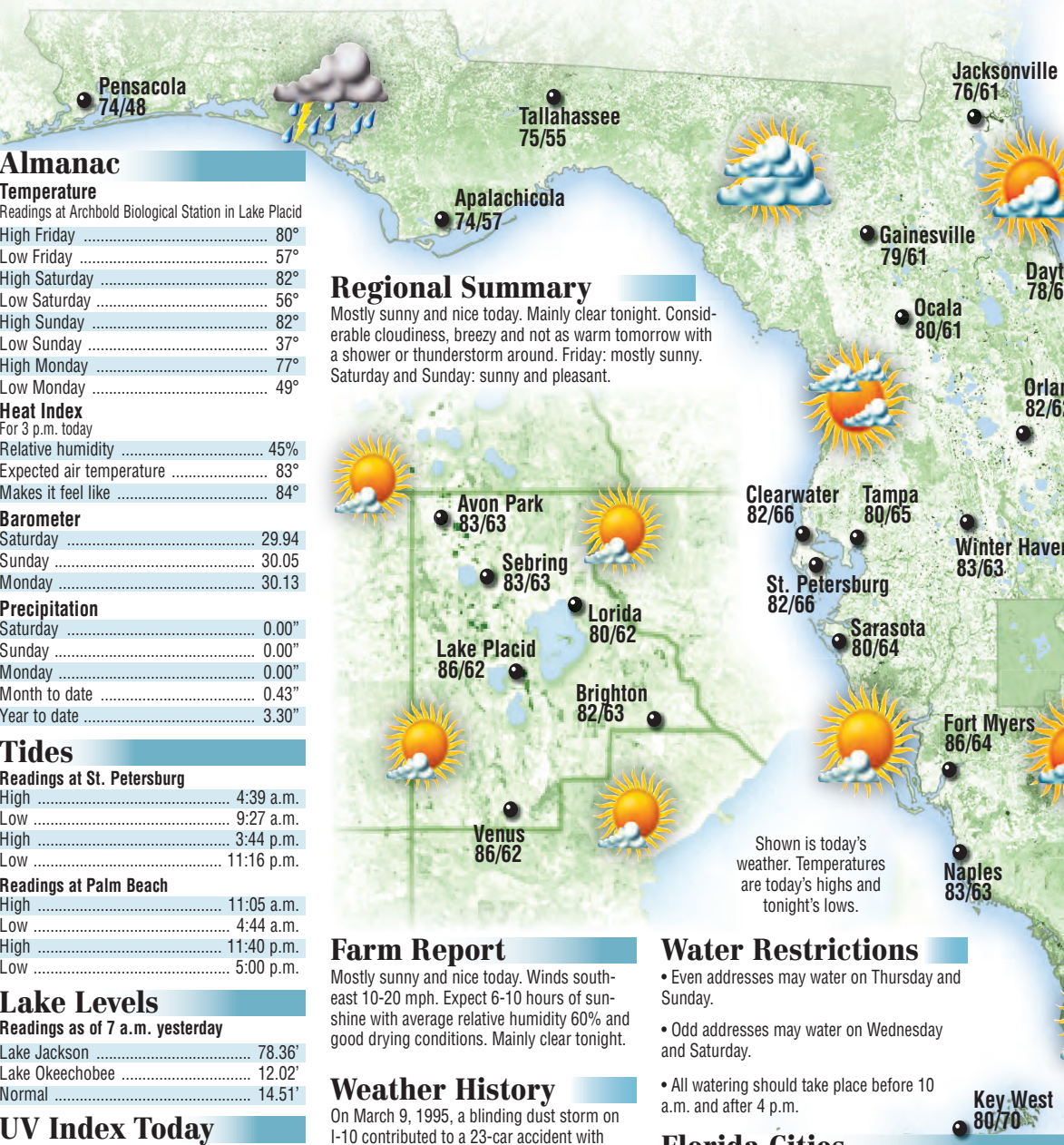
9450 Automotive for Sale

1996 FORD CROWN VICTORIA Regularly serviced, Looks and Runs GREAT! Excellent gas mileage, needs A/C work. $1700. 863-382-0310

Having something to sell and not advertising is like winking in the dark. You know what you're doing, but no one else does. Call News-Sun classifieds today! 385-6155

Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and nice	Not as warm with a thunderstorm	Mostly sunny	Sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and pleasant
83° / 63°	76° / 46°	70° / 45°	75° / 50°	79° / 55°
Winds: SE at 8-16 mph	Winds: W at 10-20 mph	Winds: NNW at 10-20 mph	Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph



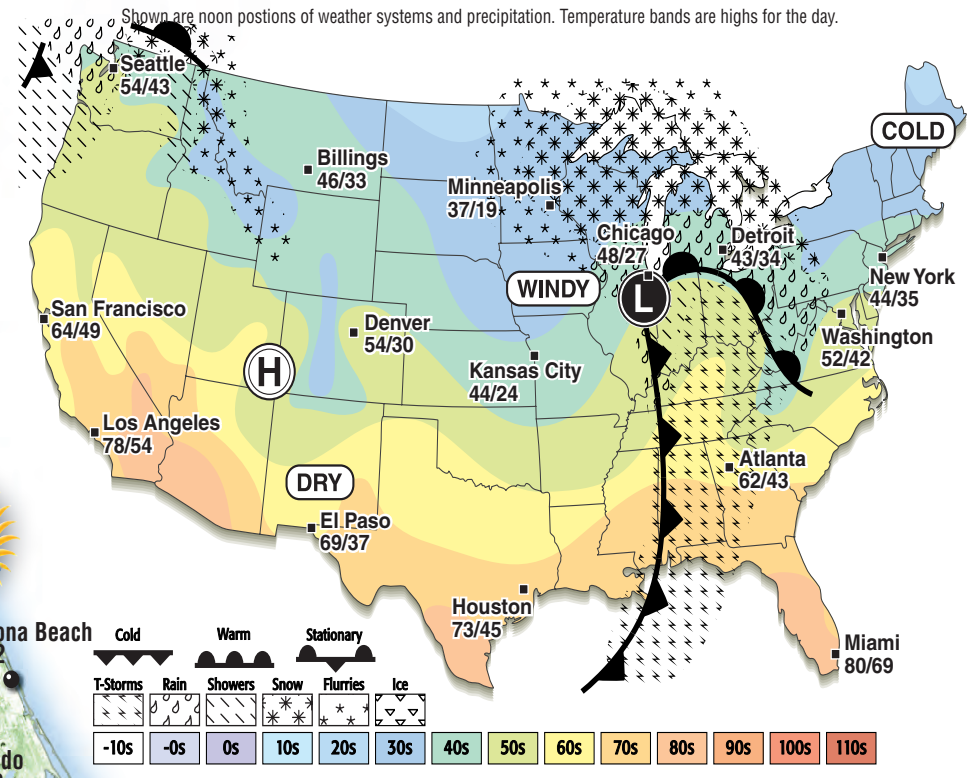
Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny and nice today. Mainly clear tonight. Considerable cloudiness, breezy and not as warm tomorrow with a shower or thunderstorm around. Friday: mostly sunny. Saturday and Sunday: sunny and pleasant.

National Forecast for March 9

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



National Summary

A potent storm system will bring another round of severe weather today, with its bullseye shifting into the Southeast. Alabama, western Georgia and the Florida Panhandle will especially be at risk where damaging winds, flooding rain, hail and tornadoes are possible. Rain and thunderstorms will drench the Ohio Valley, returning the possibility of flooding. Meanwhile, snow, some of which will be heavy, will blanket the Upper Midwest on the north side of this system.

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	80°
Low Friday	57°
High Saturday	82°
Low Saturday	56°
High Sunday	82°
Low Sunday	37°
High Monday	77°
Low Monday	49°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	45%
Expected air temperature	83°
Makes it feel like	84°

Barometer

Saturday	29.94
Sunday	30.05
Monday	30.13

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	0.43"
Year to date	3.30"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	4:39 a.m.
Low	9:27 a.m.
High	3:44 p.m.
Low	11:16 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	11:05 a.m.
Low	4:44 a.m.
High	11:40 p.m.
Low	5:00 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	12.02'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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

10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
6	8	6	2

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

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Farm Report

Mostly sunny and nice today. Winds southeast 10-20 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and good drying conditions. Mainly clear tonight.

Weather History

On March 9, 1995, a blinding dust storm on I-10 contributed to a 23-car accident with 10 fatalities near Wilcox, Ariz. Poor visibility helps cause many multiple vehicle crashes.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:42 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset	6:32 p.m.	6:32 p.m.
Moonrise	9:07 a.m.	9:48 a.m.
Moonset	10:51 p.m.	11:46 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26	Apr 3

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	86/63/s	78/49/t	72/47/s
Clearwater	82/66/s	73/51/t	67/51/s
Coral Springs	80/67/pc	80/52/t	73/54/pc
Daytona Beach	78/62/pc	74/44/t	64/43/s
Ft. Laud. Bch	80/68/pc	81/53/t	73/56/pc
Fort Myers	86/64/s	79/50/t	72/49/s
Gainesville	79/61/pc	69/37/t	64/36/s
Hollywood	80/66/pc	82/53/t	74/52/pc
Homestead AFB	78/67/pc	78/54/t	72/53/pc
Jacksonville	76/61/pc	68/38/t	64/37/s
Key West	80/70/s	80/62/t	69/61/pc
Miami	80/69/pc	80/54/t	73/55/pc
Okeechobee	79/63/pc	80/49/t	69/46/s
Orlando	82/62/pc	75/45/t	69/45/s
Pembroke Pines	80/66/pc	82/53/t	74/52/pc
St. Augustine	72/63/pc	68/42/t	60/41/s
St. Petersburg	82/66/s	74/51/t	67/51/s
Sarasota	80/64/s	72/51/t	68/47/s
Tallahassee	75/55/t	67/37/s	67/37/s
Tampa	80/65/s	74/50/t	69/48/s
W. Palm Bch	80/65/pc	80/49/t	70/51/pc
Winter Haven	83/63/s	75/46/t	69/46/s

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

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	60/32/s	68/38/s	67/37/s
Atlanta	62/43/t	53/32/pc	57/41/s
Baltimore	50/42/pc	56/40/r	54/33/pc
Birmingham	68/39/t	55/33/pc	62/41/s
Boston	38/30/s	43/38/r	51/39/r
Charlotte	53/51/sh	65/34/t	57/33/s
Cheyenne	46/30/s	58/32/s	52/23/pc
Chicago	48/27/r	41/23/sf	45/33/c
Cleveland	44/35/r	42/29/c	39/28/pc
Columbus	52/38/r	46/29/sn	47/33/pc
Dallas	66/40/s	70/48/s	75/47/s
Denver	54/30/s	68/33/s	61/25/pc
Detroit	43/34/r	42/27/sf	42/28/pc
Harrisburg	44/38/pc	51/38/r	49/31/c
Honolulu	82/71/pc	82/69/s	82/70/s
Houston	73/45/s	72/43/s	73/53/s
Indianapolis	54/33/r	43/26/sf	49/36/pc
Jackson, MS	70/38/t	61/33/s	65/41/s
Kansas City	44/24/c	51/34/s	63/34/pc
Lexington	60/39/r	44/28/sn	47/35/pc
Little Rock	58/35/c	59/36/s	65/45/pc
Los Angeles	78/54/s	76/52/s	72/52/s
Louisville	58/38/r	47/31/sn	53/40/pc
Memphis	56/36/t	52/37/s	61/47/pc
Milwaukee	44/27/r	38/24/sf	39/30/c
Minneapolis	37/19/sn	33/23/pc	38/26/sn
Nashville	66/39/t	48/32/c	55/39/pc
New Orleans	74/50/t	65/44/s	65/48/s
New York City	44/35/pc	50/44/r	53/37/r
Norfolk	58/50/pc	69/46/r	52/39/pc
Oklahoma City	58/33/s	67/41/s	72/41/s
Philadelphia	49/39/pc	56/42/r	52/35/c
Phoenix	80/53/s	84/56/s	83/56/s
Pittsburgh	45/40/r	48/32/r	43/31/pc
Portland, ME	36/23/s	40/34/sn	46/37/r
Portland, OR	59/46/sh	55/42/r	54/40/c
Raleigh	57/54/c	66/38/r	58/35/s
Rochester	40/35/sn	47/32/r	41/30/sf
St. Louis	50/31/c	49/32/pc	59/39/pc
San Francisco	64/49/pc	60/47/pc	58/45/s
Seattle	54/43/r	51/39/r	52/40/c
Wash., DC	52/42/pc	58/39/r	54/36/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/68/s	90/70/s	88/69/s
Athens	48/36/sh	54/39/sh	58/44/s
Beirut	53/44/r	51/44/r	54/45/s
Berlin	47/35/sh	48/35/sh	48/31/sh
Bermuda	71/64/s	71/66/sh	70/61/sh
Calgary	43/26/pc	36/3/sn	19/17/c
Dublin	46/39/pc	50/36/pc	46/37/sh
Edmonton	29/12/pc	15/-5/sn	7/1/c
Freeport	80/62/pc	77/60/t	72/55/pc
Geneva	54/36/s	59/39/s	61/42/s
Havana	86/65/s	81/60/t	80/58/pc
Hong Kong	66/61/r	72/63/s	71/64/pc
Jerusalem	48/37/r	44/38/r	47/37/r
Johannesburg	84/57/pc	84/57/s	87/60/pc
Kiev	36/20/s	40/30/s	48/33/pc
London	52/41/pc	52/36/pc	50/37/pc
Montreal	34/26/s	40/35/sn	37/36/sn
Moscow	34/15/s	28/11/s	31/30/sf
Nice	58/43/s	60/45/s	60/47/c
Ottawa	30/23/pc	34/33/sn	37/36/sf
Quebec	28/17/s	33/26/sn	39/35/i
Rio de Janeiro	82/74/sh	83/73/sh	85/74/s
Seoul	41/20/pc	46/27/s	50/30/s
Singapore	85/75/r	86/75/r	84/77/r
Sydney	88/68/pc	85/67/pc	80/65/r
Toronto	38/35/sn	41/40/c	41/35/sf
Vancouver	49/44/r	49/39/r	47/41/c
Vienna	52/44/s	59/47/pc	60/46/pc
Warsaw	44/35/s	44/37/sh	45/29/sh
Winnipeg	28/6/c	34/19/c	34/3/c

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Breauna Corley ripped a fifth-inning double Monday, and though she was stranded, the Lady Dragons came back for a 4-3 win over Fort Meade.

Lady Dragons squeak past Miners

By DAN HOEHNE
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LAKE PLACID – It sure wasn't pretty, Monday's 4-3, 8-inning win for the Lady Dragons over visiting Fort Meade – but as the saying goes, a win is a win and Lake Placid has been seeing their fair share thus far this season.

But in the rematch against a Lady Miner team that the Dragons had trounced 12-6 on Feb. 25, such a high-scoring affair was not going to be on a clear and chilly night.

Both teams had plenty of chances, as well as gave each other plenty of chances with errors too numerous to list.

But while extra runners were allowed to reach base, a sparkling defensive play would keep them there.

Such as in the first, when a throw home by shortstop Taylor Test cut down a runner at the plate to end the inning.

Or the six-three-two double play with runners on second and third in the second inning.

An infield single would plate a run for Fort Meade in the frame, but the damage was limited to that lone score.

The Dragon bats, meanwhile, were feeling the chill of the air and the confusion of a consistently erratic strike zone.

Into the fourth it was still the slim 1-0 lead for the Miners before a run in the top of the frame on a single to center doubled the lead to two.

But a soon-to-be familiar trio would bring Lake Placid back in the bottom of the inning.

Arnetia Gobourne started it with a single to center, followed by another shot up the middle by Ashley Wells.

Gobourne raced to third and as the throw came that way, Wells alertly made it to second.

Cheyenne Wise followed with a base-knock to left that brought Gobourne home and when the ball got past the left fielder, Wells came in with the tying run.

Again, each team would have their chances, as Breauna Corley's two-out double couldn't be brought in the fifth.

Fort Meade had one on in the sixth when a pop to short center froze the runner on first, allowing a quick-thinking Gobourne, the center fielder, to scoop it up after it hit the grass and race to second for the force.

A dropped third strike and an error then loaded the bases for the Miners, but starter Laine Weber-Callahan snared a comebacker and threw to first to retire the side.

The southpaw retired the side in order to give her team a shot in the bottom of the seventh to avoid extra innings, and it looked to be going that way when Kayla McMahon rocketed a shot to third that couldn't be handled cleanly followed by Jerica Worely reaching when her pop to short center found the turf to put runners on first and third with nobody out and Weber-Callahan coming up.

But the hard-hitting lefty was promptly plunked by the first pitch to load the bases.

A pitcher to catcher fielder's choice kept the winning run from coming in, as did the ensuing pop-up that the

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Heartland goes Sebring's way

Boys, girls both win titles

By DAN HOEHNE
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SEBRING – The Blue Streaks' winning ways on the tennis courts continued this past weekend as both the boys and girls squads took team honors at the Heartland Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Played in Avon Park, the boys took four of the five singles titles, with Brian Miller roaring back from an early deficit to take a 7-5,6-0 win over Hardee's Juan Mier at the No. 1 slot.

Sebring also got singles wins from Andrew Keith at No. 3, who rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 win, Sam Galati at No. 4 and Abhi Shah.

Shah's win was a straight-set 6-4, 6-1 breeze compared to the three set, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 rally that Galati endured for his win over Lake Placid's Nic Yacaboni.

Andrew Midence then teamed up with Miller to take a 6-4, 7-5 win at No. 1 doubles and Keith and Galati tooke a 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 2.

The only title not gotten by a Blue Streak went to a Red Devil as Avon Park's Dawson Colero took the No. 2 singles trophy with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Midence.

Back at the Sebring High School Courts, the Lady Streaks provided a virtual repeat of what the boys were doing, taking all but one singles title and getting firsts in both doubles finals.

Sebring's only falter in the finals was at No. 1 singles where Kaley Walter was trying to atone for her lone loss of the regular season thus far, to DeSoto's Kayla Muse.

Muse cruised to a 6-0 first set win, but Walter stormed back to dominate a 6-1, second-set win.

The third set proved quite a battle, with Muse hanging on for a 6-4 win.

With Joy Donglason out for recent matches due to injury, the No. 2 singles slot needed to be filled. Nisha Patel filled in nicely and took a first-place trophy home to boot, taking a 6-2, 6-2 win before Kelly Broen earned her own trophy with a 6-4, 6-3 win at No. 3.

Morgan Heston battled with Lake Placid freshman Hannah Waller and came away with a 6-2, 6-4 win at No. 4 and Micaela DeVane won No. 5 singles by a 6-4, 6-4 margin over Entrinity Packett of DeSoto.

Walter did walk away with a first, as she and Patel got past Lady Dragons' Jalitza Serrano and Deta Waller for the No. 1 doubles title.

Courtesy photo

From left, Morgan Heston, Micaela DeVane, Kaley Walter, Joy Donglason, Kelly Broen and Nisha Patel serve as an elated backdrop to the first-place trophies each won at the Heartland Conference Tennis Tournament.

Courtesy photo

With head coach Joanne Bostanche, from left, Lake Placid's Hannah Waller, Deta Waller and Jalitza Serrano show off their medals won at last weekend's Heartland Conference Tennis Tournament.

'We're a team that no one wants to see in the first round'

DWAYNE WADE

Miami's Wade says We're fine'

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Having LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh together was supposed to be the Miami Heat formula for many championships.

And it might. Someday.

Right now, it isn't. With the playoffs a little more than a month away, time is running out.

So maybe it was fitting that Heat coach Erik Spoelstra had his back to the wall of Miami's practice court Monday when trying his best to clear up "Crygate." Here was his clarification: He saw glossy eyes, but heard no whimpering.

Ultimately, little of that matters. A day after Spoelstra said there was "a couple guys crying in the locker room" in the moments that followed Sunday's 87-86 loss to the Chicago Bulls — the latest entry in a growing list of last-second chances gone awry — whether tears were falling or not is irrelevant.

Shots aren't falling.

That's the bigger issue for the Heat, who have lost four straight and are early in their toughest stretch of the season. Portland, hardly a slouch from the suddenly surging Western Conference, visits on Tuesday. Kobe Bryant and the two-time defending

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Price, Cool take inaugural Semionle Trail Run

News-Sun

SEBRING – The Inaugural Seminole Trail Run 5K at Sun & Lakes Preserve area drew a spirited field of 40 participants.

Race organizer Erin McCarta's challenging trail test of wills proved to be lots of fun for the Seminole Booster fund-raiser.

Only two runners took a spill on the rough terrain, and no one had a major injury.

Kim Price, of Avon Park, won the race and top female position in a fine 24:48 and young twelve-year old Danny Cool, also of Avon Park, won top male honors in 26:31.

Overall Female Winner: Kim Price 24:48

Overall Male Winner: Danny Cool 26:31

Female Master: Paula Jean Lunt 25:08

Male Master: Ron Bednosky 29:42

Female Grand Master: Lois Hotchkiss 34:50

Male Grand Master: Carl Cool 33:34

Female Age Group Finishers

(14 & Under) Savannah Oldfield 34:44

(25-29) Holly Kelsey36:52, Maria Fabela 40:46

(30-34) Sarah Smith 36:23, Meagan Bell 1:04:35

(35-39) Kelly Griffin 28:22, Lori Ashworth 33:07

(40-44) Vicki Musselman 28:21, Julia Miller 44:52

(45-49) Pam Farr 31:45, Susie Whitehead 42:21

(55-59) Martie Brooker 35:18, Peggy Essex-Klammer 40:08

(65-69) Fran Rolston 59:25.

Male Age Group Finishers

(14 & Under) Dane Kelsey, Jr; 51:38

(15-19) Zach Farr 30:13

(25-29) Raulie Raulerson 28:25, Calvin Crowell 47:14

(30-34) Carlos Torres 31:08, Dane Kelsey 51:38, David Bell 1:04:37

(35-39) Bryant Musselman 27:07, Carolos Torres 41:46, Randal Ennis 47:16

(40-44) Steve Ashworth 29:46

(50-54) John Whitehead 34:03, Steve Farr 34:26

(55-59) Dr. Mike McLeod 33:35

(65-69) Cliff Ables 42:00.

Run the Race Track set for March 12

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – From bicycles to high speed prototypes the historic 17-turn circuit at the Sebring International Raceway has hosted nearly every kind of vehicle possible .

Again this year, there will be foot-power as runners take to the track for the second Sebring Hall of Fame run. A 5K event last year will be a bit longer this year.

"We're going to run the entire track, starting and ending at the finish line, so it will be the full 3.7-mile Sebring circuit," said John Barben, who is heading up the event for the Sebring Hall of Fame Committee.

The event will be held on the morning of March 12 and is presented by Gold's Gym.

"We do have some other sponsorship opportunities available as well," he said.

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Local Schedule

Avon Park

THURSDAY: Baseball at Sante Fe, 7 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Mulberry, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Softball vs. Tenoroc, 5:30/7:30 p.m.
MONDAY: Boys Tennis vs. Sebring, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Sebring, 4 p.m.
TUESDAY: Baseball at DeSoto, 7 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. DeSoto, 4 p.m.

Lake Placid

THURSDAY: Boys/Girls at Sebring, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Softball at McKeel, 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY: Baseball at Sonrise, 7 p.m.; Softball at Pemayetv Emahakv, 5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Baseball at Sebring, 7 p.m.

Sebring

THURSDAY: Boys/Girls Tennis vs. Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Track and Field vs. Frostproof, DeSoto, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Lake Wales, 7 p.m.; Softball at Lake Wales, 5:30/7:30 p.m.
MONDAY: Softball at Hardee, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Avon Park, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Avon Park, 4 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY: Baseball at Pasco-Hernando, 3 p.m.
THURSDAY: Softball vs. Sante Fe, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Lincolnland (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SATURDAY: Baseball at State College of Florida, 2 p.m.
MONDAY: Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 6 p.m.

Sports Snapshots

Avon Park Mall Festival 5K

AVON PARK – The 26th Annual Avon Park Mall Festival 5K Run/Walk is set for Friday night, March 25, at the Old Armory Building at 6:00 p.m.

Registration will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the building across from the tennis courts in Donaldson Park.

Entry fee is $15 through March 21 and $20 from March 22 thru race day sign up.

Tee shirts guaranteed to only the first 100 entrants, so sign up early.

Those desiring an entry form may email *cbrojek@comcast.net* or call Chet at 385-4736.

Mail your checks payable to Central Florida Striders, along with the signed application to Central Florida Striders, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872.

The race benefits the boys and girls track teams at Avon Park High School.

Wings of Faith Golf

SEBRING – Wings of Faith Worship Center presents the First Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 16 at Country Club of Sebring.

Check-in is from 7:30-8:15 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Platinum Sponsor - $500 includes one team of four golfers, one tee sign and two green signs; Gold Sponsor - $300 includes one team of four golfers, one green sign; Silver Sponsor - $150 includes one green sign, one tee sign; Bronze Sponsor - $100 includes one green sign.

Individual player - $60 includes green fees, cart and lunch ($70 after March 26).

Team of Four Golfers - $240 includes green fees, cart and lunch ($280 after March 26).

Make checks payable to: Wings of Faith CWC, P.O. Box 1227, Sebring, FL 33871, or register online at *wingsoffaithchristianworshipcenter.com*.

Proceeds to be donated to scholarship program for graduates attending Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center.

For more information, call Jason Hankerson at 253-2234; *jasonhankerson@gmail.com* or Alvin Walters Sr. at 381-5706, *alvinwalterssr@yahoo.com*.

Our Lady of Grace event

AVON PARK – Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church has a benefit event coming up, the First Annual Golf Tournament at River Greens Saturday, March 12 at 8 a.m.

The cost of $60 per player includes golf, cart, golf shirt and lunch, while River Greens members pay just $35.

Sponsorships are available, starting with a $100 hole sponsor for a sign only.

A Hole Sponsor with Sign, plus a free foursome, is $300, a Co-Sponsor Sign, plus free foursome, with perogative to fly their banner is $400 and a Major Sponsor is $1,500.

"Doc Owen" Golf Tourney

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Noon Rotary Club will host its Second Annual David "Doc Owen" Golf tournament on Saturday, April 16 at Highlands Ridge North.

The two-person scramble-format entry fee is $60 per person with prizes in flight groups, lunch, goodie bag and refreshments on the course. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun tee time.

Entry information and check payable to Avon Park Noon Rotary mailed to Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Rd, Sebring, FL 33872.

Golfers should include their names and handicaps along with their check.

Those needing a form may email Brojek at *cbrojek@comcast.net* or call at 385-4736.

Business entry of two-persons plus a hole sign for a total of $200 is available for the first time this year.

All Rotary club members are urged to support participate in the event that benefits local Rotary charity projects.

Business hole signs for $100 are also available by contacting Chet via email or phone.

SHS Basketball Camp

SEBRING – The SHS basketball program will be hosting a basketball camp for boys and girls, in 2nd-6th grade, on Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29, from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

The cost of the camp is $20 and is appropriate for players of all skill levels and experience.

Current and former Streaks will be on hand to help with the camp, which will also feature contests, competitions and prizes.

Campers can either bring their own lunch or purchase lunch there for a reasonable price.

Please contact Coach Lee at 441-1221, or by email at *leem@highlands.k12.fl.us*.

Sandy Foster Memorial

SEBRING – NU-HOPE Elder Care Services annual golf tournament is just around the corner.

The NU-HOPE Board of Directors has chosen to rename the golf tournament this year in memory of Sandy Foster, former Executive Director of NU-HOPE Elder Care Services.

Sandy passed away very unexpectedly in September of last year.

Sandy loved golf and ran a very successful golf tournament for 13 years; in his memory the tournament will be renamed the "Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE golf tournament."

This year we are continuing with Sandy's passion for the tournament with flight, raffle and door prizes.

In the last three years the field was full, with a wait list, so sign up soon!

The first annual Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE golf tournament will be held on April 9, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble format.

Entry fee will be $60 per person ($120 per team) which includes lunch afterwards and refreshments during the tournament. Registration forms are available at the Country Club of Sebring Pro Shop (John Vickers) or can be obtained via mail or fax by calling Debbie Slade at 382-2134.

Business sponsorships are also available for this event.

The revenue from this event is used for the 'local match' amount this organization needs each year to secure federal and state grant funds in our effort to continue providing home and community-based services to the frail and needy elderly residents of Highlands and Hardee Counties.

Come out and help us honor Sandy Foster, who had such a passion for the lives of seniors.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	46	15	.754	—
d-Chicago	44	18	.710	2.5
d-Miami	43	20	.683	4
Orlando	40	24	.625	7.5
Atlanta	37	26	.587	10
New York	33	29	.532	13.5
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	14.5
Indiana	27	35	.435	19.5
Charlotte	26	37	.413	21
Milwaukee	23	38	.377	23
Detroit	23	41	.359	24.5
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27.5
Toronto	17	46	.270	30
Washington	16	46	.258	30.5
Cleveland	12	50	.194	34.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	46	17	.730	5
d-L.A. Lakers	45	19	.703	6.5
d-Oklahoma City	39	23	.629	11.5
Denver	37	27	.578	14.5
Portland	36	27	.571	15
New Orleans	37	29	.561	15.5
Memphis	36	29	.554	16
Phoenix	32	29	.525	18
Utah	33	31	.516	18.5
Houston	33	32	.508	19
Golden State	27	35	.435	23.5
L.A. Clippers	24	40	.375	27.5
Sacramento	15	46	.246	35
Minnesota	15	50	.231	37

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Sunday's Games
Chicago 87, Miami 86
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 83
Detroit 113, Washington 102
Philadelphia 125, Golden State 117, OT
New York 92, Atlanta 79
New Orleans 96, Cleveland 81
Oklahoma City 122, Phoenix 118, OT
Memphis 104, Dallas 103
Boston 89, Milwaukee 83

Monday's Games
L.A. Clippers 92, Charlotte 87
Portland 89, Orlando 85
New York 131, Utah 109
Chicago 85, New Orleans 77
Memphis 107, Oklahoma City 101
Dallas 108, Minnesota 105
Houston 123, Sacramento 101

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, late
Golden State at Cleveland, late
Philadelphia at Indiana, late
Milwaukee at Washington, late
Portland at Miami, late
Houston at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	40	19	6	86	208	174
Pittsburgh	38	21	8	84	193	166
N.Y. Rangers	35	29	4	74	193	164
New Jersey	30	31	4	64	139	168
N.Y. Islanders	25	32	10	60	184	213

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	38	19	8	84	199	152
Montreal	36	23	7	79	176	167
Buffalo	32	25	8	72	189	187
Toronto	29	28	9	67	173	202
Ottawa	22	34	9	53	147	206

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	20	10	84	178	167
Tampa Bay	37	21	8	82	196	200
Carolina	31	26	9	71	191	201
Atlanta	27	28	11	65	184	214
Florida	26	31	9	61	165	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	19	8	86	219	193
Chicago	37	23	6	80	218	182
Nashville	33	24	9	75	167	156
Columbus	31	26	8	70	180	196
St. Louis	29	28	9	67	182	198

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	42	16	9	93	216	155
Calgary	35	24	9	79	207	193
Minnesota	34	25	7	75	171	174
Colorado	26	31	8	60	185	224
Edmonton	23	35	8	54	169	215

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	38	22	6	82	185	167
Dallas	36	23	7	79	184	186
Phoenix	34	23	10	78	191	194
Los Angeles	36	25	5	77	183	163
Anaheim	35	26	5	75	182	193

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's Games
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO
N.Y. Rangers 7, Philadelphia 0
Washington 3, Florida 2, OT
Buffalo 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Calgary 3, Nashville 2
Vancouver 3, Anaheim 0

Monday's Games
Washington 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO
St. Louis 5, Columbus 4, SO
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 3, OT

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa at New Jersey, late
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, late
Edmonton at Philadelphia, late
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, late
Boston at Montreal, late
Chicago at Florida, late
Colorado at Minnesota, late
Vancouver at Phoenix, late
Nashville at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Spring Training

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	7	3	.700
Detroit	8	4	.667
Minnesota	6	3	.667
Texas	6	4	.600
Baltimore	4	3	.571
Los Angeles	5	5	.500
Seattle	4	4	.500
Boston	4	5	.444
Cleveland	4	5	.444
New York	4	5	.444
Toronto	4	5	.444
Oakland	4	6	.400
Chicago	2	6	.250
Tampa Bay	2	7	.222

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	9	3	.750
Atlanta	7	3	.700
St. Louis	6	3	.667
Washington	5	3	.625
Cincinnati	6	4	.600
Milwaukee	6	4	.600
Colorado	5	4	.556
Florida	4	4	.500
San Diego	4	4	.500
Philadelphia	5	6	.455
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455
New York	4	5	.444
Chicago	4	6	.400
Los Angeles	4	7	.364
Arizona	4	9	.308
Houston	2	8	.200

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's Games
Florida 4, Atlanta 3, 10 innings
Washington 14, Houston 9
Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 10, Minnesota 4
Boston 6, Baltimore (ss) 5
N.Y. Yankees (ss) 7, Philadelphia 1
Detroit 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago White Sox (ss) 16, Cleveland 16, tie
Chicago Cubs 14, L.A. Angels 13
Milwaukee 15, Cincinnati 2
Arizona (ss) 8, Kansas City (ss) 6
Chicago White Sox (ss) 12, Arizona (ss) 1
Seattle 6, Oakland 3
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 1
Baltimore (ss) 0, N.Y. Yankees (ss) 0, tie
Kansas City (ss) 11, San Diego 3
San Francisco 4, Texas 1

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. Detroit at Lakeland, 1:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Washington vs. Florida at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Detroit at Lakeland, 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Baltimore (ss) at Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Baltimore (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Toronto vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington (ss) at Viera, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (ss) vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Live Sports On TV

College Basketball

Wednesday

Noon	Big East Tournament	ESPN
2 p.m.	Big East Tournament	ESPN
7 p.m.	Big East Tournament	ESPN
7 p.m.	Northeast Conference Tournament	ESPN2
9 p.m.	Big East Tournament	ESPN
9 p.m.	Big Sky Tournament	ESPN2

Thursday

Noon	Big East Tournament	ESPN
12:30 p.m.	Big 12 Tournament	ESPN2
2 p.m.	Big East Tournament	ESPN
2:30 p.m.	Big Ten Tournament	ESPN2
4:30 p.m.	Big Ten Tournament	ESPN2
7 p.m.	Big East Tournament	ESPN
7 p.m.	ACC Tournament	ESPN2
9 p.m.	Big East Tournament	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Big 12 Tournament	ESPN2

Golf

Thursday

2 p.m.	PGA – WGC Cadillac Championship	GOLF
6:30 p.m.	PGA – Puerto Rico Open	GOLF

NBA

Thursday

8 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at Miami	TNT
10:30 p.m.	Denver at Phoenix	TNT

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Plenty of Kayak Tours on tap in March

After a beautiful month of February and some great trips out on area waters, Sebring Kayak Tours doesn't let up in March, offering several trips throughout the month.

Saturday March 12, 9 a.m.

Arbuckle Creek/Avon Park Bombing Range

We will meet and launch from the boat ramp on E Arbuckle Rd off of Hwy 64 in Avon Park.

We'll paddle upstream to Lake Arbuckle at the entrance to the Bombing Range where we will stop, get out, stretch have a snack, and then paddle our way back to the boat ramp.

This trip is approximately 2 1/2 hours of paddling time at a very leisure pace. Ideal for beginners and first-timers as well as seasoned paddlers.

Saturday March 19, 8 p.m.

Moonlight Paddle Lake Jackson

Watch a spectacular mixture of pink and orange hues as the sun sets on the shimmering waters of Lake Jackson.

And then marvel at the beauty of a full moon.

End your day with a very relaxing trip under the stars.

We recommend that you have some kayaking experience.

We will launch from Veteran's Beach and paddle our way across to the City Pier (where we will get out, stretch and have a snack) and then paddle our way back to Veteran's Beach (or vice versa depending on weather conditions).

Sunday March 20, 4 p.m.

Sunset Tour Arbuckle Creek/ Istokpoga Park

We will meet and launch from the boat ramp on Lake Istokpoga Park off of Hwy 98 in Sebring.

We'll paddle upstream to our favorite "get out/stretch/snack/swim" spot and then paddle our way back to the Park.

This is a late afternoon (sunset) trip with approximately 2 1/2 hours of paddling. Ideal for beginners and first-timers as well as seasoned paddlers.

Saturday March 26, 10 a.m.

Alafia River - Lithia Springs Park

The Alafia River is a narrow, twisting trail with large oak, cypress and cedar trees that line the banks and form a canopy overhead.

Paddlers share the peace and quiet with wading birds and turtles.

The Alafia is a fairly swift river, especially for central Florida, and some small shoals are exposed in low water creating small (very small) rapids... Yippee!

We will meet at Lithia Springs Park and shuttle you to the launch site at Alderman Ford Park.

This is a full day trip with approximately 3 1/2 - 4 hrs of paddling time including a break for lunch about halfway.

Sunday March 27, 4 p.m.

Sunset Tour Arbuckle Creek/ Istokpoga Park

We will meet and launch from the boat ramp on Lake Istokpoga Park off of Hwy 98 in Sebring.

We'll paddle upstream to our favorite "get out/stretch/snack/swim" spot and then paddle our way back to the Park.

This is a late afternoon (sunset) trip with approximately 2 1/2 hours of paddling. Ideal for beginners and first-timers as well as seasoned paddlers.

All trips are $39 per person (single or tandem), $19 for those bringing their own kayaks.

All reservations must be confirmed via phone or email no later than 24 hrs prior to the trip.

Kayaking is a water activity – you will get wet. so dress appropriately.

Kayaking is also a year-round activity in Florida and Sebring Kayak Tours do not typically cancel tours due to "cooler" weather or due to rain, unless encounter dangerous thunder/lightning is encountered.

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Wade says Heat OK

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champion Lakers, who just happened to roll a San Antonio team that embarrassed the Heat last week, stop by Thursday. The Spurs visit next Monday.

Even with that, the Heat confidence remains.

"We're a team that no one wants to see in the first round," Wade said. "We lose every game from here on out, somebody's got to see us in the first round. And the Miami Heat isn't really a team you want to see in the first round.

"We're fine."

That's debatable. Despite the "Big Three" averaging a combined 69.9 points, 22.4 rebounds and 13.3 assists, the Heat have clear issues, including consistency at point guard and center along with the bench.

They're 43-20, the league's sixth-best record — not the pace James grew accustomed to when he was the lone true superstar with the Cleveland Cavaliers, who had been among the league's very best. They've had their moments, like a big Christmas win against the Lakers, a late-game rally to win at Oklahoma City, a run of 21 victories in 22 games from Nov. 29 through Jan. 9. That run started after James bumped Spoelstra on the way to a huddle in Dallas and speculation started raining that the Heat were already finished. Take that stretch away, though, and the Heat are 22-19.

"At the end of the day, we're in a good position right now, in the Eastern Conference and in the whole league," James said. "We get a win, we'll be all right."

James was saying the other day that he'd rather get blown out in a game than lose at the buzzer, and at this point, it's easy to see why he thinks that way. The Heat have lost 11 games already this season in which they had a chance to take the lead or tie the score in the final 12 seconds of regulation or overtime. The team is shooting 1 for 19 in those situations, and the one make — a dunk by James against Memphis in November to tie the game — came in a game the Heat lost on a Rudy Gay jumper as time expired.

Dragons dig one out

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catcher snared and then caught a runner off base.

So into extras it went and consecutive errors on the first two batters of the eighth allowed the tie-breaker to come in before Weber-Callahan could get out of it with a strike out and two comebackers.

But then that trio came around in the order again, with Gobourne drawing a lead-off walk and moving to second when Wells' grounder was fielded cleanly at second, but a moment of indecision allowed both runners to be safe.

Wise then ended it with a shot to left that brought Gobourne in easily and a hustling Wells in with just a bit more drama.

"The girls have been hitting it well, but we just had trouble bringing them in tonight," head coach Alesia Cheshire said. "It's been a real good year for us and the girls are really working hard and are into it. They're very committed."

Now 6-3 on the season, the Dragons were to face Tenoroc in a home district match up Tuesday before hitting the road Friday for a contest at McKeel.

Run the Track March 18

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Last year's inaugural run attracted more than 165 participants but registrar Jan Shoop said she expects more this year.

"It's still pretty early but we're looking for about 200 this year. We had good feedback on last year's event so the numbers will probably be up," she said.

As last year, there will be men's women's and senior's divisions with the top three in each category receiving a special medal.

"It will have a map of the track on it – they're going to be pretty nice," she said. .

Proceeds from the race go to the Sebring Hall of Fame and the Gallery of Legends building.

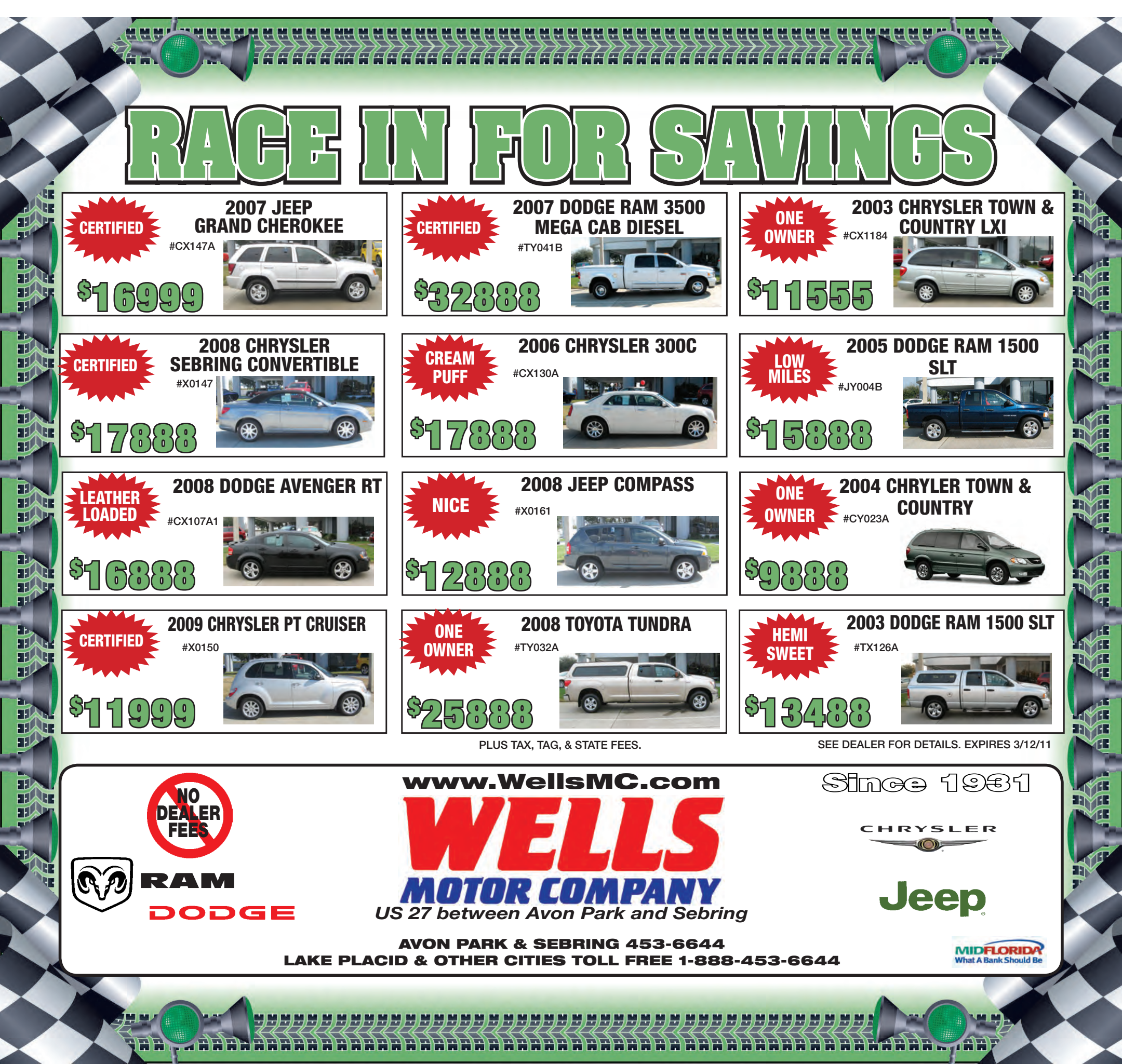
The Gallery of Legends is visited by thousands of fans each year in the paddock to see a wide array of cars that have run the 12 Hours.

It also is available for other activities after Race Week such as banquets, wedding receptions and special events.

Pre-registration is $25 or $30 the day of the race.

Registration will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the front gate of the Sebring International Raceway, with the green flag set to drop at 7:45 a.m..

Call Shoop at 655-1442 ext 218 or email *jashoop@sebringraceway.com.*



NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Food City Jeff Byrd 500, 1 p.m., March 20 — FOX

Nationwide Series
Scotts EZ Seed 300, 2 p.m., March 19 — ESPN

Truck Series
Too Tough To Tame 200, 5 p.m., Saturday — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

▶ Changes in the Nationwide Series title format have had little practical effect thus far. Sprint Cup drivers have won all three races.

▶ Carl Edwards has a first, a second and a wreck so far. At the scene of his misfortune, Phoenix, Edwards likely had his strongest car.

▶ One of Daytona's Cinderella stories, Brian Keselowski, has failed to make the field in the two races since.

▶ There is cause for optimism in the Dale Earnhardt Jr. camp. The most popular driver is off to a solid start.

▶ It was sort of refreshing to see Tony Stewart angry at finishing second. Being at the top of the points standings was little consolation for Tony the Tiger.

▶ The bitterness came out in Greg Biffle. His radio remarks were caustic after pit-road mistakes cost him dearly at Vegas. How the team reacts will be worth watching.

▶ The first four races are almost a microcosm of the season. The series visits a restrictor-plate track, a flat mile, an intermediate track and a short track. No road courses till the summer, though.

▶ The Sam's Town 300 was a fuel-mileage race, which is the principal reason Mark Martin won it. Fuel conservation was also a powerful factor in Danica Patrick's fourth-place finish, best ever by a woman driver in the series.

▶ The hometown Busch brothers performed disastrously in Las Vegas. Kyle erred badly in the Nationwide race, and Kurt took himself out with a Sprint Cup spin. Kurt's recovery kept him tied with Stewart at the top of the standings, though.

▶ It's unusual for Jimmie Johnson to be almost invisible at Las Vegas, which he was this time around after winning four of the previous seven races at the track.

2011 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup

		Pts.
1.	Tony Stewart	113
	Kurt Busch	113
3.	Carl Edwards	- 7
	Juan Pablo Montoya	- 7
5.	Ryan Newman	- 10
6.	Paul Menard	- 17
7.	Martin Truex Jr.	- 18
	Denny Hamlin	- 18
9.	A.J. Allmendinger	- 19
10.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	- 22
	Mark Martin	- 22
12.	Jimmie Johnson	- 26
	Kasey Kahne	- 26

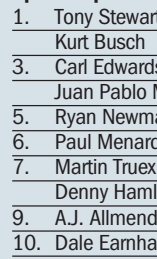
Nationwide Series

1.	Reed Sorenson	111
2.	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	- 2
3.	Jason Leffler	- 5
4.	Danica Patrick	- 13
5.	Justin Allgaier	- 16
6.	Trevor Bayne	- 24
7.	Aric Almirola	- 26
8.	Kenny Wallace	- 27
9.	Mike Bliss	- 29
10.	Joe Nemechek	- 30

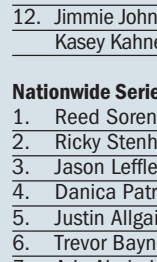
Camping World Truck Series

1.	Matt Crafton	71
2.	Clay Rogers	- 1
3.	Cole Whitt	- 3
4.	Johnny Sauter	- 4
5.	Timothy Peters	- 5
6.	Austin Dillon	- 8
7.	Jeffrey Earnhardt	- 9
8.	Max Papis	- 10
9.	Miguel Paludo	- 12
10.	Ron Hornaday	- 14

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT


Edwards

▶ **Who's hot:** Dating back to 2010, Carl Edwards has won three of the past five Sprint Cup races. ... In the Nationwide Series, Danica Patrick is coming off a fourth-place finish, best ever by a woman driver.


McMurray

▶ **Who's not:** The season has been fruitless so far for Jamie McMurray, 29th in points, and Jeff Burton, 31st. Burton is already 63 points behind, which is the equivalent of 252 under the system formerly used.

If you have a question or comment, write: NASCAR This Week, c/o The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, NC 28053 or send an e-mail to mdutton@gastongazette.com

WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP

Race: Food City Jeff Byrd 500
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 500 laps/266.5 miles.
When: Sunday, March 20
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Dodge, 128.709 mph, March 21, 2003.
Race record: Charlie Glotzbach, Chevy, 101.074 mph, July 11, 1971.
Last week: Ford's Carl Edwards captured his first victory of the season at Las Vegas but his third in his past five, dating back to 2010. Edwards took advantage of a mistake on pit road by runner-up Tony Stewart's team. That mistake forced Stewart to change four tires while Edwards needed only two.

NATIONWIDE

Race: Scotts EZ Seed 300
Where: Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway (.533 mi.), 300 laps/159.9 miles.
When: Saturday, March 19.
Last year's winner: Justin Allgaier, Dodge.
Qualifying record: Greg Biffle, Ford, 127.132 mph, March 26, 2004.
Race record: Brad Keselowski, Chevy, 93.509 mph, Aug. 22, 2008.
Last week: Mark Martin, the series' all-time leader in victories, collected career victory No. 49 at Las Vegas. The Chevy driver took advantage of fuel issues by the field who had been racing ahead of him near the end. It was tire failure, however, that kept Brad Keselowski out of victory lane.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Race: Too Tough To Tame 200
Where: Darlington (S.C.) Raceway (1.366 mi.), 147 laps/200.802 miles.
When: Saturday, March 12.
Last year's winner: Todd Bodine, Toyota.
Qualifying record: Timothy Peters, Toyota, 170.845 mph, Aug. 14, 2010.
Race record: Bobby Hamilton, Dodge, 133.645 mph, March 14, 2003.
Last race: Kyle Busch, in a Toyota, dominated the series' stop at Phoenix, and his average finish, in three weekend races in separate series, was 1.33. Another Cup "visitor," Clint Bowyer, finished second in a Chevy.

BRISTOL DATA

FOX March 20 Aug. 27 abc

16° Banking in straights

Distance:.....0.533-mile oval
Length of frontstretch:.....650 ft.
Length of backstretch:.....650 ft.
Miles/Laps:.266.5 mi. = 500 laps

26° to 30° Banking in turns 1-4

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

FORD RE-EMERGENCE

John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Carl Edwards is showing that Ford is back to running competitively after a tough 2010 season (four wins in 36 races). Edwards, who has won three of the past five Sprint Cup races, has worked wonders with Doug Yates' Ford FR9 engine. Besides Edwards, another Ford driver, A.J. Allmendinger is in the top 10 in points after three 2011 races.

Ford Toughens Up In New Season

Edwards' brand is back with a vengeance after poor 2010 season

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Three races do not a season make, but those three races have certainly given Ford Motor Company reason for optimism where its Sprint Cup program is concerned.

Ford drivers have won two of the season's three races to date. The auto manufacturer's Fusion brand took the first three positions in the Daytona 500. Go back to the end of 2010 and Ford's Carl Edwards has won three of the past five races.

Perhaps the season is too young to draw broad conclusions, but one is obvious. The Blue Oval Camp is flourishing. Performance has dramatically improved. By the proud standards of Ford racing history, 2010 was a dreary year in NASCAR.

Ford's first 2010 victory was the season's 21st race. By season's end, and in spite of Edwards' victories in the final two races, the Ford winning percentage was only .111 — four victories in 36 races.

At the moment, the winning percentage is .667. That won't last, but it's a good sign.

"We have been performing really well, and it's just a joy to drive these race cars right now," said Edwards after winning the Kobalt Tools 400. "You look at the way we qualified (third) and ran. The Fords are back and strong. … It's great to drive these race cars.

"This is the best start to a season that I've ever had. Daytona could have gone any way. There was a lot of luck involved in our good finish at Daytona. Phoenix was a very strong performance from everyone, but we had bad luck there. I felt (in Las Vegas) we had a solid, top-three car all day. Those are three different types of tracks, with success on all three, so I'm really excited about the season. This is a great start."

The man most responsible for development of Ford's FR9 engine, Doug Yates, said, "We've done a lot of work on this engine, and I think we all saw how the performance was at the end of last year by winning a couple of a races.

"We've done our homework, not only on power but also the cooling system, so I'm really proud of that."

Two Ford drivers reside in the current top 10 in points. Edwards is third, and A.J. Allmendinger is ninth.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

R. Gordon

VERSUS

Conway

ROBBY GORDON VS. KEVIN CONWAY

The two former associates had a tiff in the Las Vegas garage area, and Conway called the cops. NASCAR responded by putting Gordon on probation. Each has a claim against the other, and, yes, they involve money. What happened? Officials have attempted to downplay the physical confrontation.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "The fact that Gordon was punished — if NASCAR probation can be described as punishment — suggests that he got the best of, uh, whatever happened between the two."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Sprint Girl, 45 and Boredom

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I have been watching NASCAR for a long, long time. The coverage is awesome, the cars a lot safer than ever, and they told the drivers "have at it" and they have since.

I have noticed during the races, after the driver wins and is celebrating, there is a hot-looking girl that stands behind the winner in a black leather suit. Who is that? She reminds me of the "Hat Man" of the '80s, Bill Brodrick, who would greet drivers with Unocal 76.

Another problem I see is with former driver Kyle Petty. I notice each week he wears a hat with "45" and black duct tape over the number. Why?

Will Garcia
Manistee, Mich.

The woman is the "Sprint Girl" — there are several — and she represents the series sponsor, basically giving Sprint exposure in victory lane. No. 45 is in memory of Kyle Petty's son, Adam, who was killed in a racing accident in 2000.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Having now watched what was formerly called the Busch Clash and now the Gatorade Duels, many viewers seem to be as bored as I am. This morning in the Evansville, Ind., newspaper, on their sports page was a big story about this two-by-two, so-called racing. For the most part, the spectators are already bored. NASCAR is making some changes to prevent permanent hookups between cars, but already some of the teams have overcome those changes.

Supposedly … the drivers like this new style of racing. At the end of (the Daytona 500), I would be willing to bet that those same drivers will be beyond exhausted trying to drive two cars instead of one. For my part, this two-by-two racing is interesting, but far less than exciting.

David Qualkenbush
Huntingburg, Ind.

The racing, from communication from fans, seems to have mostly been panned. It will be interesting to see if the surprise ending changes that perception.

FAN TIPS

HoF Ceremony Prices

The NASCAR Hall of Fame has announced three ticket packages for admission to the second induction ceremony, to be held on Monday, May 23, at the Charlotte Convention Center's Crown Ballroom adjacent to the Hall of Fame. A VIP Package is $150. Premium Admission is $75. Regular Admission is $55. The Hall of Fame's second class includes Bobby Allison, Ned Jarrett, Bud Moore, David Pearson and Lee Petty. For more information, go to www.nascarhall.com.

Hall changes include changing induction time

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Why would the NASCAR Hall of Fame change its induction ceremonies from May to January?

Apparently, the May races at Charlotte Motor Speedway draw crowds to the financially challenged Hall anyway. The idea is to draw crowds independent of the NASCAR races at the nearby track … and give the Hall another big payday.

Still, it seems a bit insensitive from the fans' perspective, doesn't it? If a fan traveled from out of town for the ceremonies, wouldn't it be convenient to include a race in the plans?

This year's inductions will go off on May 23. The January inductions are to begin next year. The Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority's Tim Newman said, "We believe we can complement the star-studded main event with a full slate of activities that will draw fans from around the country."

One possibility? A Charlotte-based fan preview, similar to the one conducted in Winston-Salem by Winston back in the pre-Nextel/Sprint days. That event was held at Lawrence Joel Coliseum.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Hard to compare — Mark Martin has 1,052 total starts in NASCAR's three principal touring series. He won for a record 49th time in the Nationwide Series at Las Vegas Motor Speedway's Sam's Town 300.

Since it is fashionable these days, some are comparing Martin's career starts in three series to Richard Petty's record 1,199 in one. The notion seems dubious, and, by the way, if series are going to be compared, Petty's 15 races in NASCAR's long-forgotten Convertible Division should be counted. That would make Petty's total 1,214, but it's still not much of a comparison since Petty never raced in what are now the Nationwide and Camping World Truck series.

Trivia time — When was the last time two members of the same family entered a (now) Sprint Cup race ranked first and second in points?

It was the second race of the 1988 season, after Bobby Allison edged son Davey in the Daytona 500. Entering Sunday's third race of the current season, brothers Kyle and Kurt Busch were ranked first and second, respectively.

Kurt Busch remains tied for first place. He and Tony Stewart each have 113 points. Kyle Busch fell from first to 14th.

Good citizen … good guy – Before the LVMS weekend began, driver Morgan Shepherd helped Las Vegas police apprehend a shoplifter — the 69-year-old Shepherd ran down the suspect — and Carl Edwards spontaneously agreed to serve as best man in a wedding of fans.

Community Calendar

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to *editor@newssun.com;* or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

WEDNESDAY

■ **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families. New Life Group** meets Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Bible Church, 4453 Thunderbird Road, Sebring. Call 446-0461.*www.adultchildren.org*.

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Burgers served from 5-7 p.m.Live music is from 5-8 p.m. Call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Ladies Auxiliary Post 21** meets at 11 a.m. the second Wednesday at Blue Crab Restaurant, Sebring. All members welcome.

■ **Avon Park Noon Rotary Club** meets noon, Rotary Club Building, on corner of Verona Avenue and Pine Street.

■ **BALANCE, Lives in Transition, Inc. Qi-GONG Relaxation classes** every Wednesday from 2:45-3 p.m. All classes and support groups are at 4023 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 386-5687.

■ **Balance Transitions (Support Group For People Suffering From Mental Illness)** meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at 4023 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 386-5687.

■ **BALANCE, Lives in Transition, Inc. Family and Caregiver Support Group** meets the second Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Southern Lifestyle Assisted Living of Lake Placid, 1297 U.S. 27 North.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. Call 385-8118.

■ **The Bridgettes** meet at 12:15 p.m. at Sebring Recreation Center to play bridge. Call Sandra Yates at 655-5815.

■ **Christian Fellowship Group** meets 7 p.m. Call 381-9005 or 381-9007.

■ **Country Swingers** has dances at the Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring. Membership is required. Beginners dancing from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Advanced dancing is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. New dances taught every other week. Call 655-2398.

■ **Fraternal Order of Eagles 4240 Aerie** meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

■ **Heartland Herpetological Society** meets 7 p.m., second Wednesday, Room 315, Cracker Trail Elementary School, Sebring. Call 385-6826 or 465-2228 for details.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** is offering pony rides every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., weather permitting. $5 donation per child. Call 452-0006 for more information. All proceeds raised support our free equine assisted riding program for adults and children with special needs, which resumes in September.

■ **Highlands County Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at the Lakeside house, 1513 S. Highlands Ave., Avon Park. Call the 24-hour hotline 1-800-850-7347 or (941) 616-0460.

■ **Highlands County Traffic Safety Committee** meets 10 a.m., conference room 3, Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, Sebring, second Wednesday.

■ **Highlands Senior Center** is open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their new clubhouse, 3400 Sebring Parkway (the old Lions Club). Two live bands to dance to and great lunches. All area seniors are invited to join the festivities. Call 386-0752.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club,** 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) meets from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and socializing for members and any interested person. Call 382-2208.

■ **Kiwanis Club of Sebring** meets every Wednesday at noon at Homer's Restaurant. Call Grace Plants 273-1421.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** is open to members and their guests. Shuffleboard is at 1:30 p.m. Mah-Jong from 1-5 p.m. Lounge opens at 12:30 p.m. Steak night on the second Wednesday of each month. Call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Garden Club** meets at 12:30 p.m. every second Wednesday (from September through May) for socialization and at 1 p.m. for dessert and beverage, followed by a meeting and gardening program at the Lake Placid Woman's Club, 10 N. Main Ave. Call 465-6106.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at night. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Lake Placid Women of the Moose** meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday at the lodge for a chapter night and enrollment.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Dinner served every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 7 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **Over The Hill Gang** meets 10:15 a.m., Jim's Pistolarrow Range for target shooting. Call 655-4505.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 1-3 p.m. second Wednesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 465-4888.

■ **Rotary Club of Lake Placid (Morning Rotary)** meets at 6:44 a.m. at The Heron's Garden, 501 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, just north of the Tower. Visiting Rotarians always welcome. Coffee only is $2; full breakfast is $7. Call 465-4834.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Wednesdays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** Aerie members meet at 7 p.m. second Wednesday at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** hosts Wacky Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. serving a varied menu of food for $5 and special drink prices. Lounge open from 3-10 p.m. Open to Elk members and guests. Music provided from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Smoke-free environment. Call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Jaycees** meets 7:30 p.m., Jaycees Clubhouse, State Road 17, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Kiwanis** meets noon, Homer's Smorgasbord, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Library** has story-time at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves hamburgers, fries and fish sandwiches from 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. There will be music from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** has ice cream shuffleboard at 1:15 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring. Call 385-2966.

■ **Suicide and Sudden Death Grief Support group** meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m., at Unity Life Enrichment Center, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd, Sebring. Facilitated by licensed therapist. Call 381-4410.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 487** meets at 9 a.m. at Whispering Pines Baptist Church, 303 White Pine Drive, Sebring. Call 382-7716 or 314-9485.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** plays poker at 2 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** food available 5-7 p.m. Entertainment 5-8 p.m. 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Service officer at post 12-3 p.m. Call 385-8902.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9853 Men's Auxiliary** membership meeting is at 7 p.m. second Wednesday at the post, 75 N. Olivia Drive, Avon Park.

■ **Young Artists String Orchestra** (YASO) rehearses each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at Lake Placid Church of the Nazarene (512 W. Interlake). We are looking for violin, viola, cello, and string bass players to be a part of this orchestra. For information, call Diane Osborne, conductor, at 659-4541 or (503) 709-1440.

THURSDAY

■ **Alzheimer's Association Support Group** meets from 1-2 p.m. and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sebring Christian Church on Hammock Road. Call Lisa Rodriguez at 385-3444.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Card games played at 1 p.m. Pool tournament is 7 p.m. Call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Customer Appreciation Day. Free food. Happy hour all day. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Founders Garden Club** meets the second Thursday of the month from September through May. Meetings are held at members' homes. Phone 452-1927 for more information.

■ **Avon Park Moose Lodge 2494** plays euchre at 7 p.m. at the lodge on Walnut Street.

■ **Bravehearts**, an Ala-Non support group, meets from 1-2 p.m. at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. Call 655-3274.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays novice duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, November through May. Call 385-8118.

■ **Central Avon Park Jaycees** meets 7:30 p.m., Recreation Center, North Verona Avenue, Avon Park.

■ **Disabled American Veterans Ridge Chapter 49** meets 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring, second Thursday.

■ **Fletcher Music Club** meets every Thursday and Tuesday at Fletcher Music Center in Lakeshore Mall, Sebring. For more details, call 385-3288.

■ **Fraternal Order of Eagles 4240 Aerie Auxiliary** meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details call 655-4007.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers beginning dance lessons for new and returning dancers from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, and classes for last year's dancers from 2-4 p.m. at Reflections On Silver Lake in Avon Park. Call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at *samdunn@samdunn.net*.

■ **Heartland African Violet Society** meets at 2:30 p.m. every second Thursday at Founders Hall Activities Room at Highlands Ridge, 3003 E. Fairway Vista Drive. Visitors are welcome. Call Shirley at 385-5765 for details.

■ **Heartland Amputee Group** meets at noon every second Thursday (October through April) at Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization, 112 Medical Center Ave., Sebring, for a brown-bag lunch. Beverages provided. It is open to all levels of amputees, both recent and experienced, their family members and friends. Call 385-1196 or e-mail to *hal/loinc@embarqmail.com*.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

■ **Highlands County Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on Lakeview Drive in Sebring. Call the 24-hour hotline 1-800-850-7347 or (941) 616-0460.

■ **Highlands Federated Republican Women** meet second Thursday at Inn on the Lakes, Golfview Drive, Sebring. Social hour and Dutch treat dinner is at 5 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. All Republicans are invited. For further information, call 453-6783.

■ **Highlands Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue** meets 7 p.m., at fire department, 2840 Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, second and fourth Thursday.

■ **Highlands County Corvette Club** meets 7:30 p.m. on second Thursday, Sebring Elks Lodge, corner of Kenilworth Boulevard and Lakeview Drive. For more details, call 471-9829.

■ **Highlands County 9-12 Project** meets from 5-7 p.m. on the second Thursdays of each month at Beef O'Brady's.

■ **Highlands Little Theatre Youth Showstoppers** meet at 6 p.m. every second Thursday of the month. Learn what to do back stage as well as on stage. All youth between 6 and 18 are invited to attend. Call 385-2175.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club,** 2604 State Road 17 South, at 6-8 p.m. has country and bluegrass music played by Country Grass. Donation $3 for single, and $5 for couple. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

■ **Hope Hospice** grief support group meets at 11 a.m. every Thursday at the Avon Park Library, 100 N. Museum Ave. Call 382-0312.

■ **Lake Placid Chapter 260 Order of The Eastern Star** meets at 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday at the Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Lake Placid. No meetings from July through September. Call 465-4345.

■ **Lake Placid China Painters Club** meets 10 a.m. on second Thursday at 10 North Main Ave., Lake Placid from September through May. For more details, call 465-2256.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. Card games and bingo are at 6 p.m. with burgers, sandwiches and desserts served. The lodge is open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves burgers, jumbo hot dogs and fries at 6 p.m. Music provided from 5:30-9 p.m. Darts at 7:30 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club** meets at noon at Peppercorn's, 525 W. Interlake Blvd. For more information, including how to order lunch in advance, call Forrest Steele at 465-0113.

■ **Lake Placid Woodcarvers** meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lorida Teens (TLT)**, a newly formed part of the Greater Lorida Community Club, meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays to play softball, volleyball and a variety of other sports. Teens are encouraged to come to the community center.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Tacos and wings served every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cards at 6:30 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Marine Corps League Cracker Trail Detachment 1004**, meets 7 p.m., second Thursday, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call John Kelley at 386-0524.

■ **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** meets from 9-11 a.m. second and fourth Thursday from May-September at Grace Bible Church, 4541 Thunderbird Road (second church on left). Call Heidi Katsanis at 441-3879. Web site is at www.mops.org.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Take It Easy Group** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 4-5 p.m. every Thursday at Ridge Area Arc Cafeteria, 120 W. College Drive. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidge Intergroup.com. Call 414-3172. Visit www.oa.org for more information on OA.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Wauchula Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 205 S. 11th Ave., Wauchula. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidge Intergroup.com. Call (863) 773-5714.

■ **Peace of Highlands County** meets at 2 p.m. second Thursday at Sebring Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring. A non-profit, interdenominational organization that sponsors programs promoting peace. Call Paul K. Ferrell at 214-5522.

■ **Pine Ridge Promenaders** will be dancing from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Sunshine RV Park recreation hall located 1,000 yards east of U.S. 27 on State Road 70. For more details, call Dan or Nell Sherman at 465-2481 or 243-9676.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 6-9 p.m. at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 465-4888.

■ **Ridge Area Writers** meet at 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday in the conference room at the Sebring Public Library. All writers are welcome. Call 465-5254.

■ **Sebring Breakfast Lions Club** meets 7 a.m. at Dot's Restaurant in Sebring Square.

■ **Sebring Country Estates Civic Association** hosts Ladies Cards at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday. Business meeting every second Thursday at 7 p.m. Carry-in dinner every fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Membership is $10 per person. Located at 3240 Grand Prix Drive. For all residents of Sebring Country Estates and Grand Prix Heights subdivision. Public rentals available for special events. Call 385-9109.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves hamburgers and french fries from 5-7 p.m. Music is from 6-9 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Lodge 249 F&AM** meets 7 p.m., second Thursday, 1809 Home Ave., Sebring.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** has an officers meeting at 7 p.m. and general meeting at 8 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. Call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Rhythm Cloggers** dance at 6:30 p.m. at Highlands Hammock State Park Recreation Room in Sebring. If interested, call 382-3735 or 382-6973.

■ **Sebring Sunrise Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Sebring Elks Club, corner of Kenilworth Boulevard and Southeast Lakeview Drive, Sebring.

■ **Sweet Adeline's Show Chorus** meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Avon Park Rotary Club, 20 S. Verona Ave. Call Jeanne Parzygnat at 699-0743; Bette Killeen at 446-3106 or Anita Helbig at 452-1927.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly** meets at Venus United Methodist Church, 962 County Road 731, Venus. Weigh in is from 5-5:30 p.m. Meeting is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 465-9165 for details.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880**, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. House Committee meeting at 10 a.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves hamburgers from 12-1:30 and plays bingo at 1:30 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For more details call 385-8902.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9853** bar bingo is at 1 p.m. every Thursday.

■ **Volunteers of America of Florida** is a nonprofit organization in Sebring that specializes in assisting person's with mental illness. We are pleased to announce our Drop in Center is open to individuals with a mental illness 6 days a week from 11am to 3 pm. The center offers a welcoming environment where individuals are accepted and feel comfortable. Contact Wendy at 863-382-2022.

FRIDAY

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** One Day At A Time group meets for a closed discussion at 9:30 a.m. Monday and Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lakes Blvd., Sebring. Call 314-0891.

■ **Alzheimer's Association Support Group** meets at 6 p.m. second Friday at the Oaks of Avon in Avon Park. Call 385-3444.

■ **American Legion Post 25** hosts a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. at the post, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid. Cost is $6. Shrimp also is available for same price. Open to the public. Tickets in the lounge on Friday night. Lounge hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** has karaoke from 7 p.m. until final call at the post, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Post open at noon. Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club** meets 7 a.m., Rotary Club building.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. Call 385-8118.

■ **Grand Prix Cloggers** Beginner classes are at 9 a.m., EZ Intermediate classes are at 10 a.m., and Intermediate classes are at 11 a.m. every Friday at Reflection on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers a class in Lake Placid at the Sunshine RV Resort from 9-11 a.m. Friday. Call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at *samdunn@samdunn.net*.

■ **Heartland AIDS Network** meets 9 a.m., second Friday, Heartland Professional Plaza Learning Center, Sebring.

■ **Heartland Clubs** meet at 3:30 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Placid Lakes Town Hall Building, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 699-6773.

■ **Highlands Social Dance Club** hosts ballroom dancing every Friday, October through March from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Dance the night away to the music of the area's Big Bands. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is $5 for members and $7 for non-members. Call 385-6671.

■ **Lake Country Cruisers** has a car show from 5-8 p.m. second Friday at Woody's Bar-B-Q parking lot, Lake Placid. There is a live disc jockey and door prizes.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. There is a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Cost is $8.50 per person. The lodge is open to members and their guests. Call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves wings, fish and burgers at 6 p.m. Music provided from 7-11 p.m. Pool tournament is at 8 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. Call 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous New Day Group** meets at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **S.A.L.T. Council** (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meets the second Friday each month at 10 a.m. in the conference room of Florida Hospital Home Care Services located at 4005 Sun 'n Lake Blvd. For more information contact Grace Plants at 273-1421.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** has Bridge, ACBL Duplicate at the clubhouse, 347 N. Fernleaf, Sebring at 12:30 Fridays. For details or info on lessons, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves chicken or fish baskets from 5-7 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring, for a $4 donation. Blind darts is played at 7 p.m. Call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** serving buffet dinner at 5-7 p.m. Elks and guests invited. Dance music in ballroom at 7 p.m. Dinner and dance is $10 donation. For reservations, call 385-8647 or 471-3557. Smoke-free environment. Lounge is open from 3-10 p.m.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** plays bridge at 12:30 p.m. and table tennis at 4 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave. Call 385-2966 or leave a name, number and message.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** serves steak by the ounce from 5:30-7 p.m. every fourth Friday at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. Texas Hold 'em lessons, 2 p.m. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** serves pizza from 5:30-7 p.m. and music is from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-8902.

Freinds & Neighbors

Tanglewood

By Neil Simpson

SEBRING – "The Sensuous Senator" was a smash hit. Ticket sales started slowly, but as word spread after opening night, more and more people flocked to buy tickets. The play – directed by Joe Morano and starring Darwin Liverance, Delores Smith, Howard Johnson, Judy Chastain, Marcie Taylor, Ron Schilffarth, Theresa Reynolds and Tom Mapp – also featured Carolyn Whitcomb, Cindy and John Gorman, Dollie Maleszyk, Dottie Kattalia, Renee Menard and Wayne Roswell in the press corps.

No play can be a success without the dedicated work of those behind the scenes. In the control booth were Suzanne Schilffarth, stage manager; Doug Sheppard on sound and Jerry Bernstein on lights. Nola Bernstein and Nancy Waitkus handled back stage duties while Shirley Frazier led the stage hands. Susan Johnson assembled a great group of volunteers in her role as house manager. Alain Menard and his crew served dessert at intermission. Needless to say, there were many others who worked for weeks to see this production succeed.

Bright and early Saturday morning, Ron Schilffarth led a large group that took away set decorations, dismantled the set and cleaned up the hall while basking in the glow of yet another successful production by the Tanglewood Actors Guild.

We would be remiss if we didn't say a special thank you to Alan Jay Automotive Network for supplying the limo and driver (John Mandis), which helped to create the impression of an important political event. The Highland County Sheriff's Office also added authenticity as officers Casey, Barcinas and Proctor helped with crowd control and assisted in escorting unruly members of the press off the premises.

Thanks go out to our dessert sponsors; Heartland National Bank, Florida Hospital and Edward Jones - Alan J. Holmes, for their ongoing support. As well, we thank our program advertisers: Paragon Lawn Care, Newsom Eyes, Goin Postal, Alligator Pack & Ship, Alan Jay Automotive Network, Dr. Albert Ruiz, Visions Koin Korner, OnTop Concrete Coatings, Wells Insurance, Eye Specialists of Mid-Florida, Digital Hearing Aid Outlet, Safekill Pest Control, Stewart's Mobile Village, Christine's Golf Carts, Willie Watch, Creative Crafts by Design, Lakeside RV, Hayes Automotive, Photography by Jerry, Ray Dawsey Pressure Washing, Wauchula State Bank and Central Florida Roofing & Aluminum.

We in Tanglewood are very fortunate to have great facilities in which we can stage live theatre productions and the Tanglewood Actors Guild looks forward to presenting more great plays in the 2011/2012 season.

Saturday evening, Pauline Oliphant, line dance teacher extraordinaire, donated her time and talent to lead an enjoyable evening of line dancing, which netted $433 for the Cancer Benefit.

Sunday evening 700 people were entertained in the Tanglewood Clubhouse by Patrick Murray and his very funny puppet, Matilda. Their act was followed by stand-up comedian Rick Starr.

On Monday, the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit presented two checks totalling $68,000 to Denise Benavides of the American Cancer Society. This was the result of months of work by hundreds of volunteers. The first check, in the amount of $57,900 was for Cancer Research in general and the second check, in the amount of $10,100 is targeted at Breast Cancer Research. On hand for the check presentation were representatives of our major sponsors; Sebring Custom Carts, Heartland National Bank, Edward Jones-Alan J. Holmes, Bill Jarrett Ford, Hometown America and Young at Heart Travel. The presentation took place following a slide show reviewing all of the cancer related events this year.

Wednesday, March 16, TMAC (Tanglewood Master Activities Committee) will meet at 3 p.m. under the direction of our new chair and co-chair, Peggy Grandsard and Bill Rulli. Chairs of the 26 volunteer committees meet monthly to report on their activities and to discuss issues of common concern.

Each year, Tanglewood residents eagerly await Resident Appreciation Days when Hometown America sponsors two fun-filled days of activities for the residents. On March 22 there will be a series of in-park tournaments and on March 23 management will treat residents to a day of free entertainment and food. Residents are reminded to pick up their tickets at the Activity Director's office.

Courtesy photo

The Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit presented two checks totalling $68,000 to Denise Benavides of the American Cancer Society last week. The first check, in the amount of $57,900 was for cancer research in general and the second check, in the amount of $10,100 is targeted at breast cancer research.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Barbara Kelleher

LAKE PLACID — Feb. 26, the dance committee had a complete sell out. They sold 187 tickets. The theme of the dance was to honor the USA and Canada; all wore their country colors or uniforms if they could still get in to them since it was a patriotic dance. Music was provided by Larry Musgrave. All had a wonderful time.

The dance committee donated $400 to our Military Committee so they could use it to ship boxes to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Feb. 28 we had our coed coffee. Our emcee was Donna Vandenbergh; our coffee makers were Diane Bennett and Shirley York.

Manager, George Susco told everyone they have got to pick up after their dogs. It is not very fair for a neighbor or the workers in the park that do the mowing. He also said residents keep finding cigarette butts around the pool area. Please keep our pool area nice and clean, put your chairs back where you found them and use the containers that are provided for your discarded cigarettes.

Laura Bailey led us in song for the residents present for their birthday. We all sang to Bud Hathaway and Marcia Collier. We had no one celebrating their anniversary present.

Paula Bannister came forward to tell the residents that we are doing very well with our respect for life of loved ones and friends we want to remember; this is evident by the number of name cards that are stretched across the beams in the clubhouse. We will be having the baskets on display at various functions to bid on. Tickets are $1 each or 11 tickets for $10. We have more than 20 baskets to bid on. She was happy to report that we have earned more than $700 already.

The men will be going to Duffer's for the Mustangs Day Out on Tuesday, March 15. Ladies Day Out will be at Michael's beginning at 11:30 a.m. on March 15. Bill Alberton told the residents that they will be having the Original 13 Colonies party at the Golden Corral on Wednesday, March 23 beginning at 2:30 p.m. The price will be $10 and tickets can be purchased from him or Farmer Bill. Jim Becker told the group that the last dance will be Saturday, March 19, with the music by Frank E. The theme of the dance will be a Mardi Gras party. Tickets are on sale now. Ann Pritchard announced the Spring Musical, which is going to be Saturday, March 26 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be obtained from Arlene Dammer or from Ann. The cost is $3.50 and should be purchased on or before March 19.

Marilyn Cromer announced that the Holiday Committee will be putting on a St. Patrick's dinner the traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes. The cost is $6 per person. The Military Committee will be having their soup and sandwich dinner Sunday, March 13 beginning at 5 p.m. The selection of foods is to be announced. Wednesday, March 30 Sherry White announced at her committee meeting will be putting on a chili dinner. Tickets will be $6 each and the proceeds will go towards Relay for Life, to help them attain their goal.

Tony Barriga told the group that the Highlands County Military Ball is going to be Saturday, April 9 at the Chalet Élan. He said he would like to see our men and women who were in the service try to attend. For more information about obtaining tickets, check with him. Our Sunshine Report was not available at this time.

Our Ladies Coffee was March 1. We had 27 ladies attend. Vickie Echelsberry made the coffee and presided over the meeting. She told the group that we had 71 residents attend the carry-in dinner Thursday evening. She thanked her committee for all their help. She asked for a volunteer for the March meetings. She welcomed Kathy George from Senecaville, Ohio. Next we all sang Happy Birthday to Marcia Collier. Paula Bannister gave us a progress report on the up and coming Relay For Life program that will be April 8-9. The committee is selling luminaries in honor of Alice Jacobson or your loved ones who are survivors or have died from cancer. We have 22 baskets that will be displayed at the Monday and Tuesday coffee meetings. Tickets will be sold to bid on the baskets. They will also be selling Alice's bright colored love beads. Before ending the meeting, Arlene Clouston read a story about a "One Day Job."

We have one very proud grandmother who lives in our Tropical Harbor Park. Her name is Marion Jones. Her granddaughter, Kasey Conn, won the Miss Fort Myers USA beauty contest the evening of Feb. 27. She competed against 12 other girls in front of 10 judges. She will now go on to compete for Miss Florida in July. She is a senior at Lake Placid High School.

Speaking of beauty contests, our little great-granddaughter Carmen Perez came in as first runner-up for the Little Miss Moore Haven contest on Feb. 26. She also won Miss Photogenic. She is the great-granddaughter of Barbara and George Kelleher.

Scoreboard

Woodhaven Estates bridge scores

SEBRING — Here are this week's Bridge scores for Woodhaven Estates.

Party Bridge - First place, Marilyn Bauer; second place, Sandy Wickstrom; and third place, Jeanne Sisson.

Duplicate Bridge: First place, Bill Tedford and Shirley Breckenridge; second place, Laurie LaBerge and Jeanne Sisson; and third place, Erma Hofford and Margaret Bousfield.

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Clubs & Organizations

New Sebring Elks

Courtesy photo

In February, the Sebring Elks 1529 welcomed Philip Zachefsky (from left), Mildred 'Jo' Duke and Delores 'Dee' Bernhard as new members.

Lake Placid Elks of the Month

Courtesy photo

Elk of the Month for February is Peg Murray and Elk of the Month for March is Evelyn Clough. This is a double presentation for these two ladies because they became Elks together, work special events together, work Bingo together and help where ever they can. They also share ideas with Exalted Ruler John Russo.

LP Woman's Club holds fashion show

Courtesy photo

GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club held its annual Fashion Show on March 5 at the St. Francis Episcopal Church fellowship hall. Attendees were treated to the appearance of the Highlands Sweet Adeline's chorus and an 'R'-rated fashion show featuring items made from recyclable things to remind everyone to Recycle, Reuse and Reduce the amount of refuse. Participating merchants from Lake Placid and Sebring provided clothes and accessories suited for the theme of 'Traveling Into Spring.' The event was chaired by Mitzi Eggleston.

Lewis speaks to AP Rotary

Courtesy photo

Jim Lewis spoke to the Avon Park Noon Rotary Club about project Harvest Aviation last week. The missionary pilots flying out of the Hardee County airport to help deliver supplies, medical provisions, mail and packages to missionaries serving in Belize, Honduras and Guatemala. Lewis informed club members that Harvest Aviation Institute also provides flight training and aviation maintenance programs and youth education and mentoring services. Those interested in learning more about Harvest Aviation may do so on the Internet at www.harvestaviation.org

Clubs & Organizations

Sebring Elks Club donates to scholarship

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Club recently donated $2,000 to South Florida Community College to continue funding an endowed scholarship for needy and deserving students. The $1,000 scholarship is available for the 2011 academic year.

The Sebring Elks Club began funding this scholarship for SFCC students in 2007. It has donated $12,000 to the scholarship since its inception. "In the past, we awarded one-time scholarships for high school students, but they could only receive it once," said Richard Stover, Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 trustee. "SFCC has wonderful programs, and we wanted to create a scholarship that recipients would be eligible for every year. We decided to create this endowed scholarship with SFCC."

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be under the age of 26 and have graduated from a high school in Highlands County, must be a United States citizen, must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment at SFCC on a minimum of a one-half time basis, must demonstrate financial need, and must have a grade point average of 3.0 on all past high school or college work. Preference will be given to children of Elks Club members, Elks Club members themselves, and U.S. veterans who are also members of Elks Club.

For each of its endowed scholarship funds, the SFCC Foundation, Inc. maintains a spending policy of 4.0 percent of the endowment corpus calculated on a three-year running average. The funds are eligible to be matched dollar for dollar by the Philip A. Benjamin matching program of the state of Florida and may be used to cover any expense associated with educational costs.

Students can apply for this scholarship or learn more about it through the SFCC Financial Aid Office at 453-6661, ext. 7254.

Courtesy photo

Deanne Shanklin (right), Resource Development Specialist, SFCC Foundation, Inc., accepts a donation toward their endowed scholarship from Heide Stover, president, Sebring Elk's Lodge 1529.

Highlands Chapter of SAR forms in Sebring

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The Inn on the Lakes was the scene Feb. 26 for the creation of the latest Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution chapter. Highlands Chapter, SAR will serve Highlands County. The chartering ceremony was conducted by Philip Tarpley, Southwest Regional vice president. Tarpley was assisted by several other members of the Florida Society and by the Color Guard from Saramana Chapter, SAR of which he is a member and past president.

Highlands Chapter, SAR was welcomed into the work of serving the citizens of Highlands County. The charter president for the new chapter is "Woody" Woodard, Lake Placid. Vice president John Frey, secretary George Frey, treasurer Michael Flood and William H. Van Duzer, chaplain, will serve as the other charter officers, all of Sebring.

Any male 18 years and older wanting information on possible membership who can trace his lineage to a Patriot ancestor that helped to protect this fledging nation in the late 1700s, can contact Woodard at 465-7345 or Flood at 471-6381.

The SAR Official Pledge reads: "We descendants of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

As members, the organization does that when they support the aspirations of the young people by recognition programs – Eagle Scouts, JROTC Cadets and in our schools. They also fulfill their pledge when they recognize firefighters, EMTs, police personnel and by supporting they troops, both past and present, wherever they have served.

Courtesy photo

Taking part in the Sons of the American Revolution, Highlands Chapter charter ceremony were (from left) Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, FLSSAR chaplain; Phil Tarpley, SW Regional vice president, FLSSAR; and local officers Willian Van Duzer, Mike Flood, George Frey, John Frey and Highlands Chapter president 'Woody' Woodard.

Hibiscus Garden Club

AVON PARK — The Hibiscus Garden Club of Avon Park met Feb. 10 in the home of Pat Kincer.

Plans for the annual Plant Sale and cutting giveaway were finalized. The event has been moved to Donaldson Park on Lake Verona due to better access and safety. Time is 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a variety of plants: azaleas, begonias, geraniums, nun orchids, blue iris and patio plants (small 4-foot by 7-foot bear root oak trees, crepe myrtle are free). After a long and cold winter, members will share what we have.

The program was given by President Nina Seibold. Printed handouts were given on care of gardening tools, suggested plantings at this time and care of same. Seibold demonstrated the pruning of crepe myrtle, which is so often butchered. It requires a very sunny location to flower. The lavender crepe myrtle was given to hostess Pat Kincer.

Maxine Floyd drew the lucky number for a bright potted impatiens.

Next meeting will be March 10 with Shirley Foster.

TOPS FL Club 487

SEBRING — On March 2, TOPS 487, Sebring had 18 TOPS and eight KOPS giving the pledges after the exercises. Roll call had the chapter with a net loss of 25 pounds. Best Loser was Pat Carfield.

Judy Alger received the $4 for KOPS in leeway under goal for two months straight.

Snapshots

Yes-Yeses are portion control, exercise, monitor the salt, water, good breakfast, protein and fruit.

The 25-cent contest had 17 winners at 30 cents each and Lillian Orton won $2.30 in the 10-cent contest. Leslie Maschue has two more weeks to win the Mystery Gift and Carol DeArmit found more wrappers on the Attendance Box.

Leslie Maschue reported we had a great week on the "Card Game" contest.

The elections of the officers for 2011 were held: Leader is Judy Phillips, Co-Leader is Leslie Maschue, Secretary is Shirley Slabaugh, Treasurer is Bette Gillett. Appointed by the new Leader: Weight-Recorder is Carolyn Patterson and Assistant Weight Recorder is Lillian Orton.

Call 382-7716 or 314-9485.

TOPS FL Club 632

SEBRING — The club meets every Monday at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine. Weigh-in begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m. The meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour. For more information, contact Judy O'Boyle at (863) 260-0831.

O'Boyle called the meeting to order and members recited the pledge to the flag and the KOPS and TOPS both said their respective pledges, then sang "I Love My TOPS Club," led by Larue Wilbur.

Linda Hall presented the program today and told members to take a good look at ourselves to determine what we promise ourself we will not do and what we actually do. Several good suggestions she gave included weighing and measuring everything that goes into our mouths. Everyone should buy a good food scale to weigh our portions on, because we do have a tendency to underestimate how much we're eating. Members were encouraged to set short term goals that can be reached within a few weeks and told to get rid of all of their fat clothes. Once we're out of them, sell them, give them away, but get rid of them.

The roll was called by Karen Goodwin with 40 members present. Losses were good again this week. The Best Loser of the Week for the second week in a row was Beverly Dittmar.

Yes-Yeses for the coming week are fish, cauliflower and sugar-free Jell-O. The Secretary's Report was read and approved. Nancy McConkey kept the four-week Travel Gift for her first week and if she loses for three more weeks, the gift is hers.

O'Boyle made some announcements and then Mary Anderson gave a report on the contest and handed out prizes as awards to the weight loss members who's names were drawn from this week's Weight Loss Box.

LP Lady Elk of the Month

Courtesy photo

Lake Placid Elks Lodge's Lady Elk of the Month is Pam Rosenberg. She has been second vice president and member just a little more then a year. She has had great success in organizing many of the events at the lodge. Rosenberg's hard work, high energy and positive attitude has been a great asset to the lodge.

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CELEBRATIONS

Buddy and Mary Lou Brittain

Brittain

55th Anniversary

Buddy and Mary Lou Brittain celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on March 3. They were married March 3, 1956 in Gaffney, S.C. by Probate Judge W.R. Douglas. They lived in Cherryville, N.C. on Marys Grove Road before moving to Sebring in 1991.

"We are thankful for an abundant life and hope for eternal life together which God has promised to those who believe and receive the Lord Jesus as Savior."

The couple make their home in Sebring Hills.

Christopher Owen

Snapshots

Army Pfc. Christopher H. Owen has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Owen graduated in 2006 from Sebring High School.

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Samuel Gonzalez-Alaniz

Latisha and Gilberto Gonzalez Sr. of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Samuel, on Feb. 26, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Samuel weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 17.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Christina Carlisle and Larry Stidham of Sebring.

Paternal grandparents are Gilbert Alaniz and Hortencia Gonzalez.

Tilleen Bentley

Merideth and Joshua Bentley of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Tilleen Beatrix, at 1:23 p.m. on March 3, 2011 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Tilleen weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Dave and Alane Pace.

Paternal grandparents are Cathy Bentley, Debra Bentley and Steven Bentley.

Ariona Campos

Erica Resendiz and Rudy Campos of Avon Park announce the birth of a daughter, Ariona Lynn, at 6:46 a.m. on Feb. 28, 2011 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Ariona weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Carlos and Lynn Resendiz.

Paternal grandparents are Rodolfo and Maria Campos.

Bethany Darty

Elizabeth Darty and James Hall of Zolfo Springs announce the birth of a daughter, Bethany Makayla, at 12:03 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Bethany weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19.75 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Beverly Wills of Zolfo Springs and Roger Darty of Wauchula.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Becky Hall of Arkansas.

Dalton Hanchell

Heather Bentley and Justin Hanchell of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Dalton Lee, at 10:46 a.m. on Feb. 23, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Dalton weighed 8 pounds, 2.5 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Lynn Bentley and Tracy Bentley of Sebring.

Paternal grandparents are Paul Hanchell of Bradenton, Kimberly Hanchell of Southbend and Donna Butch.

Births

Madilyn Kopta

Casey McKinney and Dustin Kopta of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Madilyn Elaine, at 1:44 a.m. on Feb. 25, 2011 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Madilyn weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Elaine McKinney.

Paternal grandparents are Darren and Debbie Kopta.

Keoni Pasquino

Jenny and Anthony Pasquino of Lake Placid announce the birth of a son, Keoni Rey at 7:48 a.m. on Feb. 28, 2011 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Rose Rockhill

Krista and Justin Rockhill of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Rose Ann, at 1:05 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Rose weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19.75 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Leeland Schlehuber of Avon Park and Sylvia Daawn Belonga of Saint Ignace.

Paternal grandparents are Joseph Rockhill and Nancy Rockhill, both of Sebring and Winnifred Stahleneckur of Burlington.

Baylee Selph

Rebekah and Christopher Selph of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Baylee Marie, at 7:19 a.m. on March 6, 2011 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Baylee weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Susan and Thomas Wahlgren.

Paternal grandparents are Darlene Sierra and Jeffrey Selph.

Jeremiah Swinton

Falone and Roger Swinton of Avon Park announce the birth of a son, Jeremiah Issac, on March 2, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Jeremiah weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Vonda Henry of Avon Park.

Paternal grandfather is Lamar Middleton of Syracuse, N.Y.

Britley Thieme

Christin and Scott Thieme of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Britley Nicole, at 7:57 a.m. on March 1, 2011 in Winter Haven.

Britley weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 17.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Gale Spurlock, Allen and Debbie Spurlock. Maternal great-grandparents are Verna Dean of Sebring and Maxine Spurlock of Interlachen.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Carolyn Thieme. Paternal great-grandmother is Ida Thieme of Kansas.

Carson Todd

Neysa and Scott Todd of Lake Placid announce the birth of a daughter, Carson Reese, at 9:16 a.m. on March 5, 2011 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Carson weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Mitch and Pamela Rice.

Paternal grandparents are Tommy and Dena Todd.

Emmalyn Toothman

Candice and Nathaniel Toothman of Wauchula announce the birth of a daughter, Emmalyn Caydee Faith, at 10:54 p.m. on Feb. 25, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Emmalyn weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald Kilpatrick of Bowling Green, Janet Spell of Wauchula, and J.T. Pridgeon of Lake Placid.

Paternal grandparents are Nellie and Jay Toothman of Polk City, Krystal Schuck of West Palm Beach and Kevin Carver of Winter Haven.

Eli Valdez

Roxy Torres and Rick Valdez of Wauchula announce the birth of a son, Eli R., at 7:54 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2011 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Eli weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparentsare Rosalva and Jaime Torres of Wauchula.

Paternal grandparents are Delia and Richard Valdez of Zolfo Springs.

Prince Charles seems like forgotten man at William and Kate's wedding

Associated Press

LONDON — Prince Charles could be forgiven for feeling a bit grumpy these days.

Close to many people's retirement age, he's still waiting for the position he was groomed for: King of England. And he's preparing for the wedding that will make his eldest son Prince William and Kate Middleton the fresh new faces of a monarchy sorely in need of renewal.

That leaves Charles, who once cut a dashing figure himself, something of a forgotten man.

He is sandwiched between his mother Queen Elizabeth II, treasured for her steadfast dignity and devotion to duty since her coronation in 1953, and William, who carries a hint of the late Princess Diana's glamour wherever he goes.

"He's in a very tricky position," said Joe Little, managing editor of Majesty magazine. "By next year his mother will have been on the throne for 60 years, she's the only monarch many of us have ever known. When she came in, she was very young with two small children and there was huge empathy for her, but Charles won't get that when he comes to the throne."

He said the failure of Charles' marriage to Diana — and the role that his current wife, Camilla, played in that doomed union — has given the public too much information about the man who would be king.

"We've heard his private telephone conversations," Little said, referring to embarrassing intimate calls that were intercepted and published, giving Britons a glimpse into Charles' fantasies.

"The mystique is well and truly gone, so he will come to the throne with all that baggage. Charles has always been rather eclipsed, by Diana, and now by his older son, who is about to marry a beautiful bride. Charles just accepts that for the foreseeable future the spotlight will shine on William and Catherine, as we're going to have to start calling Kate."

Charles' problems with Diana are ancient history, and Camilla's tattered image as "the other woman" has to a substantial degree been repaired, but there has been lasting damage to the prince's reputation. He looks and sounds tired, generating little excitement with his public appearances.

The 62-year-old prince even seemed a bit out of sorts when William and Middleton happily announced their engagement in November, commenting that it was about time since the young couple had "played house long enough."

It is hard to remember the halcyon days when he was seen as a stylish young bachelor linked to some of the most beautiful women in Europe.

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CAP volunteers provide vital communication link in an emergency

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SEBRING — During times of emergency it is important to have reliable communication links. Volunteer radio operators from the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) receive ongoing training in order to provide valuable communication channels while fulfilling their emergency services mission.

The CAP communications network is a ready force for homeland security and the protection of life and property. Its members are trained to professional standards. The nationwide CAP communication system has 840 high-frequency radio stations, 5,000 fixed-land radio stations and 10,000 mobile radios, deployed in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

A CAP radio communication seminar was held on Saturday at the Sebring Airport boardroom. Due to the centralized location, the training attracted radio specialists from across the state to learn about important updates to the organization's communication system and procedures.

The event is a first of its kind communications seminar for the area. It was hosted by the CAP Highlands County Senior Squadron and co-sponsored by Group 5 and Florida Wing. Group 5 is one of seven sub-units in the state and comprises a 10-county area in Southwest Florida.

The participants were welcomed by Group 5 Commander Lt. Col. Fran Gleockler of Sebring and Major Robert Bayless, Group 5 Communications Officer from Sarasota. The featured speaker was Lt. Col. Bruce McConnell, Florida Wing Communication Officer. McConnell provided information about the upgrades made to the statewide system, clarified recent changes in regulations and included instructions for maintaining the new equipment and using the improved system for tracking equipment inventory.

Courtesy photo

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More than 35 participants from Florida's CAP squadrons attended the day-long event. Participants representing both senior and cadet squadrons came from Jacksonville, Tampa, Orlando, Titusville and several other Southwest Florida locations. There were even "snowbirds" from Michigan and Pennsylvania. The expanded schedule included time for an open discussion period allowing participants to ask the experts questions.

"It is important to take the time now to get everyone on the same page when we have a missing airplane or a storm is bearing down on us, we need to be ready to step up the operation tempo and work as a team," Bayless said.

Many of the attendees commented about the information session and expressed thanks to the Sebring Airport Authority and Airport Cafe for their role in making the training events successful.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a non-profit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP in its Air Force auxiliary role, performed 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 72 lives in fiscal year 2009.

Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and courier drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years.

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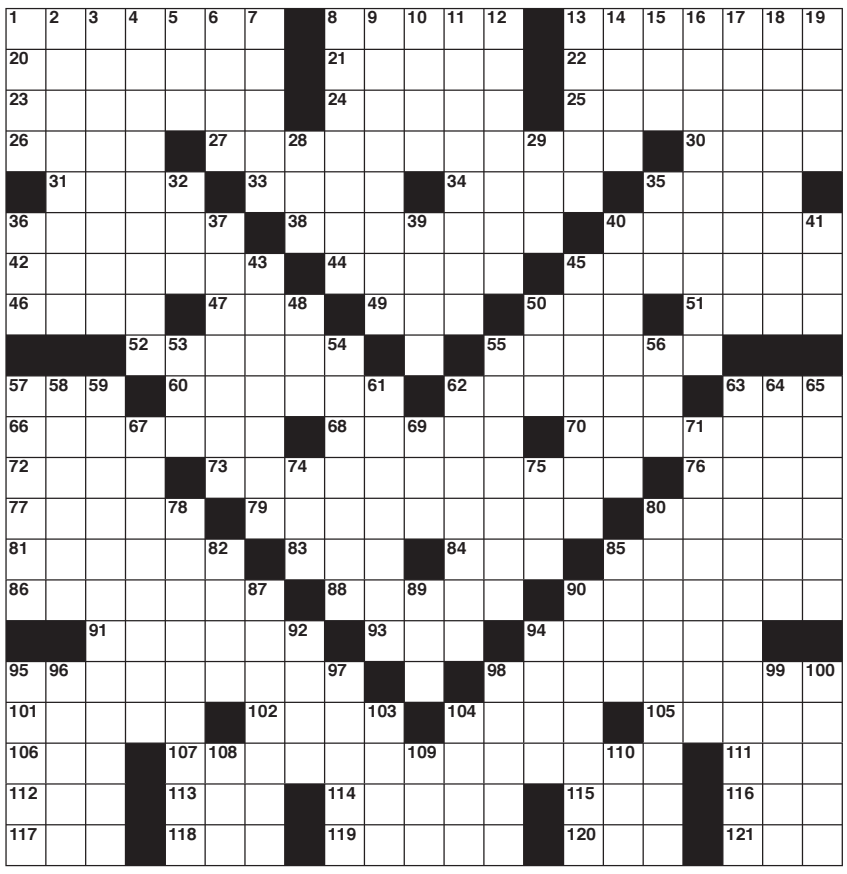

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1 Desert Storm transports
8 Is sociable
13 Annoyed with persistent petty attacks
20 Qualify
21 Contest site
22 1994 Red Hot Chili Peppers album
23 Rabbi or mullah
24 Like most Western music
25 Went over completely
26 March ___
27 John McCain and John Kerry
30 Dog command
31 Gig for a deejay
33 Sped
34 For-EV-er
35 Steeplechase, e.g.
36 Idle
38 Emulated a hungry wolf
40 Common rolls
42 River crossed by the Longfellow Bridge
44 Clogs at the bottom?
45 Arrive at by air
46 Repair shop figs.
47 British P.M. after Lloyd George
49 Ward, to the Beaver
50 Payday, often: Abbr.
51 Crash-investigating org.
52 Striped stones
55 What "Arf! Arf!" or "Meow!" may mean
57 "The Real World" airer
60 2009 hit film with subtitled scenes
62 Earn
63 Word on either side of "à"
66 Contributes
68 Transfer, as at a nursery
70 "The Charge of the Light Brigade" figure
72 Block component
73 "Wedding Crashers" co-star, 2005
76 Evolutionary chart
77 Key of Chopin's "Polonaise-Fantaisie"
79 Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, once, on "S.N.L."
80 "Spider-Man" director
81 "Get lost!"
83 Ft. Collins setting
84 Abbr. on a currency exchange board
85 Toy company behind yo-yos
86 Entered carefully
88 Canyonlands National Park features
90 Bands on the run?
91 Aircraft control surface
93 Good name for a surveyor?
94 Some Muslims
95 Those near and dear
98 Quality of new-fallen snow
101 "___ Pieces" (Peter and Gordon hit)
102 Congolese river
104 Nondemocratic rule
105 Short answers?
106 Kind of scan, for short
107 Keepers of the flame?
111 E.R. readout
112 Old nuclear watchdog: Abbr.
113 Dutch city ESE of Utrecht
114 Toil
115 The Beavers of the N.C.A.A.
116 QB's miscue
117 Newcastle-to-London dir.
118 Play that introduced the word "robot"
119 Anathematic
120 Break, of a sort
121 Some Windows systems

DOWN
1 Eighth Hebrew letter
2 Discovers
3 Post-flood locale
4 The other way around
5 Old verb ending
6 About 16,900 ft., for 3-Down
7 Letter's end?
8 The situation
9 Tree with very hard timber
10 TV title character who said "I'm not an Amazon"
11 Covered, as cookware
12 Some gunfire
13 Overhead ___
14 Cadence syllables
15 "Let's make ___ true Daily Double"
16 Plant with purple flowers
17 Name of 13 popes
18 Gold and silver, but not bronze
19 ___ City, Fla.
28 Antiquity, poetically
29 Demise
32 Course for new U.S. arrivals
35 King on un trono
36 A-one service?
37 Setting for part of 2005's "Munich"
39 Royal name in Norway
40 Use for skating
41 Break down
43 Infernal
45 Big name in mustard
48 Sloppy, as a kiss
50 Sword: Fr.
53 ___-X
54 "Oh, joy!," e.g., typically
55 Inane
56 ___ Miller (Julie Christie title role with 57-Down)
57 Warren Beatty title role with 56-Down
58 Group with a board of governors
59 Weekly since 1955, with "The"
61 Type in again, as a password
62 "After you"
63 Vessel seen just below the surface?
64 Hired gun, in gang slang
65 Coils
67 Clotting agent
69 Plastic used in piping
71 Subs
74 Marcel Marceau, e.g.
75 [This makes me mad!]
78 Satisfied, for a while at least
80 #2's
82 Home recorder
85 Repair shop job
87 Teetotaler
89 U.S.S.R. part: Abbr.
90 What may help one live and learn?
92 Classic hair removal brand
94 Catch some flies
95 Some beans
96 Meanies
97 Hack
98 Overly caffeinated
99 Pooped
100 Some NCOs
103 "___ Enchanted" (2004 film)
104 V
108 U.R.L. ender
109 Brewhouse fixture
110 Code-breaking grp.

You can't always be pedal to the metal

FLY Lady
Leanne Ely

Are you always at full throttle? I know that I lived this way for many years. The main reason I was always rushing was that I felt like I was behind and playing catch up. This was a vicious cycle that was perpetuated by staying up too late just so I could get one more thing done.

When you don't get enough sleep you have no energy. This lack of sleep causes you to be irritable. When your unpleasant mood reaches that level it is best to just go take a nap before you say things that you wish you had not said.

If you persist in pushing yourself then there are other things that you may need to be aware of.

Most accidents occur when you are in a hurry. Think about the last time you fell, what was going on? Were you running to get the phone? Hurrying down stairs to put a load of laundry in the washing machine or were you late for work and racing to get in the car and leave?

Then what happens when you finally make it to the car; that foot gets heavy and you think you can shave a few minutes by fudging the speed limit just a little. Let me tell you, hurrying never did get you there on time when you were already late to start with.

All it did was set you up for an accident and if you were lucky, you got stopped by the police officer. This may have saved you from an even worse fate of hurting yourself or one of your children.

When we are rushing around our brain does not work efficiently. We can't think. Logic goes right out the window. That is why common sense is a scarce commodity when we are in trying to play catch up.

All it takes to get hold of your senses is to stop the hyper speed merri-go-round by jumping in right where we are. Do not try to play catch-up. We establish simple habits that form the foundation of a life that is peaceful.

This month's habit is getting dressed, to lace up shoes as soon as you get up in the morning. One tip for making this habit easier is to pick out your clothes the night before. This one habit starts your day on a calm note. You can accomplish a whole lot more in a day when you slow down and take one thing at a time.

We have always prided ourselves at being able to multi-task. Well, this is a lie we tell ourselves so we have permission to rush. When you try to do two things at once; neither one of them get done. While your attentions are pulled in two different directions your body gets beaten up.

Slow down, you don't have to live this way. Just one little habit will start you on a journey of slow and steady. As each habit becomes automatic; your routines will bring this peace to your life. All it takes from you is a commitment to take babysteps.

What is your speed? You may find that a little dose of calm is better than any adrenaline or caffeine diet you have ever been on.

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Neighbor taken aback by block party proposition

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I am a 50-year-old gay man. On New Year's Eve, there was a block party on the street I live on. My neighbors, "Tim" and "Marie," are a good-looking 30-ish couple.

I was watching the fireworks when Marie sat down next to me and said, "Tim and I would like to get to know you better. How about we drop by for drinks some night after we put the kids to bed?" She said this while stroking my upper thigh with her hand.

I find the idea of being intimate with her husband appealing, but I have never "been with" a woman and I don't think I want to be. It seems to me the most prudent approach would be to pass on this opportunity, but how do I do it without offending or causing embarrassment for one of my neighbors?

– Caught in the Fireworks, Houston

Dear Caught: Does this neighbor know your sexual orientation? If the answer is no, just thank her and tell her you're not into threesomes. Because it has taken you so long to give her an answer, she probably won't be surprised that a liaison is not your cup of tea. However, if she does know, tell her with a wink: "Thanks for the offer – I'm not into threesomes. But you can send Tim over anytime."

Dear Abby: After 30 years of marriage, my husband is more interested in watching politics on TV than interacting with me. We are, by mutual consent, no longer intimate – but he totally ignores me. He will talk to anyone who looks his way, but he doesn't talk to me.

His idea of doing something together is driving around the countryside for four hours looking at the scenery. He'll lie on the couch and watch TV or read while I'm a few feet away and not say more than a dozen words to me all day.

I can't do this much longer. What do you suggest?

– Neglected Wife in Greenville, S.C.

Dear Neglected Wife: Perhaps you should spend less time with your husband. Couples who spend a lot of time together can find conversation difficult because they have nothing fresh to bring to it.

Do some things with female friends so you won't feel so shut in and isolated. This way you will have more experiences you can discuss. Also schedule some diversions you can enjoy together that don't involve conversation. How about a movie or a play, or a volunteer activity you can both be involved in? If this doesn't help, then consider counseling.

Dear Abby: I don't understand why people need others to take sides in an argument. If someone is upset and wants to cut someone out of his/her life, why does that person expect family and friends to do the same – even if the disagreement had nothing to do with them? Some of them lie to force the issue. I just don't understand – especially because we're talking about adults.

– Puzzled in Coon Rapids, Minn.

Dear Puzzled: They do it to punish (and isolate) the person they're mad at. However, if you make plain to the manipulator – because that's what the person is – that you will not be dragged into the middle of something that's not your business, you'll be better off.

P.S. What makes you think that all adults act like adults? Surely I'm not the only person who has seen a grown-up behave like a 5-year-old.

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Online romance? Publisher starts e-romance imprint

Associated Press

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Avon Books announced Monday that it has set up a digital romance imprint, Avon Impulse, where books by new and established authors will be released electronically, with paper editions available on demand. The imprint begins next week with an e-novella by Katherine Ashe, "A Lady's Wish," and "multiple titles" are planned each month. Avon Books is an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

The digital market has been especially strong for romance fiction, in part because fans can read e-editions in public without fear of embarrassment. Avon also cited decreased shelf space in physical stores as a reason for starting Avon Impulse.

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