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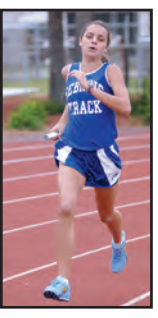

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A stray afternoon T-storm possible

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88	65

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Yes 64.6%

No 35.4%

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A Song For Her Sister

News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

The Hornick sisters, Tori, 15, and (front) Sydni, 12). Sydni often performs a song she wrote in tribute to Tori, a cancer survivor.

One sister fights cancer, the other sings about the fight

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — In May of 1998, then 2 years old, Tori Hornick took a a bad fall off her Power Wheel, landing on her backside.

When she was still complaining a week later, her mother, Brandi Hornick, took her to the doctor. The doctor was not concerned. Tori might have broken her tailbone, but if that was the case nothing could be done. The healing would take time and happen naturally.

Tori continued to experience pain, however, and then ran fevers.

One night getting out of the tub, she bent over to pick up a towel. Her mother was horrified to see a large purple knot pop out at the base of her spine. When Tori stood up the knot disappeared.

That began a frantic search for help.

The Hornicks went from hospital to hospital, where they were told again and again that they were overreacting.

Tori's pain became intense; she began dragging a leg and couldn't go to the bathroom.

Hornick had to refuse to leave one hospital in order to get an MRI.

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News-Sun file photo

Sydni Hornick, then 10, won the 2009 Heartland Idol Junior Division singing Taylor Swift's song 'Love Story.'

Deleon: APPD has 'antiquated' procedures

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — "I really appreciate the professionalism of the Sheriff's Office during these difficult times, and I want to personally thank Major (Mark) Schrader for his help," APPD Commander Jason Lister said on Saturday.

Lister was referring to the three days that the Highlands County Sheriff's Office assumed "operational command" of the Avon Park Police Department after Chief Michael J. Rowan was put on paid administrative leave Tuesday afternoon.

APPD policy states that the commander is the next in command in the absence of the chief.

It is not completely clear why the Highlands County Sheriff's Office took operational command of Avon Park's police department, nor why they were asked to relinquish command a few days later.

Interim City Manager Julian Deleon stated in an e-mail originally that there was an "open investigation" but later corrected that to, "I have asked the Sheriff's

See APPD, page 8A

Cox suggest cuts to help schools' $2.38 million shortfall

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox presented his first proposed budget allocations for the school year 2011-2012 at a school board workshop Tuesday afternoon.

The process of creating and approving a budget, including how much money is allocated to hire personnel, divides authority. A superintendent submits his budget to a school board, which reviews the choices and either approves them or asks for revisions.

The current budget items are proposals and were discussed during a workshop, where no action can be taken. They will be discussed again Tuesday at 3 p.m. in another workshop, then put on a regular meeting agenda where decisions will be made.

Cox focused on guidance councilors, resource deans, media specialists, and Management Information System technicians in his proposals. He did not address teacher position because of deadline constraints and state mandates having to do with the Class Size Amendment.

The superintendent said the cuts in personnel were necessary because the state will be appropriating significantly less money to school districts in 2011-2012.

See CUTS, page 6A

Group of teens does good work on Good Friday

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Good Friday saw a group of young men doing a good deed.

The Bateman family, members of the Bible Fellowship Church, are coping through a difficult time with the help of their friends.

Jerry Bateman, the father, hurt his knee and is fighting an infection that leaves him sidelined from all action.

But house repairs and yard maintenance needs don't stop for anything. There was work that needed to be done.

Caleb, 16, and Luke, 14, the Bateman sons, were willing, but lacking knowledge.

The Bateman's fellow congregrants wanted to help.

Which is why the volunteer crew of 11 teenage boys descended Friday to prune, weed, pressure clean and mulch. A smaller group is returning Monday to fix a vent in the roof.

Amy Bateman, her kitchen filled with the aroma of baking brownies, sat at the table and marveled at the crew.

"They arrived at 9 a.m.," Bateman said, "and they've been smiling the whole time. I'm just amazed. I just think we hear so many negative stories about kids today, it was important to hear about this.

"They've been working and sweating out in the hot sun. I offered lunch, but they turned it down. They said they are here to work until everything's done."

When Vicki Sager, Bateman's sister-in-law, arrived with a pick-up truck full of mulch, the volunteers grabbed shovels and swarmed it like ants attacking a chicken bone — when they were done, the truck was just as clean.

News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

A team of young men from the Bible Fellowship Church flexed their muscles Good Friday, helping a family from the congregation with yard clean-up. Here (from left) Seth Patterson, 11; Billy Sager, 14; and Derek Drummond, a SHS senior, unload a truck load of mulch.

Sager praised Bible Fellowship. "When Amy's husband had to go into the hospital they saw a need and addressed it, "she said. "When a church helps people, it's doing God's work."

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Community Briefs

Boil water notice rescinded

LAKE PLACID – The April 20 Precautionary Boil Water Notice for the emergency water shut down on Lemon Lane is hereby rescinded following the repair of a four-inch water line and the satisfactory completion of the bacteriological survey showing that the water is safe to drink.

For further information, call Placid Utilities at 402-6786 or 699-3716.

Vaughn Road bridge closed temporarily

SEBRING – Highlands County Road and Bridge Department will make repairs to the Vaughn Road bridge. The bridge will be impassable/unaccessible to anyone starting at 7 a.m. Monday until further notice.

For further information, contact the Highlands County Road and Bridge Department at 402-6529.

St. Agnes lasagna dinner planned

SEBRING – There will be a lasagna dinner on Friday at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive. The church will serve dinner from 5-6 p.m. The dinner includes tossed salad, bread, coffee, ice tea, milk and ice cream.

Tickets are $8 and are available from St. Agnes parishioners or at the door. For more information, call the church at 385-7649.

Highlands Tea Party meets Tuesday

SEBRING – The Highlands Tea Party presents "Health Care Reform" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Quality Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 N

The speaker will be Dr. Earl Claire (from the U.S. Government).

Food will not be served. You may bring food from outside vendors if you choose.

Telecom Pioneers meet Wednesday

LAKE PLACID – The Telecom Pioneers (retired telephone people) Life Member club will meet at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday for lunch and a meeting at the Elks Lodge in Lake Placid. Reservations are necessary.

Call Pat Jones at 465-9772 or Dee Gray at 385-2367.

The lunch is $8.75 each.

This group meets September through April on the fourth Wednesday, exept holidays, of the month. All telephone retired people and spouses in Avon Park, Sebring, and Lake Placid are invited to join.This is a voluntary organization and we

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Courtesy photo

Official Easter Bunny appointees and nonprofit Cornerstone Hospice volunteers and pet therapy handlers Della Figur (left) of Lorida and Sandra Fankhauser (right) of Sebring, pose with Fritz, a male Australian shepherd, who accompanies Sandra on her rounds visiting patients Thursday at Sunny Hills Assisted Living facility in Sebring. Della accompanies Gidget, Gizmo and Penny; and Sandra accompanies Fritz, Katie and Tina on their patient rounds.

Tail-wagging therapy

Dogs prividing comfort for hospice patients

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care has enlisted the help of some four-legged friends. Six Hospice Therapy Dogs to make the rounds visiting Highlands patients who are facing a life-threatening or life-limiting illness.

Better known as the "Hospice Therapy K-9 Patrol," Gidget, Penny, Gizmo, Fritz, Katie and Tina have been undergoing intensive boot camp basic training at wagging their tails on overdrive to earn the official and coveted "Therapy Dog" certification which authorizes this four-legged team to go visiting patients at nursing homes, hospitals, health care facilities and at their homes.

"Everyone knows the therapeutic effect these certified, trained doggies can have on homebound patients, specially children as well as older patients and we're eagerly looking forward to these patient visits by our certified Hospice Therapy K-9 Patrol who will be assisting the Easter Bunny in the completion of his appointed rounds as he seems to have a full schedule this year," said Deborah Harley MASW, executive director at the nonprofit organization's Highlands county office in Sebring.

The K-9 Patrol started their appointed rounds this week visiting Cornerstone Hospice and other patients at Sunny Hills Assisted Living facility in Sebring.

Gidget, a female Belgian schipperke, accompanies therapy handler and Hospice volunteer Della Figur of Lorida. Della assists Cornerstone Hospice hoping to spark interest in the dog therapy field by attracting other dog owners and their dogs. Penny, a female Labrador retriever and Gizmo, another female Belgian schipperke, complete the trio, which assist Della in visiting area health fairs, visiting patients at their homes and at health facilities throughout Highlands county.

Fritz, a male Australian German shepherd; Katie, a female black Labrador retriever and Tina, a female great nane mix, accompany therapy handler Sandra Fankhauser of Sebring as they make their rounds visiting patients throughout Highlands.

Registered nurse Angela Morrow reports in a dying.about.com article that pet therapy "has been shown to increase pain tolerance,

See DOGS, page 8A

Four men arrested in sting in Veterans Beach bathroom

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — Four men, ranging in ages from 52-70, were arrested for sex crimes Thursday afternoon in an undercover operation inside the men's bathroom at Veterans Beach.

According to Sebring Police Department reports, the four men were arrested between 11:41 a.m. and 3:24 p.m.

Steve Carr, SPD commander, said the department runs the sting operations occasionally "when we recognize that type of behavior has increased. Our patrol noticed an increase in activity there, so we conducted an operation."

James E. Leary, 61, of Sebring, was the first arrested. He was charged with engaging in a lewd act (a second-degree misdemeanor) and indecent exposure in public (a first-degree misdemeanor) after police say he exposed his genitals in the men's room. He was released Thursday after posting a $750 bond.

A little over two hours later, Alan J. Lutz, 70, of Lake Placid, was charged with engaging in a lewd act, indecent exposure in public and solicitation for lewdness after he allegedly exposed himself and requested oral sex. He was released Thursday after posting a $750 bond.

Fifty-one minutes later, Wayne Michael Burrows, 60, of Palm Bay, was charged with solicitation of lewdness after he allegedly asked for oral sex. He was released on Thursday after posting $250 bond.

Joseph Soncrant, 52, of Sebring, was arrested 52 minutes later and charged with engaging in a lewd act, indecent exposure in public and solicitation for lewdness after he allegedly exposed himself and requested oral sex. He was released Thursday after posting a $1,000 bond.

British tourist honored for catching falling child

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Helen Beard was poolside with her son and partner at a Florida hotel when she heard a scream and turned to find a 1-year-old girl dangling from a fourth-story balcony. She leapt up and positioned herself beneath the toddler just in time to catch her, saving the girl from certain injury.

The 46-year-old British data analyst said she didn't consider herself a hero, even though she was showered with awards Friday for her actions two days ago.

"It feels a bit daunting to be here for something that was instinctive," said Beard, of Worksop, England. "It felt like it was something anyone would have done and I feel honored to be recognized in this way."

Beard, who is on a 12-day vacation in Orlando with her partner and 10-year-old son, was given the Orange County Sheriff Office's Medal of Merit. She also received awards from a local branch of the chamber of commerce and the state Department of Children and Family Services.

In addition, the chamber gave the family passes and $100 gift certificates to Orlando's SeaWorld, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World theme parks.

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 Thursday, April 21:

◆ Alex Omar Adlersberg, 26, of West Palm Beach, was charged with possession and or use of drug equipment, possession of marijuana.

◆ Antonio Alphonso Brown, 31, of Sebring, was charged with three counts of failure to appear reference theft, forgery and utter forged instrument.

◆ Vincent Van Bryson, 26, of Sebring, was charged with three counts of violation of probation reference possession of clonazepam, possession of oxycodone, and possession of alprazolam.

◆ Wayne Michael Burrows, 60, of Palm Bay, was charged with procure for prostitute.

◆ Wallace Jack Clegg, 55, of Sebring, was charged with violation of probation reference leave the scene of an accident without give information.

◆ Christian Nicholas Colburn, 30, of Orlando, was charged with two counts of violation of probation reference fraudulent use of credit card, grand theft.

◆ Monque Farance Demming, 30, of Lake Placid, was charged with withholding support of children or spouse.

◆ Crscencio Hernandez Dominguez, 26, of Ellington, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

◆ Donna Gabriel, 32, of Miami, was charged with violation of probation reference grand theft.

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Lottery Center

Florida Lotto

April 20	4	20	40	43	46	53	x:3
Next jackpot $15 million							
April 16	1	12	21	33	34	40	x:3
April 13	1	8	15	32	40	43	x:5

Fantasy 5 with ezmatch

April 22	5	7	12	22	34	
April 21	1	4	8	28	31	
April 20	6	13	17	24	29	
April 19	15	16	30	31	35	

Play 4

April 22 (n)	8	4	3	3	
April 22 (d)	3	4	3	9	
April 21 (n)	3	6	4	7	
April 21 (d)	3	5	5	1	

Mega Money

April 22	5	24	39	42	Mega Ball	21
April 19	8	38	39	42	Mega Ball	10
April 15	2	5	9	31	Mega Ball	4
April 12	2	16	22	40	Mega Ball	14

Cash 3

April 22 (n)	1	2	9
April 22 (d)	8	2	1
April 21 (n)	9	4	2
April 21 (d)	8	8	8

Florida Power Ball Power Play

April 20	9	24	34	36	43	**PB:** 27	**PP:** 3		
Next jackpot $72 million									
April 16	21	33	44	45	55	**PB:** 7	**PP:** 5		
April 13	4	23	39	49	50	**PB:** 39	**PP:** 3		

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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Easter excitement

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Youngsters make a mad dash to collect Easter eggs Saturday morning at the Sun 'N Lake Recreation Complex in Sebring.

News Sun photo by ROBYN BAKALUS
Martin Roman and daughter, Izzabella, 3, show off Izzabella's balloon hat to grandmother, Carmen, on Saurday, before an easter egg hunt at the Recreation Complex in Sun 'N Lake, Sebring.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Isaac Kassim, 5, gathers eggs Saturday morning during an Easter egg hunt at Sun 'N Lake in Sebring.

Group of women sew for a cause

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — Several women have began using their hobby of sewing for a much larger cause. The Heart to Heart Fabrics store in Avon Park has become the central location for the group of quilters.

Group coordinator Patricia Villere got the idea at the beginning of the year to share this talent with others, especially those who have fallen on hard times.

"We got started at the first of the year with a goal of 20 quilts sewn by Easter," Villere said.

Villere had 18 quilts on her table a week before Easter and the group had met their goal shortly before the Easter weekend. The volunteers spend countless hours stitching and creating beautiful pieces of fabric into warm, comforting quilts, and they don't stop there.

The group plans to hand out the quilts to hospitalized children. The quilters spend their Wednesday afternoons and evenings at Heart to Heart putting together these special pieces.

"Most of the volunteers come into the shop and sew, some quilt at home then bring them into the shop. We hope to get more women involved in quilting for hospitalized children," Villere said.

For more information about becoming a member of the sewing group, contact Heart to Heart Fabrics 453-3100.

Editorial & Opinion

Today's Editorial

State should be pro-tourist, not pro-tax

Savvy travelers go online to search for the best deals on airfares, hotel rooms, rental cars and other amenities. But what can be a windfall in savings for the consumer may produce a shortfall in tax revenues for local governments.

Online travel agencies such as Orbitz.com, Expedia.com and Bookit.com negotiate lower prices on rooms with hotels. Then they charge a fee on top of that price, which is what the customers end up paying. In Florida, the OTAs don't have to pay local bed taxes on the difference between what they pay a hotel for a room (the discounted wholesale rate) and what they charge customers (the retail rate). That represents an annual loss of as much as $28 million in revenues to Florida counties.

Not surprisingly, the local governments would like to recapture that money to aid their ailing budgets. Last year, then-Attorney General Bill McCollum filed a lawsuit against the OTAs charging that they owe the state tax money for the rooms they sold.

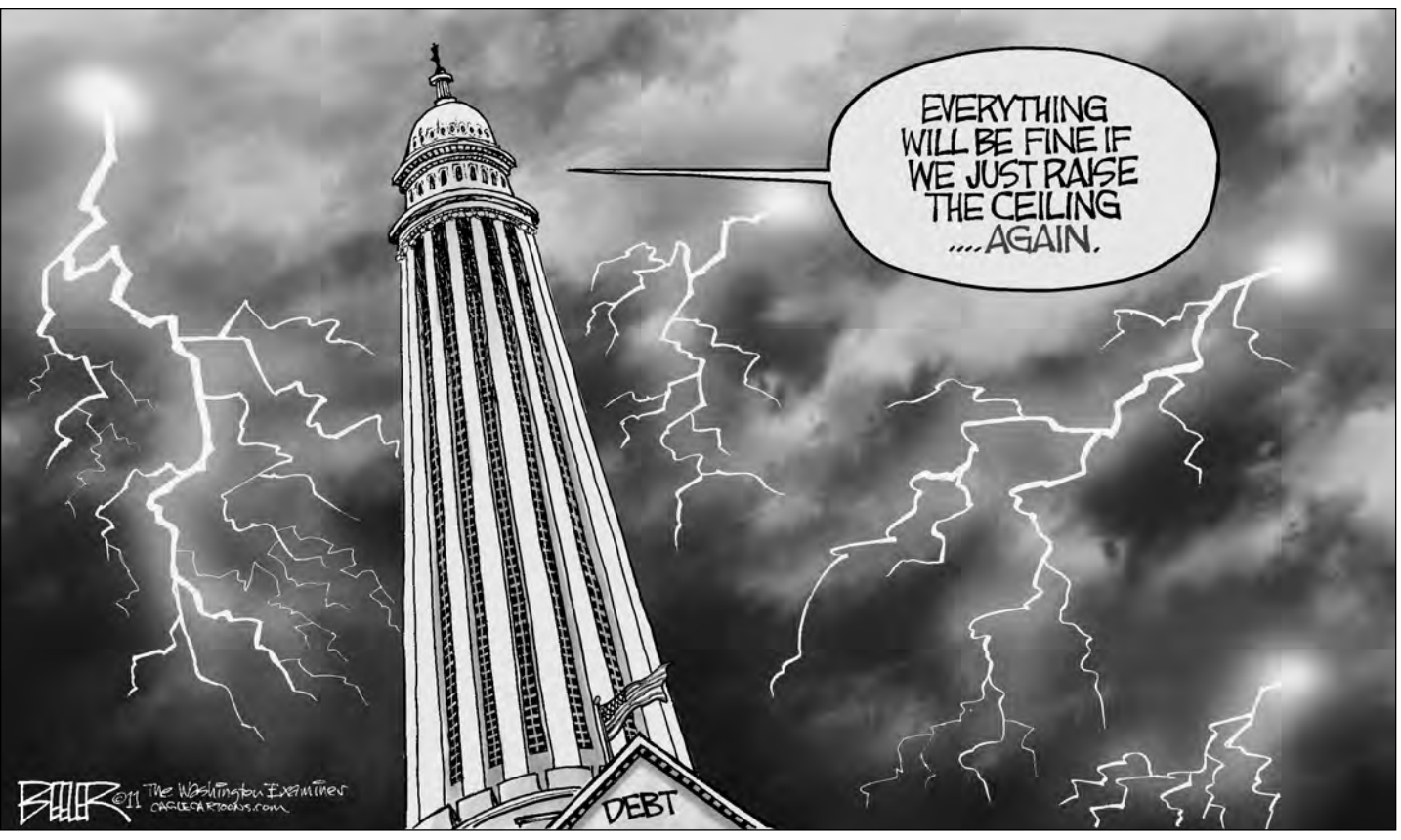
However, the Legislature currently is considering two bills — one in the Senate sponsored by Sen. Don Gaetz, the House version co-sponsored by Rep. Jimmy Patronis — that would protect OTAs from attempts to collect the bed tax on the retail price of hotel rooms. The measures deserve to pass.

OTAs provide a popular portal around the nation to Florida travel, and their discounts attract customers. Furthermore, the companies often negotiate with local restaurants and attractions to provide package deals with the hotel rooms they sell. That means more heads in beads, more meals being purchased, more admissions and souvenirs being bought. The last thing Florida needs to do is discourage that commerce. ...

OTAs allow hotels to put a select number of rooms on the market at a discount price in hopes of filling them quickly. That's good for business on both ends, and Florida benefits overall.

Missouri last year enacted a law similar to the Gaetz and Patronis bills. Florida should keep up with the Show-Me State and be pro-tourist, not pro-tax.

An editorial from the News-Herald in Panama City.



Today's Letters

Hear the Beatles and support the community

Editor:

Now you can support your community and you can also be entertained with the purchase of one ticket to The Beatles Tribute. Do you remember the Beatles? I do, and now our teenagers are re-discovering this versatile group from England, sporting T-shirts and downloading their songs.

Some may even have their parents' or grand-parents' "records". Those vinyl discs some of us remember or have tucked away in our own personal collections.

Thanks to a partnership between South Florida Community College's Performing Arts Program and the Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club you will have an opportunity to see a The Beatles Tribute, Revolution on May 9 at SFCC's Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Funds raised from tickets sales will go to support the SFCC Performing Arts Center and many local activities of the Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club, which includes support for the schools such as breakfast for the teachers, golf team, providing each student with a dictionary, and supporting a student Interact Club at Avon Park High School as well as support for Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and many other worthwhile community projects.

By purchasing tickets to this concert you support your local community and have a great evening all in one. Reserve your seat today while tickets are still available starting at $25. Contact the SFCC Box office 784-7178 or go online http://performances.southflorida.edu.

Olivia Scott
Avon Park

Bill may not be in the sewer yet

Editor:

Is the Florida Legislature about to sneak the upcoming septic tank bill into law? They delayed it until June or July and I have not heard anything since. Could it be that these so-called "representatives" of the people are about to slip another unpopular law by those they supposedly represent?

Don't wait until it is too late. If you are against this law write your congressperson.

Mike Bussell
Sebring

Vote is contrary to commitment

Editor:

In your poll, you asked if we think Congress should vote on raising the debt limit. What a grossly misworded question! Of course they should vote on the question – but they should vote NO!

They supposedly made a commitment to reduce our debt when they were elected last November. Voting to raise the debt limit is contrary to that commitment.

Tom Walsh
Sebring

Editor's note: The poll question in the April 17 edition was "Should congress vote to raise the debt limit?"

Senate should refuse next monetarist

Editor:

Since the economy is still recovering from the credit crunch of 2008, our leaders ought to be asking what went wrong.

In 2004, Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, suggested that homeowners switch to Adjustable Rate Mortgages. Within a few months the Fed was raising interest rates. Billionaire Steve Forbes attacked Greenspan for unleashing too much credit, driving up commodity prices. The dot com bubble had already burst in 2000, followed by the housing bubble in 2007 and the credit bubble in 2008.

Greenspan is a monetarist, an economist who believes in the relationship between prices and the money supply. Since the 1970s, every chairman of the Federal Reserve board has been a monetarist. Does monetarism work? The first monetarist Federal Chairman Paul Volcker curbed inflation but the country suffered what was then the worst recession since the Depression.

Monetarists oppose fiscal stimulus, favor deregulation and mostly argue that the economy will eventually straighten itself out. In the words of the Encyclopedia Britanica, "most economists do not share their optimism." In the 1980s, a number of monetarist economists switched to the Rational Expectations school.

Many critics point out that the money supply is too unstable to be a basis for policy and its influence depends on the speed that money changes hands, which also changes unpredictably. New types of bank accounts have made it even harder to calculate the money supply.

All this brings us to the crucial question. Why appoint monetarists? The next time a President appoints a monetarist to any position, the Senate should refuse to confirm.

Dale L. Gillis
Sebring

Bouquet

Thanks to all who helped

Editor:

Our Lake Placid Relay For Life event on April 9 and 10 was a big success due to the amazing variety of people and businesses that pulled together to make it all happen. We had a hard-working committee and team captains who donated their time and talents for many hours, not just at the event, but all through the year.

In addition, we want to thank the following: Vitas Innovative Hospice Care; Florida Hospital Heartland Division; Highlands Greenhouses; Sweetbay Supermarkets; MidFlorida Credit Union; Lake Country Jewelers; Schooni's Restaurant; Winn-Dixie; Walgreen's; Publix; Holiday Inn Express of Lake Placid; Lake Placid Church of Christ; Miller's Central Air, Inc.; Rhodes Law Firm LLC; Wells Insurance; Cohan Radio Group; Highland Country School Baord; Memorial United Methodist Church; Home and Office Essentials; Jahna Concrete; Frames & Images; LPHS Athletics; Home Depot; Positive Medical Transport; Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce; Beta Sigma Phi - Xi Xi Iota Chapter; the wonderful town of Lake Placid; US Aviation Expo - Robert Wood; Powersource - Stan Carlin; Larry Jackson; John Merrifield; Larry Palmer; Wauchula State Bank; Heartland Graphics; Orlos & Company; Heartland National Bank; Highlands Independent Bank; Seacoast Bank; Highlands County Health Department; Bob Evans Restaurant; SW Florida Water Management District; TD Bank; W&W Lumber; Dr. Antonio Roa; Bates Caladiums; the News-Sun newspaper, and, of course, our wonderful DJ Ralph.

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A perspective on the resurrection

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

President Obama spoke this week at an Easter prayer breakfast. During his remarks, he said the following, according to an article on www.christianpost.com:

"I wanted to host this breakfast for a simple reason – because as busy as we are, as many tasks pile up, during this season, we are reminded that there's something about the resurrection ... of our savior, Jesus Christ, that puts everything else in perspective."

I hope that I don't put any of my dear readers in shock, but this is one time I agree with President Obama.

Today is Easter, a time when believers all over the world contemplate the most important event to Christians – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If my non-believing readers will excuse me this week, I want to use this column to reflect on that event myself.

Jesus' death and subsequent resurrection is a message to us about the evil of our sin, the price required to redeem us from it, and the hope we have for a relationship to God. If not for this event, Christianity would be a worthless religion, offering nothing to its followers. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (King James Version),

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

"Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

Here is one perspective we need to keep: we may disagree on politics. We may disagree on global warming. We may even disagree about the goodness of chocolate. But one thing we can agree on – we are all sinners.

Sin is one of those words not often heard outside of a church service or Bible study. We pretty it up with different names – mistakes, flaws, bad habits. We even try to deny its existence, declaring right and wrong to be subjective and not something that can be pinned down by anybody, much less God.

But if we are truthful with ourselves, we will realize that whoever we are, we do things that are wrong. We are sinners. And if you agree with me that there is a God, then you know at some point you'll have to give an account to Him for your life.

Jesus came to Earth to show us how to live that flawless life. He is the only one who managed to pull it off.

In doing so, He became for us what we could not be ourselves – a suitable sacrifice for sin. Someone had to pay for the sin of all of us, and not one of us could do it, because we were already in debt for our own wrongs.

Jesus, owing no debt, said, "I will pay." And three days before Easter he suffered and died so we could be spared.

That alone is amazing. But it would be nothing without Easter morning, without a victorious, resurrected Christ, triumphing over death and Satan and giving us hope to live a better life than we thought possible – and able to look forward to a better life than this.

Maybe you don't believe. Maybe you think this is a bunch of peanut butter. You might even think this column a waste of time.

I would urge you to give Christianity a look. You don't have to shoot your brain to the moon to believe. There's evidence there, if you are willing to tackle the subject with an open mind.

And, who knows? Maybe, like the president, you'll find that the resurrection of Christ puts things in perspective for you. In a way you never thought possible.

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We believe your viewpoints are just as important as any community leader or government official, so consider this a personal invitation to get your two cents in. The *News-Sun* has a long history of encouraging public discussion through letters, guest columns, and Reader's Response questionnaires.

US default could be doomsday option for global economy

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States has never defaulted on its debt and Democrats and Republicans say they don't want it to happen now. But with partisan acrimony running at fever pitch, and Democrats and Republicans so far apart on how to tame the deficit, the unthinkable is suddenly being pondered.

The government now borrows about 42 cents of every dollar it spends. Imagine that one day soon, the borrowing slams up against the current debt limit ceiling of $14.3 trillion and Congress fails to raise it. The damage would ripple across the entire economy, eventually affecting nearly every American, and rocking global markets in the process.

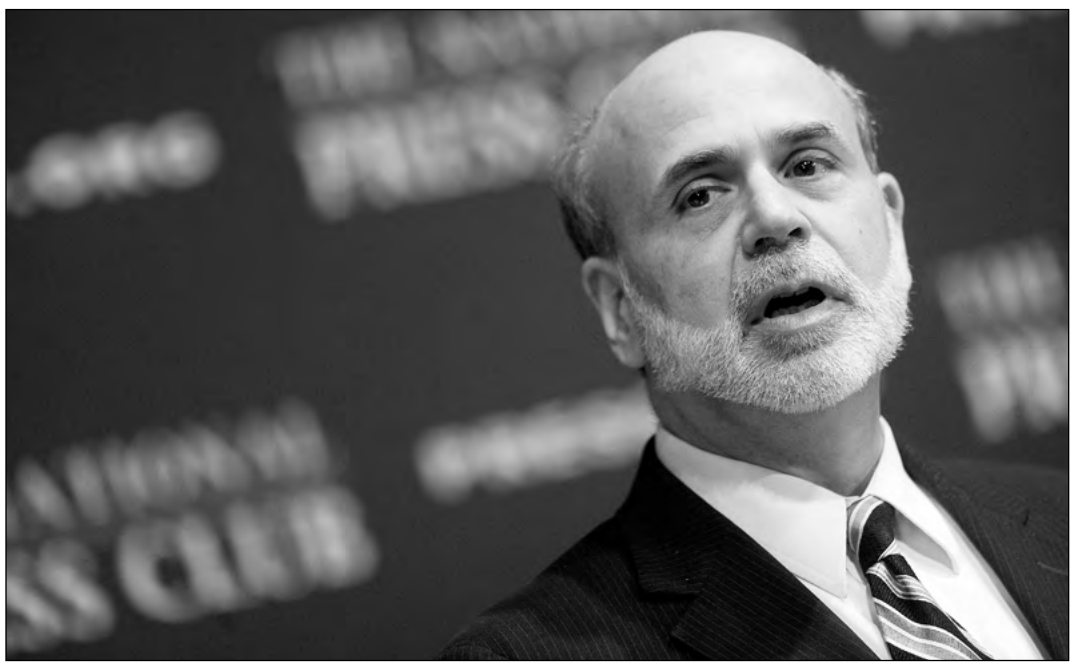
A default would come if the government actually failed to fulfill a financial obligation, including repaying a loan or interest on that loan. The government borrows mostly by selling bonds to individuals and governments, with a promise to pay back the amount of the bond in a certain time period and agreeing to pay regular interest on that bond in the meantime.

Among the first directly affected would likely be money-market funds holding government securities, banks that buy bonds directly from the Federal Reserve and resell them to consumers, including pension and mutual funds; and the foreign investor community, which holds nearly half of all Treasury securities.

If the U.S. starts missing interest or principal payments, borrowers would demand higher and higher rates on new bonds, as they did with Greece, Portugal and other heavily indebted nations. Who wants to keep loaning money to a deadbeat nation that can't pay its bills?

At some point, the government would have to slash spending in other areas to make room for any further sales of Treasury bills and bonds. That could squeeze payments to federal contractors, and eventually even affect Social Security and other government benefit payments, as well as federal workers' paychecks.

A default would likely trigger another financial panic like the one in 2008 and plunge an economy still reeling from high joblessness and a battered housing market back into recession. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke calls failure to raise the debt limit "a recovery-ending event." U.S. stock markets would likely tank — devastating roughly half of U.S. households that own stocks, either individually or through 401(k) type retirement programs.



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Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says failure to raise the US debt limit would be a 'recovery-ending event.'

Eventually, the cost of most credit would rise — from business and consumer loans to home mortgages, auto financing and credit cards.

Continued stalemate could also further depress the value of the dollar and challenge the greenback's status as the world's prime "reserve currency."

China and other countries that now hold about 50 percent of all U.S. Treasury securities could start dumping them, further pushing up interest rates and swelling the national debt. It would be a vicious cycle of higher and higher interest rates and more and more debt.

The U.S. has long been the global standard for financial stability and creditworthiness, with Treasury securities seen as a fail-safe investment. But after the near-shutdown of the U.S. government and a new credit-rating report this week questioning the country's fiscal health, Treasury bills and bonds are losing luster.

If there is a debt limit deadlock, the government by this summer could find itself legally unable to borrow more money to pay its bills, beginning with interest on its debt and gradually extending to day-to-day federal operations. At some point, the government would have to decide which bills to pay and which to put aside.

The debt ceiling will be hit on or around May 16, the Treasury Department says. Unlike the threatened government shutdown, the impact would start slowly, but then build mightily until the damage would be so dire that few political leaders or economists even want to contemplate it.

The day of reckoning could likely be delayed at least until early July with creative bookkeeping.

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> **JAIME DIMON**
> CEO of JP Morgan

When the House first rejected the Bush administration's $600-billion bank bailout in September 2008, the Dow Jones industrials went into a dizzying 778-point tailspin.

A whiff of a possible similar stock market collapse came on Monday with a sharp selloff on Wall Street when the Standard & Poors lowered its outlook on U.S. debt to "negative" from "stable," possibly a first step toward a possible downgrade of America's coveted AAA credit rating.

"We haven't downgraded it. We just said, if nothing happens, we may have to," said S&P chief economist David Wyss. He said a government default remains uncharted territory, "which is one reason why it's not a good idea to hit the debt ceiling."

"There's reason to worry," said Wyss. "But my best guess is that we sort of muddle through this. Cuts will be made, they'll be too little too late, but at least they will be enough to maintain a triple-A rating."

"It's another game of chicken. And this time there are Mack trucks going at each other, not bumper cars. This is a biggie," said American University political scientist James Thurber. But he predicted that, as in the past, "there will be an accommodation. They will avoid a crash."

Investment bank J.P. Morgan Chase recently concluded that any delay in making an interest or principal payments by the Treasury "even for a very short period of time" would have large "long-term adverse consequences for Treasury finances and the U.S. economy." The analysis is being circulated on Capitol Hill by supporters of raising the debt limit.

"If anyone wants to push that button, which I think would be catastrophic and unpredictable, I think they're crazy," JP Morgan CEO Jaime Dimon said recently of those seeking to block raising the debt limit.

Obituaries

VIRGINIA SUMPTER

Virginia E. Sumpter, 78, of Sebring died April 21, 2011 at her residence. Virginia was born in Waterbury, Conn., where she was active in her community. She was a cosmetologist and hairdresser. She moved to Sebring in 1985 from New York State. She was a member of Independent Baptist Church in DeSoto City. Virginia loved her animals and enjoyed shopping, traveling and her friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Holly Weidner; husbands, Promer Sumpter and Winfred Wilburn. Virignia is survived by her grandchildren, Vera Weidner, Sebring and Clinton Weidner, Torrington, Conn.; brother, Bernard Crawley, Sebring; great-granddaughter, Keilanni Justin, Sebring; and niece, Trudy McNeil, Ellenburg Deport, N.Y.

Viewing is from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at Independent Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. following the visitation. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens. Condolences may be expressed at www.morris-funeralchapel.com. Morris Funeral Chapel 307 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, Fla.

Death notice

Christopher "Chris" Pavlo, 98, of Sebring died April 18, 2011. Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

Community Briefs

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help different organizations in our community.

Shrine Ladies play bunco

AVON PARK – The public is invited (men, too) to play bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The event is open to new or experienced players; cost is $2/person. Phone 471-2425 for information.

Events planned at lodges, posts

LAKE PLACID

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will serve a ham dinner today. Tickets are $7; get them early. For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

The Lake Placid American Legion Placid Post 25 will have music by Uptown Country from 5-8 p.m. today. Shuffleboard is set for 1 p.m. Monday. Boy Scouts meet at 7 p.m. Get free blood pressure checks from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday. Call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Elks 2661 will have music by Chrissy Harriman on Monday. The BPOE Board meets at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, the BPOE Initiation is set for 7 p.m. For details, call 465-2661.

AmVets plan Easter dinner

SEBRING — AmVets Post 21 at 2029 U.S. 27 South is having an Easter dinner at 2 p.m. today. Members can eat for free; guests should pay a $5 donation. Call for reservations, 385-0234.

Recreation Club plans events

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will host the following events this week:

- Monday – Ice cream shuffleboard, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – Ice cream shuffleboard, 6:30 p.m.; line dancing, 7 p.m.
- Saturday – Pin shuffleboard, 6:30 p.m.

Any information, call 385-2966.

Cuts would affect deans plus media and technology specialists

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Cox said the total revenue shortfall for 2011-2012 totals just more than $2,387,000, which is why he is proposing to reduce the number of resource deans, replace some teachers with paraprofessionals and some technical staff with lower rated personnel.

He also proposed cutting five positions from the district office and using a leasing company to provide the paraprofessionals who provide release time for teachers.

Specifically, he proposes that every elementary school have only one guidance councilor and every school have only one media paraprofessional. Those paraprofessionals would be overseen and supported by media specialists, who are certified teachers. Two media specialists would serve all county elementary schools, and there would be one each for the county's middle and high schools.

Cox

Cox also suggests doing away with the second resource dean — deans that deal with discipline — at Avon Park and Lake Placid middle schools.

Even with the savings potentially gained by Cox's suggestions, the district would still face a shortfall of $1,080,000.

16-year-old tourist slayings suspect held on unrelated charges in Sarasota

Associated Press

SARASOTA — The Florida teenager charged with fatally shooting two British tourists was ordered held without bond Friday on five felony counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a separate crime.

Shawn Tyson, 16, had a first court appearance at the Sarasota County jail on charges that he fired into an occupied car during an unrelated dispute earlier this month.

The Sarasota Herald Tribune reported that missteps in the case's handling allowed Tyson to be released April 16. Early the next day, authorities say he fatally shot James Cooper, 25, and James Kouzaris, 24.

A public defender appeared for Tyson at the Friday hearing. Tyson will appear on charges related to the British tourists' slaying at a later date and he is expected to be charged as an adult.

In the previous shooting, Tyson was arrested and had a first court appearance hearing on April 8. At the hearing, Chief Judge Lee Haworth raised questions about whether the teen posed a danger to the community. He also ordered a detective familiar with the case to present more information at the next hearing.

According to the newspaper, the Sarasota Police Department says it never received the order, and the detective did not attend the April 15 hearing. During that hearing, which was before Juvenile Judge Deno Economou, prosecutors did not mention the previous judge's concerns.

Police Blotter

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♦ Brenda Kay Gibson, 38, of Sebring, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

♦ Daniel Gomez, 54, of Lake Placid, was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

♦ Trevor Javon James, 36, of Avon Park, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant reference driving with license suspended.

♦ Edie Joy Jones, 37, of Sebring, was charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer without violence.

♦ Joshua Joseph Krista, 23, of Lake Placid, was charged with failure to appear reference leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

♦ James Edward Leary, 61, of Sebring, was charged with a sex offense and indecent exposure in public.

♦ Timothy Locklear, 26, of Lake Placid, was arrested on two out-of-county warrants reference utter forged instrument and grand theft.

♦ Alan Jay Lutz, 70, of Lake Placid, was charged with indecent exposure, sex offense and procure for prostitute.

♦ Cntory Phil Posada, 30, of Key West, was charged with two counts of violation of probation reference fraud use of personal ID and grand theft.

♦ Edward Thomas Reynolds, 47, of Sebring, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent.

♦ Joseph Craig Soncrant, 52, of Sebring, was charged with procure for prostitute, indecent exposure and sex offense.

♦ Roberto Amador Trujillo-Sanche, 23, of Lake Placid, was charged with violation of municipal ordinance.

♦ Pablo Valentine-Marce, 18, was charged with violation of municipal ordinance.

♦ Saul Vazquez, 50, of Avon Park, was charged with violation of a municipal ordinance.

Antonio Lopez Velasquez, 27, of Sebring, was charged with DUI and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Sister sings about sibling's fight

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Finally, Nemours Hospital in Orlando, responded, saying to bring Tori in immediately because she had a rare form of cancer called a germ cell yolk sac tumor.

Worse, it had metastasized up her spine.

Successful surgery, grueling rounds of chemotherapy — that left Tori with some hearing loss and lung damage — and her own will to live saw Tori through the difficult time.

She is 15 now, and has no memory of her ordeal. In October of this year she will be 13 years cancer free.

While Tori was fighting for her life, her sister Sydni was waiting to be born, arriving in 1998 at just the moment the family needed a good dose of hope and happiness.

"Sydni brought some sunshine into our lives," Brandi Hornick said, adding that she was musical from the beginning. "She sang her first words," her mother said laughing.

Music remains a passion. Sydni is talented enough to have won the 2009 Heartland Idol Junior Division. She writes her own songs, typically coming up with the lyrics first and humming a tune to it after.

Sometimes words just pop into her head. Sydni will rush into a room, saying "I have lyrics, I have lyrics. Get me a piece of paper!"

One of the first songs she wrote was a tribute to her sister Tori, called "Take Flight."

Sydni felt compelled to write the song, she said, "because Tori was so young and she won the battle."

The second verse includes, "Little girl, curls are gone, rounds of chemo all week long, blood transfusions are a way of life."

The refrain thanks the doctors, "who battle through the night to bring the light of healing."

Over the years, partly in gratitude, partly because they know how terrifying fighting cancer can be, the Hornick family continues to volunteer at Nemours Hospital.

Somewhere along the line, Nemours Hospital became aware of Sydni's song, and liked it so much Sydni was asked to sing it at special events.

Other people have also been impressed. This year Sydni was invited to sing at the Orlando Relay for Life as well as all three Relays for Life in Highlands County — Avon Park's fundraiser is May 7-8.

"And I thought she was just a child who can sing," Hornick said.

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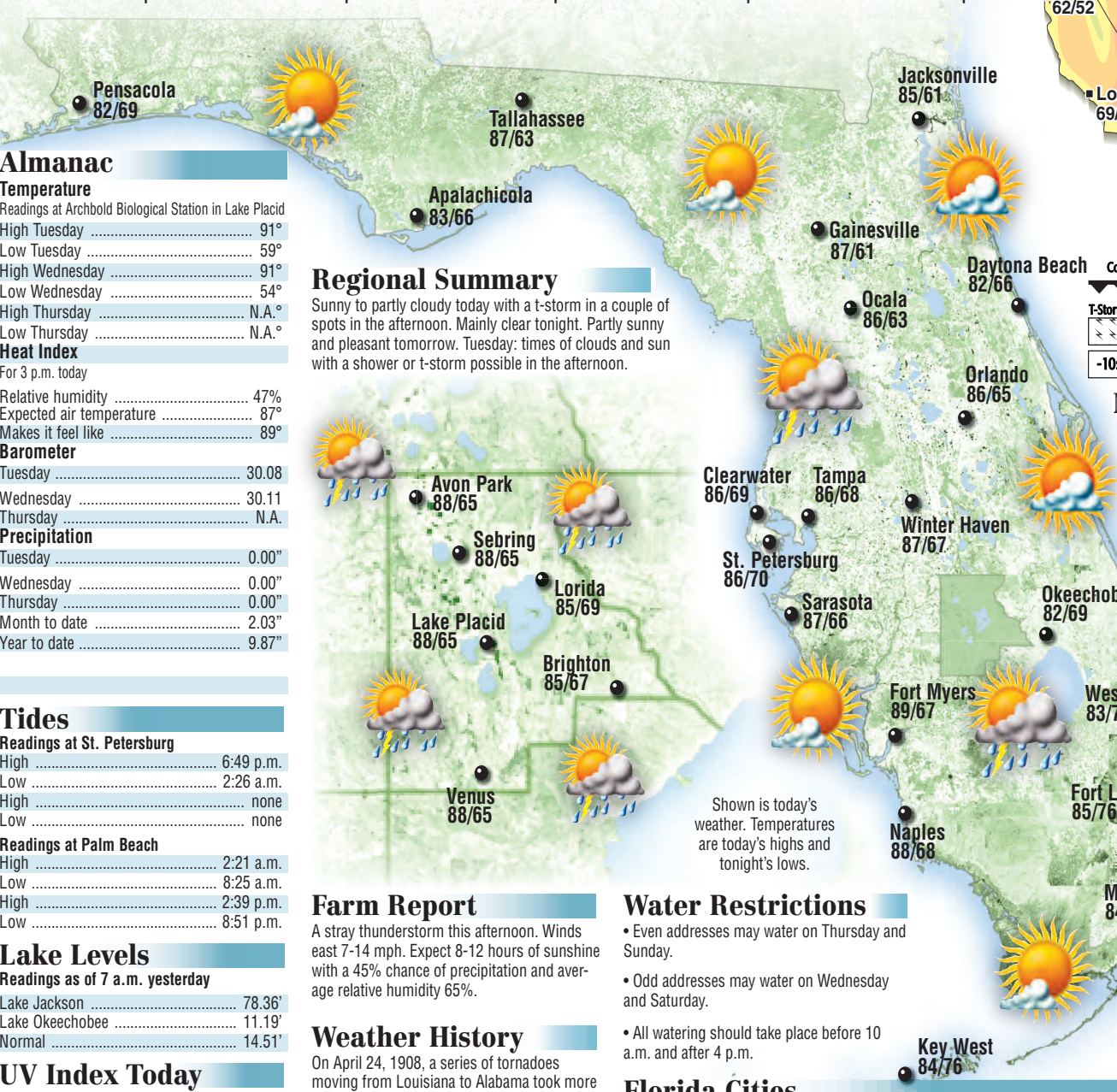
Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A stray afternoon thunderstorm	Partly sunny and pleasant	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	Rather cloudy, t-storms possible
88° / 65°	89° / 67°	88° / 69°	90° / 71°	89° / 66°
Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: S at 8-16 mph	Winds: SSW at 10-20 mph



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

Regional Summary

Sunny to partly cloudy today with a t-storm in a couple of spots in the afternoon. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Tuesday: times of clouds and sun with a shower or t-storm possible in the afternoon.

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	91°
Low Tuesday	59°
High Wednesday	91°
Low Wednesday	54°
High Thursday	N.A.°
Low Thursday	N.A.°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	47%
Expected air temperature	87°
Makes it feel like	89°

Barometer

Tuesday	30.08
Wednesday	30.11
Thursday	N.A.

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	2.03"
Year to date	9.87"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:49 p.m.
Low	2:26 a.m.
High	none
Low	none

Readings at Palm Beach

High	2:21 a.m.
Low	8:25 a.m.
High	2:39 p.m.
Low	8:51 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	11.19'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
6	10	10	5

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

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Farm Report

A stray thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with a 45% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

Weather History

On April 24, 1908, a series of tornadoes moving from Louisiana to Alabama took more than 300 lives and leveled many communities.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:55 a.m.	6:54 a.m.
Sunset	7:54 p.m.	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise	1:38 a.m.	2:18 a.m.
Moonset	12:45 p.m.	1:40 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 24	May 3	May 10	May 17

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.

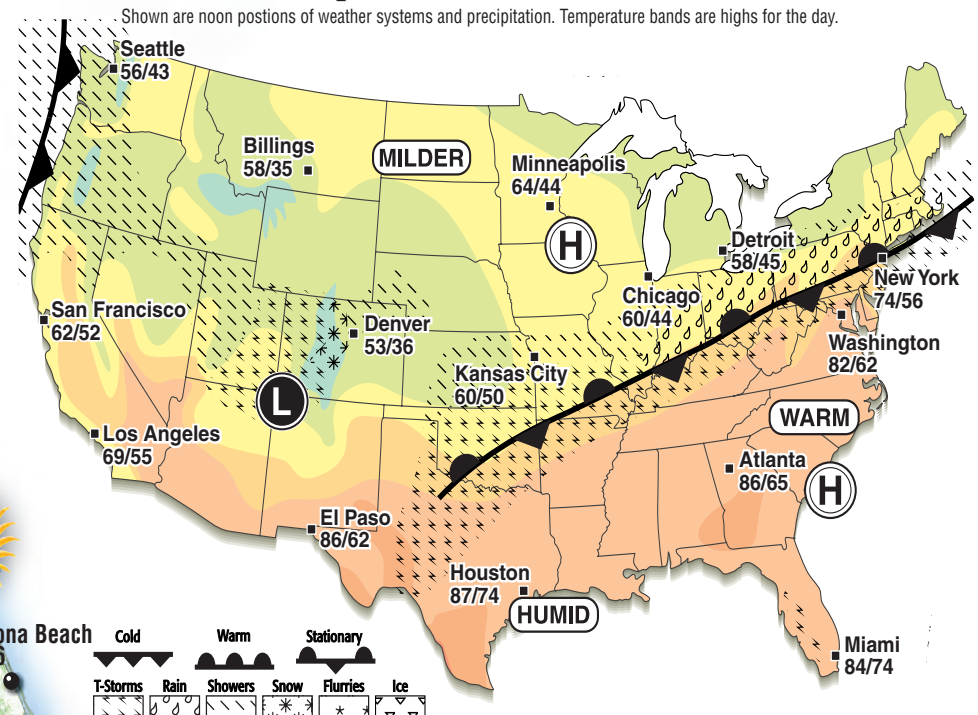
Florida Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	88/66/s	88/68/t	88/69/pc
Clearwater	86/69/s	87/70/t	87/71/pc
Coral Springs	84/74/pc	86/73/t	85/75/pc
Daytona Beach	82/66/pc	82/68/s	84/69/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	85/76/pc	86/75/t	87/76/pc
Fort Myers	89/67/s	90/68/t	87/70/pc
Gainesville	87/61/t	86/65/t	86/66/pc
Hollywood	86/73/pc	87/73/t	87/75/pc
Homestead AFB	83/72/pc	84/74/t	85/75/pc
Jacksonville	85/61/pc	83/66/s	83/68/pc
Key West	84/76/s	85/76/t	85/78/pc
Miami	84/74/pc	85/74/t	86/76/pc
Okeechobee	82/69/s	84/72/pc	85/71/pc
Orlando	86/65/s	88/67/s	88/69/pc
Pembroke Pines	86/73/pc	87/73/t	87/75/pc
St. Augustine	79/66/pc	79/67/s	81/71/pc
St. Petersburg	86/70/s	88/70/t	88/71/pc
Sarasota	87/66/s	88/68/t	87/71/pc
Tallahassee	87/63/s	86/64/pc	89/65/pc
Tampa	86/68/s	89/70/t	88/72/pc
W. Palm Bch	83/74/pc	84/73/t	85/74/pc
Winter Haven	87/67/t	89/68/pc	89/69/pc

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

National Forecast for April 24

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



National Summary

A stalled out front will stretch from the mid-Atlantic into the central Plains today. As a result, showers and t-storms, some strong, will also linger along this zone. Torrential downpours could lead to flash flooding problems in the Ohio Valley. Steadier rain will soak parts of Ohio and western Pennsylvania as well. With high pressure in control, the Southeast will stay mainly dry and unusually warm. Following a cool start to the weekend on the northern Plains, temperatures will rebound back towards normal.

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	71/47/c	73/47/s	69/36/pc
Atlanta	86/65/s	83/63/pc	80/64/pc
Baltimore	82/62/t	80/62/t	80/62/pc
Birmingham	86/64/s	84/65/pc	82/67/pc
Boston	62/49/c	60/50/r	69/55/pc
Charlotte	86/60/pc	85/62/pc	81/62/pc
Cheyenne	50/34/c	56/33/sh	51/32/sh
Chicago	60/44/c	62/48/r	67/43/t
Cleveland	60/48/r	69/54/t	72/54/c
Columbus	66/56/r	79/60/t	77/58/t
Dallas	83/70/pc	86/67/t	86/62/t
Denver	53/36/c	64/34/pc	56/33/sh
Detroit	58/45/c	58/49/t	77/51/c
Harrisburg	76/54/t	74/60/t	80/60/pc
Honolulu	87/71/s	86/73/s	88/73/sh
Houston	87/74/pc	87/74/c	87/72/t
Indianapolis	68/56/sh	77/58/t	75/52/t
Jackson, MS	84/66/pc	85/68/pc	86/70/c
Kansas City	60/50/sh	68/48/t	65/47/sh
Lexington	76/60/t	82/61/t	76/61/t
Little Rock	81/64/pc	80/66/t	82/65/t
Los Angeles	69/55/pc	69/56/pc	75/57/s
Louisville	76/62/t	83/65/t	79/62/t
Memphis	83/65/pc	83/68/pc	82/67/t
Milwaukee	54/38/c	54/42/r	58/38/t
Minneapolis	64/44/pc	65/45/c	55/40/r
Nashville	82/62/pc	84/65/pc	80/62/t
New Orleans	84/69/pc	85/72/pc	86/72/pc
New York City	74/56/t	68/55/t	76/59/pc
Norfolk	82/64/pc	79/62/pc	77/63/pc
Oklahoma City	69/60/t	78/55/t	72/52/pc
Philadelphia	78/60/t	77/60/t	80/60/pc
Phoenix	86/64/s	89/65/s	90/62/s
Pittsburgh	70/51/r	78/57/t	80/58/c
Portland, ME	64/40/pc	59/43/r	62/52/c
Portland, OR	60/45/sh	56/42/r	58/44/sh
Raleigh	86/62/pc	84/65/pc	82/65/pc
Rochester	58/40/c	65/50/r	78/56/c
St. Louis	65/60/t	76/59/t	74/52/t
San Francisco	62/52/pc	61/46/c	67/48/s
Seattle	56/43/sh	54/40/r	55/42/sh
Wash., DC	82/62/t	83/63/pc	80/62/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/76/t	88/74/t	88/71/s
Athens	65/50/s	65/52/pc	60/53/r
Beirut	67/52/s	67/55/s	72/63/s
Berlin	70/47/s	63/48/sh	66/53/sh
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Cornerstone Hospice patient care supervisor Pat Ludemann said that "pet therapy can be specially useful in the hospice setting for patients who have withdrawn from the people around them but find interacting with an animal easier and less painful."

"The process of becoming a certified Therapy Dog includes basic obedience training as well as a number of observations of the dog accompanied by their handler in a public venue by a certified tester from Therapy Dogs Inc.," said Hospice volunteer specialist Sherry DiSimone, who is in charge of the Therapy K-9 Patrol project.

"These dogs have to pass strict behavioral testing, have certain temperament and must love being petted and being around children and older patients.

"Handlers and their doggies also attend a two-day 16-hour Cornerstone Hospice Volunteer Training where they learn more about working with Hospice patients and their families."

Courtesy photo

Cornerstone Hospice patient Alice Gedge pets Hospice Therapy dog Gidget on Thursday at Sunny Hills Assisted Living during the facility's Easter Bonnet contest in Sebring. Della Figur of Lorida is the pet therapy handler for Gidget, a Belgian schipperke, part of the nonprofit Cornerstone Hospice Pet Therapy K-9 Patrol.

This training includes subjects such as life enrichment, bereavement, end-stage diseases and other topics designed to help prepare the volunteers.

These specialized training sessions are open to anyone who would like to become a volunteer or who is interested in learning more about Hospice.

Volunteer candidates who own dogs may want to explore being part of the Cornerstone Hospice Therapy K-9 Patrol and if they have no dog, everyone is welcome as a volunteer candidate.

For further information either to register for the volunteer training or to be part of the Therapy K-9 Patrol, please call DiSimone in Highlands at 382-4563.

APPD returned to local control

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Office (S.O) to assume command of the City's Police Department while they help us review our Police procedures. Since this is an open outstanding review of the Department investigation, any further questions need to be directed through the Sheriff's office."

On April 21, in a letter to Sheriff Susan Benton, Deleon thanked the HCSO for their assistance.

"During the past three days, the City of Avon Park has dealt with a complex and difficult law enforcement challenge. We needed your assistance to stabilize and assess police operations. Your staff has exercised the utmost professionalism in helping us provide transitional leadership to evaluate our capability and our police procedures.

"Major Schrader and the APPD leadership staff have concluded that the city's police department is working with antiquated (emphasis added by Deleon) police procedures. For efficiency purposes, uniformity, and expectations of our sworn officers, we need to prioritize updating our police procedures to reflect current law enforcement standards.

"At this point, after meeting with APPD leadership staff and stabilizing operations, I am returning command of the AP Police Department back to Commander Lister who will work under my direct supervision.

"While the emergency has been handled, I still need the Sheriff's staff assistance in the high level effort to adopt procedures for our Police Department which reflect current law enforcement standards," the letter stated.

Deleon told the News-Sun on Thursday that the polices and procedures were outdated and that was part of the reason for his intercession.

Deleon said the review revealed the police department was following "antiquated police procedures from 1978."

APPD records show that Rowan had forwarded updated polices to the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) earlier in the year for their review before adoption and that references to all previous police chief names had been replaced by Rowan with just "Chief."

Deleon went on to state in his letter that the city would seek Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation as an "ultimate objective for the city's police."

Immokalee soldier killed in Afghanistan

Associated Press

IMMOKALEE — A southwest Florida family is mourning a soldier killed in Afghanistan.

Sgt. Linda Pierre of Immokalee was one of five U.S. soldiers killed last weekend in a suicide attack. U.S. officials say an Afghan soldier working as a Taliban sleeper agent set off multiple grenades.

Pierre was assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky. The 28-year-old was deployed late last year for her first tour overseas.

Pierre's father, a Haitian immigrant, says he still loves the Army despite his daughter's death. She's not the only soldier in her family. One of Pierre's brothers is scheduled to be deployed with the Army after serving five tours overseas with the Marines.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

Immigration bill would draw quick lawsuit

By LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ
AP Hispanic Affairs Writer

MIAMI — The Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center along with the American Civil Liberties Union plan sue the state immediately if the Legislature passes either of two pending immigration bills in the House and the Senate, the nonprofit said Thursday.

Immigrant advocates say components of the House bill closely resemble the very ones in Arizona's new immigration law that a federal appeals court recently upheld were unconstitutional.

Florida's House bill would authorize local law enforcement to check out the immigration status of anyone under investigation, even if the individual had never been arrested. And it would allow local officers to check the immigration status whenever they suspected someone is in the country illegally. The House bill also requires employers to use the federal government's E-Verify work authorization program.

"Some of our legislators are trying to push forward bills that would have devastating effects on the state," said executive director Cheryl Little during a news conference with community leaders and the ACLU. She said it will make immigrants already fearful of law enforcement more afraid of cooperating with local officials.

"If one of these bills becomes law, FIAC is ready to sue," she added.

The Senate bill is more limited, but it still requires local law enforcement check the immigration status of inmates, encouraging them to go beyond simply using federal criminal and immigration databases.

The Senate bill would also allow businesses to let employees use a driver's license as proof they are authorized to work, instead of the E-Verify program.

Supporters of stronger immigration enforcement say the Senate version of the bill is worthless because driver licenses from other states are too easy to forge and won't prove work eligibility.

The Advocacy Center's attorneys said they were dumbfounded that Florida Rep. William Snyder, R-Stuart, would propose a bill that includes provisions so close to the Arizona measures that have been blocked.

Attorney Tania Galloni added that the Florida House provision for allowing state criminal judges to decide whether individuals are in the country illegally for sentencing purposes directly usurps federal immigration judges' authority and would also likely be held unconstitutional.

Manny Fernandez, a Miami-based attorney and member of the group Somos Republicanos, which fought the legislation in Arizona, described the House bill as a thinly veiled effort to energize a core group of voters whom he said do not represent the majority of the state — nor even the state's Republican Party.

MCT photo

A bill passed by the state House of Representatives on Thursday would change voting procedures.

Elections overhaul passed by House

By JAMES L. ROSICA
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — In the latest triumph of the conservative agenda, the Florida House has approved an overhaul of the state's elections law that opponents call an effort at suppressing voting.

The 157-page bill (HB 1355) passed by a party-line vote of 79-37 on Thursday.

The measure's Republican backers — including sponsor Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala — say the bill will help tamp down future voter fraud.

State Rep. Seth McKeel, R-Lakeland, listed many of the bill's changes during debate, including a requirement that third-party voter-sign up groups register with the state.

After each one, he said, "That doesn't seem harmful to democracy or suppressing voting."

Democratic critics, though showing some fatigue, fought the bill down to their last minute of debate. A few even suggested that some of the bill's provisions were unconstitutional because they tend to deny voting rights.

"We are fixing something that doesn't need to be fixed," said state Rep. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg. "This is a bad bill; it sets bad precedent and sets bad policy."

The bill's passage follows a string of Republican-led victories this legislative session, including overhauling the state's courts system, easing growth management laws and weakening public employee unions.

Among its many provisions, as the bill now stands, it:

— Requires voter-registration groups, such as the League of Women Voters, to register with the state, file regular reports and turn in completed voter-registration forms within 48 hours or face a $50 fine for each late form.

The league's state leader this week said her group may suspend its voter registration efforts if the measure becomes law.

"Upending years of progress in Florida's voting will not and should not be tolerated by voters," said Deirdre Macnab, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida.

— Forces some voters to use provisional ballots instead of regular ballots if they want to update their name or address in voting records at the polling place.

A provisional ballot requires a person to later offer evidence of his or her eligibility to vote. Democrats voiced concerns that a majority of provisional ballots are thrown out every election; Republicans said the provision would prevent people from voting more than once.

— Prohibits a person from running for local office as a candidate of a political party if they switched political parties in the last year.

— Allows groups to run opinion polls for people who are considering running for office. Such polls are counted as campaign contributions only if the person actually becomes a candidate.

— Requires the governor-appointed Secretary of State, the state's chief election officer, to provide "direction and opinions" to the elected county elections supervisors.

— Voids an absentee ballot if the signature on the voter's certificate doesn't match the signature on record.

— Prohibits approaching anyone who is waiting in line to vote and giving that person voting advice.

— Creates a panel to fix the date for the state's presidential primary.

Opponents, mainly Democrats, say Florida should just comply with rules agreed to by the national Democratic and Republican parties giving Florida a March primary date.

But Republican legislative leaders and Gov. Rick Scott have been at odds with their own national party by insisting on an earlier date, Jan. 31, which would make it first.

They argue Florida deserves a more prominent position in the nominating process because it's the largest among the expected swing states in the 2012 election.

Both national parties, as they did in 2008, are threatening to take away some or all of Florida's convention delegates if the state fails to abide by the agreed-upon calendar, which starts with caucuses and primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina between Feb. 1 and March 5.

A companion (SB 2086) to the House bill is in the Senate.

In other action Thursday, the House approved a related bill (HB 1261) would allow the entire text of a proposed constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot if the Florida Supreme Court strikes down all of the ballot summaries.

By a 5-2 vote, the high court struck three constitutional-amendment questions — all backed by the Republican-controlled Legislature — from the ballot in 2010.

The majority of justices found them to have confusing or even misleading ballot summaries.

One would have let voters voice opposition to the U.S. health care overhaul. Another would have strengthened the Legislature's hand in redrawing congressional and legislative districts, and a third would have given home buyers an extra property tax exemption if they hadn't owned a house for at least eight years.

Associated Press writer Bill Kaczor contributed to this report.

Cannon: No guarantee of on-time finish

By BILL KACZOR
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's two legislative chambers have made little progress toward resolving their budgetary differences, leading House Speaker Dean Cannon to say he can't guarantee an on-time finish with just two weeks left in the annual session.

Gov. Rick Scott, meanwhile, reiterated Friday that he's confident the Legislature will begin cutting Florida's corporate income tax although that's in neither chamber's budget bill.

Cannon said he's optimistic lawmakers won't need a special session to finish the budget but that "anything's possible."

The Legislature could extend the session beyond its scheduled May 6 conclusion or Cannon and Senate President Mike Haridopolos could jointly call a special session.

"It's more important that we do it right than get hung up on a 60-day time limit," Cannon said after the House finished an abbreviated two-day holiday work week Thursday.

The Senate took the entire week off for Passover and Easter, but budget leaders from both chambers spoke behind the scenes without agreeing on preliminary issues.

The House's $66.5 billion budget is about $4 billion less than the Senate's, but much of that gap is due to accounting differences. The Senate, for instance, includes the five regional water management districts and 67 county court clerks' offices in the state budget while the House does not.

Both cut nearly $4 billion in spending because the state's income from taxes and fees hasn't kept up with the growing demand for and cost of services.

Also, both chambers plan on raising revenue by increasing college and/or university tuition as well as what amounts to pay cuts for teachers and state employees.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-133
IN RE: ESTATE OF
PONTICELLO, SHARON L.
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SHARON L. PONTICELLO deceased, whose date of death was March 11, 2011, and whose social security number is 144-42-2366, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative 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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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 24, 2011.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Patricia Simons
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Boise, ID 83702

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
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April 24; May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: GC 08-795
SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT, a special district and a public corporation of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DELORES WALKER, if alive and if not, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against DELORES WALKER, and all claimants under of such party; and
MURRAY ROY ABBOTT, if alive and if not, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against MURRAY ROY ABBOTT, and all claimants under of such party
Defendants.

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SIGNED this 12th day of April, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

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April 24; May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001371
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI 2006-WF2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LEE E. WILLIS, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001371 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI 2006-WF2, is the Plaintiff and LEE E. WILLIS; SANDRA WILLIS; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 12th day of May, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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April 24: May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-168
IN RE: ESTATE OF
EDITH H. ROGERS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of EDITH H. ROGERS, deceased, whose date of death was March 13, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands Court, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OF MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 17, 2011.

Personal Representative:
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/s/ Kenneth P. Johnson

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/s/ Clifford M. Ables, III
FLORIDA BAR NUMBER 178379

April 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 11-153
Division Tenth
IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARY LEE CHAGNOT
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARY LEE CHAGNOT, deceased, whose date of death was October 19, 2008, and whose social security number is 266-40-1642, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands Court, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 April 17, 2011.

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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April 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000156
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAVIER HERRERA, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000156 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and JAVIER HERRERA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAVIER HERRERA N/K/A JESENIA HERRERA; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 12th day of May, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 21 AND 22, BLOCK 93, SECTION D, OAKRIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 108, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN FLEETCRAFT CORP MANUFACTURED HOME ID NO. FLFLP70A21076CG AND ID NO. FLFLP70B21076GC, LOCATED AT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY

A/K/A 2340 W ROBEY ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 12, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
f09008096 NMNC-SPECFHLMC --Team 5
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: GC 09-538
SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT, a special district and a public corporation of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GARY HOFFENDEN, a Married Man, and the Unknown Spouse of GARY HOFFENDEN, if alive and if not, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against GARY HOFFENDEN and the Unknown Spouse of GARY HOFFENDEN, and all claimants under of such party; and
BRANCH BANKING and TRUST COMPANY, a foreign profit corporation, its successors and/or assigns;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-titled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 21, Block 342, Unit 16, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 04, 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, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of May, 2011.

SIGNED this 12th day of April, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of publication of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (941) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service (800) 955-8770.

April 24; May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 10-869 GCS
SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT, a special district and a public corporation of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff,
vs.
NATIONAL RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES OF
SUN 'N LAKES, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability
Company,its successors and/or assigns;
DEVELOPER FINANCE CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, its successors and/or assigns; and RICARDO MOODIE, if alive and if not, his unknown spouse,heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other parties claiming by, through, under or against RICARDO MOODIE, and all claimants under of such party;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-titled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Parcel 1: Lot 26, Block 342, Unit 16, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 04, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel 2: Lot 27, Block 342, Unit 16, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 04, 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, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 10th day of May, 2011.

SIGNED this 12th day of April, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (941) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of publication of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (941) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service (800) 955-8770.

April 24; May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000663
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI 2006-WF2,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MASUD RAHMAN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000663 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI 2006-WF2, is the Plaintiff and MASUD RAHMAN; RABEYA RAHMAN; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 12th day of May, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 7, BLOCK 17, HYDE PARK 2ND REPLAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 17, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 904 WEST PRAIRIE STREET, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 12, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
f10033964 NMNC-CONV--Team 1
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

April 24: May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000096
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME
MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DAVIS S. BOWDEN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000096 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and DAVIS S. BOWDEN; LISA BOWDEN; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 12th day of May, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, BLOCK 6, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 44, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6232 SUNRISE WAY, SEBRING, FL 33875

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 12, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09002872 NMNC-SPECFHLMC--Team 5
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

April 24: May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000469
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GEORGE A WOLFE AKA GEORGE A WOLFE IV,
et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000469 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and GEORGE A WOLFE AKA GEORGE A WOLFE IV; ANGIE M. WOLFE; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 12th day of May, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 42, HIGHLANDS HOMES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, AT PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1513 ORANGE BLOSSOM AVENUE, 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 sixty (60) days after the sale

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 12, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F09032711 NMNC-FHA --Team 1
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.

April 24: May 1, 2011

IN THE COUNTY CIVIL COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001064
BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB
Plaintiff,
vs.
ESPERANZA ESPINOSA AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, ET AL
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 11, 2011, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 20, IN BLOCK 259, OF SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 89, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 124 HAPPINESS AVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 11, 2011 at 11 a.m.

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

Dated this 12th day of April, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

April 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282007CA000845A000XX
COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,
vs
JONATHAN B. MIELE AND ___ MIELE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JONATHAN B. MIELE, IF MARRIED; SEBRING RIDGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1;UNKNOWN TENANTS NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 and entered in Case No. 282007CA000845A000XX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB, is Plaintiff and JONATHAN B. MIELE AND ___ MIELE, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JONATHAN B. MIELE, IF MARRIED; SEBRING RIDGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1;UNKNOWN TENANTS NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 10th day of May, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 739 OF SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, AT PAGE 53, 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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on April 12, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk

April 17, 24, 2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 10-1147 GCS
ANNETTE MANGIERO, TRUSTEE OF
THE MANGIERO FAMILY TRUST
DATED 5-4-90 and DAVID MANGIERO
Plaintiff
vs.
TIMOTHY B. RUGGIERO;
JEANNE C. RUGGIERO
JOHN DOE AND ALL OTHERS
IN POSSESSION;
CHOROWSKI & MOORE P.A.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment April 11, 2011 and entered in case 10-1147 GCS in the Circuit Court of the Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein Annette Mangiero and David Mangiero are Plaintiffs and Timothy B. Ruggiero, Jeanne C. Ruggiero and Chorowski & Moore P.A. are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM BASEMENT OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FLORIDA on the 10th day of May, 2011 at 11:00 am the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

The North 25 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lots 5 and 6 LAKE CHARLOTTE SHORES, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 6 Page 24 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Address: 7317 Sparta Road Sebring, FL 33875

Dated at Highlands County, Florida this 12th day of April, 2011.

BOB GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk

April 17, 24, 2011

IN THE COUNTY CIVIL COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001742
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.
Plaintiff,
vs.
ARTHUR L. JONES, PINE & LAKE OF SEBRING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARTHUR L. JONES, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, ET AL
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 11, 2011, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 56, OF PINE AND LAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 2235 PINEWOOD BLVD, SEBRING, FL 33870; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 11, 2011 at 11 a.m.

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

Dated this 12th day of April, 2011.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

April 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 11000469FCS
BETTY L. CALVILLO,
Petitioner
and
JOSE A. CALVILLO,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION
FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: JOSE A. CALVILLO
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWNYOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on, BETTY L. CALVILLO, whose address is 1307 Spinks Lane, Sebring, FL 33870 on or before May 20, 2011 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, before service on Petitioner or immediately there- after. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: April 20, 2011.CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Alice Perez
Deputy Clerk

April 24; May 1, 8, 15, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-001221
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-M2
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANCES VIRGINIA WHITTEN /A/K/A FRANCES V. WHITTEN AND MACK ARTHUR WHITTEN A/K/A MAC ARTHUR WHITTEN A/K/A McARTHUR WHITTEN A/K/A MCAURHUR WHITTEN
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an
Order OF Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-001221 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-M2, Plaintiff and FRANCES VIRGINIA WHITTEN /A/K/A FRANCES V. WHITTEN AND MACK ARTHUR WHITTEN A/K/A MAC ARTHUR WHITTEN A/K/A McARTHUR WHITTEN A/K/A MCAURHUR WHITTEN 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., May 11, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 3, K.F. SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
(813)880-8888
(813)880-8800

May 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-001145
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R9
Plaintiff,
vs.
REINALDO L. RIVERA AND LUZ E. RIVERA, HUSBAND AND WIFE; UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION #1; UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION #2; IF LIVING, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES,
GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an
Order OF Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 11, 2011 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-001145 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R9, Plaintiff and REINALDO L. RIVERA AND LUZ E. RIVERA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, 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., May 11, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 2, LAGO VISTA SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 11, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S.Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone

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(863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

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

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
Suite 100
Tampa, FL 33614
(813)880-8888
(813)880-8800

May 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. GC 10-547
HIGHLANDS COUNTY HABITAT
FOR HUMANITY, INC., a Florida corporation
vs
JO ANN JOHNSON,
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lots 21 and 22, Block 48, AVON PARK LAKES RED HILL FARMS ADDITION, UNIT C, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 52, 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 the 9th day of June, A.D., 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.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk

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April 24; May 1, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 10-1082-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SIBREL ENTERPRISES, INC., a Florida Corporation, GEORGE DAVID SIBREL, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and STATE AND FLORIDA,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the ``Final Judgment of Foreclosure'' (the ``Final Judgment''), entered in the above-styled action on January 10, 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 May 6, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.

SEE EXHIBIT ``A''
SCHEDULE ``A''

Parcel 1
South 25 feet of Lot 13, Block 48, ORIGINAL TOWN OF SEBRING, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 1, of the Public Records of DeSoto County (of which Highlands County was formerly a part), Florida, and in Transcript Book, page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel 2
Lot 2, Block 427, Highlands Towers Subdivision Revised, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, page 29, 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.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
April 17, 24, 2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 10-281GCS
HAMMOCK LAND & CATTLE CO., INC.,
A Florida Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DOUGLAS C. KEIP and YVONNE R. KEIP,
Husband and Wife,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to Final Default Judgment and Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure and for Attorney's Fees and Costs entered by the Court on April 11, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the jury assembly room in the courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on the 6th day of May, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., the following-described property:

PARCEL 14
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 46'47'' WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1,715.53 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 43'47'' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,308.34 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARBUCKLE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 40'38'' WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 516.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 50'06'' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,307.97 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46'47'' EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 514.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 15.05 ACRES, MORE OF LESS.

AND

PARCEL 15
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 46'47'' WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 2,229.81 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 50'06'' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,307.97 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF ARBUCKLE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 40'38'' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 516.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 54'30'' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,307.56 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41'45'' EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 89.92 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46'47'' EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 425.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 15.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

DATED this 11th day of April, 2011.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
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April 22, 24, 27, 2011

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2009 Ford Focus SE

Stk #: C8705P
OWN FOR: $13,867 — 4cyl, Auto, Air, CD, PW, PL,

2007 Nissan Frontier LE

Stk #: T8725P
OWN FOR: $18,922 — V6, Auto, Running boards, Soft Cover

2008 Lincoln MKX FWD

Stk # T8733P
OWN FOR: $23,781 — Nav, CD, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise

2004 F-150 SuperCrew FX4

Stk #: J6010B
OWN FOR: $15,898 — V8, Auto, CD, PW, PL, DVD Player, Tilt, Cruise

2010 BMW 328i

Stk #: C8728P
OWN FOR: $30,700 — Sunroof, PW, PL, CD, LOADED

2010 Mercury Grand Marquis LS

Stk #: C8692P
OWN FOR: $17,485 — V8, Auto, PW, PL, Tilt, Cruise, Leather

2010 Ford Mustang Coupe

Stk #: C8671P
OWN FOR: $20,485 — V6, Auto, CD, PW, PL, Leather, Tilt, Cruise

2007 Ford Explorer Eddie Baur

Stk #: L7475A
OWN FOR: $15,470 — V6, Auto, Loaded, 3rd Seat, Much More

2010 Ford F-250 CrewCab 4x4

Stk #: T8650P
OWN FOR: $43,382 — 4x4, Diesel, Auto, Air, LOADED

2010 F-150 XL

Stk #: J0884A
OWN FOR: $17,946 — V8, Auto, PW, PL

2008 Eddie Baur Expedition

Stk #: T8690P
OWN FOR: $26,923 — 3rd Seat, Leather, PW, PL,Running Boards

2006 Ford F-350 CrewCab 4x4

Stk #:T8573P
OWN FOR: $28,473 — Diesel, Auto, Lariat, LOADED

2011 Taurus SEL

Stk #: C8639P
OWN FOR: $24,947 — V6, Auto, CD, PW, PL, Leather

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News-Sun photo courtesy of KIM GAUGER
Some stellar defense, such as this diving stab by third baseman Matt Grubb, helped hold Port St. Lucie to just three runs in 14 innings Thursday. The Blue Streaks, however, only managed two in the regular season finale.

Blue Streaks fall in 14

By DAN HOEHNE
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SEBRING – In ending an exciting regular season, the Blue Streak baseball squad apparently didn't want it to end, dragging out Thursday's finale 14 innings before falling to the Jaguars of Port St. Lucie, 3-2.

The cats from the coast drew first blood as Zack Osha struggled with his control early on, walking two batters and allowing one to come in on a wild pitch in the opening inning.

Then, with two outs in the second and a runner on second, a grounder back to Osha saw the runner break for third.

Unfortunately, as Osha threw to get him at third, the throw was right in line with the setting sun and got away, and it was soon 2-0 for the visitors.

Corbin Hoffner came on in relief and got out of the inning to hold the line.

The Streaks started to claw back in the fourth with Jesse Baker singling before giving way to courtesy runner Gunnar Westergom.

Westergom soon stole second and came around on Johnny Knight's two-out single to make it a 2-1 contest.

Baker then single-handedly evened things up in the sixth, blasting a solo homerun over the left-center field wall, his fifth of the season.

"I hit four like in the first week," Baker said. "Since

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Tubbs leads a dozen Blue Streaks to regionals

By DAN HOEHNE
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Taylor Tubbs had a strong day Thursday at the District 8, 3A Track and Field meet in Winter Haven, winning two individual titles to advance to Regionals and placing second to qualify for a third event.

The darling of the distance runs, Tubbs won at both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter distances in times of 5:43.26 and 12:08.06, respectively, to move on to Thursday's Region 2,3A meet at Harmony High School.

Tubss also qualified as part of the 4X800 relay team, joining Emily Smith, Tamra McMahon and Cassandra Marentes to place second in a time of 10:48.70.

Needing to place in the top four in a particular event to move along to Regionals, the Streaks also saw Hannah Schroeder advance with a fourth-place finish in the 1,600 and Destiny McCartney qualify in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles with a fourth- and third-place finish, respectively.

That made for six Lady Streaks moving on to the regional meet, where they will be joined by six Sebring boys who advanced.

Evan Wilburn, David Scheck, Elias Salgado and Renee Martin were the first four, taking fourth place in the 4X800-meter relay in a time of 8:56.56.

Wilburn also moves on individually, as he took fourth in the 3,200-meter run as well, finishing in a time of 10:33.88.

The Streaks then qualified two in field events with Donovan White taking fourth in the high jump by clearing 6-feet and Colton Dillon clearing 12-feet, 6-inches in the pole vault to claim third place and a ticket to Harmony.

Just missing the cut to extend the invite list, Tara O'Berry and Emily Helterhoff each cleared 4-feet, 8-inches in the high jump to take fifth and sixth, respectively.

Rachel Smith, Justus Martin and Alexandra Blackman also were near-misses in the pole vault, with each clearing 7-feet, just six inches lower then the fourth-place qualifier.

A strong day for Sebring, with the Lady Streaks placing fifth as a team and the boys ninth, with the competition looking all the more intense at the next level with the Region 2-3A meet having a state-high 42 schools represented.

At the Region 2-2A meet, Avon Park and Lake Placid battled through a loaded field and, despite some strong efforts and near misses, saw one athlete stamp his ticket for the Class 2A State meet.

Red Devil Clint Faircloth cleared 12-feet in the pole vault, good for second place in the event.

The Green Dragons saw some close calls as Devontra Fleming missed by one slot in both the high and triple jump, placing fifth in each event, while Dalton Shelton was sixth in the 3,200.

Just a freshman, Shelton got a first taste of this level of competition, and like all the rest, gave the challenge his best shot, boding well for his next three years.

News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Taylor Tubbs leads 12 Blue Streaks who are headed to the Region 2-3A Track and Field Meet Thursday at Harmony High School.

Two not nearly enough

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Cody Higgins drove home a run with a single in this at bat, but there wasn't much else for the Panthers to offer in Friday's 9-2 loss to the visiting Hillsborough Hawks.

News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Lake Placid head coach Dan Coomes hopes his team bounces back from Thursday's loss in Monday's District Tournament tilt with Mulberry.

Dragons drubbed in season finale

By DAN HOEHNE
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The game meant little, Thursday's regular season finale which saw the Clewiston Tigers come to town to face Lake Placid.

After all, seeding for next week's district tournament was already locked up and little was left to play for.

Unfortunately, that's what it amounted to as Clewiston drubbed the Dragons by a 14-4, 6-inning, mercy-rule win.

"We were experimenting and looking for a third pitcher moving forward that we could use in the tournament," head coach Dan Coomes said. "We wanted to find a guy we could win with without having to use one of our two top starters.

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Wildlife refuges offer special hunts

MyFWC.com

This fall, Northwest Florida offers some special deer and wild hog hunts at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and a unique "big-game" hunt on the island of St. Vincent NWR.

The application period for these hunts begins at 10 a.m. May 3 and continues through 11:59 p.m. June 9.

There are two archery hunts, two general gun hunts and one mobility-impaired gun hunt on St. Marks NWR, which covers 60,000 acres in Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties.

Five-day archery hunts for white-tailed deer and wild hogs are Nov. 8-12 in the Panacea Unit and Nov. 1-5 in the Wakulla Unit.

There are 200 available permits for each hunt at $15 each.

The two general gun hunts are both three days long and take place on the area's two units: Wakulla (Dec. 9-11) and Panacea (Dec. 16-18).

There are 150 permits available for the Wakulla Unit and 80 for the Panacea Unit.

These permits cost $15, if you are drawn.

The three-day mobility-impaired gun hunt is for hunters certified as mobility-impaired by the FWC.

It is on the Panacea Unit Dec. 10-12, and 15 permits are available – again, $15 if drawn.

For hunters looking to rough it a bit more and go after some truly big game, the 12,490-acre, undeveloped barrier island of St. Vincent NWR in Franklin County is where the hunt's on for the enormous, imported sambar deer.

These reddish-brown deer, which are actually in the elk family, are native to Southeast Asia and were introduced on the island in 1908. They can measure 6 feet tall at the shoulder and weigh more than 700 pounds.

You also can harvest wild hogs on this hunt, but it must be with bows or muzzleloaders. Hunters with a Disabled Crossbow Permit may use crossbows.

The primitive-weapon sambar deer/wild hog hunt is Dec. 1-3, and there are 200 permits available, costing $25.

Hunters who purchased this hunt last year aren't eligible to apply this year.

The bag limit on sambars is two (male or female), and there is no bag limit on hogs.

You can get to St. Vincent Island only by boat.

If you don't have one, you

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The Scoreboard

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago 3, Indiana 0
Chicago 104, Indiana 99
Chicago 96, Indiana 90
Chicago 88, Indiana 84
Saturday: Chicago at Indiana, late
x-Tuesday, April 26: Indiana at Chicago, TBD
x-Thursday, April 28: Chicago at Indiana, TBD
x-Saturday, April 30: Indiana at Chicago, TBD

Miami 3, Philadelphia 0
Miami 97, Philadelphia 89
Miami 94, Philadelphia 73
Miami 100, Philadelphia 94
Sunday: Miami at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 27: Philadelphia at Miami, TBD
x-Friday, April 29: Miami at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Sunday, May 1: Philadelphia at Miami, TBD

Boston 3, New York 0
Boston 87, New York 85
Boston 96, New York 93
Friday: Boston 113, New York 96
Sunday, April 24: Boston at N.Y., 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: N.Y. at Boston, TBD
x-Friday, April 29: Boston at N.Y., TBD
x-Sunday, May 1: N.Y. at Boston, TBD

Atlanta 2, Orlando 1
Atlanta 103, Orlando 93
Orlando 88, Atlanta 82
Friday: Atlanta 88, Orlando 84
Sunday, April 24: Orlando at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: Atlanta at Orlando, TBD
x-Thursday, April 28: Orlando at Atlanta, TBD
x-Saturday, April 30: Atlanta at Orlando, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Memphis 1, San Antonio 1
Memphis 101, San Antonio 98
San Antonio 93, Memphis 87
Saturday: San Antonio at Memphis, late
Monday, April 25: San Antonio at Memphis, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: Memphis at San Antonio, TBD
x-Friday, April 29: San Antonio at Memphis, TBD
x-Sunday, May 1: Memphis at San Antonio, TBD

L.A. Lakers 2, New Orleans 1
New Orleans 109, L.A. Lakers 100
L.A. Lakers 87, New Orleans 78
Friday: L.A. Lakers 100, New Orleans 86
Sunday: L.A. at New Orleans, 9:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: New Orleans at L.A., TBD
x-Thursday, April 28: L.A. at New Orleans, TBD
x-Saturday, April 30: New Orleans at L.A., TBD

Dallas 2, Portland 1
Dallas 89, Portland 81
Dallas 101, Portland 89
Portland 97, Dallas 92
Saturday: Dallas at Portland, late
x-Monday, April 25: Portland at Dallas, TBD
x-Thursday, April 28: Dallas at Portland, TBD
x-Saturday, April 30: Portland at Dallas, TBD

Oklahoma City 2, Denver 0
Oklahoma City 107, Denver 103
Oklahoma City 106, Denver 89
Saturday: Oklahoma City at Denver, late
Monday, April 25: Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 27: Denver at Oklahoma City, TBD
x-Friday, April 29: Oklahoma City at Denver, TBD
x-Sunday, May 1: Denver at Oklahoma City, TBD

NHL Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington 3, New York Rangers 1
Washington 2, Rangers 1, OT
Washington 2, Rangers 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, 2OT
Saturday: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, late
x-Monday, April 25: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBD

Buffalo 3, Philadelphia 2
Buffalo 1, Philadelphia 0
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 4
Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 2.
Buffalo 1, Philadelphia 0
Friday: Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
Sunday, April 24: Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBD

Montreal 2, Boston 2
Montreal 2, Boston 0
Montreal 3, Boston 1
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 5, Montreal 4, OT
Saturday: Montreal at Boston, late
x-Tuesday, April 26: Boston at Montreal, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: Montreal at Boston TBD

Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 1
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 0
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 1
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 2, 2OT
Saturday: Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, late
x-Monday, April 25: Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver 3, Chicago 2
Vancouver 2, Chicago 0
Vancouver 4, Chicago 3
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2
Chicago 7, Vancouver 2
Chicago 5, Vancouver 0
Sunday: Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 26: Chicago at Vancouver, TBD

San Jose 3, Los Angeles 1
San Jose 3, L.A. 2, OT
Los Angeles 4, San Jose 0
San Jose 6, Los Angeles 5, OT
San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3
Saturday: L.A. at San Jose, late
x-Monday, April 25: San Jose at L.A., TBD
x-Wednesday, April 27: L.A. at San Jose, TBD

Detroit 4, Phoenix 0
Detroit 4, Phoenix 2
Detroit 4, Phoenix 3
Detroit 4, Phoenix 2
Detroit 6, Phoenix 3

Nashville 3, Anaheim 2
Nashville 4, Anaheim 1
Anaheim 5, Nashville 3
Nashville 4, Anaheim 3
Anaheim 6, Nashville 3
Friday: Nashville 4, Anaheim 3, OT
Sunday: Anaheim at Nashville, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 26: Nashville at Anaheim, TBD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	6	.625	—
Toronto	9	10	.474	2½
Tampa Bay	9	11	.450	3
Baltimore	8	10	.444	3
Boston	8	11	.421	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	6	.684	—
Kansas City	12	8	.600	1½
Detroit	10	10	.500	3½
Chicago	8	12	.400	5½
Minnesota	7	12	.368	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	12	7	.632	—
Los Angeles	12	8	.600	½
Oakland	9	11	.450	3½
Seattle	8	13	.381	5

Friday's Games
Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 4, 11 innings
Texas 11, Kansas City 6
Cleveland at Minnesota, ppd., rain
Boston 4, L.A. Angels 3
Seattle 4, Oakland 0

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

Sunday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	13	6	.684	—
Florida	12	6	.667	½
Washington	9	9	.500	3½
Atlanta	9	12	.429	5
New York	7	13	.350	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	11	9	.550	—
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	½
Cincinnati	10	10	.500	1
Chicago	9	10	.474	1½
Pittsburgh	8	11	.421	2½
Houston	7	13	.350	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	13	6	.684	—
San Francisco	10	9	.526	3
Los Angeles	11	10	.524	3
Arizona	8	10	.444	4½
San Diego	8	12	.400	5½

Friday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 12, Chicago Cubs 2
Washington at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 1
Florida 4, Colorado 1
Milwaukee 14, Houston 7
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 2, San Diego 0
Atlanta 4, San Francisco 1

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

Sunday's Games
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado at Florida, 1:10 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

National League
FLORIDA MARLINS–Recalled INF Ozzie Martinez from New Orleans (PCL).

Live Sports On TV

Cheerleading
Sunday

Noon	Cheerleading Competition	ESPN2
12:30 p.m.	Cheerleading Competition	ESPN2

College Baseball
Sunday

3 p.m.	LSU at Vanderbilt	ESPN2

College LaCrosse
Sunday

4:30 p.m.	ACC Tournament Final	SUN

Monday

Noon	ACC Women's Tournament Final	SUN

College Softball
Sunday

1 p.m.	Alabama at Florida	ESPN

Golf
Sunday

9 a.m.	EuroPGA – Volvo China Open	GOLF
1 p.m.	PGA – Legends of Golf	CBS
1 p.m.	PGA – The Heritage	GOLF
1 p.m.	RE/MAX Long Drive Championship	ESPN2
3 p.m.	PGA – The Heritage	CBS

Major League Baseball
Sunday

1 p.m.	Tampa Bay at Toronto	SUN
1 p.m.	Chicago White Sox at Detroit	WGN
2:15 p.m.	L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs	TBS
8 p.m.	Cincinnati at St. Louis	ESPN

Monday

7 p.m.	Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees	ESPN

Tuesday

8 p.m.	Tampa Bat at Minnesota	SUN
8 p.m.	Colorado at Chicago Cubs	WGN

NBA Playoffs
Sunday

1 p.m.	Miami at Philadelphia	ABC
3:30 p.m.	Boston at N.Y. Knicks	ABC
7 p.m.	Orlando at Atlanta	TNT
9:30 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at New Orleans	TNT

Monday

7 p.m.	San Antonio at Memphis	TNT
9:30 p.m.	Oklahoma City at Denver	TNT

Tuesday

8 p.m.	N.Y. Knicks at Boston	TNT
10:30 p.m.	New Orleans at L.A. Lakers	TNT

NHL Playoffs
Sunday

3 p.m.	Philadelphia at Buffalo	NBC

Premier League Soccer
Monday

2:55 p.m.	Blackburn Rovers vs. Manchester City	ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Local Schedule

Avon Park
MONDAY: Baseball hosts District Tournament, TBA
TUESDAY: Baseball hosts District Tournament, TBA
WEDNESDAY: Baseball hosts District Tournament, TBA

Lake Placid
MONDAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Avon Park, vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Avon Park, TBD, if necessary
THURSDAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Avon Park, TBD, if necessary

Sebring
TUESDAY: Baseball hosts District Tournament, vs. Haines City, 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Baseball hosts District Tournament, vs. Lake Wales/Ridge winner, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
THURSDAY: Baseball hosts District Tournament, Championship Game, 7 p.m., if necessary

SFCC
MONDAY: Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Baseball at Hillsborough, 3 p.m.

Sports Snapshots

Dunning Tribute

AVON PARK – On Monday, April 25, South Florida Community College will honor the memory of the first coach in school history, Coach Dunning Terrell.

Coach Terrell coached basketball and baseball at what was then SFJC from 1966- 1974, and continued to teach physical education until he retired in 1986.

Coach Terrell started the men's basketball and baseball programs in 1966 even before SFJC had a gym on campus.

Several of Coach Terrell's former players still live in the Heartland area.

SFCC Athletics will pay tribute to the family of Coach Terrell by recognizing his daughter Judy and their family at a short mound ceremony prior to the game against State College of Florida.

State College of Florida head baseball coach Tim Hill will be in attendance as well, a former colleague of coach Terrell from his days at SFJC.

SFCC would like to invite all former players of Coach Terrell, colleagues, as well as family and friends to come out this night to be a part of this tribute.

Game time is 6 p.m. and the ceremony will start at 5:45.

SYFS BBQ and registration

SEBRING – Sebring Youth Fastpitch Softball is hosting our 2nd Annual BBQ Fundraiser and Tournament on Saturday, April 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The BBQ Lunch is $7 and will include a Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cookies and a glass of tea.

Pick up your meal to go or stay and watch our girls play while you eat.

For further information, please email dmcmanus64@embarqmail.com or call (863) 546-0201.

Sebring Youth Fastpitch Softball is also conducting registrations for girls ages 10 to 15 now through April 1.

Registration is $65 for the first child / $45 for any siblings.

For further information, please visit us on Facebook, check out our website at *www.eteamz.com/sebringyouthfastpitchsoftball*, email us at *dmcmanus64@embarqmail.com* or call (863) 546-0201.

Golf for God Tournament

SEBRING – The Golf for God Tournament will kick off with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, May 7 at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club.

It will be a 2-Person scramble at $65 a person, which includes golf, cart, a $25 dry cleaning certificate, a golf certificate for two rounds of golf and a ball for the ball-drop.

You can purchase additional balls for the ball-drop which will take place by helicopter at 1 p.m. over the driving range.

It will be a 50/50 cash prize, up to $500.

Mulligan's will also be available.

First, second and third-place winners will receive additional balls for the ball-drop.

This is a fundraiser for Kayla Griffin who will be on a missionary journey to 11 countries over an 11 month period, spreading the Word of God to the people of these lands.

Call the course at 382-2151 to have a registration form faxed to you or pick one up at a near-by course.

YMCA Sign-Ups

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA and Eagles Football is doing sign-ups for Youth Flag Football ages 5-14.

Healthy Kids Day is Saturday, April 16 from 9am to 1pm.

Lifeguard Certification Class sign-ups are taking place now for an April 25-30 class.

AP Project Graduation

AVON PARK – The APHS Project Graduation 2011 Benefit Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m. at River Greens Golf Course.

The flighted, four-person scramble costs $60 per person and includes greens fee, cart, lunch and prizes.

In addition to the action, there will be mulligans, a 50/50 and raffles for purchase the day of the tournament.

The grand prize raffle is for a round of golf for two at Doral Golf Resort and Spa.

Tee sign sponsorships are going for $50, for a sign and player, it is $100.

For more information, contact Suzie Gentry at 446-7368.

SFCC Summer Youth Camps

AVON PARK – South Florida Panther Baseball will be holding Summer Youth Camps from June 13-16 and June 20-23 for children aged 6-13.

Each camp runs from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and costs $80 per camp or $150 for both.

Registration and sign-in begin at 8 a.m. with the camp to follow, including baseball fundamentals, position instruction, station rotation, games, swimming pool time and a camp T-shirt.

SFCC head coach Rick Hitt will serve as camp director with Panther assistant coach Andy Polk and members of the Panther baseball team will be on hand as instructors.

Campers should bring their individual baseball attire as well as a bathing suit and towel.

The camps will be held at the SFCC Panther field at the Highlands County campus in Avon Park.

For more information, call Coach Hitt at the following campus phone numbers at extension 7036:

Avon Park/Sebring, 453-6661; Lake Placid, 465-5300; Arcadia, 494-7500; Wauchula, 773-2252.

SFCC Fun Camps

AVON PARK – SFCC Athletics will host a Two Day Fun Sport Selection camp on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10 for girls and boys aged 6-16.

Each day the camp runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with campers choosing their own sport, whether Beach Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball, Softball or Soccer.

During the morning portion each day, campers will stretch, do plyometrics, agility drills, work on strength and flexibility, learn arm and body care and get introduced to the Fitness Center.

Lunch is then provided with the campers then delving into the sport they chose and wrapping it up with activities in the SFCC pool.

Registration and check-in from 8:15-8:55 a.m., and pre-registration is not necessary as walk-ups are accepted.

The rate for one day is $50 and $95 for both days.

The camp will be aministered by SFCC head and assistant coaches, with help from SFCC student-athletes.

For questions or more information, contact Camp Director and SFCC Athletic Director Rick Hitt at 784-7036.

Hunts get back to primitive camping

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can contact the local chamber of commerce for a list of boat captains who will ferry you to and from the island for a fee.

The island has no electricity, and generators are not allowed, so it's all about primitive camping for three days.

Hunters may have a small campfire, but only using wood they take with them or deadwood they find on the ground.

Take a bicycle, unless you plan to walk everywhere.

If you do harvest any game, however, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff will pick up you and your animal in one of their trucks.

That's the only way you're catching a ride in a motorized vehicle, unless you're a hunter with a disability.

Those hunters receive special accommodations and transportation to and from their hunting spots.

Sambars feed on aquatic vegetation, so you're not likely to find them in drier, upland habitat.

It's best to set up in marshes.

Shooting hours for this hunt end at 3 p.m. each day.

All of the above-mentioned hunt permits are nontransferable.

An adult must accompany permit-holders under age 16 on all of these hunts, but that person may not hunt unless they too have purchased a permit.

Mobility-impaired hunters can bring one guest who may hunt, but both hunters must share a single bag limit.

Only permitted hunters or the adult supervisor of a permitted youth are allowed access to St. Vincent Island during the sambar deer hunt.

Up to five hunters can choose to apply as a group.

To apply as a group, one person must first apply as group leader, indicate the creation of a group and enter the hunt choice for the group.

The group leader receives a group number (printed on receipt), which group members need.

Each group member must then submit a $5 application and indicate the group number.

You can apply for these permits online at *www.fl.wildlifelicense.com* (choose "Limited Entry/Quota Permits and Applications") or complete an application worksheet and present it to any license agent or tax collector's office by 11:59 p.m. June 9.

Permit information and application worksheets are available online at *MyFWC.com/Hunting* (click on "Limited Entry Hunts").

The FWC issues these permits by a random drawing that takes place in late June.

The application fee is $5.

You can check the results of the drawings online at *MyFWC.com/Hunting*; click on "Limited Entry Hunts" and look for the link "Drawing Results."

Today in Baseball History

April 24

1901 — Chicago defeated Cleveland 8-2 in the first American League game. Three other scheduled games were rained out. The game lasted 1 hour, 30 minutes in front of a reported crowd of 14,000 at the Chicago Cricket Club.

1911 — Battle Creek of the South Michigan League turned two triple plays in the first two innings against Grand Rapids.

1917 — George Mogridge of the New York Yankees pitched a no-hitter against the Red Sox in Boston, winning 2-1.

1931 — Chicago's Rogers Hornsby hit three consecutive homers to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-6 at Forbes Field.

1947 — Johnny Mize of the New York Giants hit three consecutive homers in a 14-5 loss in Boston. It was a major league-record fifth time in his career that Mize hit three home runs in one game.

1958 — Lee Walls hit three homers and drove in eight runs as the Chicago Cubs routed the Los Angeles Dodgers 15-2 at the Coliseum.

1962 — Sandy Koufax struck out 18 Chicago Cubs and pitched the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 10-2 victory at Wrigley Field.

1965 — Casey Stengel recorded his 3,000th victory as a manager as the Mets beat the San Francisco Giants 7-6.

1994 — Julio Franco and Robin Ventura twice hit back-to-back homers in Chicago's 7-6 loss to Detroit.

1996 — Greg Myers and Paul Molitor each had five RBIs as the Minnesota Twins set a team record for runs and routed the Detroit Tigers 24-11.

It was the highest run total against the Tigers in 84 years, matching the mark set in a 24-2 loss to the Philadelphia Athletics on May 18, 1912.

1998 — Moises Alou drove in five runs and Carl Everett homered from each side of the plate to lead Houston to an 8-4 win over Montreal.

2007 — Oakland set a major league record in a 4-2 win over Baltimore, keeping the Orioles off the scoreboard in the first inning.

It was the 20th straight game in which the A's did not allow a first-inning run, a record for the start of the season.

Today's birthdays: Carlos Beltran 34; Chipper Jones 39; Omar Vizquel 44.

Crawford's big 3 gives Hawks 2-1 lead over Magic

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Zaza Pachulia is not one to back down.

The NBA is likely to sit him down, which could be a big blow for Atlanta.

The Hawks took the upper hand in their Eastern Conference playoff series with Orlando, clinching an 88-84 victory when Jamal Crawford banked in an improbable 3-pointer with 5.7 seconds remaining in Game 3 Friday night.

But the game was marred by an altercation between Pachulia and Jason Richardson of the Magic with about 2 1/2 minutes remaining.

Both players were tossed and face likely suspensions for Game 4 Sunday night in Atlanta.

The Hawks, up 2-1 in the best-of-seven series, figure to miss their backup center more than one might expect.

Pachulia went toe-to-toe with Dwight Howard, handed a bigger-than-expected role after Jason Collins injured his lower back taking a charge from Orlando's big man in the first half.

Pachulia head-butted Richardson at least one time, and the Orlando player responded with a slap to the jaw.

"In that situation, I'm never going to back down," said Pachulia, who had two long scratches on his right arm. "That's just my personality."

Howard led the way for the Magic with 21 points and 15 rebounds, but that was actually quite a letdown after he averaged 39.5 points during the first two games in Orlando.

The Hawks limited him to 14 shots and nine free throws, with Pachulia taking over the bulk of the load from Collins.

The starter landed hard on his backside, went to the locker room for treatment and wound up playing only 17 minutes.

"I try to play hard and help my team," Pachulia said. "I'm a role player."

He had four points and five rebounds, hardly impressive numbers, but his effort couldn't be measured on the stat sheet.

"You played terrific," Hawks general manager Rick Sund told Pachulia after the game.

Crawford made the biggest shot.

With Atlanta clinging to a one-point lead and the shot clock winding down, he put up an awkward-looking jumper over Jameer Nelson that struck high on the backboard and went in.

"I didn't call bank. I think the bank's closed right now," quipped Crawford, who scored 18 of his 23 points after halftime.

The physical game turned ugly when Howard drove the lane and was hammered by Pachulia. Howard swung a forearm, Pachulia flung an elbow, then Richardson charged into Pachulia's face.

> *'If you get head-butted three times, you're going to have some reaction.'*
>
> **DWIGHT HOWARD**
> *Magic Center*

Richardson was yanked away by Howard, but too late to keep him in the game.

After looking at replays to determine who did what, the officials ejected Pachulia for head-butting and Richardson for the punch.

Howard said he didn't blame Richardson for lashing out.

"If you get head-butted three times, you're going to have some reaction," Howard said.

With order restored, the teams put on a terrific finish. Nelson put the Magic ahead 82-81 on a jumper after stealing an extra possession for the Magic, coming up from behind to strip the ball from Crawford.

Joe Johnson responded for Atlanta, driving the lane, drawing a foul on Howard and hitting both free throws to put the Hawks up 83-82.

The Magic pulled ahead for the final time when Brandon Bass swished an open jumper with 1:01 remaining after Hedo Turkoglu dribbled around to lure away the defense.

Al Horford put the Hawks ahead for good on a jumper from his favorite spot — the elbow of the lane — with 46.6 seconds remaining.

Turkoglu missed a tough jumper from near the 3-point line with Horford in his face, and Crawford clinched it.

The 10th-year guard, appearing in the playoffs for only the second time, bounced down the court tugging at his No. 11 jersey.

The Magic called a fruitless timeout and straggled to their bench, not believing what they had just seen.

"I think there was an angel sitting next to him that kind of made it go in," Howard said.

The Hawks got off to a quick start, spurred on by a rare sellout crowd of 19,865 dressed mostly in white — a "Dwight-out," the team called it, hoping to rattle the Atlanta native.

The Magic closed the first quarter on a 10-3 spurt, however, with Howard stuffing Horford underneath the basket just before the buzzer to hold the score at 25-all.

In the second period, the Hawks appeared on the verge of blowing it open with an 11-1 run capped by Kirk Hinrich's fadeaway jumper for a 47-33 lead, their biggest of the game.

Orlando stemmed the tide a bit the rest of the way, going to the locker room down 51-42.

The Magic still had not led all night until Quentin Richardson hit a 3-pointer just over a minute into the final quarter.

The Hawks, who made only 5 of 20 shots in the third, suddenly found their shooting touch and ripped off 10 straight points for a 79-71 lead midway through the fourth.

But they couldn't put Orlando away until Crawford's final shot.

"I just tried to get to my comfort zone, my sweet spot," he said. "I felt like I had a good look and it happened to go down for us."

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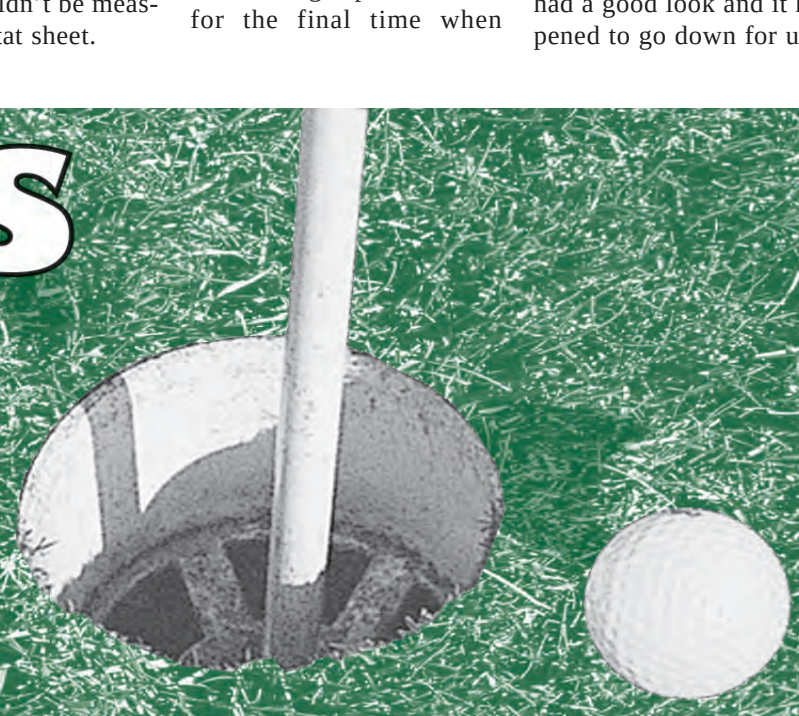

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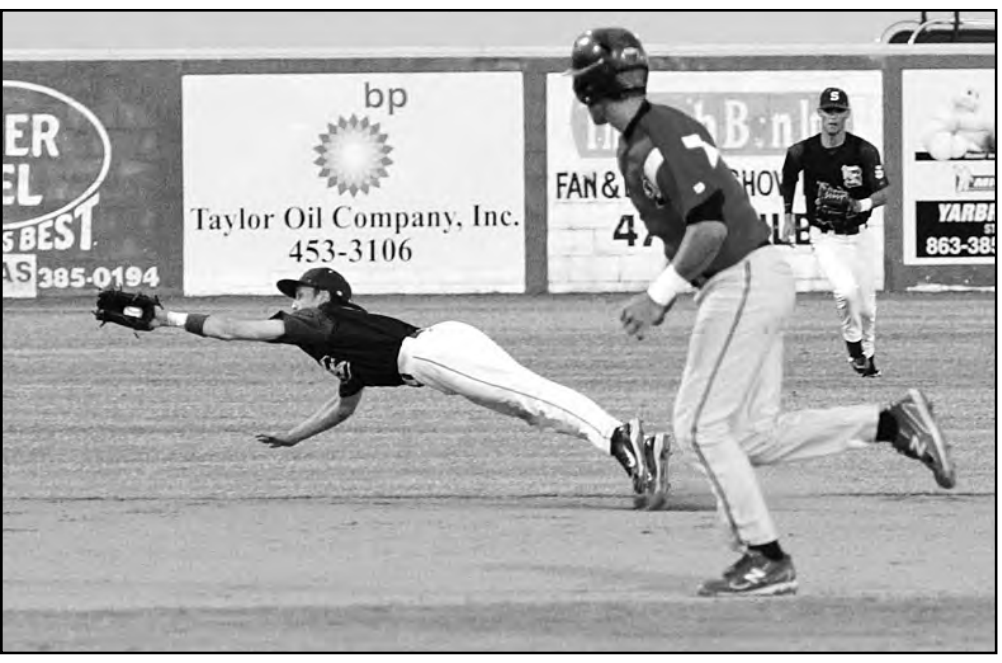

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Along with Matt Grubb's diving play at third, the other half of the former M&M duo, Matt Randall, turned in this diving gem of his own at short Thursday night.

Sebring hosts Haines City Tuesday

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then, I've been a little too anxious and getting out on my front foot too much."

To have broken out of the homerless streak at this time of the season could prove to be very good timing for the senior catcher.

But back to the game at hand, both teams dug in as strong relief pitching and solid defense from both sides both limited scoring opportunities and escaped scoring threats.

Hoffner pitched through the sixth, giving way to two strong innings by Kyle Cunningham who struck out three in his two innings of work.

Nate Greene then came on in the eighth and carried the load through the 12th.

And it was in the 12th when Sebring put two on with nobody out, but a double play and strike out allowed the Jaguars to get out of it and keep the marathon going.

And then in the 14th, Port St. Lucie loaded the bases with one out off Westergom, on in relief since the 13th.

The next batter was struck out, but an long at bat induced an unintentional walk to bring in the go-ahead run.

The Blue Streaks would mount one final challenge as Westergom drew a two-out walk in the bottom of the inning.

Matt Randall was then hit by a pitch and an error soon had the bags full and Baker stepping to the plate.

But there would be no further heroics on the night as a hard-hit grounder was fielded cleanly at second for a 4-3 groundout to send the Jaguars back to the coast victorious.

It is now onto the District Tournament, which Sebring will host at Firemen's Field beginning Monday with Osceola and Liberty squaring off at 7 p.m.

The Streaks see their first action Tuesday against Haines City in the 7:30 p.m. contest following the Lake Wales, Ridge match-up at 4:30 p.m.

LP faces Panthers in tourney opener

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"We found him, but it was our third pitcher of the night and by then it was too late for this game."

Looking ahead to Monday's match-up with Mulberry in the District 9-3A Tournament opener, Coomes had been confident after handling them pretty easily twice during the district schedule.

"After Thursday, I'm not too confident about anything," he said with a laugh, before turning a bit more reflective. "It's just tough sometimes. With kids 15-18 years old going out there, there's so much going on in their lives and baseball is just a small part of things.

"It's not the same as when we were young and couldn't wait to get out there," he continued. "But it's also tough at a small school like this where there isn't as much competition for each position. There's nobody to push someone who has the starting job, so sometimes there's less incentive."

But even with the reflections of the challenges faced, Coomes knows what this group is capable of, as evidenced by a strong season which featured a long-awaited win over Sebring and a second-seed in the district standings.

"We'll be fine," he said.

Monday's game against the Panthers is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start at Charles R. Head Field in Avon Park.

Sebring Summer Swim

Special to the News-Sun

The summer season for public swimming is just about upon us as the Sebring High School pool opens to the public Sunday, May 1.

Pool hours for open swim will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's – additional hours will be added once school is out for the summer.

Cost is $2 per swimmer with big savings for frequent swimmers.

A family pass can be bought for $50 for the first swimmer and $15 for each additional family member.

Swimming lessons will also be available with four separate sessions throughout the summer for eight differents levels of instruction, ranging from Adult Beginner, Parent and Tot, Fundamentals, Introduction to Water Skills, Pre-School Aquatics, Fundamental Aquatic Skills, Stroke Development, Improvment and Refinement, Personal Water Safety and Diving Fundamentals and Fitness.

Session I runs from June 13-24, session II from June 27-July 8, session III from July 11-22 and session IV from July 25-August 5.

Registrations will be Wednesday, May 17 from 5-6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 28 from 9-10:30 a.m. and Monday May 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the front office at Sebring High School.

Water aerobics return as well, with certified instructor Ricki Albritton Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost is just $2 per workout, or just $1 if you have the Summer Swim Pass.

The first class is scheduled for Thursday, May 5.

For more information, please call 471-5500, ext. 229, and leave a message for Ms. Pat.

Dragon Summer Hoops Camp

LAKE PLACID – Green Dragon Basketball will be holding its' annual summer camp from June 13-17 at the Lake Placid High School Gymnasium for boys and girls in grades 2-8.

Camp will run each day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., with the final day ending at Noon.

Cost of the camp is $65 and all campers will receive a Dragon Basketball camp T-shirt.

Campers can bring lunch or purchase lunch items at camp concessions each day.

Drinks and other snacks will be available at a reasonable cost.

Half-day options are also available.

Call or text Linda Veley for details and other information at 441-0299, or email *veley131@comcast.net.*

Panther Volleyball Camps

This summer the South Florida Community College volleyball program has more camps to offer than ever before.

Listed below you will see opportunities for sand and indoor camps.

If there is a camp date that you could attend but the age group is different than yours please call and special arrangements could be made.

Individual private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round.

Call/Email to schedule today!

June 2011

Sand: 13th-16th (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) $60

Indoor: 13th- 16th (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) $60

–Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps June 13-16th: $100

July 2011

Sand: 11th -14th (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. (Grades 9-12) $60

Indoor: 11th-14th (4 days) Monday-Thursday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. (Grades 5-12) $60

–Attend Both Sand and Indoor camps July 11-14: $100

July 2011

Indoor: 25th-28th (4 days) Monday-Thursday

Morning Session (Grades 5-8) 9:30-11:30 a.m. $60

Afternoon Session (Grades 9-12) 2-4:30 p.m. $75

Contact Coach Crawford with any questions at *kim.crawford@southflorida.edu*, cell: 863-835-2377, or Office: 863-784-7037.

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May 7th	Wild Turkey sponsoring "Flocking To The Cure"
May 9th	The Beatles Tribute, 7:30pm at South Florida Community College Theatre for Performing Arts
May 15th	Bluegrass Blueberry Festival 1-5pm at Rotary Building in downtown Avon Park. Live Entertainment!
May 21st	Avon Park High School Project Graduation Golf Tournament at River Greens Golf Course.

SEBRING

May 5	Bingo - Sebring Hills Association
May 7	Heartland March for Babies
May 13	Gallery & Downtown Walk
May 14	Saturday Night Cruise Car Show
May 15	Bluegrass Blueberry Festival
May 21	Car Show
May 21	Highlands Hammock State Park's Music in the Park Concert Series

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School Menus

Breakfasts and lunches being served in the Highlands County School District for the upcoming week of April 25-29 include:

HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday

Breakfast — Egg and Cheese Daybreaker, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, pear fruit cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Chili, saltine crackers, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, baked french fries, corn cobbettes, tossed salad, Colby Jack cheese stick, cherry berry fruit bar, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast — Chicken biscuit, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Baked chicken, dinner roll, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, carrots and dip, dried blueberries, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, apricot cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Breakfast pizza, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Barbecue sandwich, burger, cheeseburger, hot and spicy chicken sandwich, grilled chicken sandwich, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, baked buffalo chips, mixed vegetables, carrots and dip, vanilla clodhoppers, diced pears, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Thursday

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, salsa, hash brown patty, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, peach cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Tacos, salsa, taco toppers, salsa, yellow rice, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, great northern beans, cheddar cheese stick, rosy applesauce, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Friday

Breakfast — Maple waffle stick, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Asian chicken nuggets, salsa, dinner roll, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, baked french fries, corn, carrots and dip, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie, peach cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

ACADEMY SCHOOLS

Monday

Lunch — Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, carrots and dip, strawberry cup, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Tuesday

Lunch — Meat sauce, spaghetti, green beans, garlic breadstick, fresh apple slices, vanilla clodhoppers, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Wednesday

Lunch — Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, broccoli, diced pears, cherry berry fruit bar, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Thursday

Lunch — Tacos, taco toppers, salsa, yellow rice, corn, fruit cocktail cup, very berry juice bar, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Friday

Lunch — Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, fresh apple slices, peach cup, chocolate chip cookie, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Monday

Breakfast — Egg and Cheese Daybreaker, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadsticks, pear fruit cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Sausage biscuit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Chili, saltine crackers, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich meal, chef salad meal, corn cobbettes, tossed salad, Colby Jack cheese stick, cherry berry fruit bar, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast — Chicken biscuit, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Chicken biscuit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Tacos, salsa, taco toppers, salsa, yellow rice, burger, cheeseburger, chicken patty on bun, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, PBJ sandwich meal, chef salad meal, great northern beans, cheddar cheese stick, rosy applesauce, cut fresh fruit, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Friday

Breakfast — Maple waffle stick, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, assorted fresh fruit, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast on the Patio: Sausage biscuit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Lunch — Mama Sofia's cheeseburger pizza, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, burger, cheeseburger, chicken tenders, salsa, dinner roll, ham sub meal, turkey sub meal, dill stack, chef salad meal, PBJ sandwich meal, corn, carrots and dip, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookie, peach cup, assorted fresh fruit, assorted juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday

Breakfast — Egg and Cheese Daybreaker, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, pear fruit cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Maple waffle stick, string cheese, orange juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch — Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, Uncrustable Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, turkey chef salad, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, egg noodles, carrots and dip, strawberry cup, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, gravy, green beans, apple crisp, very berry juice bar, apple juice, grape juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, salsa, hash brown patty, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, strawberry cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Chicken biscuit, strawberry cup, chocolate milk, hard cooked egg, giant graham, apple juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch — Spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic breadstick, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, turkey chef salad, broccoli, diced pears, cherry berry juice bar, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast — Chicken biscuit, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, apricot cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Hard cooked egg, giant graham, apple juice, chocolate milk, chicken biscuit, strawberry cup, chocolate milk.

Lunch — Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, turkey chef salad, broccoli, diced pears, cherry berry fruit bar, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Thursday

Breakfast — Breakfast pizza, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cheese filled breadstick, peach cup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Sausage biscuit, apricot cup, chocolate milk, Ultimate Breakfast Round, apple juice, chocolate milk.

Lunch — Tacos, taco toppers, salsa, yellow rice, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, ham chef salad, corn, great northern beans, fruit cocktail cup, very berry juice bar, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Friday

Breakfast — Maple waffle stick, Cheerios, Trix cereal, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, string cheese, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk. Breakfast in the Classroom: Ultimate Breakfast Round, apple juice, chocolate milk, sausage biscuit, apricot cup, chocolate milk.

Lunch — Mama Sofia's pepperoni pizza, Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, turkey chef salad, salsa, carrots and dip, chocolate chip cookie, peach cup, fresh apple slices, apple juice, orange juice, fruit blend juice, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

KINDERGARTEN LEARNING CENTER

Monday

Lunch — Chicken nuggets, dinner roll, Uncrustable Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, carrots and dip, strawberry cup, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Tuesday

Lunch — Spaghetti, meat sauce, garlic breadstick, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, green beans, vanilla clodhoppers, cut fresh fruit, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Wednesday

Lunch — Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, broccoli, diced pears, cherry berry fruit bar, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Thursday

Lunch — Tacos, taco toppers, salsa, yellow rice, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, great northern beans, fruit cocktail cup, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

Friday

Lunch — Mama Sofia's cheese pizza, Uncrustable PBJ sandwich, carrots and dip, chocolate chip cookie, peach cup, chocolate milk, white milk, strawberry milk.

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Arts & Entertainment

Drafting students compete in Cardboard Chair competition

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Students in South Florida Community College's Drafting and Technical Drawing class participated in the annual Cardboard Chair competition on April 21.

This year's winning team, CJ's, with students Cassandra Matthews, Sam McGee and Juan Briseno, created an iChair to be used while playing video games.

"We originally had a slightly different prototype in mind but found it didn't work as we wanted during construction, so we had to make some modifications," said drafting student Matthews. "It was a learning experience."

The other participating teams were Daedalus with students Joshua Andrews, Christopher Maquivar, and Saul Cintron; and The CADS with students Curtis Jones, Amanda Cutler, Stanley Grech, and Devonte Davis.

"The project gives students first-hand experience of how the design process works," said Tanna Markel, professor, drafting/design.

"We use cardboard because it provides a cheap and fun way for students to work on their skills."

Each chair was required to meet certain specification. The chairs had to be constructed only out of cardboard, had to be lightweight and easy to move, had to hold at least 200 pounds, and could not cost more than $30 to make.

The chairs were judged by SFCC art instructors Cathy Futral and Mollie Doctrow, Technical/ Industrial Education chair Tom Bush, Counseling Department chair Judy Zemko, and student judge Cole Day.

Courtesy photo

Cassandra Matthews, Sam McGee, and Juan Briseno of CJ's placed first with their iChair. The chair was designed to provide comfort to video gamers.

Courtesy photo

Curtis Jones, Amanda Cutler, Stanley Grech, and Devonte Davis of The CADS team built a Panther Pride chair. 'We wanted to show school spirit and thought our design would work well in a college setting,' Cutler said.

Courtesy photo

Joshua Andrews, Christopher Maquivar, and Saul Cintron of team Daedalus built a throne using cardboard tubes, a pillow, and contact paper.

Sunset event on Lake Jackson to benefit HAL

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — As if Keys cuisine, live music, mojitos and margaritas aren't enough to bring out your inner Jimmy Buffett, there will be fabulous island trips, works of art, dinners and much more auctioned by local celebrities, bachelors and bachelorettes at the Art on the Waterfront spring fundraiser to benefit the Highlands Art League.

The event is planned for 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Village Beach (adjacent to the Civic Center) on Lake Jackson. You can come by car, bike, boat or sandal to support the programs of the Art League, the Artists' Village and the Highlands Museum of the Arts.

Emcees Don Elwell and Martile Blackman will be auctioning three island vacation trips, and a Florida Keys fishing trip, as well as local airboat tours, horseback and buggy rides. Local artists Janet King and Alice Hansen will each paint an original watercolor during the event for auction, and local magazine and radio advertising packages are up for grabs.

Tickets for the event are $35 in advance and $45 at the door. A full Keys cuisine buffet and live music are included. The cash bar will feature island themed cocktails as well as wine and beer.

The Village Beach is behind the Artists' Village. Tickets are available at the Yellow House Gallery & Gift Shop, and the Highlands Museum of the Arts, or by phoning 385-6682.

Duffer's sponsors Karaoke Kontest

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Duffer's Sports Grille is looking for the best female and male karaoke singers to compete April 29 and 30 in a free Karaoke Kontest.

The best female and the best male can each win $100.

Auditions will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday at Duffer's. Registration is from 9-10 p.m. Each contestant will sing one song. Professionals who receive pay for singing are not eligible. Contestants must be 21 years old or older to enter.

Billy "Griff" Griffis with Southern Style Karaoke will be the host for both nights. Judges from J & B Karaoke and Heartland Karaoke will select the top 10 men and women to advance to the finals night on Saturday.

During the finals, each contestant will get one song. Check in will be from 9-9:30 p.m. to select music. Each audience member will receive one vote to cast for their favorite performer. Winners will be announced that night. Duffer's is at 6940 U.S. 27 North, Sebring. Call 382-6339.

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Arts & Entertainment

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Insects spark great drama in the world of art and antiques.

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For instance, in ancient Egypt, bugs were revered in Egyptian culture and religion.

The Egyptians believed that a divine scarab beetle actually pushed the rising sun above the horizon every morning at sunrise.

The scarab was responsible for the daily sunrise and thus associated with the process of regeneration, too.

With its close association to the sun's powers, scarabs were used as protective amulets and worn as jewelry.

In addition, inscriptions were engraved onto the undersides of the scarab beetles and used as seals.

Ancient scarabs

Scarabs appear as carvings on furniture, subjects of paintings, details on lamps and in jewelry designs, etc.

Of course, possibly the most famous scarab jewelry was fashioned by Cartier and worn by Elizabeth Taylor, who played the young Egyptian queen, Cleopatra in the 1963 film of the same name.

A Cartier scarab brooch, circa 1924 made of gold, platinum, blue Egyptian faience (used in Egyptian jewelry beginning about 5,500 years ago), round cut diamonds, emerald cabochons, smoky quartz, and black enamel was featured in the exhibit "Cartier and America" and valued in the high six figure range.

In 2009, a Cartier scarab belt buckle with a cobalt blue scarab with turquoise faience wings studded with cabochon sapphires and diamonds set in platinum measuring 5 inches long sold for an astonishing $302,500.

Creepy crawly

Fine artists, artisans, and designers throughout the history of art and antiques did not overlook creatures of the insect world in their compositions and constructions.

For instance, insects were the subject for such pieces of art and antiques as Italian side tables, French sculpture, and Louis Comfort Tiffany stained glass lamps.

For example, a Tiffany Studios dragonfly table lamp with matching base from circa 1905 sold recently for $266,500. Some of the most commonly seen insects on the antiques scene are bees, butterflies, and dragonflies.

Bees, butterflies, and dragonflies all refer to the interest in immortality, rebirth, and the power of the supernatural.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, they were common elements in the objects of the art world.

As for my aforementioned spider, many costume and fine art jewelry designers worked with the form of the creepy crawly spider in their designs.

A pair of earrings in the shape of a spider (it makes my skin crawl just thinking about it) of 18 karat yellow gold with a coral body and emerald melee eyes sold for nearly $500.

Also, the pottery firm of Van Briggle attracted collectors with an apple green spider vase dated 1902 measuring 5 inches tall with a large spider embossed on the front.

The firm's antique spider vase cost $2,185.

Personally, I'd still select one of Van Briggle's other designs that do not feature spiders.

When it comes to art and antique design, forget about the can of Raid as bugs of all types are in style and in high demand.

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Courtesy photo
Joey Sacco (right) chose Chieu Nguyen's self-portrait for Outstanding Illustration during the Student Juried Art Exhibition at SFCC MOFAC.

SFCC Student Art Exhibition winners announced

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK _ South Florida Community College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture revealed the winners of the Student Juried Art Exhibition during a reception on April 21.

Winning artists were: Outstanding Painting – "Self Portrait" by Allen McPherson; Outstanding Illustration – "Self Portrait" by Chieu "Kelly" Nguyen; Outstanding Graphic Design – "Wayside Shrine Trail Signs" by Mollie Ruble; Outstanding Drawing – "Self Portrait" by Ivan Delgado and "Charcoal Still Life" by Alexandria Zachary; Outstanding Computer Graphics – "Becky" by Shawn Martinez.

"This is the first time my work has been exhibited in a gallery or museum, so it's very exciting," Nguyen said. "I also have a strange sense of pride because I'm an international student, and it was nice to be recognized away from home."

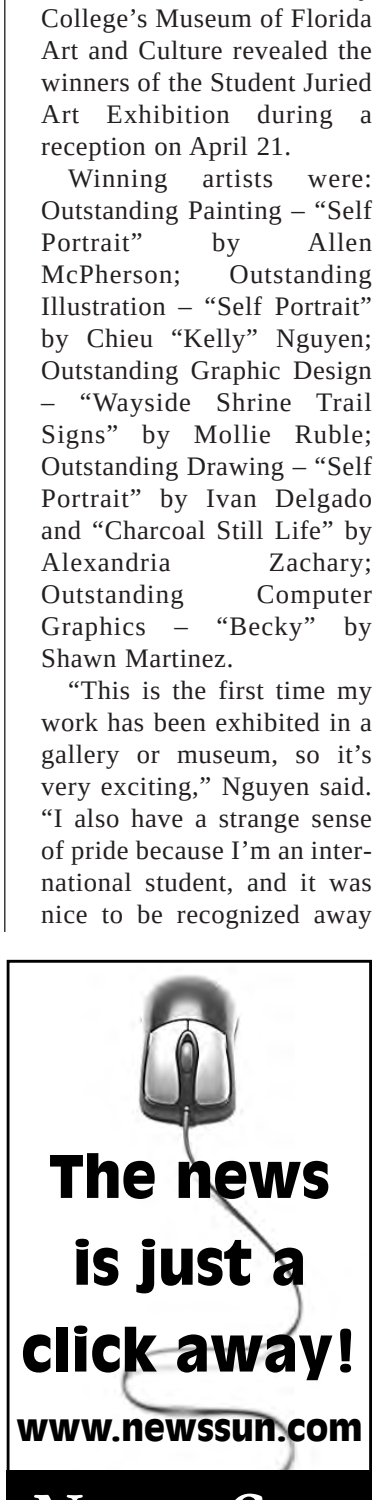
"We held student exhibitions before, but this was the first time they have been responsible for not only creating the work, but for framing, matting and hanging their work as well," said SFCC MOFAC curator Mollie Doctrow said. "It allowed them to experience what it's really like to be an exhibited artist."

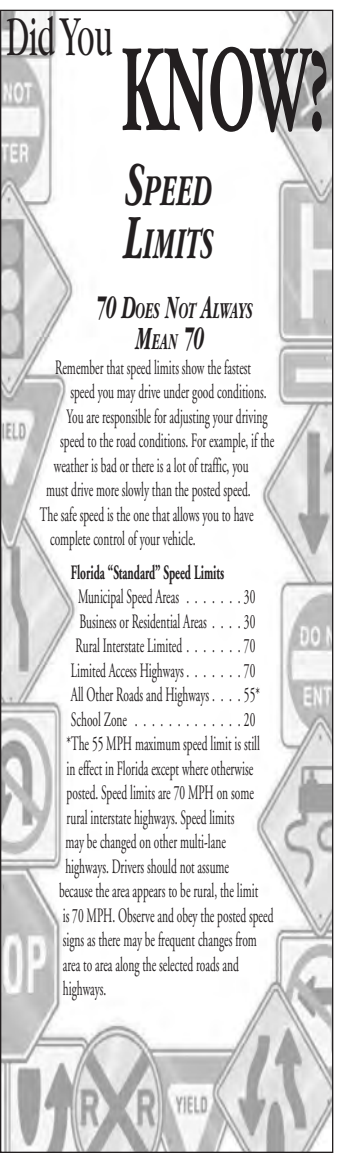
The exhibition was curated by Doctrow and art instructor Cathy Futral and judged by local artist Joey Sacco. "I chose pieces that I felt had visual impact and something to say," Sacco said.

The exhibition will be on view in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts Lobby Gallery and SFCC MOFAC through May 6. SFCC MOFAC is open to the public from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday.

Courtesy photo
Ivan Delgado received Outstanding Drawing for his charcoal self-portrait.

Courtesy photo
Mollie Ruble received Outstanding Graphic Design for her Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail signs. With Mollie is judge Joey Sacco.





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National Volunteer Week: Let's celebrate all year long

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— Barack Obama, President

On April 7, our President spoke these words about America's volunteers in a Presidential Proclamation. Over 60 million people volunteered last year and the week of April 10-16 was put aside to recognize them and to encourage everyone to serve their communities in some way.

National Volunteer Week got its start in 1974 by Executive Order as an annual observance by President Richard Nixon. It has grown by leaps and bounds since that fateful day. Statistics show that more than 23 million people volunteered in 2008 than in 1989. The younger generation's volunteer rate has risen about 60 percent from 1989 to 2008. Baby Boomers are 40 percent more likely to volunteer than the same age groups were in 1989. Working with kids and educational organizations has shown a rise in volunteerism by approximately 75 percent.

Right here in our beautiful county we have many men and women who give their time and efforts generously without any thought of compensation. In fact, Earth Team volunteers gave out free low flow showerheads at the Agriculture Center on April 21 to all who brought in their old ones.

Our "April Showers" event was to celebrate Earth Day by conserving water and to showcase our volunteers in this worthy project. Weeks before, they got together and packaged the showerheads to include literature for each device.

Our Earth Team volunteers include Carol Orth, Eric Maron, Carl and Anna Fette, Ed Cunningham, Gerald and Pat Hibbs, Danny Wilson and Gale Martin. They have provided countless hours of assistance to our organization and no amount of thanks is adequate for their hard work.

Courtesy photo

Earth Team volunteers (from left) Eric Maron, Ed Cunningham, Anna Fette, Gale Martin, Carol Orth and Carl Fette package low-flow showerheads that they gave out on April 21 during the April Showers Earth Day event.

News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

These unselfish folks have always been important, but now more than ever we rely on them heavily. With constant budget cuts and less staffing in the workplace, the importance of these people has become more obvious than ever.

Earth Team is the volunteary arm of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the federal partners in our office. Our team is invaluable to us. Their purpose is to expand the services that we offer by donating their time, talent and energy to meet the agency's needs. Our community and everyone in it depend on healthy natural resources. Volunteers are a wonderful way to accomplish tasks and goals that would otherwise be difficult because of time and staff restraints.

Each time the NRCS, Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District (HSWCD) and the Natural Resources Department have planned a project or special event, our volunteers have helped out. They have come up with great ideas to improve many of our events and are always available with their vast knowledge and know-how. They have done everything from man booths at our special events to build home composters for our workshops. They are wonderful and patient with children and many of this county's youth have benefited from their assistance.

In addition to the Earth Team folks, LakeWatch is an organization that collects data for the University of Florida IFAS, on our local lakes. This information is vital to the future health of the lakes in this county. The Master Gardeners that work out of the Highlands County Extension office put in countless hours helping citizens with their soil needs, identification of plants and any number of issues that arise on a daily basis. They also man HSWCD Mobile Irrigation Lab.

If not for these volunteers, this service would not be offered to our citizens and hundreds of thousands of gallons of water would be wasted. The supervisors who serve on the HSWCD are elected officials, but they receive no compensation for their efforts. They volunteer their time in an effort to conserve the natural resources of this county.

Since the early days of this great country, volunteerism has been a tradition that has contributed greatly to communities and organizations. Today, times are tough and it is easy to get discouraged. The economy is a mess and money is tight with most folks. But take a moment to look around you and see all the people that strive to make the world a better place. Take a moment to thank these folks when you see them out in the community. My guess is that you can find a volunteer just about any day you venture out.

After all, where would our country be without these over 60 million people who don't ask for anything in return?

Let's make sure to celebrate National Volunteer Week every day. Once again, we express our gratitude to our wonderful volunteers! We couldn't do it without you.

Corine Burgess is the Natural Resources Specialist for the Highlands County Natural Resources Department assisting the Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District (www.highlandsswcd.org).

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APOSTOLIC

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BAPTIST

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■ **Fellowship Baptist Church,** 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: *office@apfellowship.org;* Web site, *www.apfellowship.org.*

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Jared Hewitt, youth minister; and Joy Loomis, music director. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. Orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 4 p.m. Evening Service. Tuesday schedule: 8-10 a.m., basic computer class/Sonshine House; 7-9 p.m. conversational English and citizenship classes/Sonshine House. Regular Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6:30 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. children's mission groups. Call 453-6681 for details. Primera Mision Bautista, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, Johnattan Soltero, Pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 10 a.m., Bible Study; 11 a.m., Worship Service. Wednesday schedule: 7 p.m., Bible study.

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■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Placid,** Knowing God's Heart and Sharing God's Hope, 119 E. Royal Palm Street. (2 blocks south of Interlake Blvd) Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863) 465-3721, Email: www.fbclp.com. Pastor Brett Morey, senior pastor. Sunday services - Traditional Service 9 a.m., Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. Link Groups at 9 and 10:30 a..m., Senior Sunday Night and Sunday Evening Bible study at 6 p.m. Wednesday Activities: Family dinner at 5 p.m. ($4 per person, reservations required). Adult-LifeSource classes, prayer meeting, Youth Intersections, and Kids K-5-MaxKidz Extreme meet at 6:15 p.m. Men meet at 8 a.m. every Tuesday for prayer breakfast and women's prayer breakfast is at 8 a.m. every Wednesday, both at the Family Restaurant.

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

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■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC),** 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor; Aaron Snider, Youth Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

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CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church,** 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord's Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; "Building God's Kingdom for Everyone." "Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!" "Alive and Worth the Drive!"

■ **Sebring Christian Church,** 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Marco Gallardo, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

Books

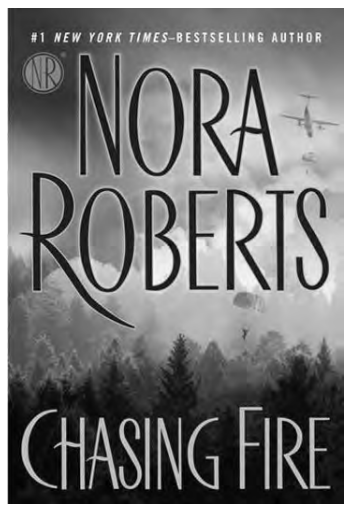
Publishers Weekly Best-Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Chasing Fire" by Nora Roberts (Putnam Adult)
2. "The Land of Painted Caves: A Novel" by Jean M. Auel (Crown)
3. "The Fifth Witness" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
4. "I'll Walk Alone" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
5. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Knopf)
6. "44 Charles Street" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
7. "The Pale King" by David Foster Wallace (Little, Brown)
8. "Save Me" by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's Press)
9. "Live Wire" by Harlan Coben (Dutton)
10. "Sing You Home: A Novel" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
11. "The Secret Life of Damian Spinelli" by Carolyn Hennesy (Hyperion)
12. "Toys" by James Patterson and Neil McMahon (Little, Brown)
13. "Please Look After Mom" by Kyung-Sook Shin (Knopf)
14. "The Paris Wife: A Novel" by Paula McLain (Ballantine Books)
15. "Midnight and the Meaning of Love" by Sister Souljah (Atria)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Reagan Arthur)
2. "The 17 Day Diet: A Doctor's Plan Design for Rapid Results" by Dr. Mike Moreno (Free Press)
3. "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
4. "I'm All Over That: And Other Confessions" by Shirley MacLaine (Atria)
5. "The Healthy Home" by Myron Wentz, Dave Wentz (Vanguard Press)
6. "63 Documents the Government Doesn't Want You to Read" by Jesse Ventura with Dick Russell (Skyhorse)
7. "Change Anything: The New Science of Personal Success" by Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, David Maxfield Ron McMillan and Al



Switzler (Business Plus)
8. "All That Is Bitter and Sweet: A Memoir" by Ashley Judd, with Maryanne Vollers (Ballantine)
9. "Malcolm X" by Manning Marable (Viking)
10. "This is Gonna Hurt: Music, Photography and Life Through the Distorted Lens of Nikki Sixx" by Nikki Sixx (Morrow)
11. "The Best Advice I Ever Got: Lessons from Extraordinary Lives" by Katie Couric (Random House)
12. "Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived" by Rob Bell (HarperOne)
13. "The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement" by David Brooks (Random House)
14. "Red: My Uncensored Life in Rock" by Sammy Hagar (It Books)
15. "My Father's Daughter: Delicious, Easy Recipes Celebrating Family & Togetherness" by Gwineth Paltrow and Mario Batali (Grand Central Publishing)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Search" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
2. "Water for Elephants: A Novel" by Sara Gruen (Algonquin)
3. "Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
4. "Caught" by Harlan Coben (Signet)
5. "The Shadow of Your Smile" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
6. "Something Borrowed" by Emily Griffin (St. Martin's Griffin)
7. "Dead in the Family" by Charlaine Harris (Ace)
8. "The Lincoln Lawyer" by Michael Connelly (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "Santa Fe Edge" by Stuart Woods (Signet)
10. "Indulgence in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
11. "Fever Dream" by Lincoln Child & Douglas Preston (Mira)
12. "Big Girl" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
13. "Navarro's Promise" by Lora Leigh (Berkley)
14. "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
15. "The Girl Who Played With Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
2. "Water for Elephants: A Novel" by Sara Gruen (Algonquin)
3. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
4. "The 9th Judgment" by James Patterson (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
6. "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese (Vintage)
7. "Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen" by Christopher McDougall (Vintage)
8. "The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel" by Garth Stein (Harper)
9. "The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Faces" by Wes Moore (Spiegel & Grau)
10. "Inside of a Dog" by Alexandra Horowitz (Scribner)
11. "The Postmistress" by Sarah Blake (Berkley)
12. "Something Borrowed" by Emily Griffin (St. Martin's Griffin)
13. "Have a Little Faith: A True Story" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
14. "Just Kids" by Patti Smith (Ecco)
15. "Hungry Girl 300 Under 300: 300 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Dishes Under 300 Calories" by Lisa Lillien (St. Martin's Griffin)

Places To Worship

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer**.Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail *redeemer1895@aol.com* Web site: *redeemeravon.com*. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Myers, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6:15 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congretation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

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

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

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 4348 Schumacher Road, Sebring, one mile west of Wal-Mart. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 9 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-1163.

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Early Sunday service, 8 a.., Sunday school at 9:10 a.m. and the second service at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; and Noel Johnson, youth and family life. Worship schedule for December through Easter: Worship service 8 and 11 a.m.; Communion services, first and third Sundays; (Children's Church, 11 a.m. only); and Education Hour, 9:30 a.m. Worship schedule for summer through fall: Worship service, 9 a.m.; Communion services, first and third Sundays; Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Additional services: Lent and Advent season, 6 p.m.; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Easter Sunday, 7 and 10 a.m.; Christmas Eve, 7 p.m.; Christmas Day, 10 a.m.; Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Fellowship activities: Youth Group, Senior Citizens, Younger Side Adults, Ladies Missionary League, Ladies Guild, Small group studies as scheduled. Music: Choir and hand chimes. Trinity Tots Preschool (3-5 years old): 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. License: C14H10020: Susan Norris, director. Visit us online at: *www.vchurches.com/trinitylutheranlp*.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 years to fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

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

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister: Phone, 314-0482, *lindadowning@live.com.* Casey L. Downing, associate minister: Phone, 385-8171, *caseydowning@hotmail.com.* Web site is www.*christiantrainingministries.net*

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

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

■ **Union Congregational Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 7:45 a.m. (informal), 9:15 a.m. (traditional) and 10:45 a.m. (contemporary) in the main sanctuary. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer Wednesday and Saturday services at 6;15 a.m. and 6 p.m., respectively. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at *www.weareunion.org*. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Worship services: Sunday morning worship, informal, 8 a.m.; regular, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Youth Group and Kids Quest, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: *covpres@strato.net*; Web site: *www.cpcsebring.org*. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, adult and college age, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Youth Group (ages 11-18), 4-7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available for Sunday worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Gail Sparks, director of youth ministry.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** *www.fpclp.com,* 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. A variety of Sunday school classes for adults and children are at 9:45 and 11 a.m. in the educational building. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, Fl 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site *www.salvationarmy-sebring.com* or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball. pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. (October-May only); School School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. Bible Fellowship Class, 6 p.m. (October-May only). We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that want to know Christ and make Him known. Call the church office at 465-2422 or check out our church Web site at *www.memorialumc.com*.

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** where God is still speaking. 3115 Hope Street, Sebring, FL 33875 (1.8 miles west of U.S. 27 and Hammock Road). Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Communion with worship first Sunday of month; Chapel Communion, 8:45 a.m. all other Sundays. All are welcome to receive the sacrament. For more information, call the church office at 471-1999 or e-mail *eucc@earthlink.net* or check the Web site *sebringemmanuelucc.com.* No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

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Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

One of the most valuable financial lessons you can share with your kids before they leave the nest is to explain what interest rates are and how they work. The important financial transactions they'll conduct as adults will likely be affected in some way by interest rates, whether as a lender or a borrower.

Here's some background information to help guide those conversations:

♦ Interest rates for lenders. Anyone who has a savings account or owns government or business bonds is, in effect, lending money to those institutions and earning interest on the loan. Unless you buy tax-free municipal bonds, however, this interest income is probably taxable, so shop around for favorable rates to maximize your earnings and help offset inflation. Compare bank CD, savings and checking account interest rates at www.bankrate.com; to find credit unions for which you're eligible, visit www.creditunion.coop.

♦ Interest rates for borrowers. Interest rates have even more impact on you as a borrower, especially for large purchases. For example: Most mortgages are for 15 to 30 years, so reducing the interest rate by a point or two could save tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan. And credit card rates may vary by 10 points or more, depending on your credit rating.

Most borrower interest rates are expressed in terms of annual percentage rate (APR). With credit cards, the issuer may charge a fixed APR, or change it as bank interest rates vary ("variable rate"). Each billing period, the company charges a fraction of the annual rate, called the "periodic rate," on outstanding balances. With mortgages, the APR also factors in points, origination fees, mortgage insurance premiums and other fees.

Interest rates may also depend on:

♦ Whether the loan is "secured" (secured by collateral such as a house or car) or "unsecured" (not tied to collateral – like credit cards – so the lender relies on your promise to pay it back). Because they're riskier for the lender, unsecured loans typically have higher interest rates.

♦ Credit score – people with higher credit scores are deemed less risky and therefore get much more favorable rates.

♦ Term length – long-term loan rates are usually higher than short-term rates, because the longer the loan, the greater the risk to the lender that you might default.

♦ Fixed vs. adjustable. Home mortgage interest rates are either fixed for the life of the loan, or adjustable at predetermined intervals for part or all of the loan period. They're usually tied to an index such as the 10-Year Treasury Note. When rate indexes are relatively high, many opt for an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM), which typically has a lower beginning rate and is therefore more affordable initially. However, when rates climb due to inflation or other factors, monthly ARM payments can rise sharply, which is why many people prefer the more dependable fixed rate.

Bottom line: Many factors in setting interest rates are beyond our individual control; however, teach your kids that they can control their own credit score, which can have a tremendous impact – good or bad – on interest rates.

Many good resources teach how to protect – or repair – your credit score, including MyFICO.com's Credit Education Center (www.myfico.com/CreditEducation) and What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program run by, Visa Inc.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. www.practicalmoneyskills.com

Metro Services

Sebring's 'What's Up Downtown?' meets Tuesday

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will host its next "What's Up Downtown" meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Highlands Little Theater. Agenda items include merchant store hours of operation; the addition of more themed, annual events; and updates on the CRA's programs and marketing initiatives.

"We encourage anyone who has an interest in Downtown Sebring to attend these informative meetings," said Pete Pollard, CRA executive director.

"If you have an idea for Downtown Sebring, we want to hear it."

Clark to speak about wetlands treatment at Ag Center May 3

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – On May 3, Dr. Mark Clark will present "Conventional and Emerging Wetland Treatment Systems to Address Phosphorus Loads in the Environment," at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agriculture Center at 4 p.m.

Clark is an associate professor at the Soil and Water Science Department at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He also serves as the Wetlands and Water Quality Extension Specialist at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. He has a Master of Science in Wetlands Ecology from the Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences and has a Doctorate in Wetland Biogeochemistry from the Soil and Water Science Department both at the University of Florida.

Clark has expertise in wetland ecology, water quality and watershed processes. His research interests include wetland nutrient assimilation and storage processes, vegetative succession dynamics, wetland macrophyte ecophysiology, and ecological engineering design using natural and integrated processes to improve water quality and enhance ecological function of altered landscapes.

All are invited to attend this presentation.

Sessums named to Super Lawyers List for sixth consecutive year

Special to the News-Sun

LAKELAND – Mark A. Sessums of Sessums Law Group has been named to the Super Lawyers List for the sixth consecutive year. Sessums has 22 years of trial lawyers experience and is Board Certified in Civil Law as well as Marital and Family Law. The Super Lawyers rating system service began in Florida in 2006.

The service is an independent assessment and lists outstanding attorneys in more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high level of peer recognition and professional achievement. The listing can be used as a resource for attorneys and consumers in the search for legal counsel.

Sessums Law Group is a civil law firm practicing in the following areas: Automobile Accident Law; Personal Injury and Wrongful Death; Professional Malpractice; General Civil Law; Marital and Family Law; Business and Banking Law; Appellate Law and Representation of Professional Athletes. Mark A. Sessums is the principal partner and is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in General Civil Law and Marital and Family Law. Steven Sessums is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Marital and Family Law and Brian Monk, a former prosecutor, and Lacy Littlejohn are associates of the firm.

The firm has 75 years of legal experience and is an AV rated firm, the highest rating from Martindale Hubbell. Mark A. Sessums, also AV rated, has been named a Super Lawyer for every year since its inception in 2006 and has a 10.0 out of 10.0 rating from AVVO.com.

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.

SUNDAY

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 1-9 p.m. Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open 1-8 p.m. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Members and guests only. Post is at 528 N. Pine St., Sebring. Call 471-1448.

■ **Inerstate chapter of A.B.A.T.E.** meets the last Sunday of every month at The Blue Crab, 825 Ridgewood Dr., Sebring at 11 a.m.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** lounge is open from 1-7 p.m. Card games start at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** has karaoke in the pavilion. Horseshoes played at 9:30 a.m. Food available at 4 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Cards start at 4 p.m. Music outside Tiki Hut at 3 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous,** meets from 4-5 p.m. in second floor conference room No. 3 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, 4200 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. For details, call 382-7731. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For details on the organization, go to *www.oa.org*.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** serves lunch at 2 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** offers NASCAR racing in the pavilion at 1:30 p.m. Bar open and kitchen open from 2-5 p.m. Lodge is at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** serves hamburgers from 4-5:30 p.m. and plays poker at 5:30 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** Karaoke is from 5-8 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

MONDAY

■ **Al-Anon – LET IT BEGIN WITH ME** family group meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Heartland Christian Church on Alt. 27 in Sebring. The church is behind Southgate Shopping Center where Publix is.
For more information call 385-5714.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 8-9 p.m. at Episcopal Church, Lakeshore Drive, Sebring. For more details, call 385-8807.

■ **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. For details, call 314-0891.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Center, 517 U.S. 27 South, Lake Placid.

■ **Alanon** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 202-0647.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 12-9 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Happy hour from 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Post 21** plays darts at 7:30 p.m. for members and guests. For details, call 385-0234.

■ **Avon Park Lakes Association** has shuffleboard at 1 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. The clubhouse is at 2714 Nautilus Drive in Avon Park.

■ **Boy Scout Troop 482** meets 7 p.m., 34 Central Ave., Lake Placid.

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

■ **Diabetes Support Group** meets the second and fourth Monday from 1-2:30 p.m. in Florida Hospital Conference Room 3 in Sebring. Call 402-0177 for guest speaker list.

■ **Dual Diagnosed (Addiction and Mental Health) Support Group** meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Monday at 4023 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring. Call 386-5687.

■ **Florida Association Home and Community Education** meets from 9-11 a.m. weekly on Mondays at The Agri-Center. The group of sewers and crafters make items for residents of adult congregate living facilities. Call Penny Bucher at 385-0949.

■ **Garden Club of Sebring** meets noon, fourth Monday, Sebring Civic Center.

■ **Grand Prix Cloggers** EZ Intermediate and Intermediate Clogging class are held at 9 a.m. every Monday at Reflections on Silver Lake, Avon Park. Call Julie for further information at 386-0434.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** meets the second and fourth Monday at the Sebring Country Estates Civic Association clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (down the street from Wal-Mart). Dancing will be held every month until April 2008. Classes are being started now in the Sebring and Lake Placid area. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or visit the Web site at *www.samdun.net*.

■ **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.

■ **Heartland Pops** rehearses at 7 p.m. Mondays at Avon Park High School Band Room, 700 E. Main St., under the direction of Anthony Jones. Musicians of all ages are welcome. For information, call 314-8877.

■ **Highlands County Concert Band** rehearses 7-9 p.m. every Monday at Sebring High School band room. All musicians are welcome. Vic Anderson, musical director. Call Bill Varner at 386-0855.

■ **Highlands County Democratic Executive Committee** meets 7 p.m. fourth Monday in the Democratic Party Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway, Sebring. For details, call 699-6052.

■ **Highlands County Sewing Group** meets from 1-3 p.m. at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center in the 4-H laboratory, Sebring. For details, call 402-6540.

■ **Highlands Sertoma Club** meets noon, Takis Family Restaurant, Sebring.

■ **Highlands County Senior Squadron, Civil Air Patrol** the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary meets the second and fourth Monday nights at the Sebring Airport Terminal Building. All are welcome. For further information, call 471-1433 between 4 and 7 p.m.

■ **Lake Placid American Legion Post 25** meets 8 p.m., Legion hall.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** will have classes in Drawing and Painting, conducted by Anne Watson, from from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. From 1-4 p.m., Mary Gebhart will teach Fabric Painting at the center. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Ladies crafts at 2 p.m. Sign up for darts is at 6:30 p.m.Music from 5-8 p.m. It is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at 2 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only. Lodge closes at 6 p.m.

■ **Let It Begin With Me Alanon Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Monday at Heartland Christian Church, 2705 Alt. 27 South, Sebring. For details about Alanon, a self-help group for families and friends of alcoholics, call 385-5714.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 8 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.

■ **National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People,** Highlands County Branch meets 7:30 p.m., 401 Tulane, Avon Park.

■ **Orchid Society of Highlands County** meets 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday at the Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring. Call Ed Fabik at 465-2830 for details.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 12-4:30 p.m. second and fourth Monday in Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. No meetings from end of May to October. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Rotary Club of Highlands County** meets at 6:15 p.m. at Beef 'O Brady's, Sebring.

■ **Sebring AARP** meets 1:30 p.m., The Palms, Pine Street, Sebring.

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

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** has pizza and darts at 7:30 p.m. at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** has the lounge open from 12-7 p.m. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Historical Society** open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Located in back side of Sebring Public Library building on Lake Jackson. For information, call 471-2522.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** plays Texas Hold 'em at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 632, Sebring** meets at 3:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, Sebring. For details, call Judy O'Boyle at 260-0831.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Post 4300** meets 2 p.m. fourth Monday, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880** euchre, 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **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. For more information please contact Wendy at 863-382-2022.

TUESDAY

■ **Al-Anon Family Groups** meet for discussion and Twelve Step study at noon, Union Congregational Church, 105 N. Forest Ave., Avon Park. Parking available south of old church.

■ **8 & 40 Salon 687** Call Betty Darmer, 465-2272, for details.

■ **Alzheimer's/Dementia Seminar** held at 11 a.m. every fourth Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid. Also sponsored by Nurse on Call. Covers common signs of dementia, coping and care giving tips, disease management, organizations, etc. Call 465-0568.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has shuffleboard and euchre, both at 1 p.m. Lounge hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details, 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.

■ **Audubon Chapter** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Masonic Lodge, downtown Lake Placid on the corner of Main and Park. Bring a covered dish to share, utensils and plates, at 6:30 p.m. or come at 7:30 p.m. for presentations by guest speaker. The public is invited.

■ **Avon Park Boy Scout Troop 156** meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Lodge, 202 Robert Britt St., Avon Park. Boys ages 11-17 are eligible to join. For details, call 452-2385.

■ **Avon Park Library** has storytime at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Nu Sigma** Chapter of Avon Park, meets the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the members home. Call president Mary Joinerr at 382-4488 or vice president Linda Webster at 385-1124.

■ **Busy Bee Craft Club** meets 9-11 a.m., Fairway Pines, Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard, Sebring. Everyone is welcome. For more details, call 382-8431.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday night at "The Rock," Union Congregational Church, 28 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park. A barbecue meal is served at 6 p.m. for a donation. At 6:45 p.m., members meet. At 7:30 p.m., the group breaks up into small groups for men and women. The program is designed for drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, death or illness grief, low or lost self-esteem or identity due to dysfunctional relationships, depression/anxiety, or any other need for healing. For details, contact Celebrate Recovery coordinator Pam Sim by calling 453-3345, ext. 106.

■ **The Computer Club at Buttonwood Bay** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month November through March. We invite anyone interested in expanding their computer knowledge to attend the Buttonwood Bay Bytes Computer Club meeting.

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

■ **Heartland Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus** meets from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Sebring High School Music Room, Sebring. All men who enjoy singing are invited. Reading music is not required. Call 471-2294 or 386-5098.

■ **Heartland Symphony Orchestra** rehearsals from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Green Room in the South Florida Community College auditorium building. Bring music and instruments. New members welcome. Call conductor Bryan Johnson at 800-949-7248, ext. 7231.

■ **Highlands County Community Orchestra** rehearses each Tuesday in the Green Room of the South Florida Community College Performing Arts Theater, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Entrance is at the rear of the building. String players especially needed. Strings call Eugene Longo at 699-1975; winds call Kim Houser at 453-6049 for more information.

■ **Highlands County Quilt Guild** meets first and third Tuesday, St. Agnes Episcopal Church, Sebring. Call Lynn Ullinn for meeting times at 314-0557 or e-mail *luckyduck@mymailstation.com*.

■ **Highlands Tea Party** has an educational and informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Quality Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 in Sebring. Call 699-0743.

■ **Hope Hospice** grief support group meets at 11 a.m. at 319 W. Center Ave., Sebring; and 4:30 p.m. at Southern Lifestyle ALF, across U.S. 27 from Florida Hospital Lake Placid. Call 382-0312.

■ **Knights of Columbus Council 5441** meets 8 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Knights of

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Inspirational Thoughts
by Patricia Valentine

Today we're celebrating the greatest act of love showed, and that was the atoning death of our Savior Jesus Christ. The story of Jesus is a record of incrediable love. Jesus gave himself so completely and so unwillingly to such unimaginable and underserved suffering that he would never be quite the same again. While this may be difficult for us to comprehend, the personal implication for each of us is this, God has provided a costly yet permanent, means for our salvation. Jesus was victorious over his accusers even though his final victory came after much pain. Our sins, as much as those of every person who ever lived, were the reason Jesus went to the cross. We did not drive the nails into his body; but if we were not sinners, he would not have had to die. Jesus was victorious over death. The grave could not hold him. Today we celebrate Jesus Resurrection. Because he lived, we can live also. His death on the cross prove to us his agape love. Accept him today and share that same love. Happy Resurrection Sunday!

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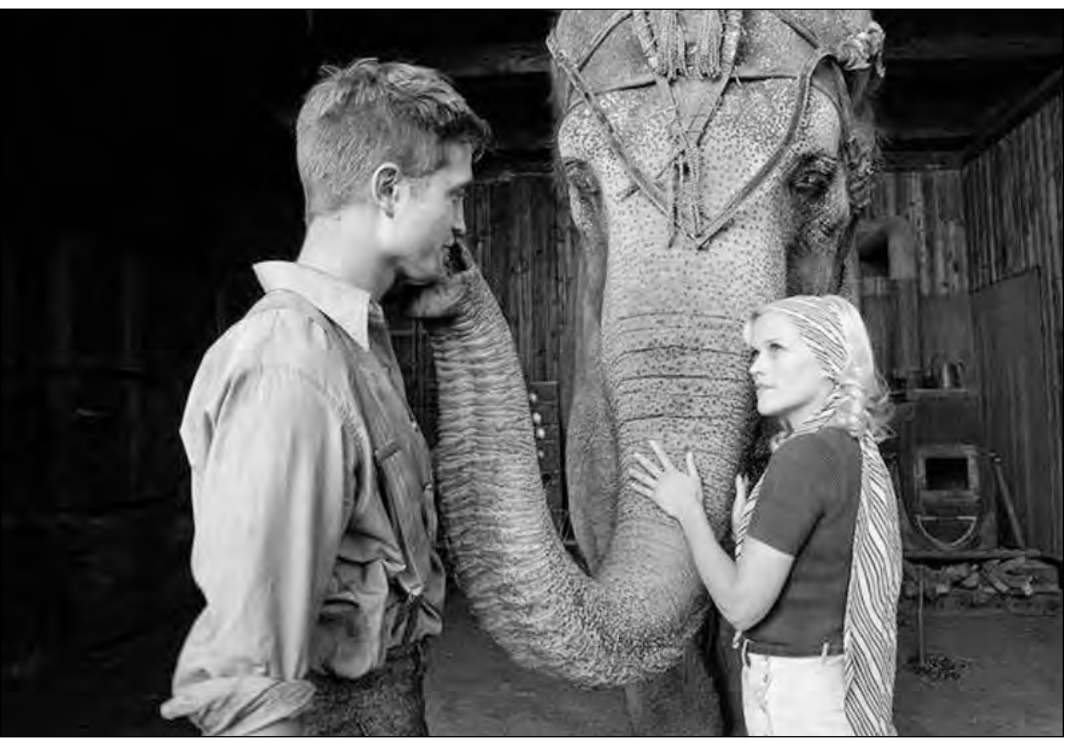

20th Century Fox

Robert Pattinson stars as Jacob Jankowski and Reese Witherspoon stars as Marlena Rosenbluth in 'Water for Elephants.'

'Water for Elephants' plods along

The Associated Press

There are times you should just keep on ignoring the elephant in the room, and this is one.

Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson's adaptation of Sara Gruen's best-selling novel about romance and intrigue in a Depression-era circus plods along at a pachyderm's pace.

Witherspoon and Pattinson are a three-ring snooze-fest together, bringing little passion to a love story supposedly so fiery, it blows the roof off the big top.

Pattinson's a destitute ex-veterinary student who falls in with circus folks, where he and the show's star (Witherspoon) fall in love while making friends with an elephant.

The movie's star attraction is Christoph Waltz, who won an Academy Award as a gleefully psychotic Nazi in "Inglourious Basterds" and here delivers another wicked performance as Witherspoon's hubby, the cruel, jealous circus ringleader.

Waltz commands every moment that he's on screen, highlighting how dull fellow Oscar-winner Witherspoon and "Twilight" heartthrob Pattinson are. Director Francis Lawrence ("Constantine," "I Am Legend") throttles down from action flicks and sputters through this treacly love triangle (or love quadrangle, if you throw in the elephant).

Rated PG-13 for moments of intense violence and sexual content. 121 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP Movie Writer

African Cats

The first two documentaries from Disney's Disneynature label — 2009's "Earth" and last year's "Oceans" — were a stunning combination of vast, sprawling images and intimate, detailed moments.

They provided high tension but also tugged at your heart and offered some laughs in between. This latest film in the series, which is opening on Earth Day like its predecessors, has all the impressive visuals but far less story.

Shot over more than two years in the Masai Mara National Reserve in Kenya by directors Keith Scholey and Alastair Fothergill, the film bills itself as a real-life version of "The Lion King." No one bursts into song here but Samuel L. Jackson, as the narrator, does talk. A lot. And that's the movie's major weakness.

The images — and the animals' dramatic interactions — should speak for themselves. Jackson's narration is constant and overwhelming. It spells out instincts that should be obvious and assigns human characteristics in a way that's obnoxious. The film follows two families living on either side of a river.

One is a pride of lions ruled by the fearsome Fang. On the other side of the river from the lions is a cheetah — named Sita — with her five impossibly adorable and cuddly newborn cubs.

Rated G. 89 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Meek's Cutoff

The journey is always the destination in road-trip movies.

Director Kelly Reichardt takes that idea to an intriguing extreme: Her characters may not even wind up anywhere, but because of her naturalistic approach and deliberate pacing, we're surprised to find we've experienced more than we could have imagined.

This is true of her last two features, "Old Joy" and "Wendy and Lucy," but especially of her latest and most powerful film yet, this stripped-down Western. Reichardt trusts her audience, encourages her viewers to feel comfortable in the stillness and the quiet, and to draw their own conclusions from an ending that's as profound as it is enigmatic.

Working with her frequent collaborator, writer Jon Raymond, Reichardt follows three families who are following a guide along the Oregon Trail in 1845. Mr. Meek, played by a charismatic and unrecognizable Bruce Greenwood, talks a big game. But it becomes increasingly clear that they're lost and the families become increasingly frustrated.

The tension quietly percolates, and "Wendy and Lucy" star Michelle Williams, as one of the wives, Emily Tetherow, is the least capable of hiding her annoyance.

The excellent cast includes Paul Dano, Zoe Kazan and Will Patton.

Rated PG for some mild violent content, brief language and smoking. 104 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Crossword Solution

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Columbus Hall, 900 U.S. 27 N., Sebring. For details, call 385-0987.

■ **Lake Placid Art League** has classes in Parchment Embossing from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd., taught by Maria Lorant. For information, call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lake Placid Elks 2661** opens its lounge at 1 p.m. at the lodge. Happy hour is from 2-5 p.m. Card games at 1:30 p.m. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Grief Support (Hope Hospice)** meets at 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Southern Lifestyle, 1297 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, with Charlie Stroup. Refreshments served. Door prize given. Call 465-0568.

■ **Lake Placid Jaycees** meets 7:30 p.m., Jaxson's. Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Call Joe Collins, 655-5545, for details.

■ **Lake Placid Lions Club** meets at 7 p.m. (6 p.m. for dinner) the second Tuesday each month at Herons Garden, 501 US 27 North, Lake Placid. Call Jeanne at 699-0743.

■ **Lake Placid Women of the Moose** has a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday at the lodge.

■ **Lorida Community Club** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Lorida Community Center to plan events.

■ **Masonic Lodge** meets 8 p.m., 106 N. Main St., Lake Placid.

■ **Nar-Anon Support Group** for family members or friends of someone with a drug problem or addiction. Nar-Anon helps attain serenity and a more normal life for those affected by the addictions of loved ones, regardless of whether or not he/she has stopped using. 6 p.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist Chuch of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 9-10 a.m. every Tuesday at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidgeIntergroup.com. For details, call 382-7731. Visit www.oa.org for more information on OA.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** offers a full range of volunteer opportunities for people age 55 and over. RSVP meets on the fourth Tuesday each month, 10 a.m., at the Highlands Little Theatre. Please join us for coffee and to learn more about current volunteer opportunities in Highlands County. Any interested and enrolled volunteers are invited to attend. For more information call Kris Schmidt, coordinator, RSVP, at 784-7189.

■ **Rotary Club of Sebring (Noon)** meets at noon at the Sebring Civic Center, near the library in downtown Sebring. For information, call 385-3829 or 471-9900.

■ **Sebring Bridge Club** will have Duplicate Bridge games every Tuesday evening. If interested in playing Duplicate Bridge, call 385-8118.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** plays darts, beginning with sign in at 6 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary. Cost is $2. For more details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves soft shell tacos 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages from 1 p.m. to closing. Euchre is played at 6:30 p.m. For details, call 655-3920.

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

■ **Sertoma Club** meets at 7 a.m. at Dee's Restaurant, Sebring. For details, call Scott Albritton at 402-1819.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 99** meets from 6-7 p.m. at the Atonement Lutheran Church, 1744 Lakeview Drive, Sebring.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter FL 618** has weigh in from 4-430 p.m. at Community Bible Church, 1400 CR-17A N., Avon Park. Meeting is at 4:45 p.m. For details, call 452-1093.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880,** plays darts 6:30 p.m., 1224 County Road 621 E., Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** has sandwiches at 5 p.m. and Franke from 6-9 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call 385-8902.

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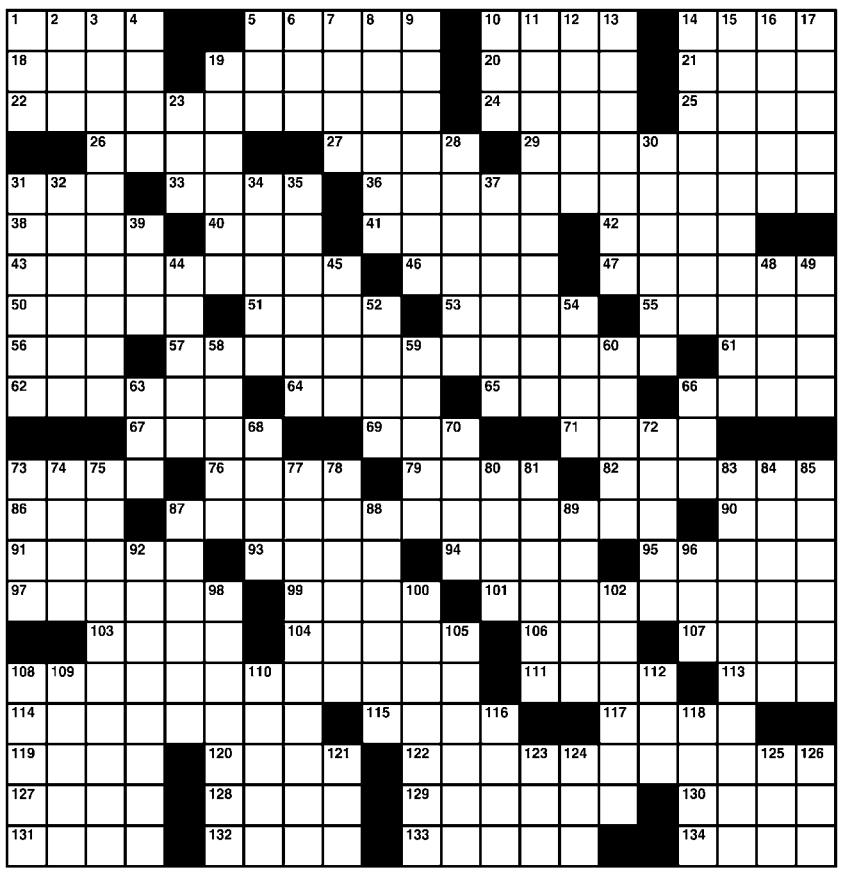

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Your mindset will be intense this week, Libra

Horoscope

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) – Romance may be on your mind, Aries. That's because you met a wonderful person and are interested in seeing where this new relationship will go.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – Taurus, you may feel artistically inspired this week, which could play out in projects anywhere from painting pottery to making home improvements.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Gemini, the wedding of a friend could inspire thoughts of a romantic nature. Maybe you're thinking of taking a relationship to a new level or beginning a new one.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Cancer, you aspire to learn a new skill or take on a new project. Definitely forge ahead because it will mean meeting new people and learning other interesting things.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – Love, romance and marriage are on your mind, Leo. If you're involved, it could be time to strengthen the relationship. Those unattached could find a special someone.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – Virgo, expect an unexpected visitor in the coming days. This could mean a complete overhaul of your schedule and living space. It's time to get to work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Your mindset will be intense this week, Libra. Friends and family will find it very difficult to sway your opinion and change your mind.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Scorpio, be prepared for a busy week that gives your bank account a boost. You may begin a new work assignment that requires a lot of creative energy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – This week you're more interested in the ways to promote personal health, Sagittarius. Your research could extend into holistic arts, exploring natural ways to boost health.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Capricorn, stay out of bookstores because you could spend a fortune trying to satiate your need to absorb information this week. If you must, visit the library.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – Aquarius, an encounter with someone new puts you on a new course of action for which you cannot gain enough information fast enough.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Thoughts of a career change are prominent this week, Pisces. It may be a good time to finally act on these ideas.

Famous birthdays

April 24 - Kelly Clarkson, singer, 29; April 25 - Jason Lee, actor, 41; April 26 - Michael Damian, actor, 49; April 27 - Patrick Stump, singer, 27; April 28 - Jay Leno, comic, 61; April 29 - Jerry Seinfeld, comic, 57; April 30 - Kirsten Dunst, actress, 29.

Young man with few friends seems not to want any more

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I am a nice, charming, likable young man in my mid-20s. I have almost no friends. I rarely see the ones I do have because they don't live in my province. I can count the number of people I consider friends on one hand. I am close with my family, though none of them live close enough to see regularly. I work from home, so there's no one I come in contact with daily except my husband, whom I love dearly.

I know there are things I could do to meet more people and make friends, but I don't really want to. Maintaining friendships feels like more work than it's worth to me.

I'm not bitter or lonely, but I don't think this is normal. Should I accept that this is who I am, or should I worry?

— *Loner in Toronto*

Dear Loner: Excuse me, but there are contradictions in your letter. If you weren't concerned that there was something to worry about, you wouldn't have written to me. Now it's time for you to talk to a counselor and take a deeper look at what's really going on. My intuition tells me there may be issues you need to address.

Dear Abby: I have been dealing with an anxiety disorder I thought I had beaten. I hadn't had an attack in years, until I found myself having one recently at the gym. I ran to the dressing room in tears to battle it out, and was practicing breathing deeply when I spotted something shiny in the far corner of the room. I immediately flashed on the "pennies from heaven" letters I have read in your column and, still crying, went to see what it was. As soon as I saw it was a penny, I felt calmer.

Abby, I haven't lost anyone close who might have sent me a penny, but when I picked it up it had the year of my birth on it. I understood then it was intended for me, and my anxiety dissipated.

I'm confused, though. Is this something our guardian angels share amongst themselves, or did an unknown angel take pity on me?

— *Jennifer in Ontario, Canada*

Dear Jennifer: The subject of guardian angels is a spiritual one — and very personal.

I believe that some of us have guardian angels right here on Earth watching over us as well as those from above.

And if one of them had a spare moment, it wouldn't be atypical to help out someone in a (penny) pinch.

To my Christian friends: Happy Easter, everyone!

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Justice, mercy and grace met in triumph

Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Nothing was right about that day. Anger, hatred, mockery, contempt and abuse reigned.

Many in the crowds who cheered Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem days before now blasphemed him.

"Crucify Him, crucify Him!" spewed from their lips and screeched from their throats.

And so, it was. They crucified the King of Glory.

What a sad statement on humanity. What injustice to One who had touched their sick and healed them; who had fed them physically and spiritually; who had taught them to love God and one another. How could this be?

We can point fingers based on the history of that day: the Jews, the Romans, Pilate, Herod, the soldiers, Judas the betrayer, and so forth. But watch for the fingers pointing back and see the real answer.

Those in the biblical, historical account had their roles. However, the Bible teaches us that Jesus laid down his life willingly. Why? So the hysterical crowds could have their way?

No. He laid down his life in exchange for ours…individually. It was the sin of every human being past, present and future that nailed him to the cross. The sin of rebellion against God that began in the garden came full circle on the cross of Christ because he wanted to reconcile us to God.

Love for sinners held him to the cross when sinners didn't deserve his love. But, in his holiness, their sin demanded justice that could only be paid by a perfect sacrifice.

The words spoken to Jesus by one of the two thieves crucified at the same time hints at the incredible exchange that took place there. The one thief blasphemed Jesus demanding he save himself and them. But, the other one replied in Luke 23: 40, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

He asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom. And Jesus replies, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (vs. 43)

That day, justice for sin came face to face with mercy and grace.

Three days later, the triumph was complete when Jesus conquered death and arose from the dead. In this victory lies our eternal hope in Christ when we place our faith in him and his finished work on the cross.

He took my place and yours. Justice, mercy and grace met in triumph! Selah

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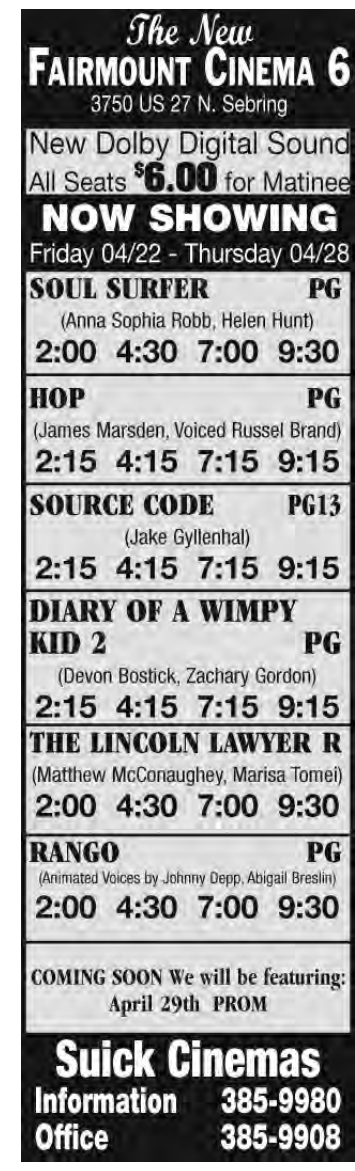

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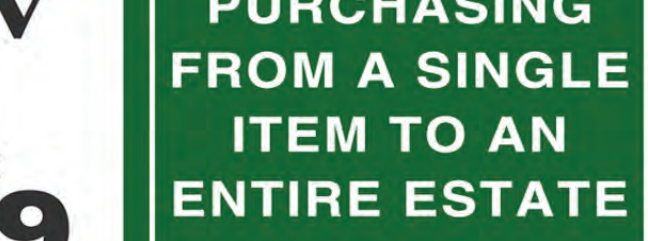

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