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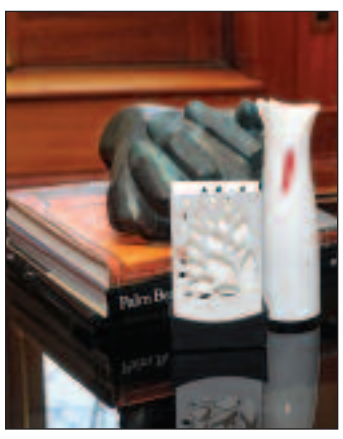

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Raising academic requirements will be costly

Unfunded mandate could be 'financial burden'

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Florida's legislature passed three new statutes (1008.22; 1003.428; and 1003.429) in 2010 designed to add rigor to the state's public school system. Those statutes are coming into effect.

While no one argues increased and tougher requirements are needed, funding is a concern, because the new rigor will be expensive and the state is not providing any new funding to offset those costs.

Dr. Ruth Heckman, director of secondary education, said, "It could be a financial burden on our district, which is already financially strained, because we have to provide remediation."

For example, she said two- or three-week remedial courses — for those who have failed a test, or need help in preparing — will

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'Justice is all we want'

'This is not a black and white thing. It could have been a white child who was shot and it still would have been wrong.'

DAVID ALLEN SR.

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Close to 200 gather to pray and to show support for the Trayvon Martin family on Friday in Avon Park.

Rally for Trayvon draws 200 in Avon Park

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK – Close to 200 people gathered in Donaldson Park on a balmy Friday night to show their support the family of Trayvon Martin and to ask for justice.

Martin, a 17-year-old high school student, was found dead after being shot by self-proclaimed neighborhood watch captain George Zimmerman on Feb. 26 in Sanford.

Although under investigation, Zimmerman has yet to be charged in the shooting.

In Avon Park, hugs abounded with nervous laughter and sympathetic pats on the back in greeting as the crowd gathered around 6 p.m. and waited for a missing cable needed for the sound system.

Some passed out packages of Skittles others wore hoodies to show their solidarity for those seeking to show support for the Martin family. Martin was carrying Skittles and a bottle of tea and wearing a hoodie when he was shot.

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

Wearing a hoodie to show support, a small boy stands with his family at the rally for Trayvon Martin on Friday in Donaldson Park.

Fitness event may get special permit

By ED BALDRIDGE
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SEBRING — The board of county commissioners will consider a temporary use permit on Tuesday for Swamp Hammock which would allow property owners to have an eXtreme Fitness Challenge later this month.

"We don't see a problem with this right now," said Jeff Kennedy, co-organizer and land manager for the property at 1200 Marguerite Rd.

Plans to hold mud bogging and other large events on the property ran afoul of county staff and code when it was discovered that the county had no regulation for commercial events on agricultural property.

"We are trying to comply with what the county is asking for, and some folks who want to participate are taking a wait-and-see attitude. We are having this event even if we have to go against county code," Kennedy said Friday.

"I don't believe we have a lot of contention with what the county is proposing at this time. I am working now with staff to try and get everything lined up to go after the meeting on Tuesday. We will just have to wait and see what the commissioners decide.

"We've already met with the health department and the county engineer. We met just this morning with Mark Hill and Linda Conrad in planning and zoning to go over the

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Getting a leg to stand on

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — For almost every amputee, getting a new prosthesis is a somewhat normal occurrence.

But not for Walter Saunders.

Saunders has been a part of the homeless population in Highlands County for the past several years. He spends most of his days near the South Sebring Publix Plaza.

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News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Walter Saunders (left), 52, visits with Prosthetist, Chuck Rathmanner, at Hanger Prosthetics Friday afternoon. Rathmanner fitted and donated a new prosthetic to Saunders after discovering he hadn't had a new one in several years.

Avon Park looking for RPAC representative

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Maria Sutherland, director of administrative services, announced at the last regular city council meeting that Coach Clay Gooch has resigned from both the city and the county's Recreation and Parks Advisory Committees.

This creates an opportunity for Avon Park citizens to step up and volunteer their services.

The only qualification, Sutherland said, is an enthusiasm for recreation. "County RPAC members recommend funding for large projects," she said. "It is an excellent opportunity to make a difference."

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Community Briefs

Caladium sale helps young leukemia patient

LAKE PLACID – The purchase of a box of caladiums will help Sydnee Crow, an eighth-grader at Lake Placid Middle School who is battling leukemia.

A box of red, white, pink or mixed variety caladium bulbs, approximately 200 in a box, can be purchased for $50. All proceeds from the sale of these boxes will go to Sydnee's family to assist with travel and medical expenses.

Bulbs can be picked up from 4-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Heartland Caladiums, 271 Holmes Ave. Delivery is available by calling 441-0974.

RPAC sub-committee meets Thursday

SEBRING – There will be an RPAC (Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee) sub committee meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Sports Complex, Concession Building at 216 Sheriff's Tower Road.

Chamber, HRMC provide customer service seminar

LAKE PLACID — Do you wish that your staff possessed better customer service skills? Do you want to get free training for to attract and retain more customers?

Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce and Highlands Regional Medical Center are teaming up to put on a Customer Service Seminar from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at the chamber office, 18 N. Oak Ave. Steve Nyhan, HRMC marketing director, is the instructor.

This workshop is limited to the first 20 chamber members who apply.

Email reservations to chamber@lpfla.com no later than Wednesday.

Sebring OES serves Easter Brunch

SEBRING — Sebring Order of the Eastern Star will host an Easter Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Masonic Lodge, 1809 Home Ave. The cost is $7 each. Menu consists of egg casserole, parsley buttered potatoes, sausage cheese rolls, muffins, yogurt dessert, orange juice and coffee. Tickets are available at the door.

Scribblers and Scribes meet Wednesday

SEBRING — The Florida Writer's Association group, Sebring Scribblers and Scribes, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Beef O'Brady's. Come earlier for dinner.

Local author Millie Richmond will give ideas for self-editing manuscripts.

The public is invited and membership in FWA or Scribblers is not required. For information, call Barbara Beswick at 402-9181.

A look at historic Harder Hall

Centennial Notebook

News-Sun file

Contruction of Harder Hall began in 1925.

Harder Hall was named for its developers, Lewis F. Harder and Vincent Hall, both of West Palm Beach. Prior to the Wall Street crash of 1929, Florida experienced a boom in real estate and tourism. It was during this period that many Spanish style hotels, such as Harder Hall, were built.

Construction of the hotel began in 1925, and the firm responsible for the construction of the building, Schultze and Weaver, were also responsible for the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. In January 1928, the classic Spanish-style hotel and golf resort opened on the shore of Little Lake Jackson.

Harder Hall was built in Sebring because the city was a stop on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. In 1953, Victor and David Jacobson and partners Larry Tennenbaum and Sam Levy bought it. In 1954, Victor commissioned golf course architect Dick Wilson to transform the golf course into a championship layout.

Among the major tournaments held at Harder Hall Hotel was the Haig & Haig Scotch Foursome, a PGA Tour/LPGA Tour event. Other famous guests of the hotel were Paul Newman, Steve McQueen, Ali McGraw and Mario Andretti. With head pro Ben Roman, Victor started the first golf school in the world. Victor operated this hotel until 1982, when he sold it to a group of investors who went bankrupt, unable to convert their plan into the structure for timeshares.

The building has been unoccupied ever since.

Several times, different groups tried their luck on the renovation project but did not succeed. The building escaped demolition several times before being put on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2004, the building was acquired by another investor from Florida, who in 2005 and 2006 gave an ambitious attempt of restoration. This one witnessed more work than all the other attempts combined, but ran out of funds in 2006. Harder Hall was purchased by the City of Sebring in 2007. Currently, the half-finished project is awaiting new owners to finally finish the restoration.

The 12.63-acre Historic Harder Hall, is currently zoned MUQD (Mixed Use Quality Development). However, the city would consider proposals to modify the density and heights limitations. This is a beautiful piece of property strategically located between two lakes. The city will consider all offers and there are historic preservation tax incentives available. For more information about how you can own this beautiful historic property, call the city hall at 863-471-5100.

A reminder to stop by the Sebring Historical Society or the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce and get your coffee table book "The One-Hundred Years of Sebring" and your hat, T-shirt, lapel pin, grocery tote bag, cup or bumper sticker, all sporting the official Centennial logo.

Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend, at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial, Go to the website, www.Sebring100.com, call 655-5554 or email events@sebring100.com to get involved.

Thanks to the News-Sun for the opportunity to keep everyone informed on Sebring's Centennial Celebration.

Reference this article every Sunday and you won't miss a thing!

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

Relay for Life benefit events on tap

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – The American Cancer Society Relay for Life teams in Avon Park have been working hard this past year to make this year's event more successful than in recent years and they are well on their way with more money raised thus far than in recent history. Several fundraisers have been scheduled to continue helping those teams meet their goals.

- A car wash is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Eye Express in Sebring, at the corner of U.S. 27 and Sebring Parkway. This event will benefit the CenturyLink team.

— Team Sevigny & Johnson will have a parking lot chicken barbecue dinner at Sevigny & Johnson EyeCare Center, 210 US 27 North on Saturday, April 7. Tickets are $7 (advanced purchase is recommended), and includes barbecued chicken leg quarter, beans, cole slaw and a roll. Call 453-3850 for more information.

— The SunTrust team will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14 at Bobby Lee

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Banquet to benefit IB program

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — This school year marks a major milestone for the school district's International Baccalaureate program — the first class of 15 seniors will be graduating and going on to college.

And the program is growing: 44 eighth grade students have already been accepted as IB freshmen for the school year 2012-2013.

By the time they graduate, students have successfully completed two years of college-level courses and four or five years of Spanish classes, meaning they are proficient in a second language.

A banquet fundraiser for the program is being held Thursday, April 12, at the Chateau Elan.

"Most of the funds go to pay the IB annual registration fees, student testing, and teacher training," Dr. Heckman, director of secondary education, said. She added that music is being added to the program in the next school year and funding, which comes from contributions, will be needed to get that in place.

Diane Juve, a parent who has been instrumental in bringing advanced placement classes and the IB program to Highlands County, said the community had already raised the initial start-up costs, including $160,000 so IB teachers were able to go to the mandated out-of-state training sessions without the burden of paying for travel and lodging expenses.

The fundraiser is as much about meeting students and leaning about IB as it is money.

Juve said students will give presentations on aspects of the program and present a video written and filmed by students.

Middle schoolers who come will have the opportunity to join a discussion with IB students so they can learn about the program from those most involved in it.

There will be a keynote speaker, Ilona Vega, who is the director of International Business Development for Enterprise Florida. She will speak to the issues of quality education, and the economic benefits of IB.

For instance, the state is looking to attract foreign investment. Because IB credits can be transferred internationally, having a program is a major attraction.

Juve and Heckman are proud Highlands County — rural, smaller, and less affluent than many counties — has been so dedicated and provided so much support. The city of Miami Beach, for example, invested $500,000 to create IB programs for its schools. Here everything has been done with private donations.

Juve said the results of the AP and IB programs already show. This year for the first time, three Highlands students will be going to the state level science fair.

"They were prepped," Juve said.

"They were ready to go, because they had the skills, the drive and the ability to deal with frustration."

Tickets for the banquet are $100 apiece. An RSVP is needed by April 5 for planning purposes. Call Juve at 449-2834, or school board member Andy Tuck at 443-4812 to buy tickets or for more information.

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March 27	5	12	13	22	31

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Editorial & Opinion

Another Viewpoint

'Drill, baby, drill' isn't the answer

When people who are concerned about Florida's Emerald Coast's economic future are told that "Drill, baby, drill!" is the answer to our problems, they have good reason to be skeptical. Actually, three good reasons.

The first is that drilling, baby, drilling off Louisiana led to the catastrophic BP oil well blowout that spewed millions of gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico, soiled beaches and strangled tourism for most of 2010. Drilling is a dirty business.

The second reason is that drilling in the Gulf yields little to no economic benefit for Northwest Florida.

Onshore production facilities are in other states. Oil companies prefer to hire experienced workers, most of whom live elsewhere.

But that doesn't matter, politicians say. Drilling lowers gasoline prices, and that's good for everybody.

Cue the third reason for skepticism. An analysis by The Associated Press of 36 years' worth of gas prices and U.S. oil production shows that drilling has "no statistical correlation" with prices at the pump.

This is important. The AP study determined that when drilling is scaled back, prices sometimes drop.

And, it said, "sometimes prices increase as American drilling ramps up. That's what has happened in the past three years. Since February 2009, U.S. oil production has increased 15 percent when seasonally adjusted.

"Prices in those three years went from $2.07 per gallon to $3.58. It was a case of drilling more and paying much more."

AP noted that "U.S. oil production is back to the same level it was in March 2003, when gas cost $2.10 per gallon when adjusted for inflation. But that's not what prices are now. That's because oil is a global commodity and U.S. production has only a tiny influence on supply."

True. Gas prices hinge more on Middle East instability and worldwide supply and demand. "More oil production in the United States," AP concluded, "does not mean consistently lower prices at the pump."

So when someone tells you we should risk our beaches because expanded drilling in the Gulf of Mexico will lower the price of gas, don't fall for it. It just isn't so.

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Let political ads go the way of cigarette commercials

Guest Column
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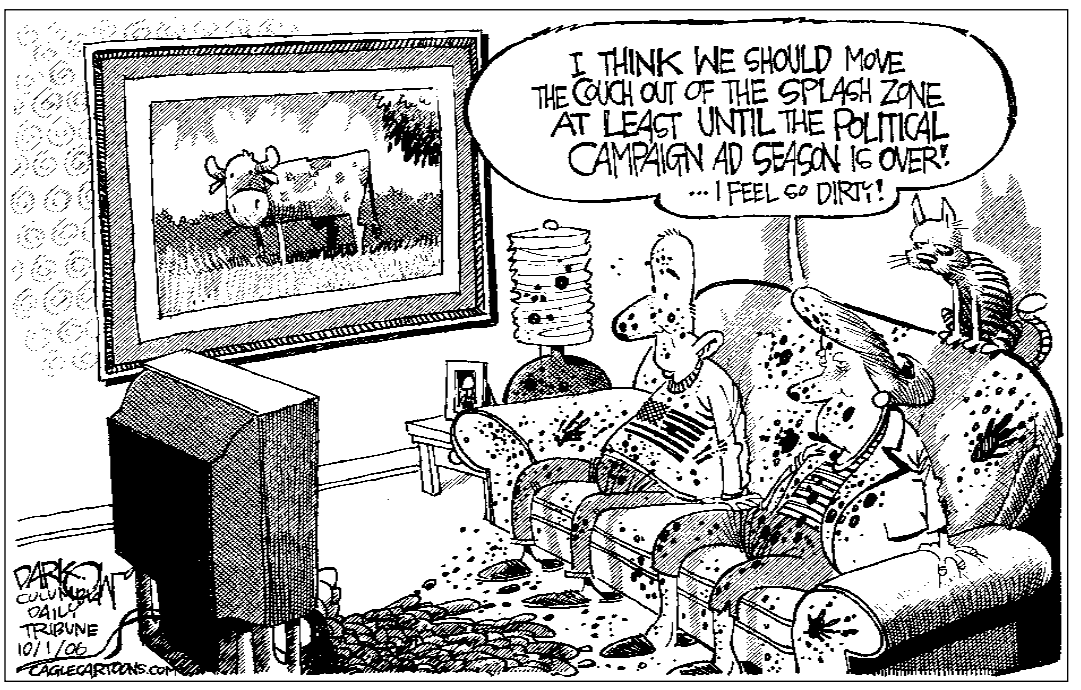
When asked to report on the onslaught of political ads on television words like "flood," "deluge," and "torrent," will suddenly pepper copy. A report from the Borrell Associates estimates $9.8 billion will be spent on political advertising this season. Nearly 60 percent of that will be on television. Phrases like "secret money" and "shadow funders" also pop up. Conservatives, traditionally, call for transparency when it comes to money in politics. Liberals will call for limits. Right now we have neither. And nowhere is that more apparent than on your TV.



Ask anyone in even a slightly purple state or in an even slightly contested district: Political ads are a plague come election time. And what exactly are we getting for our (estimated) $42 per potential voter? Not much.

Ads are not transparent, not fact checked and in many cases not accountable. Voters get to feel like Alex DeLarge in "A Clockwork Orange" during his aversion therapy (eye drops, anyone?) without knowing who's footing the bill.

A way to combat this Stanley Kubrick-esque torment is just ban all political advertisements on television.

"That's an assault on free speech."

First off television is not an unregulated utopia of free speech — that's the Internet (for now, anyway). Television, like it or not, doesn't allow everything to be broadcast. There are standards on television. Our mores may have changed over time but generally we're still okay with decency standards for television. Speaking is speech. Broadcast is regulated.

And it's worth noting, 99 percent of Americans have televisions in their homes. It's still the broadest, most viewed medium we have. Which is why candidates and advocates for candidates invest billions into blanketing it.

We don't allow tobacco companies, for example, to advertise on television. Why? Because their products are poisonous and harmful to our citizenry. The same could be said for Swift Boating, Demon Sheeping and whatever Herman Cain is doing.

These ads are supposed to sway public opinion. But these aren't actually opinions being targeted — they're emotions. Most Americans have less of an opinion when it comes to politics and more of a visceral reaction to issues. Which explains why your "political debate" over Thanksgiving dinner ended up with you being pummeled with green bean casserole.

And there's no better example of where to start hysteria than in 30-second fear and loathing campaign spots. Does this elevate political discourse? Civic engagement? Sound policy? Hardly. These ads are doing what tobacco does: producing a carcinogenic cloud.

"But you're trying to limit a candidate's ability to get their message out!" Look, if you can't get your message out after 23 Republican primary debates — you don't have a message. Candidates should be out on the stump, on television, at town halls and at debates. Absolutely. It's the anonymous sugar daddies bank rolling ads the candidates can easily divorce themselves from that I suggest discontinuing. It's like having all the benefits of a loyal Rottweiler and none of the legal liability once it mauls your adversary.

So just ban these spots. Let the hallowed ground of 20 minutes per hour of programming be for more wholesome things like erectile dysfunction treatments or reverse home mortgages. End candidate television advertising.

"If this happens what's to stop a ban on ALL political shows?" Ridiculous. We haven't had cigarette commercials for half a century and we still have smoking on TV. Banning a type of advertising that erodes our elections into secret televised slush funds won't stop political programming.

What it will do is something about this flood, this deluge, this torrent of commercials — the most in the history of interruptions — that's drowning our discourse.

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Time to get the facts

Laura's Look
Laura Ware

First of all, let me apologize for there not being a column last week. My father-in-law passed away after a long illness, and there was just no way I could come up with anything. Thanks to News-Sun publisher Romona Washington for her understanding and concern in this.

One other thing I didn't pay much attention to during that week was the news. So I missed the initial brouhaha surrounding the tragic killing of Trayvon Martin. Because the story is still very much in the news, it hasn't been too hard to catch up on things.

Unfortunately figuring out the facts in the case hasn't been so easy. So far the only thing everyone seems able to agree on is that George Zimmerman, a Sanford Neighborhood Watch volunteer, shot and killed Martin. Zimmerman is white Hispanic; Martin was black.

Any other "facts" appear to depend on whether you think Zimmerman is a racist who brutally murdered Martin in cold blood or that Martin was a thug wannabe who attacked Zimmerman and deserved what he got. If you think neither, both sides apparently hate you.

The rhetoric has gone screaming into hysteria. The New Black Panthers have put out a bounty on Zimmerman, who is in hiding as I write this. Film director Spike Lee tweeted what he thought was George Zimmerman's address, causing the people who really did live there to have to flee. Accusations and counter-accusations fly through the air like missiles, not caring who they hit or hurt.

It seems to me that every day some other snippet of information comes out. Tonight on one news show I saw footage of Zimmerman being led into the police station – somehow I thought the cops hadn't even done that. So far he hasn't been charged with anything, which screams "racist cover-up" to some.

Again, keep in mind I came to this relatively late in the game. I've spent some time reading Facebook comments and news stories. I've watched the news on television, hoping for some clarity instead of the murkiness that seems to persist in this case.

And I want to say to everyone, especially those on both sides who are ramping up the emotions in what has for better or worse become a national case, can we please get a grip here?

Rhetoric on either side isn't going to tell us what's happened that night. It's not going to undo what was at the very least a tragic killing of someone's child. What we need are facts – the sooner, the better.

Unfortunately the facts aren't coming very quickly or easily. They seem to trickle into the news stream, day by day. For all I know by the time the column comes out there will be more information that will make some of what I've written invalid.

Whatever we ultimately learn about that February night, nothing will change the fact that someone's son is dead. I feel deep sympathy for Martin's family. I can't imagine the pain of losing your child, and hope I never experience it.

For their sake we need to find out the truth of the matter. That means we need to let those responsible for discovering that truth do their jobs. We need to be seeking out facts, not slogans or stereotypes. Not something that fits in our particular political agenda. Those who are using this incident for their own purposes should be ashamed of themselves and go home.

Let's get the facts of the case and go from there. Both of those involved – George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin – deserve nothing less.

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New prosthetic leg a welcome gift for homeless man

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He has also been an amputee for 26 years, and hasn't been able to get a new prosthetic leg for a very long time.

Saunders had once had routine appointments for his prosthetic but after several years of little to no income Saunders was unable to continue.

That is where the Sebring office of Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics stepped in to help, giving Saunders a new leg.

"I've had this (prosthesis) for about six years," Saunders revealed during his fitting Friday afternoon.

According to Chuck Rathmanner, licensed prosthetist/orthotist at Hanger, that is well past the average length of time anyone should keep or wear a prosthetic.

"Adults normally get a new prosthetic every two to four years," said Rathmanner.

'It's the best thing anyone has ever done for me'

WALTER SAUNDERS
about the donation of a prosthetic leg

Rathmanner was surprised at how long Saunders managed to get around on his old prosthetic.

"When he came in here his old one was so beat up. There is a lock down in here that has a hole and it keeps it together. Well, his lock was broken. He had been wrapping it up here with an Ace bandage to keep it in place," said Rathmanner.

Saunders has been using his homemade method of wearing his prosthetic for the last year but was fitted with his new prosthetic just two weeks ago. He was called back in Friday to make sure that everything was working properly.

"It feels good," Saunders said to Rathmanner. "I dreaded putting the old one on every morning. This one is really good."

For Saunders, the idea of getting a new prosthetic over the past several years was simply out of the question.

He had no money, and more importantly, no insurance so he simply "fell through the cracks" as Rathmanner described it.

Saunders was initially a patient of Hanger in 2008. When Hanger employee Abigail Laisser recognized Saunders' photo in an article on the homeless that appeared on the front page of the *News-Sun* earlier this year, she pulled his file to check his last visit.

News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Walter Saunders puts on his new prosthetic Friday afternoon at Hanger Prosthetics. Saunders hasn't had a new prosthetic in over six years due to lack of insurance and his homeless situation.

"It's been a team effort," said Rathmanner. "We all wanted to help. Sometimes you have to literally pick people up and stand them back on their feet and that's what we are trying to do."

With the help of Rathmanner, Laisser and the rest of the team at Hanger, Saunders is able to walk much easier and has one less struggle to face everyday.

"It's the best thing anyone has ever done for me," Saunders said.

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Rally a peaceful call for justice

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Signs scattered throughout the crowd displayed slogans like "Protect our Children," "Justice, Justice, Justice," and "Trayvon, RIP."

Members of the crowd expressed their concern over the current investigation, now in the hands of a special prosecuting attorney.

"Justice," said Lois Jones before the rally started. "Justice is all we want."

"Our young men are becoming an endangered species, both black and white, in these times. Life is precious. Please, please share what you have with our young men and women. Share what you've heard today," Jones said when she was asked to speak after the rally got going.

"Justice, so he can rest in peace. So his family can have peace of mind," said a young Syden Rooks.

"I am here for justice," said 7-year-old Keshawn Neely in a quiet voice.

"I believe that in this situation, people have to stand for their rights. We have to have justice. I feel this could have been anyone's child. This is not right," said Imani Powell.

"I am here for justice in support of the family. It's a sad thing," said Lavara Moate.

Organizer Gerald Snell opened the rally by encouraging the crowd to sing "We Shall Overcome."

Snell made it clear that no one was seeking vengeance, but all were seeking justice.

"We are here tonight to support the family of Trayvon Martin and to show the Martin family that we care. We are not out to get anyone or make this a black thing. We are here tonight to say we wish nothing more than justice and that we are watching," Snell said.

"America stands for justice, and we are all Americans," said William Dickey as he led the opening prayer.

"This is not a racial issue, it's a rights issue," Dickey said before someone in the crowd began singing "We've Come This Far by Faith."

"We understand the history and we understand the tragedy as a people," said Elder David Allen Sr., who spoke briefly.

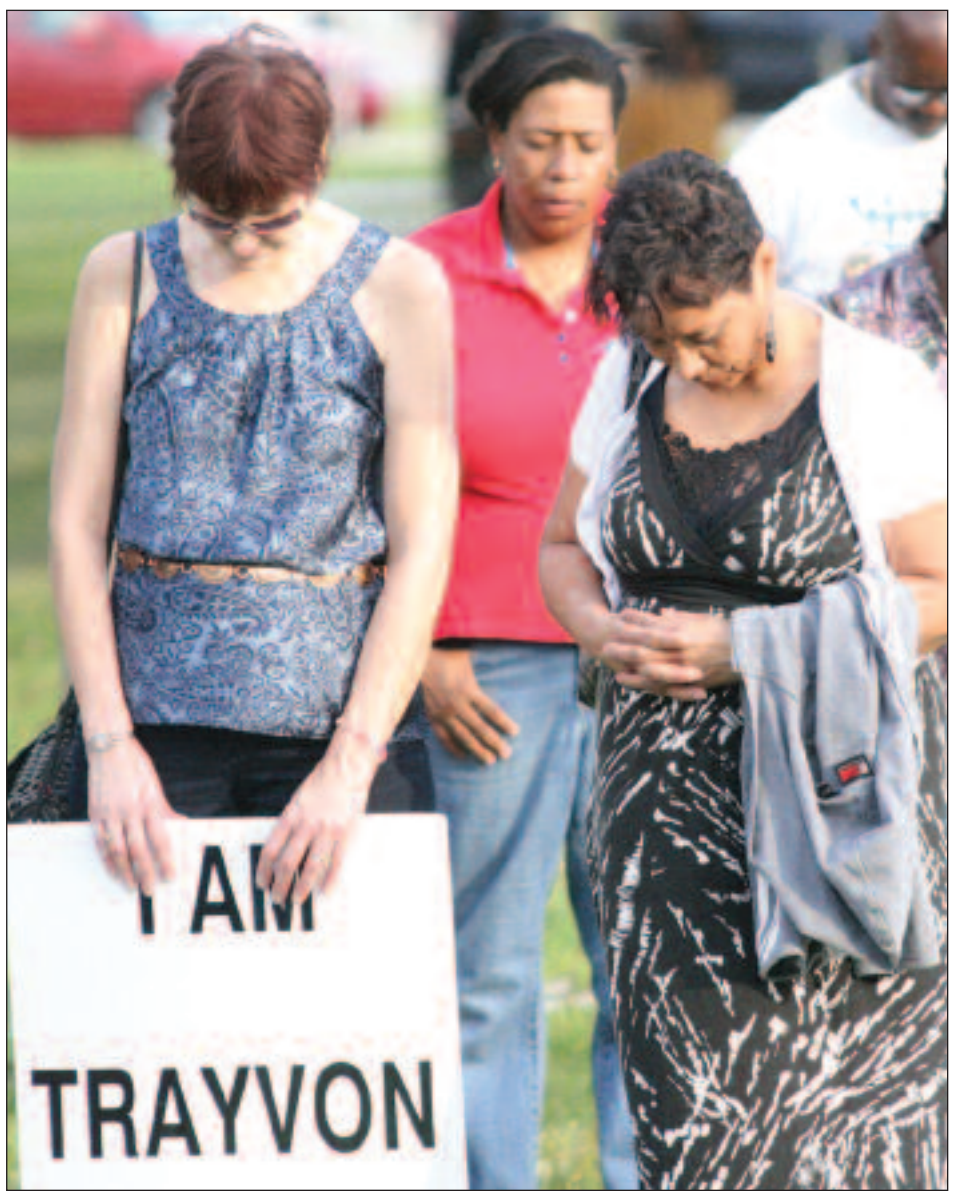
"We are here tonight be cause God intervened. We are not living in an environment where there are no consequences for actions. Be watchful, be prayerful. Hold up the family of Trayvon Martin in prayer. Hold up the justice system in prayer. Hold up the United States in prayer. Hold up Highlands County in prayer. This is not a black and white thing. It could have been a white child who was shot and it still would have been wrong. I implore you to have patience and forgiveness. Seek prayer and justice," Allen said.

Others from the crowd spoke, including the President of the Highlands County NAACP and former City Councilman Al Joe Hinson.

"It's an honor to be here. I am Trayvon. You are Trayvon. Justice is all that's asked," Hinson said. "Join us tomorrow as we leave for ground zero to join bus loads from all over Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Come with us to support the Martin family."

"It was a great encouragement to see this many gathered," Snell said after the rally.

"It's not about black, it's about doing what is right. We are not here seeking vengeance, we are here to watch and hope that the justice system does the right thing," Snell said.



News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

Attendees of the Rally for Trayvon Martin bow their heads during the opening prayer on Friday.

Old photos may be deceptive in shooting case

By MATT SEDENSKY
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — When he was shot, Trayvon Martin was not the baby-faced boy in the photo that has been on front pages across the country. And George Zimmerman wasn't the beefy-looking figure in the widely published mugshot.

Both photos are a few years old and no longer entirely accurate. Yet they may have helped shape initial public perceptions of the deadly shooting.

"When you have such a lopsided visual comparison, it just stands to reason that people would rush to judgment," said Kenny Irby, who teaches visual journalism at the Poynter Institute, a journalism think tank in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The most widely seen picture of Martin, released by his family, was evidently taken a few years ago and shows a smiling, round-cheeked youngster in a red T-shirt. But at his death, Martin was 17 years old, around 6 feet tall and, according to his family's attorney, about 140 pounds.

Zimmerman, 28, is best known from a 7-year-old booking photo of an apparently heavyset figure with an imposing stare, pierced ear and facial hair, the orange collar of his jail uniform visible. The picture, released by police following the deadly shooting, was taken after Zimmerman's 2005 arrest on an assault-on-an-officer charge that was eventually dropped.

In a police video made public this week of Zimmerman being brought in for questioning a half-hour after the shooting, the 5-foot-9 man appears much slimmer.

In a case that has caused a nationwide furor over race and the laws of self-defense, Martin was shot to death by Zimmerman in the city of Sanford on Feb. 26 as the unarmed black teenager was walking back from a convenience store.

Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer whose father is white and whose mother is Hispanic, has claimed self-defense, saying he opened fire after Martin punched him in the face, knocked him to the ground and began slamming his head on the sidewalk.

Black leaders and others are demanding Zimmerman's arrest on murder or manslaughter charges, but state and federal authorities are still investigating.

Betsi Grabe, a professor at Indiana University-Bloomington who has studied the effect of news images on public opinion, said photos that gain the most traction play into the desires of both journalists and the public for a story with a distinct victim and aggressor.

"At the center of most stories we tell in our society, cross-culturally and across the centuries, is the struggle between good and evil," she said. "If the ingredients are there, that is what journalists will grab onto and present."

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Obituaries

MARY ANN RICH

Mary Ann Rich passed away on March 28, 2012 in Beaumont, Texas at the age of 90.

She was born on Dec. 18, 1921 in Scalp Level, Pa. A former resident of Avon Park, Fla. and Windber, Pa, she moved to Beaumont in 1999 where she was a resident of the Atria Collier Park Senior Living Community. Mary Ann graduated for John Hay High School in Cleveland, Ohio in 1939. She spent most of her life in Windber, Pa. before retiring in Avon Park, Fla. She came to Beaumont after the death of her husband. She is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. Mary enjoyed her family, reading, playing bridge, and golf.

Rich

Survivors include her five loving children, Alexander Rich Jr. and his wife, the former Victoria Aminio of Tampa, Fla., Peter Rich and his wife, the former Gail Petrilla of Olathe, Kansas, Darlene Horn and her husband, David of North Canton, Ohio, David Rich and his wife, the former Susan Holden of Fort Worth, and Jim Rich and his wife, the former Kathy Blackford of Beaumont; 17 grandchildren, Christopher Rich of Leola, Pa., Gregory Rich of Maple Grove, Minn., Geoffrey Rich of Lebanon, Pa., Jaison Rich of Olathe, Kansas, Danielle Adams of Overland Park, Kansas, Jennifer Lange of Nederland, Texas, Alison Fischer of Coppell, Texas, Kelley Horn of Cleveland, Ohio, Kim Horn of Cleveland, Ohio, Nathaniel Rich of Santa Barbara, Calif., Joshua Rich of Chula Vista, Calif., Sarah Rich of Dallas, and Nicholas Rich, Andrew Rich, Rebecca Rich, Matthew Rich, and Patrick Rich, all of Fort Worth; 17 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Dorothy Chapman of Little River, S.C., Lillian Verna of Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., June Campane of Chesterland, Ohio, Ethel Kanas of Chardon, Ohio, Cecelia Heckler of Windber, Pa., and Shirley Schmidt of Las Vegas, Nev.; and brother, Tom Kanas of Houston.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Susan (Hadzima) Kanas; brothers, Albert and George Kanas; and her spouse, Alexander Rich, who died on Jan. 1, 1996.

A gathering of her family and friends will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2012 at Broussard's, 1605 N. Major Drive, Beaumont. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2012, at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, 6825 Gladys Ave., Beaumont. Cremation arrangements are being handled under the direction of Broussard's Crematorium.

Memorial contributions may be made to Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program, PMB 46, 148 Dowlen Road, Beaumont, Texas 77707.

Complete and updated information may be found at www.broussards1889.com.

Death notice

Harry R. Perry, 88, passed away in sebring on March 30, 2012. Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, is in charge of arrangements.

Agency: Greening detected in Calif.

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — A citrus disease that has killed millions of citrus trees and cost growers billions of dollars across Florida and Brazil has been detected in California, despite the industry's best efforts to keep it at bay.

After a week of testing the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed at noon Friday that citrus greening was detected in a lemon-grapefruit hybrid tree in a residential neighborhood of Los Angeles County. Sales and shipments of citrus trees within a 5-mile radius of the tree were due to be suspended Saturday.

The disease stands to threaten not only California's nearly $2 billion citrus industry, but treasured backyard trees scattered throughout the state.

"Huanlongbing is called the world's worst disease of citrus," said Dr. Robert Leavitt of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. "It had been present until now in all of the world's major citrus producing areas — except California."

The bacterial disease, also known as huanglongbing, is carried by the Asian citrus psyllid and attacks a tree's vascular system, producing bitter fruit and eventually killing the tree. Sap-sucking pysllids that feed on an infected tree become carriers of the disease.

It is not a threat to humans.

"It's disappointing," said Joel Nelson of California Citrus Mutual. "Now we'll see if this great program that we believe we have in place is going to work."

State officials were working on a larger quarantine that would extend into northern Orange County. The closest commercial grove is 14 miles away from the infected tree.

Detection of the disease has been state citrus growers' fear since the bug first crossed into San Diego County from Mexico in 2008, potentially threatening California's fresh citrus market. Despite 25 years of worldwide research, there still are no biological or genetic controls for the disease that keeps fruit from ripening.

Hairpin Spin donations handed out

Courtesy photo

The seventh annual Hairpin Spin raised $14,567 this year and had a record number of drivers and team owners make an appearance. After expenses, each charity received a check for $2,500. Over the past seven years, Hairpin Spin, its sponsors, volunteers and attendees have raised close to $100K for four charities in Highlands County. Lisa Celentano (from left), Hairpin Spin organizer and Hospitality and Project manager for Sebring International Raceway, presents checks for $2,500 each to Debbie Kendrick representing the Highlands Art League, Judy Spiegel representing the Highlands County Humane Society, Kevin Roberts representing Champion for Children and Jan Shoop representing the Sebring Hall of Fame.

Florida's jobless figures improve slightly

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott is getting a bit more good news on Florida's unemployment front, a development that may also be boosting President Barack Obama's chances for carrying the critical swing state in November.

The Department of Economic Opportunity said Friday that unemployment in Florida dipped to 9.4 percent in February — its lowest number in three years.

The report also noted that 10,100 new jobs were created. The state figure was 9.6 percent in January.

Florida has added roughly 64,300 jobs during Scott's first 14 months in office. Florida's first-term Republican governor campaigned on creating 700,000 new jobs in seven years and has made the issue his top priority since taking office.

At the present rate, Florida would create roughly 221,000 new jobs in Scott's first term.

"Our state is definitely headed in the right direction," Scott said Friday.

Scott's bullish optimism on bringing in thousands of new jobs would appear to be benefitting Obama's re-election bid in the Sunshine State where a recent poll showed the Democratic president broadening his lead over the Republican presidential hopefuls. Quinnipiac also showed U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson leading Rep. Connie Mack IV in his bid for a third term.

Obama topped former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney 49 percent to 42 percent.

LPHS aerospace students take to the air in Warbirds

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — On March 24, students from the LPHS Aerospace classes helped host an open house at Sebring Regional Airport. The students had a display of their Experimental Aircraft Association aircraft project and information on the EAA Young Eagles program.

EAA Heartland Chapter 1240 has a focus on Youth Aviation Education and host the EAA Young Eagles program where youth ages 8 to 17 can take a free ride in an aircraft with an EAA pilot. This weekend added another dynamic to the Young Eagles program.

A main attraction at the open house was the formation flight training of Word War II vintage aircraft. These "Warbirds" are privately owned and the pilots need to take training leading to an endorsement to be able to fly in formation as air shows. There were 30 T-6s and T28s flying all weekend in flights of two to four aircraft. The radial engines were loud and could be heard all around the county which drew a large crowd at the airport.

Four of the LPHS students — Rhoni Gavagni, Matt Barrett, Zach Flynn and Niel Matheis — were fortunate to be able to fly in a T-6 trainer. This was not just a joy ride, but the students attended the pilot briefing before and after the flight. They learned first-hand the precision and professionalism required to fly in a tight formation. The T-6 (Texan) was one of the key aircraft that World War II pilots transitioned to after their basic flight training. The T-6 is fully aerobatic and was the first aircraft that that pilots used to practice aerial combat maneuvers.

The LPHS students have studied aircraft development and the history of World War II aircraft, but Saturday's experience added another dynamic, sitting in the seat of a T-6 and pulling over two Gs as the planes flew through various formations. It was truly "hands-on" learning experience. The students would like to thank the EAA "Warbirds" group for their generous support of helping our Aerospace students see history come alive.

For more information on the Lake Placid High School Aerospace classes and the EAA 1240 Young Eagles program, contact John Rousch, aerospace instructor at LPHS, at rouschj@highlands/k12.fl.us or (863) 273-0522.

RPAC representative for AP sought

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Vicki Pontius, director of parks and recreation for the county, explained that the county's RPAC responsibility is to make recommendations on recreational issues with the goal of creating a balance of recreation programs and facilities countywide. It reports to the county commission.

The Avon Park RPAC does the same kind of work, but within city limits and for the city council, not the county commission.

RPAC is made up of two voting members from each municipality, a representative from The School Board of Highlands County, a representative form South Florida Community College and four at large members who represent the county commission.

In order to serve at the county level representing the city, an individual has to be on the AP board.

The county RPAC meets once a month, typically at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday. The meeting takes place in the board room of the Sports Complex Concession Building at Sheriff's Tower Road in Sebring.

Volunteers serve a four-year term.

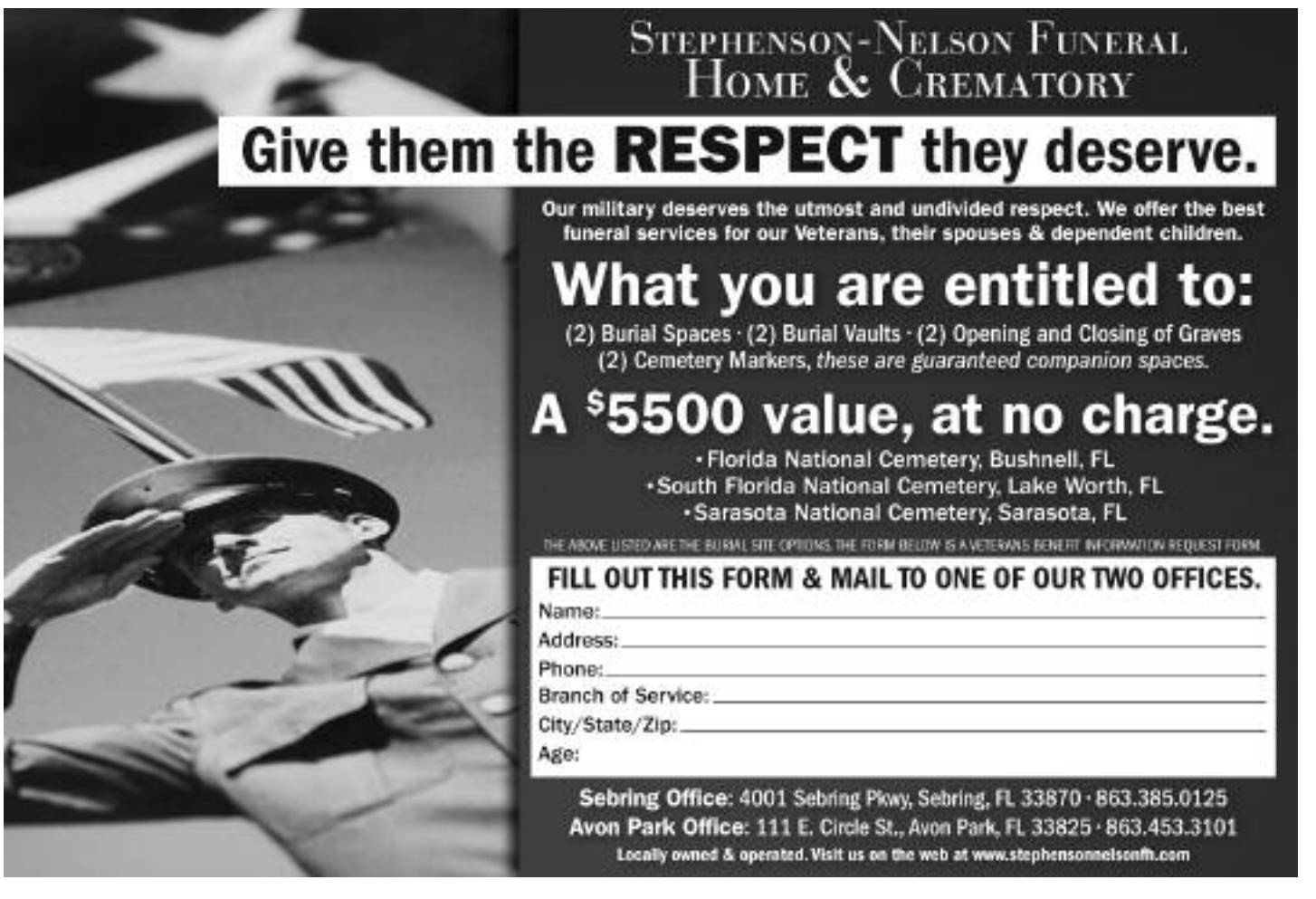
"We'd love to have a cross section of people in all types of recreation," Pontius said. She added that baseball is well represented, so she hoped people interested in golf, football, soccer or other sports would apply.

An application form to serve on the city RPAC is available on the city's website at http://avonpark.cc/ or can be obtained through the city clerk. Call 452-4403.

Other advisory boards also have openings.

The airport advisory committee needs one regular and two alternate members; the Main Street Community Redevelopment Agency advisory board needs two regular members and two alternates; the Southside CRA advisory board needs two alternatives; and the Police Pension Board has one position open.

For information about the Police Pension Board call Carol Knapp at 453-5258.



Swamp Hammock event on county commission agenda

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details. I think we are on the right track."

Kennedy's opinion of a possible "Special Events" ordinance in the works was that the county was trying to work within its own guidelines to make everything work.

"This will knock out some of the free stuff we were trying to do, but it may allow us to keep the commercial endeavors going," Kennedy said.

The proposed agenda item for the commissioners for Tuesday gives Kennedy 15 days to finish a site plan and get seven different county departments, including the sheriff's office, to sign off on the event.

Commissioner Don Elwell, who urged county staff to tear down roadblocks when it came to organizing commercial endeavors, stated that the temporary use permit was a good compromise for now.

"What this should do is allow them to use the property but still require them to work with the necessary agencies to protect the participants and the neighbors," said Elwell on Friday.

"Technically, this provision does not have to come before the board. This could be done at the discretion of the zoning supervisor, but this creates the stop-gap, or a bridge if you will, between now and the new ordinance that is in the process now to handle events like theirs. This shows that both sides of the discussion are willing to work this through," Elwell said.

'We are trying to comply with what the county is asking for, and some folks who want to participate are taking a wait-and-see attitude.'

JEFF KENNEDY
event organizer

Elwell thought that even with an April 18 deadline, Swamp Hammock could accomplish the extensive checklist from the county.

"They are already working with several departments and they have a lot of the ground work done," Elwell said.

Drafts of the proposed "Special Event" ordinance are now circulating through each county department before coming back to the board sometime in June.

Elwell wants county staff a chance to work out the bugs before a vote on the proposed ordinance.

"My biggest concern is that we don't want to get too restrictive," Elwell said.

The commission meets Tuesday at 9 a.m. at 603 S. Commerce Ave.

New standards will tax school budget

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have to be set up for July. That means hiring teachers to teach and do the testing, because most are off in July. Then there is the cost of transporting students to and from school.

The statutes were the result of growing concerns about the college and job readiness of Florida's high school graduates, especially after it was discovered in 2010 that a quarter of all American high school graduates could not pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Now the reforms are being put into place.

The state introduced a new tougher Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test in 2011, and is raising the bar for ranking students. This year, for example, a student will have to get more of the tougher questions correct in order to be rated as proficient.

Over the next few years the state is adding additional curriculum to the requirements.

To graduate 12th grade, students have always had to show they read on the 10th-grade level. As of this year they must also pass end-of-course examinations in algebra I, geometry and biology in order to graduate. End-of-course tests are standardized and created through the state Board of Education. An end-of-course test score will be 30 percent of each subject's overall grade.

This year's eighth-graders, who should graduate in 2016, will be adding algebra II to the list of algebra I, biology and geometry, although no standardized end-of-course test has been written for algebra II yet, so students take the course without the statewide measurement.

By 2017, the year current seventh-graders will be seniors, two new requirements will be added — passing either physics or chemistry and a second, equally rigorous, science from a state-approved list. Again no end-of-course tests have been created.

Another rise in expectations occurs in 2018. Middle school students will have to pass a civics course, and its standardized end-of-course test, in order to pass on to high school.

Depite the challenges, Heckman said the district is determined "to do what we need to do to prepare our students."

Mega Millions winners are rich, but not THAT rich

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Congratulations, Mega Millions winners! You've just won the biggest lottery in history! Move over Bill Gates and Warren Buffett!

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Even if you're looking to become the next great philanthropist, your good deeds can't complete — at least in terms of dollars and cents — with that Gates guy. His foundation has given away close to $26 billion since it was established in 1994.

So, you've got some catching up to do. Don't worry, you're starting from a good place.

In the hours before the dramatic Friday night drawing, the jackpot was estimated at $640 million. If you each take the lump-sum payout, the cartoon checks made out to you will be worth about $150 million. Uncle Sam gets his share, and your state might, too.

All told, you'll each have roughly 100 million reasons to call April 2, 2012, the best Monday morning of your life.

If you follow the advice of those who know money, you won't splurge on those big-ticket items that you can afford, such a top-of-the-line Gulfstream G650 jet ($64 million, excluding pilot, maintenance, hanger and fuel costs) and a place to fly it, your own private island (let's call that $25 million).

Had you won the whole pot, and invested the $300 million conservatively, Steve Fazzari, an economics professor at Washington University in St. Louis, said you could have expected to collect a nice "salary" of about $7 million "after taxes every year for the rest of your life and the rest of the life of your heirs."

Put another way, that's $19,000 a day. Forever. And even a one-third share of that is pretty sweet.

"If you put it in perspective, you're pretty rich," Fazzari said.

It's more than enough to join up with the 1 percent, which the Congressional Budget Office pegged as households with incomes that average more than about $350,000 a year.

But it's still not all THAT much, at least according those buzzkills at Forbes. Just 30 years ago, the total after-taxes take of $300 million would have been more than enough to land a single winner on the magazine's annual list of the 400 richest Americans.

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AP Relay for Life fundraisers planned

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Aluminum on Central Avenue.

— Team AnyTime Fitness Avon Park hosts a Spin-A-Thon from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, April 9. Anytime clients will "relay-ride" the stationary bikes for 12 hours. Sponsor a rider for mileage or for time, or donate on site. This new "12 Hours of Avon Park" ride can't be missed because it won't be going anywhere. AnyTime Fitness is at 906 U.S. 27 South· Call 784-0478 for details. Spinners are still needed, but volunteers must be a member to ride.

- Team Florida Hospital Home Care Services has an ongoing chance drawing for a huge gift basket of restaurant gift cards. Tickets are $10 each. The drawing will be held at the Relay event. Visit FHHCS office to purchase tickets at 4005 Sun 'N Lake Blvd. in Sebring. Call 385-1400 for details. The team is also selling cookbooks for $12. The cookbooks are available at its office and at the event.

Anyone can make a donation to help find a cure for cancer. Go online by visiting http://main.acsevents.org. Luminarias in honor or in memory of an individual may also be ordered through the website for the Avon Park, Sebring or Wauchula Relay events.

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NOTICE

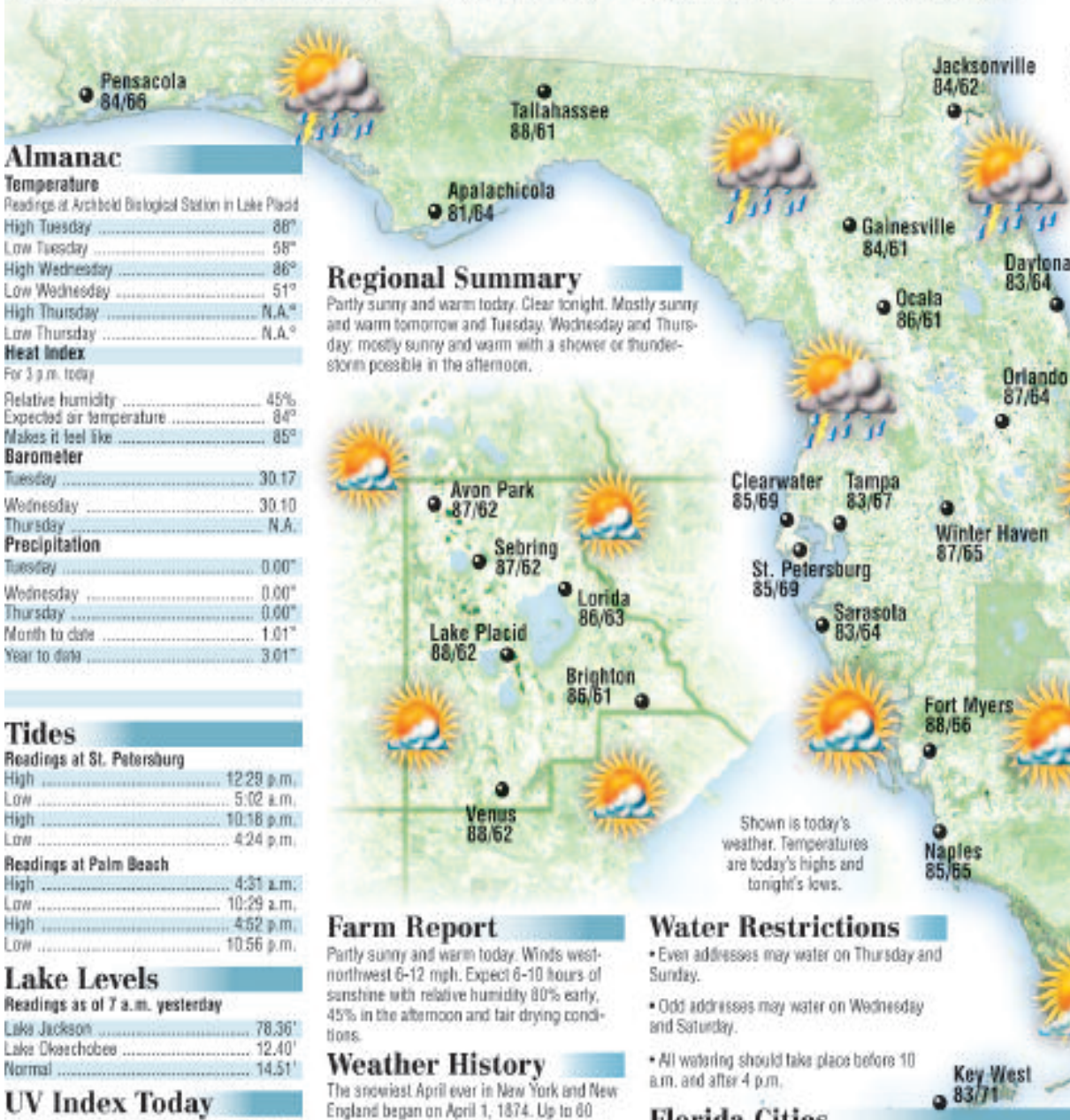
CITY OF SEBRING

Please be advised that starting on April 3, 2012 the Sebring City Council will now hold their regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. The meetings are held at City Hall, 368 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kathy Haley, CMC, City Clerk, City of Sebring at 471-5100.

Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and warm	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	An afternoon thunderstorm possible
87° / 62°	88° / 64°	89° / 65°	90° / 67°	89° / 68°
Winds: WNW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SE at 7-14 mph	Winds: W at 7-14 mph	Winds: WSW at 8-16 mph



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

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	88°
Low Tuesday	58°
High Wednesday	86°
Low Wednesday	51°
High Thursday	N.A.°
Low Thursday	N.A.°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	45%
Expected air temperature	84°
Makes it feel like	85°

Barometer

Tuesday	30.17
Wednesday	30.10
Thursday	N.A.

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	1.01"
Year to date	3.01"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny and warm today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and warm tomorrow and Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday: mostly sunny and warm with a shower or thunderstorm possible in the afternoon.

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:29 p.m.
Low	5:02 a.m.
High	10:16 p.m.
Low	4:24 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	4:31 a.m.
Low	10:29 a.m.
High	4:52 p.m.
Low	10:56 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	12.40'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
5	9	9	4

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

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Farm Report

Partly sunny and warm today. Winds west-northwest 6-12 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with relative humidity 80% early, 45% in the afternoon and fair drying conditions.

Weather History

The snowiest April ever in New York and New England began on April 1, 1874. Up to 60 inches of snow accumulated in parts of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:17 a.m.	7:16 a.m.
Sunset	7:43 p.m.	7:43 p.m.
Moonrise	2:43 p.m.	3:42 p.m.
Moonset	3:21 a.m.	4:03 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Apr 6	Apr 13	Apr 21	Apr 29

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.

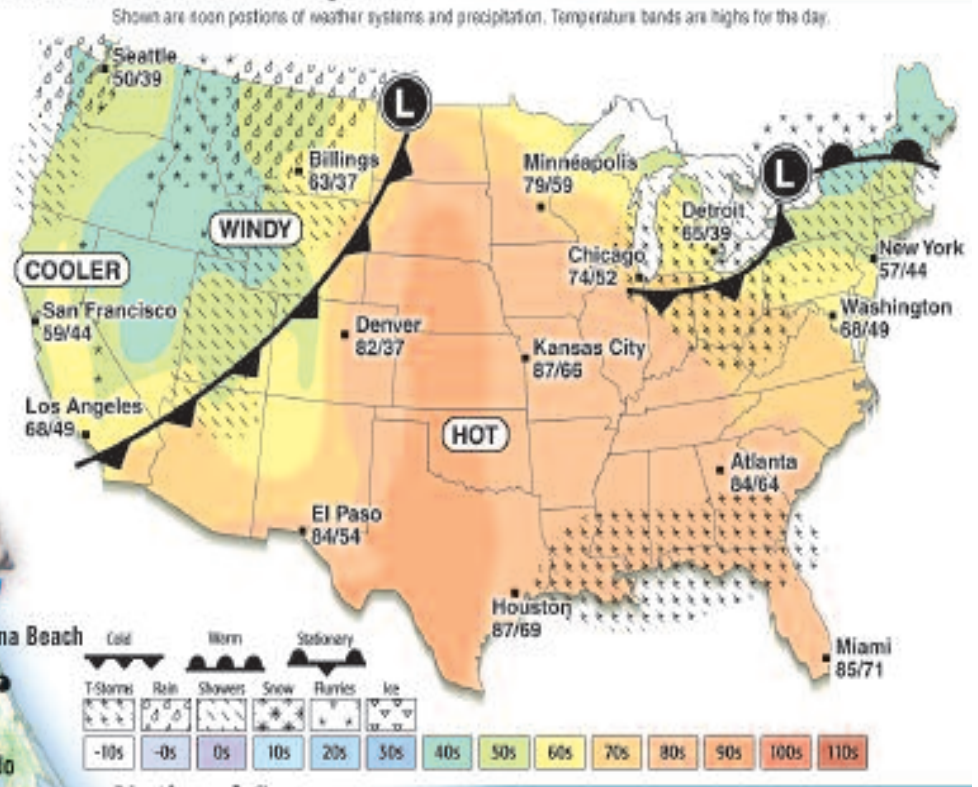
Florida Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Cape Coral	88/65/pc	88/66/s	89/68/s	Miami	85/71/s	87/72/s	88/71/s
Clearwater	85/69/pc	87/67/s	86/69/s	Okeechobee	84/62/pc	87/63/s	87/64/s
Coral Springs	86/68/s	86/69/s	85/70/pc	Orlando	87/64/pc	89/64/s	88/66/s
Daytona Beach	83/64/pc	84/63/s	85/64/s	Pembroke Pines	86/67/s	86/67/s	87/71/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	84/72/s	86/72/s	86/72/pc	St. Augustine	82/63/pc	84/63/s	83/62/pc
Fort Myers	88/66/pc	89/68/s	88/69/s	St. Petersburg	85/69/pc	87/67/s	86/68/s
Gainesville	84/61/pc	86/59/pc	86/61/pc	Sarasota	83/64/pc	84/65/s	84/67/s
Hollywood	86/67/s	86/67/s	87/71/pc	Tallahassee	88/61/pc	88/61/pc	89/59/pc
Homestead AFB	83/67/s	83/67/s	84/68/s	Tampa	83/67/pc	85/67/s	86/67/s
Jacksonville	84/62/pc	85/62/pc	85/62/pc	W. Palm Bch	85/67/s	86/68/s	87/70/s
Key West	83/71/pc	82/72/s	85/74/s	Winter Haven	87/65/pc	88/65/s	89/65/s

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 1

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



National Summary

A weak storm system will cross the Great Lakes and push into the Northeast today, bringing some showers for the first day of April. On the northern side of the storm, enough cold air will be in place that precipitation will fall as snow. On the southern side, spotty showers and thunderstorms will fire across the Ohio Valley. Along the central Gulf Coast, warm and moist flow off the Gulf of Mexico will spark spotty showers and thunderstorms. In the central Plains, the heat will be on as temperatures soar to near 90 degrees.

U.S. Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	76/45/s	54/40/r	64/44/pc	Los Angeles	68/49/s	74/53/s	74/55/s
Atlanta	84/64/pc	86/65/pc	85/62/pc	Louisville	84/64/pc	86/66/pc	86/58/t
Baltimore	66/46/pc	62/42/s	70/49/pc	Memphis	89/69/pc	95/67/pc	87/67/t
Birmingham	87/64/pc	90/64/pc	85/62/pc	Milwaukee	66/48/t	65/47/t	57/39/s
Boston	50/36/sh	49/35/pc	52/41/pc	Minneapolis	79/59/pc	66/44/sh	63/43/pc
Charlotte	80/54/pc	88/61/s	79/56/pc	Nashville	87/62/pc	88/64/pc	86/60/t
Cheyenne	74/37/pc	42/26/sn	44/29/pc	New Orleans	86/66/pc	85/68/t	83/69/t
Chicago	74/52/t	71/54/t	62/44/c	New York City	57/44/pc	58/40/s	64/42/pc
Cleveland	63/39/c	56/46/pc	57/37/sh	Norfolk	63/54/pc	66/45/s	68/57/pc
Columbus	75/49/t	66/54/s	71/42/t	Oklahoma City	90/63/s	89/55/t	82/49/c
Dallas	93/68/s	86/64/pc	82/57/pc	Philadelphia	60/43/pc	61/44/s	68/47/pc
Denver	82/37/pc	43/28/sn	49/31/r	Phoenix	74/55/pc	74/57/pc	84/60/s
Detroit	65/39/t	59/43/pc	61/40/sh	Pittsburgh	69/46/t	65/45/s	75/45/s
Harrisburg	64/44/pc	60/36/s	67/45/pc	Portland, ME	47/33/r	48/28/pc	50/33/pc
Honolulu	83/68/pc	82/68/pc	82/69/c	Portland, OR	54/42/sh	60/48/sh	57/41/r
Houston	87/69/c	84/70/t	82/68/t	Raleigh	75/56/pc	82/52/s	78/60/pc
Indianapolis	82/60/pc	80/63/pc	77/50/r	Rochester	59/33/sh	52/32/s	57/35/c
Jackson, MS	89/62/pc	87/60/pc	88/63/t	St. Louis	88/67/pc	90/67/pc	85/61/r
Kansas City	87/66/s	88/61/pc	77/55/r	San Francisco	59/44/pc	61/47/pc	60/49/pc
Lexington	79/60/pc	82/63/s	83/56/t	Seattle	50/39/r	57/43/r	49/36/r
Little Rock	89/64/s	89/63/pc	84/63/t	Wash., DC	68/49/pc	66/44/s	71/53/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	Tue. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	89/72/s	90/69/pc	90/69/pc	London	52/37/s	55/41/c	52/36/s
Athens	69/52/s	65/47/s	66/52/s	Montreal	45/30/c	48/30/pc	50/36/pc
Beirut	68/59/pc	71/56/s	70/57/s	Moscow	39/24/c	36/28/s	39/25/sn
Berlin	48/41/c	48/36/c	45/36/c	Nice	67/55/sh	65/51/c	63/51/sh
Bermuda	73/64/sh	71/57/c	66/61/sh	Ottawa	42/32/c	52/26/pc	51/33/pc
Calgary	50/30/pc	51/35/pc	56/32/c	Quebec	45/25/c	45/23/pc	46/28/c
Dublin	54/39/c	52/39/c	52/32/sh	Rio de Janeiro	81/71/r	82/71/t	84/73/t
Edmonton	43/23/sh	42/24/s	52/26/pc	Seoul	50/36/c	59/39/r	48/34/r
Freeport	80/68/s	84/68/s	84/67/s	Singapore	87/75/t	87/77/t	86/76/t
Geneva	61/37/s	65/46/s	63/48/sh	Sydney	81/63/s	79/63/c	81/64/pc
Havana	85/66/t	87/68/sh	89/68/pc	Toronto	47/35/sh	52/35/pc	49/41/c
Hong Kong	73/70/pc	79/72/sh	81/70/sh	Vancouver	47/42/r	51/41/r	51/41/r
Jerusalem	68/56/pc	70/48/s	66/50/s	Vienna	49/35/sh	61/40/s	64/44/pc
Johannesburg	72/51/pc	69/50/pc	72/50/pc	Warsaw	40/33/sn	44/30/sh	46/33/c
Kiev	44/32/sh	46/33/c	46/40/r	Winnipeg	62/46/c	54/35/c	56/26/pc

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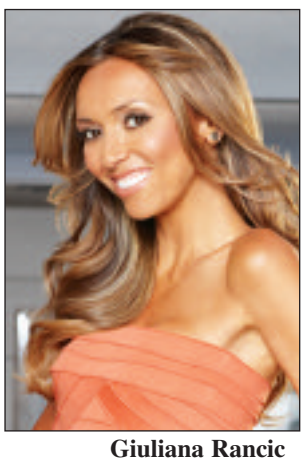
Fresh decorating idea for your home

WHAT'S YOUR Style?

FAMILY FEATURES

Are you ready for a decorating change? A recent survey by the retailer HomeGoods found that while almost half of Americans haven't updated their home décor in the last five years, only 20 percent are happy with it. If that sounds like you, then it's time for some fresh ideas.

These budget-friendly decorating ideas from Glade, the worldwide leader in home fragrance, and Giuliana Rancic, entertainment journalist and style guru, make it easy to discover your personal style. All it takes to refresh a room are a few simple updates and your home will be ready for entertaining in no time.



Giuliana Rancic

Get Inspired

The first step in discovering your own style is to make a personal "styleboard." You can create one on a bulletin board, in folders or make a virtual one at www.facebook.com/glade.

- To create one at home, start by looking through magazines and websites and collect images of things you love, such as fashion, décor, or anything that catches your eye. Sort through the images and look for patterns. Do you find yourself drawn to clean lines and minimalistic décor, or do you see more traditional colors and furnishings? Is there a color that keeps popping up? This is a great way to narrow down your options when you are not sure of a style.
- On the Glade Facebook page, you can create an online styleboard to help you put together the perfect look and match it with a signature scent. Each personalized styleboard created on the application includes a Glade Expressions Collection fragrance, home furnishing suggestions, color and fabric swatches and music playlists — all of which can be shared with friends and family on Facebook. Glade has created hundreds of innovative scents in partnership with top fragrance houses and perfumers, so you can be sure to find an inspiring scent that's just right for you.

Small Changes Add Up

"You don't have to redo a whole room," says Rancic. "Small changes like adding a new color or introducing a scent to a room really make a big difference. I love how the Glade Expressions fragrances not only match my design taste perfectly, but also help make my home feel welcoming and guest-ready by giving it that finishing touch of a signature scent."

- **Start at the beginning.**

  The entryway of a home is the first thing guests see, so make sure it's impactful. Tidy up the outside area around the front door, and add some inexpensive pops of color with a planter full of seasonal flowers. On the inside, think about updating the walls with floral or damask wallpaper, or even a painted chevron pattern to add visual interest.

- **Engage all the senses.**

  Sights, sounds, textures and scent all work together to complete the ambiance of a space. Try using soft lighting with lamps and dimmers for a warm and inviting atmosphere. Mix textures in the room by adding a soft throw to a modern, sleek sofa. Select a signature scent with one of the true-to-life fragrances from the new Glade Expressions Collection. The new fragrances combine classic scents with an exotic twist, and they're available in two contemporary designs to complement any room's décor. And for sound — think about tabletop fountains or a good music selection to play when you have guests. Rancic loves Frank Sinatra tunes for entertaining.

- **Bring the outdoors in.**

  Live plants and flowers do wonders for a room. Lemon or orange tree topiaries are a popular way to add a natural pop of color. If you're not sure about taking care of live plants, you can easily find artificial ones that look natural. Silk bamboo plants come in all sizes and fit on a table top or fill up an empty corner in a room.

Personal Style Tips

Rancic recommends taking cues from the things you love to add elements that express your personality without having to do a floor to ceiling makeover. Here are some more of Rancic's ideas to get you inspired, which include fragrance options from the Glade Expressions Collection that complement different styles:

- **Love sea breezes and a touch of the tropics?**

  Match this energy with a fresh coat of paint in a bright color like electric blue or Kelly green. Add a vivid printed rug and vases of tropical flowers. Put the final touches on the space with a teak bowl or vase full of lemons to add a pop of color and sparkle to the room. Scent: Pineapple & Mangosteen.

- **Dream of world travel and far off places?**

  Go global, placing old maps and a magnifying glass on a side table and adorning the mantle with beautiful apothecary jars filled with spices. Add rich, velvet fabrics and pillows with colorful prints and a monogrammed throw for a personal touch. Scent: Fuji Apple & Cardamom Spice.

- **Feel connected to nature?**

  Display elements from nature to add earthy touches to a room. Look for small terrariums, beautiful rocks and geodes, or even shells. Use natural fabrics, wood-wicked candles, and display sprigs of lavender and green leaves in ceramic vases or mason jars. Scent: Lavender & Juniper Berry.

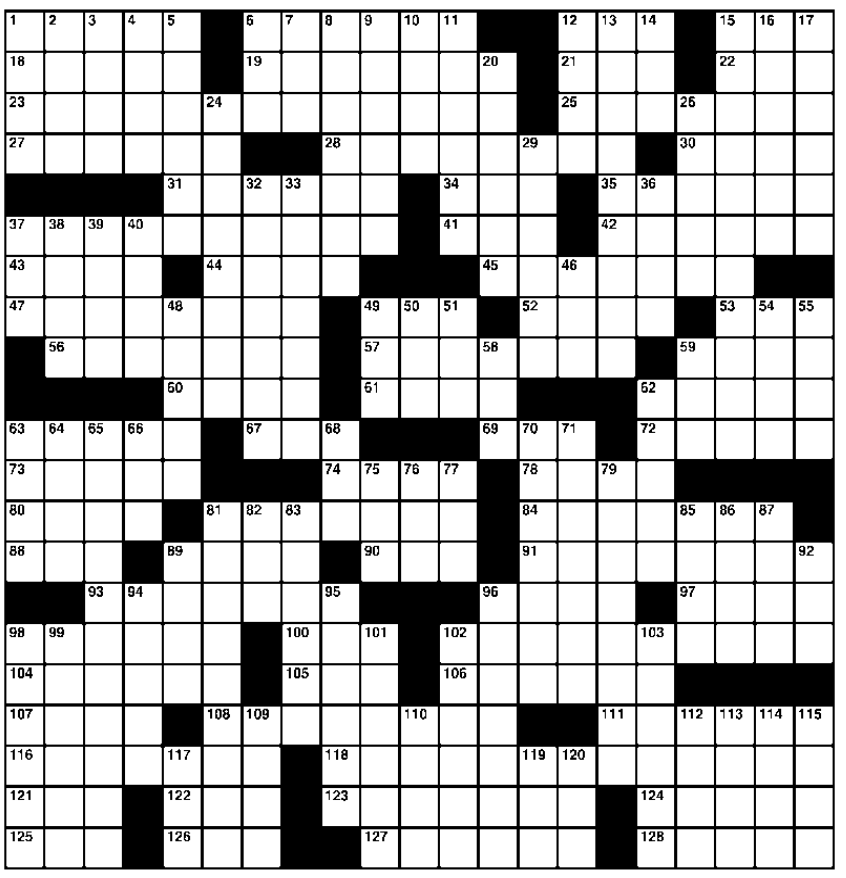
- **Wish you could visit the Mediterranean?**

  Freshen up sofas and chairs with crisp cotton slipcovers, and white, flowing sheers on the windows. Add a couple of bright pillows or a colorful throw for a warm and sunny feel. Look for a few decorative tiles that remind you of Italy or Greece, and set them out on display. Show off white floral bouquets that have a few pops of orange. Scent: Cotton & Italian Mandarin.

DIVERSIONS

FRONT MONEY

By ROBIN STEARS



Solution on page 3B

ACROSS

1 Golden Raspberry, e.g.
6 "__ Fideles"
12 "__ doctor, not a bricklayer!": "Star Trek" line
15 "Frontline" airer
18 What Fuzzbusters detect
19 Some boas
21 It can be hard to refold
22 Cut off
23 Pride of a collection
25 Admire to excess
27 Pacific Surfliner operator
28 Authority figure
30 Thornfield Hall governess
31 Golfer's slice, say
34 U.S. document publisher
35 Taken down a peg
37 Nexus One, for one
41 "Scrumptious!"
42 Judges on "Top Chef"
43 Food spearer
44 Summoned
45 Bach work
47 Prefix for calling
49 401(k) relative
52 "Joyeux __!"
53 Pro __: for now
56 Sister of Clotho
57 The 5 in "10 ÷ 5," e.g.
59 Loaded, in Logroño
60 2012 rival of Mitt and Rick
61 Like LAX, around the clock
62 Methuselah's father
63 Chevy SUV
67 Isr. neighbor
69 Org. with quarantine authority
72 Kroner spenders
73 Horse play
74 DOJ employee
78 Charged things
80 One of the deadly sins
81 "Fear Street" series author
84 Less wasteful
88 "Well, __-di-dah!"
89 Green of Austin Powers movies
90 Giant legend
91 Stuffed, cylindrical dishes
93 Slathered on, as Brylcreem
96 "Categorical imperative" philosopher
97 Data
98 Accustomed
100 Killer in a classic "SNL" sketch series
102 Accountant's creation
104 __ Square, adjacent to the Boston Marathon finish line
105 Item in a lock
106 1987 Beatty flop
107 "Real Dogs Eat Meat" brand
108 Upbraid
111 Whitman's dooryard bloomers
116 Colorful arc
118 Line in many a British dairy ad
121 Somme one
122 Preschool group?
123 Custard-filled desserts
124 Divider of continents
125 Conscription org.
126 Hrs. in classifieds
127 Minute Maid Park team
128 Geeky types

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1 Instrument for Giuseppe's glissandi
2 Not so hot
3 Mine entrance
4 Motorola flip phone introduced in 2004
5 Emulated Alice
6 37-Across download
7 Salon supply
8 Artwork in a clichéd come-on
9 Islamic sectarian
10 Large volume
11 Loafer's lack
12 "There's no step 3!" computer
13 "Why is a raven like a writing-desk?" inquirer
14 Kwik-E-Mart operator
15 1994 Sony release
16 Sacred Indian fig
17 Earns a citation?
20 Beat others to, as sale merchandise
24 Train for a fight, say
26 Slightest
29 Appian Way builders
32 They're rarely seen on rainy days
33 "Such a lonely word," to Billy Joel
36 Judge's determination
37 Union Sq., e.g.
38 "See, señor!"
39 Work without __
40 Back
46 Joey in a Milne book
48 Volcanic formations
49 2011 Colbie Caillat hit
50 Upholstery problem
51 Street sign abbr.
54 Brutus's "Behold!"
55 Eponymous mineralogist
58 Forbes rival
59 Messenger molecule
62 Father of Henry II
63 Squeal
64 Cyan
65 Shoes with a basset hound logo
66 Tagged between bases
68 Hamelin critter
70 Word whose last two letters are an example of it
71 Noble's crown
75 Madre's hermano
76 Blowup cause
77 On the other hand
79 Some earth tones
81 Aircraft carrier pilot's waiting area
82 Old Ford luxury car
83 1984 Cyndi Lauper hit
85 "We wear short shorts" brand
86 Tracy Turnblad's mom in "Hairspray"
87 S&L offering
89 Hook's right hand
92 Beethoven's fifth?
94 DuPont acrylic
95 "Oh, my"
96 Region known for its wool
98 Ill-fated son of Daedalus
99 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" family
101 Beethoven's Third
102 Complain about
103 Neptune's largest moon
109 Ladies on a lea
110 "__ fair in ..."
112 Valentine trim
113 Maker of Aspire computers
114 Sudan neighbor
115 D.C. 100
117 Lingerie item
119 El Dorado treasure
120 __ Nautilus

Listen as antiquity speaks

Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

Even on a cloudy, chilly day, the bay front in St. Augustine beckoned us to sit out on the inn's private deck. The wind whipped up the bay waters lapping waves against boats anchored, yet swaying as if to music … bringing a quiet rhythm to our own souls.

We welcomed the solitude and reflected on the 30 years of marriage God had given us while thinking about the future he holds for us.

While walking the historic district of St. Augustine, we responded to the strength of age-old buildings, straining our necks backward to gaze at church spires and towers on high buildings. We could feel the energy of the ages in our nation's oldest city … as if the legacies of those who had gone couldn't be silenced.

Church bells pealed out infusing us with vitality to stand for truth and righteousness.

It brings to mind another old city, Jerusalem, that is far more ancient and whose history and future have been central in the world's eyes. Multitudes of people in that day heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they ran out to meet him greeting him with branches of palm trees, which were meant to welcome royalty.

" 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!'" they cried as seen in John 12: 13, NKJV.

Those who had been there when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead had spread the word. Crowds lined the streets hailing him as king.

Hosanna means "save, we pray." The people hoped that Jesus would proclaim himself king, set up his kingdom and save them from Roman rule. Unfortunately, they missed the truth that he had come to seek and save them from their sins. His kingdom would be manifested as he reigned as King in their hearts.

Those who have visited Jerusalem tell of how the huge stones and ancient ruins impact them. Walking where Jesus walked and thinking of words he spoke resonates with them in amazing new ways.

On that day of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, some of the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke his disciples. As seen in Luke 20: 40, Jesus replied, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." Through historical insight, we can hear the people who have gone before speaking through antiquity. It is our job to listen.

This Palm Sunday, let's join in with the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before and praise him with our mouths and our lives. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is an award-winning writer and a News-Sun correspondent.

Don't dig yourself into a hole, Gemini

Horoscope

Metro Services

Aries (March 21-April 20) – Aries, sit down with a calculator and get a better handle on your finances, especially what you're bringing into the house each month and what is going out.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) – It may be time to take a relationship to another level, Taurus. Look for inspiration from another couple you admire and enjoy the ride.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) – Gemini, with so much to do, you're barely squeaking by this week. So avoid taking on any additional projects. Don't dig yourself into a hole that you can't get out of.

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

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) – Leo, don't be surprised when others are amenable to your ideas. You give careful consideration to all your proposals, and it's no wonder others are ready to follow your lead.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) – Virgo, if you haven't felt the crunch of a deadline yet, you probably cannot avoid it this week. Tackle the work head-on and don't allow yourself to procrastinate.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Libra, there's too much on your mind to focus on just one thing for the time being. This is a sign that you need to cut down on your stimuli — at least temporarily.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Scorpio, expect others to turn to you for the next good idea or advice. It can be taxing being the reliable one, but it also an honor to be respected like this.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Sagittarius, when you want to get yourself heard, there is no point sugar-coating what you have to say. Most people appreciate honesty, even if it's abrupt.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) – Capricorn, some decisions you make may not be the right decisions. A wise person learns from his or her mistakes but also tries new things.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) – Aquarius, remember that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. Stop looking at what's wrong where you are, and focus on what is right.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Pisces, trust friends and family when they insist they have your best interest in mind. You can't always look out for yourself.

Notable birthdays

April 1: Susan Boyle, activist (51); April 2: Emmylou Harris, singer (65); April 3: Jenny Garth, actress (40); April 4: David Blane, magician (39); April 5: Agnetha Faeltskog, ABBA singer (62); April 6: Candace Cameron, actress (36); April 7: Russell Crowe, actor (48).

Happy collection of foolish letters are all in good fun

Dear Abby

Dear Readers: It's April Fools' Day, the one day I can share some of those letters I receive from readers whose questions might not seem as appropriate on any of the other 364 days of the year (or 365 this leap year). Enjoy!

Dear Abby: I am a 23-year-old female who lives with my parents. I saw "The Little Mermaid" for the first time recently, and now I'm very worried.

The other day I walked in and caught my mom talking to my pet fish, Flounder. I have noticed Mom breaks into Broadway-style songs randomly, just like Ariel did in the movie.

She also has the same red hair as Ariel. Mom is a lifeguard at the local pool.

Could my mom be part fish? If so, am I half-mermaid?

I will await your reply before attempting underwater breathing. Please answer promptly.

– Sea-ing Things Clearly

Dear Sea-ing: Clean your goggles, honey, because you're seeing less clearly than you think. Your mother is not related to Ariel, and you are not a mermaid, but your letter is a fish tale.

Dear Abby: For years I have heard about players winning thousands of dollars on casino slot machines. But every time I try to win one, I run out of cash before hitting it.

How can I win a jackpot before I go broke? Hurry your answer because my money is running out.

– Unlucky in Jersey

Dear Unlucky: Slot machines are not called "one-armed bandits" for nothing. While I can't advise you on how to win a jackpot, I can tell you how not to go broke. Try this: Don't gamble!

Dear Abby: At what time does "today" turn into "tonight"?

– Clock Watcher in Utah

Dear Clock Watcher: Ask me tomorrow.

Dear Abby: I have an amazing pool man. I have known him for quite a while. My neighbors have been complaining because he likes to work naked. His working in the buff never bothers me; I think he looks like a Greek statue and he does a great job. My pool has never looked better. I have had several pool cleaners before, but none of them compare to the current one. What should I do? – California Girl

Dear California Girl: Although I don't live nearby, it's not hard to see why no other pool cleaner compares to this one.

Assuming your pool is fenced, I'm advising you to do nothing "butt" enjoy the view.

Dear Abby: Why does our society insist on using the euphemism "sleeping together" in place of "having sex"? – Curious in Kettering, Ohio

Dear Curious: That's easy – so the children won't know where they came from.

Dear Abby: I was awakened at 3 a.m. by a barking police dog while someone was being arrested on my front lawn. This morning I discovered the dog had pooped on my grass. I'm considering complaining to the police about it, but don't want to seem ungrateful for the job they do. What do you think?

– Lisa in Anaheim, Calif.

Dear Lisa: I think you should be more tolerant. After all, the police dog was just doing his duty.

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Adherence to the law is the foundation of respect.

April is Water Conservation Month

News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

"There's not a lot of water on Earth at all. For humanity to thrive, or even exist, we need to sprinkle that teeny bit of fresh water in the right places, at the right times and in just the right amounts." – David Gallo, oceanographer at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

Ironically, on a planet covered with more 70 percent water, this resource is one of the main limiting factors for life on Earth. About 97 percent of the earth's water is made up of oceans. Almost 80 percent of Earth's fresh water is frozen in ice caps or glaciers. The small percentage of fresh water remaining is mostly underground and surface water. Amazingly less than one percent of all the water on earth is drinkable.

April is Water Conservation Month. It is a good time for us to reflect on how important and vital this limited natural resource is. In the best circumstances, a person can only live about one week without water. If the amount of usable water on the planet is divided by the current population of approximately 6.5 billion, 6 million liters of water is available per person. Theoretically, this exceeds the amount of water a person would require in a lifetime. This statistic puts into perspective just how important water is to us for our survival.

There are several reasons for water shortages and scarcity. Dry climates which often lead to drought (a period in which rainfall is much lower and evaporation is higher than normal), tap into limited surface and aquifer water supplies. Another cause is the drying of the soil due to activities such as deforestation and overgrazing by livestock. But most water stress is due to increasing numbers of people that rely on limited water supplies for various reasons including irrigation.

There are five ways to increase water supplies in a particular area. Most of these solutions to a huge problem are very costly and at times, not feasible. Some of the ways to conserve water are to build dams and reservoirs to store run-off, bring in surface water from another area, withdraw groundwater, convert salt water to freshwater (desalination) and improve the efficiency of water use (conservation). Also, we must keep in mind that by moving water from one place to another, we are still depleting the water supply in general.

Every year, 14 billions pounds of sewage, sludge, and garbage are dumped into the world's oceans; 19 trillion gallons of waste also enter the water annually. Although water pollution is a huge concern, keeping the waters clean is only part of the solution to a monumental problem.

The most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand on limited water supplies is conservation. Saving water also conserves energy by reducing the need for pumping and treating it. Most experts believe our major source of water, the Floridan Aquifer, is incapable of sustaining future growth in our region. Therefore, water managers are exploring alternative sources including surface water. Bringing it to drinking water standards will be more expensive than pumping water from the aquifer. That's why it's vital to ramp up our conservation efforts today. It's a mindset that begins with us and, through education, spreads throughout the community.

Turning off water while brushing teeth, taking shorter showers, obeying local water restrictions regarding irrigation, making sure your irrigation system is efficient and not wasting water on sidewalks and streets, landscape with Florida Friendly plants, and many other small steps can go a long way in conserving this precious resource. The Internet is full of tips and tricks to cut down on water usage. Each person can and will make a difference. By cutting down on water usage and keeping the water we do have clean, we are making a better world for future generations.

Water facts

♦ A person can live more than a month without food but only about a week without water.

♦ About two-thirds or 65 percent of a human being is water.

♦ 75 percent of your brain is water.

♦ In one year, a large oak tree transpires about 40,000 gallons of water.

♦ The national average for how much a person pays for water on a daily basis is 25 cents.

♦ One gallon of water weights about 8.34 pounds.

♦ It takes 24 gallons of water to produce one pound of plastic.

♦ It takes 1,851 gallons of water to refine one barrel of crude oil.

♦ A dairy cow drinks four gallons of water to produce one gallon of milk.

♦ About 800,000 water wells are drilled each year in the United States for domestic, farming and commercial needs.

♦ Industries released 250 million pounds of toxic chemicals into waterways in 2006.

♦ If every household in America had a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.

♦ One inch of rainfall drops 27,154 gallons on a one acre piece of land and weighs about 113 tons.

♦ Irrigation withdrawals from ground water have increased from 23 percent in 1950 to 42 percent in 2000.

♦ Water moves around the earth in a water cycle. The water cycle has five parts: evaporation, condensation, precipitation, infiltration and surface run-off.

♦ In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about two weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.

♦ Water regulates the earth's temperature.

♦ Water vaporizes at a hundred degrees Celcius.

♦ Over 90 percent of the world's supply of fresh water is located in Antarctica.

♦ More than 2 billion people on earth do not have a safe supply of water.

♦ If all the world's water were fit into a gallon jug, the fresh water available for us to use would equal only about one tablespoon.

♦ 80 percent of freshwater is locked in ice caps

♦ Less than 1 percent of the world's freshwater is readily accessible

♦ Six countries (Brazil, Russia, Canada, Indonesia, China and Colombia) have 50 percent of the world's freshwater reserves

♦ One-third of the world's population lives in "water-stressed" countries, defined as a country's ratio of water consumption to water availability. Countries labeled as moderate to high stress consume 20 percent more water than their available supply.

Corine Burgess is and Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.

Crossword Solution

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Arts & Entertainment

SFCC Upper Level Gallery showcases new artists

Special to the News-Sun

South Florida Community College's Theatre for the Performing Arts Upper Level Gallery's newest exhibition is guaranteed to delight visitors with its stunning watercolor and acrylic paintings. The artwork is on display for the public now through Aug. 31, on the SFCC Highlands Campus.

The upper level gallery is designated as a community artist gallery and showcases exceptional artists from the surrounding area.

This exhibition is a collection of artwork from the charter members of the The Artists' Group (TAG) at SFCC: Nancy Adams, Betty McCarthy, Betty Heim, Louise Weis, and Kathleen Morgan. Located in the Hotel Jacaranda, TAG consists of these talented local artists who teach and showcase their paintings, pottery, hand-painted glassworks, jewelry design, and drawings to the community.

Courtesy photo

Kathleen Morgan (back, left), Louise Weis, Betty Heim, Betty McCarthy (front, left), and Nancy Adams are the charter members of The Artists' Group (TAG) at SFCC. Their paintings are currently on display in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts Upper Level Gallery.

Adams, a retired veterinarian, is proficient in all painting media. She is known for her love of animals and birds which is showcased in her artwork. Her work is found in many collections across the country. She also teaches TAG's oil painting classes. Adams has two watercolor paintings, "Handsome Harry" and "Flying in for Lunch," on display in the Upper Level Gallery.

McCarthy, a retired photographer of 36 years, is proficient in all painting media, as well as sculpture and hand-building in clay. A major theme in her work is the flora and fauna of the Florida landscape. She also teaches TAG's clay classes. Most of her current work is in watercolor, including the two paintings, "Stormy Sky" and "Sadness," on display in the Upper Level Gallery.

Heim, a well-known local artist, holds degrees in art and teaching. While proficient in several media, most of her current work is in watercolor on Yupo. She is a member of regional and national art groups and has won awards throughout Florida and New Jersey. She also teaches TAG's watercolor classes. Heim has two watercolor paintings, "A Pair and a Pear" and "Sunflower Sisters," on display in the Upper Level Gallery.

Weis is a popular Florida artist and teacher. She has won numerous awards and judged many art shows in Alaska and Florida. She paints mainly in acrylics and oils but remains interested in other media such as, hand painted China. She also teaches TAG's acrylic classes. Weis has two acrylic paintings, "On Point" and "Cattle and Windmill," on display in the Upper Level Gallery.

Morgan is an outstanding jewelry designer and teacher. She is also known for her large acrylic paintings and unusual hand-painted glassworks. She has been painting with acrylic and mixed media for over 10 years, and her paintings typically focus on landscapes, buildings, and streets. She teaches TAG's jewelry classes. Morgan has two acrylic paintings, "The Passing" and "Eye Saw it in a Dream," on display in the Upper Level Gallery.

The upper level gallery is open to the public before and after all theatre performances or by appointment with the Art Department. Contact the SFCC Art Department at 863-784-7195.

The SFCC Museum of Florida At and Culture (MOFAC) is open Wednesday through Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. for additional public viewings of the gallery. Stop by the upper level gallery and check out the outstanding paintings on display; you won't be disappointed.

Attend the Church of Your Choice!

Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

Boast not thyself of tomorrow: For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Proverbs 27:1. Knowing that tomorrow is uncertain, the wise person will not put off what can be done today for tomorrow. We smile, yet we sense our own guilt of putting off until later what we know should be done now. Is there something you're putting off until a more convenient time? What if the opportunity you've been counting on never comes? Should apologies be offered? Or a word of witness? You may have even put off receiving Christ as your personal saviour. Think about the man with the big plans in Jesus' parable of Luke 12. God said to him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Do what you should, whatever it might be, and do it now. Avoid those dangerous delays. One of the devil's most successful wiles is "wait awhile". Keep this thought in mind, yesterday is in the past, tomorrow is not promised, so give today your very best! Be Blessed! ***Let me hear from you canjunprincess@yahoo.com.!***

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Arts & Entertainment

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Back Porch Revival's Old Time String Band will perform Saturday, April 21 at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Box office preview: 'Hunger' goes back for seconds

By PAUL DERGARABEDIAN
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lionsgate's "Hunger Games" will devour the debuting "Wrath of the Titans" this weekend as it continues to gorge on box-office megabucks with an expected domestic take of at least $60 million and a potential 10-day total approaching $250 million by Sunday night.

The 3-D sequel to the 2010 hit "Clash of the Titans," Warners' PG-13-rated "Wrath of the Titans," starring Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes and Sam Worthington, should open at around $40 million.

Relativity Media will have a PG-rated advantage this weekend with its debut of "Mirror Mirror," starring Julia Roberts, Armie Hammer and Lily Collins.

Offering a solid alternative for families, visionary director Tarsem Singh's take on "Snow White" should open in the $25 million to $30 million range.

Sony's action-comedy "21 Jump Street" has maintained its distinction as the No. 1 R-rated comedy choice for moviegoers.

A likely third-weekend gross of around $12 million will bring its 17-day North American total to around $90 million by Sunday night.

Rounding out the top five, Universal's "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" continues to cultivate the greenery with an expected fifth weekend gross of around $7 million. The family and eco-friendly film is closing in on the $200 million mark.

Mountain ballads, traditional tunes waft through state park

Guest Column
Dorothy L. Harris

On Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. the Friends of Highlands Hammock will welcome the return of great mountain ballads and traditional tunes from the Back Porch Revival's Old Time String Band. Their sweet and sassy old-time music is loaded with bounce and humor. Playing both traditional tunes and some of their own creations, they'll have your toes tapping with their wide array of instruments, including a banjo, dulcimer, mandolin, autoharp, fiddle, harmonica, bass and a couple of guitars.

Back Porch Revival has performed together for more than 20 years. In 1995, they were honored by the folk music community as the top vocal group at the Pioneer Florida Old Time Music Championship. In 1996, they took honors again as the top Old Time Band in yearly competition held in Dade City. In 2004, they were featured as part of a special "Florida Heritage" program at the Florida Folk Festival.

The band features Jim Robertson on the fiddle, guitar and lead vocals. Jim's wife, Melanie, plays an old-time frailing banjo. She learned this unique style as an apprentice to a master artist under the sponsorship of the Florida Bureau of Folklife and has been featured at the Florida Folk Festival and on National Public Radio.

Melanie's brother, John McClure, plays the mandolin, occasional autoharp, harmonica, and provides backup and lead vocals. John's wife, Ginger, plays the Appalachian lap dulcimer, penny whistle and recorder. Joining his aunts and uncles on fiddle and mandolin will be nephew Matthew Coltharp. James Dion will be providing solid rhythm on guitar while Jim Rigel plays stand up bass.

This will be a wonderful night of old time string band music under the stars. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs, blankets and a flashlight. Refreshments will be available.

Concert admission is just $5 per person, with accompanied children age 12 and under admitted free of charge. All concert proceeds benefit park improvement projects and provide a wonderful way to relax and enjoy the arts. We hope that you will join us for this unique musical experience, out here in the Real Florida.

Did you know?

The final concert for this year's Music in the Park series will be held on Saturday, May 19 and features Vintage Hearts playing Americana music.

Dorothy L. Harris is Park Services Specialist at Highlands Hammock State Park. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Katie Couric to be guest-host on 'Good Morning America'

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Katie Couric helped start and perpetuate morning television's most epic winning streak. Now she'll try to break it.

ABC announced Thursday that the former "Today" show anchor will be guest host next week on "Good Morning America," the rival wake-up show that has been rising in the ratings.

She will sub for the vacationing Robin Roberts for a week, teaming with George Stephanopoulos.

Couric was co-host of "Today" in December 1995, when the NBC show's streak began. "Today" has won every week in the ratings since then, 850 consecutive and counting, according to the Nielsen company.

Yet frisky "GMA" has been making noise lately. Last week the ABC show was only 137,000 viewers behind "Today" (an average of 4.98 million to 4.84 million), the closest the two shows have been since 2008.

"This has been one of the longest marathons of all time," said Tom Cibrowski, senior executive producer in charge of "Good Morning America."

"There will eventually be a time when the No. 1 spot turns over. We strive every day to take over the No. 1 position. We never stop working on that."

He's not making any predictions about next week, but the curiosity factor of Couric in a new morning chair seems sure to pull in some viewers.

Couric was co-host of NBC's "Today" for 15 years before leaving the network in 2006. Before jumping to ABC last year, she was at CBS, where she anchored the "Evening News."

TRAVEL

Belfast unveils birth-to-death story of Titanic

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland— One minute you're being whisked through the busy Belfast shipyard where the Titanic is being built. The next you're contemplating, amid a chilly piped-in breeze and lights mimicking darkened waters, the horror of freezing to death in the North Atlantic.

In between, Belfast's impressive new tourist attraction — the 100-million pound ($160 million, (euro) 120 million) Titanic Belfast visitor center — offers a loving portrait of the excitement, ambition and opulence surrounding the doomed trans-Atlantic liner.

With 100,000 tickets already sold, Belfast is betting it will deliver a lasting tonic of tourism to the conflict-scarred city. A three-week festival featuring talks, walks and seven Titanic-themed stage shows — including "Titanic The Musical" — also begins Saturday to mark the 100th anniversary of the ship's launching.

Any visitor's first impression will be of center's stunning exterior: four jutting prows of the ship, lined in silver steel paneling, six stories high.

The Belfast Titanic marketing director, Claire Bradshaw, said the aim was to create an icon that people would come to associate with Belfast — like the Eiffel Tower for Paris or the Statue of Liberty for New York.

The center sits beside the Belfast Lough dockside where the 46,329-ton vessel was built from 1909 to 1911 and set sail for her sea trials on April 2, 1912. Titanic began her fateful maiden voyage from the English port of Southampton eight days later, striking an iceberg just before midnight April 14 and sinking within hours with the loss of 1,514 lives.

A roller coaster-like ride takes visitors, up to six per carriage, up and down three floors of a re-creation of the Harland & Wolff shipyards that made the ship for Liverpool's White Star Line. No, there's no thrills or spills, just a panoramic tour suggesting the scale of the hull and the energy of the dock workers, all of them video projections of actors in period costumes. Those aboard can hear the commentary in English, Spanish, French, German, Italian or Chinese.

Next, visitors see a 4-minute CGI tour (computer-generated imagery) of the finished Titanic, rising deck by deck, from engine room to the famed first-class cabin staircase made famous in James

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A boarding pass for the Titanic.

Cameron's 1997 epic movie "Titanic." In the same room are recreations of first, second and third-class cabins, again with video projections of fictional passengers going into their bunks or getting ready for dinner.

There's no skimping on historical detail for true maritime and Titanic junkies. Every available wall is plastered, in logical chronology, with details about every phase of construction, every firm and engineering speciality involved, and every part described from the ship's four 24-foot-wide (7.3-meter-wide) funnels to its six onboard pianos.

The ship's voyage to Southampton, then to its other European ports of call in Cherbourg, France, and Queenstown, Ireland, are detailed in turn: The numbers and notables who boarded, their stories and tales of excitement about the voyage to New York ahead.

An entire wall is given over to a reprint of the final surviving photograph taken of Titanic on April 11, 1912, as she sailed away from Queenstown, the County Cork port today renamed Cobh.

Around the next corner, Titanic Belfast plunges into the disaster. A series of panels reprints the confused wireless messages among ships as Titanic appeals, minute by minute, for help from other vessels. The room is deliberately chilly as light projections create an image of dark lapping waters underfoot.

"What is the matter with you?" asks the Frankfurt at 12:34 a.m. after the Titanic hit the iceberg at 11:40 p.m.

"Cannot last much longer," the Titanic tells its sister ship, the Olympic, nearly an hour later.

"We are rushing to you," says the Baltic at 1:37 a.m.

Eight minutes later, the Titanic issues its final call to another ship, the Carpathia: "Come as quickly as possible old man: The engine room is filling up to the boilers."

After that the ship's calls fade with its dying electrical power into simple pleas for "CQ," code for "calling all ships."

In the next section, visitors are invited to explore the stories of survivors and the final words of those who perished, most impressively by using interactive touch screens that link to family photos, diaries and related newspaper articles. The role of Halifax, Nova Scotia, in receiving 209 bodies buried in the town's Protestant, Catholic and Jewish cemeteries is detailed.

Down a stairwell with a wall filled with ghost-white life preservers, visitors can hear and read testimony from the British and American inquests into how the disaster happened. Or they can explore one of several slick touch-screen databases of every passenger and crew member indexed by name, age, sex, nationality, job, cabin class, port of embarkation — and whether they perished or survived.

More touch screens on this room

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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APOSTOLIC

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring,** 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church,** 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, '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. "Stay Close" by Harlan Coben (Dutton)
2. "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
3. "Force of Nature" by C.J. Box (Putnam)
4. "Kill Shot" by Vince Flynn (Atria)
5. "The Thief" by Clive Cussler & Justin Scott (Putnam)
6. "Phantom" by Ted Bell (Morrow)
7. "Private Games" by James Patterson, Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown)
8. "Defending Jacob" by William Landay (Delacorte Press)
9. "The Wolf Gift" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
10. "Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi, Apocalypse" by Troy Denning (Del Rey)
11. "Born to Darkness" by Suzanne Brockmann (Ballantine)
12. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
13. "Victims" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)
14. "Fall from Grace" by Richard North Patterson (Scribner)
15. "Monday Mornings" by Sanjay Gupta, M.D. (Grand Central)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Imagine" by Jonah Lehrer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
2. "The Blood Sugar Solution" by Mark Hyman, M.D. (Little, Brown)
3. "The Power of Habit" by Charles Duhigg (Random House)
4. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food from My Frontier" by Ree Drummond (William Morrow Cookbooks)
5. "American Sniper: The autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" by Chris Kyle, Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen (Morrow)
6. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
7. "The Lean" by Kathy Freston (Weinstein)
8. "Wishes Fulfilled" by Wayne W. Dyer (Hay House)
9. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
10. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed (Knopf)
11. "Some Assembly Required" by Ann Lamott with Sam Lamott (Riverhead)
12. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
13. "The 17 Day Diet" by Dr. Mike Moreno (Free Press)
14. "Quiet" by Susan Cain (Crown)
15. "Why Nations Fail" by Daron Acemoglu & James Robinson (Crown Business)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Vision)
2. "I'll Walk Alone" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
3. "Live Wire" by Harlan Coben (Signet)
4. "The Jungle" by Clive Cussler with Jack Du Brul (Berkley)
5. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
6. "The Sixth Man" by David Baldacci (Vision)
7. "Love You More" by Lisa Gardner (Bantam)
8. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
9. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
10. "New York to Dallas" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
11. "A Clash of Kings" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
12. "Redwood Bend" by Robyn Carr (Mira)
13. "Against All Enemies" by Tom Clancy with Peter Telep (Berkley)
14. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
15. "Devious" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Magic" by Rhonda Byrne (Atria)
2. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
3. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (Vintage)
4. "Heaven is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back" by Todd Burpo, Sonja Burpo, Colton Burpo and Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
5. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central)
6. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)
7. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
8. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
9. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
10. "The Tiger's Wife: A Novel" by Tea Obreht (Random House)
11. "The Vow" by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter with Dana Wilkerson (B&H)
12. "The Weird Sisters" by Eleanor Brown (Berkley)
13. "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell (LB/Back Bay)
14. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
15. "Moonwalking with Einstein" by Joshua Foer (Penguin)

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. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Way Church EFCA,** 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: 273-3674. Email: *theway church@hotmail.com*. Web site: *www.TheWayChurch.org*

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: *www.Trinitylutheranlp.com*.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 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 service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 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, *lindadowning@live.com.* Casey L. Downing, associate minister, *caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482.* Web site: www.*ctmforme.com*

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

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

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

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

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@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.

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

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

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** *www.fpclp.com,* 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school), and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible studies. Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5 choir, 3:15 p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **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.salvationarmysebring.com* or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuel ucc.com.

Food

fabulous ingredients

Clockwise from upper left: Asparagus, Orange and Prosciutto di San Daniele Salad; Parmigiano Reggiano-Spinach Puffs; Ziti with Roasted Cauliflower, Prosciutto di Parma and Toasted Breadcrumbs; Bruschetta with Skillet-Seared Mushrooms and Grana Padano

The secret to outdoing your favorite restaurant

FAMILY FEATURES

Making dishes worthy of a choice restaurant menu doesn't mean spending hours in the kitchen. It's more about choosing top-drawer ingredients — and here are a few you can pick up in the deli department. They're all members of an elite club of authentic foods made according to traditional methods and are certified PDO (Protected Denomination of Origin) by the European Union.

- **Grana Padano**, a cheese made only in the Padana Valley in Northern Italy, is terrific for easy but sophisticated dishes.
- **Prosciutto di San Daniele** is a special ham, produced in San Daniele del Friuli, in the Northeast of Italy, and like all PDO products, it must pass the strictest inspection.
- **Parmigiano Reggiano**, renowned for its complex flavor, is made exclusively in Parma, Reggio Emilia and three other neighboring Italian provinces.
- **Prosciutto di Parma**, a delicately flavored, all-natural ham, is produced in the gently rolling hills near Parma.

With legendary European foods, it's easy to make restaurant-quality dishes like these. For more serving ideas and information about the PDO system, visit www.legendsfromeurope.com.

Introducing Montasio Cheese

Montasio, with a savory, well-balanced flavor, is new to many Americans, but its origins can be traced back to a 17th-century monastery. To this day, it is made only in northern Italy's Friuli Venezia Giulia and East Veneto and has earned membership in Europe's "hall of fame" as a PDO product. Young semi-soft Montasio is terrific on a cheese platter or on sandwiches. Aged Montasio can be grated for pasta, risotto and other dishes.

Asparagus, Orange and Prosciutto di San Daniele Salad

Yield: 6 portions

- **1 pound asparagus, trimmed**
- **2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**
- **1 tablespoon orange juice**
- **2 teaspoons white wine vinegar**
- **1/2 teaspoon salt**
- **1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**
- **8 slices Prosciutto di San Daniele (4 ounces), halved lengthwise**
- **2 navel oranges, peeled and segmented**
- **1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted**

In salted water, cook asparagus until tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Rinse with cold water; pat dry.

In small bowl, whisk olive oil, orange juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Divide asparagus on salad plates and drizzle with dressing. Arrange Prosciutto di San Daniele and orange segments over asparagus; sprinkle with pine nuts.

Ziti with Roasted Cauliflower, Prosciutto di Parma and Toasted Breadcrumbs

Yield: 4 portions

- **2 slices country-style bread, crusts removed, torn into pieces**
- **1/3 cup olive oil, divided**
- **1 large cauliflower (2 1/2 pounds), trimmed and chopped**
- **1/4 teaspoon salt**
- **8 slices Prosciutto di Parma (4 ounces), cut into 1-inch squares, divided**
- **4 cloves garlic, finely chopped**
- **8 ounces dry ziti, cooked and drained, reserving 1 cup pasta water**
- **1/2 cup dry white wine**
- **1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley**
- **1/4 teaspoon hot red pepper flakes, or to taste**

Preheat oven to 425°F.

In food processor, pulse bread to form crumbs.

In shallow pan, mix breadcrumbs with 1 tablespoon olive oil; toast until golden, stirring once, about 5 minutes.

In large baking pan, mix cauliflower with 3 tablespoons olive oil and salt. Roast until browned, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil; add half prosciutto and cook until crisp. Stir in garlic; cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Stir in pasta, cauliflower and wine. Stir well, adding pasta water as needed for a saucy consistency. Stir in parsley and hot pepper flakes.

Spoon into shallow bowls; top with remaining Prosciutto di Parma and breadcrumbs. Garnish with additional Prosciutto di Parma slices, if desired.

Editor's note: Page being reprinted due to a font error on Wednesday.

Parmigiano Reggiano-Spinach Puffs

Yield: about 3 dozen

- **4 cups baby spinach (6 ounces), cooked, cooled**
- **3/4 cup flour**
- **1/2 teaspoon salt**
- **1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper**
- **3/4 cup milk**
- **5 tablespoons butter**
- **3 large eggs, at room temperature**
- **1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) coarsely grated Parmigiano Reggiano**

Preheat oven to 400ºF.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Wrap spinach in a towel, squeeze until dry; chop fine.

In small bowl, mix flour, salt and cayenne.

In medium saucepan, bring milk and butter to a boil. Remove from heat and add flour mixture; with wooden spoon, beat until it thickens and pulls away from sides, about 1 minute.

Add eggs 1 at a time, beating well until incorporated. Stir in spinach and cheese.

Drop rounded spoonfuls onto prepared baking sheets, spacing 1 inch apart. Bake until golden, 20 to 25 minutes.

Serve warm. (Puffs can be held at room temperature up to 1 day or frozen; reheat in 400ºF oven, 3 to 5 minutes.)

Bruschetta with Skillet-Seared Mushrooms and Grana Padano

Yield: 4 portions

- **4 slices country-style bread**
- **4 ounces Grana Padano, coarsely grated**
- **3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**
- **1 pound crimini mushrooms, thinly sliced**
- **1 small red bell pepper, cut in 1/2-inch pieces**
- **2 cloves garlic, cut in slivers**
- **2 teaspoons flour**
- **1/4 teaspoon salt**
- **1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper**
- **1/3 cup half-and-half**

Preheat oven to 400°F. On baking sheet, toast bread until crisp, about 10 minutes. Scatter one-third of the Grana Padano over toast.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil; add mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until they give off liquid, about 5 minutes.

Stir in bell pepper and garlic; cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat.

Stir in flour, salt and pepper; cook, stirring, 2 minutes; add half-and-half and simmer until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes.

Divide over bruschetta and top with remaining Grana Padano.

Seacoast National Bank hosts Furry Friday Adoption Days

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Fridays at Seacoast National Bank's Lake Placid branch have gone to the dogs, literally. On March 2, it was Lucky and Nellie, two very special dogs that found forever homes through the Furry March event hosted by Seacoast National Bank. The bank has partnered with the Humane Society of Highlands County and has invited them to come to the branch and bring animals available for adoption.

"The first Friday was a great success," said Elizabeth Morris, Branch Specialist II at Seacoast National Bank and the event organizer.

"We were thrilled two dogs found families and we hope even more people will come in the coming weeks."

Customers and guests were served hot dogs and chips, and Seacoast donated $5 for each account that was opened that day to the Humane Society. Attendees donated money and dog food in addition to the bank's contributions.

The Adoption Days continue on each Friday during the month of March.

For more information about the event, contact Morris at 465-4834.

Seacoast National Bank is the operating arm of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida (NASDAQ: SBCF).

With more than $2 billion in assets and 39 branches from Orlando to Palm Beach Gardens and south central Florida, it is one of the largest community banks headquartered in Florida.

For more information, please visit www.SeacoastNational.com.

Courtesy photo

Seacoast employees and Humane Society representatives celebrate the adoption of Nellie and Lucky, two dogs from the Humane Society of Highlands County that were adopted during Seacoast National Bank's, Furry Friday Adoption Days.

Winn-Dixie Foundation invests $4,500 in HRHN

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Heartland Rural Health Network, Inc. has received a $4,500 grant from the Winn-Dixie Foundation to help support their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Outreach Program. The purpose of this outreach program is to assist low income seniors in Highlands, DeSoto and Hardee counties apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, more commonly known as food stamps.

Although there are many reasons why participation rates are lower for seniors, the most common factor is the difficulty and confusion with the online application process.

Through the Network's SNAP Outreach Program a staff member is available part time to assist seniors in Highlands, DeSoto, and Hardee counties through the application process and teach them how to utilize the online application and steps required for recertification.

"Winn Dixie is at the heart of the communities we serve," said Mary Kellmanson, marketing group vice-president of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. and president of the Winn-Dixie Foundation. "We are pleased to partner with Heartland Rural Health Network, as together we work to make our neighborhoods a better place."

To learn more about the Winn-Dixie Foundation, visit www.winndixie.com. To contact the Network's SNAP specialist, call 452-0638.

Put your tax refund to work

Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

If you're among the millions of Americans expecting an income tax refund this year, you've probably already filed your 2011 return and are eagerly awaiting the money. But if you haven't already mentally spent your refund on a guilty pleasure, here are several great ways to better put that money to work for you:

- Pay down debt. Beefing up credit card and loan payments can significantly lower your long-term interest payments. Suppose you currently pay $120 a month toward a $3,000 credit card balance at 18 percent interest. At that pace it'll take 32 months and $788 in interest to pay off, assuming no new purchases. By doubling your payment to $240 you'll shave off 18 months and $441 in interest.

— Start an emergency fund. To protect your family against the impact of a layoff or other unexpected financial crisis (e.g., medical emergency, major car repair, theft), set aside enough cash to cover six to nine months of living expenses. Seed the account with part of your refund and then set up automatic deductions from your paycheck or checking account.

— Boost retirement savings. Beef up your 2012 IRA or 401(k) contribution, especially if your employer offers matching contributions; a 50 percent match corresponds to a 50 percent guaranteed rate of return – something you won't likely find in any investment.

—- Spend now to save later. Reap long-term savings on things you'll eventually pay for anyway:

Replace older appliances with energy-efficient models that will pay for themselves through lower utility bills. For example, replacing a 1980s refrigerator with an Energy Star model will save more than $100 a year. The Energy Star website (www.energystar.gov) can help you find Energy Star products and estimate savings.

Switching from traditional light bulbs to energy-efficient alternatives like CFLs and LEDs, while initially more expensive, can save about $6 per bulb in annual energy costs. Just make sure they are Energy Star-qualified

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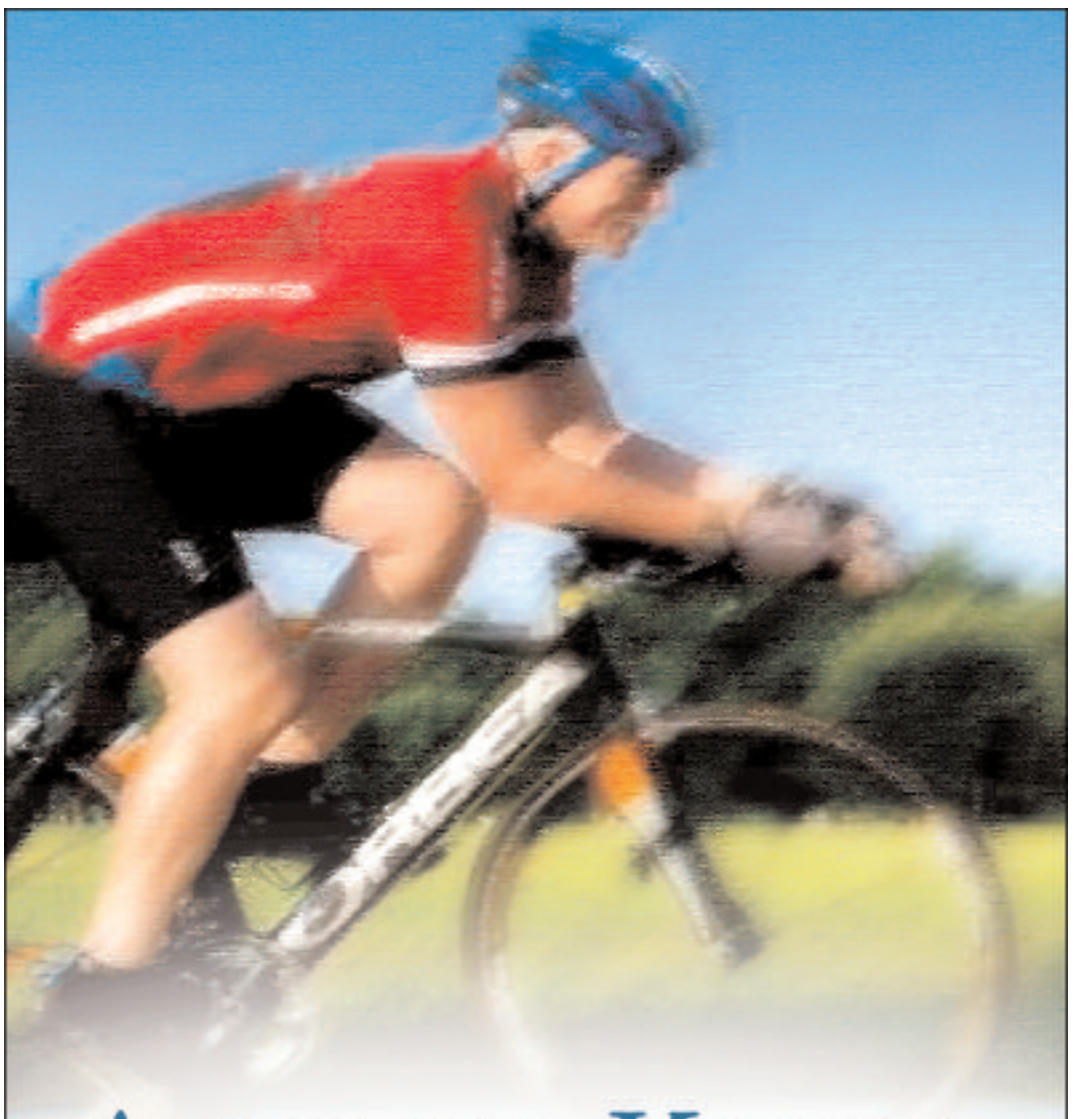

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Chalk Talk

RCMA taking childcare applications

Special to the News-Sun

Area F1orida Redlands Christian Migrant Association is currently accepting childcare applications for the 2012-2013 Early Head Start/Head Start Programs. The programs offer social, dental, health services, as well as language, mental development, vision and hearing screenings.

RCMA serves low income families who meet the federal income guidelines. The association specializes in helping children with disabilities.

For more information:

Avon Park

- Hopewell Child Development Center is an Early Head Start Program for children 6 weeks to 2 year old (must be age by Sept. 1), at 100 Ernest E. Sims St. Contact Katrina Caldwell at 452-4377 or 452-4397.

- Avon Park Child Development Center is a Head Start Program for children 3 to 4 years old (must be age by Sept. 1), at 1301 Strong Ave. Contact Wendy Evans or Karen Consentino at 452-3880.

Sebring

- Hope Villa Child Development Center is an Early and Head Start Program for children 6 weeks to 4 year old (must be age by Sept. 1), at 2306 Hope Circle. Contact Marc Edmond at 314-5924.

- Martin Luther King Child Development Center is a Head Start Program for children 3 to 4 years old (by Sept. 1), at 1801 Martin Luther King Terrace. Contact Yolanda Mason at 471-5381.

- Sebring Child Development Center is a Head Start Program for children 3 to 4 years old (by Sept. 1), at 121 Martin Luther King Blvd. Contact Eliezer Rodriguez at 386-6137.

Courtesy photo

Some of the local winners in the March 23 Area VI Horticulture Demonstration Contests were (from left) Haley Webb, Savana Fisher, Megan Stein, Hallie Webb, Jennifer Swain, Brittany Palmerton, Angie Patino, Elton Gargano and Jillian Murphy.

Students do well in FFA Horticulture Demonstration Contest

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Local FFA members did well in the recent Area VI Horticulture Demonstration Contests held March 23 at South Florida Community College. Participants from Highlands and Miami-Dade counties participated in the event to determine first and second places in each category at both the high school and middle school levels. The top two now advances to the State Horticulture Demonstration Contests in Gainesville on April 27.

The purpose of the contests are designed to stimulate careful planning, thorough knowledge and the ability to explain, by work and action, the "how and why" of horticulture practices.

State Secretary Hilary Webb coordinated the events of the day, along with assistance from District XI Secretary Megan Stein. The 15 judges and Kevin Brown, SFCC Dean of Applied Technology, who hosted the event were invaluable in hosting the event.

Production

- Senior - first place, Taylor Brown, Avon Park High School

- Middle - first place, Garrett Barr - Avon Park Middle School

Consumer Use

- Senior - first place, Susanne Chan and Nikka Castaneda - Ferguson High School; second place, Savana Fisher - Sebring High School; and third place, Ciera DeClue, Lake Placid High School

- Middle - first place, Cassie Hare and Taylor Yeazel, Sebring Middle School

Artistic Arrangement

- Senior - first place, Elton Gargano and Angie Patino - SHS; second place, Osmar Torres and Ricardo Garcia - FHS

- Middle - first place, Courtney Sapp and Katie Weekly - Lake Placid Middle School

Marketing

- Senior - first place, Megan Stein - SHS; second place, Andres Lozano and Nicolas Lozano - FHS

Landscape

- Senior - first place, Jennifer Swain and Brittany Palmerton; second place, C.J. Wilson - LPHS

The FFA mission statement is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

SFCC Community Education offers driver safety classes

Special to the News-Sun

South Florida Community College's Community Education Department is offering a series of Alcohol Drug Accident Prevention Training (ADAPT) courses for first-time driver's license applicants.

The four-hour courses will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7 at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park; and Saturday, April 28 at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N., Bowling Green.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is $35 and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

The Education Department is also offering a series of Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program (SDAPP) courses for drivers who have received a traffic citation, were court ordered to attend, or were involved in a traffic accident and issued a ticket.

The four-hour courses will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the SFCC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the SFCC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N. Bowling Green.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is $40 and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

A driver improvement course for senior citizens in the community will also be offered. This course will teach students how to stay safe on the road, provide information on new highway rules, and can possibly help students receive a discount on car insurance.

The six-hour course will be held 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4 at SFCC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Dr., Avon Park, in Building T, Room 24. The course number (CRN) is 21900 and costs $29.99. The cost of the course includes a training manual.

Pre-registration is required. All registration fees may be paid by cash, check, or credit card.

Participants for any of the classes may register in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact the Community Education Department at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, 773-2252, or 382-6900, ext. 7388 or by email at communityeducation@southflorida.edu.

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Park Elementary Student Council starts Stop, Look and Clip

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – The members of the Park Elementary Student Council have announced their Stop, Look, and Clip campaign. They are asking the community to look closely at the packages of foods, storage bags, school and office supplies, and disposable tableware and cookware for small square "Box Tops" labels.

The labels, on brands like Betty Crocker, Kellogg's, Pillsbury, Ziploc and Avery, net the school $.10 each. The student council has made the Stop, Look, and Clip campaign on of their community outreach programs designed to help raise funds.

"The labels are printed on products that families use every day," said Scott King, Student Counsel sponsor. "We are asking people to take a moment and cut these labels off before throwing the product packaging away."

Park Elementary started collecting "Box Tops" several years ago as a way to raise much needed school funds. This year their goal is $548 worth of "Box Tops" collected. The clipped "Box Tops" can be mailed to Park Elementary at 327 E. Palmetto St., Avon Park, FL 33825 or if donors would like they can drop them off in the school office.

"We hope people can remember to send us the Box Tops because we are trying to save money for a couple of projects including an outdoor classroom," said Aidan Border, fourth-grade student council member.

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SFCC Nursing director earns special certification

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – Dr. Michele Heston, director, South Florida Community College Nursing Education, recently earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after completing a rigorous certification examination administered by the National League for Nursing.

The certification establishes nursing education as a specialty area of practice and creates a means for faculty to demonstrate their expertise in this role. It communicates to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are being met within a program.

"Our nursing program at SFCC is dedicated to lifelong learning, and we model that to our students by seeking to promote current quality education," Heston said.

"After much encouragement from some of my peers in nursing education, I decided to go forward with this certification not only for my own benefit, but to also show our students that the faculty is also dedicated to continuing our own education as well."

"When a nursing educator receives the certification, it shows that they know everything they need to know about nursing education," said Rebecca Sroda, associate dean, Allied Health. "Having instructors with the certification proves the expertise, commitment, and credentials of the instructors in our program, which are things all students should look for when choosing any educational program."

"The test is extremely challenging and requires countless hours of preparation and study.

"Anyone who wants this certification has to have a strong desire to earn it, and Michele has this desire as well as a passion for nursing education," Sroda said.

Currently, four other SFCC nursing faculty members are preparing to test for the certification.

Courtesy photo

South Florida Community College Nursing Education Director Dr. Michele Heston instructs nursing assistant students (from left) Maria Jaimes, Danuyel Herrin, and Janay Fuse on patient care using a patient simulator.

Summer and fall registration begins at SFCC

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – South Florida Community College begins its summer registration in April. Priority and web registration for students with 40 or more hours for SFCC's 2012 summer 12-week, summer first flex session, and summer second flex session, begin Monday. Priority registration for students with 20 or more hours for all three summer terms begins April 9. Open registration for all other students begins April 23.

There will be no registration for summer classes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

The final day to register for the summer 12-week and first flex session terms is May 6; classes begin May 7. The final day to register for the second summer flex session is June 18; classes begin June 19. Students and prospective students are urged to register early.

SFCC also begins its fall registration in April. Priority and web registration for students with 40 or more hours for SFCC's 2012 fall academic degree and occupational certificate programs begin Friday, April 6. Priority registration for students with 20 or more hours for all fall classes begins April 13. Open registration for all other students begins April 27.

There will be no registration for fall classes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

The final day to register for occupational certificate program classes is Aug. 21; occupational certificate classes begin Aug. 22. The final day to register for academic degree program fall 16-week and fall first flex session classes is Aug. 26; classes begin Aug. 27. The final day to register for academic degree program fall second flex session classes is Oct. 21; classes begin Oct. 22. Students and prospective students are urged to register early.

Returning students may register and pay for classes through the college portal, Panther Central, which operates 24 hours a day. To access Panther Central, visit the collegeís website and click the Panther Central link on the right. Then click the Student tab to access registration, financial aid, and payment options.

The SFCC Office of the Registrar accepts walk-in registrations from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. Students can register in Building B on the Highlands Campus and at the DeSoto Campus, the Hardee Campus, and the Lake Placid Center.

New students can apply for admission by visiting the college's website at www.southflorida.edu. Click Apply Now at the top or print and fill out the Application Form and return it to the SFCC Office of the Registrar at the Highlands Campus or any other SFCC campus or center.

Call 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500.

Students represent SFCC on All-Florida Academic Team

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – South Florida Community College students Elizabeth Barragan, Yesenia Calderon, Ana Cendejas and Brittany Hessell were chosen to represent SFCC as members of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) 2012 All-Florida Academic Team. "Students named to the academic team represent the best in state," said Dr. Charlotte Pressler, SFCC Honors Program and Service Learning director. "PTK advisors nominate students based on their academic merit and community service work."

Barragan is a member of Phi Beta Lambda and spends her free time tutoring elementary and middle school students. She graduated from SFCC in December and is currently studying pharmacy tech online through Rasmussen College. "I'm happy that my hard work has paid off," she said. She plans to continue on to the University of Maryland and major in pharmacy or occupational therapy.

Calderon is the current president of SFCC's PTK chapter and is also a member of Phi Beta Lambda and the Student Government Association. She volunteers for a family law attorney where she translates for Spanish-speaking clients. "Anything is possible if you have a goal and aim to achieve it," she said. Calderon hopes to attend the University of Florida where she will major in English and then apply to law school.

College student and mother of two, Cendejas still finds time to excel in her classes and volunteer for the Young People's Theatre at SFCC. She will attend Florida Gulf Coast University and plans to become a nurse anesthetist. "I'm honored and privileged to have been nominated, and I'm grateful that SFCC recognizes the diversity of its students."

Hessell volunteers at a variety of events for PTK including Relay for Life and the Young People's Theatre. She is also a part of SFCC's Service Learning program in which she volunteers with the Highlands County Tourist Development Center. She will attend the University of Central Florida and major in hospitality management. "I'm proud of what I've achieved," she said. "I never thought I could go this far."

This year, 112 students from Florida's 28 public community colleges were appointed to the All-Florida Academic Team.

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— Prepay bills. If you expect major expenses later this year (e.g., insurance premiums, orthodontia, college tuition), start setting money aside now so you won't rack up interest charges later. Also, paying slightly more each month toward your mortgage principal can save thousands of dollars in interest over the life of the loan.

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Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000080
M&T BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
VICENTE BARAJAS A/K/A VICENTE C. BARAJAS, ET. AL.
Defendants
NOTICE OF ACTION
To the following Defendant(s):
VICENTE BARAJAS A/K/A VICENTE C. BARAJAS (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
Last known address: 5005 CRICKET DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33876
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Last known address: 5005 CRICKET DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33876
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOTS 21 AND 22, BLOCK 226, CARVA HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 110, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 5005 CRICKET DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33876
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Adam G. Levine, Esq. at VAN NESS LAW FIRM P.A., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 on or before May 1, 2012 a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative order No. 2065
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administrator, (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Foreclosure Complaint; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of March, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
April 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 282012CP000066A000XX
DIVISION: PROBATE
IN RE: ESTATE OF
EUGENE H. KIMMEL,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of Eugene H. Kimmel, deceased, whose date of death was November 13, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is April 1, 2012.
Personal Representative:
Ramona A. Kimmel
3209 Delaware Ave.
Sebring, FL 33872
Attorney for Personal Representative:
William T. Bonham
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Mularski, Bonham, Dittmer & Phillips, LLC
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April 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000502
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHRISTINA M. MCANALLY, et al,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 22, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000502 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and CHRISTINA M. MCANALLY; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 25th day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 1, IN BLOCK B, OF HILLCREST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY.
A/K/A 414 E. OAK 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 February 23, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
Florida Default Law Group, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
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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 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282009CA000695XXXXXX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-RM1,
Plaintiff,
vs
DIMITRI RAVELO A/K/A DIMITRI J. RAVELO; et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated March 20, 2012, entered in Case No. 282009CA000695XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-RM1, is the Plaintiff and DIMITRI RAVELO A/K/A DIMITRI J. RAVELO; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST 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, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on the 17th day of April, 2012, at 11:00 am, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
LOT 1, BLOCK 256, SEBRING SUMMIT, UNIT NO. 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 78, 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 March 21, 2012.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
AS DEPUTY CLERK
March 25; April 1, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000162
Divison
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
JENNIFER CURRY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER CURRY, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on March 20, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
LOT 4, BLOCK S, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
and commonly known as: 211 DEERWALK 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 April 17, 2012 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 21st day of March, 2012.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 25; April 1, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-001077
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
DEBRA RAE AMES A/K/A DEBRA R. AMES A/K/A DEBRA AMES F/K/A DEBRA R. STONE A/K/A DEBBIE R. STONE; JOHN TIMOTHY AMES A/K/A JOHN AMES; SEBRING HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC D/B/A HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-001077 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, Plaintiff and DEBRA RAE AMES A/K/A DEBRA R. AMES A/K/A DEBRA AMES F/K/A DEBRA R. STONE A/K/A DEBBIE R. STONE 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., April 25, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 41, BLOCK 10, HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, SECTION K, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 9, 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/ Annette E. Daff
Deputy Clerk of Court
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO & FISHMAN, LLP
4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd.
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(813)880-8800
April 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 11-898 GCS
FIRSTBANK PUERTO RICO
d/b/a FIRSTBANK FLORIDA
f/k/a UNIBANK,
Plaintiff
v.
GREENLODGE, LLC; PAUL F. COLLINS; PATRICK J. SIMMONS; EDWARD G. TOUCHTON, JR.; AND UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment on the Complaint entered in the above-styled cause of action now pending in said court, that THE CLERK SHALL OFFER FOR SALE to the highest and best bidder for cash at 490 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 a.m., on the April 17, 2012, the following described property:
Legal Description: Lots 12 through 16, inclusive, and Lots 32 through 36, inclusive and that closed road adjoining Lots 32 through 36, inclusive, Sunset Heights Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 61, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, bearing Folio No. S18-3429-130-0000-0120 and street address of 3012 State Road 17 North, Sebring, FL 33870 (`Real Property'').
Property Address: 3012 SR 17 North, Sebring, Florida 33870
CLERK OF COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
April 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000941
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEPHANIE V. GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE ELAINE GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE GILLOTTI; DARIO DANIEL GILLOTTI A/K/A DARIO D. GILLOTTI; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A CAPITAL ONE BANK; SEBRING RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000941 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff and STEPHANIE V. GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE ELAINE GILLOTTI A/K/A STEPHANIE GILLOTTI 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., April 25, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 26, BLOCK 7, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION ``G'', ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, 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/ Annette E. Daff
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
April 1, 8, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: CITY TOWING OF SEBRING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 04/14/2012, 09:00 am at 280 Avon Way, Avon Park, FL 33825, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CITY TOWING OF SEBRING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 08-1440-GCS
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY BETH BINKLEY-GILL A/K/A MARYBETH B. GILL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY BETH BINKLEY-GILL A/K/A MARYBETH B. GILL; SCOTT L. GILL; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SCOTT L. GILL; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK; LEISURE LAKES HOME OWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LEINORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL THER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s)
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 37, BLOCK 31, LEISURE LAKES, SECTION FOUR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A
3006 Brooklands Ave
Lake Placid, FL 33852
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on April 17, 2012.
DATED THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2012.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendents, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 21st day of March, 2012.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 25; April 1, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-001922
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
CLYDE J. BROWN A/K/A CLYDE BROWN AND MICHELLE A. BROWN A/K/A MICHELLE AMANDA MILLER; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; PINE & LAKE OF SEBRING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 1, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-001922 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff and CLYDE J. BROWN A/K/A CLYDE BROWN AND MICHELLE A. BROWN A/K/A MICHELLE AMANDA MILLER 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., April 17, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
LOT 84, OF PINE AND LAKE SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 3, 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
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March 25; April 1, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000513
SEC.: Civil
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., HOME EQUITY PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1
Plaintiff,
v.
RONALD F. KELLY A/K/A RONALD KELLY; KEISHA SMITH; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; SEAN W. FIELDER; DAWN FIELDER; AND FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE SERVICES, CO
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated March 14, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2010-CA-000513 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 25th day of April, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:
THE SOUTHERLY 1/2 OF LOT 6, ALL OF LOT 5, AND ALL OF LOT 4, LESS AND EXCEPT THE SOUTHERLY 15 FEET THEREOF, LYING IN BLOCK 270, LAKE SEBRING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, AT PAGE 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE WHERE THE COMMON LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4 INTERSECTS CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL TO THE COMMON LINE OF LOTS 3 AND 4
TO THE REAR LOT LINE OF LOT 4; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE REAR OF LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 A DISTANCE OF 130.50 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF LOT 6 TO POINT ON CLEVELAND ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG CLEVELAND ROAD A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:
Office of the Court Administrator Phone:
(863) 534-4686
TDD: (863) 534-7777
or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid of service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.
DATED AT SEBRING, FLORIDA THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2012.
By: /s/ Annette E. Daff
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
April 1, 8, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001197
Divison
GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
DONALD L. PAGE, ALICE I. PAGE, PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on March 20, 2012, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 36, BLOCK 283, PLACID LAKES SECTION 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 259 BIMINI STREET NE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852-0000; 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 April 17, 2012 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 21st day of March, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 25; April 1, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. JP12-000061-XX
IN THE INTEREST OF:
D.L. DOB 11/21/06
D.C. DOB 02/13/09
D.C. DOB 02/25/11
Minor children

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GUARDIANSHIP

THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:
UNKNOWN FATHER

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in the above styled Court by the Department of Children & Families, seeking the termination of your parental rights to:

D.L.
a black female child
born November 21, 2006
mother - Tachia Lawson

and you are hereby commanded to personally appear before the Honorable Sheryl D. Snodgrass, a Magistrate/hearing officer in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, on the 25th day of April, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Courtroom 1A.

YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SPECIFIED OR YOU WILL LOSE ALL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOUR FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR WILL BE DEEMED TO BE YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION.YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU MUST BE PRESENT AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR YOU IF YOU WANT ONE.In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at 1968 Sebring Parkway, Sebring FL 33870, Telephone (863)402-7722, 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.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 2012.
By: /s/ Anita E. Reiley
Deputy Clerk

(Clerk's Seal)
March 25; April 1, 8, 15, 2012

1055 Highlands County Legals

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4000 Real Estate

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News-Sun photo by SCOTT DRESSEL

Aaron Hart went the whole way Friday night, striking out five Blue Devil hitters in Sebring's district win over Winter Haven.

Streaks waylay Winter Haven

By DAN HOEHNE
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It was a bedeviling week for the Blue Streak baseball team, with all three opponents having a devil as their mascot.

Avon Park's Red Devils bested them Monday, but Sebring stopped the Red Devils of Kathleen on Tuesday.

Sebring 10 Winter Haven 6

Friday brought a Blue Devil to town, with a visit from Winter Haven, and a back-and-forth affair ensued, with the Streaks hanging on for a 10-6 win.

Early errors helped pave the way for a three-run first for the visitors, though Sebring bounced right back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning.

The next two innings went by without a run, but the Blue Devils upped their advantage to 4-2 with a score in the top of the fourth.

But the Streaks broke out with four in the bottom of the frame and added another in the fifth for a 7-4 lead.

Winter Haven, however, got back into it with two in the sixth, cutting it to 7-6.

But Sebring got the

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Joy Donglasan and the Lady Blue Streaks finished the season strong on Thursday.

Lady Streaks end on a high note

By DAN HOEHNE
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Thursday's 6-1 win at Hardee made it nine in a row for the Lady Blue Streaks of the tennis courts, ending their regular season with a 16-1 record.

The team hasn't known defeat since Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the hands of George Jenkins, to which head coach Janie Hollinger had said it was a "good learning experience to play against a really talented team like that."

Sebring 6 Hardee 1

The girls obviously learned their lesson well, and haven't lost since.

Against the Lady Wildcats Thursday, the lone loss came at No. 1 singles, where Kaley Waltr battled through three sets against Summer Palmer.

After dropping the opener 6-1, Walter rallied for a 6-3 win in the second set.

But Palmer flipped the script and took her own 6-3 win in the third set to claim the match.

From there, however, Sebring rolled.

Nisha Patel went 6-2, 6-1 over Taylor Pohl at No. 2 singles before Joy Donglasan served up a shutout at No. 3, going 6-0, 6-0 over Ashley Baker.

Kelly Broen was nearly as dominant at No. 4, with a 6-1, 6-0 win, while Morgan Heston duplicated Donglasan's feat with a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

The Killer P's of Palmer and Pohl put up a good fight at No. 1 doubles with Walter and Donglasan, but the Lady Streaks held on to a 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 win.

But then Sebring finished that match and their regular season off in fine fashion with Patel and Broen cruising to a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2.

The team, however, doesn't have much time to savor their impressive regular season, as they head to the District 10-3A tournament beginning Monday at, of all places, George Jenkins.

Devils top Dragons in extras

By DAN HOEHNE
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AVON PARK – Looking for atonement on a number of different fronts, the Red Devils would have to wait for a late rally and an extra inning to make good on it.

And when the dust had settled, Avon Park had made up for it's lone district loss of the season, as well as the only county loss, in Friday's 6-5, eight-inning win over Lake Placid.

Avon Park 6 Lake Placid 5

In the Dragons 4-1 win early this month, it had been the strong pitching of Heath Harris and a four-run third that had propelled them to victory.

And once again, Harris was on the mound, though Lake Placid got the offense rolling a bit earlier.

After a scoreless first for both sides, Tyler Carr reached on a one-out infield single to deep short.

Ricky Miller then powered one into the right-center field gap for an RBI triple and Harris helped his own cause with a suicide squeeze bunt to score Miller.

Josh Montero reached on an error to put runners on first and second, with a passed ball then advancing the runners to second and third.

Laine Daum followed with a ground-out to third, scoring Harris, though first-baseman Tyrone Perry alertly fired back across the diamond to catch Montero trying to advance to third, to end the inning.

The Devils would bounce back in the bottom of the inning, with Alfred Brown singling and moving to second on an Anthony Carruthers line-single to center.

Mason Jahna singled Brown home and Colton Brock, running for catcher Carruthers, came in on a double-play grounder to cut the deficit to 3-2.

But the Dragons would get those two runs back in the next two innings, with a Pike Cloninger double scoring Nevada Weaver in the

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Avon Park's Mason Jahna had three hits and three RBI, including the game winner in the eighth inning, in Friday's 6-5, comeback win over Lake Placid.

Yarbrough heading to Cumberlands

By LAUREN WELBORN
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – "All the kids have worked hard over their career, but Kyle definitely is one of the kids that stood out. He took it to another notch," said Sebring head coach Lavaar Scott Thursday morning as Sebring standout Kyle Yarbrough was joined by staff and family as he signed on the dotted line to commit to playing football for University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY next fall.

When asked what interested him in the school, Yarbrough explained, "I liked how they already won four conference championships in the past five years. The coaches there are very nice; they seem like they know what they are doing.

"Also they have a pre-physician's assistant program, and that's what I want to be when I graduate college."

Yarbrough is also eager to join the Cumberlands community.

"The school is involved in the Upwards basketball program and they have a church on campus."

His family was there to support him, just as they have done throughout his career.

Parents Danny and Karen, as well as sister Kelly, were there for the occasion, and along with Scott, they comprise Kyle's biggest fan club.

"He deserves all of this because he really worked hard for it. He came every day, even the extra days-he was always there."

This quality was one Scott highlighted as he contacted the Cumberlands coach.

"Some kids you can vouch for and you can say, 'yes sir, he works hard' but with Kyle I told the coach, 'He came

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News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Kyle Yarbrough made it official Thursday morning, signing to attend and play football at the University of the Cumberlands. Joining him for the occasion were, back row left to right, Sebring AD Chris Cook, mother Karen and head coach LaVaar Scott. Front row, flanking Kyle, are father Danny and sister Kelly.

The Scoreboard

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	22	.569	—
Philadelphia	28	23	.549	1
New York	26	26	.500	3½
New Jersey	18	35	.340	12
Toronto	17	35	.327	12½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	13	.740	—
Orlando	32	20	.615	6
Atlanta	31	22	.585	7½
Washington	12	39	.235	25½
Charlotte	7	42	.143	29½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	42	11	.792	—
Indiana	30	20	.600	10½
Milwaukee	24	27	.471	17
Detroit	18	33	.353	23
Cleveland	17	32	.347	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	35	14	.714	—
Dallas	30	23	.566	7
Memphis	27	22	.551	8
Houston	28	24	.538	8½
New Orleans	13	38	.255	23

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	12	.765	—
Denver	28	24	.538	11½
Utah	27	25	.519	12½
Minnesota	25	28	.472	15
Portland	24	28	.462	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	31	20	.608	—
L.A. Clippers	30	21	.588	1
Phoenix	25	26	.490	6
Golden State	20	30	.400	10½
Sacramento	18	33	.353	13

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

Indiana 93, Washington 89
Miami 106, Dallas 85
Portland 99, New Orleans 93
Oklahoma City 102, L.A. Lakers 93

Friday's Games

Denver 99, Charlotte 88
Miami 113, Toronto 101
Washington 97, Philadelphia 76
Atlanta 100, New York 90
Milwaukee 121, Cleveland 84
Chicago 83, Detroit 71
Houston 98, Memphis 89
Boston 100, Minnesota 79
Dallas 100, Orlando 98
Sacramento 104, Utah 103
New Jersey 102, Golden State 100
L.A. Clippers 98, Portland 97

Saturday's Games

New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, late
Charlotte at Detroit, late
Cleveland at New York, late
Atlanta at Philadelphia, late
Indiana at San Antonio, late
Memphis at Milwaukee, late
New Jersey at Sacramento, late
Utah at L.A. Clippers, late

Sunday's Games

Chicago at Oklahoma City, 1 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	50	21	7	107	217	173
x-Pittsburgh	48	24	6	102	264	208
x-Philadelphia	45	24	8	98	248	214
New Jersey	44	28	6	94	214	205
N.Y. Islanders	33	33	11	77	190	230

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	45	28	4	94	251	189
Ottawa	39	28	10	88	236	227
Buffalo	38	30	10	86	205	215
Toronto	33	36	9	75	218	249
Montreal	29	35	14	72	200	218

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	37	25	16	90	192	215
Washington	39	31	8	86	209	221
Winnipeg	36	34	8	80	211	230
Carolina	31	31	16	78	208	232
Tampa Bay	35	35	7	77	220	266

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	48	20	10	106	202	151
x-Nashville	45	25	8	98	223	203
x-Detroit	46	27	5	97	240	195
Chicago	43	26	9	95	235	225
Columbus	26	45	7	59	185	253

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	48	21	9	105	236	189
Colorado	41	33	6	88	205	209
Calgary	35	29	15	85	192	219
Minnesota	32	35	10	74	164	212
Edmonton	31	38	9	71	208	230

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	39	27	12	90	182	166
Dallas	42	31	5	89	207	209
Phoenix	38	27	13	89	202	202
San Jose	39	29	10	88	211	201
Anaheim	33	33	11	77	194	213

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Games

Washington 3, Boston 2, SO
Chicago 4, St. Louis 3, SO
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 1
New Jersey 6, Tampa Bay 4
N.Y. Islanders 5, Pittsburgh 3
Minnesota 3, Florida 2, OT
Phoenix 2, San Jose 0

Friday's Games

Winnipeg 4, Carolina 3, OT
Columbus 4, Florida 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 3
Nashville 4, Detroit 1
Colorado 4, Calgary 1
Los Angeles 4, Edmonton 1
Vancouver 5, Dallas 2

Saturday's Games

Boston at N.Y. Islanders, late
Ottawa at Philadelphia, late
Buffalo at Toronto, late
Montreal at Washington, late
New Jersey at Carolina, late
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, late
Columbus at St. Louis, late
Chicago at Nashville, late
Los Angeles at Minnesota, late
Anaheim at Phoenix, late
Calgary at Vancouver, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Live Sports On TV

Auto Racing
Sunday

12:30 p.m. NASCAR – Goody's Fast Relief 500 ..... FOX
7 p.m. NHRA – SummitRacing.com Nationals ESPN2

College Baseball
Monday

2 p.m. Southern Mississippi at Rice ..... SUN

College Basketball
Monday

9 p.m. NCAA Tournament Final..... CBS

Golf
Sunday

1 p.m. PGA – Shell Houston Open. ..... GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Shell Houston Open. ..... NBC
4:30 p.m. LPGA – Kraft Nabisco Championship. . . GOLF

High School Basketball
Sunday

4:30 p.m. Slam Dunk, 3-Point Championship..... CBS

MLB Preseason
Sunday

1 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Miami ..... SUN

NBA
Sunday

1 p.m. Chicago at Oklahoma City ..... ABC
3:30 p.m. Miami at Boston..... ABC
6 p.m. Denver at Orlando ..... SUN

NHL
Sunday

12:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Pittsburgh ..... NBC

Soccer
Monday

2:55 p.m. Blackburn vs. Manchester United..... ESPN2
Tuesday
2:55 p.m. Barcelona vs. AC Milan ..... SUN

Tennis
Sunday

1 p.m. ATP – Sony Ericsson Open ..... CBS

Women's College Basketball
Sunday

6:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament..... ESPN
9 p.m. NCAA Tournament..... ESPN
Tuesday
8:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament Final ..... ESPN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

MLB Preseason

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	22	5	.815
Oakland	14	5	.737
Detroit	16	7	.696
Los Angeles	17	10	.630
Seattle	12	8	.600
Minnesota	17	13	.567
New York	14	11	.560
Boston	13	11	.542
Kansas City	15	13	.536
Baltimore	11	12	.478
Chicago	12	16	.429
Texas	10	17	.370
Tampa Bay	8	16	.333
Cleveland	6	20	.231

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	15	8	.652
San Diego	19	12	.613
San Francisco	16	12	.571
Colorado	15	12	.556
Los Angeles	13	12	.520
Houston	14	14	.500
Chicago	14	16	.467
Milwaukee	12	14	.462
Miami	10	12	.455
Cincinnati	13	16	.448
Philadelphia	12	15	.444
Washington	11	14	.440
Arizona	11	16	.407
Atlanta	10	16	.385
Pittsburgh	8	17	.320
New York	7	17	.292

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

Thursday's Games

Minnesota 11, Pittsburgh 6
Washington (ss) 6, Atlanta 3
Miami 3, St. Louis 1
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 3, Boston 2
L.A. Angels 11, Kansas City 8
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 3
Colorado 6, Cleveland (ss) 3
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
San Diego 12, Chicago Cubs 11
Arizona 5, Cleveland (ss) 4
Washington (ss) 5, Detroit 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Houston 1
Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
San Francisco 6, Texas 2

Friday's Games

Detroit 6, Baltimore 3
Pittsburgh 3, Tampa Bay 3, tie
Minnesota (ss) 4, Toronto 1
St. Louis 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Boston 9, Minnesota (ss) 7
Cincinnati 6, Cleveland 5
L.A. Dodgers (ss) 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Milwaukee 9, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 9, Arizona 2
Atlanta (ss) 3, Houston (ss) 1
Washington 3, Miami 2
Houston (ss) 5, Atlanta (ss) 1
N.Y. Yankees 13, Philadelphia 9
Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 2
San Diego 8, San Francisco 7
Texas 5, Colorado 3

Saturday's Games

Toronto vs. Philadelphia, late
Pittsburgh (ss) vs. Minnesota, late
Baltimore vs. Pittsburgh (ss), late
St. Louis vs. Washington, late
Detroit vs. Atlanta, late
N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston, late
Boston vs. Tampa Bay, late
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami, late
Milwaukee vs. San Diego (ss), late
Arizona (ss) vs. Kansas City, late
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago Cubs, late
Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox, late
L.A. Dodgers vs. Arizona (ss), late
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, late
San Diego (ss) vs. Seattle, late
Texas vs. Cleveland, late

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

Local Schedule

Avon Park

TUESDAY: Baseball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Hardee, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Frostproof, 6 p.m.;
FRIDAY: Softball at Booker, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Placid

TUESDAY: Baseball vs. Clewiston, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Clewiston, 4:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. DeSoto, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Track at Sebring, 4:30 p.m.

Sebring

MONDAY: Baseball vs. Bartow, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Winter Haven, 6/7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Baseball at Kathleen, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Bartow, 6 p.m.; Softball at Okeechobee, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY: Track hosts Meet, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Lake Gibson, 7 pm.; JV Baseball at DeSoto, 6 p.m.; Softball at Lake Gibson, 6/7:30 p.m.

SFCC

MONDAY: Baseball vs. Hillsborough, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY: Softball vs. State College of Florida, 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Baseball at Polk State College, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY: Softball at Polk State College, 5 p.m.

Sports Snapshots

Nu-Hope Tourney

SEBRING — The Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE Elder Care Services Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 14, at Highlands Ridge Golf Club North Course in Avon Park.

This event, sponsored by MIDFLORIDA Credit Union, is a two-person scramble with handicapped flights.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

An awards ceremony and lunch, sponsored by the Palms of Sebring, will follow. The event will also include a putting contest, awards for closest to the pin, and a hole-in-one contest sponsored by the Cohan Radio Group.

Registration is $60 per $120 per team.

Sponsorships are also available.

Entries may be submitted to NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, 6414 US Hwy 27 S., Sebring FL 33876.

All funds raised will be used locally to enhance services to seniors living in Highlands and Hardee County.

This will be the 15th year that the agency has held its signature fundraising event.

Last year the name was changed to the Sandy Foster Memorial/NU-HOPE Elder Care Services Golf Tournament as a tribute to NU-HOPE's former Executive Director who passed away in September of 2010.

Through his passion, leadership and inspiration, this event has raised over $290,000.

Members of the community can help to support this important event by entering a team, becoming a sponsor, or donating gift certificate(s) or other items to be used in our fundraising raffle.

For more information, please visit *www.nuhopeeldercare.org* or contact Laurie Murphy, NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, Inc., 382-2134, or fax at 382-4546, or email *murphyl@nuhope.org*.

6th Annual Sottile Tourney

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Athletic Association's Annual Nick Sottile Memorial Golf Tournament is Saturday, April 14, at the Placid Lakes Country Club.

The event is a four-person scramble with cash prizes for the winning teams in each flight, hole-in-one prizes at three holes as well as other prizes.

Golfers tee off at 8 a.m. and the cost is $100 per person or $400 for a team.

Entry fee includes greens fee, cart, beverages and a spectacular feast including jumbo shrimp, pulled pork, BBQ chicken and all the accoutrements.

Bill Jarrett Ford is helping underwrite the event, but more sponsors are needed.

Sponsorship ranges from $1,000 to $50 hole-sponsors and lunch tickets are included with most sponsorship levels.

Proceeds from this tournament directly benefit youth sports in Lake Placid and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Nick Sottile Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Nicholas "Nick" Sottile was a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper and "hometown hero" killed in the line of duty in January of 2007.

LPAA donates all the organization's proceeds to youth sports in Lake Placid, and has donated more than $2-million dollars to youth sports since its inception.

For more information, contact Laura Teal 441-0729 or Darrell Heckman at 441-0417.

Church League Softball

SEBRING – The new season for church leagues will be starting in May and there is room for new teams.

There are three opportunities to get involved.

First, if you have 12 or more people, men and women, from your church, ages 16 and up, that would like to form a team, call for a flyer with information.

Secondly, if you have three or four players, call other churches and see if you can combine players to form a team, then call for a flyer.

Finally, if you are just by yourself and want to play, call up and ask to be put on an existing team, or form a new one if enough players sign up.

Regular church attendance is mandatory, which means more than just showing up regularly every Christmas.

You may call Calvary Church at 386-4900, or Lester Osbeck at 446-1139, for a flyer or to sign up as an individual for a team.

Call soon, as registration needs to be in by Monday, April 30.

Sebring Cheer Tryouts

SEBRING – Sebring High School Cheer Tryouts will be Monday, April 9, from 3:30 - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, from 3:30 - 6 p.m. and Wednesday, April 11, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Mandatory Parent meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Smith Center at Sebring High School.

For information contact Coach Maurice Williams or Coach Wendy Cloud at Sebring High School at 471-5500.

Payton, the Saints and GM appeal NFL suspensions

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Saints coach Sean Payton is appealing his season-long suspension from the NFL for his role in New Orleans' bounty system.

And he's not the only one looking for a little relief from the penalties handed down by Commissioner Roger Goodell.

General manager Mickey Loomis, assistant coach Joe Vitt and the Saints organization each decided to appeal on Friday.

Payton will also ask Goodell for guidance on the parameters of the suspension, which runs through next year's Super Bowl, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the league and the Saints did not announce Payton's plan to appeal.

Saints spokesman Greg Bensel did confirm that Loomis was appealing his eight-game suspension and, separately, the team would challenge its $500,000 fine and loss of second-round draft picks this year and in 2013.

Vitt, suspended for six games, is doing the same.

David Cornwell, representing Vitt as head of the NFL Coaches Association, confirmed the decision in an email to the AP.

Goodell last week announced the suspension of Payton, starting Sunday, for his role in connection with New Orleans' bounty system, which offered improper cash bonuses for big hits that either knocked opponents out of games or left them needing help off of the field.

Former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, who left the Saints after last season to join the St. Louis Rams, ran the bounty program and has been suspended indefinitely.

The commissioner has said since the unprecedented penalties were announced that the Saints' coach would likely be allowed to continue working as his appeal was resolved.

However, he added that the challenge would be expedited, indicating that Payton would not likely be able to add on much work time should his appeal be upheld.

Goodell also said at the NFL owners meetings this week in Florida that Payton could have some contact with the team but did not go into detail, and Payton indicated that he was still a little unclear about that, as well.

With all the uncertainty, Payton is trying to compress as much planning for the 2012 season into whatever time he has left at Saints headquarters this weekend.

The NFL could not immediately provide details on how Payton's decision to file an appeal on Friday would affect the timeline for the process to play out.

"The decision to appeal is for Sean Payton to make and announce as he deems appropriate," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "If there are appeals, the commissioner will arrange for expedited hearings, as he stated at the league meeting."

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> **GREG AIELLO**
> NFL spokesman

The results of the appeal could affect whether Bill Parcells comes out of retirement to take over as interim coach while his former offensive assistant and protégé is suspended.

Parcells has said he would consider coaching the Saints if asked.

At a spring training game in Jupiter on Friday, Parcells declined to answer questions about the possibility.

"I know better than that," Parcells said.

Payton and Loomis played golf with Parcells this week to talk to him about the team's predicament, and Parcells has told multiple media outlets that he would consider taking the Saints interim post to help his friend.

If the suspension is reduced, however, the Saints could decide it makes more sense to promote an assistant from the current staff.

There are also three strong candidates among Saints assistants to take over as interim coach: offensive coordinator Pete Carmichael, defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo and offensive line coach Aaron Kromer.

Payton expressed confidence in the abilities of his own assistants to compensate for his absence, but also has voiced some misgivings about saddling those coaches with additional responsibilities.

Since his suspension was announced, Payton has been putting in long hours with his staff and that of Loomis as they try to lay out plans for the 2012 draft and season.

Loomis will be able to oversee the draft and handle other roster moves up until the season starts.

Then, barring a successful appeal, he will serve his suspension for failing to put a stop to the bounty system in a timely way.

Payton said earlier this week that he had already laid out plans for the offseason training program and the beginning of training camp, up until the Saints play Arizona in the Hall of Fame game Aug. 5 in Canton, Ohio.

The NFL's investigation in New Orleans found that Payton initially lied to league investigators about the existence of a bounty program and instructed his defensive assistants to do the same.

Payton twice apologized for his role in the bounty program, saying he takes "full responsibility" for a system that operated for three years under his watch.

The NFL has said as many as 27 players also could be sanctioned for their role in the scandal, but it is not yet clear when that might happen, creating additional uncertainty for New Orleans and some teams that have signed former Saints defensive regulars as they tried to build their 2012 rosters.

DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL Players Association, told the website Pro Player Insiders that the league hasn't turned over what the union would consider direct evidence of player involvement in a 'pay to injure' scheme.

"If there is direct evidence of a 'pay to injure' scheme implicating players or anybody involved," Smith said, "we are asking the league to turn over that information."

Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter April activities

Special to the News-Sun

The Heartland Chapter of the Florida Trail Association has a number of activities planned for next month where participants can enjoy the wondrous nature Central Florida has to offer, while also giving back.

Date: Saturday, April 7
Activity: Trail Maintenance and Free Tour
Location: Bok Tower, Lake Wales

Meet at the Main Gate. Rose Kellermann will lead this volunteer project to remove invasive plants (Brazilian Peppers) from a new walking trail, and tour the Bok Tower Gardens at no charge to the volunteers.

Bring: Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Rose or Jim Kellermann at 863-676-2889 for meet-up time, location and other details.

Date: Saturday, April 14
Activity: Day Hike, approx. 6 miles
Location: Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Located east of Avon Park in Polk County, 5 miles south of Frostproof and is part of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest which was purchased by the state to protect numerous rare and endangered plants and animals.

For this event, Florida State Senator, Paula Dockery, will be at Arbuckle to view the bridge and hike the trail with us.

Bring: Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Rose or Jim Kellermann at 863-676-2889 for meet-up time, location and other details.

Date: Sunday, April 15
Activity: Nature Walk
Location: Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Road), Lakeland

Description: Approximately 3-mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles.

Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance.

Pets are not allowed.

Bring: Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or *lplum@verizon.net*.

Date: Sunday, April 22
Activity: Earth Day – Day Hike
Location: Tiger Creek Preserve

Group will meet at the Mini Mac Convenience Store, 910 N Scenic Hwy, Babson Park

Description: We will hike the new trail to the observation tower.

Tiger Creek Preserve is located east of US 27 between Babson Park and Frostproof.

The trail traverses the rolling hills of the Lake Wales Ridge, including some of the highest hills and oldest land in the Florida peninsula.

Botanical diversity is extensive along this trail.

Bring: Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP David Waldrop at 863-605-3587 for meet-up time and other details.

Date: Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29
Activity: Hiking Trail Maintenance (come for the day or camp (primitive) overnight)
Location: Green Swamp, Lakeland, FL Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

Directions: From US-98 in north Lakeland turn east on Rock Ridge Rd., at fork bear left and continue 4.2 miles to gate on your left.

From SR-33 in Polk City travel north, turn left (west) on Dean Still Rd., turn left on Rock Ridge Rd., after 2 or 3 miles gate will be on your right.

Bring: Water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact: RSVP Bob Yost at 863-644-5448 or *bobalinks3@yahoo.com* for meet-up time and other information.

Pick any outing or take part in as many as you can to both enjoy the great outdoors at these scenic locations and do your part to help the natural beauty all around us here in the Heartland of Central Florida.

State Masters Shuffleboard coming to Sebring

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Yes Virginia, Sebring stays in the spotlight during its' 100th birthday celebration.

The prestigious Masters State Shuffleboard Championships are being held at the Sebring Recreation Club Courts.

The Elite Eight men and women in the state will compete against one another during the four-day event, beginning Monday, featuring 21 matches for each participant.

There are approximately 25,000 Pro Shuffleboard players and most spend their winters in Florida.

These top-level men and women have accumulated the most wins and points this past season to reach this level and qualify for the Masters.

Making his 12th Masters appearance is Earl Ball of Betmar, while Forest Lake Estates' David Earle will be in his third Masters.

Also making up the men's field are Jim Miller of Bradenton (third Masters), Henry Strong of Zephyr Hills (5th), Jerry Stannard of Winter Haven (6th) and Paul Prescott of Lakeland.

The women's field consists of Bradenton's Judy Taylor (6th), Helen Biaggi of Lee County, Dianna Allen of Riverwoods Plantation (3rd), Landmark's Judy Ross (2nd), Landy Adkins of Port Charlotte/London, Ontario (7th), Colleen Austin of Lee County, Arlene Guerrini of Clearwater (three-time national champion) and Sue McLaughlin of Hawthorne.

Opening ceremonies start at 8:45 a.m. Monday, April 2.

Co-sponsors for the event are Inns on the Lake and Pat and Dawn Dell of Heartland Real Estate, while the banquet will be catered by the Blue Crab restaurant.

The public is invited to watch the matches at the Rec Club, which is located behind the city police station.

From damaged goods to the comeback trail

By HANK KURZ Jr.
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Brian Vickers' latest comeback got off to a roaring start last week with a fifth-place finish at Bristol for Michael Waltrip Racing.

The driver who says he has wondered more than once if he was viewed as "damaged goods" hopes to keep his comeback on track when he returns this week to the scene of one of his worst days in racing: Martinsville Speedway.

Last fall, Vickers was involved in five cautions on the small, paperclip-shaped oval, three in the first 100 laps.

He tangled with Matt Kenseth, Juan Pablo Montoya and Jamie McMurray, and was criticized by Jimmie Johnson afterward.

But Vickers and Kenseth say what's in the past will stay there, and Johnson says he's happy Vickers has landed on his feet with a partial ride with MWR.

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Ricky Miller dives in just ahead of the tag on a suicide squeeze in the second inning of Friday's contest at Head Field.

AP strengthens district lead

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third and on a steal of home by Miller, after his second triple, in the fourth.

The steal was actually another squeeze attempt, though the pitch went into the dirt so the bunt could not be made.

Carruthers, however, was left to drop and block the carom, leaving him in a poor position and causing his diving tag to come up just short.

And by now, Harris had settled in and worked through the fifth, keeping the Devils at bay.

But Avon Park got back on track in the sixth, with Marley and Brown singling with one out, and advancing to second and third when the throw in got away after Brown's hit to right.

Carruthers RBI single scored Marley and Jahna's base-knock brought Brown in to shave the lead to 6-5.

Stephen Flowers then came on in a pinch-hitting role and came through with a single to tie it up at 6-6.

Both teams went down in order in the seventh, bringing on extra innings.

Though it looked like Lake Placid would draw first blood in the extra frame when Cloninger tripled to center with one out.

The lead run just 90 feet away, the Devils drew the infield in, which proved wise when Morgan Lott's hard shot to short was snared by Lane Crosson and fired home to erase the potential run.

It was then Trey Marley that got it going for Avon Park in the bottom of the inning, with a lead-off single.

He was then bunted over to second by Brown and brought in to score one out later when Jahna got his third hit and RBI of the night.

"We keep making it interesting," head coach Whit Cornell said. "It would be nice if we could learn to jump out to a big lead and just put teams away, take it easy on the stress level.

"But it's good to get these close wins," he continued. "At this point, these guys never panic and almost have a professional attitude about it, just not panicking and, in their mind, knowing they are going to win."

Now 5-1 in District 10-4A, the Red Devils have all but clinched the season title, and look to cinch it up this week with their final two district games.

The team travels to Mulberry Tuesday before hosting Frostproof on Thursday.

The Dragons, 2-3 in district play, have three more dates to make up some ground.

The team hosts Mulberry Thursday, travels to Frostproof Tuesday, April 10, and face DeSoto at home on Friday, April 13.

Sebring move to 2-0 in district

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insurance runs they needed with three more in their half of the inning.

Aaron Hart then finished off his complete game performance, which saw only two of the six runs given up being earned.

Zach Osha had the big night at the plate for the Streaks, going 2-for-3 with a run scored and three RBI.

Cullen Lovett and Nathan Greene both added two hits and two RBI for Sebring, with Wyatt Johnson belting a double among his three hits and Alex Griffin collecting two hits and scoring twice.

The district win puts the Streaks at 2-0 in District 9-6A play.

After a Monday home date with Bartow, they return to the district slate with a Tuesday game at Kathleen before facing Lake Gibson at home Friday.

The Braves have yet to win in the district, but did top Sebring, 3-2, on March 15 at the Blue Devil Spring Break Classic in Winter Haven.

News-Sun photo by SCOTT DRESSEL

Seth Abeln makes sure to step on the plate for the first of 10 Sebring runs Friday night in the win over Winter Haven.

Kyle going to Kentucky

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when it wasn't mandatory to be there and I never had to get on to him about how hard he was working because he was always working hard.'"

Scott explained that even on the field Kyle showed his will to achieve.

"He'd be puking and he'd still go. He would literally wave off to me and say, 'Coach, don't take me out, 'but he was throwing up. That's the kind of kid you want on your team."

As far as the adjustment to collegiate level play, Scott said "With the 3-3-5 defense he'll have to play a little bit more of a two-gap scheme, opposed to how we play which is more of a one-gap.

"Now he's got to be in control of two gaps and control the big guy down the middle. Now he'll have to learn how to play with two hands in the middle of somebody's chest."

However, the change in defensive placement is about the only true adjustment Yarbrough will have to adapt to, as his work ethic and drive have more than prepared him for the demands of the college level.

"I think he'll do great because of his work ethic. He's very coachable; he is going to listen and do what you ask him to do and he is going to give 110% effort. The biggest thing that the coaches are going to like is that even if he is wrong, he's going to be going 100 miles per hour and they're going to appreciate that, and they're going to find a spot for him just because of that.

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> **LAVAAR SCOTT**
> Sebring head coach

"I guarantee he'll find a spot really early on the special teams, I see him doing that also."

"They told me I will play defensive end; they run a 3-3-5 defense and told me I should play as a freshman," explained Yarbrough.

Scott summed it up in saying, "All of our kids deserve what they get, but he's a kid that was just there anytime you asked him, and even if you didn't ask him he would go down there and work and it paid off.

"Hard work pays off and he's a testament of it."

Lady Panthers can't take advantage of gift

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Taylor Upchurch takes this throw from catcher Amanda Labrador to pick off this St. Pete runner Thursday. SFCC was given a huge lift prior to the game, when Hillsborough was ruled to have used an ineligable player when the teams' played March 22. This swung the Panther's record from 2-6 to 4-4 and tied for second in the Suncoast Conference standings. But the ladies couldn't make it pay off as, despite a McKenzie Hunt home run, they dropped Thursday's first game 4-3, before falling apart in the second game, a 10-2 loss.

Panther comeback halted

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Sam Morgan gets congratulated by Lucas Bagnara after his first-inning home run Friday against Hillsborough. The visiting Hawks jumped out to a 10-1 lead after three innings, but the Panthers staged a furious rally that just came up short in the 13-10 Suncoast Conference loss. SFCC was at Hillsbrough Saturday for the second game of the series and return home to face the Hawks Monday.

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For 40-ish baseball stars, these are good ol' days

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

TAMPA — Mariano Rivera kneeled in his spring training clubhouse and stretched out flat on the floor, his white No. 42 — matching his age — pressed to the gray carpet.

He stretched his right foot out and slowly drew it back over his left shoulder.

He switched sides and then swung both legs over his head at the same time.

Writhing for about 10 minutes, he looked more like a contortionist than the greatest reliever in baseball history.

After 18,718 career pitches for the New York Yankees — plus 2,015 more in the postseason and 106 in the All-Star game — that's what it takes to get his body ready before he even starts to warm up in the bullpen.

And yet Rivera is once again a big part of the Yankees' plan for 2012.

These days, baseball's oldest stars are some of its greatest.

Their 40-somethings' hair, at least what's left of it, has started to go gray.

In some cases, the chiseled torsos of youth have added a few pounds.

The skin seems to have lost some of that smoothness thanks to all those days and nights in the sun and the wind and drizzle.

Rivera has hinted his 18th major league season will be his last.

Atlanta's Chipper Jones, who turns 40 on April 24, confirmed he's retiring come autumn.

And they're not the only ones in their 40s still playing a young man's game, joined by Philadelphia's Jim Thome and Jose Contreras, Colorado's Jason Giambi, Arizona's Henry Blanco and Takashi Saito and Toronto's Darren Oliver and Omar Vizquel.

"These are guys I kind of grew up watching play baseball every day, somewhat idolized," said Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price, a young gun entering his prime at 26. "It is a little bit strange to watch these guys get older and knowing that their time is coming in a couple years."'

Vizquel, who turns 45 on April 24, will become the oldest shortstop in major league history, according to STATS LLC.

Bobby Wallace of the St. Louis Cardinals was 44 years, 8 months, 22 days when he played his final game at shortstop on Aug. 26, 1918.

"You feel like playing, and there's nothing stopping you," Vizquel said. "I don't want to be sitting on the couch at home watching TV while I can still move and do what I'm able to do. I think I can still compete here at a high level, the highest level in the game."

Left-hander Jamie Moyer made the Rockies' starting rotation at age 49, following a one-year layoff caused by elbow surgery.

When he made his major league debut in 1986, he was opposed by Steve Carlton — who has now been in the Hall of Fame for 18 years.

"It's an opportunity, and I think it's a great opportunity to try to take it and run with it," Moyer said Friday after finding out he not only made the team but will start the second game of the season. "I've looked as my whole career as an opportunity, especially as I've gotten older."

Moyer could overtake Brooklyn's Jack Quinn (49 years, 74 days) as the oldest pitcher to win a big league game, a mark that has stood since 1932.

"I think it's a great inspiration for some of these young kids to see," said Giambi, a relatively spry 41. "If you work hard and you really love the game, this game will find a place for you."

Derek Jeter, who turns 38 in June, slumped for much of 2010 and the first half of last year before hitting .338 from July 9 on — the day he reached 3,000 hits with a home run during a memorable 5-for-5 performance.

While he's listened to Yogi for much of his career, soaking up that Yankees tradition Berra established during a Hall of Fame career, Jeter has taken to yoga in recent years in an effort to extend his days in the sun.

"When I first came up, I didn't lift much. I didn't lift much at all. I went out and played. As you get older, you have to do more working out," Jeter explained. "I always say it's easier to stay in shape than it is to get back in shape. You do more in the offseason. You've really got to work on flexibility, make sure you stretch. You've really got to take care of yourself. You've got to watch what you eat, make sure you get your rest."

MCT photo

Chipper Jones announced this will be his last season at age 41, while plenty of other 40-somethings are staying in the game.

He switched personal trainers about four years ago in an effort to adopt more beneficial routines.

"For where I play and what I do," the 12-time All-Star shortstop said, "I don't have to be huge, lift a lot of weights, do all those things. For me, the key is to stay flexible, stay loose — stretching, yoga, all those things."

Rejoining New York after a one-year retirement is Andy Pettitte, who turns 40 in June.

And across the Yankees clubhouse is Alex Rodriguez, 37 in July and looking to rebound from an injury filled season that transformed him from an All-Star to nearly an automatic out.

After hip, knee and thumb injuries during the last three seasons, he's also had to alter his workout routines.

"I think the No. 1 thing is less is more," he said. "Your body when you're 18 years old, you can pretty much lift anything, run as much as you want, it doesn't matter. You can keep going. You can keep going forever."

For a while, it seemed like players had discovered Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth.

The average age of major leaguers increased from 27 years, 52 days in 1969 to 29 years, 61 days in 2005, according to STATS.

That was the highest average since 1946.

Since then, the average has dropped by more than 7 1/2 months to 28 years, 192 days last season.

There were 13 quadragenarians — meaning 40 years plus — in the majors last year, down from an all-time high 26 in 2007, STATS found.

What explains the drop?

One possibility is 2005 coincided with the first season baseball players and owners agreed that an initial positive steroids test should result in a suspension.

Then, baseball started checking for banned amphetamines in 2006.

"The game's changed," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "One thing I've learned now is, hey, back then there were steroids and amphetamines heavily involved. More so than anybody realized. That's not the case now."

These days, vets are likely to get some extra days off to compensate for the absence of the special "players' only coffee" with that extra kick.

What hasn't altered among them is the desire to play and travel with "the guys."

They stick around for the camaraderie and the competition — still wanting to show they have what it takes to be among the best.

Thome, back with the Philadelphia Phillies at age 41 after spending nearly all of the last six seasons in the American League, hasn't played first base since one game in 2007.

He hasn't been in the field regularly since 2005.

"I will say it honestly has made me feel younger playing defense again," Thome said. "I think as guys get into the latter stages of their careers and they become DHs, it's very rare that they go back. For me, the challenge of this is, 'Can I do it?' I've always wanted to challenge myself in different parts of the game and this, hopefully, will challenge me for whatever the role is to be so I can help this club win."

Jones, starting the season on the disabled list following knee surgery, will become just the 26th player with a big league career of 19 seasons or more all spent with one team, according to STATS.

"Never in my mid-20s would I have given myself a snowball's chance to be in camp and have a job at 40 years old," the Atlanta Braves star said early in spring training. "But I like to think I've kept myself in pretty good shape over the years. The skills are still there to go out and get it done."

At spring training, fans want to get up close to the old stars, to get an autograph or just give a shout.

Fans sense the players may not be around the team every day for too much longer, and they want to soak up as much of the presence as they can.

Watching players get into game shape during spring training, Reggie Jackson marveled.

The Hall of Famer, now a Yankees instructor, took his last swing when he was 41.

"These guys work harder than I worked and I worked hard — I worked very hard," he said. "You just prepare for the fact that you aren't the same player that you were, and you work your butt off."

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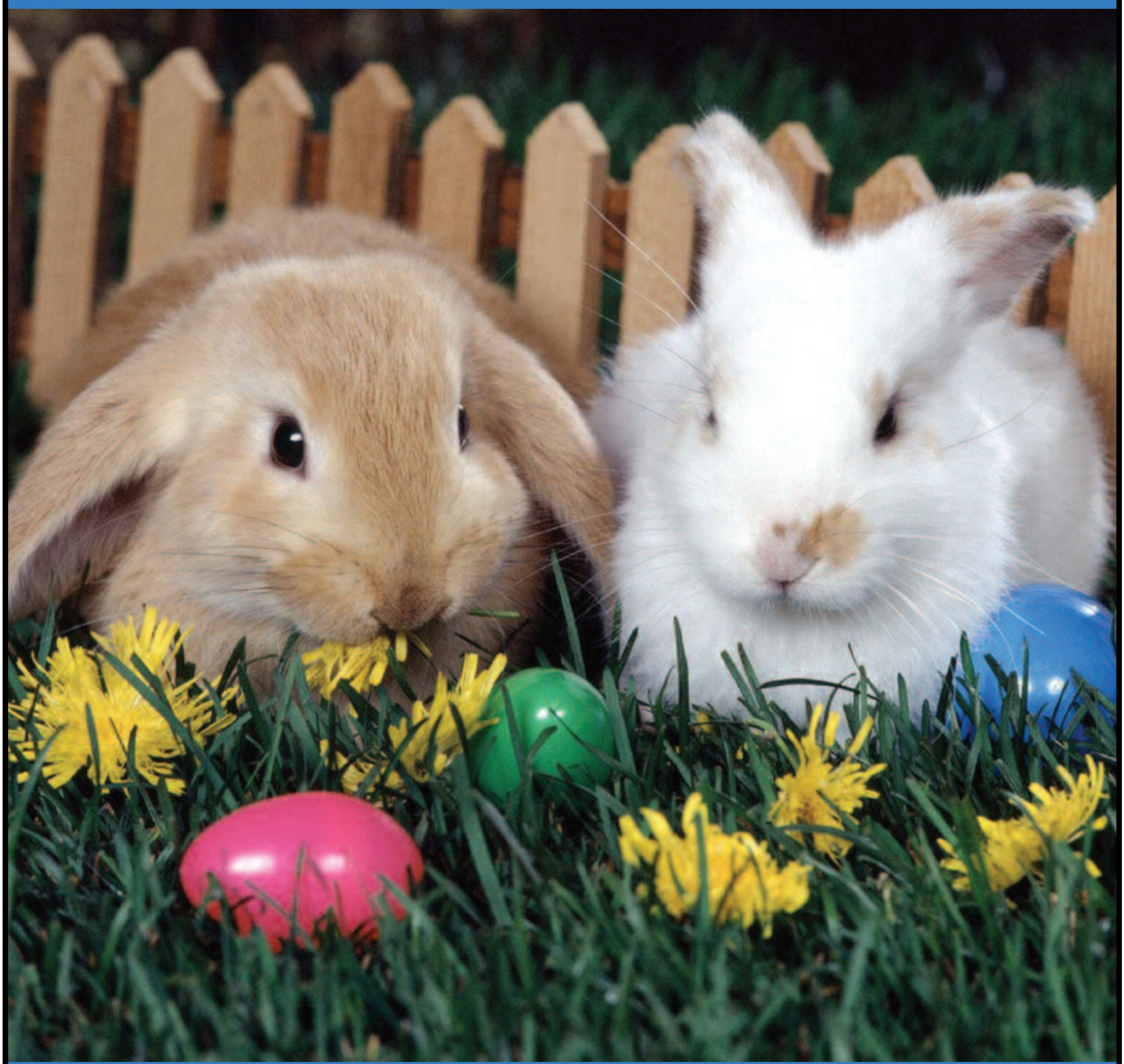

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