

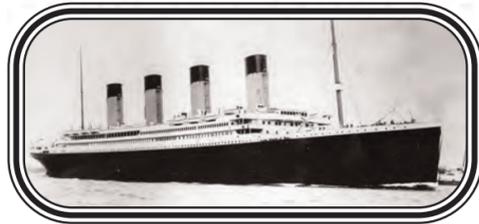
NEWS-SUN

www.newssun.com

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

100 Years

ICEBERG SINKS TITANIC OVER 1,500 LOST



A look back at the disaster PAGE 1B

Moving on

Eight qualify for track and field regional meet

SPORTS, 1D



Seeking transparency

Worley wants more details about Lake Placid budget

PAGE 2A



Sunday, April 15, 2012

www.newssun.com

Volume 93/Number 49 | 75 cents

Forecast



Sunshine mixing with clouds

High 84 Low 63

Complete Forecast PAGE 8A

Online



Question: Is the second-degree murder charge against George Zimmerman too severe?

Yes 62.2%

No 37.8%

Total votes: 127

Next question: Should teachers have a part in designing the new system of teacher reviews?

Make your voice heard at www.newssun.com

Obituaries

Caroline Hanken Age 54, of Sebring

Dr. James Stevens Age 87, of Sebring

Obituaries, Page 6A

Index

Arts & Entertainment	3B
Business	1C
Chalk Talk	3C
Classifieds	4C
Community Briefs	2A
Crossword Puzzle	2B
Dear Abby	2B
Editorial & Opinion	3A
Horoscope	2B
Lottery Numbers	2A
Movie Times	2B
Pause & Consider	2B
Sports On TV	2B

Follow the News-Sun on

twitter

www.twitter.com/thenewssun and

facebook

www.facebook.com/newssun



Fleck joins race for superintendent

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY christopher.tuffley@newssun.com SEBRING — Rebecca "Becky" Fleck, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for Highlands County, announced Thursday afternoon she is a candidate for the position of superintendent of schools.

In her press release, Fleck said she has great respect for incumbent Wally Cox's business acumen and years of directing the school district through financial crisis as the chief financial officer and superintendent.

It was time, however, for someone with a background in instructional leadership to "lead the charge to improve our schools and provide our students with an education that will prepare them for success in post-secondary education and careers," the release said.

Fleck said she has worked with the students of Highlands County for over 30 years, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, district coordinator and assistant superintendent.

release, during her 10 years as coordinator of Management of Information Systems and assistant superintendent, Fleck led the district through the process of attaining full accreditation by

According her press See FLECK, page 7A



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

City of Sebring firefighters work to put out the flames that consumed a pair of RVs in Sebring Saturday morning. Nobody was injured in the fire.

Fire destroys two RVs

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY christopher.tuffley@newssun.com SEBRING — Two motor homes were destroyed late Saturday morning when one caught fire and the flames spread to the other parked alongside. The vehicles were stored in a back lot at Sebring Motor Estates, off Kenilworth Boulevard. They were unoccupied at the time. City of Sebring firefighters

responded, putting the tough blaze out within 40 minutes. The heat was intense, the rising column of smoke thick and black, fueled by fabric and flammable plastics. "I heard a commotion," said Joan Ferguson, "and came out. I just saw the smoke and flames. It happened so fast." Ferguson lives on Denise Avenue

facing the parking lot where the vehicles were stored. "Our concern was, you know, if anybody was cooking in there, but thank God, everybody is all right. It's so dry, we were afraid for our homes, afraid the grass would catch fire and spread to our homes." There was no word at press time on the cause of the fire.

LP vying for title of the 'Most Interesting Town'

By ED BALDRIDGE ed.baldrige@newssun.com

LAKE PLACID — Is Lake Placid one of the most interesting towns in America?

Close to 140 people think so and have voted for the Town of Murals in a recent poll taken by Reader's Digest.

Eileen May, Greater Lake Placid's Chamber of Commerce CEO and director of operations, sent out an e-mail on Friday encouraging everyone to register at the Reader's Digest website at www.rd.com/america/ and place their vote.

"The Town of Lake Placid has been entered into the Reader's Digest Vote for The Most Interesting Town Program. We need your votes," May wrote.

"I saw it as an opportunity to showcase and market our town," May said. "Reader's Digest is a very reputable magazine and it was free."

According to May, more than 10,000 people visited just the Chamber offices last year and the year before.

"We take a physical count of our visitors, but those are only the ones that come into the office," she added.

The town is described on the web-

See LAKE, page 7A

County's outstanding students, instructors recognized by AFA

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR sgholar@newssun.com

SEBRING — Parents, students and faculty gathered in the Smith Center at Sebring High School Saturday morning to recognize the excellence of Highlands County students at all levels in the areas of math and science.

The Florida Highlands 173 Chapter of the Air Force Association, along with the Highlands County School Board, recognized 26 elementary and middle school students and 12 high schools students following a breakfast banquet. Thirty instructors from each level of schools were recognized for their excellence in teaching

Math and science awards given

and instruction. The AFA began the Mathematics and Science Honors Program 20 years ago to recognize the outstanding students and teachers in each of the respective areas of study.

Former instructor including Bill Hutchinson, Col. USAF (Ret.) along with numerous school administrators and current instructors were present to celebrate the excellence of fellow instructors and teachers.

Attendees were able to hear a unique story from the guest speaker, former Avon Park High School Jr. ROTC cadet Marisha Falk.

Falk became a member of JROTC her last year at APHS and went on to graduate from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Falk addressed students encouraging them to face their fears and find a passion in life.

"I've had fears in my life. But I had to push past them. You have to push yourself in order to do something great," Falk said.

After graduating from Embry-Riddle in 2008, Falk

See AFA, page 7A



New-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS Marisha Falk graduated from Avon Park High School in 2004 and since then has graduated with Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2008. Currently, Falk has become a jet dragster driver, one of only four women to do so in the world.

Phone ... 385-6155

Fax ... 385-2453

Online: www.newssun.com

Heartland National Bank logo and name

locally owned community minded

Avon Park 800 West Main St. 863.453.6000

Lake Placid 600 U.S. Hwy 27 N. 863.699.1300

Sebring 327 U.S. Hwy 27 N. 863.386.1300

Sun 'n Lake North 5033 U.S. Hwy 27 N. 863.386.1322

www.heartlandnb.com



The main focus of Centennial falls in October

The main focus week of our Centennial Year is in October, with events pretty much non-stop from Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 21.

This schedule is subject to change of course, and there will be additions to it, but we've had quite a few calls asking when "the main" celebration day is, so I wanted you to have the opportunity to schedule some of the events ahead of time. As October draws near, we'll know more details.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12: There will be a Centennial BBQ until 8 p.m. at Circle Park; 5:30 p.m. is the Centennial Parade; 6-8 p.m. is Costume of the Period; 6-10 p.m. is all '70s Class Reunion; 7-8:30 p.m. is music in the park; and from 7-9:30 p.m. is the Sebring High School football game. That is a jammed packed night.

Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. until noon we are having a Centennial Bed Race on West Center Avenue and that sounds like fun. Then from 6-9 p.m. "Circle of Truth" will perform a concert on The Circle.

Monday, Oct. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 pm will be the Lion's Club Luncheon, from 6-9 p.m. Highlands Little Theater takes the stage, and there will be a boat parade on Lake Jackson from 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be the Rotary Club Luncheon at the Jack Stroup Civic Center; and from 6-8 p.m. will be the City Council Reception at Sebring City Hall.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17 will be the Kiwanis Club luncheon, then from 6-8 p.m. there will be a community church service for all to enjoy.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 will be a Tri-Chamber Luncheon at the Island View Restaurant at Sun 'N Lake; at 6 p.m. the Centennial Marker Celebration will take place on The Circle, and from 6-9 p.m. there will be a chamber mixer and street dance celebration.

From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19 will be Blessing of Businesses Luncheon, and that after-



Centennial Notebook

noon and evening is the SHS Reunion Inc. Class Gatherings.

On Saturday, Oct. 20 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Downtown Community Garage Sale will be on; from 12-1:30 p.m. is the Historical Society Luncheon; from 5-8 p.m. is the Car Show on The Circle; and from 6-9 p.m. the Sebring High School Banquet will take place.

The SHS Reunion Inc. Sunday Brunch will wrap things up from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

Whew! You can see that week is full, however there is plenty of time available any other time during this year to have your group get together and have a Centennial Celebration event. All you need to do is let us know.

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.

Remember 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.

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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Drum Circle gathers today at center

SEBRING — The Community Drum Circle will take place behind the Sebring Civic Center, 355 W. Center Ave., overlooking Lake Jackson, from 3-5 p.m. today. Everybody is welcome.

Bring a chair or blanket. Bring an instrument if you have one. Bring something to drink. Bring a friend; all ages. Join the Primal Connection and make a joyous sound. No experience necessary. Play along, dance or just enjoy the music. Some percussion instruments will be available for the public to use. This is a fun event for the whole family.

For more information contact Fred Leavitt, Primal Connection, at 402-8238, or e-mail fred@primalconnection.org.

For more information on the Primal Connection, go to the web site at www.primalconnection.org.

Primal Connection is spon-

sored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Highlands Park Estates plans spring dinner

LAKE PLACID — The annual spring dinner for Highlands Park Estates Association will be at 1 p.m. today at the firehouse on Columbus, one block north of County Road 621, around the corner from the VFW.

Ham and drinks are provided by the homeowners. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share and their own plates and flatware.

Come meet with and visit your neighbors and enjoy a delicious meal. Learn the latest on the happenings in the park. Door prizes will be given. If you have one to donate, call 465-2468.

If the calling committee has

County honors Beritcho



Courtesy photo

Recently, the Highlands County Board of County Commission sponsored its annual Wellness Event. While this event is worthwhile to employees and county retirees alike, this year's event was especially noteworthy due to the recognition of one special employee - G.R. 'Ron' Beritcho, who has been employed by the county since 1993. A 20-plus year veteran, Beritcho is an asset to the county and a positive role model to many. A smoker for more than 50 years and with the help of Nancy Proverb and her product, an electronic cigarette, Berticho was able to quit. This feat is especially significant as the county just recently adopted a 'Smoke Free Campus' environment.

HCSO warns of fraudulent duct cleaning service

Special to the News-Sun

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office has issued a warning about suspected fraud by a duct cleaning service.

A company going by the name of Environmental Cleaning Services has placed advertisements in local coupon magazines offering duct cleaning service for \$49.95, a press release from the HCSO said. Once at the victim's home, the worker(s) find mold and the advertised price is no longer valid.

The workers then charge a significant amount more than the advertised price and also ask that the check be made payable to them instead of the company.

If any Highlands County residents have done business with Environmental Cleaning Services or any other similar company within the past year and have been charged more than the advertised rate due to the presence of mold, they are encouraged to call the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and make a report. Please call Central Dispatch at 863-402-7200 and a deputy will be sent to your home to get the details.

Anyone with information

on incidents of this type and who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or visit www.heartland-crimestoppers.com/

Worley seeks more transparency in Lake Placid budget records

By ED BALDRIDGE
ed.baldrige@newssun.com

LAKE PLACID — Showing concern about government accountability, Lake Placid Councilwoman Debra Worley announced Monday she would vote no on monthly budget approvals until there was more transparency.

Worley noted that she made a public records request for the electronic copies of the town's Quickbooks accounting data close to a year ago, but has not received a copy.

Town Clerk Arlene Tuck informed Worley that certain personnel information and exempted materials, like social security numbers, cannot be extracted from the records, and therefore Tuck cannot release the information.

Town Attorney Bert Harris agreed at a town meeting in February that certain information was exempt and protected and that the council had to decide how to best provide the information.

Harris passed out electronic copies to each council member and informed them the Quickbooks data was valuable with the exempted information, but left the decision to the

council about if the data was public records.

At Worley's prompting, the council approved the funds to hire a Quickbooks consultant to filter the data before passing it out to the public.

Worley was concerned that the information was not currently available and the consultant would not be working to make the data available until after tax season.



Worley

"I am making a stand," Worley said Monday. "I'm not going to vote on anymore of these until I get the details in Quickbooks." "After a lot of fuss, I have to say, I made two phone calls and found someone who could solve the problem, but now I am being told it cannot be ready until after tax season."

Worley also said she was concerned the public record was being "stalled long enough."

"I told Bert (Harris) that if we didn't do this now, it would be put off until after tax season. Now I'm being told it will be after tax season before it can be worked on," Worley said.

"I think stalled is the wrong word to use," said

See WORLEY, page 7A

Kaylor & Kaylor P.A.

Auto Accident Injury Law
863-382-1900
205 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring

	Lottery Center		<p>April 11 11 34 43 45 46 51 x:2 <i>Next jackpot \$14 million</i></p> <p>April 7 7 14 16 23 36 43 x:3</p> <p>April 4 4 15 26 28 35 47 x:5</p>
	<p>April 13 1 18 19 25 34</p> <p>April 12 4 12 14 26 27</p> <p>April 11 6 18 20 22 31</p> <p>April 10 8 14 18 19 22</p>		<p>April 13 (n) 6 0 7 5</p> <p>April 13 (d) 1 6 1 1</p> <p>April 12 (n) 3 8 7 2</p> <p>April 12 (d) 3 0 3 3</p>
	<p>April 13 33 34 35 38 22</p> <p>April 10 16 18 37 39 7</p> <p>April 6 12 19 38 42 8</p> <p>April 3 17 37 42 44 16</p>		<p>April 13 (n) 2 3 0</p> <p>April 13 (d) 6 9 6</p> <p>April 12 (n) 3 6 7</p> <p>April 12 (d) 8 3 3</p>
	<p>April 11 16 23 42 44 47 <i>Next jackpot \$113 million</i></p> <p>April 7 5 13 17 20 30 PB: 2</p> <p>April 4 1 24 33 45 49 PB: 18</p>	<p><i>Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day; (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing. PB: Power Ball</i></p>	

Kaylor & Kaylor P.A.

Social Security Disability
New Claims • Hearings by a Judge
Reconsiderations • Appeals Court
863-382-1900

www.newssun.com

NEWS-SUN

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

Published every Sunday, Wednesday & Friday at 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870
A HarborPoint Media Company

<p>Office: 2227 US 27 S, Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5p.m., Mon-Fri</p> <p>Phone: (863) 385-6155</p> <p>Main Fax: (863) 385-1954</p> <p>Newsroom Fax: (863) 385-2453</p>	<p>Postmaster: Send address change to: News-Sun, 2227 U.S. 27 S., Sebring, FL 33870</p> <p>USPS - ISSN 0163-3988</p> <p>Periodical postage paid at Sebring, FL and additional entry office(s)</p>																
<p>Circulation, Sunday, Wednesday & Friday Editions:</p> <p>If you do not receive your newspaper, please contact the circulation department at (863) 385-6155. Delivery is guaranteed on days and times listed. All subscriptions are for one year unless otherwise specified. All rates are in U.S. dollars. Payment must be in U.S. dollars. We will be happy to provide you with a complimentary subscription if you are unable to pay.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th>SUBSCRIPTION RATES</th> <th>12MO.</th> <th>7% FL TAX</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> <tr> <td>HOME DELIVERY</td> <td>\$95.50</td> <td>\$4.39</td> <td>\$100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BY FLORIDA MAIL</td> <td>\$97.77</td> <td>\$8.81</td> <td>\$106.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OUT OF FLORIDA MAIL</td> <td>\$111.00</td> <td>\$7.77</td> <td>\$118.77</td> </tr> </table>	SUBSCRIPTION RATES	12MO.	7% FL TAX	TOTAL	HOME DELIVERY	\$95.50	\$4.39	\$100.00	BY FLORIDA MAIL	\$97.77	\$8.81	\$106.58	OUT OF FLORIDA MAIL	\$111.00	\$7.77	\$118.77
SUBSCRIPTION RATES	12MO.	7% FL TAX	TOTAL														
HOME DELIVERY	\$95.50	\$4.39	\$100.00														
BY FLORIDA MAIL	\$97.77	\$8.81	\$106.58														
OUT OF FLORIDA MAIL	\$111.00	\$7.77	\$118.77														

Deadlines for subscription changes are noon on Tuesday for the Wednesday editions, noon Friday for the Friday and Sunday editions. Changes received after the times stated will be processed on the following publication date.

Romona Washington - Publisher and Executive Editor
(863) 385-6155, ext. 515

Continued on page 6A

EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Find a way to work together

The News-Sun has watched with admiration as teachers, administrators, the superintendent and school board, with the support of parents, worked together to improve public education in Highlands County over the years.

From creating more remedial classes to opening the Career Academy, to instituting the advanced academics program to collaborating with South Florida Community College in providing dual enrollment courses, to bringing the International Baccalaureate to the county, to investing in computer technology and on-line education, steady progress has continued.

This was accomplished, moreover, during difficult financial times and complicated by state mandates that were typically unfunded, and sometimes impossible to achieve in the real world.

After years of collaboration and effort, we are depressed and dispirited over the recent teacher contract negotiations and impasse.

The district administration

and union worked well together to create a new teacher evaluation system, which is why it disturbs us to see the lines of communication shut down between the two essential groups.

As for the basic issues, on the one hand — while we understand how hard teachers work, and how much of their personal time and money they donate to their students — teachers have to understand they are not the only ones feeling a financial pinch. Many individuals today are dealing with salary freezes or cut back hours. Many families are in as difficult, or worse, financial circumstances. Many people work just as hard, under equally difficult circumstances.

Teachers have to accept that if the money isn't there for a step increase, then it isn't there.

On the other hand, we regret to say we do have questions about how the school board books are kept. Not that we suspect shenanigans — we do not — but even so, the numbers are impossible to track. This is a direct result of Superintendent Wally Cox's leadership.

In an interview published January 13, 2012, Cox said the only way to understand educational funding is to look at the big picture, adding that the union is mistaken to rely on a budget line by line. "Where the rubber hits the road," Cox said, "is the actual bottom line. That tells us how we did."

Unfortunately, that's like eating a hot dog without knowing its ingredients.

But money, while important, is not the only issue. Trust is just as critical.

Teachers as a group are true professionals — educated, dedicated and determined to make a difference. They are, for the most part, thoughtful individuals with a strong sense of purpose and the ability to work together with others. They have proved themselves to be con-

structive partners, and should remain included in the evolving teacher evaluation process. After all, the system is still being designed and every teacher's career hangs on the finished product. In fact, they have earned the right to a voice.

One of the negotiators for the school district Tuesday said the teachers were concerned about teacher evaluations because they feared the unknown. That's true, but we feel it isn't just teachers who are wary about the future. District leaders fear the unknown just as much, which is one reason the district insisted on complete control over the process.

At a time when we need to work together it is ominous to see lines being drawn in the sand and divisions forming between groups who should be allies. If the people who have worked well together in the past, and who share the common goal of educating our young, have a falling out, how will we ever solve our shared problems?

NEWS-SUN

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

2227 U.S. 27 South • Sebring, FL 33870 • 863-385-6155

NEWSROOM

ROMONA WASHINGTON

Publisher/Executive Editor

Ext. 515

editor@newssun.com

SCOTT DRESSEL

Editor

Ext. 516

scott.dressel@newssun.com

DAN HOEHNE

Sports Editor

Ext. 528

daniel.hoehne@newssun.com

ADVERTISING

VICKIE JONES

Ext. 518

vickie.jones@newssun.com

MITCH COLLINS

Ext. 507

mcollins@newssun.com

CIRCULATION

TONY MCCOWAN

Ext. 522

anthony.mccowan@newssun.com

BUSINESS OFFICE

JANET EMERSON

Ext. 596

legals@newssun.com

Our political discourse

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

OK, I admit it. When I wrote last week's column about the Republican primaries, I did not see Rick Santorum dropping out as quickly as he has. This is why I remain your humble and snarky columnist as opposed to a professional political analyst.

Santorum's exit did not go unnoticed. There are people on Facebook who have made it clear that Santorum is a couple of tacos short of a combo plate, if you get my drift. And a few of them referred to Santorum in terms that were, to say the least, disrespectful.

His daughter had just been readmitted to the hospital a few days before. He was leaving the race. I wondered if the snarky labels were called for.

I'm not saying the people who use these labels are evil, bad people. Some of them are friends of mine and they put up with me, proof that they are, to say the least, tolerant.

But I find that the jabs still bug me. As do the less-than-respectful comments of others that not only target Santorum, but others in the presidential race, including the president.

Am I trying to say that people have to love everyone? Absolutely not. People have a right to their opinions. My friends aren't required to like Santorum, any more than I'm required to think President Obama is the next best thing to sliced bread.

Then am I saying people don't have the right to be disrespectful? No, I'm not saying that either. There's this thing called the First Amendment, which gives people the right to spout off. And that means they have the right to call people names.

(And that goes for both sides. If you whine about people calling your beloved candidate or political figure names but do it to the opposition, there is a word for that. The word is hypocrisy.)

But while I believe that people can say these

things, and that they certainly don't need my permission to do so, there is that part of me that wishes they wouldn't.

Putting down your opponent is not new — you just have to go back to the election of 1800, which also was, if I remember correctly, when political parties first came into play. (Hmmm, what a coincidence...) When it comes to politics, it seems that playing nice isn't in the rule book.

But we all say we hate it. That we want a civil debate. That we should raise the level of public discourse.

I'm starting to wonder if we mean it. Or is it that we just want our candidate left alone, the things we value left untouched by disparaging remarks or jokes? Do we want to keep the right to be disrespectful to ourselves but deny it to those who are guilty of disagreeing with us?

I'm not asking people to love someone you disagree with. I'm not even asking people to like them. Or to stop attacking the policies that they don't agree with. Such a discourse is needed and valuable.

But is it too much to ask people to keep in mind the Golden Rule? It can be summed up in one sentence: "Treat others the way you wanted to be treated."

If we did that, maybe we could do something more productive than call people names. And maybe we could have an honest debate about the issues, a debate we wouldn't be ashamed of.

Is that too much to ask?

Laura Ware is a Sebring resident. She can be contacted by e-mail at bookwormlady@embarqmail.com. Visit her website at www.lauraware.com. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the staff of the News-Sun.

EDITORIAL PAGE POLICY

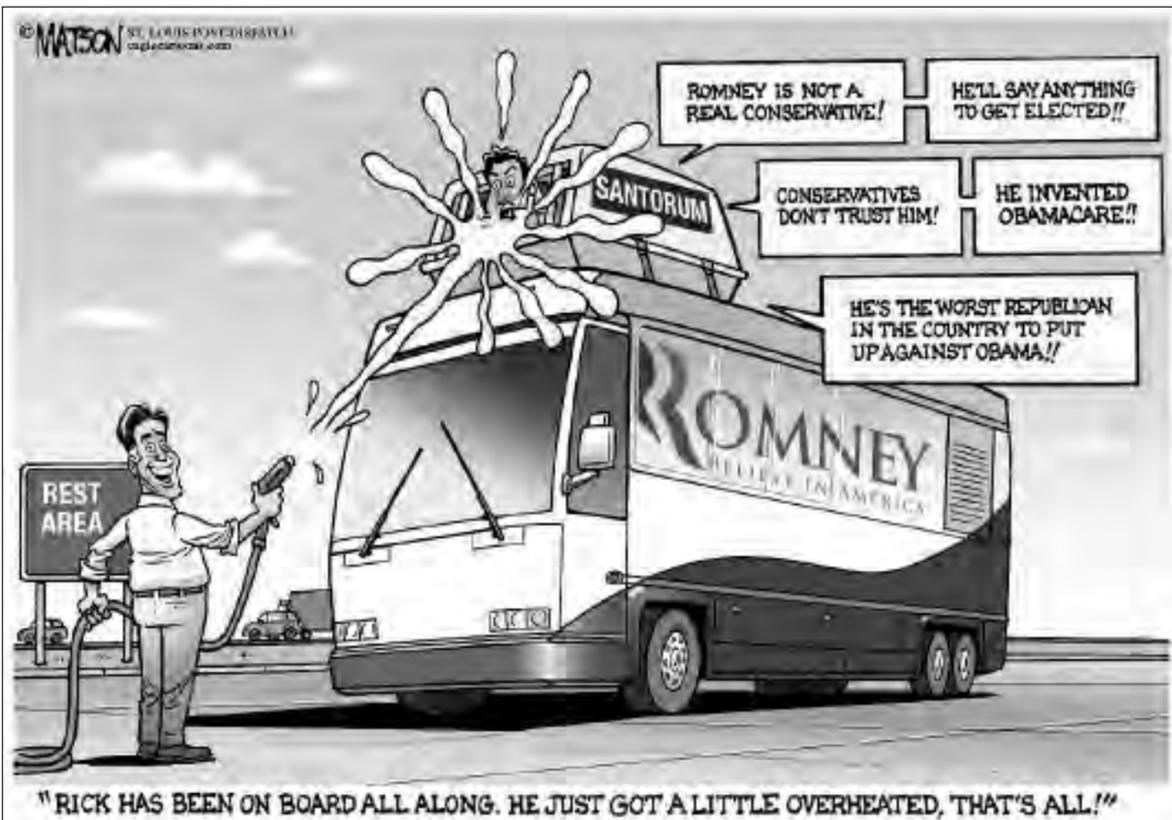
Make sure to sign your letter and include your address and phone number. Anonymous letters will be automatically rejected.

Please keep your letters to a maximum of 400 words. We have to make room for everybody. Letters of local concern take priority.

Send your letter to 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870; drop it off at the same address; fax 385-1954; or e-mail editor@newssun.com.

To make sure the editorial pages aren't dominated by the same writers, letters are limited to two per month and a guest column can be submitted once every three months.

Opinions expressed in letters or columns are solely the opinion of that author and not necessarily the opinion of the staff or editors of the News-Sun.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Saving the Tourist Development Tax

Editor:

The following was e-mailed to all county commissioners as another option for the Tourist Development Tax.

I would like to save the Tourist Development Tax by having the county commission place the following on the 2012 ballot, how about you?

Shall a sunset be placed in the present Highlands County Tourist Development Tax (Ordinance No. 01-02-20); the first sunset to be during the 2014 November Election and every 10 years thereafter. Yes or no?

Just to be clear, this would allow the TDC two years to make needed changes, before the first sunset. And allow the citizens to demand accountability, with a sunset every 10 years thereafter.

The sunsets could say shall the Tourist Development Tax be allowed to continue for 10 more years.

Why could this save the Tourist Development Tax? Because after 15 percent of the voters sign the petition requiring the repeal of the Tourist Tax be placed on a ballot. And if passed by the voters I fear the tax will be gone forever. And by placing the above on the upcoming ballot will allow the voters to either require a sunset or reject a sunset without risking the loss of the present Tourist Development Tax. But in any case, the TDC must be accountable to the citizens of Highlands County and a sunset is the only way to make sure that happens.

*Bill Youngman
Citizens for Government
Accountability
Sebring*

Where is the money going?

Editor:

The editorial about Highlands County Government responsibility and accountability of tax money spent was long overdue.

I received a third batch of public records of employees' wages histories and again I have received records that are in contradiction of each other or records not documented.

Example one: Salary of one director is listed on his pay rate history as \$74,872 yearly effective Dec. 30, 2011, but the records of all employees' salaries, dated Jan. 20, 2012, states his salary as \$59,668.41. Quite a difference and which one is correct?

Example two and this one appears to have a major error costing the taxpayers thousands of dollars: On Oct. 6, 2006 he was given a 3 percent merit raise from \$14.61 to \$15.80. At the same time he was given a raise of \$0.75 per hour without any documentation as to reason or who authorized it. It appears someone just tacked it on in pencil. On his Pay Rate History on Oct. 26, 2006 his pay is listed as \$16.80 and there is no documentation or paper work supplied to show why a \$2,080 yearly raise was authorized just two weeks after getting merit and a 75-cent raise. And worse, on April 11, 2007 he was given a COLA raise of 3 percent on the salary of \$16.80 to raise his salary to \$17.30. Then on Oct. 1, 2007 he was given yet another COLA raise of 4 percent to bring his salary to \$18.

Lots of raises without proper documentation. There is no paper work or documentation from Oct. 1, 2007 to Oct. 10, 2008, but on Oct. 10, 2008 he received a COLA raise of 3 percent from \$26.05 to \$26.83. No explanation

of how or when he got to the \$26.05 salary. Then three months later on Jan. 20, 2009 his salary jumped to \$36.05.

I firmly believe this deserves an independent firm's audit. Especially the increase on Oct. 26, 2006. I will furnish the names to the commissioners if they would like to explain all these raises to me.

Now to the commissioners, I think it is great that they will meet just three times a month. Now they will waste time and money 25 percent less. About a year or so ago they attempted a Pygmalion effect of telling everyone how great Mr. (County Administrator Rick) Helms was. They were not Professor Higgins and Mr. Helms was not Eliza. They finally figured that out and rated him correctly but old Mr. Flip/Flop reversed his rating and kept him in the job. What a mistake.

We have too many people who fit into the role of Peter's Principle and it is costing the taxpayers millions of dollars. When is the last time we have had a major project that ended up at or under budget and on time? Where is the money going? Someone made a bundle on the Kenilworth property. Where is there justification for a merit raise with such bad and costly results?

As far as I am concerned, all the commissioners can resign and we, the citizens and taxpayers, can survive without them wasting our money and stuffing it into their staff's pockets. I would like to hear from the senior citizens who are living on minimum wages so the select few bureaucrats can get richer by paying themselves more of the taxpayers money.

Contact me at claggwe@comcast.net

*William E. Clagg
Lake Placid*



Daniel Beltre sits with his family at the IB fundraising banquet Thursday night. Beltre is headed to New York University this fall.

A night of celebration for IB

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
christopher.tuffley@newssun.com

SEBRING — Supporters of advanced academics and the International Baccalaureate Programme gathered at the Chateau Elan Thursday for the third annual fundraising banquet. The mood was relaxed and celebratory.

"This is the largest crowd ever of the three banquets we've had," Andy Tuck, school board member and co-host of the event. His daughter, Kaylee Tuck, is a senior in the program, a member of the first graduating class.

"We've filled every seat," said a beaming Diane Juve, the parent whose leadership led to bringing IB to the county.

The fundraiser is necessary because the IB program comes with fees attached — for the district's registration, student testing materials and teacher training. These are paid with the donated dollars.

There are 15 students in the first graduating class. Of them five are going to the University of Florida; two are going to Florida State



IB senior Kaylee Tuck explained the original research, 4,000 word essay every student had to do in order to graduate. "Please take a minute of silence to honor the many trees which gave their lives," Kaylee asked the audience.

University; two are going to Southeastern University; and two are going to the University of South Florida. The remainder of the students are going to the University of Tampa, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University and

the New York University.

Iiona Vega Jaramillo, director of business development for Enterprise Florida — a state agency, spoke to the audience about the important role foreign investment will play in the future.

"We're helping to diversify the economy," Vega Jaramillo said, "and bring in high quality jobs.

"We had a strong trade sector in 2011," she said, "creating one in six jobs (in the state)." Florida has the highest trade surplus of the states, she added and is the fourth largest exporter, after Texas, California and New York.

"International business is playing a major role in the future, and the future looks bright," Vega Jaramillo said, adding that a key is to build human connections.

"We Americans feel depressed today," she said. "Foreigners, on the other hand, are full of optimism, positive energy and enthusiasm. Having multiple languages opens up trust," she said to the IB seniors. "Keep learning, build your skills, you can make a difference."

Sebring Relay for Life



News-Sun photos by KATARA SIMMONS
Beth Johnson and her mom Nancy Hensley (above) lead the survivor's lap Saturday morning in honor of Mayor George Hensley during The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at Sebring. The event helps raise money in hopes of finding a cure for cancer.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Participants applaud Saturday, while listening to Victoria Sparks during the Relay for Life opening ceremony at Firemen's Field in Sebring.

PHILIPS
40" LED TV
#40PFL7705DV
\$699
WHILE THEY LAST!

Features:
Built-In Internet TV
Full HD LCD Display • Energy Star Rated
Four HDMI Inputs

SHARP
80" LED TV
#LC80LE632
\$4495
IT'S HUGE!

Features:
1080 Resolution/120Hz
Built-In Wifi • Energy Star Compliant
UltraBrilliant Edge Lighting

GE REFRIGERATOR
#GTH178BCRWW

Features:
16.5 Cu. Ft.
Top Freezer
Refrigerator
Deluxe Quiet Design

\$400
WHILE THEY LAST!

FRIGIDAIRE
OTR MICROWAVE
#MWV150KB

Features:
One-Touch Options
Ready-Select Controls
Two Speed Ventilation
10 Cooking Power Levels
Auto-Reheat Options

\$169
CASH N' CARRY!
BLACK ONLY

ORECK
VACUUM
#3140H

Features:
• Upright Vacuum
• Lightweight & Easy to Use
• Power Right Through Dirt
• Saniseal System

\$195.95
WHILE THEY LAST!

WASHER & DRYER **MAYTAG**
Performa

Features:
7.0 cu. ft. capacity
Front Loading
GentleBreeze drying system
Smooth Balance suspension system for quieter operation

Features:
3.4 Cu ft
Centennial Energy Star Top Load
DependableClean wash system

\$949 FOR THE PAIR!!!
WHILE THEY LAST

#MEDC200XW
#MVWC300XW

ESTATE WASHING MACHINE

Features:
3.1 Cu. Ft.
Top Load Washer
5 Cycles

ONLY \$419

ETW4400XQ

Gary Musselman

Amana WASHER & DRYER

Features:
Top Load Washer
Delux Dual Action Agitator
Max. Spin Speed - 700RPM

\$749
FOR THE PAIR!!!

Features:
Super-Capacity Electric Dryer
Wide-Opening, Side-Swing Door
Wrinkle Prevention Option

#NTW4501XQ & NED4500VQ

32" LED TV
#ALG32LC1A

\$299
CASH & CARRY!

Features:
32.5" Viewing Area • 1080 resolution
VESA Wall mount capable
Super High Contrast Ratio
VGA Computer Connection
Exceptional Response Time

FRIGIDAIRE
RANGE
#FFEF3018L

Features:
4 Radiant Elements
SpaceWise Expandable Element
Delay Start Baking Option
Even Bake Technology
Store-More Storage Drawer

STARTING AT \$549

FRIGIDAIRE
AIR CONDITIONER
#FRA052XT7

Features:
Window-Mounted
Top Full-Width Air Discharge
Great for Small Rooms
Rotary Controls
Low Voltage Startup

STARTING AT \$199

SANSUI
22" LED TV
#SLED2282

\$299
IN A WHITE CABINET!

Features:
High Definition 1080 Display
Integrated Digital Tuner • Energy Star Compliant
Receives DTV Broadcast Signals

FRIGIDAIRE
FROST FREE FREEZER
#FFU14F5HW

Features:
Ready-Select Controls
Upfront Display
Auto Alert Freezer Door
Lock with pop-out key

\$499
STARTING AT

MUSSELMAN'S APPLIANCE & TV
4230 US 27 North, Sebring (next to 24/7)
386-0898
ASK ABOUT DIRECT TV

MUSSELMAN'S APPLIANCE & TV
386-0898

FULL TV SERVICE CENTER
386-0897

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Logistics Management Specialist John Allen, from left, Col. Roy Whitton (ret.), Staff Sgt. Russ Hyatt (ret.), Avon Park Air Force Range Commander Lt. Col. Paul Neidhardt and representatives from the Targets Management Office Brad Bledsoe and Chief Steve Moore talk about a newly restored U.S. Army OQ-19 target drone Thursday morning at the range.

Drone gets last pieces to complete restoration

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
sgholar@newssun.com

AVON PARK – It's the last step to a nearly perfect piece of military history and involved parties are excited about it. The flying target drone that was found in the swampy waters in the Avon Park Air Force Range 10 years ago now awaits its last piece of the restoration puzzle.

The OQ-19 target drone was used during the Cold War, according to former Army pilots, for gunnery practice of crews on B-52s and B-47s. The rare piece of history was brought to the facility in 2009.

Thursday morning, several gathered to get a peek of the last piece of the restoration for the drone. Target Management Office officials, including Logistics Management Specialist John Allen, traveled from Huntsville, Ala. to bring the final two pieces.

"Those are JATO's (jet assisted take off) rockets. The two will be added to the sides of the drone," said retired Col. Bill Hutchinson.

Hutchinson along with retired Col. Roy Whitton and Avon Park Air Force Range Commander Lt. Col. Paul Neidhardt were just a few of the eager minds behind keeping the drone in Avon Park.

"It took us over three years to find all the parts. Now we have to clean them (JATO's) up

and get them mounted on the drone ... It's the last steps to complete," Hutchinson said.

Other retired military members were present at the revealing of the JATO's and had a vivid memory of the drone when it was in use.

"I used to shoot at these drones," retired Major Randy Smith said. "I knew that someone somewhere had to have these JATO's."

Smith contacted several people before being lead to Allen, who eventually knew just where to look for the rockets.

"I didn't have them but I knew who did. They had been just sitting since 1996 so when I heard he (Smith) was looking for them I knew where to go," Allen said.

The rockets are very rare items. According to Hutchinson and Allen, it took over a year to de-militarize the parts before handing them over for the drone.

"We needed to get the explosive parts off before we could use it," Hutchinson said.

"We have to do some research and see how they were attached. There is space here for what looks like they may have been bolted on to the sides ... We can't let just anyone get on here, we have to find the right person for the job," Hutchinson said.

"The (Fort) Moody boys deserve a lot of credit on this. They did a good job painting and cleaning it up," Whitton said.

CATCH A FREE RIDE ON THE CASINO BUS!

THE BUS PICKS UP AT:

TUESDAYS

2:30PM • AVON PARK 3:00PM • SEBRING

WALMART - 1041 US HWY 27 WALMART - 3525 US 27N

3:30PM • LAKE PLACID

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - 608 S. LAKEVIEW RD

\$20 SLOT FREE PLAY,*

\$15 IN POKER CHIPS WITH \$40 BUY IN AND A \$3 FOOD VOUCHER

THURSDAYS

1:30PM • HAINES CITY 2:00PM • LAKE WALES

WALMART - US HWY 27 IHOP - US HWY 60

2:30PM • AVON PARK 3:00PM • SEBRING

WALMART - 1041 US HWY 27 WALMART - 3525 US 27N

3:30PM • LAKE PLACID

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - 608 S. LAKEVIEW RD

\$20 SLOT FREE PLAY,*

\$10 OFF BINGO COUPON** AND A \$3 FOOD VOUCHER*

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

CASINO DEPARTURE: 10:30PM

NEW NON-SMOKING SLOT AREA!

17735 Reservation Road
Okeechobee, FL 34974

1.800.360.9875

seminolebrightoncasino.com



Highway 721 west of Lake Okeechobee on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation

Valid only on a \$55 Bingo Pack. *Offers cannot be combined with new member offers. No reservations required. Seating is first come, first serve. Arrival and departure times are estimated and subject to change based on travel conditions. Limited Space Available. Details at Seminole Player's Club. Must be 21 or older and a Player's Club member to participate. Management reserves the right to change or cancel at any time. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1.888.ADMIT.IT. **GAMBLE WITH CARE

WELLS MOTOR COMPANY

Since 1931

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY

**NO
DEALER
FEES**

EVENT

0% APR FOR 60^{MOS}
PLUS \$1,000 TRADE ASSISTANCE

**NO
DEALER
FEES**

BEST BUY
Consumer Digest

BEST NEW CAR OF 2012
Parenting Magazine

POLK AUTOMOTIVE
Loyalty Award/Minivan

<p>New 2012 DODGE JOURNEY UP TO \$1,250 Consumer Cash PLUS NO CHARGE - 3RD ROW SEAT (\$995 SAVINGS)</p>	<p>New 2012 DODGE CALIBER FROM \$16,999 GAS SAVER</p>	<p>New 2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN FROM \$21,900 BEST VALUE</p>
<p>New 2012 JEEP PATRIOT SPORT FROM \$15,700 GAS SAVER</p>	<p>New 2012 CHRYSLER 200 TOURING FROM \$18,825 31 MPG</p>	<p>New 2012 JEEP LIBERTY FROM \$22,900 GREAT BUY</p>

WELLS MOTOR COMPANY
www.WellsMC.com

DODGE

CHRYSLER

Jeep

RAM

No Dealer Fee, Plus Tax & Tag, State Fee. APR W.A.C. from Ally. Residency Restrictions Apply. Exp. 4/30/2012

AVON PARK & SEBRING 453-6644 - LAKE PLACID & OTHER CITIES TOLL FREE 1-888-453-6644

MIDFLORIDA
What A Bank Should Be

Avon Park CRA districts seeking board members

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

christophertuffley@newssun.com

AVON PARK — The city is looking for committed citizens willing to put in a few hours of volunteer service every month. In return, volunteers will have an opportunity to make a difference.

All three Community Redevelopment Agency advisory boards are in need of members. To be eligible for the Main Street or Southside boards one has to live or have a business within the CRA district the board serves. To qualify for the Airport CRA advisory board, one has to live in the city.

The airport is looking for one regular member and one alternative. Main Street

has one regular and two alternate positions.

The Southside has two alternate positions.

The Recreation Board has three regular positions open. To be eligible one has to live in the city.

CRA boards are responsible for recommending facade grants; creating, promoting and putting on special events; and being an official part of future planning.

The recreation board deals with all issues having to do with parks and organized sports on city fields.

Typically meetings are held monthly in the city council chambers.

Call City Clerk Cheryl Tietjen for more information at 452-4403.

Law gives Zimmerman extra chances in legal fight

By CURT ANDERSON

AP Legal Affairs Writer

MIAMI — George Zimmerman persuaded the police not to charge him for killing unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin, but the prosecutor has accused him of murder. Soon, armed with unparalleled legal advantages, Zimmerman will get to ask a judge to find the killing was justified, and if that doesn't work, he'll get to make the same case to a jury.

The wave of National Rifle Association-backed legislation that began seven years ago in Florida and continues to sweep the country has done more than establish citizens' right to "stand your ground," as supporters call the laws. It's added second, third and even fourth chances for people who have used lethal force to avoid prosecution and conviction using the same argument, extra opportunities to keep their freedom that defendants accused of other crimes don't get.

Martin's shooting has unleashed a nationwide debate on the validity of these laws, which exist in some form in most of the country and which prosecutors and police have generally opposed as confusing, prone to abuse by criminals, and difficult to apply evenly. Others are concerned that the laws foster a vigilante, even trigger-happy mentality that might cause too many unnecessary deaths.

An Associated Press



George Zimmerman is led into court in Sanford Thursday for a hearing on his second degree murder charge.

review of federal homicide data doesn't seem to bear that out. Nationwide, the total number of justified homicides by citizens rose from 176 in 2000 to 325 in 2010. Totals for all homicides also rose slightly over the same period, but when adjusted for population growth, the rates actually dipped.

At least two-dozen states since 2005 have adopted laws similar to Florida's, which broadly eliminated a person's duty to retreat under threat of death or serious injury, as

long as the person isn't committing a crime and is in a place where he or she has a right to be. Other states have had similar statutes on the books for decades, and still others grant citizens equivalent protections through established court rulings.

While the states that have passed "stand your ground" laws continue to model them loosely after Florida's — Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New Hampshire put expanded laws on the books last year — Florida is unique.

One area that sets Florida apart is the next step Zimmerman faces: With the police and prosecutor having weighed in, a judge will decide whether to dismiss the second-degree murder charge based on "stand your ground." If Zimmerman wins that stage, prosecutors can appeal.

But in another aspect peculiar to Florida, if the appeals court sides with Zimmerman, not only will he be forever immune from facing criminal charges for shooting the 17-year-old Martin — even if new evidence or witnesses surface — he could not even be sued for civil damages by Martin's family for wrongfully causing his death.

"You get even more protection than any acquitted murderer," said Tamara Lawson, a former prosecutor who now teaches at St. Thomas School of Law in Miami. "This law seems to give more protection than any other alleged criminal could dream about."

If Zimmerman can't convince the judge of his innocence, he still can use "stand your ground" to convince jurors.

Zimmerman, 28, is facing up to life in prison if convicted of second-degree murder for shooting Martin on Feb. 26. A neighborhood watch volunteer in the central Florida town of Sanford, he said he fired his 9 mm handgun after Martin attacked and beat him.

County to review animal control

By ED BALDRIDGE

ed.baldridge@newssun.com

SEBRING — The Board of County Commissioners will have a light agenda Tuesday, but will hold a workshop after a request from commissioners at the March 27 board meeting to get more information about the county's Animal Control Department.

According to the background material, from Oct. 1, 2010 until March 27 of

this year, the department has investigated 56 dog bites and 20 cat bites for rabies.

In that same time, 109 dogs and 37 cats have been adopted from the facility and non-profit agencies have taken 181 dogs and 88 cats off the county's hands.

The board meeting will be held on Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the commission chambers at 602 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Continued from page 2A

7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, unless otherwise directed. Members run model railroads on their "HO" Gauge layout.

For information or updates on meeting locations, call Curtis Petersen at 382-6967.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK
Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have music with Lora Patton on Friday and karaoke by Peg and Perry on Saturday, both days from 5-8 p.m. No NASCAR today. For details, call 385-8902.

LAKE PLACID
The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will have music by Chrissy from 5-7 p.m. Monday. The Ladies Board meets at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call the lodge at 465-2661.

The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will have NASCAR on the big screen on Sundays. Call for time each week. The Loyal Order of the Moose meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, followed by a meeting of the Women of the

Moose at 7 p.m. and a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Music with Bama Jam on Wednesday, with Franke on Thursday, with Big Freddie on Friday and with Tom McGannon. All times for music is 6-10 p.m. For details, call 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 Post will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for elections. Music with Steve Baker on Saturday; call for time. For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

SEBRING

The VFW Post 4300 will have music with BilDi today. Call for time. The VFW Post meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Music with Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, with Big Freddie from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, again with Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Friday and with Todd Allen from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. For details, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 will have music by Frank E. from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Cost for dance only is \$5. The lodge will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday. Dance to Chrissy from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Cost for dance only is \$5. For more information, call 471-3557.

Park created to ward off more sex offenders

MIAMI (AP) — A Miami city commissioner has created a small park to prevent more sexual offenders from setting up camp in the area.

City Commissioner Marc Sarnoff learned about the small patch of vacant land now called the "Little River Pocket Park" from homeowners concerned about a dozen sexual offenders who spend their nights on a nearby sidewalk.

County and state law prohibits sex offenders from

living near parks where children gather, though city officials say the state allows sex offenders already living somewhere to stay if a park is created after they move in.

Sarnoff tells The Miami Herald that he created the park to prevent more sex offenders from being placed in the area. At Sarnoff's request, the city has notified corrections officials about the park's existence.

OBITUARIES

CAROLINE HANKEN

Caroline Skipper Hanken, 54, of Sebring, Fla., died April 10, 2012. Caroline was born in Avon Park, Fla. and is the daughter of the late Robert D. Skipper and Mae Gribbens Hogin. She was a graduate of Sebring High School,



Hanken

Class of 1976. She had worked for Barnett Bank and Highlands County Tag Agency and was a sales representative for Lincare and Rotech.

She is survived by her sister, Leta (Paul) Matthews, Fort Meade, Fla.; brothers, Kelvin Skipper and Wendell (Jana Sharp) Skipper, both of Sebring; nieces and nephews, Stephanie Skipper, Kelvin D. Skipper, Angela (Sydney) Ivey and Robert Wayne Matthews; companion, Rick Hanken;

and his children, Jason and Cindy Hanken; and best friends, Peggy and Jug O'Bannon.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, April 20 at Morris Funeral Chapel. The family requests donations to Humane Society of Highlands County. Condolences may be expressed at, www.morrisfuneralchapel.com.

Morris Funeral Chapel
Sebring

DR. JAMES STEVENS

Dr. James R. Stevens, 87, of Sebring, Fla., went to be with his Lord on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Dr. Stevens was born in Karnak, Ill. He served in World War II with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific and was a disabled veteran. A graduate of Tennessee Temple University, Chattanooga, Tenn. and pas-

tored churches in Illinois, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida. Dr. Stevens and his late wife, Elnora, moved to Sebring in 1999 from DeSoto, Ill. and attended Grace Bible Church.

He is survived by his step-children, Robert L. Hart of Ocala, Fla., Barry Hallman of Titusville, Fla., Brain Hallman, Juanita Bishop and Anna Baker, all of Sebring, and Elizabeth Thomas of Chattanooga, Tenn.; sister, Alice Harthman of DeSoto, Ill.; numerous grandchildren and great- and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Bible Church with visitation one hour prior. Entombment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens. www.morrisfuneralchapel.com.

Morris Funeral Chapel
Sebring

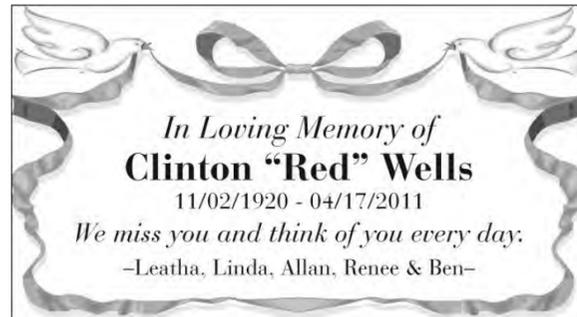
In lieu of flowers, consider a gift to support Hospice care.



Follow the News-Sun
online on



www.twitter.com/thenewssun



"Would Dad have wanted it that way?"

Preplanning a funeral is not something you do for yourself... It's something you do for your family. It spares them from making emotional decisions – decisions that may not be consistent with your own wishes. We specialize in prearrangements... for your family's sake.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory

Sebring, FL 33870
385-0125

Proud to serve
Sebring, Lake Placid
& Avon Park

Avon Park, FL 33825
453-3101

Serving our community since 1925. Locally owned & operated.

www.stephensonnelsonfh.com



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Woodlawn Elementary School Ramiro Palacios receives a handshake from jet dragster driver Marisha Falk Saturday morning during the Air Force Association's award ceremony for outstanding math and science achievements at Sebring High School. Palacios and classmate Jadon Bareno along with their teacher Tim Bowers received recognition during the ceremony.

AFA hands out yearly awards

Continued from page 1A

found a second passion that she currently continues to pursue. In 2010, Falk became a jet car driver after one and a half years of training.

Falk is one of only four women in the world licensed to actively drive and race jet dragsters. The powerful race car is fueled by a General Electric J85 engine, similar to the supersonic jet engine, and produces speeds close to 300 mph.

"I challenge you all, especially the students, to find something you love and push yourself. I can honestly say that you all are far ahead of me when I was your age. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments this far, but remember the sky is the limit for you," Falk said.

Student recipients were: Aidan Beeching and Jeston Mason, Avon Elementary; Kadi Ealy and Lance High, Cracker Trail Elementary; Orpheus Cardona and Victor

Salinas, Fred Wild Elementary; Juan Orozco and Jose Orozco, Lake Country Elementary; Amy Rodriguez and Emily Lethbridge, Lake Placid Elementary; Kaycee Ryan and Amy Albandoz, Memorial Elementary; Joshua Brown and Tony King, Park Elementary; Jaron Metzger and Paolo Pineda, Sun N Lake Elementary; Ramiro Palacios and Jadon Bareno, Woodlawn Elementary; Leighton Jahna and Chase Langston, Avon Park Middle; Ritika Manik and Siddharth Anathan (Both received Honorable Mention at the state Science and Engineering Fair), Hill-Gustat Middle; Amy Platt and Cesar Orduna, Lake Placid Middle; Kaley Terrell and Caleah Gammage, Sebring Middle; Marlene Zeeuw, Bryanna Zachary, Juvencio Cendejas and Jesus Garcia, Avon Park High; Nevada Weaver, Rachel Yungbluth, Alfred Davis and

Brittany Day, Lake Placid High; Dalton Helvey, Zachary Ragan-Dixon, Ravindra Sookchand and Brandon Schuffert, Sebring High.

The 30 instructors recognized and awarded were: Kimberly Henry and Denan Sbotto, AES; Ian Belanger, CTE; Kristina McGovern, FWE; Allison Davis and Linda Veley, LCE; Dianne Jarvis and Cathe Gibney, LPE; Patricia Skipper, MES; Lynn Heacock, PES; Leslie Comeaux, SNLE; Tim Bowers, WES; Jenn Dewitt and Crystal Vaughn, APMS; Susan Harris and Trisha Portis, HGMS; Tracy Robinson and Jessica Keyser, LPMS; Donna Tomlison and Lyle Pontious, SMS; Shane Ward, Janice Newton and Chief Dennis Green, APHS; Katherine Depolito, Virginia Vann Peebles and Warren Johnson, SAI, LPHS; Angie Mann, Susan Luke, SMSgt. Larry Ferguson and Maj. Nancy Castillo, SHS.

Lake Placid in running for award

Continued from page 1A

site as "fun" and "excitement is what our visitors find in beautiful 'Uptown' Lake Placid, Florida."

"There are 54 beautiful internationally known historic outdoor murals, with hidden items for the visitor to find, and some murals have sound. Seventeen one-of-a-kind whimsical trash containers, all companion pieces to the murals," May wrote.

"Our American Clown Museum and School is filled with clown memorabilia that will take you back in time to those wonderful days at the circus. Over 2,000 clowns graduated from the clown school since 1993," according to May.

"It is not unusual to find clowns walk our streets, entertaining our guests and spreading smiles," May wrote.

May went on to describe the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative a 10,000 square foot building filled with the finest arts and crafts Highlands County has to offer.

"There is something for everyone," May continued.

The description on the Reader's Digest site also points out that Lake Placid is rich in history.

Dr. Melvil Dewey, of Dewey Decimal System fame, came to Lake Stearns 85 years ago this year and named the Lake Placid after his Lake Placid Club in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"Our Historic Society in the old train depot that Dewey had built is filled with his history and much more. Some of the best wood carvers anywhere can be seen working at the Lake Placid

Art League on certain days of the week. We are the Caladium Capital of the World, where in 1,200 acres of rich black lake bottom muck, about 95 percent of the worlds caladiums are grown," May wrote.

"All this and more is rolled up into one beautiful unique small town where every one is happy to greet our visitors," she wrote.

"A visitor summed it up in one phrase. 'A little bit of awesomeness.'

Worley wants answers on budget

Continued from page 2A

Mayor John Holbrook said.

"I'm noting to vote for anything else because I think this could have been resolved over a year ago. I found an answer to how to fix this in two phone calls. I don't think we should have made a big fuss over this," Worley stressed. "I am making a stand."

"This issue is near and dear to me because in the spirit of departmental accountability my whole

effort to push accountability is because I have to approve the financials for the town. I can't do that unless I have visibility," Councilman Steve Bastardi said.

Bastardi described how he is also having issues with reading the reports and that when he had to pursue issues, it was hard to clarify each item consistently. "But to me, budget accountability is to let the people who do the budget tell us what is really wrong and bring it forward so we don't have to

dive so deep into the financials," Bastardi said.

"I understand Council Member Worley's interest to having electronic access to the numbers," Bastardi said. "I salute Council member Worley's interest to having access to the information, but I still support the staff to bring information forward," Bastardi said.

Worley alone voted no on approving the monthly bills on two separate occasions.

Fleck enters race

Continued from page 1A

AdvancED, facilitated the development and implementation of the district improvement plan, the district strategic plan and the district technology plan. Under her leadership, the release said, millions of grant dollars have been won by the district. She was also part of the team that opened the Career Academy and brought the International Baccalaureate Programme to the county.

In the general election Fleck, as a Democrat, will challenge the Republican winner of the August primary election.

In addition to Fleck and incumbent Wally Cox, William "Pep" Hutchinson and Roberta Peck are running for superintendent of schools. Cox, Hutchinson and Peck are Republicans.

Classified ads get results! Call 314-9876

Sunbather run over by lifeguard truck

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A North Carolina woman is recovering after a lifeguard truck ran over her on a South Florida beach.

Rinda Mizelle of Charlotte, N.C., says she was sunbathing on the beach Tuesday in Fort Lauderdale when she felt the Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue truck rolling across her body.

Mizelle tells the South Florida Sun Sentinel that she felt like "a human speed

bump." Police say lifeguards freed Mizelle from beneath the truck. Officials say the driver has been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation.

Fire rescue spokesman Matt Little says Mizelle was treated at a hospital for minor injuries.

From her home in North Carolina, Mizelle told the newspaper that she suffered burns, cuts and orthopedic and neurological injuries.

LIFE SKILLS with a POSITIVE ATTITUDE!
(Best After School Program in Sebring)

- Get In Shape
- Learn Self Defense
- Make Better Grades
- Improve Self Esteem

GET ON BOARD with quality life care not day care!

WE PICK UP FREE FROM:
Kindergarten Learning Center
Cracker Trail • Sun-N-Lakes
Woodlawn • Fred Wild
Memorial • Hill-Gustat
Sebring Middle

5 DAYS FOR \$30*
*Some Restrictions Apply

ENROLL NOW
(Located on Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring)
863.471.2467

marital arts America THE FAMILY CLUB
Where Families Grow Strong Together

One out of 58 persons will have a life threatening Melanoma.

What if it's you?

Looks harmless. but it kills.

We can help with the prevention of melanoma.

Come get your skin checked today.
It could save your life.

Se Habla Español

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY P.A. - SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 13 YEARS

We treat all skin conditions.

Darrin A. Rotman M.D.
863.386.0786
3109 Medical Way, Sebring

AFFORDABLE DENTURES®
a good reason to smile

SEE GREAT SAVINGS BELOW

\$395 Economy Full Set (D5110, D6120)

\$80 Routine Tooth Extraction (D7140) **\$130** Complex Tooth Extraction (D7210)

• Same Day Service • On-Site Lab
• Financing Available • FL Medicaid Accepted

Affordable Dentures-Avon Park, P.A.
Marc A. Sander, D.D.S.
Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry
HIGHLANDS PLAZA
1036 US 27 South, Avon Park FL
Call For Appointment (863)784-0463

SAVE \$100 ON AFFORDABLE IMPLANTS Denture Stabilization System	SAVE \$75 PER DENTURE ON ULTRA Complete or Partial Denture	SAVE \$50 PER DENTURE ON PREMIUM Complete or Partial Denture	SAVE \$25 PER DENTURE ON CUSTOM Complete or Partial Denture
--	--	--	---

2012.1-5-V1.1

1-800-DENTURE
www.AffordableDentures.com

AFFORDABLE DENTURES®
a good reason to smile

Offers good only at Affordable Dentures-Avon Park, P.A. Coupon must be presented at time of initial payment and cannot be combined with any other coupons, discounts, package price, insurance benefit, or prior order. Offer expires 4/30/12 and may change without notice.

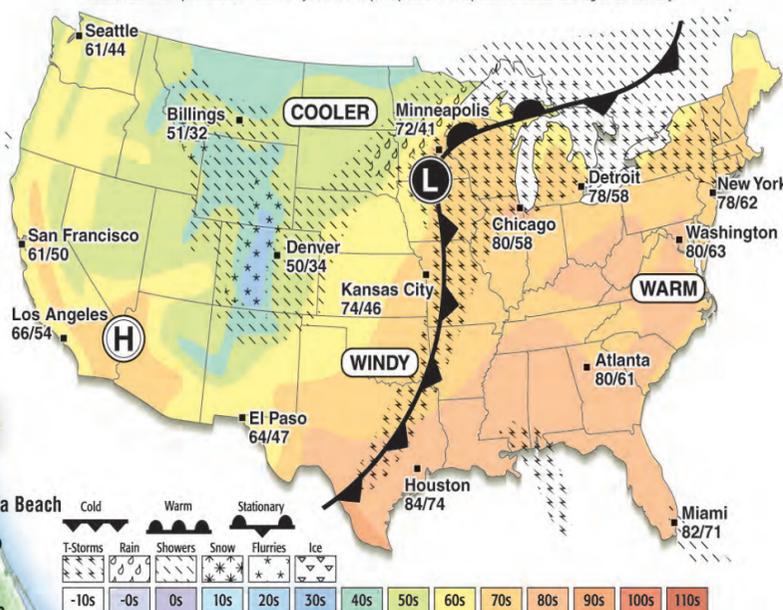
*Some Day Service, in most cases, call for details. These are minimum fees and charges may increase depending on the treatment required. The Patient and any other person responsible for payment has a right to refuse to pay, cancel payment, or be reimbursed for payment for any other service, examination, or treatment that is performed as a result of and within 72 hours of responding to the advertisement for the free, discounted fee, or reduced fee service, examination or treatment. We accept Cash, Checks with ID, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover as payment for our services.

Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sunshine mixing with some clouds	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and nice	Clouds and sun, a t-storm possible
84° / 63°	85° / 62°	85° / 61°	86° / 62°	85° / 63°
Winds: ESE at 8-16 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 3-6 mph	Winds: E at 3-6 mph

National Forecast for April 15

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



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	87°
Low Tuesday	51°
High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	48°
High Thursday	88°
Low Thursday	56°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	40%
Expected air temperature	82°
Makes it feel like	82°

Barometer

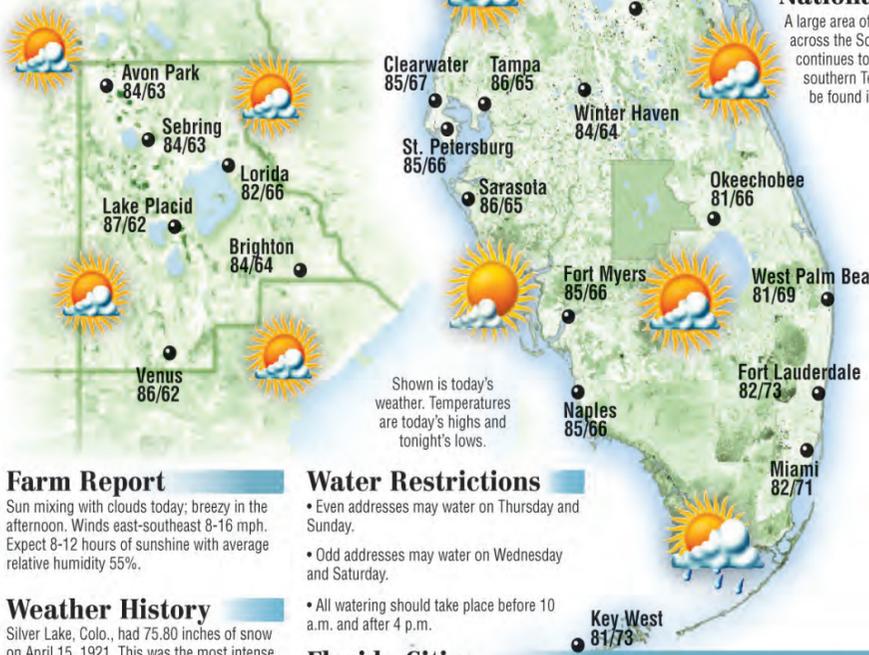
Tuesday	30.09
Wednesday	30.05
Thursday	30.06

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.02"
Year to date	3.03"

Regional Summary

Sunshine mixing with some clouds today; breezy in the afternoon. Mainly clear tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow and Tuesday. Wednesday: partly sunny and nice. Thursday: times of sun and clouds with a shower or thunderstorm possible.



Farm Report

Sun mixing with clouds today; breezy in the afternoon. Winds east-southeast 8-16 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 55%.

Weather History

Silver Lake, Colo., had 75.80 inches of snow on April 15, 1921. This was the most intense 24-hour snowfall in United States history.

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	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	85/65/s	86/63/s	86/62/s	Miami	82/71/pc	83/71/pc	85/71/pc
Clearwater	85/67/s	84/67/s	84/66/s	Okeechobee	81/66/s	83/64/s	81/62/pc
Coral Springs	80/69/pc	81/70/pc	82/68/pc	Orlando	83/62/s	85/63/s	84/61/pc
Daytona Beach	80/63/s	81/65/s	79/61/pc	Pembroke Pines	82/68/pc	83/69/pc	84/68/pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	82/73/pc	82/73/pc	81/73/pc	St. Augustine	78/65/s	79/64/s	80/63/pc
Fort Myers	85/66/s	85/64/pc	87/65/s	St. Petersburg	85/66/s	84/67/s	85/66/s
Gainesville	83/58/s	84/58/s	83/57/s	Sarasota	86/65/s	84/64/s	84/65/s
Hollywood	82/68/pc	83/69/pc	84/68/pc	Tallahassee	83/59/s	83/61/s	84/59/pc
Homestead AFB	80/70/pc	81/69/pc	82/67/pc	Tampa	86/65/s	84/65/s	86/66/s
Jacksonville	80/58/s	80/59/s	82/58/s	W. Palm Bch	81/69/pc	82/70/pc	82/70/pc
Key West	81/73/pc	83/74/pc	84/74/pc	Winter Haven	84/64/s	85/64/s	84/64/s

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	59/41/pc	65/44/t	72/50/s	Los Angeles	66/54/s	71/56/s	74/58/s
Atlanta	80/61/s	77/60/pc	73/53/pc	Louisville	83/61/pc	73/51/t	72/48/pc
Baltimore	84/58/pc	90/60/s	82/48/pc	Memphis	82/64/pc	78/56/t	75/55/pc
Birmingham	80/65/pc	81/58/t	78/52/r	Milwaukee	76/51/t	56/36/c	53/40/pc
Boston	74/58/pc	87/58/s	76/49/pc	Minneapolis	72/41/r	52/36/c	62/45/pc
Charlotte	80/58/s	80/57/s	74/49/pc	Nashville	82/65/pc	77/52/t	73/50/t
Cheyenne	47/32/sn	55/36/t	66/39/pc	New Orleans	84/70/pc	82/67/t	82/64/t
Chicago	80/58/t	61/40/pc	56/41/pc	New York City	78/62/t	86/62/s	78/49/pc
Cleveland	75/59/t	70/42/t	54/39/pc	Norfolk	79/61/s	80/62/s	76/55/s
Columbus	80/58/pc	72/47/t	64/44/pc	Oklahoma City	75/48/t	76/49/s	76/55/s
Dallas	79/55/t	76/55/s	78/59/s	Philadelphia	79/61/t	89/61/s	80/52/pc
Denver	50/34/sn	62/37/pc	73/42/pc	Phoenix	74/59/s	81/65/s	90/66/s
Detroit	78/58/t	70/39/r	56/38/pc	Pittsburgh	80/58/pc	80/50/t	63/42/pc
Harrisburg	80/56/t	88/55/s	71/43/pc	Portland, ME	68/49/pc	71/50/s	73/42/pc
Honolulu	84/71/pc	85/71/pc	84/70/pc	Portland, OR	65/48/pc	61/47/r	60/47/c
Houston	84/74/pc	77/62/r	80/61/pc	Raleigh	80/60/s	83/60/s	78/52/pc
Indianapolis	78/58/pc	72/45/t	67/45/pc	Rochester	71/56/t	77/45/t	57/34/c
Jackson, MS	84/66/pc	78/58/t	79/55/r	St. Louis	78/53/t	71/49/pc	71/53/pc
Kansas City	74/46/t	68/46/s	72/50/pc	San Francisco	61/50/s	62/52/s	64/53/pc
Lexington	80/60/pc	71/50/t	68/46/c	Seattle	61/44/pc	58/45/r	57/44/c
Little Rock	78/56/t	76/52/t	78/54/pc	Wash., DC	80/63/s	90/60/s	77/49/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	88/68/s	88/67/s	89/73/s	London	52/34/pc	54/41/pc	55/37/r
Athens	72/57/s	71/59/pc	70/56/c	Montreal	70/57/sh	72/48/r	57/39/sh
Beirut	80/60/pc	71/56/s	76/68/s	Moscow	59/51/sh	63/51/c	67/48/sh
Berlin	59/41/c	54/32/c	52/36/sh	Nice	62/52/c	67/53/pc	64/50/r
Bermuda	67/80/s	72/66/pc	74/68/pc	Ottawa	72/57/sh	70/53/r	61/39/pc
Calgary	36/24/c	56/37/s	51/32/sh	Quebec	66/53/c	70/46/r	55/36/sh
Dublin	48/33/pc	51/45/r	53/37/sh	Rio de Janeiro	87/73/s	77/71/r	81/70/r
Edmonton	37/21/s	54/32/s	45/30/sh	Seoul	70/45/pc	66/43/pc	68/46/s
Freeport	77/68/pc	80/64/s	80/65/pc	Singapore	88/77/r	90/77/t	88/77/t
Geneva	50/43/r	48/33/r	54/33/pc	Sydney	79/61/pc	77/64/pc	72/63/sh
Havana	87/65/pc	87/65/sh	88/66/pc	Toronto	67/55/t	69/46/r	58/35/c
Hong Kong	82/77/pc	82/77/t	79/75/t	Vancouver	56/46/pc	51/44/r	54/44/c
Jerusalem	82/52/pc	66/50/s	78/64/s	Vienna	56/47/sh	48/38/r	54/34/pc
Johannesburg	70/52/pc	74/50/pc	70/52/s	Warsaw	54/47/sh	52/35/r	49/31/pc
Kiev	60/50/sh	67/50/c	57/42/sh	Winnipeg	36/14/c	36/21/s	54/32/s

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	12:22 p.m.
Low	5:11 a.m.
High	11:14 p.m.
Low	5:24 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	5:00 a.m.
Low	11:03 a.m.
High	5:29 p.m.
Low	11:30 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	11.88'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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



0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme
Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2012

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:03 a.m.	7:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:50 p.m.	7:50 p.m.
Moonrise	3:29 a.m.	4:05 a.m.
Moonsset	3:12 a.m.	4:06 p.m.

New Apr 21 **First** Apr 29 **Full** May 5 **Last** May 12

Getting You Back on Your Feet Is Just the First Step!

If you're injured or facing surgery, we provide personalized physical therapy care to help you recover quickly and safely. From hands-on therapy to pain management techniques and therapeutic exercise, our expert team will put their extensive training and experience to work for you. Call us today to schedule an appointment at your convenience.

Shoulder, Hip, Knee & Back Therapy.

Most Insurance Plans Accepted

100 YMCA Ln.
Sebring, FL 33875
863-382-2949

visit us on the web at www.bowyerpt.com

Also treating dizziness & balance



Keith A. Bowyer, Jr., PT
Best Physical Therapist
2006 • 2007 • 2008 • 2009 • 2010
License FL PT 16172
Herdman Certified
in Vestibular Rehabilitation



WARREN'S AUTO SALES THE WAY CAR BUYING AUTO BE!

www.WarrensAutoSales.com

08 CHRYSLER PT RETRO RIDE, 15,000 MILES, 1 OWNER	10 VW JETTA 11,000 MILES, SUNROOF, 4/50 WARRANTY	04 CADILLAC DEVILLE LOCAL TRADE, WHITE DIAMOND, NICE CAR
\$11,800!	\$16,911!	\$8,981!
10 LEXUS ES350 1 OWNER, NAVIGATION	01 FORD F-150 SUPER CREW, XLT, V8, NICE, LOCAL TRADE	07 LINCOLN TOWN CAR SWEET, WARRANTY, SIGNATURE LIMITED
6/72 WARRANTY!	\$9,881!	\$18,500!

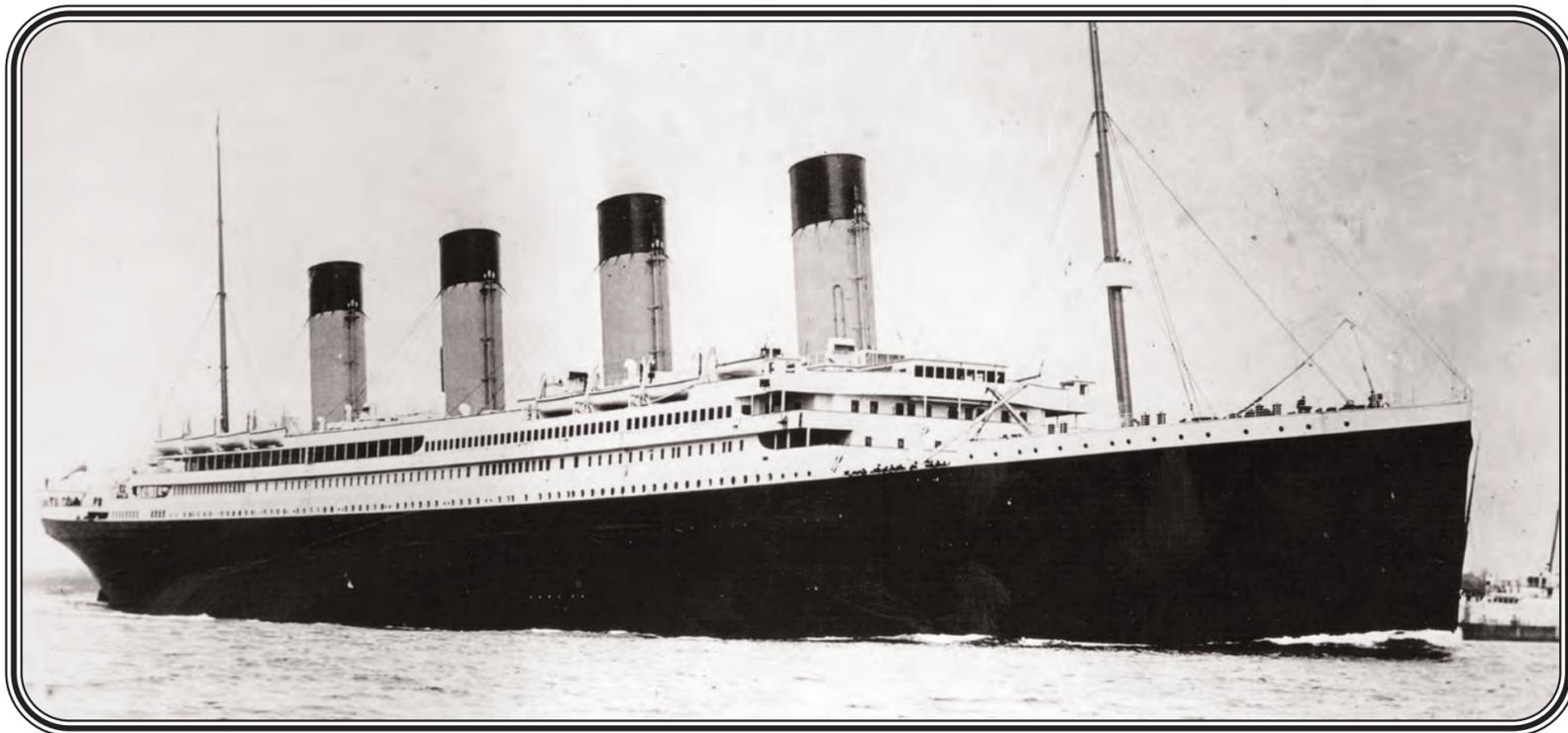


WARREN'S AUTO SALES
MIDFLORIDA Financing Available 811 US HWY 27 S. AVON PARK
863-452-2931
Sales • Mon-Fri 8-6:30 | Saturday 8-5
PRICES PLUS ONLY TAX, TAG AND TITLE. WARRANTIES BALANCE OF MANUFACTURERS.

100 Years 

April 15, 1912

ICEBERG SINKS TITANIC OVER 1,500 LOST



HISTORICAL PHOTO, CIRCA 1912

A photo of the doomed White Star steamship RMS Titanic, before she struck an iceberg and sank on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic. A century after the tragedy her story still sparks our imaginations.

She collided with an iceberg and sank during her maiden voyage 100 years ago. Despite the short duration of her presence on the high seas — just five days — or the century that's passed since her sinking, the RMS Titanic made an indelible impression.

The tragedy caused more than 1,500 deaths and inspired films, books, museums and other representations that have kept the legacy of the ship alive since her sinking on April 15, 1912.

The sinking's centennial has sparked a lot of plans for commemoration, including two anniversary cruises to the site where the ship sank 100 years prior, a 3-D re-release of James Cameron's 1997 feature film "Titanic" and a re-enactment of the voyage on Twitter, among other events.

— Samantha Stone, McClatchy-Tribune

BY THE NUMBERS

9	.....	Number of decks (as tall as an 11-story building)
269	.....	The ship's length in meters
20	.....	Number of lifeboats
	.....	(capable of rescuing only 1,178 people)
907	.....	Crew members
1,320	.....	Passengers
705	.....	Survivors

SET SAIL

For truly die-hard Titanic buffs or those who just want to experience her legacy firsthand, Miles Morgan Travel offered two chances to sail through history and visit the site where the Titanic sank 100 years ago. One cruise sails out of Southampton, U.K., on April 8, and the other from New York on April 10.

Miles Morgan, the travel company's owner, said the idea for an anniversary cruise came from a gentleman who was visiting one of their travel shops five years ago, and from then on Morgan couldn't get the thought out of his head.

"The more I thought about it, the more excited I became, so I discussed the idea with colleagues in the travel business as well as with friends, and decided to do it," Morgan said.

The project began about five years ago, and tickets for the trip originally sold out more than 16

months before the ships were set to leave port.

Morgan said there are a number of reasons so many people booked a ticket for this cruise.

"For many, it is being a part, and taking part, in such a memorable piece of history," Morgan said. "Some of these people are looking forward to tasting the meals from that time or even dressing up in period costume to enhance the experience, while others are life-long Titanic enthusiasts who have devoted a major part of their lives to studying this great ship and the events that surrounded it."

Almost 1,200 people of 30 different nationalities signed up for the voyage — the largest group from the United Kingdom.

Due to cancellations there currently are some tickets available, so act fast if you want a feel for the Titanic experience.

For more information, visit: <http://titanicmemorialcruise.co.uk/>



Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet in the iconic scene from James Cameron's "Titanic."

LOVE IN THE TIME OF SHIPWRECK

When some people hear the word "Titanic" their minds instantly jump to James Cameron's 1997 film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Many fell in love with the tragic love story 15 years ago and can't wait for a second chance to sail alongside Jack and Rose in 3-D. Others have never seen the flick on the big screen and are looking forward to that.

The film will be re-released in 3-D in theaters nationwide on the 100th anniversary of the sinking. The re-release will pay tribute to the tragic event of 1912, as well as offer viewers a new way to watch the classic love story that won 11 Oscars.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from www.fandango.com.

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE POND

Other events Titanic enthusiasts may be interested to know about include:

■ Titanic Belfast, a museum, opened in Northern Ireland on March 31. There you can experience life on board the Titanic and learn how the ship was found. For more details visit www.titanicbelfast.com.

■ The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra will perform the "Titanic Requiem" by Robin Gibb on April 10 in London.

■ A four-part miniseries called "Titanic," written by "Downton Abbey" creator Julian Fellowes, will broadcast in England come April.

HISTORY RE-TWEETING ITSELF

#LookOutForThatIceberg
In the last 100 years a lot of things have changed, but right now social media is taking the world by storm. Those who don't have the time, cash or desire to sail around the sites, see the movie or go to a museum can still experience the Titanic legacy right on their own computer screen.

Twitter handle @Titanic RealTime is recounting the journey of the RMS Titanic as it unfolded in 1912.

Some notable recent tweets have include:

■ #captain

Exactly a month now before Titanic's journey begins, I cannot wait to see her completed and on the ocean!

March 10

■ #crew

Next on the list is the lifeboats, 20 overall. 14

of them are the 30-footers, which should carry 65 people. March 12

■ #firstclass I hope we have sufficient heating in our quarters, it is sure to be cold as we travel across the icy Atlantic waters.

March 19

■ #officer The painters have done a fantastic job in and out of the ship; a lot of surface area to be repainted at some point! March 22

March 19



In command of the Titanic, Captain Edward John Smith went down with the ship.

Twitter handle @Titanic RealTime is recounting the journey of the RMS Titanic as it unfolded in 1912.

Some notable recent tweets have include:

March 19



HISTORICAL PHOTO

Only the very wealthy could afford this first class parlor suite.

BUY HISTORY

QVC, one of the world's largest retailers, has teamed up with RMS Titanic to offer the first line of goods inspired by authentic artifacts recovered from the shipwreck, and available for purchase. The products are all either exact replicas of an item found on the ship or one inspired by a passenger's belongings.

QVC's Titanic Collection 100th anniversary line includes jewelry, home goods, giftware and even a fragrance.

Among the items available:

■ Titanic Diamond Filigree Design Bold Sterling Cuff, \$499

■ Titanic White Topaz and Diamond Sterling Ring (left), \$184

■ Titanic First Class Sterling and 14K Clad Key Pendant, \$88

■ Legacy 1912 Fragrance, \$69

Items will be available on the QVC website (www.qvc.com) on April 6 at 8 p.m. ET.

TITANIC TIMELINE

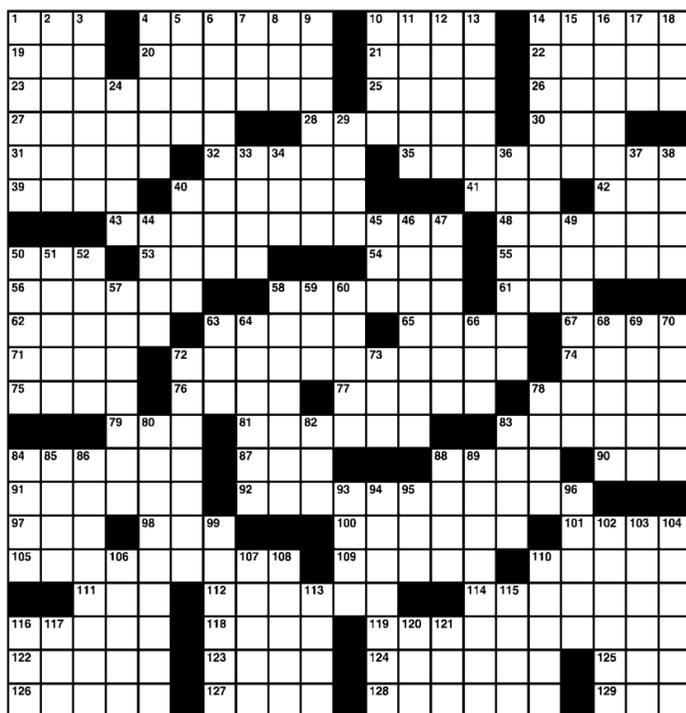
1908	.....	Construction of "unsinkable" Titanic begins
April 2, 1912	.....	Titanic construction complete
April 10, 1912	.....	Titanic maiden voyage begins
April 15, 1912	.....	Strikes iceberg, sinks
1955	.....	"A Night To Remember" is published
1985	.....	French-U.S. expedition discover Titanic wreck
1987	.....	Americans map site, recover artifacts
1993	.....	Extensive photographs of interior, exterior
1996	.....	French-U.S. effort to raise a section fails
1997	.....	James Cameron's "Titanic" released

DIVERSIONS

K-2

- ACROSS**
- 1 C-section docs
 - 4 Carrying on
 - 10 See 88-Down
 - 14 Al Jazeera's country
 - 19 Top of some suits
 - 20 Where Excalibur was forged
 - 21 Terrier of mystery films
 - 22 One-time TV medical expert Art
 - 23 Geisha wear
 - 25 Hollywood Walk of Fame feature
 - 26 Intestinal
 - 27 Attorney general before Dick Thornburgh
 - 28 Minor key of Beethoven's "Moonlight"
 - 30 Hornswoggle
 - 31 Memorial ___ - Kettering: NYC hospital
 - 32 Almost win
 - 35 Oven seen at Colonial Williamsburg
 - 39 Gmail outbox folder
 - 40 Cuthbert of "24"
 - 41 Shatner's "___War"
 - 42 "And how!"
 - 43 Be complimentary (of)
 - 48 Ventilate
 - 50 Corp. symbols
 - 53 Youngest Brontë
 - 54 Diamond head?
 - 55 Chews out
 - 56 Become useless, as a well
 - 58 Places to perch
 - 61 Cold War prez
 - 62 ___ Mountains: Missouri range
 - 63 Stick a fork in
 - 65 "This ___ emergency!"
 - 67 Cheeky
 - 71 "Scarlett" setting
 - 72 Form of bank fraud
 - 74 Password creator
 - 75 Surfboard fin
 - 76 Jocular "Gotcha"
 - 77 ___ Birds: cellphone game
 - 78 The "a" sound in "afire"
 - 79 ATM maker
 - 81 Seek advice from
 - 83 "This is yours now!"
 - 84 Presses on
 - 87 Lennon's lady
 - 88 Droids, e.g.
 - 90 Mule's parent
 - 91 Umbrella-garnished drink
 - 92 Warehouse worker
 - 97 African snake
 - 98 Kick and Zero colas
 - 100 Joins forces
 - 101 They may be rolled over, for short
 - 105 Friendly greeting
 - 109 Outcast
 - 110 Extremely thin
 - 111 Terr. that's now two states
 - 112 Have a go at
 - 114 Deals with
 - 116 Big name in china
 - 118 Dip in "Swan Lake"?
 - 119 Prepare a seder, say
 - 122 "Whether ___ or lose ..."
 - 123 Mary Kay rival
 - 124 Hilltop homes
 - 125 Cold-climate seabird
 - 126 Painter of café scenes
 - 127 Scads
 - 128 Egyptian currency
 - 129 Decorates mischievously, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Haunt
 - 2 It has a bit part
 - 3 Sockeye, e.g.
 - 4 Arouse from sleep
 - 5 Car rental company founder Warren
 - 6 Locker room strategy
 - 7 U.N. workers' gp.
 - 8 Persona ___ grata
 - 9 Italian dumplings
 - 10 Party to remember
 - 11 Abbr. on a corner-
 - 12 Beatles drummer after 10-Across
 - 13 La Brea attraction
 - 14 Football surprise
 - 15 Perfectly fine
 - 16 Justin Bieber, e.g.
 - 17 Gasteyer of "SNL"
 - 18 DVR button
 - 24 "Endymion" poet
 - 29 Penn of "Milk"
 - 33 Take a shine to
 - 34 Set a price of
 - 36 Discontinuing
 - 37 Hard on the eyes, in a way
 - 38 Minor quibbles
 - 40 Counting-rhyme starter
 - 44 It may have a theme
 - 45 Bridge installer's deg.
 - 46 "Get over yourself!"
 - 47 Private eye
 - 49 Sears associate
 - 50 Harness racing events
 - 51 Mall melodies
 - 52 Simple trap
 - 57 "The facts, ma'am" series
 - 58 Runner-up's demand
 - 59 Former acorn
 - 60 Language in which "Shazbot!" is a profanity
 - 63 "Zip it!"
 - 64 Basil-based sauces
 - 66 Whichever
 - 68 Milo of film and stage
 - 69 Comedian Black
 - 70 Cries of annoyance
 - 72 Turning green in the backseat, say
 - 73 One may be returned for a TD
 - 78 Encl. with a manuscript
 - 80 He debuted in Action Comics in 1938
 - 82 Kanga's little one
 - 83 GI's lullaby?
 - 84 All-in-one Apple
 - 85 Beer-brewing mixture
 - 86 "Zip it!"
 - 88 With 10-Across,
 - Beatles drummer before 12-Down
 - 89 Moccasin material
 - 93 Gather discriminately
 - 94 Patella
 - 95 Nap, in British slang
 - 96 Iranian money
 - 99 Stick to policy
 - 102 Charge
 - 103 Get in the game
 - 104 Long-legged waders
 - 106 "Embraced by the Light" author Betty
 - 107 Round of shots
 - 108 Boxy Toyota
 - 110 Explain away, with "over"
 - 113 Griffey and Griffey Jr.
 - 115 Squeezed (out)
 - 116 Seeker in personals, briefly
 - 117 Stew veggie
 - 120 LBJ's antipoverty agcy.
 - 121 Sch. named for an evangelist

By D. GAGLIARDO & C.C. BURNIKEL



Solution on page 4B

Spring full of promise, hope



Pause And Consider
Jan Merop

What elements of creation most eloquently express God's existence to me personally?

My response to this question was instantaneous: mountains surrounding me; crisp mountain air; the scent of freshness that invades my senses; pristine views untouched by man; wildflowers; singing brooks and streams; waterfalls. These and more make me feel alive and close to him.

My minds eye also saw the seasons: the vibrant tapestry of fall and the winter white garment draping the landscape. Even more intricate are the shapes, sizes and colors of every leaf and the unique snowflakes that combine to create winter's garment.

But hidden in the fallen leaves that mulch the earth; and, snuggled under a snowy blanket are seeds...dead and buried...yet with life waiting to blossom. The nourishing mulch and protective cover of snow remind us of how God cares for his creation.

Before we know it, spring is in the air. Crocuses push up through remnants of snow, tiny buds appear on trees and open to small chartreuse leaves that will grow and intensify in color as each day of spring gives way to another.

The air is filled with bird-song and the activity of nest building.

Promise and hope are evident. Each morning sunrise, evening sunset, the stars and moon that light the night

sky all silently and majestically give evidence to God's being.

God is the Ultimate Scientist and has given man the intelligence and hunger for discovery. What has been discovered and is continually

being uncovered has always been there...designed by the Creator who sustains it all.

In his time and not before, he opens man's mind and allows new tools to be developed that unlock more mysteries. But, without faith in God, we miss the depth and breadth of the complexities of our world and our bodies. We try to explain them away.

And, to think God spoke it all into existence. He didn't need matter to create. Hebrews 11:3, NKJV, puts it this way, "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

We've been watching as small geraniums in flower boxes around our patio and white alyssum and tiny violas in another pot have grown. Daily they lift their 'eyes' heavenward to receive the refreshing and nourishing rain and sunshine needed to bloom beautifully where they're planted.

Let's lift our eyes to the Lord of heaven and earth for he is our promise and hope to bloom in all of life's seasons. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

Gemini may need a change of scenery

Metro Services

Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Aries, once you have your mind set on something, it is hard to get you to think about anything else. This dedication can be an asset at work but might also hinder relationships.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, you're in good spirits this week and it could be because you received some good news that provides you with extra energy. Get tasks done and then have fun.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, it may be time for a change of scenery, especially if you feel like you need recharging. Browse available travel deals and you can probably find something affordable.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, accept help when it is offered. Doing so will reduce stress and put you in a better frame of mind. Someone close to you has a proposition.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Leo, though you often enjoy being the center of attention, there are many times — like this week — when you simply thrive being able to recuperate out of the limelight.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, when an opportunity presents itself, jump on it without delay. This could be the break you're looking for, so don't pass up the opportunity to get on board.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, pick your battles and recognize that there are certain things that you just can't change. It may prove frustrating, but that's the way it is.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Scorpio, sometimes the best way to help someone is to leave them to their own devices. This week you'll adopt this approach, and it will work out for the best.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sagittarius, there is conflict at home, you must help reduce the tension. It may take some time, but use this week to lay the ground work.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, with so much change in the air, you may want to shout it from the hills. However, it may be wise to keep things hush-hush for a while until it's all worked out.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, there's no time like the present to do a self-analysis and take the steps to change something that has been on your mind. You'll have the support of family.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, positive thinking can often help you overcome obstacles, but so can simply taking some action. Expect good news this week.

Famous birthdays

- April 15 - Emma Thompson, actress, 53; April 16 - Jon Cryer, actor, 47; April 17 - Boomer Esiason, athlete, 51; April 18 - Melissa Joan Hart, actress, 36; April 19 - Hayden Christensen, actor, 61; April 20 - Don Mattingly, athlete, 51; April 21 - Tony Danza, actor, 61.

Thoughtful gifts convey proper thanks for hosts' hospitality

Dear Abby: I'm confused about the protocol in thanking or repaying someone after staying several nights at their home. My feeling is, if you're staying with people, the nicest way to thank them for their hospitality is to pay for most, if not all, the lunches and dinners you share with them when you dine out. That way, you lessen the monetary burden of your visit, and it gives you a chance to say "thank you" for the use of their home.

Some visitors seem to think that when they come to your home, you should not only put them up, but also pay for all their activities while you show them your town. What is correct? Or is it a matter of preference?

— Visiting from Phoenix

Dear Visiting: According to Emily Post, when a guest stays overnight, a nice bottle of wine would be a proper gift if you know your hosts drink and their preference. If there are children in the household, a game they can all enjoy or candy might be nice. If you will be staying longer, she suggests a picture frame with a photo afterward, a houseplant in a decorative pot, hand towels or beach towels.

And I agree with you that



Dear Abby

treating your host(s) to a nice dinner during your visit would be gracious and thoughtful.

Dear Abby: One of my best supervisors is in a same-sex relationship. She and her partner are raising three wonderful children from previous marriages. I have introduced them to my husband at the office as well as work-related social events. He says he "hates" them because he believes their relationship broke up their marriages and it's wrong to raise their children this way.

When he encounters them he refuses to acknowledge them and will snarl when near them. Neither of them have done anything to deserve this treatment, and it makes me embarrassed and ashamed of him. I've tried to reason with him — nothing works. I told him flat out he can have his opinions, but I expect him to treat them with respect.

I'm to the point where I have to attend work-related functions alone and not allow him to come to my office. That's one solution, but I'm still upset about his attitude in general. Any advice would be greatly appreciated.

— Upset in Texas

Dear Upset: I suspect that your husband's reason for "hating" your supervisor has less to do with the fact that she and her partner ended their marriages, and more to do with knee-jerk homophobia. Children who are raised in happy homes do better than those who are raised in a household filled with unresolved tension. I can't change your husband's attitude, and neither can you.

Only he can do that, but enlightenment isn't likely to be achieved until he recognizes a need for it.

P.S. His manners are atrocious, and you're right to keep him apart from your work environment.

Dear Abby: Due to a health problem that caused some of my hair to break and fall out, I have recently begun wearing a wig. At a social function a woman who was not a friend of mine approached me and asked if I was wearing a hairpiece. How could I

respond to such a rude question without admitting that I am wearing a wig?

— Stumped in Pennsylvania

Dear Stumped: Try this: "I'll forgive you for asking that question if you'll forgive me for not answering."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Fairmount Cinema 6
3750 US 27 N. Sebring

NEW DOLBY DIGITAL SOUND
\$8 ADULTS - \$6 MATINEE*
Matinee is by 6pm

Now Showing

Act of Valor R (Roselyn Sanchez, Emilio Rivera)	2:00 • 4:30 • 7:00 • 9:30
Jeff, Who Lives At Home R (Jason Segel, Susan Sarandon)	2:15 • 4:15 • 7:15 • 9:15
Casa de mi Padre R (Will Ferrell, Gael Garcia Bernal)	2:15 • 4:15 • 7:15 • 9:15
Friends With Kids PG-13 (Adam Scott, Jennifer Westfeldt)	2:00 • 4:30 • 7:00 • 9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy PG-13 (Tom Hardy, Gary Oldman)	2:00 • 4:30 • 7:00 • 9:30

Suick Cinemas
Information.....385-9980
Office.....385-9908

GET YOUR LOCAL NEWS STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE...

NEWS-SUN
www.newssun.com
Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Stooges' one long poke in the eye

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

A little nyuk-nyuk-nyuk goes a long way in "The Three Stooges," Peter and Bobby Farrelly's feature-length homage to the classic slapstick comedy trio.

The Farrelly brothers have wanted to make this movie for years, and for the most part they didn't try to inflight their signature gross-out sensibility upon known and revered source material. Yes, there is a scene in which Moe, Larry and Curly get into a urine fight by pointing naked newborns at each other in a maternity ward. And Curly does pass some major gas, but it's actually relevant from a plot perspective.

As directors and writers (with screenplay help from their boyhood friend Mike Cerrone), the Farrellys have shown surprising restraint. Their "Three Stooges" is sweeter than you might expect, and it's certainly more tolerable than their last movie, the crass "Hall Pass" from last year.

But it's hard to imagine who the film is for today beyond hardcore fans of the original shorts and 10-year-old boys who double over giggling at the sight of grown men doubling over in pain. Despite its brisk pace and brief running time and even with its episodic structure — the film is broken up into three individual episodes with a through line that unites them — "The Three Stooges" grows very old, very quickly.

There are a few cute ideas, though, and some clever casting choices. Every once in a while a pun is good for a chuckle. But the head-bonking and the eye-poking, the face-slapping and the finger-snapping and the constant clang of sound effects are too much to bear over an extended period of time. If anything, the Farrellys' "Three Stooges" might make you want to go back and



Peter Iovino/Courtesy Twentieth Century Fox/MCT
In classic Stooges fashion, Moe (Chris Diamantopoulos, center) puts his pals Curly (Will Sasso, left) and Larry (Sean Hayes) in line in comedy 'The Three Stooges.'

revisit the original threesome — in short doses — for a reminder of how influential their brand of comedy has become.

These adventures take place in the present day, though, as Larry ("Will & Grace" star Sean Hayes in a wild wig), Moe (Chris Diamantopoulos of "24" and "The Kennedys") and Curly (Will Sasso of "MADtv") are still living at the orphanage where they were dumped as infants, despite the fact that they're now grown men in their mid-30s. That is one amusing gag: As time passes, different actors play the threesome at various ages, but the nuns who raised them stay exactly the same. And these three actors are doing nearly dead-on impressions of Larry Fine and Moe and Curly Howard, rather than going in a knowing, post-modern direction with the characters.

Jane Lynch, in a departure from her famous snark, plays the kindly Mother Superior; Larry David is a sight to behold as her sidekick, the cranky Sister Mary-Mengele (she's essentially Larry



Movie Review

'The Three Stooges'

Rating: R (slapstick action violence and some rude and suggestive humor including language)

Running time: 91 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

David in a nun's habit). One day they inform the Stooges and the other orphans that their home will be shut down if they can't come up with \$830,000 in the next month.

And so our intrepid (and naive) trio ventures out into the big, wide world, a place

they've never seen before, to try and raise the money. Fish-out-of-water antics, some hurt feelings and massive bodily injuries ensue. (The Farrellys did this better back in 1996 with Randy Quaid as an innocent, Amish bowling prodigy who goes on a cross-country tour in "Kingpin.")

They get mixed up with a femme fatale (Sofia Vergara) who hires them to kill her rich husband so that she can run away with her lover; naturally, this does not go nearly as planned. (On a side note: It would be nice to see Vergara play a character besides a saucy temptress once in a while.)

Attempts at contemporizing the Stooges are hit-and-miss — the reality show they stumble onto is just cringe-inducingly awkward — but they're "soitenly" never mean.

And that's sayin' some-thin'.

'Dateline' series puts parental maxims to test

By **DAVID BAUDER**
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Correspondent Natalie Morales ended up in tears when she put herself and her 8-year-old son through the same parenting test that "Dateline NBC" is subjecting others to for a series that starts Sunday.

Using hidden cameras and actors, the network set up scenarios to see if kids really follow their parents' instructions to avoid strangers, don't get into a car with a drunk driver or don't cheat.

The results will probably depress you. Time and again, children gave their names and addresses to a "stranger" who had taken their picture and talked about putting them on TV. Promised free ice cream, they climbed into a van driven by an actor who could easily close the door on them and speed away. Parents watched it all on monitors nearby.

"I would have lost my money if I put a bet on it," one cringing parent said after watching a youngster climb into a car with an actor pretending to be drunk behind the wheel.

For four consecutive Sunday nights, "Dateline NBC" will show the scenarios, which also test whether kids would cheat or discriminate if given the opportunity. NBC hopes parents and children watch the programs together and discuss them, said Liz Cole, executive producer of "Dateline."

Four mothers who work

at "Dateline" came up with the idea, an outgrowth of a show on bullying that aired last year. Not "news" in the strict sense, these types of shows tend to do well for newsmagazines: ABC's "What Would You Do?" series on "Primetime," which sets up various social experiments, is particularly popular among younger viewers, which news shows have trouble reaching.

"It's reality TV at its best," Morales said, "because these are truly teachable moments."

During the special on driving, several teenagers swear to their parents that they never text or talk on their cellphones when behind the wheel. Their cars were equipped with cameras for a few months, and even though they knew they were being watched, most youngsters exhibited the behavior they said they would never do.

The teens were also set up with actors who pretended to be drunk or high on drugs. Despite the doubt on many faces, most let the actor grab the keys and get behind the wheel. It's the power of peer pressure; too many youngsters go along with the crowd unless someone is strong enough to take a stand. In the "Dateline" episode, a girl whose uncle was killed in a drunk driving accident was the strong one.

Parents need to be persistent and specific with their instructions, the "Dateline" experts said, and be mindful of their own behavior.

Box Office Preview: 'Hunger' going for 4

By **PAUL DERGARABEDIAN**
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lionsgate's "The Hunger Games" has topped the domestic box office chart each day since its release and audiences will continue to pay their tribute, putting another \$20 million in its quiver for a fourth consecutive weekend win.

A 24-day total of over \$335 million going into the weekend will already place the film in the Top 25 all-time performers at the North American box office.

Second place with a gross in the low teens should go to the well-reviewed, R-rated horror entry "The Cabin in the Woods." The much-buzzed-about Lionsgate release features a screenplay co-written by Joss Whedon that puts an inventive twist on the fright genre.

Also nyuking for a spot in the top three is Fox's updated spin on "The Three Stooges," with an expected take of more than \$10 million. Directed by the Farrelly brothers, the beloved goof-ball trio of Larry, Moe and Curly bring their particular brand of slapstick to a modern setting.

Universal's R-rated "American Reunion" heads into its second weekend with around \$30 million and the potential for another \$10 million in the retirement fund.

Paramount's 3-D treatment of the 1997 romantic adventure "Titanic" should add just under \$10 million to its overall domestic total of more than \$622 million.

Expected to debut outside of the top five with \$6 million-plus is Film District's PG-13 action thriller "Lockout."

CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

spring savings event



BUY	SAVE	PLUS
1 Luminette® Privacy Sheer or Modern Drapery	\$100*	\$100 off each additional unit
2 Pirouette® Window Shades	\$100*	\$50 off each additional unit
2 Silhouette® Window Shades	\$100*	\$50 off each additional unit



HunterDouglas

Buy more, save more with these elegant light-diffusing window fashions, now through June 17. Plus, get a free LiteRise® cordless lifting system upgrade with your purchase of Silhouette® Window Shades.

Family owned & operated since 1978

• Financing Available
• 90 Days Same as Cash

Established
1974

Griffin's
CARPET MART, INC.

Chamber of
Commerce Member

560 U.S. 27 North • Sebring • 385-4796 • www.CarpetPatioBlinds.com

GERIATRIC, ADULT AND FAMILY MEDICINE

Comprehensive • Preventive & Personalized Care • Since 1990

COMPLETE AND TOTAL HEALTH CARE
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Board Certified in Family Medicine
Eric Palosky D.O.



Total Health Care
Chronic Health Problems • Lipid Disorders
(Hypertension, Heart Disease, High Cholesterol, Arthritis)

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS!
Same day or next day appointments available!

Call us today! **863-385-1777**
4511 Sun 'n Lake Blvd., Suite 104 • Sebring
We gladly accept Visa & MasterCard



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Queen tribute to rock SFCC

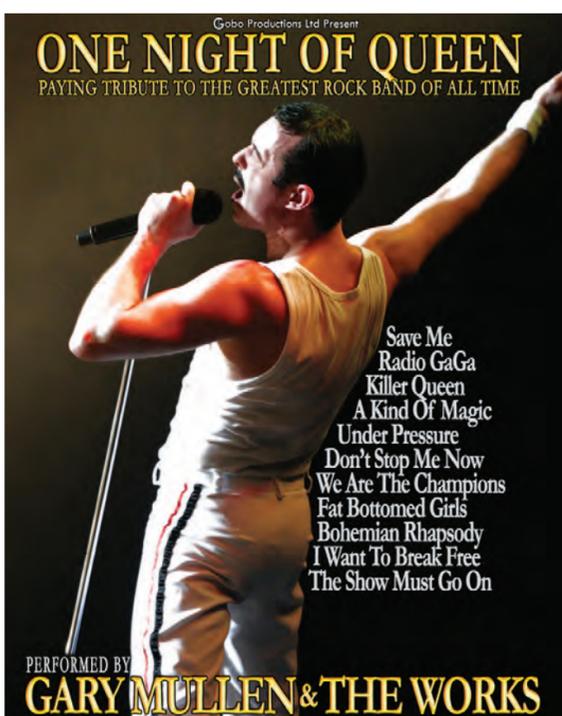
Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Rock fans can enjoy their favorite Queen hits when One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and The Works takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23, in the SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts.

In 2002, Gary Mullen's career as Freddie Mercury began, and One Night of Queen was formed along with his band The Works. Since then, One Night of Queen has gone from strength to strength and is one of the hardest working bands in the land. For the last five years, it has consistently performed over 150 shows each year all around the world. Fans of Queen will enjoy such mega-hits as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the Champions," "Killer Queen," "You're My Best Friend," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Radio Ga Ga," "Under Pressure," "Another One Bites the Dust," and many others.

Widely known as the most in demand Queen tribute group, this large scale production is complete with a world-class vocalist, musicians, sound, and lighting.

Queen's Freddie Mercury was one of rock's essential front men, thrilling crowds with his flamboyant stage persona and that staggering four-octave range. "There are very few people out there that have the range that Freddie had — to go from low to high and just the power that he had but also the softness and the purity of tone," Mullen said.

As he grew into his late



teens, Mullen began fronting bands and often heard the words, "You sound like Freddie Mercury," but didn't think too much about it until the year 2000 when he won the most votes ever on Stars in Their Eyes, a British reality show on which contestants impersonate their favorite stars. He, of course, impersonated Mercury, singing "A Kind of Magic."

In 2002, Mullen assembled The Works, his backing band, around guitarist David Brockett.

Mullen worked on becoming Mercury onstage. "I guess from watching Freddie over the years, I had subconsciously picked up a few of the moves. But when I started actually going out and people started paying money to come see me, I thought, 'I really

need to actually look a bit harder and see what he actually does' because Queen fans are very true to the memory of Freddie."

Queen fans can see that Mullen and the Works approach that legacy with nothing but respect. "People get what we do because it's done with passion," he said. "It's done with care and consideration to the memory of Freddie — I'm paying tribute. Freddie was my hero."

This performance is sponsored by Dr. Cary Pigman, The Seaton Group/Merrill Lynch, and Florida Hospital Heartland Leadership Institute.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$30 and may be purchased online at <http://performances.southflorida.edu> or by calling the SFCC Box Office at (863) 784-7178.



Courtesy photo
Jazz singer and pianist Victoria de Lissovoy will perform at the Lake Wales Arts Center on Friday, April 20.

Lake Wales Arts Council to present Jazz Victoria Ensembles

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE WALES — The Lake Wales Arts Council is pleased to announce a performance of Jazz Victoria Ensembles with singer and pianist Victoria de Lissovoy. The performance will take place on Friday, April 20, at the Lake Wales Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

De Lissovoy has played in numerous venues in Central Florida including three performances in the Child of the Sun Jazz Festivals in Lakeland, Bok Tower Gardens, The Polk Museum of Art and the Lake Wales Arts Center.

Trained in the classical music tradition since age two, de Lissovoy enjoys performing with improvisational ensembles. Accompanying de Lissovoy are bassist Doug Matthews, guitarist Dave Smith, David Mackenzie reeds, drummer Tom Carabasi, and featured musician percussionist Avalon Griffin.

De Lissovoy is grateful for the support of family and friends locally and "happy to be bringing their music to this precious gem—the Lake Wales Arts Center."

Tickets are \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members; and \$5 students. Tickets can be purchased at the Lake Wales Arts Center, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

OBS	W	A	G	I	N	G	B	E	S	T	Q	A	T	A	R				
BRA	A	V	A	L	O	N	A	S	T	A	U	L	E	N	E				
S	I	L	K	K	I	M	O	N	O	S	T	A	R	I	L	E	A	C	
E	D	M	E	E	S	E	C	S	H	A	R	P	C	O	N				
S	L	O	A	N	P	L	A	C	E	B	R	I	C	K	K	I	L	N	
S	E	N	T	E	L	I	S	H	A	T	E	K	D	O	I				
			S	P	E	A	K	K	I	N	D	L	I	A	I	R	O	U	T
T	M	S	A	N	N	E	D	E	E	S	C	O	L	D	S				
R	U	N	D	R	Y	R	O	O	S	T	S	I	K	E					
O	Z	A	R	K	S	P	E	A	R	I	S	A	N	B	O	L	D		
T	A	R	A	C	H	E	C	K	I	T	I	N	G	U	S	E	R		
S	K	E	G	A	H	S	O	A	N	G	R	Y	S	C	H	W	A		
			N	C	R	T	U	R	N	T	O	T	A	K	E	I	T		
I	M	P	E	L	S	O	N	O	P	D	A	S	A	S					
M	A	I	T	A	I	S	T	O	C	K	K	E	E	P	E	R			
A	S	P	R	C	S	U	N	I	T	E	S	I	R	A	S				
C	H	E	E	K	K	I	S	L	E	P	E	R	G	A	U	N	T		
			D	A	K	T	A	C	K	L	E	S	E	L	L	S	T	O	
S	P	O	D	E	P	L	I	E	C	O	O	K	K	O	S	H	E	R	
W	E	W	I	N	A	V	O	N	A	E	R	I	E	S	A	U	K		
M	A	N	E	T	T	O	N	S	P	O	U	N	D	S	T	P	S		

USED CAR SPECIALS! NO DEALER FEES! COME IN TODAY!

SPRING INTO A USED CAR!

BUYING A USED CAR FROM WELLS MOTOR COMPANY IS THE BEST WAY TO START SPRING!

CHECK OUT OUR DEALS! NO DEALER FEES! BEST USED CARS IN THE HEARTLAND!

2011 Chrysler Town & Country Limited LOADED! CHRYSLER \$32,990	2005 Jeep Liberty SHARP! Jeep \$12,590	2007 Mercedes Benz ML350 1-OWNER! Mercedes-Benz \$23,499	2010 Jeep Patriot Limited All Wheel Drive NICE! Jeep \$18,490
2011 GMC Terrain SLT-Z ONE OWNER! GMC \$27,490	2006 Chrysler 300C HEMI! CHRYSLER \$18,490	2007 Chrysler Town & Country TOURING! CHRYSLER \$11,990	2005 RAM 1500 NICE TRUCK! RAM \$14,990
2011 Dodge Durango Citadel 4 Wheel Drive LOADED! DODGE \$40,990	2007 Dodge Ram 2500 Cummins DIESEL! DODGE \$23,490	2011 Chrysler 200 LX CERTIFIED! CHRYSLER \$16,990	2011 Dodge Charger CERTIFIED! DODGE \$23,490
2007 Dodge Nitro CERTIFIED! DODGE \$15,225	2008 Dodge Ram 3500 Diesel 4x4! DODGE \$35,990	2005 Dodge Ram 1500 SRT 10 VIPER TRUCK! DODGE \$23,990	2011 Dodge Avenger LUX CERTIFIED! DODGE \$19,990

VIEW OUR PRE-OWNED VEHICLES ONLINE! IT IS OUR GOAL TO GET YOU INTO A CAR!

WELLS MOTOR COMPANY

Wells Motor Company is a proud seller of Jeep, Chrysler and Dodge vehicles for over 81 years!

View our full inventory online with a click of your smart phone!

Quick Response Code

1600 US 27 S Avon Park, FL 33825
 Avon Park & Sebring: 863-453-6644
 Lake Placid & Others: 1-888-453-664
 Visit us online! www.WELLSMC.com

certified pre-owned

Or visit www.WellsMC.com. View all our full new & used inventory from the convenience of your home!

Prices exclude tax, tag and title. Expires 04/30/12. A.P.R. • W.A.C. Call or come in today for more details on any of the cars listed in this ad. Stock photos not taken by us, may not fully represent actual car on lot. Seller not responsible for typographical errors.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Juried Student Art Exhibit open now at SFCC

Special to the News-Sun
 AVON PARK – South Florida Community Colleges Museum of Florida Art and Culture presents an SFCC Juried Student Art Exhibit now through May 2 in the Lower Lobby Gallery, SFCC Theatre for the Performing Arts, SFCC Highlands Campus.

The exhibition showcases the outstanding art created by SFCC art students in a juried art exhibition featuring painting, drawing, graphic design, printmaking, ceramics, and photography.

Juried by Joey Sacco, the awards will be presented during a reception at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

SFCC MOFAC is open to the public from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, one hour prior to each Artist and Matinee Series performance and by appointment for group tours. For more information, contact Mollie Doctrow, curator, MOFAC, at ext. 7240 at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500 or visit the SFCC MOFAC website at <http://mofac.org/>



'The Painter' by Misit Rucks

Courtesy photo

'Marley' to stream on Facebook

NEW YORK (AP) — The Bob Marley documentary "Marley" will stream on Facebook simultaneously during its theatrical opening, a signal that social media may also play a role in shifting movie release windows.

Such day-and-date releases have become increasingly common in recent years for smaller independent films. But this will be the first such U.S. film to stream concurrently on the social media behemoth while opening in theaters.

The film, directed by Kevin Macdonald,

will be available for a \$6.99 rental beginning April 20th. A portion of the proceeds from Facebook sales will benefit Save the Children, the charity for needy children.

"Marley" is also being released via video-on-demand on April 20th.

Facebook began hosting movie rentals in March 2011. Digital delivery of new releases and older films has been a highly competitive frontier, particularly among Google Inc.'s YouTube, Apple Inc.'s iTunes and subscription service Netflix.

A TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT PUT OUR OWN CARE COORDINATOR BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN.



"My whole family is thankful that my knee replacement gave me my life back...especially my horse, Hot 'Lil Badger."

- Christene Griffin, RN
 Joint Replacement Care Coordinator
 Florida Hospital Center for Bone, Joint & Spine

Christene chose our Center because as an OR nurse, she worked directly with the surgical team for five years. It was also because she wanted the best technology with the most compassionate care. And it certainly was a plus that the Center is ranked by HealthGrades, the leading independent health care ratings organization, in the top 10% nationally for Orthopedic Services. Now, Christene is our Joint Replacement Care Coordinator, sharing her knowledge, her insight, her compassion...and her new lease on life.

Take your first step toward a life free of joint pain. Call (863) 402-3627 or visit www.FHHHeartland.org.



Save **UP TO \$1000** On
 A New High-Efficiency Heat Pump
Includes 1-Year COMFORT CLUB Maintenance Plan!

Valid on qualifying systems only. Coupon must be presented at time of service. Cannot be combined with other offer or specials. Offer Expires 5/30/12.

\$39 TUNE UP ON A/C OR HEAT PUMP

Not valid with other offers or promotions.
 Expires 5/30/12
 License #CAC056826



ONE FREE SERVICE CALL

(With completed repair) up to a \$79 value!

A \$79 value. Valid with coupon only. Must be presented at time of purchase. Cannot be combined with any other offer or previous purchase. Expires 5/31/12 License #CAC056826



Always On Time...Or You Don't Pay A Dime®!

- No Overtime Charges
- Service All Makes and Models
- 24 Hour Emergency Services
- Professionally Trained Technicians
- 100% Financing Available On Approved Credit
- Free on-time estimates for replacement equipment



Whitmire's A/C
 863-453-3019
www.onehourheatandair.com

Locally Owned & Operated by
 Whitmire Air Conditioning Inc.
 License# CAC056826



SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Discover a New **WORLD**



Associate Degree Program

South Florida Community College's associate degree program lets you complete your first two years of college without leaving home. The credits you earn toward your *Associate in Arts (A.A.)* or *Associate in Science (A.S.)* degree will transfer to any Florida four-year college or university.

- Take classes at four convenient locations. Study on your own schedule through day, evening, and online courses.
- Benefit from SFCC's small class sizes and individual attention from highly qualified instructors.

For information about SFCC programs, call **453-6661, 773-2252, 465-5300, or 494-7500.**

Financial aid is available to those who qualify.



REGISTRATION DATES

SUMMER TERM | **FALL TERM**
 Open registration begins April 22 | Open registration begins April 27

View the SFCC's Schedules of Classes at www.southflorida.edu.

South Florida Community College is an equal access/equal opportunity institution. South Florida Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4501 for questions about the accreditation of SFCC.

BOOKS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "The Lost Years" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
2. "Guilty Wives" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
3. "Sacre Bleu: A comedy d'Art" by christopher Moore (Morrow)
4. "The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection: No 1. Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith (Pantheon)
5. "Betrayal: A Novel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
6. "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani (Harper)
7. "The Beginner's Goodbye" by Anne Tyler (Knopf)
8. "Stay Close" by Harlan Coben (Dutton)
9. "Lover Reborn" by J.R. Ward (Grand Central Publishing)
10. "Gypped: A Regan Reilly Mystery" by Carol Higgins Clark (Scribner)
11. "Beastly Things: A Commissario Guido Brunetti Mystery" by Donna Leon (Atlantic Monthly)

12. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
13. "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
14. "Dorchester Terrace: A Charlotte and Thomas Pitt Novel" by Anne Perry (Ballantine)
15. "The Big Cat Nap: The 20th Anniversary Mrs. Murphy Mystery" by Rita Mae Brown (Bantam)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Drift" by Rachel Maddow (Crown)
2. "Weeknights with Giada" by Giada De Laurentiis (Clarkson Potter)
3. "The Big Miss" by Hank Haney (Crown)
4. "Trickle Down Tyranny: Crushing Obama's Dream of the Socialist States of America" by Michael Savage (Morrow)
5. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food from My Frontier" by Ree Drummond (William Morrow Cookbooks)
6. "Imagine" by Jonah Lehrer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

7. "Mrs. Kennedy and Me: An Intimate Memoir" by Lisa McCubbin and Clint Hill (Gallery)
8. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed (Knopf)
9. "All In: The Education of General David Petraeus" by Paula Broadwell and Vernon Loch (Penguin Press)
10. "The Blood Sugar Solution" by Mark Hyman, M.D. (Little, Brown)
11. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)
12. "Positive Intelligence: Why Only 20 per cent of Teams and Individuals Achieve Their True Potential and How You Can Achieve Yours" by Shirzad Chamine (Greenleaf)
13. "The Power of Habit" by Charles Duhigg (Random House)
14. "American Sniper: The autobiography of the Most

Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History" by Chris Kyle, Jim DeFelice and Scott McEwen (Morrow)

15. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)

MASS MARKET PAPER-BACKS

1. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Vision)
2. "A Game of Thrones" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
3. "The Affair" by Lee Child (Del Ray)
4. "A Clash of Kings" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
5. "Chasing Fire" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
6. "I'll Walk Alone" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
7. "The Postcard Killers" by James Patterson & Lisa Marklund (Vision)
8. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
9. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth

- Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)
10. "A Turn in the Road" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
 11. "The Devil Colony" by James Rollins (Harper)
 12. "Betrayal: A Novel" by Christina Dodd (Signet)
 13. "Just Down the Road" by Jodi Thomas (Berkley)
 14. "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
 15. "Dead Reckoning" by Charlaine Harris (Ace)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (The Writer's Coffee Shop)
2. "The Magic" by Rhonda Byrne (Atria)
3. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
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. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)

PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

APOSTOLIC

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the 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 a.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@aptellowship.org; Web site, www.aptellowship.org.

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altwater 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 Batista 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 Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

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

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

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27

and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN

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

■ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; David Etherton, Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men's grief support group, meets

at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, '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**

6. "What Do You Want to Do Before You Die?" by Jonnie Penn, Dave Lingwood (Artisan)
7. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
8. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
9. "Zero Day" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
10. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
11. "The Vow" by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter with Dana Wilkerson (B&H)
12. "Now You See Her" by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)
14. "Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything" by Joshua Foer (Penguin Press)
15. "Loving" by Karen Kingsbury (Zondervan)

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.

Smart Spending: Eight ways to save money at the movies

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Hollywood wants your money.

From “The Hunger Games” to “The Avengers” to “The Dark Knight Rises,” studios are rolling out big draws this year to get more people into theater seats. But catching a movie several times a year is expensive.

The average movie ticket price in 2011 rose to \$7.93 from \$7.89 the year before, according to the National Association of Theatre Owners. But in many parts of the country, like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, ticket prices can hover above \$10. And you'll pay several dollars more for a 3-D movie.

Add a bag of buttered popcorn and a soda, and one person can spend over \$20. A family could spend \$80 or more — enough to buy a Blu-Ray player and rent a movie to watch on it.

But if there's a film you don't want to miss at the theater, here are some ways to cut costs:

Get social. Follow movie theater companies on Twitter or “like” them on Facebook. They often post coupons or hold contests on their pages, says Regina Novickis, a savings expert for coupon website PromotionalCodes.com.

Follow the three biggest movie theater chains: AMC Theatres, Cinemark and Regal Cinemas. Chances are one of those companies has a theater near you. AMC Theatres recently posted a coupon on its Facebook page for a free soda when you buy a ticket to “Titanic 3D” and something else at the concession stand.

Regal and Cinemark post concession stand coupons on their Facebook pages every week. They're a must when a small soda and popcorn can run about \$8. Movie theaters make huge profits from concession stands. (And we've

heard some people sneak in their own snacks, but you didn't hear it from us.)

Buy someone else's gift card. PlasticJungle.com and Cardpool.com sell unwanted gift cards, including ones for movie theaters. Some are going for as much as 15 percent off their face value. You can also try bidding for them at auction website eBay.com.

Monitor daily deal sites. Movie theater companies and online ticket sellers periodically sell discounted tickets through daily deal websites such as Groupon.com and LivingSocial.com. In February, AMC Theaters offered two tickets for \$12 on Groupon.

Bulk up. If you're a member, warehouse club stores sell bundles of tickets that can cost less than what you would pay at the theater. BJ's is selling 4 tickets and a voucher for a small popcorn at AMC Theatres for \$34.99. Subtracting the \$4 for the popcorn, that comes to

about \$7.75 a ticket. Cinemark sells a similar package at Costco.

Swipe smarter. Check to see if your credit card has any movie theater perks, suggests Mary Hunt, author of “7 Money Rules for Life.” Chase Freedom and Discover are offering 5 percent cash back from April to June for purchases at movie theaters if you sign up for it.

Visa Signature cardholders can get \$5 off \$25 worth of Fandango gift certificates at fandango.com/visasignature. Keep in mind that Fandango does charge a convenience charge between 75 cents to \$1.50 per ticket depending on where you live. It's as much as \$2 if you're watching it in a large IMAX screen.

Hunt also says that some credit cards may let you use points you've acquired to buy tickets or movie theater gift cards, so check if that is an option.

Research discount days or times. Find out if your local theater

offers discounts for students, seniors, military or special matinee pricing, recommends Erin Chase, a deal expert at coupon website Savings.com. AMC Theatres, for example, offers discounted tickets before noon at all its locations.

Wait it out. “Find a theater in your area that features movies that have been out for a few weeks,” says Hunt. You'll have to wait a few weeks after a movie debuts to make it to these types of theaters, but they are cheaper. In some parts of the country, some of these theaters sell tickets for as little as a \$1.

Go old school. Hunt suggests trying a drive-in theater. Many are cheaper than a traditional theater. Find a drive-in near you at Drive-ins.com. The website says there are about 372 drive-ins operating nationwide.

Joseph Pisani can be reached at <http://twitter.com/josephpisani>

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

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

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

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: thewaychurch@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 various other classes for teens, married couples, “prime-timers,” and Bible studies in Spanish. “Kid City” Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview

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

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

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday school at 8:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Preschool 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.juanitafolsomministries.com.

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

Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vis-tanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

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.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

Highlands County's Parks & Recreation Maintenance Crew hard at work



News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

There are 113 lakes in Highlands County. Access to some of these lakes makes recreational activities like fishing and skiing possible. The



The Parks & Recreation Maintenance Crew installs a boat ramp at Lake Olivia.

Courtesy photo

Highlands County Parks & Recreation crew is responsible for the design, installation and upkeep of 37 boat ramps scattered across the county. They also help out with the various parks, sports complexes and natural areas by working hand in hand with the groundskeepers and other departments to make sure everything is in top shape.

Ron McClure, Parks and Maintenance supervisor, is proud of his crew. He had plenty to say on the subject of how they handle tough projects.

"When they get here in the morning they are already brainstorming about what they are going to do and how they are going to get it done. It's a joy to have a challenge. I look forward to seeing them every day; its nice listening to them talking and figuring things out."

Ron described his office as a "think tank." He stated, "They put all their ideas together and figure out which one will work. They always come up with something." The projects that Ron, Steve Becker, Rex Caddell and Guy Culp are involved in are diverse and

often times challenging. They have been involved in constructing buildings, picnic tables, garbage containers and any other item that needs to be made. They install underground utilities, boat ramps, docks and parking areas. They have renovated buildings, repaired lights, sidewalks, restrooms and anything else that may require attention.

This crew has a way of looking at things and formulating ideas to make them work better and safety is always number one priority. They look at a job from an angle of how it will affect the people that will benefit from it. For example, the Boggy Branch boat ramp. "This is where everybody

goes. The big problem was the road. People would park their cars and they would go into the ditch. They had to call a tow truck to get them out. So we piped the 125-foot ditch and filled over the top. That gave us seven parking spaces with trailer area. Then we put sod down. We also put in a new ramp and two parking spots on the west side," said Ron.

Lake Olivia is another great example.

"We're going to sweeten this all up and try to make the whole place look better, whatever needs to be done. We like to make everything look nice. We'll fix the erosion and everything while we're here." A job that originally consisted of installing

a new boat ramp and building a new dock became a total site renovation when they arrived. "We built and installed a new picnic table. Kids were fishing on that dock and it wasn't in a good place, so we decided to put it where it made more sense and we've made the ramp handicap accessible. We do our own surveying. Rex is

on the survey crew."

While Steve was operating the backhoe, Rex was telling him the areas that needed to be dug out. Equipped with a device that he designed and made, Rex measured the depth of the water while floating in a one-man raft. "It can be used as a paddle to get me where I need to go and a gauge to measure," stated Ron. When Rex measured an area that was uneven, he would signal Steve to dig there. The raft is also great for inspecting the docks and other structures in the water.

At Dinner Lake, the crew made a turn around for vehicles with boat trailers to be able to back onto the ramp. "We made parking areas, fixed the drainage problems and widened the ramp. There was so much erosion here that we put fill in on the sides of the road and built it up. We made the ramp wider and put slanted sides on it to help with runoff. We also made a slight V in the ramp for better drainage."

Each ramp is a custom fit and the crew makes sure that when they install it, they are thinking ahead for any issues that may come up.

Locals help out by talking to the crew and letting them know which boat ramps need

fixing the most. "We listen to the local fishermen; they let us know where the worst ones are. It helps us prioritize. We don't want people tearing up their trailers and equipment by trying to launch on a bad ramp," stated Rex. From that word of mouth and their own inspections, the crew continually works on prioritizing all the ramps and getting them in shape.

Highlands County is indeed fortunate to have such professionals on the job. Ron is a state certified general contractor. Rex, a residential contractor, Steve and Guy all have vast knowledge and experience not only in carpentry, but most any job that comes up. Ron says he is "blessed" to have such a crew.

He stated, "They are hard workers. They look forward to coming in and all of them have good self-esteem. They are proud of their work yet still remain humble. The best things you do are the ones that no one knows about."

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.

MORE THAN 90% OF PEOPLE SEARCH FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES ONLINE

Put your best foot forward?



Join Us for a FREE Small Business Workshop
April 30th, 2012 • 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Our experts will show you how to dramatically improve your website, get found on Google, and how to make Facebook and Twitter work for you.

Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce

227 U.S. 27 North • Sebring, FL

LIMITED SEATING!

Call **863-386-5634** or e-mail **publisher@newssun.com**

to reserve your seat.

NEWS-SUN
Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927



Gobo Productions Ltd Present

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE GREATEST ROCK BAND OF ALL TIME

Save Me
Radio GaGa
Killer Queen
A Kind Of Magic
Under Pressure
Don't Stop Me Now
We Are The Champions
Fat Bottomed Girls
Bohemian Rhapsody
I Want To Break Free
The Show Must Go On

PERFORMED BY
GARY MULLEN & THE WORKS

Monday, April 23 7:30 p.m.
South Florida Community College
Theatre for the Performing Arts

Tickets: \$20, \$25, \$30
Box Office 863-784-7178 Mon, Wed, Thurs, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Buy Online performances.southflorida.edu

A Benefit for Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County Inc.

Sponsors
Dr. Cary Pigman (Platinum)
The Seaton Group - Merrill Lynch (Platinum)
Florida Hospital Heartland Leadership Institute (Gold)

Media Sponsors
News-Sun, Heartland Sun Times, Lake Placid Journal
Highlands Today, Doug Walz

Get Noticed Advertise Today!

NEWS-SUN • 385-6155

News-Sun

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Salon, coffee shop owner working toward success

Lockhart recently opened a salon and a coffee shop in Lakeshore Mall

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
sgholar@newsun.com

SEBRING — Jacquelyn Lockhart has her hands full, but she isn't complaining one bit.

Lockhart recently opened not one, but two new businesses in the Lakeshore Mall. After a fun-filled opening celebration Easter weekend, Lockhart is ready for the real work of bringing in clients and patrons.

Lockhart's two establishments, UR Salon and UR Coffee Shop, are the newest additions to the Lakeshore Mall. Lockhart has taken a giant leap of faith in the struggling economy opening her places and is beyond determined to be successful.

"The community is really supporting the coffee shop. Everyone enjoys the food and they love the coffee. My expectations are high for them both. Right now, I'm working on getting more clients in the salon," Lockhart said.

UR Coffee Shop features homemade soups, salads and sandwiches. The shop has a variety of pastries, coffees and teas to fit everyone's taste.

"We are getting a name for our soups. We have everything. Potato soup, black bean soup, chicken and dumplings, chicken noodle soup so much to choose from. On Saturdays we have a big lunch. We serve ribs and



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Owner/stylist Jackie Lockhart trims photographer Jacqueline Cook's tresses Friday morning at her newly opened salon. UR Salon offers numerous hair and skin care services provided by Lockhart and her certified stylists.



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Jackie Lockhart greets guests in her newly opened establishment UR Coffee Shop. The shop features numerous soups, sandwiches, coffees and teas for customers to enjoy.

See LOCKHART, page 2C

Knowing what financial records to save or toss

If the memory of hours spent hunting for and organizing paperwork to file your taxes is still fresh, think about doing some financial spring cleaning so next year's tax preparation won't be such an ordeal.

Many people hold onto mounds of receipts and account statements because they're not sure when it's safe to toss them. (By toss, I mean shred — don't give identity thieves any ammunition.) Here's when you wouldn't want to lack proper documentation:

- If audited by the IRS you must be able to justify deductions, charitable contributions, income, etc.

- Track stock and fund transactions so when you sell you'll only be taxed on profits above the purchase amount; also to justify claiming a loss on your taxes.

- To claim tax credits/deductions for home improvements, such as energy-efficiency upgrades or for medical reasons.

- If you make nondeductible (after-tax) contributions to an IRA or 401(k), to prove you've already paid taxes on the amount.

- Your heirs will need your

financial documents to settle your estate.

The IRS has several periods of limitations during which you can be asked to produce records proving income, deductions or credits you claimed:

- Normally, they have up to three years after your tax return to request

- However, if you failed to report income that is more than 25 percent of the gross income on your return, they have six years.

- If you file a claim for losses from worthless securities, it's seven years.

- If you don't file a return or file a fraudulent return, there is no statute of limitations.

So, you should probably hold onto back-up documentation for seven years, to be safe. These records include:

- W-2 and 1099 income forms.

- Year-end bank and brokerage statements showing interest earned.

- Receipts, cancelled checks or other proof of payment for deducted expenses.

- Home purchase or closing statements, insurance records and receipts for

See SOME, page 2C



Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

5.9%

APR FINANCING

Great Rebates.
Great Financing Offers.

Your choice...and the best part is our deals run from March 1st thru May 31st

▼ SEE OUR DEALS BELOW ▼

Choose payments **AS LOW AS**
\$125/MONTH OR
UP TO A
\$1250 REBATE**

You'll save big from the start.

**Rebate applies only to qualifying Trane heating & cooling systems.

863-699-5455 or
863-382-8499

License #CAC058675

CROWN POINTE

COMMUNITIES

Assisted Living and Memory Care Residence

"Service You Can Trust, Care You Deserve"

CrownPointe is an independent, assisted and dementia care residence located at 5005 Sun N Lake Blvd. The Residence has been open for over eleven years and offers long term, respite and daycare services.

Stop by or call today to view our facilities.

Medicaid APPROVED! Application

NEW Limited Nursing License

Visit or give us a call today!

5005 Sun N Lake Blvd, Sebring • 863-386-1060

*See your independent Trane dealer for complete program eligibility, dates, details and restrictions. Special financing offers OR instant rebate from \$100 up to \$1,250 valid on qualifying systems only. All sales must be to homeowners in the United States. Void where prohibited. The Home Projects® Visa® card is issued by Wells Fargo Financial National Bank. Special terms apply to qualifying purchases charged with approved credit at participating merchants. The special terms APR will continue to apply until all qualifying purchases are paid in full. Reduced Rate APR: Monthly payments of at least 1.75% of the purchase balance are required during the special terms period. 0% APR: The minimum monthly payment will be the amount that will pay for the purchase in full in equal payments during the special terms period. For newly opened accounts, the regular APR is 27.99%. The APR will vary with the market based on the U.S. Prime Rate. The regular APR is given as of 1/10/2012. If you are charged interest in any billing cycle, the minimum interest charge will be \$1.00. The regular APR will apply to certain fees such as a late payment fee or if you use the card for other transactions. If you use the card for cash advances, the cash advance fee is 5.0% of the amount of the cash advance, but not less than \$10.00.

BUSINESS



Courtesy photo

The Avon Park Middle School 'Diamond Steppers' entertain the crowd during the Easter Grand Opening Celebration of UR Salon and Coffee Shop at Lakeshore Mall.

Lockhart has hands full with two new businesses

Continued from page 1C
mac 'n cheese; just a little something to spice it up," Lockhart said.

Across the food court, Lockhart's UR Salon awaits new clients who are in need of hair care services.

Specializing in cuts and colors, Lockhart has been doing hair for over a decade. The stylist isn't ashamed to highlight her strong suits but doesn't take credit for it either.

"My passion is hair and I'm good with cuts and colors. I've been blessed by God with this talent and I use it to do good. I love to serve and I love to see the smiles on people's face when they leave this salon. Everyone comes in beautiful, but they leave with a big smile and looking even more beautiful," said Lockhart.

The inspiration behind Lockhart's new business ventures came from one of Highlands County's well known businessmen.

"Alan Jay (Wildstein) inspired me to do this. He has been so helpful through this whole entire process. He calls all the time to check and see how I'm doing and if I need anything," said Lockhart.

Wildstein and Lockhart were aquatinted through a mutual friend. According to



Courtesy photo

Jackie Lockhart presents Alan Jay Wildstein with an appreciation and recognition award during the Easter Grand Opening Celebration of her two new establishments, UR Salon and UR Coffee Shop.

Lockhart, when the friend mentioned Lockhart's new business ventures to Wildstein he approached her with business insight.

During the Easter Grand Opening Celebration, Wildstein received an appreciation award for his input and support of Lockhart's businesses.

"Whenever God gives you a vision you don't just sit on it, you move. You go for it and you move in it. I have employees I've taken on, so I want to succeed. It's not

about me. I have to keep expectations high so they can succeed. They are expecting it, so I've got to make it," said Lockhart.

UR Salon hours are from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The salon is closed Sunday and Monday. Walk-ins or appointments are accepted.

UR Coffee Shop is open every day from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

For more information, call Lockhart at 402-1302 or 402-1802.

Some records can be tossed, but be sure they are the right ones

Continued from page 1C
improvements.

- Homeowners, car and medical insurance claim pay-outs.

- Investment statements (stocks, bonds, mutual funds retirement accounts, etc.)

IRS Form 552 contains detailed instructions on what to save and for how long (www.irs.gov).

Hold onto certain documents for even longer than IRS audit requirements. For example:

- Keep records for investments and major assets at least as long as you own them.

- Save records and tax forms relating to retirement accounts, at least until you've drained their bal-

ances.

- Toss monthly and quarterly loan statements after receiving year-end summaries, but always retain final payoff notices in case the loan erroneously goes into collection and you need proof.

- Save all tax returns and attachments (Schedules, W-2 form, etc.) indefinitely. The same goes for hard-to-replace personal documents such as birth, marriage and death certificates, divorce, adoption and military discharge papers, will, power of attorney, etc.

You can always save actual documents and receipts. But if your goal is to reduce paper clutter, scan copies and save as PDF files. Back

up electronic "soft copies" on an encrypted flash drive or external hard drive in case your computer crashes. And, if you're worried about fire, theft or other disasters, store additional copies in a safety deposit box or with a trusted friend.

Recordkeeping is no fun, but compared to tearing the house apart to prepare for an audit, it's a small price to pay.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To participate in a free, online Financial Literacy and Education Summit on April 23, go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/s/ummit2012.

SEMINOLE HARD ROCK CASINO TAMPA

HOP ON THE BUS GUS

OVER 4,100 OF THE HOTTEST SLOT MACHINES

90 TABLE GAMES

50 LIVE ACTION POKER TABLES

\$30 FREE PLAY PLUS A \$5 MEAL VOUCHER WITH YOUR \$25 ROUNDTrip TRANSPORTATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CALL ESCOT AT **888.571.7778** OR RESERVE ONLINE AT ESCOTBUSLINES.COM

SERVICE FROM SEBRING / AVON PARK / LAKE WALES/ BARTOW AREAS
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

SEBRING SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER US 27	WALMART AVON PARK 1041 US 27	IHOP LAKE WALES 740 SR 60	WALMART BARTOW 1050 E. Van Fleet Dr SR 60 & US 98
8:30AM	8:55AM	9:35AM	10:00AM

For group charter information, please call the Seminole Hard Rock Casino at 877.529.7653.

1-4 AT NORTH ORIENT ROAD • 813.627.ROCK
SEMINOLEHARDROCKTAMPA.COM

TAMPA

*See Player's Club for complete details. Must be at least 21 years old and a Seminole Player's Club member to participate. Valid ID required. Management reserves all rights. Offers are non-negotiable, non-transferable and must be redeemed in person at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tampa. Offer is for the slot and gaming machine of your choice, not valid for live Poker or Table Games. No cash value. Persons who have been trespassing or banned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida or those who have opted into the self-exclusion program are not eligible. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, please call 1-888-ADMIT-IT. © 2012 Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. All rights reserved.

MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE A PRIORITY.

Unlike other chores that pile up in the driveway, clutter the garage or run wild in the front yard, your financial situation is a little less obvious. That's why it's so important to take advantage of our complimentary financial review at least once a year.

We will discuss the different strategies available to help put your finances in line with both your short- and long-term goals.

To schedule your complimentary financial review, call or visit today.

	Edward J. Burnside, AAMS® Financial Advisor 4846 Sun N. Lake Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872 863-385-0064		Alan J. Holmes, AAMS® Financial Advisor 2160 Lakeview Drive Sebring, FL 33870 863-382-4450
	Tim Bringling Financial Advisor 17 Ryant Blvd. #6 Sebring, FL 33872 863-382-8644		Paul J. von Merveldt, AAMS® Financial Advisor 926 Sebring Square Sebring, FL 33870 863-385-3600
	Joe von Merveldt Financial Advisor 926 Sebring Square Sebring, FL 33870 863-385-3600		Chris P. Boylan, AAMS® Financial Advisor 581 Dal Hall Blvd. Lake Placid, FL 863-465-6444
	Cheryl S. Brown Financial Advisor 17 Ryant Blvd #6 Sebring, FL 33870 863-382-8644	www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC	

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

The news is just a click away!

www.newssun.com

NEWS-SUN

Ike Lee, M.D.
Internal Medicine

- Former Director of Geriatrics at Mt. Sinai Hospital
- Graduate of Northwestern Medical School of Geriatric Fellowship
- Graduate of University of Illinois Medical School

Board Certified in Internal Medicine
Board Certified in Geriatric Medicine

United States Vietnam Veteran

Accepting New Patients

402-0909

3101 Medical Way, Sebring

PROVIDER Medicare Blue Cross / Blue Shield

CHALK TALK



Courtesy photo

Kiri Crommett (second from right), the Junior Achievement scholarship winner and keynote speaker is shown with her mother Linda New-Crommett (from left), grandmother Joyce New, and her JA volunteer Tori Trinder.

Junior Achievement celebrates accomplishments

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – The seventh annual Celebrate Junior Achievement Breakfast at Chateau Élan Hotel on March 22 was an unforgettable presentation of the extraordinary work of Junior Achievement in Highlands County.

Guests were inspired by JA's mission and moved by the outstanding speakers, generously contributing \$21,810 in donations and pledges to the economic education program benefitting students in Highlands County Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Master of Ceremony and Junior Achievement chairman Scott Crutchfield presented Superintendent Wally Cox, founding board member of Junior Achievement in Highlands County, the Junior Achievement USA's Bronze Leadership Award. The national award is given to the top half percentile of JA volunteers in the United States.

Crutchfield said, "Superintendent Cox's leadership is instrumental in the growth of the Junior Achievement program in Highlands County. The School Board along with school administrators are among Junior Achievement's most important partners. Superintendent Wally Cox is a remarkable example of that spirit of excellence in leadership."

Executive Director of Junior Achievement in Highlands and Polk Counties Lily Romine shared, "One of the major advantages Highlands County has over all of the other Junior Achievement programs across our nation is the strong support we receive from the three chambers of commerce. The chamber executive directors recruit JA team leaders who coordinate our high school and middle school programs with the classroom teachers. Each semester the JA team leaders recruit and train the classroom volunteers, as well as recruit interviewers for the Success Skills mock interviews. In our elementary schools the PTO's recruit their own volunteers from their students' family members and business partners. Thanks to the tremendous support from the community, last school year 1,696 students were inspired by their Junior Achievement volunteers in 84 classrooms!"

Junior Achievement Educator of the Year Paula Gainous is an outstanding teacher who encourages her students to plan for their futures as she partners with her JA volunteers to prepare them in the present. Gainous



Courtesy photo

Elizabeth Morris, JA's Volunteer of the Year, poses with her award.

shared with the guests, "Many of the Junior Achievement volunteers were my students when they attend Lake Placid Middle School. By teaching Junior Achievement lessons to my students, they have come full circle. It is most rewarding to see them give back to their community, inspiring students to value their education!"

Junior Achievement Volunteer of the Year Elizabeth Morris highlighted on the importance of the JA program in our schools. "The value of Junior Achievement is immense. It focuses on teaching our youth to make good choices and how to take a few moments and think hard about their future. The best part about it is how fun it is. The whole class benefits... When students are engaged and involved the whole school feels the positive waves. This program certainly enriches any school curriculum." In a very real way,

Morris directly contributes to the hopes and dreams of Highlands County area students.

Junior Achievement Student Scholarship Winner and graduate from Avon Park High School Kiri Crommett was the keynote speaker. Kiri, who currently attends South Florida Community College, shared with the guests, "Junior Achievement taught us how to write a resume, prepared us for job interviews and how to deal with people in a variety of different work scenarios. I wish all of my co-workers had Junior Achievement and took the lessons to heart like I did. Imagine how nice work would be. I appreciate every bit of help that I get along the way, whether it be money or even more valuable advice. Thank you Junior Achievement and to all of you who have made that possible."

As Kiri thanked her mother, grandmother, teacher Cynthia Barrett, and Junior Achievement volunteer, Tori Trinder, she placed lei's around their necks and gave them each a hug. Then she thanked the breakfast guests and donors for supporting Junior Achievement.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Today, JA reaches four million students per year in more than 120 markets across the United States, with an additional six million students served by operations in 119 other countries worldwide. Visit www.ja.org for more information.

Students do well in Rotary Club Speech Contest

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – Avon Park High School (APHS) Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) hosted the Avon Park Breakfast Rotary and Avon Park Noon Rotary Clubs' Speech Contest at APHS on March 19. For two of the five students competing this was their very first attempt at speaking in public.

The head judge, Will Bennett, reported that all the contestants did very well, each taking a different path on the given topic of "Embracing Humanity."

The speeches were to be approximately five minutes in length and both the Noon and Breakfast Rotary Clubs sponsored a \$50 prize for the two top winners.

The two top winners are both freshman at APHS. Winning first place was



Courtesy photo

Avon Park High School students Celeste Breylinger (from left), Victoria Galloway, Kenneth Millan; Front Row: Josphine Filis and Juliana Jackson recently competed in a speech contest hosted by the Avon Park Breakfast and Avon Park Noon Rotary clubs.

Juliana Jackson and second place, Kenneth Millan. Their FBLA advisor, Wade Jackson, shared that both Juliana and Kenneth have been speaking in public since their fifth-grade year, either through public speaking contests or through holding

FBLA district and local officer positions.

Senior Celeste Breylinger placed third and will be the alternate at the upcoming Group Six Rotary Speech Contest at South Florida Community College later in April.

2012 Youth Farm Bureau Speech Contest



Courtesy photo

The Highlands County Youth Farm Bureau Speech Contest was held Thursday in Sebring. The topic for the 2012 event was "What role, if any, should agriculture play in addressing health and obesity issues?" The winner was Megan Stein of Sebring High, Angie Patino of Sebring High was second and Dillon Whitman of Avon Park High was third. Each participant received a cash prize provided by the Highlands County Farm Bureau. Stein will now advance to the District Contest in Arcadia on May 3. The winner of the District event will then advance to the State Contest held in October in conjunction with the State Farm Bureau Convention. Pictured are (from left) Lauren Hrcirik, Dillon Whitman, Connie Jensen, Angie Patino, Megan Stein and Sebring FFA advisor Gary Lee.

FREE ESTIMATES

Cochran Brothers

Roofing, Inc.

QUALITY WORK AT A REASONABLE PRICE

ROOFING SPECIALIST

- Shingles - Flat Roofs - Roof Repairs -
- Mobile Home Roofovers -

SERVING HIGHLANDS COUNTY SINCE 1989

FULLY LICENSED & INSURED

385-4690

State Lic # RC - 0066817

Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



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? 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.**

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home

4001 Sebring Parkway
Sebring, 385-0125
111 E. Circle St.
Avon Park, 453-3101

Chris T. Nelson
Craig M. Nelson
Darin S. MacNeil

W.W. LUMBER CO.

"We're More Than Just Lumber"

COMPLETE Building Supplies

465-3331
Hwy. 27 S. Lake Placid

WELLS

MOTOR COMPANY Jeep
DODGE CHRYSLER

Established 1931
1600 US 27 South • Avon Park

NEWS-SUN

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

CALL 385-6155, Ext. 502

Whitmore's

ONE HOUR

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING
Always On Time...Or You Don't Pay A Dime!

Residential • Commercial • Mobile Homes
"Small Enough to Know You...
Large Enough to Serve You..."

382-8300 500 South Lake Avenue 453-3019

NEWS-SUN

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

CALL 385-6155, Ext. 502

WHEN HAVING A TALK WITH YOUR PET DOESN'T WORK!

4 ROOMS

\$129⁰⁰

A room or an area up to 250 sq. ft. living/ dining room combos or great rooms count as two rooms. Must present coupon at time of cleaning. Stanley Steemer residential only. Certain restrictions apply. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 04/30/12.

STANLEY STEEMER.

AVON PARK 452-5800 • SEBRING 655-2190
LAKE PLACID 465-1530

Please support the above businesses. They have made this page possible.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: newssun.com 863-314-9876

Classified

Free ad is limited to a 4-line ad that runs for 3 consecutive issues. Must be a non-commercial item. Asking price is \$100 or less. We offer 2 ads per month and can rerun the same ad 2 times in 30 days, only if it's the same ad. The price is allowed to change. All ads placed under the "Bargain Buys" discount rate must have 1 item with 1 asking price. The customer can list a set for 1 price, i.e. Bedroom set ... \$100 is allowed; Chairs (2) ... \$20 each is NOT allowed. The customer can list the ads as Chairs (2) ... \$40 for both. To list an ad stating "Each," the ad must be charged at the non-discounted rate, using the "Open Rate" pricing. No commercial items are allowed to be placed under our "Bargain Buys" specials. Items must be common household items. Ads for Pets, stating "Free to Good Home," are allowed to be placed under the "Bargain Buy" category.

AD RATES

GARAGE SALE

6 lines - 2 days

\$11⁵⁰

3 days

\$14

(additional lines \$1 each)

MISCELLANEOUS

merchandise over \$100

5 lines - 6 pubs

\$17⁵⁰

(additional lines \$3 each)

REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT TRANSPORTATION

5 lines - 6 pubs

\$31⁵⁰

6 lines - 14 pubs

\$71



- ### Index
- 1000 Announcements
 - 2000 Employment
 - 3000 Financial
 - 4000 Real Estate
 - 5000 Mobile Homes
 - 6000 Rentals
 - 7000 Merchandise
 - 8000 Recreation
 - 9000 Transportation

ADD A BORDER - ATTENTION GETTER - LOGO

For Just A Little More And Make Your Ad Pop!

DEADLINES

Publication Place by:
 Wednesday 4 p.m. Monday
 Friday 4 p.m. Wednesday
 Sunday 4 p.m. Friday
 All fax deadlines are 1 hour earlier.

ADJUSTMENTS

- Please check your ad for errors the first day it appears since the News-Sun will not be responsible for incorrect ads after the first day of publication. If you find an error, call the classified department immediately at 314-9876.
- The publisher assumes no financial responsibility for errors or for omission of copy. Liability shall not exceed the cost of that portion of space occupied by such error.

Cancellations: When a cancellation is called in, a KILL number will be given to you. This number is very important and must be used if ad failed to cancel. All ads cancelled prior to scheduled expiration date will be billed for complete run unless a KILL number can be provided.

Having something to sell and not advertising is like winking in the dark. You know what you're doing, but no one else does. Call 314-9876

1000 Announcements

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC-12-95

IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD RICHARD LANE, SR. a/k/a DONALD R. LANE, SR. a/k/a DONALD LANE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Donald Richard Lane, Sr., deceased, File Number PC-12-95, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was August 4, 2011; that the total value of the estate is \$5,400.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Name and Address: Angella M. Smith 369 Lakeview Drive Brandenburg, KY 40108

Kelly Ann Whittemore 10945 West Baker Hollow Road Columbus, IN 47201

Donald R. Lane, Jr. 20 Board Road Ekron, KY 40117

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 15, 2012.

Person Giving Notice: Angella M. Smith 369 Lakeview Drive Brandenburg, KY 40108 Kelly Ann Whittemore 10945 West Baker Hollow Road Columbus, IN 47201 Donald R. Lane, Jr. 20 Board Road Ekron, KY 40117

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A. Attorneys for Person Giving Notice: 325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870

Telephone: (863) 382-3154 By: /s/ E. Mark Breed III E. MARK BREED III Florida Bar No. 338702 E-Mail Address: breednunn@bnpalaw.com April 15, 22, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000093 DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GERTRUDE KELLER, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANT-EEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUS-TEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GERTRUDE KELLER, DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown Current Address: Unknown

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 INTER-EST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

Last Known Address: Unknown Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 14, AND THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 15, AND THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 16, BLOCK 146, LAKEWOOD TERRACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 94, OF THE PUBLIC RE-CORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3912 ELSON AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875-4801

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with 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 or petition. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 10th day of April, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 NS - 11-78676

**See the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

April 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2009-CA-000703 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. Plaintiff,

-vs- RACHEL WELLES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RACHEL WELLES IF ANY; 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, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS;

Personal Representative: Miriam Sexton 18189 Willa Way North Fort Myers, FL 33917

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A. Attorneys for Personal Representative 325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870

Telephone: (863) 382-3154 By: /s/ E. Mark Breed III E. MARK BREED III Florida Bar No. 338702 E-mail Address: breednunn@bnpalaw.com April 15, 22, 2012

1050 Legals

JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated March 28, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2009-CA-000703 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff and RACHEL WELLES 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 26, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS UNIT 14 IN AVALON PARK LAKES, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FOR AVON PARK LAKES, A CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED IN THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY CLERK'S REGISTER'S OFFICE IN DEED/RECORDED BOOK 1781 PAGE 3, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO AS THE SAME MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER BE LAWFULLY AMENDED.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. DATED AT SEBRING, Florida, this 30th day of March, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Highlands County, Florida

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

ROBERT W. GERMAINE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Highlands County, Florida April 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-109

IN RE: ESTATE OF EILEEN SEXTON a/k/a EILEEN N. SEXTON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Eileen Sexton a/k/a Eileen N. Sexton, deceased, whose date of death was January 5, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THE DEED.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO 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 15, 2012.

Personal Representative: Miriam Sexton 18189 Willa Way North Fort Myers, FL 33917

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A. Attorneys for Personal Representative 325 NORTH COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 33870

Telephone: (863) 382-3154 By: /s/ E. Mark Breed III E. MARK BREED III Florida Bar No. 338702 E-mail Address: breednunn@bnpalaw.com April 15, 22, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-136

IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY J. HERRING Division Probate Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Nancy J. Herring, deceased, whose date of death was February 21, 2012, and the last four digits of whose social security number are 0543, 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 representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 15, 2012.

Personal Representative: /s/ Richard W. Lavan 1506 SW 13th St. Cape Coral, Florida 33991

Attorney for Personal Representative: Charlotte C. Stone Attorney for Richard W. Lavan Florida Bar Number: 21297 Stone & Walder, P.L. 3200 US Highway 27 South, Suite 304 Sebring, FL 33870

Telephone: (863)402-5424 Fax: (863)402-5425 E-Mail: Charlotte@StoneandWalder.com April 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000455

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-17, Plaintiff,

vs. VENITA M. HANSEN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 01, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000455 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-17, is the Plaintiff and VENITA M. HANSEN; 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 3rd day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 7, TEMPLE TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 36, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY. A/K/A 35 MIAMI DRIVE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11019047 WELLSLSPS-SPECFHLMC-R-kellery-Team 1 - F11019047

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

April 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 11000755GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs. LAZARA ROBERT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, et. al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 23, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11000755GCS of the

1050 Legals

on February 2, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F09091165 COUNTRY-CONV B/C-Team 2 - F09091165

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

April 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000421

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. MOHAMMAD T. RAHMAN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 05, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000421 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and MOHAMMAD T. RAHMAN; FARZANA KHANDAKAR; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; 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 23rd day of May, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE SOUTH 65.01 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 5, BLOCK 16, TOWN OF AVON PARK, IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, OF WHICH, HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART

A/K/A 308 N ANOKA AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 10, 2012.

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

Florida Default Law Group, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11019047 WELLSLSPS-SPECFHLMC-R-kellery-Team 1 - F11019047

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

April 15, 22, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 11000755GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

vs. LAZARA ROBERT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, et. al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 23, 2012, and entered in Case No. 11000755GCS of the

1050 Legals

Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is a Plaintiff and LAZARA ROBERT; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on May 23, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 56, BLOCK 10, OF ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES UNIT NO. 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property address: 5823 GOLDEN RD., SEBRING, FL 33875

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

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2012.

Robert Germaine As Clerk of the Court By: /s/ Annette E. Daff As Deputy Clerk Dated this 23rd day of March, 2012.

Important

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

April 15, 22, 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER OF MAJORITY ORGANIZATIONAL CONTROL LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on April 15, 2012, pursuant to Section 367.071, Florida Statutes, of the Application for Transfer of Majority Organizational Control of Utilities, Inc., to Corix Utilities (Illinois), LLC. THIS APPLICATION IS NOT A REQUEST TO CHANGE THE RATES OF ANY OF THE BELOW LISTED SUBSIDIARIES. The following are the wholly owned subsidiaries of Utilities, Inc., which are certified by the Florida Public Service Commission and their counties of operation:

Cypress Lakes Utilities, Inc.....Polk

Labrador Utilities, Inc.....Pasco

Lake Placid Utilities, Inc.....Highlands

Lake Utility Services, Inc.....Lake

Mid-County Services, Inc.....Pinellas

Sanlando Utilities Corporation.....Seminole

Tierra Verde Utilities, Inc.....Pinellas

Utilities, Inc. of Eagle Ridge.....Lee

Utilities, Inc. of Florida.....Seminole, Orange, Pasco, Marion, Pinellas

Utilities, Inc. of Longwood.....Seminole

1050

Legals

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

WEBSITE RE-DESIGN SERVICES

GENERAL STATEMENT

The Industrial Development Authority of Highlands County, Inc. (IDA) regularly purchases goods and services throughout the year in order to carry out its mission in the community. In practicing good stewardship of funds provided to the organization, it is the policy of the IDA that significant purchase of goods and/or services, which may be competitive in nature, shall be accomplished through a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be sure that the organization is receiving the best possible product or service at the lowest possible price. That does not imply that decisions made to purchase goods and services for the IDA will be made solely upon the best price, but that price is a significant factor all other things being equal.

The IDA reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals. If those providing a proposal that conforms to the specifications of the RFP also have an alternate proposal they would like to submit at the same time, the alternate proposal will be accepted for review and consideration. Alternate proposals only will not be accepted or reviewed. The IDA is managed under ss. 159.44-159.53 and is wholly funded by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. The IDA is exempt from payment or collection of state sales tax in the state of Florida.

If your firm is qualified, willing and able to provide the scope of services outlined hereafter, please have your proposal delivered in a sealed envelope clearly marked WEBSITE RE-DESIGN SERVICES By: May 4, 2012

Kristina Anderson
Executive Director
Highlands County
Industrial Development Authority
One East Main ST
Avon Park, FL 33825

SPECIFICATIONS

To provide website redesign services for www.highlandsecd.com, in a manner consistent with regional partners including F.H.R.E.D.I. and Heartland Workforce, as well as other Economic Development Organizations in those service regions; in conjunction with a Defense Reinvestment Grant Award by Enterprise Florida, INC (EF) and the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), of which up to \$12,500 has been identified for integration, redesign, new portal development and other website activities according to the Scope of Services and reporting dates as outlined below.

Scope of Services:

Provide website design services for the Highlands County Industrial Development Authority and Economic Development Authority and update the website in a manner consistent with some objectives of regional partners such as Heartland Workforce and Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative and other partner website formats in the region. Services to include highlighting a finalized 2012 Economic Impact Analysis of the Avon Park Bombing Range, integrating website focus areas such as job creation, retention and skills development, and development of an online portal in conjunction with database creation for a sites and buildings inventory.

Include in Proposal:

Written proposals should reflect the approximate rate for website design and construction including developing a new portal to be used in tangent with an access based database under development for sites and buildings inventory system. Incorporating EDC membership exposure and bolstering the County's current agricultural economic base consideration in design will be heavily weighted for award consideration.

If any significant fees or one-time expenses are expected in connection with the initial set up of this new business relationship, they should be identified in the proposal separate from any other rate quote.

Any questions about this Request for Proposal should be directed to: Kristina Anderson, Executive Director, Highlands County Industrial Development Authority, One East Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone 888-388-4233.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000140
DIVISION:

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CADMIEL SEPULVEDA MOLINA, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000140 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES NC 2005-HE8, is the Plaintiff and CADMIEL SEPULVEDA MOLINA, SANDRA I. MOLINA, NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 30th day of April, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOT 9, IN BLOCK 27, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 617 PORSCHE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33872
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 2nd day of April, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
April 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. JP12-00061-JX

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 be-

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE DIRECTORY

CURRENTS SALON
2924 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring FL, 33870

Keratin Treatments
ONLY \$125+
Ask For Taragayle

Call today! 863.449.4444

Advertise
Your Business
Here!
NEWS-SUN
Call 385-6155

HOME IMPROVEMENTS
Raise & Level Buildings
Adjust Hurricane Straps & Complete Carpentry

Specializing in Mobile Homes & Double Wide Manufactured Homes!
MOST JOBS RUN FROM \$0 TO \$2,000.
If you're not happy - we're not finished!
Jerry Wolfram
863-699-0134 or
231-420-3033
30 Years Experience • License# CAC036191

Cleaning Services
Mimi Focant
4610 Sturgeon Dr.
Sebring, FL 33870
Call 471-1806

HANDYMAN BOB
Install doors, windows,
flooring, plumbing & more!
Licensed & Insured
Lic# HM0096
Call 863-452-5201
or
863-449-1744

Roger's Handyman Services
Roger McCartney JR
licensed and insured
No job is too small. We can take care of all your home repairs and maintenance needs.
• Small Flooring Jobs
• License #HM01711
863-381-6677
Free Estimates

Advertise
Your Business
Here!
NEWS-SUN
Call 385-6155

DAVE'S HOME MAINTENANCE

QUALITY GUARANTEED GREAT RATES

Basic Homes Repairs & More
DHM
Mobile Homes Interior & Exterior
LICENSED INSURED

CALL TODAY! 863-441-5135 • LIC#HM1708

COMPUTER
Repair • Upgrade • Networking
Virus & Malicious Software Removal
Hardware & Software Installations
Douglas - Sebring
863-414-6486

Complete Lawn Maintenance
-Landscaping- -Mowing- -Trimming-
-Rocks- -Mulch- -Weeding-
Flower Beds & Sod
863-314-0969
Licensed & Insured
NO JOB TOO SMALL!

Handy Service
Serving Highlands County
Painting • Plumbing
Electrical & More!
50% OFF
for Senior Citizens!
863-452-0611
505 E. Maple St. Avon Park, FL

Joe Johnson's
ALL AMERICAN
TREE SERVICE, INC.
TRIMMING • REMOVAL
SOD INSTALLATION • STUMP GRINDING
LOT CLEARING • PRESSURE CLEANING
Will Beat Any Written Estimate!
Peoples Choice Award **863-465-7491** Free Estimates
Licensed & Insured

Bell Fisheries Inc.
Farm Raised Catfish. We sell by the pound or you can come & catch yourself in our 3 acre pond! We have two large docks you can fish from. We also have large trophy Bass and Bream that we feed twice a day. Great fun for everyone, call or come by and see us!

James L Bell, Jr., Owner
120 Sandspur Lane,
Lake Placid, FL 33852
863-465-7112
Florida Aquaculture Certification
AQ05138017

Art Expressions
by Karisa Jessiman

Fine Art • Stenciling • Paintings & Murals
Borders • Various Artistic Applications

By appointment only.
Call today!
863-414-3723

ICS CREMATION
SERVING HIGHLANDS COUNTY & ALL OF FLORIDA
\$895⁰⁰ | \$795⁰⁰
(Special Hospice Patient Price)
Plus Cost of Death Certificates
No Additional Costs
Contact: Linda O'Neal
Lake Placid: 863-441-2514

Bell Cleaning Services
For all jobs. Large or small, done right!
Homes, Business, Construction
Parties and Events!
Diane Bell
Bonded and Insured
Free Estimates
863-465-7112
863-633-8780
120 Sandspur Lane,
Lake Placid FL 33852

WILLIAMS JANITORIAL
CARPET CLEANING
\$10²⁵ Per Room
3 Rooms Minimum
• Upholstery Cleaning
• All Types of Flooring
• Free Estimates
Lic • Bonded • Ins
(863) 214-1940

Diabetic Footwear • Custom Orthotics
Work Shoes • Comfortable Shoes
SAS • New Balance
Shoe Box
CELEBRATING 25 Years
Phyllis Norris
Bond Certified
Licensed Podiatrist
1138 S. Parrot Ave • Okeechobee, FL 34974
863-763-4401 • Fax 863-763-6335
shoebxlady@hotmail.com

Flea Market
Indoor & Outdoor
Sandy's Dollar Store
Becky's Avon 863-449-1298
Firemen's Field Fairgrounds
Kenilworth Blvd & Rt. 17
Fri-Sat • 8am-2pm Year Round

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The News Sun Professional Service Directory is one of the most economical & effective means of advertising today?

Call Anita at: 863-385-6155 or
Email: amarsella@newssun.com
FOR MORE INFORMATION!

What are you waiting for? Get noticed today!

1050 Legals
 fore 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

2000 Employment
2050 Job Opportunities
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
 IF YOU HAVE SOLD LAWN CARE, MAGAZINES, CABLE, INSURANCE, NEWSPAPERS, OR ANY OUTSIDE SALES. ONE OF THE EASIEST SALES YOU WILL EVER MAKE. MONEY MOTIVATED, SELF STARTER! SERIOUSLY READY FOR AN OPPORTUNITY. HIGHLANDS COUNTY CALL ED 352-217-9937

2100 Help Wanted
JOB FAIRS - APRIL 28TH CUSTODIAL POSITIONS
 GCA Services GROUP is now accepting applications for substitute custodians, custodians, lead custodians. Responsibilities include but not limited to sweeping, mopping, dusting, trash removal, and general cleaning. Multiple shifts/positions available and will be based upon location. Apply in person between 9am & 5pm., April 28th.
***Avon Park High School in the Auditorium 700 E Main Street, Avon Park 33825**
***Sebring High School in the Smith Center 3514 Kenilworth Sebring 33870**
***Lake Placid High School in the Commons 202 Green Dragon Drive Lake Placid 33852. EOE.**

POSICIONES DE LIMPIEZA DISPONIBLES

Classified ads get fast results

2100 Help Wanted
GCA SERVICES GROUP esta aceptando aplicaciones para personal de limpieza. Las responsabilidades incluyen pero no se limitan a barrer, trapear, remover el polvo, el retiro de la basura, y a la limpieza general. Diferente horarios disponible y sera basado sobre la localizacion. Aplique en persona durante 9am y 5pm, el 28th de abril a cualquier de las tres escuelas detras:
***Avon Park High School en la Auditorium 700 E. Main Street, Avon Park 33825**
***Sebring High School en la Smith Center 3514 Kenilworth Sebring 33870**
***Lake Placid High School en la Commons 202 Green Dragon Drive Lake Placid 33852**

Classified ads get fast results

F/T NURSE MANAGER for ALF with Specialty License. Also Looking for F/T & P/T Floor Nurses. Exp. Preferred. Inquire within @ 5005 Sun N' Lakes Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872

ADVERTISING SALES ASSISTANT
 We Are Expanding!

We have a new position available, in Sebring for an ADVERTISING SALES ASSISTANT

Responsibilities: Scheduling Client appointments. Maintaining advertising schedules, Client relations and assist Multi Media Account Executive.

Salary
 News Sun
 Send reply to
 2227 US 27 South
 Sebring, FL 33870
 EOE

NOW HIRING P/T Drivers with Class A CDL and P/T Tire pick up and delivery assistants for the PRIDE Tire Retailed Plant located at Avon Park Correctional. Candidates must be able to lift 75+ lbs. repeatedly and work 12+ hrs. in a day. Candidates must also be able to pass an NCIC background check and a drug screening. Serious candidates only need apply. Contact Jason Hill or Cheryl Whidden at 1-800-929-2715 to arrange an interview.

2100 Help Wanted
FRONT DESK/RECEPTIONIST For Radiology Dept. Part Time/Full Time. Computer proficiency a must. Send Resume to: P.O Box 1923, 33871.

PARTS SALESMAN: Parts Experience Preferred. Duties: Assist customers, stock, unloading trucks, ability to lift 50 lbs. No phone calls. Apply within. Performance based pay. Full time position. 305 C.R. 17A West Avon Park FL. 33825

PERMANENT HANDY MAN Basic Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Welding a Plus but above all Common Sense & a desire to WORK! pay far from Great but long hours available. Apply in Person, Triple G Dairy 2175 Triple G Rd. Sebring.

SEEKING EXPERIENCED Dialysis RN or will train the right person for a state-of-the-art dialysis clinic. We offer an excellent salary and benefit package. Please call Peggy at 863-382-9443 or fax resume to 863-382-9242.

SUNSHINE PAYDAY LOANS
 Full time office position to work in Sebring location and travel as needed to Labelle and Clewiston locations
 Cash handling experience a plus
 Fax resume to:
(863) 678-2170

3000 Financial
4000 Real Estate

4220 Lots for Sale
 4 LOTS SEBRING LAKES 5217 - 5221 MAJESTY AVE. WILL SEPARATE INTO 2 PARCELS, \$65,000
 561-715-2214 ASK FOR RICKY

SEBRING OWNER MUST SELL! Builder/Investment Lots in Spring Lake, a Golf Community. Owner will finance, no credit check. Only \$5K with \$500 down. 772-343-9602

4320 Real Estate Wanted
ATTENTION: CASH for your Home, Duplex, Apartment, Commercial Property, Rapid Closing, "As Is" Condition. 863-441-2689. STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

5000 Mobile Homes

5050 Mobile Homes For Sale
 AVON PARK - 2BR, 2BA, Updated, Furn., Owned Land, Quiet Area, Near Shopping - etc., US 27 easy access. Bob Hesselink Realtor / CB Highlands. Reduced! 863-414-2720

PALM HARBOR HOMES
 New 2012 Models
15K Off Models
 800-622-2832 ext 210

5150 Mobile Homes For Rent
 VENUS - New 4BR/2BA (jacuzzi in Master) A/C, tile, W/D, porch, w/option 20 acres. 8 horse barn, privacy fence, 1 bl. from Hwy 27. 731 CR 201. 305-725-0301

6000 Rentals

6050 Duplexes for Rent
 AVON PARK Beautiful Lake View. 2/1. Includes Water & Garbage. Washer & Dryer connection. Safe neighborhood. Dead End St. Pets allowed. No Pitt Bulls. \$450 + Deposit. 863-453-4914 or 863-414-2871

6050 Duplexes for Rent
 PLACID LAKES - 2BR, 2BA Nicely Furnished / Immaculate, C/H/A, near Golf & Fishing. Short term / yearly. 863-699-0045

6100 Villas & Condos For Rent
 SEBRING * EDGEWATER * 55+ 2BR, 2BA, Living Rm, Dining Rm, Den, Laundry Rm. & Garage. Lawn care & Pool. \$600 Mo. (1yr. lease) + utilities & Sec. 863-385-3103

6150 Furnished Apartments
 SEBRING - Furn. Apt. for Live in Help. Pay own electric, contribute \$20 mo. toward water, US driver to travel to Canada 5 months. Must Be Reliable! 863-385-1806.

6200 Unfurnished Apartments
 RELAX AT Lake Isis Villas Luxurious 1BR Apartment. Clean & Quiet Setting. Call **863-453-2669**

SEBRING - 1BR, 1BA. Tile floors, fresh paint. Includes water. \$425/mo. Call Gary Johnson, 863-381-1861.

****NOW LEASING** PARK PLAZA**
 A BRAND NEW RENTAL COMMUNITY LOCATED IN AVON PARK, FL SPACIOUS 2BR 2BA APARTMENT HOMES.
****ONLY \$585/mo.****
A MUST SEE!

 Please Call **863-257-4603** for more information.

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

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

AVON PARK - SHADY OAKS APTS 1 BR , Fully renovated units, W/D hook-ups. Laundry service available. Senior Discount. 863-257-0017

LAKE PLACID - Placid Lakes - Near Golf, 2/ Bedroom, 2/Bathroom, W/D hook-up, screen porch, fenced yard. C/H/A. Includes water. Excellent Condition. \$525 mo. **954-695-8348**

6250 Furnished Houses
 PLACID LAKES - 3BR (1 Mother in law type quarters). 2.5BA, 1CG, Screened porch, 2 Lots, near Golf & Fishing. Country setting. Short term/ Yearly. 863-699-2444

6300 Unfurnished Houses

AVON PARK
 North Central Heights Homes, a new "Rent Restricted" single family home development in Avon Park. Rents average in the low to mid 500's & 600's! 2, 3 and 4 BR Available!
DON'T DELAY APPLY TODAY! NO APPLICATION FEE!

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
CALL:
 TTY 800-955-8771
 863-452-4432

6300 Unfurnished Houses
 AVON PARK - 3BR, 1BA, All Appliances Included, **Move In Ready**, Close to US 27 / Walmart. Call for Details. 863-449-0429 or 301-245-4619

SEBRING - 2BR, 1BA, Screened Room, W/D Hookup / Inside Laundry Room. 3801 Wild Violet Ave. CLEAN! \$650 Monthly + Security. 863-385-5160

SEBRING - Nice 2BR, 1BA, Carport, Large Backyard, Screened Patio. Nice neighborhood. Near to Fireman's Field. Central A/C. \$700 Monthly, Security & 1st. month. 863-446-1861

SEBRING - 2BR, 1BA, 1CG, Partially Fenced Yard. Pets OK! \$650 Monthly. 1st. & Security Deposit. Sparta Cir. NO LONGER AVAILABLE!

SEBRING 3/2/2. Nice, Immaculate, New Paint, Mostly Tiled, Large Kitchen, Large Glass/Screen Porch, Great Views, No smokers/Pets. \$875 + +. Call 863-773-3956

6320 Seasonal Property
 SEASONAL LAKEFRONT Rental on Lake June. 3/2. Avail. November - March. Please call for details. 863-773-0408.

7000 Merchandise
7180 Furniture
NEW STEARNS & FOSTER MATTRESS SETS
 All queen *995* all King *1295
 Compare to any mattress gallery
 Lamps *19, Barstools *39up,
 Desks *297up,
 Recliners *247up
OVER 50 STYLES
 Ent. Centers \$167up
 Double Reclining Sofa \$587

HIGHPOINT FURNITURE
2346 U.S. 27 N, SEBRING
 We are located across from The Home Depot

7310 Bargain Buys
 26" MEN'S HUFFY BIKE with basket, like new condition, black and silver, asking \$60. 863-471-3257.

AQUARIUM and 2nd \$100 Call 863-458-2176

BINOCULARS / Simmons / Model 1159 / in Case. \$10. 863-655-0342

CAMERA / Universal Antique, folds & opens, has bellows. \$10. 863-655-0342

CHERRY PICKER / ENGINE HOIST \$100 863-414-8412

FREEZER 17 cu.ft. Whirlpool Upright. Excel cond. \$95 Call 863-655-9078

GOLF CLUBS Left handed, new w/Bag, Drivers & Irons. \$100 Call 918-884-9008

MAYTAG DRYER Used little. \$100 Call 918-884-9008

MAYTAG WASHER Used Little. \$100. Call 918-884-9008.

MYERS SPRINKLER Well Water Pump Works Great \$75 OBO Call 863-235-0190

RHEEM ELECTRIC 40 Gal. Hot Water Heater Great Condition \$50 OBO Call 863-235-0190

SADDLEBAGS - w/ Travel Trunk for Cycle. \$75. 863-414-8412

SLEEPER SOFA, 2 end tables, 2 lamps, good condition, \$100, 863-214-3871.

SOFA/RECLINER LA-Z-BOY. \$90 Avon Park. Call 863-452-2443

7320 Garage & Yard Sales
 AVON PARK - MULTI FAMILY SALE! 2553 Don Carlos Ave. Fri-Sat-Sun, Apr 13-14-15, 8am - ? Too Much To List!

SEBRING FRI. - Sun. 8 - 5pm. 1236 Hittakee Ave. Something for Everyone.

7520 Pets & Supplies
 BEAGLE PUPPY For Sale, 10 weeks old, Female, 1st shots w/ Vet (Puppy Package). For More Details, Call 863-414-5105

FREE TO GOOD HOME! 2 small dogs. Must go together. (1) Pug/Chihuahua mix 6yrs. (1) Dachshund/ Chihuahua /Jack Russell mix 4yrs. Moving/ can't take! Call Stacey 863-381-2600.

8000 Recreation

8050 Boats & Motors
 SAIL BOAT O'Day 17'. Perfect cond. New Sails, Trailer, Extras. \$1800 Cash. Sebring Call 863-382-6414.

9000 Transportation

9450 Automotive for Sale
 2000 CHEVY ASTRO (work van). Top Rack, Rubber Matting, w/Cage divider & Tool bins. Good gas mileage. Trailer w/ double axle, 15 ft. 863-699-2444

Team & Solo Drivers.
 Immediate Positions Available!
 48 CPM split for teams. 35 CPM for solo drivers. Drop & hook available. No touch freight. Weekly pay + insurance. CDL-A w/1 year OTR req'd. Food grade tank carrier. 800-877-2430. www.indianrivertransport.com

CITY OF SEBRING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 The City of Sebring is recruiting for the following position(s):
CRA Executive Director Closes: 4-27-12
 For an application contact City of Sebring, (863) 471-5100 or visit us on our website at: www.mysebring.com
Drug Free Workplace, EOE


 600 West College Drive Avon Park, FL 33825
 (863) 784-7132 • FAX (863) 784-7497
<http://sfcc.interviewexchange.com>
ASSISTANT COACH, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
 Part-time position to assist head coach in women's volleyball program. Bachelor's degree preferred. Participation as an athlete in volleyball required. Previous coaching experience preferred. Must be willing and available to travel on a regular basis. Annual stipend. Open until filled. Please visit our website for application instructions.
 SFCC IS AN EQUAL ACCESS/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

A Great Place to Work!



BE A HERO like Mary Myers

Now Hiring Full & Part Time Customer Service Associates

Starting at **\$9.00 per hour**
 Bilingual is a plus
 English/Spanish Differential
 Comprehensive Benefits Package!

Mary Myers
 Associate of the Month

Agero
 Safe. Smart. Driven.

3310 Hwy. 27 South
 EOE Sebring, FL 33870 **863-402-2786**

E-mail: resumesebring@agero.com
 For more information about Agero Services, we encourage you to visit our website at: www.Agero.com

Track and Field sends eight to Regional

By DAN HOEHNE

daniel.hoehne@newssun.com

FROSTPROOF – Ten different events will be represented at the Region 3-2A meet in Titusville Thursday, April 19, beginning at Noon.

That's because eight Highlands County athletes performed well enough at Thursday's District 8-2A meet in Frostproof to stamp their ticket to regional competition.

Four Green Dragons finished among the top four in their events, as did four Red

Devils, to continue their track and field seasons at least a little longer.

The meet, which saw eight teams represented, with nearby and familiar names such as host Frostproof, Lake Wales, Tenoroc and Mulberry, also included two New Port Richey schools, Ridgewood and Gulf.

And among the dozens upon dozens of athletes aspiring to reach the next level, the mid afternoon sun could not have made it any more heated.

Starting in the short distances, Avon Park's Lacy Turner came out of the 100-meter dash prelims with the fourth fastest time, with Shavarious Wooden also making it to the finals with the sixth fastest.

But with just the top four from the finals moving on, Turner was going to have to hold his spot and Wooden would need to shave some time.

Both did just that, with

See **TRACK**, Page 4D



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Red Devil Steven Roberts flies down the home stretch of the 300-meter hurdles. Roberts would take second at Thursday's District 8-2A meet to qualify for regionals in the event.

Dragons top DeSoto, grab third

By DAN HOEHNE

daniel.hoehne@newssun.com

LAKE PLACID – The District 10-4A standings got their final shakeup Friday night, with Frostproof nabbing the top seed by topping Mulberry 5-1, and Lake Placid grabbing third with a 4-0 win over visiting DeSoto.

The Dragons went with Heath Harris on the hill against the Bulldogs and, as usual, he was economical with his pitches.

"He throws strikes and that's going to keep your pitch count down," head coach Dan Coomes said of Harris' mere 74 pitches over seven innings of work. "Tonight he was throwing all his pitches – fastball, change-up, curve – for strikes."

Though DeSoto did start things off with a bit of a threat as Xavier Payne sent a one-out single to right in the first and Devyn Steele reached on an error that put runners on second and third.

But a pop-fly that Ricky Miller corralled in short center and a grounder to third got Lake Placid out of the jam and the Dragons would soon take a lead they would

never relinquish.

Nevada Weaver shot a one-out single up the middle in the bottom of the opening inning, stole second and moved to third on Tyler Carr's infield single.

And during Josh Montero's at bat, Bulldog starter Garrett Anderson uncorked a wild pitch that allowed Weaver to score for a 1-0 lead.

Harris worked a one, two, three second and the offense

tacked on another run.

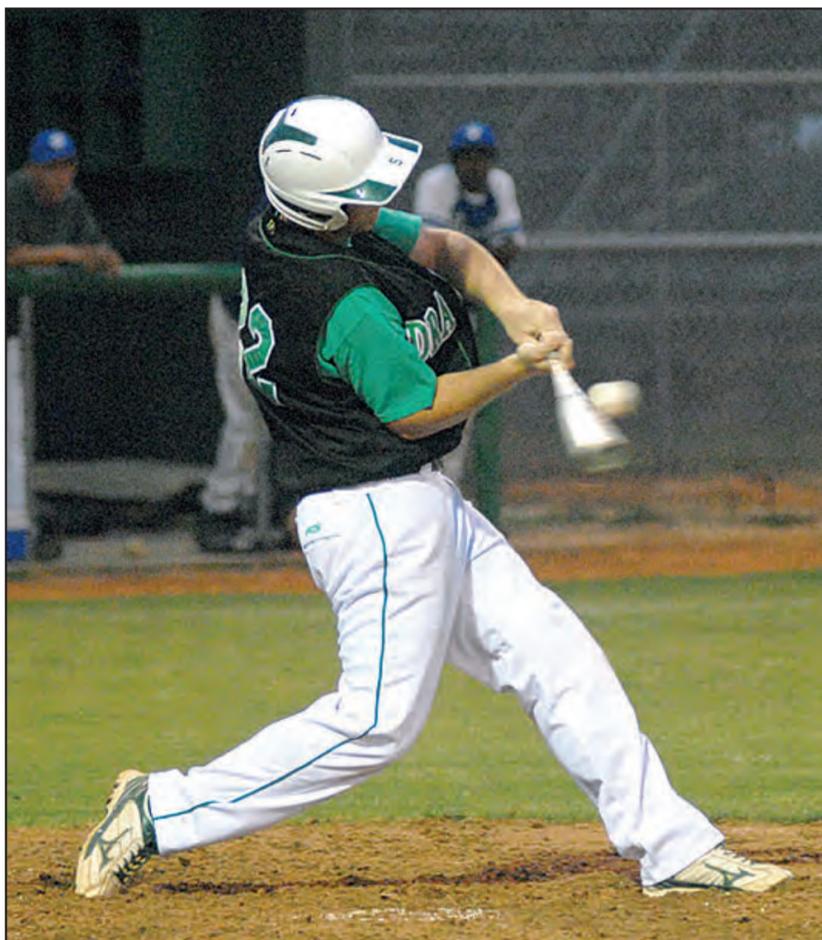
Jacob Cram sent a chopper to third with one out, and on a bang-bang play at first, the throw got away, sending Cram scampering to second.

Laine Daum reached on another error, one out later, moving Cram to third, and a passed ball brought home the second Dragon run of the night.

A fly to left and two ground-outs to third made for a quick top of the third, before another run was added in the bottom.

Weaver lead off with a walk and, after a strike out, stole second and moved to third on a ground out.

See **LP**, Page 3D



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Morgan Lott sent this shot through the left side for an RBI single in Lake Placid's 4-0 win over DeSoto Friday.



Streaks win by committee

By DAN HOEHNE

daniel.hoehne@newssun.com

The final regular season game on the district schedule gave Sebring the chance to open things up a bit in Friday's 9-1 win at Lake Gibson.

The Blue Streaks had, after all, sewn up the district's top seed with Tuesday's win at Winter Haven, so the stakes were lessened.

And so it was that 15 players had plate appearances, while the only one that didn't, Landon Willey, got on base as a designated runner and scored.

The community feel extended to the pitching staff, where head coach Buck Rapp assuredly wanted to keep arms loose and sharp, yet not overworked.

Four pitchers worked through the contest, with Jordan Baker, C.J. Payne and Garrett Martinez each getting two innings of work, with Kyle Cunningham getting one.

The Fighting Braves managed just two hits against the quartet of hurlers, though they did string together a walk and hit batter, along with productive outs, to plate their lone run in the third.

Which, at that time, tied the game, after Sebring had scratched for one in the opening inning.

But when the Streaks had the chance to answer back, they did.

Two runs came across in the fourth and six more in the fifth to put the Blue Streak stamp on their latest win.

Nate Greene and Gus Garcia each had two hits, with Greene blasting two doubles and collecting two RBI.

Gunnar Westergom also drove in two and added a double.

Having gone 6-0 in District 9-6A play, Sebring closes out the regular season this week, traveling to Port St. Lucie Thursday and hosting DeSoto Friday and celebrating Senior Night.

The team then heads to the district tournament at Winter Haven, Monday, April 23.

Modest crowd for Marlins game after Ozzie flap

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

MIAMI — Havana-born Isabel Diaz arrived at the Miami Marlins' ballpark two hours before the first pitch Friday, ready to root for the home team but not quite prepared to forget Ozzie Guillen's remarks about Fidel Castro.

"I'm here to support the players," Diaz said, "and to support all the workers at the stadium who are not at fault for what one ignorant person said."

For the first time since the furor enveloping their manager began, the Marlins took the field in their new ballpark in Little Havana, opening a six-game homestand against Houston.

Miami won 5-4 in 11 innings.

Arriving fans were greeted with salsa music and samples of mango smoothies.

There was no sign of any group demonstrations, but some fans may have protested simply by staying away.

The 36,442-seat ballpark was about two-thirds full, and announced attendance was 30,169.

One spectator waved a sign that read, "I hate Fidel

but I love the Marlins."

Other fans came reluctantly, still angry that Guillen had said he loved and admired Castro.

Nancy Azcuy, who came to the United States from Cuba 43 years ago, said she'll give up her season tickets if Guillen is back as manager next season.

"He earns a lot of money to be talking so much trash," she said. "A public figure has to think about what he says."

Among those absent from the ballpark was Guillen, serving a five-game suspension for his remarks.

He offered an emotional apology at a news conference Tuesday, but some local leaders, Cuban Americans and even Marlins fans thought he should have been fired.

One was Lazaro Diaz, a lone protester standing outside the ballpark shortly before the game.

He drove three hours from his home in Fort Myers with his teenage son to express his frustration over Guillen's comments.

"I came here to express that I am against him and that they need to kick him out," Diaz said. "He has

every right to the freedom of speech, but he shouldn't have said what he did to this community."

Diaz, who wore a T-shirt that read, "Cuba, Si. Castro, No," said two of his uncles were executed in the early years of the revolution.

Edwin Rojas and his 10-year-old son sold shirts that said, "Cuba, Si! Ozzie, No! Marlins Forever."

Rojas, a season-ticket holder, said he would keep attending games but understood why people were upset.

"I can definitely sympathize with what my parents went through and what this means to them," he said.

The new retractable roof was closed because of drizzly weather, but even with protection from the conditions, empty seats Friday might not be a fair gauge of any lingering animosity.

The Astros aren't a big draw, and it was a busy night on the Miami sports calendar.

The Heat and Florida Panthers both had home games, with the hockey team playing its first post-season game in 12 years.

On the other hand, it was

See **MARLINS**, Page 3D



MCT photo
Omar Infante is greeted at the dugout after he scored in the third inning against the Houston Astros at Marlins Park Friday, as the team hopes winning baseball will bring fans back after the Ozzie Guillen incident.

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING SUNDAY

7 p.m. NHRA – Four-Wide Nationals ESPN2

BOWLING SUNDAY

1 p.m. PBA – Tournament of Champions ESPN
2:30 p.m. NCAA Women's Championship ESPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Alabama at LSU ESPN2

GOLF SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Maybank Malaysian Open GOLF
1 p.m. PGA – RBC Heritage GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – RBC Heritage CBS
7 p.m. PGA – Encompass Insurance Pro-Am GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Boston SUN/TBS
2 p.m. Detroit at Chicago White Sox WGN
8 p.m. L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees ESPN
7 p.m. Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees ESPN
7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Toronto SUN

NBA SUNDAY

1 p.m. Miami at N.Y. Knicks ABC
3:30 p.m. Dallas at L.A. Lakers ABC
8 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Knicks TNT
10:30 p.m. San Antonio at L.A. Clippers TNT

NHL SUNDAY

Noon Conference Quarterfinal – Teams TBA NBC
3 p.m. Conference Quarterfinal – Teams TBA NBC

WNBA MONDAY

2 p.m. 2012 WNBA Draft ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

Saturday: San Jose at St. Louis, late
Monday: St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
x-Monday, April 23: St. Louis at San Jose, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 25: San Jose at St. Louis, TBD

Phoenix 1, Chicago 0
Thursday: Phoenix 3, Chicago 2, OT
Saturday: Chicago at Phoenix, late
Tuesday, April 17: Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x-Monday, April 23: Phoenix at Chicago, TBD
x-Wednesday, April 25: Chicago at Phoenix, TBD
Nashville 1, Detroit 1
Wednesday: Nashville 3, Detroit 2
Friday: Detroit 3, Nashville 2
Sunday: Nashville at Detroit, Noon
Thursday, April 17: Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 22: Nashville at Detroit, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 24: Detroit at Nashville, TBD

Major League Baseball

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows for American League East, Central, West divisions and Thursday's Games.

Thursday: San Jose 3, St. Louis 2, 2OT

Friday: Philadelphia 8, Pittsburgh 5
Sunday: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBD

Thursday: San Jose 3, St. Louis 2, 2OT

Oakland at Seattle, late
Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 8:05 p.m.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows for National League East, Central, West divisions and Thursday's Games.

Thursday: Washington 3, Cincinnati 2, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 0
San Francisco 4, Colorado 2
Philadelphia 3, Miami 1
Arizona 3, San Diego 1
L.A. Dodgers 3, Pittsburgh 2

Friday: Chicago Cubs 9, St. Louis 5
San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 0
Washington 2, Cincinnati 1, 13 innings
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 2
Miami 5, Houston 4, 11 innings
Atlanta 10, Milwaukee 8
Colorado 7, Arizona 6
L.A. Dodgers 9, San Diego 8

Transactions

COLLEGE
CONNECTICUT—Announced freshman C Andre Drummond will enter the NBA draft.
FLORIDA—Announced freshman G Bradley Beal will enter the NBA draft.
LSU—Named Johnny Jones men's basketball coach.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



MONDAY: Softball at District Tournament, at Lake Placid, 5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY: Baseball vs. Santa Fe Catholic, 7 p.m.



MONDAY: Softball at District Tournament, vs. Avon Park, 5:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: Baseball at Clewiston, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Westwood, 7 p.m.



MONDAY: Softball at District Tournament, Lake Gibson, TBD
TUESDAY: Baseball vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY: Track at District Tournament, Winter Haven, 1 p.m.



MONDAY: Baseball vs. Polk State College, 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Baseball at State College of Florida, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

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.

Gator Gallop 5K

SEBRING – The fourth annual Gator Gallop 5K is set for a trail run at Sun 'N Lake Preserve area on Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 a.m.

Entrants will receive a Tee shirt, age group awards and post-run refreshments.

Entry fee is \$20 through April 14 and \$25 from April 15 and on race day.

Kids under 12 may be entered for \$10 (no shirt at this entry fee).

Those needing information or application forms for the run/walk may contact Highlands Gator Club at lizardevm@yahoo.com and a form will be emailed to you.

Come join in the fun of the Gator Gallop 5K Run/walk.

Citrus Golf Day

SEBRING – Highlands County Citrus Growers Association and Heartland National Bank present Citrus Golf Day 2012, slated for Thursday, June 7, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The event will begin with a Noon lunch and check in, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Team cost of \$300 includes greens fee for four players, lunch, post-tournament hors d'oeuvres, water, soft drinks and beer on the course.

Also, \$50 gift certificates will be awarded to the winners of special events, including Long Drive and Closest to the Pin for A, B,C and D handicap players.

Range balls and a participation prize raffle ticket will be included for all golf-

ing participants.
For additional information call 385-8091.

LP Chamber 5/10K

LAKE PLACID – The 2012 Lake Placid Chamber 5K/10K Run/Walk Team Challenge will take place Saturday, May 19, beginning at 7 a.m. at the DeVane Circle Park.

Early entry fees are \$10 for students, \$15 for team members and \$20 for individuals – fee the day of the race is \$25.

Register by May 4 to get a Dri-fit T-shirt.

Entering as a team can save on entry fee, as each member of a recognized organization or business team saves \$5.

Teams must consist of at least three members and may be mixed ages and genders.

For more information, call Niki Gregor at 386-1300 or email ngregor@heartlandnb.com.

SFCC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – The summer season is right around the corner, which means plenty of opportunities for aspiring area volleyball players to sharpen their skills and learn some new things at the SFCC Summer Camps, lead by head coach Kim Crawford and members of the Lady Panther squad.

Three indoor camps are going to be held, in addition to two sand volleyball camps.

Four-day indoor camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 25-28, July 9-12 and July 30-Aug. 2.

Each day, campers going into grades 6-8 will meet from 9 a.m.-Noon, campers going into grades 9-12 from 1-4 p.m., with all campers then enjoying open pool time from 4-4:45 p.m.

Cost for the indoor camps are \$100 per week, or \$30 per daily session.

Out on the sand court, four-day camps will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 18-21 and July 16-19, with campers going into grades 6-12 meeting from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Cost for the sand camps is \$60 per week or \$20 per daily session.

Individual, private sessions for indoor and sand are available year-round for \$20 per hour.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/volleyball, click on "volleyball camp" and print out the Application Form.

Mail the completed form, or bring to the Cashier's Office in Building B.

For more information, call Coach Crawford at 835-2377 or email kim.crawford@southflorida.edu.

Advertisement for News-Sun Classified Ads. Features a hand holding a magnifying glass over the word 'EXACTLY' and a hand holding a pen. Text: 'Find EXACTLY what you are looking for! NEWS-SUN Classified Ads • 385-6155'

LP gets win, third seed for District Tournament

Continued from 1D

No errant pitch, nor catch, would give Lake Placid a run this time, rather, Morgan Lott came through with a shot through the left side to plate Weaver and make it a 3-0 game.

DeSoto got its' first base runner since the first, when Anderson reached on an infield hit with one out.

But the inning ended soon after when a grounder to third began a Cram to Miller to Lott double play.

Cram then also started the final Dragon rally, drawing a walk and reaching second when ball four was a wild pitch that somehow ricocheted over the backstop.

The Bulldogs then went to the bullpen and got the next batter.

But Daum and Miller both worked their counts for walks to load the bases and Weaver came through with a single to bring Cram home.

From there, it was just a matter of reaching the finish, which Harris did as he seemed to get stronger.

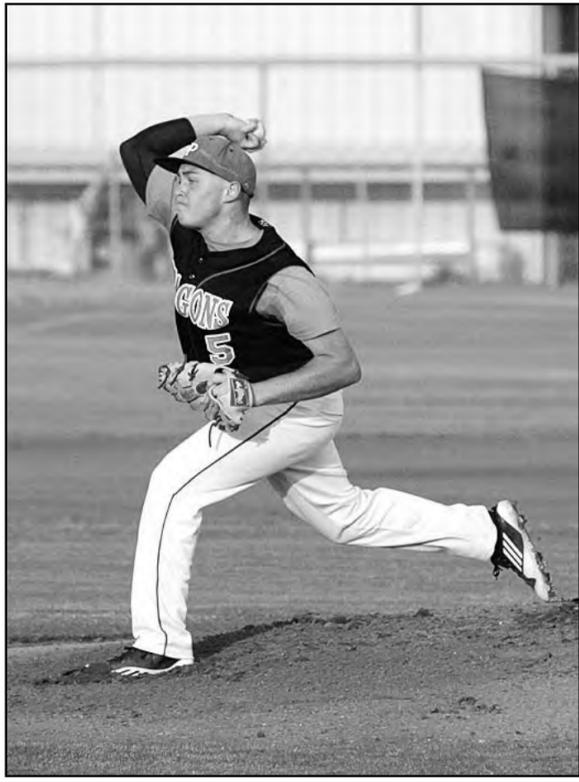
Donovan Day reached to start the fifth, but was soon picked off first before Harris disposed of the next two hitters on called third strikes.

Another backwards K began the sixth, followed by a fly-out to right and grounder to first.

And in the seventh, a lazy liner to short and a one-hopper back to the mound made for the first two outs.

And though Chris Steele got hold of one, a hard liner headed for left, Cram came up big with a diving snare to end the game.

"We didn't do a lot of bad



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Heath Harris pitched another gem Friday night, going 7 innings, allowing just three hits, no walks and striking out three as he shut out DeSoto.

stuff, and we did some good things too," Coomes said. "We had some good base running, some key base hits and the defense made some plays — especially Cram, a freshman we brought up, who must have had half a dozen plays out there tonight."

Coming into the night, DeSoto was 4-3 in district play and Lake Placid 3-4.

The outcome put both teams at 4-4, but with the Dragons having swept the season series, the third seed for the district tournament was theirs.

Frostproof, which had been 5-2, with idle Avon Park

sitting at 5-3, jumped to the top seed with Friday's win.

Heading into the tournament, which will be hosted by the Red Devils and begins Monday, April 23, Coomes has a good measure of his squad and what they need to do to succeed.

"We're not a team that's going to just come in and score a bunch of runs every time out," he said. "We need to play tough. We have good pitching and we play good defense, but we need to execute on offense. We have to take advantage of every situation, any way we can."

Marlins hope to win, move on

Continued from 1D

only the second game in the Marlins' new \$634 million home.

The Marlins have long struggled with poor attendance, and Guillen's comments antagonized a large percentage of their fan base just as the franchise was enjoying a sense of rejuvenation thanks to the new ballpark.

First baseman Gaby Sanchez, whose parents are Cuban exiles, said the best thing the players can do to help the situation is start playing better.

After an offseason spending binge, the Marlins were touted as playoff contenders, but they began the homestand 2-5 and last in the NL East.

"All we can do is go out there and win games," Sanchez said. "If we start

doing that, hopefully it will start to turn a little bit. It's not going to truly subside, but hopefully it does a little bit."

Marlins catcher John Buck agreed some success by the team could help defuse the tension — and bring back any fans staying away in protest.

"Winning helps everything, right?" Buck said. "If we put a fun team on the field, people will come."

Marlins broadcaster Cookie Rojas, a former player and a native of Havana, predicted the anger of the Cuban community will die down in the aftermath of Guillen's apology.

"He asked people to forgive him," Rojas said. "You've got to move on. You can't keep bringing it back. Let's get over with it and play ball."

Guillen returns to the

dout Tuesday.

Sanchez said he understood both sides of the issue.

He said Guillen — a Venezuelan speaking English, his second language, in a magazine interview — did not say what he meant, but Sanchez understood why his fellow Cuban Americans were so upset.

"It's one of those hot-but-ton topics," Sanchez said. "You have to understand the Cuban community and everybody of Cuban descent and what their families went through."

"Ozzie did a great job in his apology. Hopefully the Cuban community will forgive him and start supporting us. I think time will do the job."

Associated Press Writer
Christine Amario contributed to this report.

Red Sox begin 101st season in historic Fenway Park

By DAVID KLEPPER

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox may win or they may lose, but at 100 years young, beloved Fenway Park continues to win over fans as the team's most valuable player.

Loyal citizens of Red Sox nation returned to the oldest major league ballpark on Friday to celebrate a gorgeously sunny opening day game against Tampa Bay and the start of Fenway's 101st season.

"It's like going to church every day," retired knuckleballer Tim Wakefield said of his days at Fenway. "The stadium is the star here. Fenway is the star."

While formal birthday festivities are slated for next week, several Red Sox legends were on hand to start a season-long celebration.

Wakefield and retired catcher Jason Varitek threw out dual opening pitches to former Red Sox greats Dwight Evans and Jim Rice.

The fans roared when former coach and player Johnny Pesky, 92, walked out on the field.

Fenway, though, has always belonged to the fans.

Sal D'Amico remembers coming to games here as a little boy; on Friday the 42-year-old Dracut, Mass. resident brought his six-year-old son Sal Jr. for what would be

his first Red Sox game.

D'Amico has seen other parks. Been to Wrigley Field in Chicago.

It's Fenway that's home.

"It's just a magical place," he said. "There's something about it, about the tradition, about how there's not a bad seat in the house."

Fenway's formal birthday party is timed for the 100th anniversary of the team's first Fenway game, an April 20, 1912 extra-innings victory over the New York Highlanders, later renamed the Yankees.

Boston Mayor John Fitzgerald — John F. Kennedy's grandfather — threw out the first pitch.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Rufino Gutierrez hits the deck as second baseman Ricky Miller gets to this pop fly in short center during Friday's win.

Howard has herniated disc in back

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Magic center Dwight Howard was diagnosed by a doctor in Los Angeles with a herniated disc in his lower back, a team spokesman said.

Howard sat out the Magic's 109-81 loss to the Atlanta Hawks Friday night, the fifth game he's missed in Orlando's last seven outings.

Magic spokesman Joel Glass said Howard was examined by Dr. Robert Watkins after Howard flew out there earlier Friday for a second opinion for what had previously be called back spasms since he injured his back at the end of March.

There is no timetable for his return and it will be based on how he responds to treatment.

Howard is scheduled to fly back to Orlando on Saturday.

The Magic are now 1-4 without him this season.

Magic coach Stan Van Gundy says Howard was in pain following the team's practice Thursday.

The coach wasn't optimistic he'll be ready to play at Cleveland Sunday or against Philadelphia on Monday.

The Magic entered Friday tied in place in the Eastern

Conference with Atlanta, though the Hawks hold the head-to-head tiebreaker.

They remained in the same spot following the loss.

With his fifth missed regular-season game Howard set a new personal high for missed games in a season.

He missed four games last season.

SPRING LAKE GOLF RESORT
ANY DAY - ANY TIME SPECIALS

\$88 Per foursome includes tax & cart

TWOSOMES \$48
For tee times, please call:
(863) 655-0101

Try our Bobcat 9 Hole Course!
Only \$9! (\$16 for 18 holes)
For Bobcat Tee Times (863)-655-0202
ALL SPECIALS INCLUDE TAX & CART

GREATER SEBRING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Heacock Financial Heacock Payroll Heacock Insurance

presents the
Spring Golf Classic

ENTRY

Player 1 _____
Address _____
Handicap _____
Email Address _____

Player 2 _____
Address _____
Handicap _____
Email Address _____

Player 3 _____
Address _____
Handicap _____
Email Address _____

Player 4 _____
Address _____
Handicap _____
Email Address _____

Contact Name _____
Telephone _____
Paid \$ _____
 M/C Visa Check Cash

Saturday, April 28, 2012
SUN 'N LAKE GOLF CLUB

Sign In - 7:30 am • Shotgun Start - 8:30 am

4 man scramble

ENTRY FEE \$65/player - \$260/team
SPONSORSHIPS
• Hole Sign Sponsor - \$100
• Corporate Sponsor - \$400 (includes 4 Man Team & Double Sized Hole Sign)

PRIZE FORMAT
\$200 for 1st Place
\$150 for 2nd Place
\$100 for 3rd Place

RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES

Fees include round of golf, cold beverage on the course, a meal during the awards ceremony following play. Teams will be Flighted by Handicap.

ENTER TODAY!

COHAN RADIO GROUP HOLE-IN-ONE \$2,000

ALAN JAY Automotive Network HOLE-IN-ONE

Mail to Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce
227 US Hwy 27 North
Sebring, Florida 33870

Fax to 863-385-8810

Track sends four Devils, four Dragons to Titusville

Continued from 1D

Turner holding on to the fourth and final advancing position.

And though Wooden did take .02 seconds off his qualifying time, it wasn't quite enough to move him on to regionals.

The pair were back at it in the 200-meter dash, with Turner racing to the third best qualifying time and Wooden making the finals in the seventh slot.

The competition then heated up in the finals, as each of the top five runners saw their times drop, with Tenoroc's Travis Tucker breaking the 22 second mark, getting a 21.84, for the win.

Turner went from 23.13 to 23.05, believed to be a new Avon Park school record, but the drops in times all around him saw his position slip to fourth, though still moving him on to next week's regional meet.

The longer distance runs

didn't have any preliminary heats, meaning those runners were going to have to be on top of their game for their one shot.

Two Lake Placid runners did just that in the 1,600, with Dalton Shelton taking second and Tobias Kuhn fourth to move on.

Shelton, who made it to state this past fall in cross country, then turned on the after burners in the 3,200, winning with a time of 10:50.28, 13 seconds ahead of his nearest threat.

Not being pushed more might explain Shelton's drop in time from his seeded 10:32.52, but shows that he has plenty left in reserve as he moves to stiffer competition.

The Dragons then got another double qualifier in Keplet Charite who took second in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 300.

Avon Park's Steven Roberts also advanced in the hurdles, using his long

strides to take second in the 300, giving Highlands County two representatives in the event.

The Red Devils also got two tossers moving on to Titusville, as Damian Lovett rode a 40-foot, 8-inch shot put toss to take second and advance and Masco Louis hurled the discus 117-feet, 8-inches to take fourth and stamp his ticket to regionals.

Also rising up was a lone Highlands County lady, Green Dragon Taylor Miller, who erased an early lead by Gulf's Paige Pinder to get the fastest qualifying time in the 100-meter hurdles.

But soon after, in the qualifying heat for the 300-meter distance of the event, Miller seemed out of sorts, falling behind early and not able to make up much ground.

She made it to the finals, barely, with a time nearly four seconds slower than her seed time.

"I had a hip injury in volleyball, which came up again

during soccer season," Miller said. "It's been bothering me the past few weeks, so I've been trying to rest it as much as I could. It started hurting again after I ran the 100, but I couldn't give up."

With a remedy of Icy Hot and rest, Miller took advantage of the break in the action before the final heats and nearly equaled her qualifying time in the 100, to take second to Pinder, who knocked .20 seconds off her qualifying time.

With the pain still lingering, there was a brief thought of scratching for the 300 finals.

"But that's not the type of athlete I am," she said. "I knew I probably wasn't going to make it, but I tried."

Her effort nearly paid off too, as she was just edged out of fourth place by another Gulf runner, Renee Patnode.

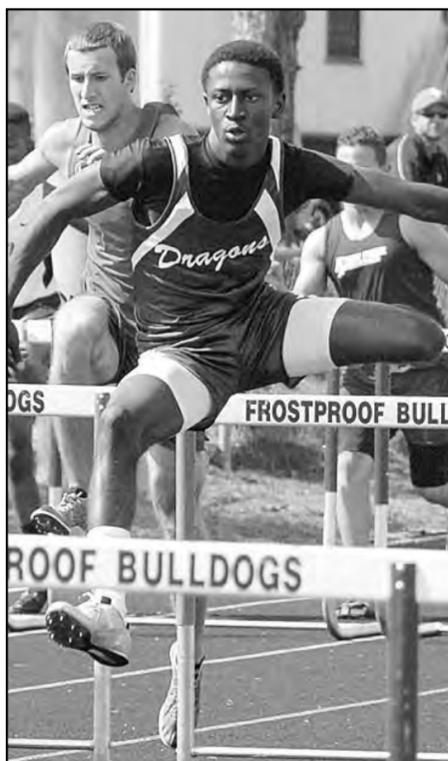
"I had made it to regionals my freshman year in the 100 hurdles and the 4X400 relay," Miller, now a senior



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Taylor Miller bounced back from an injury flare-up to qualify for regionals in the 100-meter hurdles Thursday.

said. "It felt good to make it back. I was really excited." As should all the Avon Park and Lake Placid athletes

who took part and gave it their all in aspiring to reach the next level of competition.



News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE

Above left: Green Dragon Keplet Charite showed his hurdling prowess, making it to regionals in both the 110- and 300-meter distances of the event. Above right: Avon Park's Lacy Turner hit the daily double Thursday, advancing to regionals in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

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: 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 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 644-5448 or at 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.

SWING IN & SAVE!

**New Greens!
Better Than Ever!**

18 Holes of Golf
8am-1pm...\$22 • Weekends...\$18
Before 8am/After 1pm...\$18

20 Play Card...\$500

Executive Course
9 Holes | **Call For Prices.**
Prices good through April 30th.

Harder Hall | 3201 Golfview Rd | Sebring | 863-382-0744

E.O. Koch Construction

1417 Swank Avenue • Sebring, FL 33870

(863) 385-8649

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

Let our highly qualified staff develop your commercial property, build your dream home, or do your remodeling.

- ENGINEERED STEEL BUILDINGS
- RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL DESIGN
- REMODELING

- ALUMINUM
- ROOFING
 - Carports, Patios, Siding, Fascia
- SEAMLESS GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

"For all of your Aluminum, Steel, and Conventional construction needs"

Email: kochcon@strato.net
State Certified License #CGC1515338

www.newssun.com

NEWS-SUN

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

2012 Graduation Edition

For over 77 years, the News-Sun has recognized the achievements of our graduating Seniors. This year is no exception, we will publish our "Salute" to the Seniors Wednesday, May 25th in the full-run of the News-Sun. And we've made it affordable to congratulate "your" special senior.

Tyler -

We are all so proud of you, the future is yours!

-Love,

Mom, Donnie, Josh, Maz and Pop.

Please contact the News-Sun by May 16th, 2011 to reserve your space for your special graduate.

386-5631

NEWS-SUN

2227 US 27 SOUTH - SEBRING

WHO'S MAKING NOISE IN TOWN?

Subscribe today and find out!



Call 863-385-6155 for home delivery
www.newssun.com

www.newssun.com
NEWS-SUN

Highlands County's Hometown Newspaper Since 1927

