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Thunderstorms likely early in the day

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## Family of eight loses home to fire



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

The Josue home located at 410 Circle St. in Avon Park was engulfed by fire Saturday morning.

### Family escapes fire without injuries

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AVON PARK — Amid a crowd of neighbors and onlookers, 22-year-old James Josue crouched somberly next to his sister, 19-year-old Rose Josue, both watching motionlessly as local fire-fighters worked to extinguish a fire that engulfed the Josue family's home Saturday.

The single-family home located at 410 Circle St. in Avon Park was fully engulfed in flames as Avon Park and Highlands Lakes Fire Departments arrived on the scene.

According to neighbors and bystanders, the fire began approximately 9:40

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Siblings James Josue, 22, and Rose Josue, 19, watch somberly as Avon Park and Highlands Lakes Fire Departments extinguish their family's home.

## Teen jailed for arson

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AVON PARK —

Highlands County detectives arrested an Avon Park teen on Thursday and charged him with setting fire to a house to cover up a burglary.

According to an arrest warrant from the HCSO, Kevin Scott McHargue was apprehended at his home for allegedly setting a fire at 2247 Longbottom Road in the Avon Parks Lakes area.

State Fire Marshal Raymond Miles Davis ruled the fire as arson Thursday after it was discovered that an open flame was the cause.

A lighter and a shoe imprint was discovered in the backyard of the house and an HCSO K9 unit was dispatched.

After a neighborhood canvas, a neighbor put McHargue leaving the area just before the fire was reported.

Davis ruled the fire as arson because "existing evidence suggested a burglary had occurred prior to the fire being started," the report states.

Canine Officer Maverick

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## Unemployment lowest since November '08

By ED BALDRIDGE

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SEBRING — Highlands County's unemployment rate for March was 8.1 percent, according to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on Friday.

The current percentage is the lowest unemployment rate since it hit 8.1 percent in November of 2008.

There were 3,689 Highlands County residents still on the unemployment rolls in March, the FDEO reported. Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.0 percent in March, the lowest since January 2009.

There were 836,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,282,000.

The statewide March rate

fell 0.4 percentage point from the month-ago rate of 9.4 percent — this was the largest over-the-month decline in the state's jobless rate since October 1992.

The March 2012 rate was 1.7 percentage points lower than the year-ago rate of 10.7 percent. The U.S. rate was 8.2 percent in March.

Florida's seasonally

adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,328,700 in March 2012, an increase of 10,800 jobs (up 0.1 percent) over the month.

The number of jobs in the state was up 89,800 over the year, an increase of 1.2 percent from March 2011, according to the FDEO.

Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.5 percent over

the past year.

Flagler County had the highest unemployment rate at 12.2 percent in March. Over the year, statewide, the construction industry lost 13,500 jobs and total government declined by 12,000 jobs.

Trade, transportation, and utilities gained 30,400 jobs at an \$37,109 average annual wage.

## FCAT goes on despite power outage at schools

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SEBRING — Tuesday, the second day of Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests, an unsettling thing happened — power went out at Sebring Middle School, Sebring High School and Woodlawn Elementary School at the same time.

Sebring High School and Woodlawn Elementary were back on line in time to complete the day's testing, the high school only

after a 20-minute delay and Woodlawn by 11 a.m.

Sebring Middle was not so fortunate. Its power could not be restored in time. Those tests were postponed to the next day — which fortunately had been scheduled as a make-up day.

"Tuesday was a day," said assistant superintendent Becky Fleck, relief and exhaustion mixed in her voice. She added that test adminis-

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### Happy & sad start to AP Relay



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Darla Olson holds hands with cancer survivor Marlow Rivera during the Relay For Life survivor's walk Saturday at Joe Franza Stadium in Avon Park. Sadly, just after the start of the event an announcement was made that Tina Gilbert-Schenck had lost her battle with breast cancer and died at home with her husband Brent by her side. Schenck had been active with Relay for Life for the past eight years and had been fighting cancer for 9½ years.



# Hicks, Williams honored by SPD

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — The Sebring Police Department recognized two outstanding individuals Tuesday evening at the Sebring City Council meeting for their dedication and service to the job and the community.

Chief of Police Tom Dettman presented the City Council with the 2011 Police Officer of the Year and Civilian Employee of the Year Officer Stephen Williams was named the Police Officer of the Year.

“Williams was recognized by his peers for his outstanding character qualities of compassion and patience,” stated Dettman.

Williams became a member of the SPD in 1994 after spending a short time as a Lake Placid police officer followed by joining the Seminole Tribe Department of Law Enforcement.

Williams served with SPD for seven years before leaving the force to enter into his own private business. Eventually, Williams decided to return back to law enforcement and went back to the SPD in 2010. “In 2011, Officer Williams was assigned to the Patrol Division.

During that time he responded to 1,009 calls for service. Officer Williams

always performs his duties with compassion and understanding. This is one of the outstanding qualities which has earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow officers and the citizens of Sebring,” Dettman said.

Dettman went on to point out the many accomplishments in Williams’ personal life as well. Over the last two years, Williams has lost a total of 110 pounds. His initiative pushed him to complete his first 15K run last month where he completed the run in 1 hour, 43 minutes.

The Civilian Employee of the Year award was given to Vicki Hicks.

Hicks has been an employee of the SPD since 2003 as the Code Enforcement secretary as well as the department’s administrative secretary.

Dettman stated that Vicki has been nominated for the award twice before, once in 2007 then again in 2010.

“This is the first time in the Sebring Police Department’s history that a civilian employee has received this distinction three times,” Dettman said.

Hicks has an impressive resume and background, being a daughter of military father and traveling all of the world.

“She is such an important key player in the efficient operation of the Sebring Police Department. We want to recognize her for her generosity, enthusiasm, creativity, loyalty benevolence and of course initiative,” Dettman said.

## Egg Hunt \$1,000 winner



Courtesy photo  
**Joe Mullins and Brian Jennings from the Alan Jay Automotive Network and Judy Spiegel, president of The Humane Society of Highlands County, present Mike Ritacco of Sebring and his family the \$1,000 in cash – hidden in an egg, of course – for the golden egg that he found during the recent Humane Society’s Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt. Ritacco stated that they were headed to ‘do some damage over at Toys r’ Us’.**

## Shop in historic downtown

According to an economic analysis, for every \$100 spent at a locally-owned business, \$45 goes back into the community and local tax base, and for every \$100 spent at a non-local chain store, only \$13 comes back to the local area.

With that understanding, it makes sense to shop locally. This week let’s take a look at downtown Sebring, where it all began, the “City on the Circle.”

Historic Downtown Sebring, one of three Florida cities built on a circle, is ideally suited for walking. The entire downtown is a designated 1920s Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. On The Circle you will discover a diverse collection of places to browse, eat and shop. You’ll also find a mix of boutiques, clothing stores, consignment stores, art galleries, gift shops, antiques and restaurants.

Now available is the ‘Buy Downtown Sebring’ discount card, offering discounts at 35 of the merchants on and surrounding The Circle. You simply present the card to the merchant when making your purchase to benefit from the offer. The card is free of charge, and can be picked up at the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce, 227 U.S. 27 North, participating merchants, or online at [www.BuyDowntownSebring.com](http://www.BuyDowntownSebring.com).

Each month, the downtown merchants stay open late on the second Friday with a special free event, “Destination Downtown Sebring,” featuring entertainment, light refreshments and store-wide specials for visitors enjoying Sebring’s Historic Downtown. This



### Centennial Notebook

coincides with Highlands Art League’s 2nd Friday Art Openings at the Yellow House Gallery at 1989 Lakeview Drive, just south of the Sebring Public Library.

From 5-8 p.m. May 12, you can enjoy Sebring Classic Car Show, with music, entertainment, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes, with food and drink vendors on-site and some fine looking cars. Sebring Gold’s Gym will host ‘Pilates in the Park’ on May 19 at 10 a.m.; it is open to the public and free of charge as well. Also on May 19, the Sebring Downtown Community Sidewalk-Garage sale takes place from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Remember, all of these events are free of charge and open to the public for all to enjoy. Stop on by, enjoy yourselves in beautiful Historic Downtown Sebring, and visit the merchants; they would appreciate your business.

Mayor George Hensley urges all citizens, groups, clubs, societies and businesses to join in the celebration. The Centennial Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 4 PM. The public is invited 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

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Greenhoe to appear at Scribes Night Out today

SEBRING – On hold for the past three weeks, Scribes Night Out (SNO) resumes its regular schedule at 6:30 p.m. today at Brewster’s Coffee House, with Verwayne Greenhoe serving as the “Featured Reader.”

Greenhoe describes most of his writing as “... fiction based on facts and experiences. I take what I know to be true, what I believe to be true, and what dark little twists my mind can make and run with it.”

Because he’s also a “caring individual,” he’s now writing a memoir called “Things My Father Taught Me – Lessons in Life.”

Attendees will also hear an update on the current “Flash Fiction Writing Contest,” conducted by the Heartland Cultural Alliance and SNO. And time will be devoted to an “Open Mike,” where other writers are allowed several minutes to share their writings.

SNO meets the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Brewster’s. The event is free and open to the public. For information about SNO, call 385-8618. For information about the writing contest, call 385-1554.

### Cruise benefits Henderson’s efforts

LAKE PLACID – Eddie Mae Henderson will once again be hosting her second annual fund raiser cruise aboard the MSC Poesia. Henderson has

served Christmas dinner to the hungry and homeless in Lake Placid for more than 30 years. Every booking on the cruise will help contribute to the funds needed to continue this tradition.

The cruise departs Fort Lauderdale on Jan. 26, 2013 for a fabulous seven-day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. Ports of call include St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Nassau Bahamas. The cruise will also feature some legendary baseball greats who will be on board to tell their baseball stories and sign autographs.

Call Sandy 243-3097 for additional information.

### Free health care screening

AVON PARK — The Oaks at Avon opens its doors to the community for a free health screening. Dr. Goddard will be consulting from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday.

### ‘What’s Up Downtown?’ meeting to be held

SEBRING —The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will host its next monthly “What’s Up Downtown?” meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Flower Box, 233 N. Ridgewood Ave. These monthly “What’s Up Downtown?” meetings are open to the public. Anyone who has an interest in Downtown Sebring is encouraged to attend.

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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](http://www.facebook.com/CelebrateSebringCentennial), Go to the website, [www.Sebring100.com](http://www.Sebring100.com), call 655-5554 or email [events@sebring100.com](mailto:events@sebring100.com) to get involved.

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

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

Jen Brown is a member of the Sebring Centennial Committee.

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	<b>April 11</b> 11 34 43 45 46 51 x:2	
	<b>April 20</b> 10 12 16 33 36	
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	<b>April 11</b> 16 23 42 44 47 <b>PB: 2</b>	

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## Coast Guard IDs pilot in Gulf crash

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Coast Guard suspended the search for a plane that flew around in circles for hours while authorities tried to contact the unresponsive pilot before it crashed into the Gulf of Mexico.

The Cessna, piloted by Dr. Peter Hertzak, 65, a physician from suburban New Orleans, went down Thursday as it was headed from Slidell, La., to Sarasota, authorities said Friday. Controllers lost contact with him and asked the military for help. Two F-15 fighter jets flew alongside and monitored the plane for about three hours, unable to contact Hertzak, before it crashed into the Gulf about 120 miles west of Tampa, Fla.

Eric Alleyne, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board, said the agency would investi-

gate the crash.

The Cessna 421C landed right-side up on the ocean surface and floated right after the crash, the Coast Guard said. However, it later sank in about 1,500 feet of water.

The Coast Guard dispatched two aircraft and a patrol boat to the area that searched for the plane and pilot for about six hours before stopping Thursday.

“This is one of those unfortunate cases where even though we stood ready to respond, we were unable to effect a rescue,” Lane Carter, command duty officer for the Coast Guard’s 8th District, said. Two New Orleans National Guard jets were already on a mission over the Gulf when Jacksonville air traffic controllers asked the military if it could check on the plane.

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Standardized testing a failure of system

When schools are in Fort Knox mode and students biting their nails it can mean only thing — it's standardized testing time.

The administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test began Monday and will continue through this coming week.

That challenge is followed by standardized end-of-course tests in American history, geometry, biology and algebra that are now mandated by the state. Students are taking biology and geometry exams for the first time this year.

All told this means students and staff endure weeks of stress and scheduling changes.

The stress, of course, is mostly the result of how much hangs on each individual test score.

Students' academic careers

are determined by them, as are teachers' — 50 percent of their make-or-break annual evaluation is the result of how well their students do on the FCAT.

Schools are affected, too — their grades also derive from student test scores. Over the next few years schools will have to meet tougher grading standards, with serious results for D and F schools, including closing.

With so much on the line, teachers, students and parents tend to focus on the test rather than on the subject matter. Time which should be used for practicing skills, experimenting with ideas and working to understand complicated con-

cepts is given over to test prep instead.

Because standardized tests are multiple choice, most of the learning that does happen is a matter of memorizing facts.

It is the result of turning students from people into numbers, and using the numbers in esoteric statistical formulas to determine which teachers and schools are not getting the job done. In the meantime, real people suffer through testing anxiety; worrying, obsessing. Some lose sleep, some can't eat, some can't stop eating.

Teachers become depressed and self-questioning, students become depressed and act out. It adds up to misery, with results whose usefulness is still being debated.

All of this has been said before by many. In fact, it will take an organized public outcry for anything to change at all, or

any time soon.

Yes, we live in a much more competitive world, and it would seem, if one relies only on numbers, that American students are slipping, while students in other countries are gaining.

But here's our question — does that really mean foreign students are better educated, or do those students just spend more time memorizing facts and learning how to take exams?

We have faith in American education, even though we know the system needs attention. America has always led the world in nurturing independent and creative thinking.

Well educated people can find answers for themselves, and think up new questions. And that doesn't happen by choosing a, b or c or all of the above.



## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Better uses for tax money than lights

Editor:

Two million dollars in state funds will make intersections safer. What a bunch of baloney.

Print my letter and ask readers for their opinion. A waste of tax payers money. We borrow millions of dollars from China, then pay interest on it. Ask people to go take a look at the two projects I'm talking about and tell me if I am wrong.

No. 1 - Highway 66 at County Road 635, 25 lights, overkill. I feel four lights would have been enough, eight at the most. Why no lights at Payne Road?

No. 2 - Fifty lights in the middle of nowhere on U.S. 27. Orange groves on one side and woods on the other, not even a major cross road in the area.

When I hear of children being homeless, going hungry, yet we have millions to waste like this.

Over 100 lights at \$180 each just to light the highway in the middle of nowhere. I was told if the county had not spent it we would have lost it. I'm not against lights. First, light up the poor areas where children have to walk to school in the dark.

There are so many better uses for tax money than this. Ask your readers what they think?

Joseph J. Oros  
Sebring

### What does our commission know?

Editor:

I, as a resident of Highlands County, am at a loss as to just what do our county commission know. It seems to me they have to have a committee of people for free to do their job, no matter how small the problem. Let me start with the Sebring Parkway. Who is the one lone commissioner that was there when it was approved? Who was there when the building that isn't a building was purchased? Who was there when another gentleman questioned the money and pay raises that went on, on it seems like a weekly or bi-weekly deal? And who was there that put monies that it seems no one wants to answer to "we" the tax payer?

It should be answered before she leaves the elected position of commissioner. The commission is at a stand-by or still on the Parkway, a stand-by or

still on the building that isn't.

Now they want "we" the people to do their job on Animal Control. They should get weekly or at the very least monthly reports as to how many animals were picked up, how many were adopted out, how many were given back to their owners, how many SPCA officers do we have, how many dogs are kept at one time, how long do they keep them, how much does the feed cost a month, how many does it take to clean the pound, how many have gone the way of "euthanasia" and by who? Are one or more of our SPCA officers qualified to do it? Or how much do "we" spend having it done?

It is mind boggling to to figure out just what does our commission know. In my opinion we have no commission that has any answers about anything except to give away money, our tax money. We have to change that in the next election.

Are you willing?

Clarence Neeley  
Lake Placid

### Bouquet

#### Thank you Take Stock in Children

Editor:

I would like to thank Take Stock in Children for giving my daughter, Jessica Terry, the opportunity to attend college. Also Mary Focht, Jessica's mentor, a very caring and understanding woman. Mrs. Focht followed Jessica's progress from March 9, 2000 to the present. Thank you, Mary Focht.

Take Stock in Children made it possible for Jessica to accomplish her dreams. Jessica was accepted into Take Stock in Children in March of 2000. She graduated from Sebring High School in May of 2006.

Jessica then attended South Florida Community College, where she earned her Associate in Arts degree and belonged to the Phi Theta Kappa Society. Jessica graduated from SFCC in December 2008.

Jessica then transferred to the Florida Gulf Coast University, where she earned her Baccalaureate degree of Science in Forensic Studies, with a Major in Criminal Forensic Studies with a specialization in Criminal



Jessica  
Terry

Forensic Studies.

Jessica graduated Dec. 17, 2011, Magna Cum Laude, a Dean's Scholar and belonged to the Golden Key Honor Society.

Again, thank you Take Stock in Children and Mary Focht.

John and Tina Terry  
Sebring

### So many help with Flashlight Egg Hunt's success

Editor:

We would like to thank everyone that helped make the Humane Society's Flashlight Egg Hunt a wonderful success story. We would like to list all the sponsors, but the list would be very long. So many people put a great deal of time, donations and effort to see that this event went flawlessly.

From the time the 1,200 people got off the bus to the time they got back on, everyone was a joy to have. Two people went home \$1,000 richer and everyone went home having a good time. The contests were filled with laughs and fun.

See the Humane Society's Facebook page for a list of sponsors and great pictures.

We are looking forward to the Flashlight Egg Hunt 2013. If you would like to be part of next year's event, call us and we will contact you. Best of all, all the proceeds from this event will go directly to the Humane Society of Highlands County, a no-kill for space shelter that operates 100 percent on your donations.

Judy Spiegel  
Sebring

### 'Rally for Cure' helps Cancer Foundation

Editor:

The members of the Placid Lakes Country Club Women's Golf Association wish to thank all the members and guests that participated in our first "Rally for the Cure" Scramble that was held on March 13, 2012 at the Placid Lakes Country Club. As a result of entrance fees and thoughtful donations, we are able to raise in excess of \$1,100 that was donated to the Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation to fight breast cancer.

Carol Olsen  
Lake Placid

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# The Good Book

My friend Tina directed me to an article on foxnews.com concerning the Bible. According to the article, the Bible is still a best seller, with 6 billion copies sold.

The article quotes a lot from the American Bible Society (ABS), which released a report titled "The State of the Bible 2012." It lists several findings, including:

- 82 percent of people surveyed revere the Bible as sacred literature, down slightly from 86 percent last year.

- 69 percent of those surveyed agreed strongly or somewhat with the following statement: "The Bible contains 'everything a person needs to know to live a meaningful life.'" This percentage was also lower than last year's, when the percentage was 75 percent.

Those are pretty decent numbers, even if they are heading in the wrong direction. But there was a statistic that alarmed me to a certain extent. According to the ABS, 46 percent of Americans surveyed couldn't differentiate between the teachings from the Bible, the Koran, and the book of Mormon.

According to Lamar Vest, president and CEO of ABS, "There are probably five Bibles on every shelf in American homes. Americans buy the Bibles, they debate the Bible, they love the Bible ... they just don't read the Bible."

My friend Tina also found this statistic a little scary. She posted her concerns to a group she frequents online. One person had the following to say about it:

"Why is that scary? The foundations of all three are the same — the Old Testament. Additionally, we've seen it demonstrated here again and again that a lot of Christians haven't even read the Bible in its entirety. Mix in all the non-Christians who live here, why should anyone be expected to know the difference?"

Well, I'm going to take the rest of this column to answer this post.

The thing that concerns me here is an unfortunate truth — many Christians simply aren't reading the

## Laura's Look

Laura Ware

book they claim to be basing their life on. They know some verses, perhaps, and some Bible stories, but they are clueless to the book as a whole.

I'm not saying it's easy to know the Bible. I can say honestly that I have read the whole thing, and some books of the Bible simply aren't that easy to get through. Especially some of the Old Testament books, where your eyes can glaze over as you read long lineage lines.

I use a Bible that lets me read the whole thing in a year. I keep it on my nightstand and make an effort to read every night before going to sleep.

But even that isn't enough. If a majority of people in this country believe that the Bible is a sacred book and that it teaches truth, doesn't it behoove them to know what that truth is? And if they believe the Bible is hogwash, shouldn't they have a clue about what it says before criticizing it?

That's why that statistic is scary. People are claiming to be Christians but maybe not understanding what that truly means. They are clinging to what they think it says when a study of the scriptures might lead them to a different view.

If you claim to be a Christian, I would urge you to start really reading your Bible. Not just your favorite passages, either. Really study it. Like there would be a test in the end.

And if you don't believe in the Bible, at least take a look at it before you decide you know what it says. Context counts in this so don't just pull out random statements. Really study it. Who knows? Maybe if we all did that the numbers the ABS comes up with next year will be very different.

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# Gov. Scott signs off on new state university

By GARY FINEOUT

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott, ignoring calls for a veto from influential business leaders, signed a measure into law on Friday that will create the state's 12th public university.

Scott also signed nearly 30 other bills, many of them carrying out provisions in the nearly \$70 billion budget that he approved earlier this week. He also vetoed four others dealing with early learning, technology purchases, insurance and the state employee health insurance program.

Scott's decision will allow a branch campus of the University of South Florida in Lakeland to become a stand-alone university. It follows months of wrangling over the future of the school that will now be called Florida Polytechnic University.

Last year, backers of the school called for independence, but instead the state board that oversees universities insisted that the school meet accreditation and other requirements over the next several years before being allowed to part from USF.

State Sen. J.D. Alexander, however, used his clout in the GOP-controlled Legislature to pass a bill (SB 1994) that called for a "divorce" from USF as soon as possible.

The Lake Wales Republican and powerful Senate budget chairman called it a "great day for Florida." He said it will help the state since the

school's focus will be on producing graduates in fields such as science, technology, engineering and math.

"I'm confident that the governor's decisions will help us put Florida to work in a way that improves our economy," Alexander said.

Critics questioned the idea of establishing a start-up university during a year when the overall state university system had its state funding cut by \$300 million. The school also will not initially have any students since current USF students will be allowed to remain enrolled at the branch campus.

"This move is nothing more than an appalling and wasteful power play by the Republicans in Tallahassee," said Florida Democratic Party spokeswoman Brannon Jordan. "The people of Florida didn't ask for this university, they don't need it and can't afford it."

The Florida Council of 100 — a group of business leaders that includes officials from such companies as Publix Super Markets and AT&T — wrote to Scott and urged a veto, pointing out it could be years before the school could even gain accreditation, which is needed so students can obtain federal aid or researchers can apply for federal grants.

Scott, however, defended his decision to create the new school. To remake the state's economy, he said in a bill signing letter, it's crucial to create more jobs in fields that will allow

Florida to compete with states such as California and Texas. Both of those states have outpaced Florida in the number of jobs grown in the last year.

"The establishment of Florida Polytechnic University will help us move the needle in the right direction," Scott said. "It is vital for the future of Florida's economy."

Dean Colson, the current chairman of the panel that oversees all state universities, said that the Board of Governors would respect the "alternative path" chosen by elected leaders for Florida Polytechnic.

"The board takes its constitutional duties for oversight seriously and will work hard to ensure that the Polytech is a success," Colson said.

The bills that Scott vetoed on Friday included a bill (HB 5103) dealing with early learning and school readiness programs.

Lawmakers had pushed the changes in the wake of scathing state audit that found widespread problems with the more than \$1 billion program responsible for helping the state's preschool children.

The governor, however, said he was concerned some of the restrictions mandated by lawmakers would put federal funding for the program in jeopardy.

Scott in his veto letter said he was pushing ahead with some of the requirements in the legislation, including assessments to measure how well preschoolers learn in the state-subsidized programs.

## Crossroads Community Church hosts B.L.O.C.K. Party

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS  
Youngsters play basketball Saturday morning, while Jude Dumas, 4, and Olivia Vega, 1, dance together during the Crossroads Community Church B.L.O.C.K. (Boldly Loving Our City's Kids) party in Avon Park. The free event was a group project hosted by the church's ministry team and featured food, games, bounce houses and family activities.



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## Aktion Club helps clean up College Drive



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Aktion Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring, consists of individuals with disabilities who volunteer in their community to do civic projects. Aktion Club cleans roadway as part of the 2012 Great American Cleanup (GAC). Volunteers from the Aktion Club picked up litter on College Drive, their adopted road. But this time it is part of the many cleanup and beautification projects during the 2012 GAC sponsored by Keep Highlands County Beautiful, Inc., and Choice Environmental and national Keep America Beautiful sponsor, Nestle Pure Life. The annual Great American Cleanup focuses on special projects from March 1 through May 31.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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### Lake and canal resident educational program offered

SEBRING — Highlands County Extension and the University of Florida Lakewatch Program will be sponsoring a special workshop for Highlands County residents who live on lakes and canals. The program will provide information on the University of Florida Lakewatch Volunteer Program, lake and water quality issues, help to learn how to identify common aquatic weeds and look at issues specific to residents living on canals.

It will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at Bert Harris Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd. (in the auditorium). This event is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Dr. Mark Hoyer, assistant director of the UF Lakewatch program, will be the featured speaker. Other speakers include Dan Willis, UF Lakewatch and Mike Jensen, Highlands County Extension director, along with Kyle Green, Highlands County Road and Bridge superintendent, who will discuss local canals.

The Florida Lakewatch program is a volunteer citizen lake monitoring program that facilitates hands-on citizen participation in the management of Florida Lakes through monthly monitoring activities. Attend this meeting and learn how you can be part of this exciting program. Highlands County Extension is looking at ways that we can extend the reach of the Lakewatch volunteer program to encompass some of our major

canals in the County.

For more information, contact Mike Jensen, UF IFAS Extension director, Highlands County, at 402-6540.

### Shrine Ladies play Bunco

AVON PARK — The public is invited (men, too) to play Bunco at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. The event is open to new or experienced players; cost is \$3 per person. Call 471-2425 for information.

### Memory Mobile brings free services to county

SEBRING — The Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter is bringing its fully equipped mobile office, the "Memory Mobile," to Highlands County to provide free memory screenings at three locations to local residents: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday - The Oaks of Avon, 1010 U.S. 27 North, Avon Park; 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday - Palms of Sebring, 725 S. Pine St., Sebring; and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday - Balmoral Assisted Living, 93 Balmoral Drive, Lake Placid.

Visitors can obtain a free memory screening; Register for Safe Return Medic Alert bracelet; literature related to Alzheimer's disease and caregiver concerns; or talk with an Alzheimer's Association Program Specialist about their families' specific needs.

The Alzheimer's Association - Florida Gulf Coast Chapter provides a support system for those affected by Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder and their caregivers through patient and family services, education advocacy and research. For more information about the Alzheimer's Association, contact the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter at (727) 578-2558, or go online at [www.alz.org/FlGulfCoast](http://www.alz.org/FlGulfCoast). The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter serves 17 Florida counties (from Hernando County down to Collier) where there are an estimated 189,000 persons living with Alzheimer's. There are only eight states in the U.S. with more cases of Alzheimer's disease than are in the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's service region.

The Memory Mobile is

partially funded by the Florida Legislature and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK  
Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 12:30 p.m. today; music by Big Freddie from 5-8 p.m. Friday; and karaoke from 5-8 p.m. Saturday and NASCAR on the screen at 7 p.m. For details, call 385-8902.

LAKE PLACID  
The Lake Placid Moose Lodge 2374 will host karaoke with Fireman today. Call for time. Karaoke with Pete Ruano from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday; by Franke from 6-10 p.m. Thursday; and with Larry Musgrave from 6-10 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, the Moose Riders will be in the pavilion and have music with Fireman from 2-6 p.m. and with Ransom from 6-10 p.m. For details, call the lodge at 465-0131.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 BPOE Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The BPOE Initiation meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. There will also be a blood drive with the Big Red Bus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the parking lot. If you would like to donate at that time, call 465-5707 or 699-0774 and an appointment will be scheduled. Previous donors will be contacted. A movie voucher and a t-shirt will be given for this donation. Later, hear music by Don and Allen; call for time. For more information, call the lodge at 465-2661.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host music with Tom on Friday; call for time.

For details, call the lodge at 699-5444.

SEBRING  
The VFW Post 4300 will host BiDi today. Call for time. Music with Frank "E" from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, with Mike King from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, and with Lee James on Friday and Big Freddie on Saturday, both from 6-9 p.m. For details, call 385-8902.

The Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 will have music by Frank E. from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Dance to Buddy Canova from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Cost is \$5 for dances only.

For more information, call 471-3557.

## OBITUARIES

### ROBERT KNAPP

Robert E. Knapp, 76, of Avon Park, died Sunday evening, April 15, 2012 at his home under the care of Cornerstone Hospice. A native of Gary, Ind., he had lived in this area since 1985 coming from Kouts, Ind. He was a retired police officer having served in departments in Gary, Ind. and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and had worked part time for the Avon Park Police Department in dispatch. He was president of his senior class at Wirt High School in Indiana having been one of the "star football and basketball" players. He served on the Avon Park City Council, 1987-1989.

He volunteered for LifePath Hospice, with patients and in office and in the parish nurse program Florida Hospital Heartland.

He is survived by his wife, Carol L. Knapp, Avon Park; son, Donald (Kim) Knapp, Florida; three daughters, Teri Thomton, Florida, Lynn (Ed) Wellsand, Indiana, and Susan Knapp, Florida; sister, Blanche Boyce, Indiana; nephew, James Boyce Jr., Indiana; niece, Renee Boyce, Indiana; and grandchildren, Matt and Jennie Wellsand and Jason Thomton.

A memorial service will be held on May 5, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Avon Park Lake Baptist Church with Rev. George Hall, Rev. Robert Thorn, Chaplain Ken Geren, and Chaplain Michael McCurdy officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2590 Havendale Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33881.

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### DAVID McGOVERN

David Hugh McGovern, 46, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. He was an avid sportsman, but most importantly he was a proud man. Proud of his sons, Mark and Matthew, and the men they are. David's word was stone. If he gave you his word, you could always depend on him. He was a friend to many and had an extremely generous spirit. He always gave to others while withholding from himself.

David was preceded in death by his dear sister Patty McGovern, his father Hugh McGovern, and uncle Douglas Stephenson.

David was born to Patricia and Hugh McGovern on Sept. 30, 1965 in Flint, Mich. He moved to Sebring with his family in 1993 and fulfilled a dream of owning his own business.

He is survived by his loving family: his wife, Cheryl McGovern; his sons, Senior Airman Mark McGovern and wife Kristina and son Giovanni Rae, and Specialist Matthew McGovern; his mother and stepfather, Patricia and David MacLean of Mesa, Ariz.; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Vicki and Stan Hornacek of Cedar, Mich., Janis and Ed Wright of Manistique, Mich., and Susan and Brad Geiger of Concord, N.H.; his aunt and uncle, Roger and Linda Morgan of West Branch, Mich.; aunt, Pat Stephenson of Torch River, Mich.; his mother-in-law, Patricia Villere of Sebring; father-in-law, John (Jan) Malinowski of Sebring; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He will be missed continually and loved forever. God speed. Rest in Peace.

A memorial service will be held at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, Avon Park, on Monday, April 30 at 4:30

p.m. Arrangements made by Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

### LARRY ROBERTS

Larry Roberts, age 77, of Sebring, died on Friday, April 20, 2012 in Sebring. He was born on Nov. 5, 1934 in San Angelo, Texas, to Clyde M. and Edythe C. (Robbins) Roberts. Larry was a minister for the Avon Park Church of Christ, had been the Vice President of the Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, Texas, the President of North Eastern Christian College in Villanova, Penn., the President of York College in York, Neb., received his Doctorate from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., and has been a resident here since 2003, formerly of Norfolk, Va.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Lee Roberts of Sebring; daughter, Julie (Clay) Ferguson of Cape Coral; sons Rob (Melinda) Roberts of Atlanta, Ga., and Brian Roberts of Macon, Ga.; grandchildren Austin Roberts, Ethan Roberts, and Adrienne Ferguson; sisters Edy Bavousett of Amarillo, Texas, and Betty Gwen Mayard of Orange, Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at the Avon Park Church of Christ with interment in the Bougainvillea Cemetery in Avon Park.

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### Death Notice

**Patricia King**, 70, of Sebring, died Wednesday morning. Arrangements are being handled by Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

## Justices cool to redistricting challengers

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court threw cold water Friday on opponents' argument that the entire revised state Senate redistricting map should be open to challenge instead of just those elements the justices singled out when they kicked the original version back to the Republican-led Legislature.

Oral argument on the new map opened with Justice Barbara Pariente rejecting the challengers' contention that the justices meant for lawmakers to redo the complete map.

"Reading the entire opinion, it would seem that, speaking for the person who wrote it, that it was pretty clear that there were certain districts that were specifically invalidated," Pariente said. She added that the high court also specifically upheld other districts.

Pariente wrote the opinion. It unanimously affirmed the House's redistricting map but rejected the Senate plan by a 5-2 vote because it violated new anti-gerrymandering standards in part by intentionally favoring incumbents and the GOP. Republicans currently have a

28-12 Senate majority although Democrats have a slight edge in statewide voter registration.

The Senate map also failed to fully comply with requirements for districts to be compact and follow geographic and political boundaries whenever feasible.

The opinion cited eight of the 40 Senate districts that needed to be fixed and invalidated the map's district numbering scheme. It also directed lawmakers to do functional analyses to ensure the map complied with another requirement to protect minority voting rights and asked them to take another

look at whether the map could be drawn without splitting Lakeland. The new map keeps the city intact.

Democrats and a coalition that backed the Fair Districts standards approved by voters in 2010 say the do-over also is in violation. If the justices agree, they can redraw the map themselves. They have until early May to make a ruling.

Former Justice Raoul Cantero argued for the Legislature. He said lawmakers fixed all flaws cited in Pariente's opinion during a special redistricting session last month and that's all the justices should consider.

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# Experts: Zimmerman attorney made smart move

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

SANFORD — By questioning a state investigator on the witness stand during a routine bail hearing, George Zimmerman's defense attorney showed some of the weaknesses in prosecutors' claims that the neighborhood watch volunteer committed second-degree murder, legal experts say.

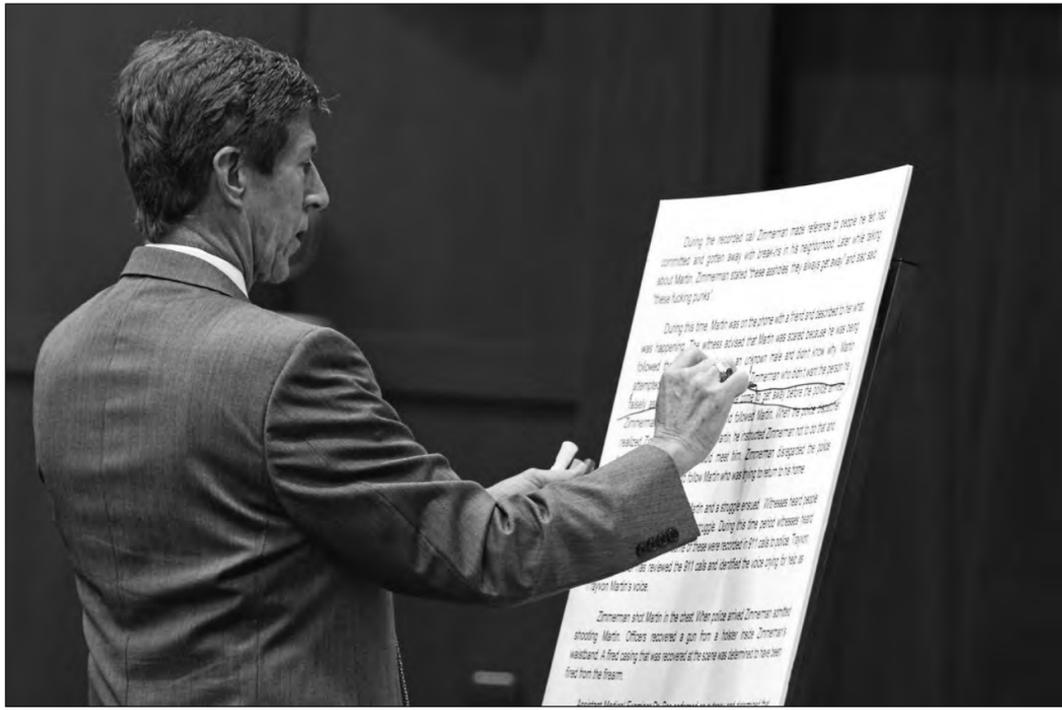
A judge ruled Friday that Zimmerman can be released on \$150,000 bail while he awaits trial on murdering 17-year-old Trayvon Martin during a Feb. 26 confrontation in a Sanford, Fla. gated community. Zimmerman apologized to Martin's parents, who were in the courtroom for the bail hearing, in a surprise appearance on the witness stand. Zimmerman is pleading not guilty and claims self-defense.

"I am sorry for the loss of your son," said Zimmerman, 28, marking the first time he has spoken in public about the confrontation with the unarmed black teen. "I did not know how old he was. I thought he was a little bit younger than I am. I did not know if he was armed or not."

The apology came after Zimmerman's defense attorney, Mark O'Mara, questioned an investigator for the special prosecutor, sentence by sentence, about a probable cause affidavit the investigator signed outlining certain facts in the case.

Investigator Dale Gilbreath testified that he does not know whether Martin or Zimmerman threw the first punch and that there is no evidence to disprove Zimmerman's contention he was walking back to his vehicle when confronted by Martin. The affidavit says "Zimmerman confronted Martin and a struggle ensued."

Gilbreath also said Zimmerman's claim that Martin was slamming his head against the sidewalk just



Defense attorney Mark O'Mara highlights a portion of an affidavit during George Zimmerman's bond hearing for the shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Circuit Judge Kenneth Lester's courtroom in Sanford on Friday. Lester ruled that Zimmerman can be released on \$150,000 bail as he awaits trial.

before he shot the teenager was "not consistent with the evidence we found." He gave no details.

Legal observers said the questioning of Gilbreath was strategically smart for O'Mara since the investigator's statements can be used at a later date to either contradict other testimony or be used to decide how to question other witnesses.

"I thought it was a really great thing to do," said Tom Mesereau, a Los Angeles attorney whose clients have included singer Michael Jackson and actor Robert Blake. "He used the hearing to get information that can only help his defense. What was supposed to be strictly a hearing for bail, he used it as a discovery device, and was

able to nail the investigator into making very, very pointed statements about the investigation and about what evidence they have."

The questioning exposed some of the weaknesses in the state's case, said Kendall Coffey, a former U.S. Attorney in Miami who is now in private practice.

"There are many miles left in this case but I think O'Mara helped the defense by eliciting those responses," Coffey said. "He is going to look for the chance to cross-examine that same investigator and ask him the same questions. If the investigator changes his story, he is going to lose credibility with the jury."

Prosecutor Bernie de la Rionda dismissed any notion that the

investigator's testimony chipped away at their case.

"You have not heard all of the evidence," de la Rionda said after the hearing. "Please be patient and wait for the trial."

Bail is not unheard of in second-degree murder cases, and legal experts had predicted it would be granted for Zimmerman because of his ties to the community, because he turned himself in after he was charged last week, and because he has never been convicted of a serious crime.

Prosecutors had asked for \$1 million bail, citing two previous scrapes Zimmerman had with the law, neither of which resulted in charges. In 2005, he had to take anger management courses after he

was accused of attacking an undercover officer who was trying to arrest Zimmerman's friend. In another incident, a girlfriend accused him of attacking her.

In taking the stand, Zimmerman opened himself up to questions from de la Rionda, who grilled him on whether he made an apology to police on the night of the shooting, and why he waited so long to express remorse to Martin's parents.

Zimmerman said he told police he felt sorry for the parents. He also said he didn't say anything to them sooner because his former attorneys told him not to.

The parents, Tracy Martin and Sybrina Fulton, had no comment as they left the courtroom. Their attorneys spurned the apology.

"This was the most disingenuous and unfair thing I've seen," said attorney Natalie Jackson. "This was the most unmeaningful apology."

As part of the bail hearing, Zimmerman's family testified that he wouldn't flee if released and would be no threat to the community.

"He is absolutely not a violent person," said his wife, Shellie Zimmerman.

Zimmerman's father, Robert Zimmerman, said that even when confronted, his son was likely to "turn the other cheek." The father also described his son's injuries the morning after Martin was shot, saying he had a cut and swollen lip, a protective cover over his nose and gashes on the back of his head.

Zimmerman's mother, Gladys, said her son worked with two black children as part of a mentoring program that required him to venture into a dangerous neighborhood. "He said, 'Mom, if I don't go, they don't have nobody,'" she recalled.

## FCAT continues this week

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tration rules are very strict. FCAT sub-tests and end-of-course exams have to be given in a specific order and within a specific time frame, which electrical glitch did not affect.

FCAT testing is completed at the elementary school level, but continues this week at middle and high schools.

The next round of academic testing begins as the FCAT ends.

Those students, including students in middle school,

who are taking geometry, biology 1, algebra 1 and American history have to pass standardized end-of-course tests.

All testing in one subject must be completed in a district before testing for the next subject may begin, Fleck said. A school cannot take more than two weeks to administer all the end-of-course exams.

When middle school students do not pass an end-of-course test, they still get credit for taking the course,

but their work does not count toward high school requirements until the test is passed.

Fleck emphasized that students have multiple opportunities to retake tests every year, including during the summer after a three-week camp provides remedial instruction.

"We usually capture the majority of kids that way," Fleck said.

Children will do better if they get to bed early, have a nutritious breakfast, and arrive at school on time.

## Teen accused of burning home

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followed scent from the scene of the crime to 2160 Longbottom Road, which sits about 400 feet directly east of the crime scene, according to the report.

Detectives noticed shoe imprints in the

front yard that matched those found at the crime scene.

McHargue, who goes by Kevin Cook, was arrested and transported to the Bartow Juvenile Assessment Center charged with first degree arson, burglary of a dwelling and tampering with evidence.

## Fire displaces family of eight

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a.m. The APPD was the first to arrive on the scene. Officer Justin Norris and David Pearlman stated they were called out at 9:44 a.m.

The family of eight all escaped from the home without harm. Homeowner and father Walner Josue lived in the home along with his wife, their five children and grandfather.

"It started in the laundry room," said an obviously distraught Walner Josue. "I was sleeping and they came in and woke me up."

James Josue, a student at South Florida Community College, was equally distraught at the sight of the fire departments working to extinguish the burning home.

"I think it was my sister who saw it first. Everybody got out," James Josue said.

James's 13-year-old sister saw the flames emerging from the laundry room and

managed to warn her family members in time, according to James.

The youngest of the Josue children is 7 years old.

Rose Josue, also a student at SFCC, could hardly believe the scene.

"This was my home," Rose Josue said somberly.

"I've lived here up until today. I'm so glad everybody got out but we have lost everything. Clothes, pictures, his (James') laptop..."

The family members were unable to retrieve any items from the home as they exited

the burning structure.

Both Rose and James stated that the family did not own a dryer, so they were not sure what could have started the fire.

The fire departments were able to extinguish the fire in a little more than 30 minutes.

The Josue family members stated that they were not sure where they would go or what they would do to pick up the pieces after the tragic morning.

The Red Cross was notified to provide assistance to the family.

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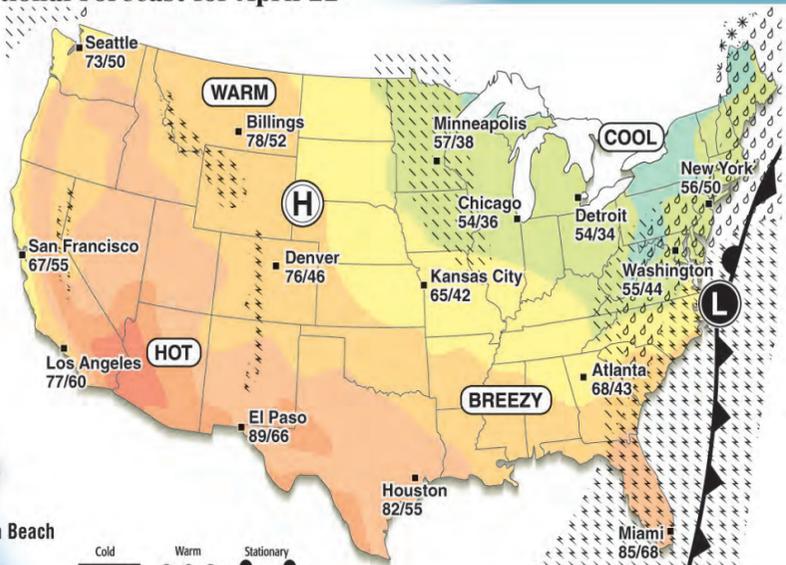
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Thundershower	Mostly sunny and breezy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny, pleasant and warmer	Sunny to partly cloudy and nice
79° / 60°	79° / 52°	73° / 50°	82° / 58°	83° / 61°
Winds: W at 10-20 mph	Winds: NW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NNW at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 3-6 mph	Winds: SE at 3-6 mph

National Forecast for April 22



Almanac

**Temperature**  
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	89°
Low Tuesday	51°
High Wednesday	91°
Low Wednesday	62°
High Thursday	89°
Low Thursday	62°

**Heat Index**  
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	54%
Expected air temperature	77°
Makes it feel like	78°

**Barometer**

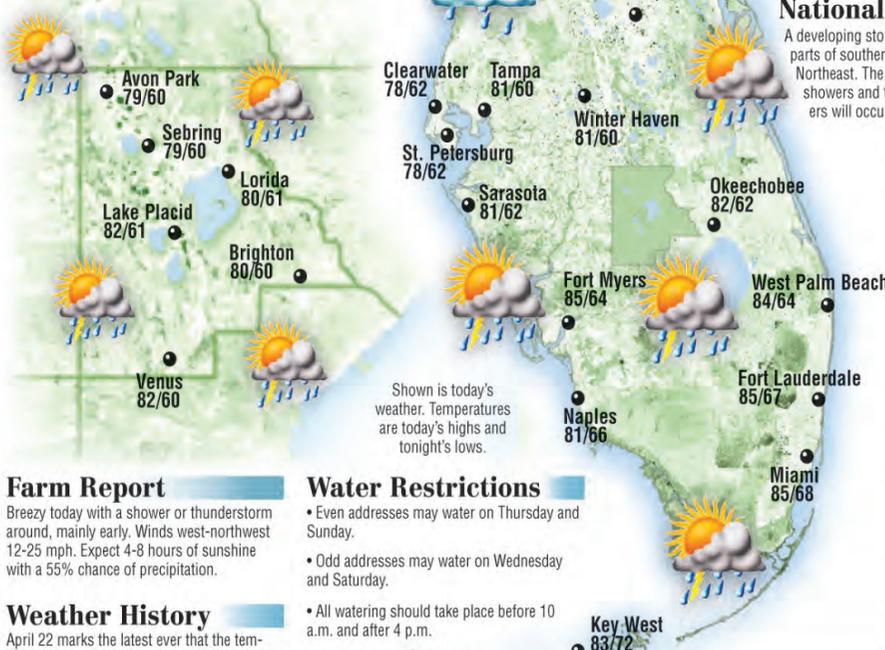
Tuesday	30.19
Wednesday	29.95
Thursday	29.91

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.11"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.14"
Year to date	3.15"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny and breezy today with a shower or thunderstorm in the area, mainly early in the day. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Tuesday: mostly sunny. Wednesday: mostly sunny and warmer. Thursday: sunny to partly cloudy.



Tides

**Readings at St. Petersburg**

High	4:13 a.m.
Low	8:26 a.m.
High	2:32 p.m.
Low	10:09 p.m.

**Readings at Palm Beach**

High	10:01 a.m.
Low	3:47 a.m.
High	10:32 p.m.
Low	3:58 p.m.

Lake Levels

**Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday**

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	11.67'
Normal	14.51'

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Farm Report

Breezy today with a shower or thunderstorm around, mainly early. Winds west-northwest 12-25 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 55% chance of precipitation.

Weather History

April 22 marks the latest ever that the temperature dropped to freezing in Baltimore, Md. Freezing temperatures have been noted in the outlying suburbs well into May.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:56 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
Sunset	7:53 p.m.	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise	7:36 a.m.	8:18 a.m.
Moonset	9:18 p.m.	10:09 p.m.



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	84/65/t	80/55/s	75/50/s	Miami	85/68/t	81/57/pc	77/60/s
Clearwater	78/62/pc	77/57/s	71/56/s	Okeechobee	82/62/t	79/52/s	71/52/s
Coral Springs	85/66/t	81/57/pc	76/58/s	Orlando	83/60/t	77/51/s	76/50/s
Daytona Beach	82/56/pc	75/48/s	70/48/s	Pembroke Pines	85/66/t	81/56/pc	77/58/s
Ft. Laud. Bch	85/67/t	81/58/pc	75/63/s	St. Augustine	79/55/pc	73/47/s	65/50/s
Fort Myers	85/64/t	80/56/s	76/51/s	St. Petersburg	78/62/t	77/59/s	71/56/s
Gainesville	79/52/pc	73/41/s	71/44/s	Tallahassee	81/62/t	76/55/s	70/50/s
Hollywood	85/66/t	81/56/pc	77/58/s	Tampa	81/60/t	77/56/s	72/54/s
Homestead AFB	84/67/t	80/55/pc	75/60/s	W. Palm Bch	84/64/t	81/57/pc	73/57/s
Jacksonville	81/52/sh	73/42/s	71/45/s	Winter Haven	81/60/t	76/52/s	72/51/s
Key West	83/72/t	80/68/pc	74/65/s				

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

National Summary

A developing storm system will ride up the mid-Atlantic coast today, spreading a soaking rain from North Carolina to parts of southern New England. Some of the rain will be heavy at times, especially near and along the coast in the Northeast. The rain will be very beneficial as most places across the East have been abnormally dry. Farther south, showers and thunderstorms will rumble across the Southeast coast and most of the state of Florida. Spotty showers will occur in the northern Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	82/58/s	85/60/s	86/58/s	Los Angeles	77/60/pc	70/57/pc	68/57/pc
Atlanta	68/43/pc	60/40/s	70/50/s	Louisville	61/38/pc	60/43/pc	75/56/pc
Baltimore	54/43/r	51/38/c	59/43/c	Memphis	69/45/s	65/48/s	75/59/s
Birmingham	70/44/pc	64/41/s	73/51/s	Milwaukee	53/36/pc	56/42/c	63/44/c
Boston	54/46/r	60/45/r	53/43/c	Minneapolis	57/38/c	66/48/c	71/49/sh
Charlotte	65/42/sh	59/33/pc	68/43/pc	Nashville	62/39/pc	60/40/s	72/55/pc
Cheyenne	68/43/s	79/49/s	88/46/s	New Orleans	78/58/pc	72/52/s	73/58/s
Chicago	54/36/pc	57/40/pc	64/50/c	New York City	56/50/r	59/43/sh	58/44/c
Cleveland	50/35/c	49/35/sh	57/44/c	Norfolk	61/48/r	56/43/c	63/48/pc
Columbus	56/35/pc	54/36/pc	62/50/c	Oklahoma City	75/46/s	74/53/s	85/62/s
Dallas	81/52/s	76/56/s	83/63/s	Philadelphia	57/46/r	53/40/sh	57/42/c
Denver	76/46/s	83/51/s	88/50/s	Phoenix	100/77/s	100/76/s	93/68/s
Detroit	54/34/pc	54/38/pc	59/42/c	Pittsburgh	54/36/r	40/33/r	53/39/c
Harrisburg	50/42/r	47/37/sh	57/41/c	Portland, ME	52/40/r	58/43/c	52/39/c
Honolulu	84/70/pc	84/71/s	84/70/pc	Portland, OR	82/56/pc	82/55/c	72/52/pc
Houston	82/55/s	79/54/s	83/62/s	Raleigh	59/45/t	59/35/pc	68/46/pc
Indianapolis	57/33/s	59/41/pc	67/53/pc	Rochester	49/36/c	37/35/r	48/36/c
Jackson, MS	74/44/pc	66/41/s	75/52/s	St. Louis	61/38/pc	63/46/s	74/59/pc
Kansas City	65/42/pc	67/50/s	80/60/s	San Francisco	67/55/s	60/52/c	62/53/pc
Lexington	57/34/pc	56/36/pc	66/51/pc	Seattle	73/50/c	75/51/c	67/50/pc
Little Rock	74/45/s	71/47/s	76/58/s	Wash., DC	55/44/r	54/41/c	59/49/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	88/71/s	89/72/s	88/72/s	London	55/43/sh	52/41/r	54/43/sh
Athens	73/55/s	75/57/pc	78/60/pc	Montreal	48/36/c	50/37/r	45/37/sh
Beirut	72/55/s	70/57/pc	73/61/s	Moscow	65/49/sh	64/48/r	67/47/sh
Berlin	59/41/pc	59/45/sh	61/45/r	Nice	68/51/pc	66/52/pc	67/52/pc
Bermuda	72/66/pc	73/69/r	74/63/s	Ottawa	49/35/c	40/30/r	43/37/c
Calgary	70/42/pc	72/35/c	54/33/c	Quebec	48/36/c	55/39/r	45/36/pc
Dublin	54/41/sh	51/39/sh	53/39/pc	Rio de Janeiro	77/69/r	78/68/r	79/69/sh
Edmonton	63/39/pc	54/28/c	56/32/s	Seoul	54/46/r	70/50/pc	79/54/s
Freeport	79/69/t	78/60/pc	74/58/pc	Singapore	88/79/t	88/79/t	88/77/t
Geneva	51/40/sh	56/45/sh	52/39/r	Sydney	81/64/pc	79/63/c	72/54/sh
Havana	84/64/sh	79/61/pc	81/60/pc	Toronto	51/39/c	45/37/sh	54/35/c
Hong Kong	82/75/s	81/77/r	83/77/r	Vancouver	58/50/c	60/42/c	60/44/pc
Jerusalem	72/51/s	66/50/s	70/53/s	Vienna	57/43/sh	61/45/pc	69/48/r
Johannesburg	66/50/t	68/51/t	66/50/t	Warsaw	64/48/pc	56/41/c	64/48/pc
Kiev	66/48/sh	69/51/pc	64/48/c	Winnipeg	60/42/sh	58/44/c	63/41/sh

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# Raising Money Savvy Kids

FAMILY FEATURES

**D**o your kids keep asking what they can do to earn more allowance? Do they know how to save up for something they want? You might have a budding entrepreneur on your hands.

From setting up a lemonade stand on the corner to creating smartphone apps, kids are learning the ropes of running a business early.

- The 2011 Free Enterprise National Survey found that 64 percent of high school juniors were interested in starting or owning their own businesses. And, in fact, 15 percent of respondents had already started their own business.
- The 2010 Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation's Youth Entrepreneurship Survey found that 40 percent of students between the ages of 8 and 24 would like to start a business in the future, or already have done so.

Yet with all this interest in entrepreneurship, few students are getting this information from school. According to the Council for Economic Education, only 15 states require public high schools to offer a personal finance course, and there are no national standards for an entrepreneurial education.

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## What Can You Do?

If you have a budding entrepreneur in the family, what can you do to encourage and equip them to take on the challenges of starting and running a business?

Kim Danger, personal finance expert and founder of MommySavers.com, says that even if you're not a business-minded person, you can help your child or teen grow in this area.

"It's never too early to start learning about financial matters, whether it's managing their allowances or starting their own dog-sitting service," Danger says. "In addition to talking with them about money matters and being a good role model when it comes to finances, there are some things you can do to help them get some real-world business experiences."

- Take them seriously. If they have an idea for a product improvement or a service they can provide to neighbors, don't dismiss it. Listen to the idea and ask them questions to help them figure out how to make that idea a reality. Even if they don't make a dime, they'll get a boost in confidence and some lessons in planning and critical thinking that will pay off later.
- Don't do too much. It can be very tempting for adults to take over a project and "do it right," but kids need to learn from mistakes, and to take responsibility for decisions and their consequences. Entrepreneurship means facing a lot of challenges that require persistence, patience, determination and creative problem solving. They'll miss out on all those lessons if you do the legwork for them.
- Make sure it's a labor of love. It's one thing to come up with an idea to make some short-term pocket money. But starting a business takes a lot of time and effort, so it needs to be something that they can be passionate about. Starting a pet-care business when they don't really love dogs will not end well.

## Resources for Developing Money Savvy Kids

Danger says that you can also connect your kids with tools and resources that let them play, learn and experiment, all of which can encourage them to pursue entrepreneurship.

**Play** — A game such as Nintendo's *Fortune Street* for the Wii console lets kids of all ages have fun while making a variety of business and economic decisions.

- As players make investments and face a dynamic stock market, they can experience the thrill of seeing rewards for their smart financial choices.
- By investing in property to influence real estate value, players can enjoy the fun of watching their in-game communities grow and thrive.
- The ability to play using a mix of well-known Nintendo characters — including favorites from the Mario franchise and the DRAGON QUEST universe — adds an element of familiarity and imagination.
- The interactive board game can be played online against friends, and has different skill settings, so even business beginners can have a blast while they learn. Find out more at fortunestreet.nintendo.com.

**Learn** — There are a variety of online resources that students and parents can use to learn more about finances, business and entrepreneurship.

- The Council for Economic Education ([www.econedlink.org](http://www.econedlink.org)) has lesson plans, work sheets and activities for kids in grades K–12.

Examples include "Twenty Money-Making Ideas for Young Persons," and "Earning a Profit" Activities.

- Junior Achievement ([studentcenter.ja.org](http://studentcenter.ja.org)) has articles, games and videos geared to help young people start their own businesses.
- The U.S. Small Business Administration created Mind Your Own Biz ([www.mindyourownbiz.org](http://www.mindyourownbiz.org)) to walk students through five easy steps to business ownership.
- Yes Kidz Can! ([www.yeskidzcan.com](http://www.yeskidzcan.com)) has articles and ideas about Social Entrepreneurism, as well as small grants for kids starting socially minded enterprises.

**Experiment** — Wrestling with ideas and putting them into practice is great experience for any budding entrepreneur.

- Many kid inventors got their ideas by playing with things like clay, art materials, building-block toys and even computer software. Give them materials to work (and play) with and let their imaginations go.
- The Small Business Administration has a number of resources for teens and students interested in starting their own businesses. Visit [www.SBA.org](http://www.SBA.org), and go to the Services page for more information.
- There are a growing number of competitions geared for student inventors. Look into the Student Ideas for a Better America contest by the National Museum of Education for students K–12 ([nmoe.org/gallery](http://nmoe.org/gallery)); The FIRST Robotics Competition for grades 9 to 12 ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)); or any of the Rube Goldberg Machine Contests ([www.rubegoldberg.com](http://www.rubegoldberg.com)).

"Kids have energy, imagination and creativity that could very well lead to the next big idea or make a big difference in their world," says Danger. "All they need is some encouragement from you and they can start creating their own future today."

# DIVERSIONS

## HISS STORY

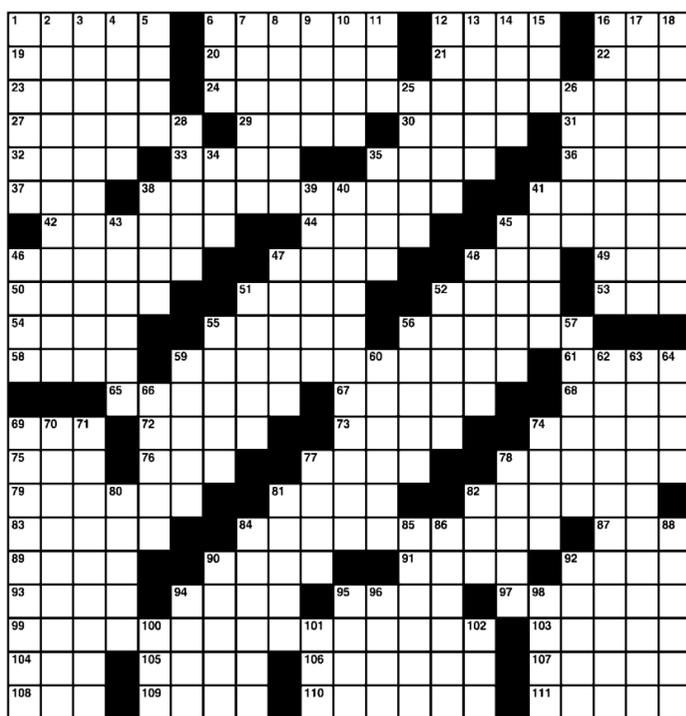
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By JOHN LAMPKIN



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## Pause And Consider

Jan Merop

A blank page sits in front of me right now. I pray and contemplate what to write.

Sometimes ideas pop up like seedlings buried under the dirt; or, like fish readily biting at the surface when food is tossed to them.

Other times, however, ideas seem to snuggle down and bury themselves in a rock or crevice. I must dig out, dust off and examine closely for a sparkle to glimmer across my mind.

Lately, it's been more of the hidden gems then the popping of colorful blossoms. Yet this less invigorating from of writing reaps the rewards of discovery that provides nourishment. Dead seeds will be brought to life. Colorful ideas will germinate and grow.

It's not just about writing. It's about life.

Have you been in that place where your life is like a blank page? I think we've all experienced that. I know I have.

We're used to being busy; productive. Then it seems much of the things that have kept us actively engaged are being stripped away for one reason or another. Change is in the air; but, it's not tangible and leaves us wondering what's up.

Recently I found myself in that place. Lethargy was beginning to take hold. I was sighing too often. Truthfully, I didn't know what to do about it.

Then it occurred to me that I needed to dig into God's Word. I craved his nourishment like a crying, hungry child seeks to be satisfied.

I hadn't neglected my quiet time. But, I needed input and direction. So, I looked through past studies I'd done. When I found Believing God by Beth Moore, I knew the Lord was answering my heart's cry.

Before I even began the study, I personalized Psalm 121 ... a Psalm I had memorized as a child ... and one I had been returning to frequently. It had been influential at another momentous time in my life. Reading verse 1, NKJV, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills - from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth," was the direction I sought.

Then changing "you" to "my," I affirmed that God wouldn't let my foot be moved; he would keep me and not slumber; the Lord is my keeper and preserver.

Bolstered by God's word, I stepped expectantly into the study. It was time to have present, active, continual faith in God because he is alive and active in me. I leaned into his power knowing nothing is impossible with God. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

## Virgo, work on restraining yourself this week

Special to the News-Sun

### Aries (March 21-April 20)

— Engage in a little critical thinking this week, Aries. You have great mental energy going on, and you will be able to ask all of the right questions to get things done.

### Taurus (April 21-May 21)

— Taurus, your finances need extra attention this week, so be sure to set aside some time to look at your books. This way you avoid a potential crisis.

### Gemini (May 22-June 21)

— Take action with work partners to get things done this week, Gemini. Make sure to communicate well, especially reaching those who may be out of touch or distracted.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

— Cancer, focus your energy on the various tasks at hand this week. You may have to hunker down for some time to get things done, but it will be well worth it.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)

— Make this week about sharing your feelings with a loved one, Leo. Let him or her know what's in your heart and spend quality time working on your relationship.

### Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)

— Virgo, do whatever you can to restrain yourself this week. Things may not be going your way, but don't fret too much and ride it out until next week.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

— Libra, your social energy enables you to express yourself clearly to others who are operating by your exam-

## Horoscope

ple. It's a great time to share your feelings with others.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Scorpio, focus on an impulse that can lead you in all different directions. Check in with someone you trust to help you think everything through.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

— Sagittarius, this week is a good time to gather some friends and form a united force against an issue to which you object. Get your message across without stepping on any toes.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

— Capricorn, you are moving so quickly through the things you need to get done that you're wondering why it seemed so challenging just a few days ago.

### Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

— Aquarius, you have what it takes to make a big difference, so recruit a few other people who are content to march behind you toward the same goals.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

— Give free reign to your emotions, Pisces. It's alright to show frustration or even anger if it fits the particular situation.

## Famous birthdays

April 22 - John Waters, director, 66; April 23 - George Lopez, comic actor, 51; April 24 - Kelly Clarkson, singer, 30; April 25 - Renee Zellweger, actress, 43; April 26 - Kane, wrestler, 45; April 27 - Ace Frehly, musician, 61; April 28 - Jessica Alba, actress, 31.

# Woman looking for decent guy should heed advice



## Dear Abby

to be honest with her?  
— Had Her Best Interest At Heart

**Dear Had:** Your straight answer clearly wasn't what your friend wanted to hear, but you did the right thing by being honest with her. In light of the length of your friendship, call and offer her an apology "if I hurt your feelings." Let's hope that once she cools off, she'll appreciate that you said something important. Because of the way she's advertising herself on her profile, it's little wonder the men she's attracting are looking for nothing more than two headlights and a tan. Yipes!

**Dear Abby:** When I was 25 I placed a baby girl for adoption. I made a decision I thought was best for her and for me. I am 50 now and still believe I made the right decision.

Last year she searched for and found me. I answered all her questions and eventually met with her and her

parents. By all accounts she has a wonderful family and had a great childhood. We have stayed in touch through email.

She wanted to meet my family, but I put her off for months.

Eventually I gave in, and she met some of my siblings and their families. She and her "cousins" get along well and stay in touch through Facebook or other social sites.

Abby, I feel nothing toward this girl. There is no maternal attachment. I did my job as a good mother and made sure she had the home I could not give her. If I never see her again it wouldn't bother me.

I have looked online for other women who feel as I do, but all I find are women in constant pain and sorrow over a child they gave up. I can't be the only woman who feels this way. I'm not looking for a way to change my feelings. I just need to know I'm not a cold-hearted freak.

— Fine With My Decision

**Dear Fine:** You are not a cold-hearted freak. You're a woman who never bonded with her baby. Please stop beating yourself up for not feeling something for a person who is a virtual stranger. When I hear from other women who read this letter and who feel as you

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# Friends of Avon Park Library plan for new programs

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK — On March 21, the board members of the Friends of the Avon Park Library met and discussed exciting possibilities for new children's programs to be held at the library during the summer months.

Activities under construction are a Pirate's Week; a Prince and Princess Week; entertainment by the Everglades Children's Museum; puppet shows; story time and children's videos. Mary Beth Isaacson, Avon Park's new librarian, is working with the Friends to introduce these new summer activities for Avon Park's children. A young, enthusiastic newcomer, Isaacson is happy to join the Avon Park community.

A new annual Friends' scholarship to pay for books and tuition to South Florida Community College is in the planning stages. This will be especially exciting as it will be a venue for the Friends to exert an ongoing positive influence on the youth of Avon Park for years to come.

The Avon Park Public Library is one of the jewels of Avon Park. Six years ago the Friends donated \$25,000 to help renovate the library. In 2012, the library has a children's area with books, computers, videos and reading tables. The adult section contains a dozen computer stations, adult fiction, non-fiction, reference books and newspapers. The Friends continue to take a special interest in Avon Park's youth as young library-goers become adult readers.

The Friends' Used Bookstore, conveniently located in the library, sells clean books at low prices. Buy these books to help support the Friends' community service. For information about the Bookstore or how to become a Friend, call the book store at 452-4400. All book store volunteers are Friends, but not all Friends are volunteers.

Libraries have been in existence since ancient times, when books consisted of scrolls of papyrus paper or parchment. The Alexandria Library, in Egypt, was the largest in the ancient world.

In Europe, monastic scribes in dark monasteries spent their lives working during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, decorating treasured manuscripts with delicate, colorful drawings of flowers and vines.

When King Henry VIII ordered the burning of England's monasteries between 1536-1541, most of these irreplaceable manuscripts were lost. But some of the glorious manuscripts

can still be seen under glass today in the British Museum. England's ancient Bodleian Library in Oxford still serves as a revered functioning library for scholars today. Harvard College's Houghton Library also has an important collection of early books and manuscripts.

A public library is an important part of a town. Originally, only the wealthy had libraries or access to libraries. Andrew Carnegie, Scottish-American industrialist and philanthropist, built his first public library of locally quarried stone in his hometown, Dunfermline, Scotland, in 1883. A stylized sun with a carved motto, "Let there be light," was over the entrance.

Between 1883 and 1929, 2,509 Carnegie libraries were built around the world. In the United States, 1,689 were built, the first one in 1889 in Braddock, Pa., home to one of the Carnegie Steel Company's mills. Carnegie believed in a society based on merit, where anyone who worked hard could become successful. Carnegie's libraries were all substantial, simple but beautifully designed buildings which were usually built in large towns, like Cincinnati.

Homebound people or people who lived in small towns or in the countryside often did not have access to a large library. In 1857 a perambulating library served eight villages in Cumbria, England. In 1904, a mule-drawn wagon carrying wooden boxes of books served as a bookmobile in Chester County, S.C. In 1905, the librarian at Washington County, Md., started one of the first American book wagons that took the books directly to homes in remote areas.

Other types of bookmobiles include: A camel library service in Kenya; a donkey-drawn library in Zimbabwe; a donkey-drawn library in Colombia; a library ship, "Epos," in Western Norway; and elephant libraries in Thailand.

Along with the economy, great schools, low crime statistics, the weather, affordable housing and being family-friendly, having a public library is one of the criteria used by people in deciding where they want to live.

Avon Park's annual influx of northern visitors indicates that this is a great place to live. And they do enjoy going to the Avon Park Library and Used Bookstore. Avon Park's Public Library, part of the Heartland Consortium of Libraries, welcomes you. Go to the library. Check it out. Take a book to go.

## PROM



Gina Ferazzi/Los Angeles Times/MCT  
Alex Hom, right, found a unique way to ask Brooke Drury to the upcoming winter formal at South Pasadena High School. He gathered 20 friends to create a flash mob dance with 18 roses and signs. Teens are using creative ways to ask dates to formals, proms and other high school dances.

## Elaborate prom invites get new name: Prom-posals

By BETH J. HARPZ  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Never mind a text that meekly asks "will u go 2 prom w/me?"

Today's teenagers are taking a cue from elaborately staged wedding proposals, inviting each other to prom with flash mobs, scavenger hunts, homemade music videos and even airplane banners flying over the beach.

And while coming up with clever or romantic ways to ask someone to prom isn't an entirely new concept, the effort and expense going into the big ask these days has given rise to a new term: Prom-posal.

"This year is the first time we've done prom invitations," said Remy Colin, owner of Aerial Messages, a company that charges \$600 for a plane to fly a banner with a message on it. "It's expensive as hell for a high schooler who doesn't have any money, but we've done two in the past three months," one in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and one in Tampa, Fla.

Alex Chichkov, 17, arranged for a plane trailing "Come to prom with me, Kayla?" to fly over a student fundraiser his girlfriend Kayla Bennett was attending at King High School in Tampa in March.

"I've seen it for weddings and I wanted to do something huge or unique," said Alex, a senior who paid for the flyover with money he earned working at a family business. "I didn't want to do anything generic. In the history of the school, no one has done anything that big. It's going to be my only prom, first time ever, last time ever, with someone who's been my girlfriend for two and a half years, so it deserves to be that big."

The plane flew over a student Relay for Life event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, right before the talent show, while a sound system played a Michael Buble cover of the Frank Sinatra song, "Come Fly With Me."

"Everyone was cheering and she had the biggest smile on her face," Alex

said. Naturally, Kayla said yes.

Rebecca Leet, 17, had an audience of over 250 people for a prom-posal from her boyfriend, Joe Nelson, 18. Rebecca and Joe both worked on a school performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Collierville High School in Collierville, Tenn. At the end of the show, their teacher, Keith Salter, told the audience to stay put for one more thing.

Joe came out on stage, got down on one knee and pulled out a box with a ring in it. "It's not what you think!" Salter quickly assured the audience, as some gasped, thinking it was a teenage marriage proposal.

Then Joe popped the question — the prom question. "She got all teary and said yes," Joe said.

"It made my day just knowing I did something memorable and she really enjoyed it."

Nancy Darling, an Oberlin College professor of psychology who studies adolescent development, said teenage relationships go through stages, one of which is taking the romance public. "It's a public declaration of 'I really want to go to the prom, and I like you!'" she said.

She added that despite stereotypes of teens "as sex-driven and aggressive," data shows kids are now becoming "more conservative"

socially, with less sexual intercourse than previous generations. "We're back to being romantic," she said.

And while some prom-posals come from girls, most are planned by boys, letting them show off "this whole sweet side that doesn't get a lot of chance to come up," said Darling. "We've really underestimated the romance of guys."

The Heart Bandits, a "romance event coordinating company" that usually arranges marriage proposals, has, for the first time this year, gotten requests for help with prom-posals, said Michele Velazquez, co-owner of the company.

The Heart Bandits created a scavenger hunt in Santa Monica, Calif., that led a girl to a classroom with candles, rose petals and her prospective date holding a "Will you go to prom?" sign.

In Michigan, signs were posted on a road ending with an invitation to prom. Velazquez said she's had inquiries from other teens, but most can't afford the \$300 pricetag.

But many prom-posals are creative without costing a fortune. In East Greenwich, R.I., baker Michael Valente at Felicia's Coffee got an order for a cake with a frosting heart and the words, "Juliana, Prom?" "It was something new for me," Valente said. "But I think it was so sweet."

## For proms, tie must match the dress

Associated Press

It's a prom must-have, right up there with the dress and shoes: The guy's tie must match the girl's gown. And many teens today use cell phones to aid the color coordination.

Kourtney Ziercher took a picture of her dress in the store to send to her date, Michael George, for her prom last year in Chesterfield, Mo.

"I told him it was burnt orange, and he got the tie to match," she said.

"She knew that it was not a typical color, but the tie I got even had a little design on it that matched the design on the dress," Michael said, referring to a light tiger stripe print on the fabric. "She was really excited about it. The girl's dress is a big deal. If the outfit doesn't go perfectly, if the guy isn't matching, it's a problem. I made sure it worked."

In Fort Collins, Colo., Amy Weintraub sent a picture of her chocolate brown dress to her date, Luke Siddens, and he used the image to get a matching tie and vest for their prom last week at Poudre High School.

"I didn't realize he wanted to match me," Amy said. "He just kind of decided that on his own. It was a little lighter than the dress, but it matched pretty well."

For homemade dresses, ties can always be made from leftover fabric. For a 2010 prom at the Stanley Humphries Secondary School in Castlegar, British Columbia, Canada, Arielle Roberts made her own dress with the help of a grandmother and aunt. Her date's mom sewed a matching tie "when the green bow-tie and cummerbund she'd ordered for him weren't quite the right shade," Arielle said.

But with so many dresses store-bought these days, and with cell phone photos sometimes producing unreliable hues, stores often provide physical swatches to assist in color coordination.

## Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



### Inspirational Thoughts by Patricia Valentine

Galatians 4:4, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law". The Bible is filled with examples of people waiting for God's promises. Abraham and Sarah waited for God to give them their promised son. The children of Israel waited in captivity for their deliverer to appear. David waited on God while he was being pursued by Saul's men. Israel waited for her Messiah, and the disciples waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are waiting now for our blessed hope, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ for his church. God always came through for those who waited on him. The promised Son was born. The deliverer appeared. Enemies were defeated; the Messiah was sent; and the Holy Spirit came. One day we who are waiting expectantly will be caught up in the clouds to be with our Lord forever. God is never late, and he never forgets his promise. David said, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord". Psalm 27:14. Don't give up on your promise. Keep believing God and it shall come to pass. **Be Blessed!**

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# New vinyl album releases give record stores a much needed kick

By DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Think Katy Perry and vinyl, and a hip-hugging dress might come to mind.

The 27-year-old pop artist is among musicians going old school — releasing music on pressed vinyl records to help celebrate Record Store Day.

Perry, who's too young to have thumbed through 45-rpm singles when she was a girl, joins an eclectic mix that includes David Bowie, Paul McCartney, the Misfits, White Stripes, the late James Brown and The Flaming Lips and Heady Fwends with special vinyl releases to celebrate the hometown record store on Saturday.

All of that vinyl — more than 300 offerings — represents a bright spot for the roughly 2,000 indie music retailers facing stiff competition from online music sales and streaming music services.

"There would be fewer stores, if it wasn't for the resurgence of vinyl," said Chris Brown from Bull Moose, a chain of 10 stores in Maine and New Hampshire, who hatched the idea for Record Store Day.

Now in its fifth year, Record Store Day got off to a raucous start with Metallica in San Francisco in 2008, a year after the idea was tossed out by Brown at a conference of indie retailers.

It's evolved into an annual event that gave an 8 percent sales bump to stores last year and is now being celebrated around the world in



Vinyl records used to be all oldies, but artists have begun releasing albums on the classic format once again.

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countries including Brazil, Australia, Romania and Germany.

For a time, it was unclear whether independent record stores would survive mega stores like Tower Records, and then the move to online sales with the ubiquitous iPod and now the growing popularity online services like Rhapsody, Pandora and Spotify. Indeed, hundreds of mom-and-pop stores did shut their doors.

But about 2,000 stores remain in business today, and the number has been relatively stable over the past few years, said Ken Glaser,

vice president of sales for Alliance Entertainment, the nation's largest wholesale distributor of compact discs, DVDs and vinyl record albums.

"I still see a place for a strong indie store in every community that can support one. I just think there's still the lure of people wanting to walk into a store and touch and feel things and talk to people," said Joel Oberstein, president of Almighty Institute of Music Retail, a market research firm based in Studio City, Calif.

These days, vinyl records play an increasing role in

bringing people through the doors or music stores.

It turns out vinyl records never really died after the compact disc became dominant after its 1980s introduction. These days, a new generation of young hipsters is helping to drive demand along with people who grew up with albums and audio purists who think vinyl albums still sound better than today's digital music.

Last year, vinyl albums sales grew 39 percent, with about 3.9 million albums being sold, and sales are up about 10 percent so far this year, according to Nielsen

Soundscan.

Record Store Day last year represented the biggest day of the year for vinyl sales.

Perry, for her part, is releasing a 12-inch pink vinyl single "Part of Me" with "Tommie Sunshine's Megasix Smash-Up" on the flipside. Arcade Fire is releasing "Sprawl II" as a 12-inch vinyl single, and Bowie is releasing a 7-inch "Starman" picture disc. McCartney is rereleasing a 7-inch single with "Another Day" and "Oh Woman Oh Why." Two never-before-released James Brown tracks

from the upcoming "Live at the Apollo 50th Anniversary" will be released on a single.

Many of the offerings will be unique pressings.

The Flaming Lips and Heady Fwends are releasing a swirly-colored double LP featuring collaborations with a number of artists. White Stripes is releasing a red-and-black single with "Handsprings" and "Red Death at 6:14." The Misfits, a punk band, will release the 1982 "Walk Among Us" on colored vinyl.

David Bakula, senior vice president for analytics at Nielsen, said he thinks there'll always be room for record stores because they cater to hardcore music fans and offer special formats.

"Thank God there are still those music fans out there who're interested in supporting these stores and supporting these formats and supporting these bands. You have a perfect consumer ecosystem there where demand is met by supply," he said from his office in Los Angeles.

At Bull Moose in Portland's Old Port, Pat Markley was thumbing through the new and used rock CDs Thursday night. He said he likes shopping at a store because he gets to hear new music, and because there are people to help if he's looking for an obscure music titles.

"I could spend hours looking around here — and I have. I've been with my brother and sister and I've annoyed them to no end," Markley said.



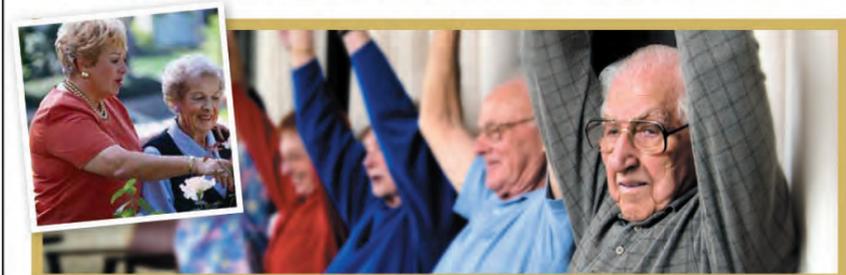
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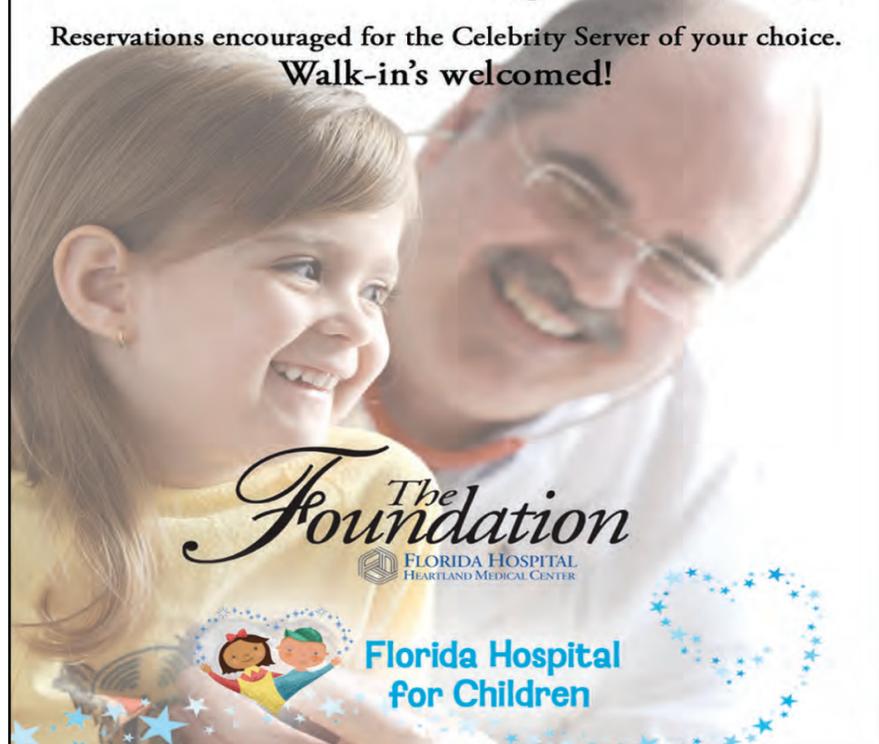
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# Seacrest is heir apparent to Clark's pop influence

By SANDY COHEN  
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — As a kid, Ryan Seacrest idolized Dick Clark. As an adult, he modeled his career after the entertainment giant and helped him carry on with his annual New Year's Eve celebration after a stroke took its toll.

He called the 82-year-old mogul who died Wednesday "one of the greatest influences in my life."

Now Seacrest — uncannily in the Dick Clark mold — is left to carry on the youthful vitality and innovative spirit that Clark used so effectively to meld music and media.

And the 37-year-old is well on his way. Following Clark's playbook, Seacrest started as a radio host before expanding to TV and eventually producing. He's the voice of his nationally syndicated morning radio show and the international program "American Top 40." He's the face of "American Idol" and E! News. He's the producer behind "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" and its associated spinoffs, along with many other shows, including "Food Revolution" and "Shahs of Sunset." He's on the red carpet at the Grammys and Golden Globes. He'll be an Olympic correspondent for NBC and has hinted that he could take on a role at the "Today" show.

"Sometimes when I go home and turn on the hot water faucet, I think he's going to come out. He's everywhere," said longtime Hollywood publicist Michael Levine. "In the short term it can provide some annoyance, but in long term just adds to his iconic stature."

Clark parlayed his early

radio dreams into a nearly four-decade run of "American Bandstand." He invested in the artists he promoted there and went on to produce hit shows like "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes" and the American Music Awards.

Seacrest enjoys a similar omnipresence, said veteran Hollywood publicist David Brokaw.

"He's becoming a 21st century Dick Clark," Brokaw said. "'American Idol' is a show for everyone," and that provides Seacrest a similar platform to what Clark had with "American Bandstand."

Seacrest paid tribute to his mentor on "American Idol" on Wednesday, saying, "Without Dick, a show like this would not exist."

"He will be missed greatly," Seacrest said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I know he's in a better place, saying, 'Let's get on with the show.' You got it, boss."

Among Seacrest's other



MCT photo  
American Idol host Ryan Seacrest is on his way to being the Dick Clark of the 21st century.

entertainment ventures: A \$300 million partnership with broadcasting giant Clear Channel to acquire and develop new media companies.

"We aim to build Ryan

Seacrest Media into a leading multimedia company with diversified assets and interests," he said when the partnership was announced earlier this year. "The entertainment industry is thriving

with innovation more than ever before."

It's also far more fragmented than ever before. Clark came up in the era before countless cable channels and the World Wide Web. Now the entertainment audience is everywhere.

"Obviously there's not the same sense of shared community today," Levine said. "But a person like Ryan can create a ubiquity and a presence on many, many platforms that would mirror what Dick Clark did."

"This presupposes that he won't have any scandals and will remain hungry," he added.

Seacrest shares other attributes with Clark that contribute to his success, Brokaw said. He's likable, he's got a "cherubic boyish charm and enthusiasm" that makes him feel like a friend and he has a hand in various entertainment entities.

"Anybody that's in this business that has any kind of high-end talent or emerging

talent, you somehow crossed paths with Dick Clark, and Ryan Seacrest is the same way," Brokaw said.

And, like Clark, Seacrest is a star maker.

"Who would the Kardashians be without Ryan Seacrest?" Brokaw asked. "He's creating careers on the basis of what he does."

Clark's clean-cut and ever-youthful image appealed to people of all ages and helped make rock 'n' roll palatable to a generation of parents, just as Seacrest now does with today's stars.

Clark "was smart, charming, funny and always a true gentleman," Seacrest said Wednesday. "I learned a great deal from him, and I'll always be indebted to him for his faith and support of me. He was a remarkable host and businessman and left a rich legacy to television audiences around the world."

Now Seacrest hopes to do the same.

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1. "Calico Joe" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "Guilty Wives" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
3. "Come Home" by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's)
4. "The Lost Years" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
5. "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani (Harper)
6. "Sacre Bleu: A comedy d'Art" by christopher Moore (Morrow)
7. "Stay Close" by Harlan Coben (Dutton)
8. "The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection: No 1. Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith (Pantheon)
9. "Betrayal: A Novel" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
10. "The Lifeboat" by Charlotte Rogan (L,B/Reagan Arthur)
11. "The Beginner's Goodbye" by Anne Tyler (Knopf)
12. "A Dance with Dragons" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
13. "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
14. "Lover Reborn" by J.R. Ward (Grand Central Publishing)
15. "The Cove" by Ron Rash (Ecco)

## HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Drift" by Rachel Maddow (Crown)

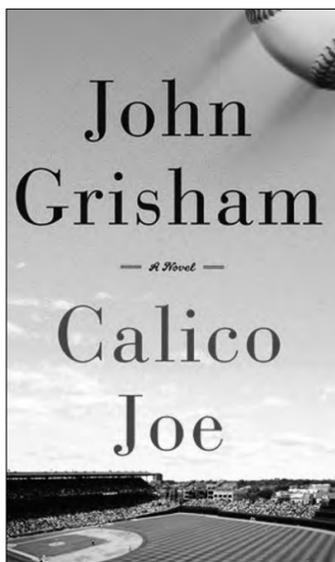
## PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

2. "Mrs. Kennedy and Me: An Intimate Memoir" by Lisa McCubbin and Clint Hill (Gallery)
3. "The Big Miss" by Hank Haney (Crown)
4. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Food from My Frontier" by Ree Drummond (William Morrow Cookbooks)
5. "A Natural Woman" by Carole King (Grand Central)
6. "The Blood Sugar Solution" by Mark Hyman, M.D. (Little, Brown)
7. "Trickle Down Tyranny: Crushing Obama's Dream of the Socialist States of America" by Michael Savage (Morrow)
8. "Let It Go" by T.D. Jakes (Atria)
9. "Imagine" by Jonah Lehrer (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
10. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed (Knopf)
11. "Weeknights with Giada" by Giada De Laurentiis (Clarkson Potter)
12. "Steve Jobs: A Biography" by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster)
13. "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever" by

Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (Henry Holt and Co.)  
 14. "Drop Dead Healthy" by A.J. Jacobs (Simon & Schuster)  
 15. "Heroes for My Daughter" by Brad Meltzer (Harper)

## MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

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



12. "A Storm of Swords" by George R.R. Martin (Bantam)
13. "Sixkill" by Robert B. Parker (Berkley)
14. "Mobbed" by Carol Higgins Clark (Pocket)
15. "The Scoop" by Fern Michaels (Zebra)

## TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E.L. James (The Writer's Coffee Shop)
2. "The Lucky One" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)

3. "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)
4. "Zero Day" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Back Bay/Reagan Arthur)
6. "The Magic" by Rhonda Byrne (Atria)
7. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot (Broadway)
8. "The Vow" by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter with Dana Wilkerson (B&H)
9. "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" by Stieg Larsson (Vintage)
10. "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" by Seth Grahame-Smith (Grand Central Publishing)
11. "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett (Putnam Adult)
12. "The Fiddler" by Beverly Lewis (Bethany House)
13. "Now You See Her" by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge (Grand Central Publishing)
14. "Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything" by Joshua Foer (Penguin Press)
15. "The New Jim Crow" by Michelle Alexander (New Press)

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## 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 Catelyst class (20's+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.  
 ■ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.  
 ■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellow

ship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen 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.; Mission, Beatista 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**, 8704 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.

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■ **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. Confession: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3:345 p.m.; or by appointment with any priest. Weekend Mass schedule: Saturday Vigil; 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass, noon; last Sunday of the month, 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass, 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). Daily Mass schedule: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. & noon; Saturday, 9 a.m.  
 ■ **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!"

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

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

## CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

# Earth Day: a chain reaction of positive events



## News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

Novelist Tom Wolfe deemed the 1970's the "Me decade." People were striving for their own individuality instead of the '60s community mindset. Anti-war protests were commonplace, school integration was in full swing, and affirmative action became a controversial policy as minorities and women spoke out for equal rights and equality. With the popularization of television and media coverage, sports became big business and the average American could watch a man go to the moon.

Hippies and flower children were everywhere shouting about peace and love sporting mood rings, bell bottoms, mini skirts and hot pants. The '70s brought about many changes and philosophies. One very important issue that came into light was the importance of envi-

ronmental change to save the planet. On April 22, 1970 the first Earth Day was launched.

During a time when most cars sported V8 engines and pumping gallons of leaded gas were commonplace, a new consciousness was forming in the minds of many. It was a time when factories spewed black smoke into the atmosphere, contaminants and chemicals gushed into lakes, streams and oceans on a daily basis and most Americans were oblivious to the damage that was being done to the Earth.

Sen. Gaylord Nelson, an environmental activist, was outraged by the devastation recently caused by the Union Oil Company spill. In 1969, an explosion caused five breaks in the fault on the ocean floor that released more than 100,000 gallons of crude oil and gas from deep beneath the earth. It spread into an 800 mile slick before it was capped. The spill affected 35 miles of coastline and killed more than 10,000 birds and countless other species of wildlife.

Passionate about the cause, the

senator stated, "I am convinced that all we need to do to bring an overwhelming insistence of the new generation that we stem the tide of environmental disaster is to present the facts clearly and dramatically. To marshal such an



## Nelson

effort, I am proposing a national teach-in on the crisis of the environment to be held next spring on every university campus across the Nation. The crisis is so imminent, in my opinion that every university should set aside one day in the school year—the same day across the nation—for the teach-in."

Spawned by his idea, a national teach-in on the environment was observed by every college campus in the United States. More than 20 million people participated in the first "teach-in," which is now called Earth Day.

Partly because television was so popular in the '70s, media coverage gave the event the boost it needed. The first Earth Day coverage included a one-hour prime time CBS News Special Report dubbed "Earth Day: A Question of Survival." Walter Cronkite narrated the event that had reporters from all over the country checking in.

The event was a huge success. Participants from more than 2,000 colleges and universities, 10,000 primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of communities across the nation came out on the beautiful spring day to show their passion and love for the environment.

Sen. Nelson credited the first Earth Day with persuading U.S. politicians that environmental legislation had a substantial, lasting constituency. Denis Hayes, the original national coordinator, took the holiday to an international level in 1990 and now events are coordinated all over the world.

Today, Earth Day is observed in 175 countries and coordinated by the nonprofit Earth Day Network.

It is celebrated by more than a half billion people every year.

Environmental groups have sought to make Earth Day a day of action which changes human behavior and provokes policy changes.

Earth Day brings people together. Republicans and Democrats, urbanites and farmers, rich and poor rally together to support environmental policy and legislation every year. Because Sen. Nelson took the initiative to do something about the problem of continued non-regard for the planet, major changes were enacted. The United States Environmental Protection Agency was formed. In addition, the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were created.

Every person can and does make a difference. As Sen. Nelson said, "It was a gamble, but it worked."

Corine Burgess is an 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.

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

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■ **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.

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## 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

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■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistanet.net](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://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.

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

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■ **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](http://www.fumcap.org).

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

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# 'Chimpanzee' aimed strictly at little kids

By TODD MCCARTHY  
The Hollywood Reporter

LOS ANGELES — Some privileged nature footage from the African rain forest is dishonored by deeply silly narration in "Chimpanzee," which follows a particular group of chimps in the Ivory Coast's isolated Tai Forest.

This fourth documentary from the DisneyNature label shares with last year's "African Cats" the fault of talking down and sugarcoating to coddle the tyke audience, a shame given the rarity of the intimate portrait provided of chimp life in rarely visited remote regions.

With the sophistication and scientific information provided on TV nature docs steadily increasing, this sort of throwback aimed squarely at little kids feels very old school. The division's first release, in 2007, "Earth," pulled in an impressive \$108 million worldwide and its follow-up, "Oceans," earned \$82 million. "African Cats" dropped to \$21 million, a figure perhaps more in the range of what this one will do.

Everyone loves chimps for the simple reason that to regard them is, but for a slight biological rearrangement, to look at ourselves. The close-together forward-looking eyes, warm child rearing, manipulation of tools, omnivore habits, communal spirit and general intelligence are undeniably relatable, even if humans generally see the animals only in the relative isolation of captivity.

Catching them on home turf in Africa is not easy, as



Martyn Colbeck/Courtesy Disney/MCT  
Oscar the chimpanzee eats a honeycomb in Disney's 'Chimpanzee.'

they generally live in dense jungle, are not keen to be surrounded by a camera crew and can easily scamper off faster than they can be followed through the bush.

So high marks to Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield, who also directed "Earth" together (Fothergill also codirected "African Cats") for finding a way to comprehensively cover a particular group of chimps in the Tai Forest for a period of time long enough for young chimp Oscar to grow and learn a few survival tricks. Points, too, for the exceptionally observant and graceful camerawork of Martyn Colbeck and Bill Wallauer (Warwick Sloss did additional shooting), which brings the viewer in close and looks beautiful in the bargain.

The storyline the filmmakers stitched together from incidents that took place during the shoot follows the survival and education of Oscar, definitely a cute little bugger, as he learns to fit in with an extended family of about 36 chimps led by grand old man Freddy.

Oscar's mother Isha, who is meant to nurse him until he's about five, instructs her son in the finer points of selecting berries and nuts, the latter being highly coveted by a rival chimp tribe.

The film runs into trouble the moment it introduces the chief of the rival group as "Scar." From that point, repeated references to "Scar and his gang" or "his mob" suggest that there are such things as good and evil chimpanzee clans, with nasty predators like Scar's crew (tellingly never seen with young offspring or identifiable females) preying upon nice groups such as Freddy's, whose worst transgression is a raid into some high trees against some colobus monkeys, one of which ends up as a (virtually unseen) meal. At the Hollywood press screening, a number of moms with small kids made for the exits after this scene, so it's a good thing the filmmakers skipped the matter of chimpanzee cannibalism (a favorite Animal Planet topic).

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## 'Starting Your Business' seminar planned

Special to the News-Sun  
AVON PARK —

You've got the idea. Now you need to know how to get on your way. "Starting Your Business" is a class that teaches just that.

From how to determine feasibility and legal structure to the type of license you will need, this class covers all the essentials that will help you get started.

"Starting Your Business" is a free seminar presented by the Small Business Development Center at USF. It is designed for persons thinking of starting a small business or who have started a business and want to make sure they did it correctly.

It will be held on Wednesday at South Florida Community College Corporate and Continuing Education Room T05 from 2-4:30 p.m.

The seminar will be presented by David Noel, Certified Business Analyst with the SBDC.

Seating is limited, so please call Noel at 863-784-7378 to reserve a seat in the seminar or for further information.

## Amish Creative Furnishings open in LP



Courtesy photo

Amish Creative Furnishings at 5 N. Main Ave. in Lake Placid celebrated its opening last week with a ribbon cutting. Present for the events were (from left) Michael Noel, Thrivent Financial, chamber director; Nancy Davis, Lake Placid Feed & Western Wear; Sherri Harris, store associate; Carolyn Worley, owner, Amish Creative Furnishings; Eileen May, executive director, Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce; JoAnn Chandler and Sue England, Wauchula State Bank; (seated) Jeannie Snively, Wheeler Farms, and past president of the chamber board; and Norma Rizer, HiRize Creative.

## Should you adjust your tax withholding?

Now that tax day has passed, chances are you're either waiting patiently for your 2011 tax refund to arrive, it's already been spent, or you just wrote the U.S. Treasury a check and are in budget-cutting mode.

It's difficult to calculate exactly how much you'll owe in taxes unless your income and family situation are identical from year to year. But going more than a few hundred dollars above or below your final tax bill is not a good idea: A big refund means you've been giving the government an



### Personal Finance

Jason Alderman

interest-free loan, while significantly underpaying means you may have to pay costly penalties and interest on the amount.

Your goal should be to receive little or no tax refund. Better to use that money throughout the year to pay down credit card balances or other debt, build emergency savings, beef up your retirement plan contributions or invest it where you can earn interest or dividends.

Unless you're self-

See TIMES, page 2C

## Seven new merchants join 'Buy Downtown Sebring'

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Seven new merchants have signed on to participate in the successful Buy Downtown Sebring program that was started on Dec. 1, 2010. The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) consumer incentive program is designed to spur economic activity in Downtown Sebring and help consumers save money while shopping, dining and making everyday purchases.

New participants include: Archer's Art, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Kenilworth Lodge, The Flower Box, The Lazy Painter, The Mermaids Castle, and The 3 Bears Antique Shoppe.

By simply connecting the Downtown Sebring businesses with the buying power of the local community, this multi-year program keeps more dollars and jobs in the local community. According to an economic analysis, for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$45 goes back into the commu-



nity and local tax base, and for every \$100 spent at a non-local chain store, only \$13 comes back to the local area.

Thirty-five participating Downtown Sebring merchants, which are listed at [www.BuyDowntownSebring.com](http://www.BuyDowntownSebring.com), are offering exclusive discounts and instant savings to all consumers who have a Buy Downtown Sebring card. The wallet-sized cards are free and can be picked

up at participating merchants, the CRA office (368 S. Commerce Avenue), the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce offices (227 US Highway 27 North or 309 E. Circle Park), the Highlands County CVB (501 S. Commerce Avenue) or print one online at [www.BuyDowntownSebring.com](http://www.BuyDowntownSebring.com).

Shoppers simply present their Buy Downtown Sebring card to the merchant when making their purchase to benefit from the offer.

With 35 participating merchants, shoppers can save money on everything from museum admission, pet items, education and art supplies, flowers, invitations, china, giftware, clothing, art, pottery, furniture, dining, shoes, books and gardening items.

For more information about this program, visit [www.BuyDowntownSebring.com](http://www.BuyDowntownSebring.com). For more information about the CRA and Downtown Sebring, visit [www.DowntownSebring.org/](http://www.DowntownSebring.org/).

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# CHALK TALK



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4-H members who won awards at the annual County Events and Olympics show off their prizes.

## 4-H holds annual County Events and Olympics

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — On Saturday, April 18, Highlands County 4-H Clubs held the annual County Events and Olympics in Sebring.

County Events provides an opportunity for 4-H youth (ages 5-18) to give presentations on a range of subject matter including plant sciences, leisure and performing arts, sewing, food preparation, nutrition and health.

Youth are provided a valuable teaching and learning situation through giving oral and visual presentations, learning presentation techniques from their peers, receiving constructive suggestions and recognition for their efforts.

This year, 75 photographs and 22 poster art entries were submitted for County Events.

Twenty 4-H youth gave demonstrations three to 12 minutes long on a subject of their choice, four youth modeled their garments in the fashion revue event and eight youth showed off their talents in the "share the fun" event. All youth presented in front of a panel of judges, their peers and 4-H supporters. More than 100 4-H family, friends and alumni attended this year's County Events.

Fifteen 4-H youth will advance to compete at District X Events held in DeSoto County on Saturday. The 4-Hers representing Highlands County at District Events include: Richard Dillon Followell, Megan Sowards, Jimmy Griffin, Sara Griffin, Kitty Lackey, Julia VanFleet, Hannah Thompson, Katelyn VanFleet, Phoebe

Lackey, Victoria Lackey, Elisabeth VanFleet, April Garcia, Jackson Rushlo, Shelby Ball, and Juliette Perez.

All blue ribbon photography and poster art entries will move directly to the state competition in Gainesville. Thank you to all our 4-H members, families, volunteers, supporters and alumni for their hard work and dedication to this making this year's County Events a success!

4-H is open to any one between the ages of 5-18 regardless of race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or place of national origin. Contact Lauren Hrcirik, Highlands County 4-H Agent, at (863) 402-6540 or email hr-cirik@ufl.edu for more information.

## SFCC Community Education announces summer classes

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK — South Florida Community College Community Education is offering new classes this summer at the SFCC Highlands Campus.

— Aquatics is a moderately-paced aerobic water exercise class for toning and building strength. Water exercise is easy on the joints but still provides resistance. Evening classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning May 7, at the SFCC Highlands Campus pool. For detailed days, times, and cost call 453-6661, ext. 7388 or e-mail communityeducation@southflorida.edu/.

— Lap swimming is an excellent way to exercise and cross train. A morning and evening class are being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning May 8, at the SFCC Highlands Campus pool. For detailed days, times, and cost call

453-6661, ext. 7388 or e-mail communityeducation@southflorida.edu/.

— Dance your way to fitness! Zumba is fun and a great way to workout. It is designed for everyone, any shape or age, from beginners to advanced students. Class will held on Mondays and Tuesdays, May 7 to June 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the SFCC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$53.

— American Sign Language I and II is an eight-week course that teaches the necessities of interpreting for the deaf. Some techniques taught will be fingerspelling ASL, word signing and learning descriptives on non-manual markers, ASL sentence structure, rhetorical questions, time, adverbs and verbs, and putting it all together to make it work. Class is held on Tuesdays, May 8 to June 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the SFCC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$71.

— Spanish: A Living Language is a beginning Spanish class that takes students through easy lessons that will help them feel comfortable ordering food in Mexico, reserving a hotel room in Costa Rica, or asking for directions to the beach in southern Spain. The class will also teach Spanish for everyday use in a fun environment. Class is held on Thursdays, June 7 to July 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at the SFCC Highlands Campus. The cost is \$34.

Classes fill up fast, so early registration is recommended. Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFCC campus or center. For more information, contact Lauren Redick, community education specialist, at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7388 or by e-mail at communityeducation@southflorida.edu/.

# BUSINESS

## McDonald's profit jumps

*Associated Press*  
NEW YORK — McDonald's ever-evolving mix of old menu standbys and new items like Chicken McBites lured in more diners who helped boost its first-quarter profit.

The world's biggest hamburger chain said Friday that its net income rose 5 percent in the first quarter, in line with Wall Street expectations.

McDonald's Corp. said global sales rose 7.3 percent at stores open at least 13 months, driven by gains from all regions. The metric is key because it excludes the impact of newly opened stores.

A big part of the McDonald's success

story in recent years has been the chain's rollout of popular menu items such as coffee frappes and fruit smoothies, which have high profit margins and bring in customers throughout the day. Customers also love them because it's a way to have a treat for a couple of bucks.

Other recent introductions by the fast-food chain include oatmeal and Chicken McBites, which the company said helped boost sales in the U.S. in the first quarter.

For the first three months of the year, McDonald's reported a profit of \$1.27 billion, or \$1.23 per share. That compares with a profit of \$1.21 billion, or \$1.15 per share, in the year-ago period.

## Times to change withholding

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employed, retired or had unexpected sources of income, the driving factor for how much tax you owe or have refunded is probably your W-4 form. That's one of the many forms you filled out your first day on the job and probably never thought about again.

To refresh your memory: IRS Form W-4 determines how much federal income tax is withheld from your paychecks. The more allowances you claim on the W-4, the less income tax is withheld each pay period.

When you file your yearly tax return, the government basically settles accounts with you: If they took out too much during the year, you get a refund; not enough and you pay additional taxes with your final return.

It's a good idea to review your W-4 each year in case your financial or family situation has changed. For example, if you or your spouse:

— Experience a signifi-

cant increase or decrease in income.

- Add a second job, start or stop working (including retirement).
- Have a child (including adoptions).
- Reduce or increase how many dependents you're claiming.
- Get married or divorced.
- Buy or sell a house.
- File for bankruptcy.
- Increase or decrease income adjustments for IRA/401(k) deductions, student loan interest payments or alimony.
- Significantly change your itemized deductions or tax credits.

If you have a sizeable change in taxable income not subject to withholding (e.g., self-employment income, interest, dividends, capital gains, retirement distributions), you may want to either increase the amount withheld from your paychecks or make quarterly estimated tax payments. Otherwise, the IRS may charge you an underpayment penalty come next

April. Estimated tax rules are fairly complicated, so refer to IRS Publication 505 for details.

Ask your HR department for a new W-4, or download the IRS version that lets you enter your information electronically and print out a copy (search www.irs.gov.) The form contains worksheets for calculating personal withholding allowances and estimating income adjustments if you plan to itemize deductions.

Generally, you'll claim one allowance for yourself and one for each of your dependents. However, you can adjust the number to avoid having too much or too little tax withheld from your pay.

If you need additional help with the calculations, see IRS Publication 919, use the IRS's Withholding Calculator or use the calculator found in most tax preparation software packages.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.*

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## Feb. 1, 2012

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State of Florida Land Services Inc. to Avedanand Persad, L35 Blk 8 Highlands Park Est. Sec. D, \$5,000.

State of Florida Land Services Inc. to Avedanand Persad, L1 Blk B Spring Lake Village III, \$7,500.

State of Florida Land Services Inc. to Avedanand Persad, L10 Blk 250 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$5,000.

Youngcraft Industries to Garry D. Miller, L324 Sebring Ridge Sec. E/Other, \$5,000.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to EH Pooled 1211 LP, L21 Blk 21 Sylvan Shores Sec. C, \$22,000.

Miguel Garciga to Rolf Sauer, L2 Blk 521 Sebring Shores, \$24,500.

Highlands Independent Bank to Harold William Heaver, L68A Vantage Pointe Phase II, \$8,500.

Sebring Land Ltd. Ptn. to Stephen K. Haviland, L37 Villages of Highlands Ridge Phase VI-B, \$29,000.

Stuart T. Adams to Ramdass Sookbir, L17 Blk 11 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 7, \$13,000.

Juan H. Hartt to Lubear Futures, Ptn., PT Sec. 2-35-29, \$8,500.

Michael D. Palsgrove to Debra M. Dodd, L10105-10107 Avon Park Lakes Unit 31, \$80,000.

## Feb. 2

Heriberto Dilan to Carmen Fuster, L3 Blk 2 McClelland Add To Town of Lake Stearns/Other, \$50,000.

Stanford Wright to James E. Tompkins, L7 Blk M Sun 'N Lakes Est. Sec. 4, \$80,000.

Gerald B. Wolfgram to Rodger Hardiman, L4 Blk 52 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 5, \$84,800.

DENCO to Machado Family Ltd. Ptn. No. 1, PT Sec. 28-37-31/Other, \$1,259,900.

Julie Walski to Harold Peck, L1 Blk 9 Vacation Est., \$52,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Arland Berlew, PT L36 Blk 250 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13/Easement, \$24,500.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Randolph P. Gilde, PT Sec. 7-37-30, \$145,100.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to David P. Bragg, L12 Blk E Lake Jackson Blvd. Sub/Other, \$112,400.

Gloria Isa to Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc., L426 Sebring Ridge Sec. A, \$193,400.

Will Scott Randall to Thomas W. Riddle, L2 Blk 263 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$165,000.

Thomas W. Riddle to Joseph E. Johnson Sr., L65B Vantage Point Phase II, \$165,000.

Alfred Abel to Charles E. Frey, L4A Thunderbird Hill Village III Sec. 1, \$110,000.

Duane Reynolds to Willis V. Detlef, L8 PT L9 Blk 2 Golfview Est., \$112,000.

## Feb. 3

Fannie Mae to G8 1-12 Fund, PT Sec. 4-22-33, \$17,500.

MPC Land Investment Co. Inc. to Thomas C. Wirth III, Unit 11 Bldg. B Lake June West Townhomes on Water/Easement, \$285,000.

Christine Gromalski to Thomas J. Markert, L357 Sebring Hills, \$59,000.

Rebecca T. Johnson to Marjorie Jo Adamson, L188 Golf Hammock Unit III, \$132,000.

Creative Realty Management Inc. to Brigitte D. Riello, L2 Blk Y Spring Lake Village VI, \$3,500.

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union to High Chief Johnny Whitefeathers Great American Land Dream, L25 Blk 218 Sun 'N Lakes Est. Sec. 19, \$1,000.

Kenneth E. McLeod to Trevor A. Cauffield, L36 PT L37 Lake Charlotte Shores, \$125,000.

Josefa Paulina Soto to Charles Ray Allen, L14 Blk 4 Sebring Gardens, \$30,000.

Kye C. Pahk to Murphy Oil USA Inc., PT Tract A Grand Prix Heights/Other, \$620,000.

Robert P. Faessel to Lawrence Labeau, Unit 2 Golf Pine Villas/Other, \$33,000.

Department of Housing and Urban Development to James K. Collie, PT L28-31 Blk D Breezy Point Park Sub, \$20,000.

Christine Ranae Calhoun to Ciara Kirstin Calhoun, PT Sec. 17-35-29/Other, \$20,000.

Kathryn Mercer to Kirstin Heads, PT Blk D Crescent View Sub, \$80,500.

PNC Bank to Manuel Patino, PT L32 Blk 250 Sun 'N Lakes Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$20,000.

Carl Passler to Manor Groves Inc., L12 Blk 522 Sebring Shores, \$90,000.

Simeon A. Bridgewater to Arnulfo O. Diaz, PT L8 Blk E Serenity Sub, \$15,000.

## Feb. 6

Frank J. Verrilli to Bank of America, L22 Blk 124 La Paloma Sub, \$41,800.

Jeanne M. Wortham to Tiffany Marie Halder, L10 Blk 501 Sebring Manor, \$14,000.

Randy Burroughs to Randy Burroughs, L1 Burleighs Sub, \$16,500.

Carrie E. Reali to Bill P. Mixon, L323 Sebring Ridge Sec. E, \$62,000.

David Levine to Dean Wolf, L12 Blk 13 Highland Park Est. Sec. S, \$3,300.

Whispering Hope to Thomas J. Schankweiler, PTL3 Blk 6 In Sec. 13-33-28/Easement, \$349,000.

## Feb. 7

Properties of Central Florida to Elsa B. Clodfelter, L23 Blk 81 Sun 'N Lakes Est. Sec. 9, \$2,900.

Roger C. Jacobson to George Munne, Tract 2-4 In Sec. 32-39-30, \$165,000.

Springleaf Financial Services of Indiana Inc. to Darrell D. Christeson, L44 Blk D Hillside Lake Est., \$18,000.

Eduardo Gomez to Federal National Mortgage Assn., L12 Blk 25 Placid Lakes Sec. 2, \$112,200.

Michael T. Swanson to Bank of America, L33 Blk 26 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 2, \$142,900.

Anna Beatrice Drury to Nicky L. Drury Sr., L11 Blk 183 Leisure Lakes Sec. 3, \$50,000.

Kimberly E. Sheppard to

Cynthia D. Wentzel, PT Tract 3 Lagrow Unrec, \$24,200.

Wells Fargo Bank to James R. Powell, L115 Golf Hammock Unit III, \$81,400.

James G. Millerd to Richard L. Resnick, L4 Thunderbird Hill South Unit II, \$18,000.

Karen J. Hammond to Elizabeth M. Orneck, L9 Blk I Avon Lakes, \$75,000.

Robert W. Hisey to Dwight Buyce, L9 PT L10 Lake Charlotte Shores, \$235,000.

Benjamin R. Sewell to Kenneth M. Fincher, L63 Brunner's Mobile Est., \$44,000.

## Feb. 8

James E. Wagoner to Jackson Merle H. Jackson, L15 Blk 39 Town of Harding, \$20,000.

Helen L. Nantais to Peggy A. Wolford, L13 Blk 2 Venetian Village Revised, \$28,000.

Carl J. Ciotola to Edward W. Koornneef, Tract 18 Lagrow Acres Unrec/Easement, \$230,000.

Dorothy M. Baber to James Patrick, L33 Blk 60 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$58,000.

James E. Dickey to Highlands Independent Bank, L2D Northwood Sub, \$302,800.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Richard E. Bowers, L22/23 Lake Josephine Shores, \$108,000.

Avon Park Church of Christ Inc. to Rosan Group Inc., L30/35 Twin Lakes Sub, \$10,000.

Clifford M. Ables III to Luis Zapata, Unit 5140/5142 Schumacher Road Business Park, \$150,000.

Luis Zapata to Clifford M. Ables III, PT Blk 62 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 6, \$30,000.

## Feb. 9

Cano & Harry Corp. Inc. to 1499 N. Lake Ave., PT L1 Blk 7 In Sec. 15-33-28, \$90,000.

Michael B. Griffin to Steven D. Griffin, PT Sec. 2-38-29, \$179,900.

Matrix Capital USA to Pedro Henrique Korndorfer, L13 Blk

6 Highlands Park Est. Sec. D, \$60,000.

Catherine Beley to Adeodata Brown, L26A Cormorant Point Sub Unit II, \$84,500.

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity Inc. to Coweta Coleman, L12442-12444 Avon Park Lakes Unit 39, \$54,000.

## Feb. 10

Cynthia Ann Pearce to Dean J. Merrill, L18 Blk 37 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 2, \$56,000.

Bruce L. Moyster to Margaret F. Gessner, L4/5 Blk 161 Placid Lakes Sec. 13, \$100,000.

Heather M. Howell to M. Dean Remick, PT L2/3 PT L6 Blk 47 Town of Avon Park, \$60,000.

Bank of New York Mellon to Ted E. Davis, L53 Blk 5 Lake & Ranch Club 3rd Add, \$57,000.

Peter Kent to Peter Kent, L26 Blk 60 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$47,500.

## Feb. 13

Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Marcie Elizabeth Bivins, L19/20 Blk 16 Sebring Lakes Unit 2A, \$60,000.

Alcus E. Broxson to Steven B. Broxson, PT L1-4 Blk 4 In Sec. 16-36-31/Other, \$14,000.

Jack D. Allbee to Rudolph Obbed Hereid, L48 Fairmount Mobile Est., \$30,000.

Arline Bales to KKN Investments, L21 Blk 1 Placid Ridge Est., \$270,000.

Mildred L. Anderson to James A. Peters, L78A Cormorant Point Sub Unit II, \$100,000.

John Jado to Spring Lake Improvement District, L31/32/36 Blk A Fairway Lakes, \$47,300.

Anthony Costello to Michael Costello, L8 Blk A Lake June Pointe Phase 3, \$104,000.

Ted A. Pertzborn to Sara E. Carnes Costello, L17-19 Blk 14 Leisure Lakes Sec. 1, \$38,000.

Rebecca M. Keaton to Brett S. Bowes, L1 Blk 50 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$18,000.

## Feb. 14

Michel Potvin to Kenneth S.

Beck, L14 Quail Cove Sub, \$245,000.

Bank of New York Mellon to Harlan M. Hansen, L28 Blk Q Spring Lake Village III, \$63,500.

Richard M. Knouse to James E. Luckadoo Sr., L1/2 PT L3 Blk 6 Istokpoga Park, \$41,500.

Martin C. Vocke to James C. Dubberly, L15 Blk 6 West Beach Sub, \$5,000.

Donald M. Vetick to Gregory A. Carmichael, L668 Sebring Ridge Sec. C, \$35,000.

Beneficial Florida Inc. to Danny S. Lamere, PT Sec. 3-36-28/Easements, \$112,000.

## Feb. 15

Rebecca M. Imler to Diane E. Imler, L638/639 Sebring Hills, \$78,000.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to Fern & Fern Corp., L13 Blk 58 Original Town of Sebring, \$14,500.

Gary Brandenburg to Denver R. Luckadoo, L16 PT L17 Blk 3 Istokpoga Park Sub, \$48,000.

Fred Hylan to Federal National Mortgage Assn., L30 Blk 1 Lake Henry Homes, \$203,700.

Harriet M. Armstrong to Charles J. Mulac, L6 Blk 2 Lake Saddlebags Sub, \$99,500.

Eleanor M. Borie to Jon P. Breaux, L25 Blk 2 Highlands Park Est. Sec. D, \$5,000.

Orangewood Builders Inc. to Jimmy D. Perry, L12 Village Green Sub, \$25,000.

Alan J. Holmes to Kathleen Anne Sullivan, L6/7 Blk 109 Lake View Place, \$135,000.

John L. Wiegmann to Ruth A. Soler, L4874-4876 Avon Park Lakes Unit 15, \$4,000.

## Feb. 16

Nancy L. Bennett to Bryan S. Sigrist, PT Tracts 21/22 Bear Hollow Unrec, \$330,000.

HSBC Bank USA to Homes For Less, PT L6 Blk 249 Sun 'N Lake Sebring Unit 13, \$29,700.

Leslie Rodriguez to Charles W. Eifler, L3 Blk 69 Placid Lakes Sec. 6/8, \$80,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Roger L. Tracy, L11 Blk 9 Placid Lakes Sec. 19, \$64,900.

Miglo Inc. to William W. Powell, L16 Blk 263 Sun 'N Lakes Est. Sec. 20, \$155,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Rodney L. Clifton, L11 Blk 24 Sun 'N Lakes Est. Sec. 6, \$27,900.

Paul A. Moneymaker to Joseph E. Galford, L50 Blk 266 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$230,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Paul Von Merveldt, L179 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, \$2,900.

Rogelio Rico to Hector B. Puente, PT L6 Blk 44 Town of Avon Park, \$22,000.

## Feb. 17

Sandra Tyrrell to Wendy Waller, PT Sec. 19-35-29, \$80,000.

Daniel J. Donovan to Carlos Howerton, L15 Blk 57 Town of Harding Sec. 2, \$16,000.

Rose M. Cornelius to John B. Huber, L347 Golf Hammock Unit IV, \$102,500.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Humberto Ambriz, L17 Blk 6 Temple Terrace, \$33,000.

Heartland National Bank to Yazmin Y. Gamez, L11322-11323 Avon Park Lakes Unit 34, \$3,200.

Bank of America to Rock D. Breitzman, L1 Blk 69 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$87,000.

Caroline McLean to Alicia Denielle Froelich, L39/40 PT L41 Sebring Oaks, \$58,000.

Ana De La Maza to Steve Ramlal, L4 Blk J Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$6,500.

Ana De La Maza to Steve Ramlal, L3 Blk J Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$6,000.

Jennings Segraves Jr. to Louie M. Roberts, L4 PT L3 W T Connell Sub, \$35,000.

Elizabeth Ann Oakley to Ann B. Adams, L1 Blk 51 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$89,000.

Sun 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District to Roger E. Diamond, L48/49 Blk 344 Sun 'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 16, \$36,800.

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## 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:

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:  
Angelia 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

Approved, SCAO JIS CODE: PNH  
STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD  
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING  
FILE NO. 04-6918-DD  
In the matter of DESIREE FELVER  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:\*

whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:  
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Crawford County Probate Court before Judge Monte J. Burmeister P48732 for the following purpose:  
RE: Motion and Order to Show Cause as to why Amanda Felver should not be removed as guardian and the file closed.

Attorney name (type or print) Bar no.  
Address  
City, State, Zip Telephone no.  
4/10/12  
Chris Ventline, Probate Register  
200 W. Michigan Ave.  
Grayling, MI 49738  
Telephone no. 989/344-3237  
April 22, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: CITY TOWING OF SEBRING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 05/03/2012, 09:00 am at 280 Avon Way, Avon Park, FL 33825, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. CITY TOWING OF SEBRING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
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April 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: Charlott@StoneandWalder.com  
April 15, 22, 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 THEM.

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 PERIOD 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 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  
WELLSLPS-SPECFHLMR-Kelly-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

## 1050 Legals

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 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 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.

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

Filing Instructions  
The Petition must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to modify an existing Water Use permit with conditions: Permit Number 28-00102-W, Application Number 111123-13 to Blue Head Ranch, LLC & Blue Head Farm, LLC, P.O. Box 1318, Lake Wales, FL 33859-1318. The existing permit is being modified to include additional upper Floridan Aquifer withdrawal facilities, revisions to the irrigated areas, crop types, and associated demands with an annual allocation of 13,828.9 million gallons in Highlands County.

Sections 2-11, 14-22, 27-34, Township 37 S, Range 28 E;

Sections 9-21, 27-34, Township 36 S, Range 28 E; Sections 1-12, Township 39 S, Range 28 E; Sections 1-36, Township 38 S, Range 28 E

Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 26-35, Township 38 S, Range 29 E Sections 6 & 7, Township 39 S, Range 29 E

The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, including proposed limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD standards and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 682-6911, by e-mail at permiss@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, 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 INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, 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 RECORDS 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 responses 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

If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.

A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

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**NOTICE OF INTENDED AGENCY ACTION**

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to modify an Environmental Resource permit with conditions, Permit Number 28-00597-P, Application Number 111123-2 to Blue Head Ranch, LLC, P.O. Box 1318, Lake Wales, FL 33859-1318 for construction and operation of a surface water management system to serve a 10,557-acre project known as Blue Head Ranch - Strawberry Fields, located in Highlands County: Sections 6-7, 18-19, 26-35, Township 38 S, Range 29 E; Sections 1-12, Township 39 S, Range 28 E; Sections 9-21, 27-34, Township 36 S, Range 28 E; Sections 1-36, Township 38 S, Range 28 E; Sections 6-7, Township 39 S, Range 29 E; Sections 2-11, 14-22, 27-34, Township 37 S, Range 28 E.

The Staff Report setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permit, including proposed limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules, can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; Regulation Division, by telephone at 682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Report shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

**Filing Instructions**  
The Petition must be filed with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings with the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:  
\*Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.  
\*Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.  
\*Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

**Initiation of an Administrative Hearing**  
Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

**Mediation**  
The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

**RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW**  
Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST HEARING NO. 1213**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 8th day of May, 2012, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a variance to allow for a 23.2 and 23.6 foot rear yard setback instead of the required 25 feet for an existing dwelling, within the area described as follows: approximately .23 acre parcel located on West Xavier Road between Hartman Road and North Roxbury Road, northwest of Avon Park, the address being 3193 W. Xavier Rd., Avon Park, Florida; and legally described as follows: Lots 6833, 6834 and the northeast 1/2 of 6835, Avon Park Lakes, Unit 21, as recorded Plat Book 5, Pg. 16 in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.

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## It's down to two Dragons

By DAN HOEHNE

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It was a long trip for eight Highlands County track and field athletes, as four Red Devils and four Green Dragons made the trek up to Jacksonville for the Region 2-2A meet Thursday.

And not only were the octet of athletes far from home, they were now amongst a crowded field of 26 schools being represented at the Bolles School.

Despite the long odds and distance traveled, supreme efforts were put in all the way through.

But when the dust had settled on the day, all that were

left were two Green Dragons who advanced to the FHSAA Class 2A Finals – Taylor Miller and Keplet Charite.

Miller found herself among some very tight competition, as would be expected, but more than held her own.

“We were all pretty much even in the preliminaries,” she said. “Except for the girl from Jones.”

That girl is Cassidy Smith, who roared to the best qualifying time, 14.8 seconds, while Miller and Lake Highland Prep’s Vanessa Freire came in with the next best times at 16.6.

Into the finals it went, and

while Smith’s time rose a bit, she still broke 15 seconds at 14.97.

Freire, meanwhile, shaved a bit off her time, dropping to 16.47 to take second, and Nature Coast freshman Bronte Cameron cut more than half a second from her preliminary time to come in at 16.91 for third.

Miller, however, saw her time rise over the 17-second mark, at 17.09, but she held off a challenge from her district meet combatant, Gulf’s Paige Pinder, to grab the fourth and final qualifying spot to get to state.

“I wasn’t satisfied with the

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Keplet Charite raced to a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles at Thursday’s Region 2-2A meet in Jacksonville, qualifying him to move on to the FHSAA Finals.

News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

# District Champs!

By DAN HOEHNE

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The Lady Blue Streaks brought their hitting shoes to Lake Gibson Thursday, and walloped their way to the District 9-6A tournament championship with a 12-6 win over the host Lady Braves.

“I’m proud of us,” senior Jayme Faircloth said. “We stayed pumped the whole game and we continually cheered each other on.”

Having pulled off a mild upset in besting Winter Haven Tuesday, Lake Gibson had some momentum and the home field advantage on their side.

But the Brave bats, which had put up eight runs in their last regular season loss to Winter Haven, and nine in Tuesday’s win over the Devils, was held in check by freshman hurler Hannah Lollis.

And it was the sweet swinging Blue Streaks that set the tone early.

Four straight hits with two outs in the bottom of the first, singles by Dino Lower and Kara Faircloth sandwiching RBI doubles from Carly Hoffner and Emily Gilbert, got Sebring out to a 3-0 lead.

Lollis rolled through the second to hold the lead, but as often happens in high school softball, there soon came that “bad inning” in



Dino Lower hit her sixth home run of the season as the Lady Streaks rolled to the District 9-6A tournament title Thursday night.

News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

the third. On just one hit, a Margaret Roberts double, the Braves took the lead as an error, two walks and three hit-by-pitches preceded the two-bagger and brought home four runs.

“She got herself in a little bit of trouble there,” head coach Joe Sinness said. “But she kept her composure and got back on track

and really pitched a great game.”

Lollis did regain her command, as did the Sebring offense.

Answering right back in the bottom of the third, as five straight singles plated two runs, with Loren Eures and Alison Hoffner accounting for the runs batted in, scoring Carly Hoffner and Gilbert.

The narrow lead, though, would stay put over the next two innings, adding all the more tension to the night.

Both teams, by reaching the district championship, were assured of a date in the Class 6A playoffs.

The difference being that the losing team would play

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## Sebring sending 10

By DAN HOEHNE

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The Blue Streaks will be well represented at their upcoming regional meet as 10 track and field athletes finished in the top four of their events and advanced from the District 7-3A meet on Thursday.

Starting in the field events, Donavon White soared to success with a 6-foot, 4-inch high jump, good for first place and a ticket to move on.

“My best this year was 6-4,” White said. “I got it once at a meet in Lake Placid at the very beginning of the season, but it’s been a drought since and I haven’t cleared it.”

“I jumped it twice in practice this week, so knew it could be repeated,” he continued. “Districts was the ideal time to clear my PR once again.”

Blake Fort and McKenzie Hargaden both advanced from the pole vault event for the Lady Streaks, taking second and third with vaults of 10-foot and 8-foot, 6-inches, respectively.

Another duo advanced from the boys side of the pole vault, with Colton Dillon clearing 13-feet for second place and freshman Byron Cobb cleared an even 12-feet for fourth.

From there it was onto the track, where Sebring advanced five more athletes, three in multiple events.

Destiny McCartney, for instance, took third in the 100-meter hurdles, in a time of 16.67 seconds, and fourth

in the 300-meter hurdles, in 50.56 seconds, to make it to regionals in each.

Taylor Tubbs, despite a Wednesday spill on her roller blades that left her bruised, finished first in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs to move on.

“I go roller blading all the time,” Tubbs said. “It just didn’t work out so well on Wednesday. But I still won all my races, so it turned out ok.”

But it was Hannah Schroeder who outdid them all by advancing in three different events.

And not just any three events, but the three longest, long-distance runs.

The junior took third in the 800, second in the 1,600 and then somehow still had the speed and stamina to then win the 3,200 in a time of 12:21.02.

“She had a really great run in the 3,200 and lead practically the entire race,” Tubbs said of her fellow distance dominator. “I’m so glad we’ll be at the regional together next week.”

Two Blue Streak boys then qualified for regionals in the 3,200 as Eric Foster and Evan Wilburn took third and fourth, respectively.

With this flurry of strong finishes, including a number of near misses for qualifying, the Lady Streaks placed second as a team in the 11-team field, with 91.5 points, while the boys were sixth with 58.5.

## Abeln perfect for Panthers

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – The goal of most varsity athletes is to get the opportunity to play at the collegiate level.

For Sebring’s Seth Abeln, that dream became reality as he officially signed on to play baseball for South Florida Community College this past Thursday.

Despite having other offers ranging from Georgia and Tennessee, and all the way up in Michigan, Abeln saw the scholarship opportunity at SFCC more fitting for his needs.

“It’s close to home so my parents get to come watch me without having to drive too far.”

And indeed they will – Seth’s parents were there to support him Thursday, just as they have since the days of Dixie Youth baseball when he first fell in love with the game, and they



News-Sun photo by LAUREN WELBORN

Seth Abeln, flanked by parents Shon and Bobbie, was also joined by Sebring principal Anne Lindsey, Blue Streak head coach Buck Rapp, retired Sebring head coach Hoppy Rewis and athletic director Terry Quarles in signing to play baseball at South Florida Community College Thursday.

look forward to watching graduates Gus Williams, him even more in the near future.

It doesn’t hurt that Seth will be playing alongside a number of his teammates next year: former Sebring

graduates Josh Chavis and Evan Lewis just finished their first season as Panthers.

Also joining him at SFCC will be Aaron Hart and Kyle Cunningham, two other cur-

rent seniors on the Sebring staff.

“It makes it feel even more like home,” Abeln said.

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Hannah Schroeder pulled off quite a trifecta Thursday, qualifying for regionals in three different events – all long distance runs.

Courtesy photo

# THE SCOREBOARD

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	37	27	.578	—
x-New York	33	30	.524	3½
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	4
New Jersey	22	41	.349	14½
Toronto	22	41	.349	14½

#### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	45	17	.726	—
x-Atlanta	38	25	.603	7½
x-Orlando	36	26	.581	9
Washington	16	46	.258	29
Charlotte	7	55	.113	38

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	47	16	.746	—
x-Indiana	41	22	.651	6
Milwaukee	29	33	.468	17½
Detroit	23	40	.365	24
Cleveland	21	41	.339	25½

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	46	16	.742	—
x-Memphis	38	25	.603	8½
x-Dallas	36	28	.563	11
Houston	32	31	.508	14½
New Orleans	20	43	.317	26½

#### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	46	17	.730	—
Denver	34	28	.548	11½
Utah	33	30	.524	13
Portland	28	35	.444	18
Minnesota	26	38	.406	20½

#### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	40	24	.625	—
x-L.A. Clippers	39	24	.619	½
Phoenix	33	30	.524	6½
Golden State	22	40	.355	17
Sacramento	20	43	.317	19½
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched division				

#### Thursday's Games

Indiana 118, Milwaukee 109  
 Minnesota 91, Detroit 80  
 New Orleans 105, Houston 99, OT  
 Miami 83, Chicago 72  
 Phoenix 93, L.A. Clippers 90

#### Friday's Games

Atlanta 97, Boston 92  
 Memphis 85, Charlotte 80  
 Cleveland 98, New York 90  
 Dallas 104, Golden State 94  
 San Antonio 121, L.A. Lakers 97  
 Oklahoma City 103, Sacramento 92

#### Saturday's Games

Denver at Phoenix, late  
 Philadelphia at Indiana, late  
 Washington at Miami, late  
 Dallas at Chicago, late  
 Golden State at Houston, late  
 Portland at Memphis, late  
 New Jersey at Milwaukee, late  
 Orlando at Utah, late

#### Sunday's Games

New York at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
 Toronto at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
 Houston at Miami, 6 p.m.  
 Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Cleveland at San Antonio, 7 p.m.  
 Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.  
 New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

## NHL

### PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND

##### (Best-of-7)

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### N.Y. Rangers 2, Ottawa 2

NY Rangers 4, Ottawa 2  
 Ottawa 3, NY Rangers 2, OT  
 Monday: NY Rangers 1, Ottawa 0  
 Wednesday: Ottawa 3, NY Rangers 2, OT  
 Saturday: Ottawa at NY Rangers, late  
 Monday, April 23: NY Rangers at Ottawa, TBD  
 Thursday, April 26: Ottawa at NY Rangers, TBD

#### Boston 2, Washington 2

Boston 1, Washington 0, OT  
 Washington 2, Boston 1, 2OT  
 Monday: Boston 4, Washington 3  
 Thursday: Washington 2, Boston 1  
 Saturday: Washington at Boston, late  
 Sunday, April 22: Boston at Washington, TBD  
 Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Boston, TBD

#### Florida 2, New Jersey 2

New Jersey 3, Florida 2  
 Florida 4, New Jersey 2  
 Tuesday: Florida 4, New Jersey 3  
 Thursday: New Jersey 4, Florida 0  
 Saturday: New Jersey at Florida, late  
 Tuesday, April 24: Florida at New Jersey, TBD  
 Thursday, April 26: New Jersey at Florida, TBD

#### Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2

Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT  
 Philadelphia 8, Pittsburgh 5  
 Wednesday: Pittsburgh 10, Philadelphia 3  
 Friday: Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2  
 x-Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBD  
 x-Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBD

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### Los Angeles 3, Vancouver 1

Los Angeles 4, Vancouver 2  
 Los Angeles 4, Vancouver 2  
 Los Angeles 1, Vancouver 0  
 Wednesday: Vancouver 3, Los Angeles 1  
 Sunday, April 22: Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD  
 x-Tuesday, April 24: Vancouver at Los Angeles, TBD  
 x-Thursday, April 26: Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

#### St. Louis 3, San Jose 1

San Jose 3, St. Louis 2, 2OT  
 St. Louis 3, San Jose 0  
 Monday: St. Louis 4, San Jose 3  
 Thursday: St. Louis 2, San Jose 1  
 Saturday: San Jose at St. Louis, late  
 x-Monday, April 23: St. Louis at San Jose, TBD  
 x-Wednesday, April 25: San Jose at St. Louis, TBD

#### Phoenix 3, Chicago 1

Phoenix 3, Chicago 2, OT  
 Chicago 4, Phoenix 3, OT  
 Tuesday: Phoenix 3, Chicago 2, OT  
 Thursday: Phoenix 3, Chicago 2, OT  
 Saturday: Phoenix at Phoenix, late  
 x-Monday, April 23: Phoenix at Chicago, TBD  
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Chicago at Phoenix, TBD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### AUTO RACING

#### SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. NASCAR – STP 400 . . . . . FOX

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

#### SUNDAY

3:30 p.m. Missouri at Oklahoma . . . . . ESPN2

#### MONDAY

Noon Houston at Tulsa . . . . . SUN

#### TUESDAY

2 p.m. Arkansas at Auburn . . . . . SUN

### GOLF

#### SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo China Open . . . . . GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf . . . . . CBS

1 p.m. LPGA – LOTTE Championship . . . . . GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Valero Texas Open . . . . . CBS

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

#### SUNDAY

1 p.m. Texas at Detroit . . . . . TBS

1:30 p.m. Minnesota at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

2:10 p.m. Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs . . . . . WGN

8 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Boston . . . . . ESPN

#### MONDAY

2 p.m. Minnesota at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

7 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Texas . . . . . ESPN

#### TUESDAY

7 p.m. L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

10 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Oakland . . . . . WGN

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

#### SUNDAY

6 p.m. N.Y. Red Bulls at D.C. United . . . . . ESPN2

## NBA

### SUNDAY

1 p.m. N.Y. Knicks at Atlanta . . . . . ESPN

3:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers . . . . . ABC

### TUESDAY

8 p.m. Miami at Boston . . . . . TNT

10:30 p.m. Phoenix at Utah . . . . . TNT

## NHL

### SUNDAY

Noon Conference Quarterfinal – Teams TBA . . . . . NBC

3 p.m. Conference Quarterfinal – Teams TBA . . . . . NBC

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

### Major League Baseball

#### Nashville 4, Detroit 1

Nashville 3, Detroit 2  
 Detroit 3, Nashville 2  
 Nashville 3, Detroit 2  
 Tuesday: Nashville 3, Detroit 1  
 Friday: Nashville 2, Detroit 1

#### West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	11	3	.786	—
Colorado	7	6	.538	3½
San Francisco	7	6	.538	3½
Arizona	7	7	.500	4
San Diego	3	12	.200	8½

#### Thursday's Games

Miami 5, Chicago Cubs 3  
 L.A. Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 3  
 Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 3  
 Houston 11, Washington 4  
 Atlanta 10, Arizona 2  
 Philadelphia 2, San Diego 0

#### Friday's Games

Cincinnati 9, Chicago Cubs 4  
 Washington 2, Miami 0  
 St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 1  
 San Francisco 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 10 innings  
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 1  
 Colorado 4, Milwaukee 3  
 Atlanta 9, Arizona 1  
 Philadelphia 4, San Diego 1

#### Saturday's Games

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

#### Sunday's Games

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

#### Major League Baseball

### BASEBALL

#### Major League Baseball

MLB—Suspended Los Angeles Dodgers RHP Angel Guzman (Albuquerque-PCL) 50 games after a second violation for a drug abuse under the minor league drug prevention and treatment program. Fined Cleveland RHP Chris Perez \$750 for a "reckless" message on his Twitter account after a benches-clearing incident in Kansas City.

#### American League

DETROIT TIGERS—Acquired RHP Zach Miner from Kansas City for cash and assigned him to Erie (EL).  
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Claimed RHP Rich Thompson off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Optioned RHP Neil Wagner to Sacramento (PCL).

#### National League

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Reinstated CF B.J. Upton from 15-day DL. Optioned UTL Stephen Vogt to Durham (IL).

#### National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Kerry Wood on 15-day DL, retroactive to April 14. Recalled LHP Scott Maine from Iowa (PCL).  
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed 1B Lance Berkman on 15-day DL, retroactive to April 19. Activated OF-INF Skip Schumaker from 15-day DL.

#### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	11	4	.733	—
Atlanta	9	5	.643	1½
New York	7	6	.538	3
Miami	7	7	.500	3½
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	3½

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	10	4	.714	—
Cincinnati	6	8	.429	4
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	4
Pittsburgh	5	8	.385	4½
Houston	5	9	.357	5
Chicago	3	11	.214	7

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

**MONDAY:** Baseball hosts District 10-4A Tournament, TBD  
**TUESDAY:** Baseball hosts District 10-4A Tournament, TBD  
**THURSDAY:** Baseball hosts District 10-4A Tournament, TBD



Lake Placid

**MONDAY:** Baseball at District 10-4A Tournament, Avon Park, TBD  
**TUESDAY:** Baseball at District 10-4A Tournament, Avon Park, TBD  
**SATURDAY:** Track and Field at FHSAA Finals, Jacksonville, 1 p.m.



Sebring

**TUESDAY:** Baseball at District 9-6A Tournament, Winter Haven, vs. Lake Gibson, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. River Ridge, Class 6A Playoffs, 7 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Baseball at District 9-6A Tournament, Winter Haven, TBD; Track and Field at Regional Meet, 11 a.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## Softball BBQ

AVON PARK – Avon Park girls softball will be hosting a BBQ on Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lucy Derkman softball complex.

Dinners are \$7 and include pulled pork, barbecue beans, cole slaw and a roll.

For further information, contact Kyndal Tyler at 257-0814.

## Adult Spring Leagues

SEBRING – The Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting team registrations for the spring leagues until Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Games will begin at the Highlands County Sports Complex the week of May 7.

Leagues will include men's slow pitch, women's, church and recreation and coed leagues.

Leagues are open to all adults and youth 16 years and older.

League fees will be \$360 plus a one time sanctioning fee of \$15 for the 2012 fiscal year for new team.

Registration and league fees are due by Monday, May 7.

Please call Dan Jamison at the Highlands County Sports Complex at 863-402-6755.

## 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.

## 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 golfing 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](mailto:ngregor@heartlandnb.com).

## SFCC Volleyball Camps

AVON PARK – The summer season is right around the corner, which means plenty

# LP sends two to State

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way I ran (in the final)," she said. "But it's my first time making it to state and it feels great."

Charite, who had the fastest time in the boys 110-meter hurdles in the preliminaries, 15.57, saw Port Orange Atlantic's Michae Campobasso shave .35 seconds off his qualifying time to get the win.

But Charite stayed steady, dropping his time to 15.56 to solidly take second and stamp his ticket to state.

Distance runner Dalton Shelton couldn't quite make it to the FHSAA Finals.

After a tough 1,600-meter run finish, Shelton pushed hard in the 3,200, taking it down to the wire against Dunnellon's Vi Chicis-Aguilar, before finishing less than one second out of fourth place.

Avon Park's Lacy Turner, Steven Roberts, Damian Lovett and Masco Louis and Green Dragon Tobias Kuhn all made the trip upstate and put forth great efforts, but



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Taylor Miller will be making her first trip to state, and second trip to Jacksonville in just over a week, for the FHSAA Class 2A Finals.

weren't quite enough to move them along from the loaded field of competitors.

Interestingly, for the Lake Placid duo, the trip to the FHSAA Finals will bring them all the way back to

Jacksonville at the University of North Florida's Hodges Stadium Saturday, April 28, with the gates opening at Noon and competition to kick off at 1 p.m.

# Reaching Regionals



News-Sun file photos by DAN HOEHNE

Above: Destiny McCartney moved on to regionals in both the 100- and 300-meter hurdles events. Right: Blake Fort cleared an even 10-feet to take second at Thursday's district meet, moving her on to regionals. This pair of Lady Streaks join eight other Sebring athletes who advanced to the regional competition this Thursday in Punta Gorda.



# Chamberlain working out at Yankees' complex

Associated Press

TAMPA — New York Yankees reliever Joba Chamberlain expects to be out of a walking boot for an injured ankle for about two weeks.

Chamberlain dislocated his right ankle bouncing on a trampoline with his son on March 22.

The right-hander has resumed working out at the Yankees' minor league complex, where he played catch in the outfield Friday with his right knee on a stool.

Chamberlain said the ankle continues to improve and that his throwing arm is 100 percent.

The 6-foot-2, 240-pound right-hander was working his

way back from elbow ligament replacement surgery and was expected to return in June.

Also, Andy Pettitte made 66 pitches over 5 2-3 innings in an extended spring training game.

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# 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 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.

# Abeln signs with SFCC

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Hopefully," he added, noting SFCC coach Rick Hitt's ability to prepare his players for the next level, "I can maybe get on the same team with them again."

"He was a sparkplug for us all year; the way he plays the game and the energy he brings. I think he'll be a great addition there," said Sebring head coach Buck Rapp. "He

can play multiple positions and I think he's going to add a little bit of energy to that program.

"I'm excited for him. I think it's a good fit for him. He'll get pushed and he'll get better."

Abeln will, in fact, be doing both - playing utility and working hard, that is.

Already he is working on various aspects of his game to prepare for the transition

including bettering his drag bunt, as Abeln hits from the left batter's box.

Abeln is currently considering dentistry as a career path but is open to whatever opportunities may come his way.

"Rick's got a great player coming up there to him," Rapp said.

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# NFL teams fear picking “busts” in draft

By TOM WITHERS  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton is filled with the busts of the game’s greatest players, their images preserved in bronze.

Up the road in Cleveland, there are other busts.

Cincinnati’s had a few of the latter kind, too.

So have Detroit, Buffalo, Oakland, Kansas City and other NFL cities.

They’re just about everywhere.

You know these busts, those can’t-possibly-miss players tagged as saviors on draft day who wind up flopping on the field.

JaMarcus Russell, the No. 1 overall pick in 2007, was supposed to pull the Oakland Raiders out of their black hole.

Ryan Leaf, who some thought should have been taken ahead of Peyton Manning in the 1998 draft, was selected with the No. 2 pick, flamed out in San Diego and was recently arrested twice in four days on accusations of burglary to steal prescription painkillers.

Akili Smith. Charles Rogers. Courtney Brown. Joey Harrington. Brian Bosworth. Peter Warrick. Mike Williams. Brady Quinn. Tony Mandarich.

The list of busts goes on, and this year a few more names could be added to the roll-call of notable flounders.

On Thursday night, teams will begin selecting players they’ve watched for hours on film.

Scouts and front-office members have spent months pouring over statistics, assessing 40-yard-dash times and vertical leaps, reviewing interviews and Wonderlic tests and doing background checks on these potential future employees.

The goal is to get it right and pick a quality player of high character who can help you win.

Get it wrong, and the consequences can be catastrophic for an organization.

“Everybody wants the 10-year Pro Bowler, which is fine, but I’ll take the two-year Pro Bowler rather than a bust,” said Browns general manager Tom Heckert, who has 13 picks at his disposal this year. “You don’t want a bust, you can’t have a bust. That’s what you are trying to avoid.”

The Browns, perhaps more than any other team, have perfected the art of the wrong choice.

Cleveland has had seven picks in the Top 10 of the draft since its 1999 rebirth.

The Browns picked first in 1999 (Tim Couch) and 2000 (Brown), they had the No. 3

selection in 2001 (Gerard Warren), 2005 (Braylon Edwards), and 2007 (Joe Thomas), the No. 6 in 2004 (Kellen Winslow) and the No. 7 (Joe Haden) in 2010.

After taking Thomas, the Browns traded their ‘08 first-round pick to move back into the first round and select Quinn, the Notre Dame star who left all his Irish luck in college.

Tabbed as the future, he played in 14 games, was traded in 2010 to Denver and is now with Kansas City.

This year, a team that has made the playoffs just once in 13 years and posted 10 seasons with at least 10 losses in that span, will pick at No. 4 and No. 22 in the first round.

Besides Thomas, who has made five straight Pro Bowls, Cleveland’s poor track record on top picks is perhaps the biggest reason the Browns are 68-140 in their orange-helmeted incarnation.

It’s somewhat unfair to label Couch a bust since he had no talent around him, and he remains the only QB to get Cleveland to the playoffs, though he missed the game in Pittsburgh with a broken leg.

Brown, too, was the victim of misfortune as injuries sabotaged and shortened the passer’s career.

But the Browns’ selection of Warren, a journeyman, over Richard Seymour — Cleveland coach Butch Davis insisted on Warren — and ahead of LaDainian Tomlinson altered Cleveland’s course for years.

Heckert is determined not to repeat the mistakes of previous regimes, but in the draft, there are no guarantees.

“Everybody knows it’s a crap shoot sometimes,” he said.

The Bengals have bungled their share of picks.

A recurring theme during Cincinnati’s 22-year gap between playoff wins has been the team’s inability to pick the right quarterback — that is, until selecting Andy Dalton last year.

The Bengals have drafted talented QBs before, but the team’s failure was in managing them or forcing them into systems that didn’t fit their talents.

In 1992, the Bengals took David Klingler with the sixth overall pick and tried to turn a run-and-shoot QB who broke NCAA records at Houston into a pocket passer behind a bad offensive line with a below-average receiving corps. Disaster.

They tried the same thing with Smith, the third overall pick in 1999 out of Oregon, where he was taught to make a quick read and then run if nobody was open.

After sitting most of his

rookie season, Smith was given Cincinnati’s starting job in 2000 with two rookie receivers — Warrick and Ron Dugans.

Another bad idea.

Head coach Bruce Coslet quit three games into the season.

After only 10 games, the franchise gave up on Smith as a starter.

“I didn’t know what was going on,” Smith said. “They made me the third pick of the draft. They gave me a lot of money. And they weren’t going to give me a shot the following year. I couldn’t understand it, but I dealt with it.”

More than a few drafts have rendered the Bills busted and disgusted.

They can blame their 12-year playoff drought — the league’s current longest — in part to overreaching in the draft.

Their first-round failures are numerous and notable.

In 2002, they took Williams, an immense offensive tackle from Texas fourth overall.

He lasted only three seasons before being cut.

Two years later, they traded back into the first round to select quarterback J.P. Losman, who had an up-and-down five-year stint and failed to become the team’s franchise player.

Then, in 2009, Buffalo picked Penn State defensive end Aaron Maybin 11th overall.

He didn’t register a sack or break into the starting lineup in two seasons before being unceremoniously cut during training camp last summer.

General manager Buddy Nix said the only way to guard against picking a bust is preparation.

With the clock ticking, nerves fray and panic can ensue.

“We’ve made this mistake before and I’m talking about me,” Nix said, “is not being prepared if the guy you want at that spot all of a sudden is gone, and you’ve got five minutes to make the next pick. You better have your plan of where you’re going if he’s not there. I’ve had it happen more than once, and the mistakes we made was not being prepared to go to the next guy.”

Heckert can’t afford any errors.

He needs to find playmakers for an offense that scored just 218 points last season.

He can’t overreach. He can’t be fooled. He’s can’t blow it.

Not this year, not with the Browns still a mess and Cleveland fans demanding a quick turnaround.

It’s win — or bust.

“There’s a lot of pressure



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Akili Smith was one of many high draft picks that didn’t quite pan out.

from media, fans, people in your building, scouts and it’s my job to say, ‘Wait a minute. It’s not the right thing to do,’” he said. “That is the hardest thing to convey to the fans. It’s not like we

don’t want those guys, we want them just as bad as they do, but we don’t want to make a mistake doing it. There is way more mistakes made than great players picked.

“We just try to do the right thing.”

AP Sports Writers Joe Kay in Cincinnati and John Wawrow in Buffalo contributed to this report.

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## Report: Howard doing well after back surgery

Associated Press

ORLANDO — The Orlando Sentinel is reporting Magic center Dwight Howard underwent successful arthroscopic surgery Friday on a herniated disk in his lower back.

Howard is done for the season and will miss the summer Olympics, but team doctor Craig Mintzer said the All-Star was doing well and is expected to make a complete recovery in about four months.

Mintzer said: “He shouldn’t have restrictions whatsoever. He should come back fully. There shouldn’t be an issue there. Really, it’s just a matter of time.”

The surgery was performed

by Dr. Robert Watkins of Marina Del Ray, Calif.

Mintzer said told the Sentinel that Howard would

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# Streaks earn home playoff game

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their opening playoff game on the road – a none-too-close trip to the New Port Richey area – while the winning team would get their first game at home.

And perhaps it was the thought of avoiding the long drive that got the Sebring bats going again in the bottom of the sixth.

Jayne Faircloth got it started with a single and was soon able to trot home ahead of Lower, whose blast over the left-field fence marked her sixth home run of the season and gave the Streaks a little more of a cushion at 7-4.

But they were far from done as Gilbert, Kara Faircloth and Eures all singled to add another run to the lead.

Hits from Alison Hoffner and Tayla DaSilva made it 10-4, a wild pitch moved it to 11-4 and Lower picked up her second hit and third RBI of the inning, with a run-scoring single to push the lead to a commanding 12-4.

Sebring then traded two runs for three outs, as Lake Gibson made one final push that came up well short when Lollis induced the final out and secured the district title – the first in Sinness' four years at the helm.

"We've got a young team and I think we started like 1-7," he said. "We kept telling them all along, it's a new year, new positions, but just relax, go out and play. We finally were able to get them



Courtesy photo  
**Sebring grabbed the District 9-6A championship trophy with Thursday's win over Lake Gibson.**

to and things started to turn around, especially offensively where now we're scoring eight, nine runs a game. And now we're back to .500 at 13-13."

But it was those early season struggles that came to be a benefit.

"The games against teams that weren't in our district like Haines City, Lake Wales, DeSoto and Okeechobee definitely made us a better and stronger team," Faircloth

said. The Streaks now have the luxury of staying home for their first playoff game, and will be hosting River Ridge, the District 10-6A runners up after dropping a 5-4 decision to Mitchell Thursday.

The Lady Knights, however, will be no luxury themselves as they come in with a 16-5 record and had won six in a row by a combined score of 61-10 before their district title loss.

# Slive visits new SEC member Texas A&M

By CHRIS DUNCAN

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive says next week's meeting of Bowl Championship Series leaders is "just another step in the process" toward refining the oft-criticized system.

Slive visited Texas A&M on Friday and met with reporters before he participated in a panel on conference realignment.

BCS leaders are scheduled to convene Monday in Hollywood, Fla., when the Football Bowl Association holds its annual meeting.

Slive would not say what he hopes the meeting will accomplish, characterizing it as a "sharing of ideas."

Options up for discussion include minor tweaks to the current system, a four-team playoff and a playoff that tries to preserve traditional bowl rivalries for the Pac-12 and Big Ten.

Part of the discussion includes whether the games should be at bowls, on campus or at neutral sites.

"It would be really silly for me to start talking about the BCS when we're going to start meeting again on Monday," Slive said. "It's not productive."

The 11 BCS league commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director met in Texas last month and Slive said then that "there's no consensus yet on anything."

The upcoming, weeklong

meeting in Florida will be the fourth of the year for BCS leaders.

The BCS is in the middle of a four-year deal with ESPN that runs through the 2014 season.

A new BCS format must be in place before the fall when television negotiations with ESPN open.

"We're going to go back (this week) and hopefully refine our thinking," Slive said Friday. "This is a marathon, not a sprint. We don't really have to make a decision until summertime. This set of meetings is our annual meetings, but it's just another step in the process."

Slive joined American Football Coaches Association executive director Grant Teaff, Cotton Bowl chairman Tommy Bain and Texas A&M president Bowen Loftin on the symposium panel, conducted in the end-zone club at Kyle Field.

Teaff and Slive said one of the main arguments for keeping the current system is preserving the importance of the regular season.

And Teaff said the sport's popularity is validation for the BCS system, created in the 1990s.

"If you just think about where we are in football," Teaff said, "it's never been more popular. College football is THE game. And that all stems back from these decisions that were made early on."

Slive said the BCS has created more fan interest and

connected fan bases from coast-to-coast.

"Games in other parts of the country that really wouldn't have mattered to other parts of the country, now mean something to the nation," Slive said.

Teaff called the BCS the most significant step for college football since President Theodore Roosevelt demanded reforms to the game in 1905.

His meeting with the coaches from Harvard, Yale and Princeton at the White House led to the creation of the NCAA.

"No matter how much criticism the media and the fans and everybody else wants to give the BCS," Teaff said, "the BCS has played the most important role in college football since Teddy Roosevelt called everybody together and said, 'You better fix this, or I'm going to eliminate it from the American scene.'"

The panel touched on several other issues, but focused mainly on realignment. Texas A&M and Missouri bolted from the Big 12 last year and will begin competing in the SEC in July.

# 2012 Gator Gallop 5K

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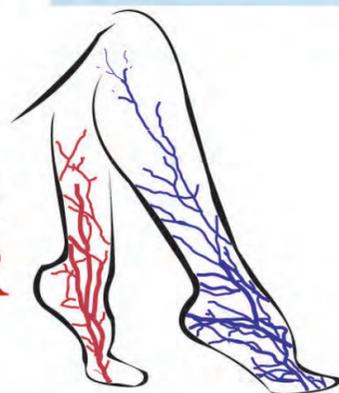
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