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County mulls waste proposal

Ireland-based Green Globe LLC promises jobs, income for county

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — County commissioners discussed the future of solid waste management in Highlands County during Tuesday evening's regular meeting.

Ramon Gavarette, county engineer, presented the board with a unique project led by a business out of Ireland known as Green Globe LLC.

Green Globe representative Jerry Farmer spoke to the commissioners throughout a presentation that described the history and background of the company.

The company is a recycling company that works to produce energy by using solid waste.

"We are set on providing energy and recovery. We want to replicate what we do in Europe," Farmer began.

The hour-long presentation showed a number of ideas and techniques that Green Globe uses to create energy from waste. Green Globe aims to extract energy from the waste streams being sent to landfills in North America.

"Using advanced technology and techniques, Green Globe will manufacture a Solids Recovered Fuel (SRF) from the unrecyclable fraction of processed waste," Farmer said.

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Check twice for bicycles

Hundreds of cyclists to hit roads this weekend for Tour of Sebring



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

The Kenilworth Lodge will be the starting and ending point for the Tour of Sebring rides this weekend.

Highland Pedalers celebrate 30th with annual event

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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SEBRING — For the past three decades, the Highlands Pedalers organization has worked to promote healthy living and safety for cyclists. The Pedalers have long been an advocate for road usage for both cyclists as well as vehicles.

The three-day Tour of Sebring festival this weekend will bring hundreds of cyclists, both beginners and experts, to the roads of Highlands County to share their love of cycling.

The event is coordinated by Bob and Rita Bennett, longtime cyclists. The Bennetts have a fun-filled weekend planned for everyone in attendance.

The unique festival holds a number of events for even the less-experienced rider to enjoy. Numerous routes have been established to provide ease and fun for novice cyclists, while the longer and more challenging rides await serious riders. Rides range in length from 11 miles to a 105-mile endurance test.

Nearly a dozen routes are set up with hydration stations where cyclists are able to refuel and regroup

Tour of Sebring Weekend

throughout their trek. Bikers, of course, are encouraged to bring extra fluids and snacks for their rides. Helmets are also required

The Tour of Sebring officially kicks off tonight at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring. Registration and packet pick-ups will take place from 6-8 p.m. Riders

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Rescues continue as Isaac floods areas of Louisiana

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Isaac dropped unrelenting rain Thursday, flooding areas north and south of New Orleans, officials sent scores of buses and dozens of high-water vehicles to help evacuate about 3,000 people as rising waters lapped against houses and left cars stranded. Floodwaters rose waist-high in some neighborhoods, and

some sort of normalcy.

Along the shores of Lake Ponchartrain near New Orleans, officials sent scores of buses and dozens of high-water vehicles to help evacuate about 3,000 people as rising waters lapped against houses and left cars stranded. Floodwaters rose waist-high in some neighborhoods, and

the Louisiana National Guard was working with sheriff's deputies to rescue people stranded in their homes.

To the east, evacuations were ordered in a sparsely populated area as a lake dam threatened to break near the Mississippi-Louisiana bor-

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Mystery shopper scam circulating

By CHRISTOPHER

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AVON PARK — A scam through the mail is circulating in Highlands County. People should be on the lookout.

The scam works like this: A letter, with a check enclosed, is sent to a home. It is typically written on paper with a letterhead, bar code, and sequencing numbers.

Below the text, two rows of well-known company logos are printed, including Office Depot and Walmart. The letter looks convincingly authentic. It purports to be an offer of employment as a Mystery Shopper.

The recipient is told the first assignment is "a

hands-on self training designed to equip you with the knowledge necessary to effectively carry out your assignments ..."

The first assignment is an evaluation of Western Union.

The recipient is supposed to send a certain amount of money — the bulk of the amount of the enclosed check — through Western Union in order to judge its customer service.

The second assignment is to take \$80 from the check, go to one of a list of retail stores — K-Mart, Sears and Best Buy are included — to evaluate it as well.

The letter says, "You are required to fax in the retail

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SFSC plans open house Sept. 26

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — South Florida State College invites the community to celebrate its expanded mission and new name — and to learn more about the new and existing programs it offers — at the SFSC Celebration Open House from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the SFSC Highlands Campus.

The open house will begin with the dedication of a time capsule by Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr., SFSC president, college administrators and staff. The time capsule will contain items that commemorate this period in the college's history. Plans are for the capsule to be opened on the college's 75th anniversary.

Afterwards, the celebration will continue in Building B, the Catherine P. Cornelius Student Services and Classroom Complex. The Career Development Center will showcase the services it provides to local jobseekers and employers.

Building B will also be the starting point for tours of the Highlands Campus, where staff and students will be available to discuss the more than 40 programs offered by the college, including technical training, corporate education, and its new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Supervision and Management (BAS-SM).

The open house marks a significant milestone in the history of the college, Dr. Stephens said.

In June, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools approved a level change for South Florida Community College, which allowed it to award baccalaureate degrees.

This led to the decision to change the college's name to South Florida State College.

With the start of the fall term, classes began for the BAS-SM degree, making it possible for students to pursue a bachelor's degree from SFSC for the first time ever.

"We have always had a comprehensive mission of 'enriching our communities through education ... one life at a time,' and the new bachelor's program adds to it," Dr. Stephens said.

"This open house is a celebration of our expanded mission but also an opportunity to affirm that we continue to be a comprehensive college that responds to the needs of our community."

"We invite everyone to celebrate with us and hope they'll develop a greater awareness of all of the programs and services we have to offer,"

For more information about the college and its services, call 453-6661, 773-2252, 465-5300, or 494-7500.

To learn more about the open house, call 784-7250.



Christy Meador, wife of Sgt. John David Meador II, and the couple's daughter, Elana, stand beside a memorial dedicated to the fallen soldier. Sgt. Meador was killed in Afghanistan on June 20. Photo courtesy of Christy Meador.

Thursday night bowling league missing a star player

For Christy Meador, Thursday night is bowling night. Not only is the sport a beloved hobby but her favorite Columbia, S.C., bowling alley is also where she met her future husband, Sgt. John David Meador II, known to most as "J.D."

"He also had a nickname of 'Maverick' because my favorite movie is 'Top Gun,'" Sgt. Meador's wife, Christy Meador, told "The Unknown Soldiers." "He looked a lot like Maverick."

After meeting in 2002, Christy and her Tom Cruise look-alike, who was working part-time as a bartender at the bowling alley, fell in love. But no matter where married life took the couple, they never missed league games with friends on Thursday nights.

"We would always bowl," Christy said. "He could bring a smile to everyone."

In October 2010 — the month of J.D. and Christy's birthdays — the ex-bartender stood up on a chair and announced to the entire alley that his wife was pregnant.

"He said, 'my wife just told me we got the best birthday present ever,'" Christy recalled. "He told them I was expecting."

Eight months earlier, J.D. made another huge announcement. After previously serving in the Army, he was re-joining the military as a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard.

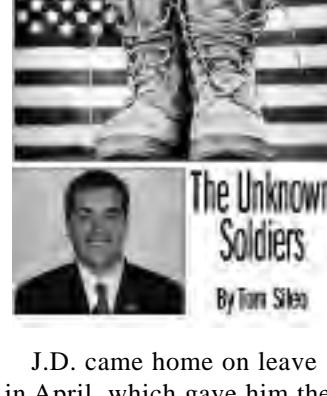
"There was no discussion," Christy said. "It was just ... I'm going."

On June 27, 2011, Elana Meador was born.

"Now I look back, and it was just so meant to be," Christy said while starting to cry. "Because I don't know where I would be today had we not had (Elana)."

When J.D. deployed to Afghanistan, his wife knew being alone with their little girl would be a challenge. But like thousands of military spouses across America, Christy came through for her soldier.

"All I could do was support him," she said.



**The Unknown
Soldiers**
By Tom Sileo

J.D. came home on leave in April, which gave him the chance to share unforgettable moments with loved ones, including his older daughter. The highlight was finally spending time with baby Elana.

"He got to see her, hold her and talk to her," Christy said.

When the 36-year-old soldier returned to eastern Afghanistan's Khost Province, the first thing he did was look above his bunk. Every month, his wife sent him new sets of footprints to remind J.D. how quickly their little girl was growing.

"He had gotten his Father's Day box," she said. "I already marked it 12 months because Elana's first birthday is (June) 27."

On June 19, the couple saw each other on Skype. Things had gotten "scary" over there, J.D. explained, and he needed Christy's prayers. Their conversation was interrupted by background noise from Elana, which immediately perked the soldier up.

"Go get my baby!" he said.

Before Christy could bring Elana downstairs, J.D. disappeared from the screen after his base lost power. The last text message Christy received from her husband was later that afternoon.

"Please kiss my baby for me," it read.

Christy was at work on June 20 when a strange car approached. As soon as she saw an Army officer's dress blues, she knew J.D. was dead.

"I am so sorry to tell you, but your husband was killed in action," the soldier said as Christy dropped to the floor.

The Pentagon said J.D. was killed when terrorists attacked his unit with small arms fire and an improvised explosive device. First Lt. Ryan Rawl, 30, and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Thomas, 30, also lost their lives.

Before J.D. left for Afghanistan, his wife asked him to record two audio-books for his little girl.

"We read them every night," Elana's tearful mom said.

Christy Meador is one of numerous military spouses to lose a loved one during the violent summer of 2012. This column exists to keep the military community's heroism in the spotlight.

"There are so many people out there, even good friends of mine, saying, 'I can't believe he left you and that baby,'" Christy said. "I say, 'You don't understand. It's something he wanted to do.'"

The Thursday night bowling league in Columbia, S.C., will always be missing a star player.

But from the mountains of Afghanistan to the hearts of his loving wife and daughters, the selfless legacy of Sgt. John David Meador II rolls on.

To find out more about Tom Sileo or to read features by other Creators Syndicate writers, visit www.creators.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Mega Soundz plays at AMVETS

SEBRING — AMVETS Post 21 will have karaoke with Mega Soundz from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Pizza will be available.

Caladium Ball is Saturday

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will host a "Caladium Ball" from 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday at the fellowship hall of Eastside Christian Church.

Following the festivities of the Caladium Festival the group decided to have a semi-formal dance to wind up the week and to also celebrate the group's first anniversary. It was a year ago September when Bill and Shirley Ringo brought ballroom dance lessons to Lake Placid meeting at the Placid Lakes Town Hall. They outgrew that facility to continue on at the fellowship hall. Then there were two dances a month along with the lessons introducing Lake Placid to one of the best dance floors in Florida.

As the summer approached, it became necessary to have one dance a month because of the exodus of snowbirds.

This dedicated group will have free caladium tubers supplied by Happiness Farms in Lake Placid, potted caladiums for door prizes given by Bates Sons and Daughters of Lake Placid, and hors d'oeuvres supplied by the dancers. Music will be provided by Allen; water and soda will be available throughout the evening.

Coffee and refreshments at intermission.

Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Fellowship hall is at 101 Peace Ave., two miles east on County Road 621 off U.S. 27.

Avon Park has holiday garbage pick up

AVON PARK — The city of Avon Park Public Works Labor Day holiday schedule will have no garbage pick-up on Monday. Monday's garbage

pick-up will move to Tuesday; Tuesday garbage pick-up will move to Wednesday; Thursday and Friday, Sept. 7 garbage pick-up will remain the same.

Call the Public Works Department at 452-4429.

SHS Cheerleading plans barbecue

SEBRING — The Sebring High School cheerleaders will hold their annual chicken barbecue fundraising dinner from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. It will be held at Fireman's Field; dine in or take out are available. All pick-ups and dining-in will take place at the main entrance of the fairgrounds near the baseball field.

The dinners include chicken, cooked by the Sebring Firemen, coleslaw, baked beans, cookie and a roll. All for the low cost of \$7 per dinner. Tickets are available from any Sebring cheerleader or contact Carolyn Shoemaker or Wendy Cloud at the high school, 471-5500.

Boy Scouts plan talks at schools

The Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Ridge Council will be holding fall recruitment during the month of September. Volunteers will be going to the local elementary schools to talk to boys from first through fifth grades about the Scouting Program.

Boys can sign up for Scouting at anytime during the year. They are also recruiting for boys ages 11-18. If you are interested in signing your child up for Boy Scouts please attend one of the following sign up nights or call Julie Diaz Nichols at (863) 370-7608 for more information. All Sign Up Nights being held in the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

— Lake Placid Elementary, Sept. 6

— Park Elementary, Sept. 11

— Woodlawn Elementary, Sept. 18

— Lake Country Elementary, Sept. 18.

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This realistic check and these official looking documents were received in the mail as an attempt to scam a local woman out of money.

Scam promises money for mystery shopping job

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receipts and transfer receipts for verification purposes."

The recipient is told to cash the enclosed check right away. After the assignments, a few hundred dollars remain from the check. The money is said to be the recipient's salary. But the check bounces, leaving the recipient liable for the full amount of the check.

Austin Richmond, with the Wells Fargo Bank in Avon Park, recently saw one of these checks in time to warn the recipient.

"We see this type of check every so often. Not a lot, but enough so we know them when we see them."

We see this type of check every so often. Not a lot, but enough so we know them when we see them.'

AUSTIN RICHMOND
Wells Fargo, Avon Park

He warns people that any letter/check combination asking for a portion of the money to be returned immediately is a major red flag.

The News-Sun called the International Data Corp., one of the companies sending out these solicitations.

The telephone number was

listed on the letter.

A man answered the phone. When the News-Sun explained why it was calling and asked for information, the man said he was transferring the call to the public relations department.

The phone simply rang. No one answered after 20 rings, and no voice mailbox came on.

Other area banks have seen the same scam.

On its website, Highlands Independent Bank has a link to an organization that teaches about all types of fraudulent offers.

Go to www.highlandsindependentbank.com and look for the heading Beware of Scams, in bright red letters.

Green Globe LLC makes solid waste proposal to county

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The SRF will be used as a fossil fuel replacement by cement manufacturers in North America, according to Farmer.

Green Globe's statistics show that throughout North America, 54 percent of waste goes to landfills, 13 percent is recycled and the remaining percentage (approximately 33 percent) is incinerated. In Highlands County, by comparison, 88 percent of waste is thrown in landfills and 12 percent is recycled.

Green Globe's proposal for Highlands County, which includes acquiring space at the landfill to develop a factory, were highlighted in Farmer's presentation and are as follows:

— Treatment of incoming solid waste at an agreed per-ton gate fee

— 60 percent recycling and diversion

— 40 percent residual material sent to the Highlands County landfill

— An income share on recovered materials

— Highlands County achieves increased recycling rates at no additional costs

— Reduction of costs associated with future landfill development

The Green Globe organization believes several good things could come from the project, including 35 projected local employees, financial gains over the next 10 years, reduction of landfill costs and sustainability.

"What is the expense on Highlands County side?" asked Commissioner Don Elwell.

Gavarette and Farmer assured Elwell and the commission that no further costs will be incurred if this project



I've sat here for the last eight years and have seen the county be so quick to grab at solutions without getting into deep details. Please, please don't rush in.'

BARBARA STEWART
county commissioner

is put into place.

"We expect that taxpayers of Highlands County will not have an expense to be able to bring in Green Globe to the county," Gavarette said.

According to Gavarette, the company will absorb the costs of the project, including the development plan, permits, engineering and several other aspects.

"The land is the only thing the county will provide, but it will be owned by Green Globe," Gavarette stated. "I want to make it very clear that the county will not be giving any funding in the development of this project."

The proposal for Green Globe includes land under a 10-year contract. Gavarette believes the company will seek a renewable clause.

Farmer is expecting a profit share with the county anywhere between \$300,000 and \$500,000 on a yearly basis, if the project goes forward.

Currently, the county's solid waste operations costs are at \$7 million. Gavarette stated again that the county won't spend more than it currently does.

More concerns were voiced toward the end of the discussion, mainly from Commissioner Barbara Stewart.

"They're so many places around the state that have higher volumes (waste). Why

wouldn't you look there?" Stewart asked.

Farmer stated that though there are several other locations that were looked at throughout the state of Florida, the tonnage was unavailable for use due to it being contracted out to incinerators or other landfills.

Commissioners told Gavarette and Farmer to come up with more research and projections before moving forward with the approval of the Green Globe project.

Gavarette was given a two-to-three-week window in which to bring back the information to the board. The date for the information, as well as Request for Proposals for recycling companies, is Sept. 18.

Farmer assured the commission that no outside waste would enter Highlands County and that the 35 expected positions would all come from the local community.

Stewart had one final thought about the proposed project on the table Tuesday night.

"I strongly urge you to be extremely cautious. I've sat here for the last eight years and have seen the county be so quick to grab at solutions without getting into deep details. Please, please don't rush in," Stewart said.

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Ryan's role: Defending Romney, slamming Obama

By PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

TAMPA — With a no-nonsense tone, Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan embraced his role as Barack Obama's top agitator — and Mitt Romney's chief defender

Stubbornly high unemployment? Obama's fault. Dispirited Americans? Obama's fault. Even the closed General Motors plant in his beloved hometown of Janesville, Wis. You can guess whose fault that is, too, even though the plant ceased production before Obama took office.

"Without a change in leadership, why would the next four years be any different from the last four years?" Ryan said.

The Wisconsin congressman stepped onto the national stage Wednesday night with a Midwesterner's polite but pointed outrage for a nation whose economy has not recovered quickly enough from the Great Recession. Citing statistics, Ryan comfortably slid into the traditional role of the No. 2 on a presidential ticket.

From the outset of the speech — his highest stakes appearance yet in his political career — he took Obama to task.

He gave the Republican faithful and

Obama skeptics plenty of

reminders that some of

Obama's promises of 2008

have come up short.

"It all started off with

stirring speeches, Greek

columns, the thrill of some-

thing new," Ryan said.

"Now all that's left is a presidency adrift, surviving on slogans that already seem tired, grasping at a moment that has already



MCT
Paul Ryan concludes his speech Wednesday night at the Republican National Convention in Tampa.

passed, like a ship trying to sail on yesterday's wind."

He offered praise of Romney and a brief introduction to his story growing up in Wisconsin. But the thrust of Ryan's pitch is that Obama has misled the country and it is time to replace him with Romney.

"President Obama is the kind of politician who puts promises on the record, and then calls that the record," Ryan said. "But we are four years into this presidency. The issue is not the economy as Barack Obama inherited it — not the economy as he envisions it — but this economy as we are living it."

Ryan worked with his speechwriting team — some longtime aides, others new additions from Romney's Boston headquarter — to find a balance that appealed

to voters from in-play states such as Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania. Economic hardships have hit close to home there and Ryan's roots in Janesville were an effort to connect with working- and middle-class voters who remain skeptical of the vastly wealthy Romney.

He told the story of his hometown, Janesville, where he still lives on the block where he grew up. He worships at the Catholic parish where he was baptized, and the shuttered GM plant is a reminder of the past.

Ryan pressed forward with other scathing criticisms painting Obama as a spend-crazy leader.

"With all their attack ads, the president is just throwing away money — and he's pretty experienced at that," he said.

On Romney's day, he looks past Democrats' doubt, despair

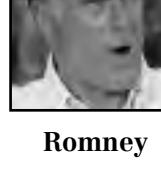
Associated Press

TAMPA — Republican Mitt Romney is stepping up for the most important speech of his life, to an audience of millions, after a rousing warm-up from a running mate who vowed the days of dodging painful budget choices will end if voters toss President Barack Obama from office.

Having grasped the nomination on his second try, after years spent cultivating this moment, planned to use his speech Thursday night to introduce himself to a large portion of voters and claw for advantage in a race that could scarcely be any closer.

Romney hinted at the themes in a morning fundraising appeal emailed to supporters.

"We believe in America, even though the last four years have been full of difficulties and disappointments, doubt and despair," Romney said. "We believe in America, even



Romney

though President Obama's failed policies have left us with record high unemployment, lower take-home pay, and the weakest economy since the Great Depression."

There was no shortage of advice for Romney from armchair speechwriters on all sides.

Jeb Bush, the brother and son of former presidents, said it was critical for the normally reserved GOP nominee to connect with people on an emotional level — even if he's never going to be a new-age kind of guy."

"Where it matters is connecting with other people's concerns," Bush said in a round of morning talk show interviews. Only then, he said, will voters be ready to hear the candidate's case.

Overnight convention planners transformed the convention stage, extending it about 12 feet to move the candidate closer to the audience. A glass barrier surrounded the bottom steps.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION**ANOTHER VIEWPOINT****Scott should pay attention to polls**

Gov. Rick Scott is doing a little better in public opinion polls — a reflection, perhaps, of his efforts to improve communication with his constituents.

A recent poll by Quinnipiac University, conducted for CBS News and the New York Times, found that Scott's approval rating had risen to 41 percent. Forty-nine percent of voters disapprove of Scott's job performance.

For Scott, that's a noteworthy improvement. After a rocky start with voters and the media, the governor is showing more awareness of the need to sell his policies and reach out to critics.

Yet he is still "underwater," as the pollsters say. His approval rating is well below 50 percent, a sign that he still faces an uphill climb to re-election.

It has taken this long for Scott to

stanch his political bleeding. When he came into office, it was after two bruising battles, one in the Republican primary and one in the 2010 general election.

He won narrowly and with less than 50 percent of the more than 5 million votes cast.

Thus, Scott came into office with numerous scrapes and wounds. But how he proceeded to govern in his first year hurt him too.

Scott's early communication strategy didn't put him in a warm light. He came off as aloof as he kept the media at arm's length.

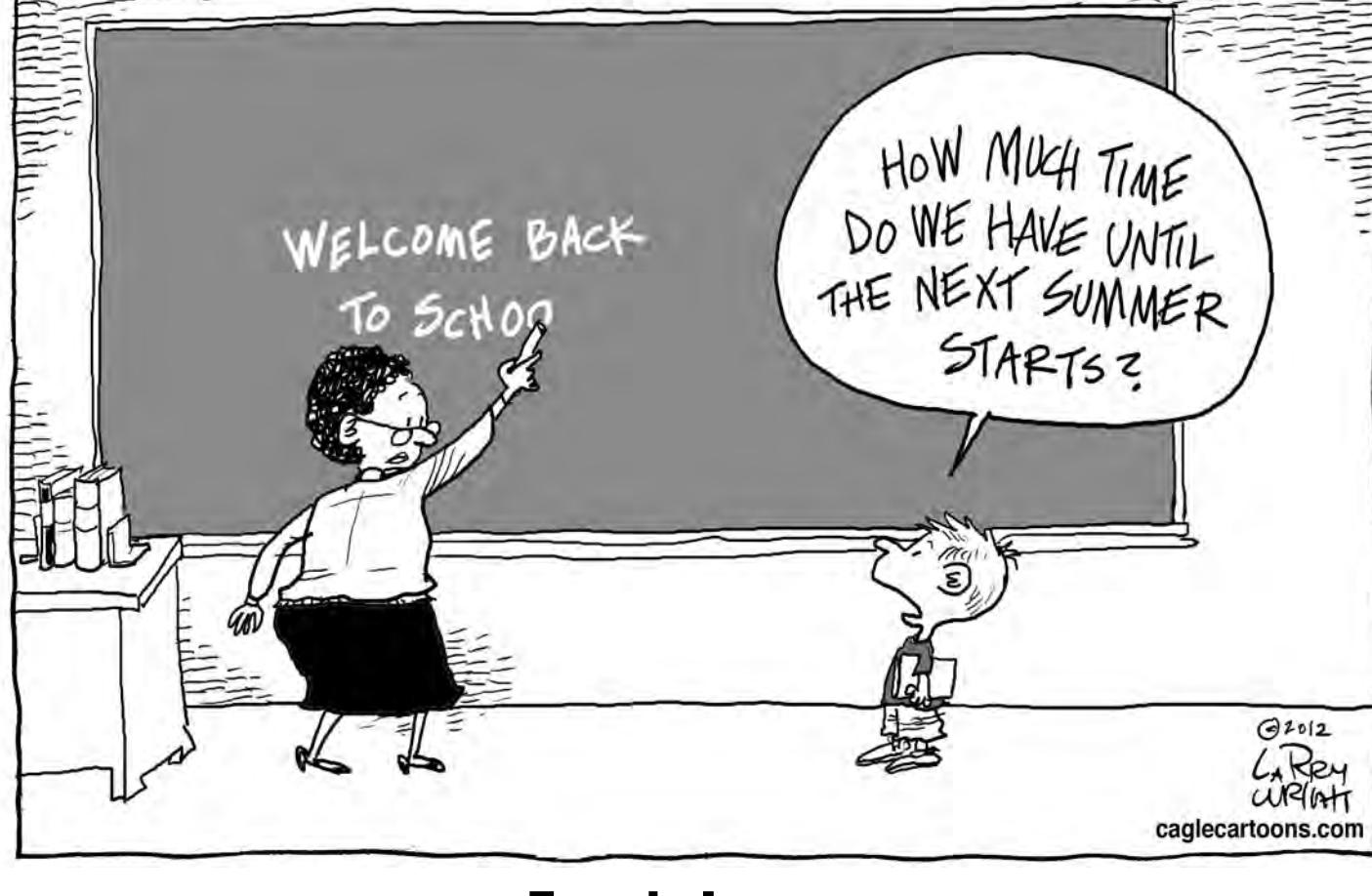
Scott explained some of the access

issues to The News-Journal earlier this year, noting that he had hundreds of appointments to make even before he took office. He then had to try to balance the budget in early 2011 and deal with the Legislature. True enough. But there is no doubt Scott was wary of the media, and that he did little to reach out to Floridians outside his base of tea party supporters.

Scott is doing better in part because he's aggressively explaining and defending his positions. He's also reaching out more to state lawmakers and building support for his ideas. ...

A governor shouldn't govern by polls but an astute leader pays attention to public opinion and attempts to shape it through policy and perception.

An editorial from the Daytona Beach News-Journal.

**TODAY'S LETTERS****Sebring a great place to hold bike event**

Editor:

For the past 30 years, Highlands Pedalers has been promoting safe cycling and advocating for fair use of the roads. In part due to those efforts, visitors to Highlands County are quick to note we have the safest, friendliest motorists in the state.

We want to thank you, the motorists who go out of your way daily, for sharing the road, giving us a minimum of 3 feet of space and a friendly wave once you have safely passed us.

This Labor Day Weekend, we're hosting another three-day bicycle festival with friends from all over Florida and we invite you, the casual bike rider, to join us and see what all the fun is about. We have routes for all abilities, especially shorter rides around 11, 20 and 30 miles if you're wary of pushing yourself too hard. All of our routes have designated rest areas where you can refuel and rehydrate. We encourage you to bring your own fluids on the bike and we require participants to wear helmets.

The best place to get information for Tour of Sebring is at www.tourfoursebring.com/. All rides begin and end at Kenilworth Lodge on the south side of Lake Jackson.

Our commitment to positive cycling culminated this year in a donation to three families from Team TriPOWER, a youth triathlon training club that Highlands Pedalers created earlier this year. With three

children qualifying for IronKids National Championships in Des Moines, IA, we joined with the community in chipping in a few bucks to help these families cover their costs.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, Pedalers donated \$1,500 at our last meeting to the families of Bud Cox, Kinsley White and Chase Doty. We wish them luck in their races, safe travels and a good time.

*Bob and Rita Bennett
Bike Event Directors
Sebring*

Obama is not a friend to veterans

Editor:

I would like the time to share with the public my view on Billie E. Jewett's opinion, with my experience. Halliburton could have been stopped by the Obama administration at any time; he did not. Instead, Obama gave out more monies to other countries that were killing our soldiers.

As for the Republicans or the Democrats being the blame, both are at fault. After 30 years of fighting for war-caused injuries it took the help of Lee Hamilton (D) and Bill Saxby of Ohio (R) to get help. And for bills info Johnson screwed us, Carter screwed the Vietnam vet, gave draft dodgers amnesty and gave them jobs with the "government" when we who served got nothing and could not buy a job, and rationed gas at five gallons per stop.

I was a war vet and journeyman lineman with the IBEW Union, was out of

work while the draft dodgers are probably still working for the government. That may account for the number of non high school graduates working in government.

Do you, Bill, know of Gen. Giep of Vietnam? He said that one or two more bombings of North Vietnam they would have surrendered, that was Johnson's deal.

Now comes Obama. He has cut, cut, cut the vets more than \$16 billion, and you were trying to get disability pay from this administration. Also Obama has stated that we, the war veterans are unpatriotic for getting our war wounds treated at the Veterans Administration. He stated we should have had private insurance, and we should have known we could have been killed or wounded when we enlisted.

Well, as you may know something that Obama does not, all were not RE, RA, NG like me. I was US drafted at the age of 24 so you and Obama need to look up the real truth. A disabled Vietnam veteran that suffered for more than 30 years without help and now Obama wants to do it all over again to us.

*Clarence F. Neely
Lake Placid*

Taking another step in history

Editor:

As long as you keep ordering from Sears, they would send you a new catalog every time one came out, free. The old Sears catalog would go out to the old out-

house. Almost every old outhouse had a Sears catalog laying on the seat. Of course, it wasn't as soft as Charmin but it did the job.

The old Sears catalog was free toilet paper. That was one thing you could cross off the grocery list.

Bill Murphy from Channel 13 was on one of his one-tank trips down in Bradenton back in about October 2004. They still had the old outhouse there with the moon slice cut out of the door. Bill opened the door and looked in, he said "Yes, it is a two-seater." Bill didn't say anything about the Sears catalog. But I'm sure the old Sears catalog was all used up.

In one of my write ups back in 2003, I told about the old wagon trail that ran from Fort Ogden to Fort Bassinger. DeSoto Road was also part of the old wagon trail.

At that time, Highlands Avenue ended at DeSoto Road. It didn't go on south like it does today. On the south side of DeSoto Road and about 300 feet west of Highlands Avenue, there was a house, a chicken farm and a grove there that was known as the Hodge place.

Willy Taylor taught the fifth grade in the old school on Pine Street for many years. I remember hearing her saying when she was a little girl, her dad worked in the field at the Hodge place. Her family was living at the Hodge place at that time. It was about two miles from where my dad lived over to the Hodge place.

*William Schlosser
Sebring*

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America's greatness

es in American history.

So here we stand today, the Shining City on a Hill dimly lit and despondently divided. Though words have replaced muskets, and name-calling replaced cannons, the damage is about as severe.

Unlike days of

old, when President Lincoln lay awake at night trying to unify a divided people, we have a president and Democratic leaders in Congress who preach civility, yet wage their own wars on class, race and gender. They would do well to consider the words of Patrick Henry who said, "Let us trust God, and our better judgment to set us right hereafter. United we stand divided we fall. Let us not split into faction which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs."

President Obama and his

ilk almost root for

America's demise. They

obviously do not believe in

the rare and precious gem

that is America because

they do not recognize the

essence of what she is as so

amply described in an old

adage: "I sought for the

greatness and genius of

America in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers,

and it was not there...in her fertile fields

and boundless forests, and

it was not there...in her rich

mines and her vast world

commerce, and it was not

there...in her democratic

Congress and her matchless

Constitution, and it was not

there. Not until I went into

the churches of America

and heard her pulpits

aflame with righteousness

did I understand the secret

of her genius and power:

America is great because

she is good, and if America

ever ceases to be good, she

will cease to be great."

Regrettably, greatness

has passed before them, and

they have failed to recognize it.

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NASA launches twin satellites to radiation belts

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — Twin satellites rocketed into orbit Thursday on a quest to explore Earth's treacherous radiation belts and protect the planet from solar outbursts.

NASA launched the science probes before dawn, sending them skyward aboard an unmanned rocket.

"They're now at home in the Van Allen belts where they belong," said Nicola Fox, the deputy project scientist for the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

It's the first time two spacecraft are flying in tandem amid the punishing radiation belts of Earth, brimming with highly charged particles capable of wrecking satellites.

These new satellites — shielded with thick aluminum — are designed to withstand an onslaught of cosmic rays for the next two years.

"We're going to a place that other missions try to avoid and we need to live there for two years. That's one of our biggest challenges," said Richard Fitzgerald, project manager for Johns Hopkins.

Fitzgerald wore a black tuxedo for the big event,

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RICHARD FITZGERALD
project manager

"my good-luck tux." It's the same suit he wore for the launch of another set of twin science satellites that still are going strong after 10 years. "I'm hoping for the same" with these Radiation Belt Storm Probes, he said.

The Johns Hopkins lab built the radiation belt probes for NASA, and is operating them from Maryland following a week of launch delays.

Scientists expect the \$686 million mission to shed light on how the sun affects the Van Allen radiation belts, named after the astrophysicist who discovered them a half-century ago.

Earth's two doughnut-shaped radiation belts stretch thousands of miles into space; these inner and outer

belts are full of high-energy particles from the sun and elsewhere in the cosmos, trapped by Earth's magnetic field.

Normally, the belts remain well above the International Space Station and low-flying satellites. But the belts can expand during solar storms right into the paths of orbiting spacecraft. If severe enough, the storms can cripple satellites and endanger astronauts, and disrupt power and communications on the ground.

The goal of this mission is to improve space weather forecasting.

"The Earth responds to what's coming from the sun, so we say, 'If the sun sneezes, the Earth catches a cold,'" said Nicola Fox, deputy project scientist for Johns Hopkins. The symptoms vary widely and need to be better understood, she said.

Science instruments aboard the nearly identical spacecraft will measure the high-energy particles coursing through the radiation belts and numbering in the trillions. The satellites will traverse both the inner and outer belts, flying as close as 300 miles to Earth and as far away as almost 20,000 miles.

OBITUARIES

BETTY A. EVELETH

Betty A. Eveleth, 72, passed away, Friday evening, Aug. 24, 2012 at Highlands Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

Betty was born in Lowell, Mass., on April 20, 1940. She and Pete moved to Highlands County from Hallandale, Fla. in 1971 and they established Pete Eveleth Well Drilling Inc. Betty served as Secretary-Treasurer. Betty and Pete enjoyed traveling in their motor homes and were active members of the Florida Hobos, an RV Club. She was also a member of the Women of the Moose.

Betty is survived by her loving husband, Pete, who adored and worshipped her through their 44 happy years of marriage. Betty is also survived by her sister, Janet Ferrantino of Massachusetts; daughters, Darlene Young and Sheri Crenshaw both of Sebring; step-daughter Patricia Eveleth and step-sons Clarke Eveleth both of New Hampshire and Todd Eveleth of Sebring; six grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

As per Betty's request, there will be no service and those who desiring may make contributions in memory of Betty to Habitat for Humanity or the Humane Society.

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DONALD B. McDONALD

The Service of Remembrance for Mr. Donald B. McDonald, age

80, of Pine Ridge, Florida, will be held 1 p.m., Friday, August 31, 2012 at the Crystal River United Methodist Church with Pastor David Rawls officiating. Cremation will be under the direction of Hooper Crematory, Inverness, Florida.

The family requests expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Crystal River United Methodist Church or Hospice of Citrus County. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.HooperFuneralHome.com.

Mr. McDonald was born May 10, 1932 in Sebring, son of the late Monroe and Mattie (Etheredge) McDonald. He died August 25, 2012 in Lecanto, Fla. Mr. McDonald was an Air Force veteran serving during the Korean War and worked as a manager for GTE Data Services. Following his retirement he went to work

as an engineer supervisor for the State of Florida Public Service Commission. He moved to Pine Ridge, Fla. from Tallahassee in 2006.

He was a 1960 graduate of University of Florida and was an avid Gator fan. His hobbies included golf and UF sports, especially football. Mr. McDonald was a member of the Crystal River United Methodist Church.

Mr. McDonald was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Etheredge McDonald. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Catherine McDonald of Pine Ridge, Fla., 2 sons, Neil (Melissa) McDonald of Valrico, Fla., and Steve McDonald of Onalaska, Wisc., 2 brothers, Howard McDonald of Tampa, Fla., and Justice Parker Lee (Ruth) McDonald of Tallahassee, Fla., sister, Martha (Mark) Pownall of Toledo, Ohio, and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes & Crematory.

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CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF AVON PARK COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012, 6:00 PM

The City of Avon Park will hold a Public Hearing on the following proposed ordinance on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 6:00 pm and on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible. The hearing shall be held at the Avon Park City Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE AVON PARK LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 2, ADDING "FARMWORKER HOUSING" TO TABLE 2.04.01(A), TABLE OF LAND USES AND REMOVING "BOARDING HOUSE" AS A PERMITTED USE IN R-2 AND C-4 ZONING; AMENDING ARTICLE 9, ADDING "FARMWORKER", "FARMWORKER HOUSING", AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THE DATE AND TIME NOTED ABOVE OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE, AND IF NECESSARY TO BE CONTINUED TO A DATE CERTAIN. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE AVON PARK CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 123 E. PINE STREET, AVON PARK, FLORIDA. ANY INTERESTED PERSONS WHO FEEL THEY ARE AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BE HEARD.

ANY PERSON(S) WISHING TO VIEW RELEVANT INFORMATION IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY VIEW SAID DOCUMENTS AT THE AVON PARK CITY HALL AT 100 EAST MAIN STREET, AVON PARK, FLORIDA BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 AM AND 5 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

PERSONS ARE ADVISED THAT IF THEY DECIDE TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE AT THESE MEETINGS/HEARINGS, THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE AND EFFORT, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED PER SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AT 863-452-4403.



News-Sun file photo

Cyclists return to Kenilworth Lodge after participating in the Tour of Sebring event.

Tour of Sebring set this weekend

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will start bright and early Saturday with a breakfast in the Kenilworth Lodge lobby beginning at 6 a.m.

The first course, the 63-mile Istokpoga Ride, will begin promptly at 7 a.m. Three other courses are scheduled for Saturday. The event continues through Sunday and Monday with five

courses, including the 105-mile course, on Sunday and four courses on Monday.

Rita Bennett said that the annual event continues to grow each year bringing more and more visitors to Highlands County.

"It's pretty big. We are expected about 100 more (riders) than last year,"

Bob Bennett said.

The Bennetts are anticipating a total of 450 riders for the Tour.

Local cyclists are able to pick up registration forms at the Kenilworth Lodge. Information regarding prices, routes and all the fun events throughout the weekend can be found at www.Tourofsebring.com/.

Isaac's floods spark evacuations

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der. Officials in Tangipahoa Parish, La., feared the water it would pour into the already swollen river would flood low-lying areas downstream.

Even as Isaac weakened on its slow trek inland, it continued to spin off life-threatening weather including storm surges, inland flooding from torrential rain and potential tornadoes. Nearly half of Louisiana electrical customers lost power and another 150,000 were out in neighboring Mississippi.

A Coast Guard helicopter hoisted a couple and their dogs early Thursday from a home in LaPlace, between the Mississippi River and Lake Ponchartrain, after storm surge poured into their

neighborhood and local authorities called for help. The couple was taken to New Orleans and reported in good condition.

"The husband and wife and their two dogs were in an area where a lot of houses washed away," said Lt. Cmdr. Jorge Porto. "They used a flashlight inside the house as a signaling device, which made all the difference in locating them effectively."

The floodwaters "were shockingly fast-rising, from what I understand from talking to people," Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne said. "It caught everybody by surprise."

A tow truck driver was killed Thursday morning when a tree fell on his truck in Picayune, Miss., just across the state line from

Louisiana. Authorities said Isaac was causing heavy rain and strong winds at the time.

President Barack Obama declared federal emergencies in Louisiana and Mississippi late Wednesday, allowing federal aid to be freed up for affected areas.

Isaac arrived seven years after Hurricane Katrina and passed slightly to the west of New Orleans, where the city's fortified levee system easily handled the assault. "Unfortunately, that's not been the case for low-lying areas outside the federal system, in particular lower Jefferson and Plaquemines parishes," said Louisiana Democratic U.S. Sen. Mary Landrieu. "Hurricane Isaac has reinforced for us once again just how vulnerable

these critical areas are. We must re-engage the Corps of Engineers on this."

Louisiana's Public Service Commission said 901,000 homes and businesses around the state — about 47 percent of all customers — were without power Thursday. Utility company Entergy said that included about 157,000 in New Orleans.

New Orleans' biggest problems seemed to be downed power lines, scattered tree limbs and minor flooding. One person was reported killed, compared with 1,800 deaths from Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi. And police reported few problems with looting. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu ordered a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Information from the Associated Press

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012
NOTICE OF ELECTION**

I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

**NO. 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 28
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

SECTION 28. Health care services.—

- (a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care;
- (1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage;
- (2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for paying directly for lawful health care services. A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services;
- (b) The private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service may not be abolished by law or rule;
- (c) This section does not:
- (1) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide;
- (2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law;
- (3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation;
- (4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010;
- (5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges;
- (6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section;
- (d) As used in this section, the term:
- (1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or taxes;
- (2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service;
- (3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants;
- (4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation at the time the service or treatment is rendered, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services;
- (5) "Penalties or taxes" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

**NO. 2
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: VETERANS DISABLED DUE TO COMBAT INJURY; HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of Section 32 of Article XII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION**

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

- (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entries, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.
- (b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.
- (c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.
- (d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.
- (e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury; homestead property tax discount.—The amendment to subsection (e) of Section 6 of Article VII relating to the homestead property tax discount for veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury shall take effect January 1, 2013.

**NO. 3
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 19
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE LIMITATION.—

Ballot Summary: This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a super majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters. The Legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect upon approval by the electors and will first apply to the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION**

SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses state revenue limitation.—

- (a) No tax shall be levied except in pursuance of law. No state ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property. All other forms of taxation shall be preempted to the state except as provided by general law.
- (b) Motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, trailers, trailer coaches and mobile homes, as defined by law, shall be subject to a license tax for their operation in the amounts and for the purposes prescribed by law, but shall not be subject to ad valorem taxes.
- (c) No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of appropriation made by law.
- (d) Provision shall be made by law for raising sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal period.
- (e) Except as provided herein, state revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year plus an adjustment for growth. As used in this subsection, "growth" means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters since the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year. For the 1995-1996 fiscal year, the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. State revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of this limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to taxpayers as provided by general law. State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets forth the dollar amount by which the state revenues allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading of the bill. For purposes of this subsection, "state revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, "state revenues" does not include revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state for proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; receipts of public universities and colleges; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenues from taxes, fees, licenses, fees, and charges for services imposed by any amendment or revision to this constitution after July 1, 1994. An adjustment to the revenue limitation shall be made by general law to reflect the fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe the procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

SECTION 19. State revenue limitation.—

- (a) **STATE REVENUE LIMITATION.**—Except as provided in this section, state revenues collected in any fiscal year are limited as follows:
- (1) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenues collected during the 2013-2014 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus four one-hundredths.
- (2) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2014-2015 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus three one-hundredths.
- (3) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2015-2016 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus two one-hundredths.
- (4) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2016-2017 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus one one-hundredth.
- (5) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the adjustment for growth.
- (6) The adjustment for growth for a fiscal year shall be determined by March 1 preceding the fiscal year using the latest information available. Once the adjustment for growth is determined for a fiscal year, it may not be changed based on revisions to the information used to make the determination.

(b) **REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION.**—State revenues collected in any fiscal year in excess of the revenue limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to taxpayers as provided by general law.

(c) **AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.**—(1) The state revenue limitation for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Unless otherwise provided by the bill increasing the revenue limitation, the increased revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years.

(2) The state revenue limitation for any one fiscal year may be increased by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Increases to the revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph must be disregarded when determining the revenue limitation in subsequent fiscal years.

(3) A bill increasing the revenue limitation may not contain any other subject and must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading in either house of the legislature of the bill in the form that will be presented to the governor.

(d) **AUTHORITY OF THE ELECTORS TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.**—The legislature may propose an increase in the state revenue limitation pursuant to a concurrent resolution enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house. The proposed increase shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the resolution is filed with the custodian of state records. However, the legislature may submit the proposed increase at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after it is filed with the custodian of state records pursuant to a law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature. The resolution must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution, the increased revenue limitation shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years. The proposed increase shall take effect if it is approved by a vote of at least 60 percent of the electors voting on the matter.

(e) **REVENUE LIMIT ADJUSTMENT BY THE LEGISLATURE.**—The legislature shall provide by general law for adjustments to the state revenue limitation to reflect:

(1) The fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government occurring after May 6, 2011; or

(2) The fiscal impact of a new federal mandate.

(f) **GENERAL LAW IMPLEMENTATION.**—The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this section.

(g) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section, the term:

(1) "Adjustment for growth" means an amount equal to the average for the previous five years of the product of the inflation factor and the population factor.

(2) "Inflation factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in the calendar year annual average of the Consumer Price Index. The term "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. city average (not seasonally adjusted, current base for all items), as published by the United States Department of Labor. In the event the index ceases to exist, the legislature shall determine the successor index by general law.

(3) "Population factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in population of the state as of April 1 compared to April 1 of the prior year. For purposes of calculating the annual rate of change in population, the state's official population estimates shall be used.

(4) "State revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, the term "state revenues" does not include revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state for proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; receipts of public universities and colleges; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services authorized by any amendment or revision to this constitution after May 6, 2011.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE**

SECTION 32. State revenue limitation.—The amendment to Section 1 and the creation of Section 19 of Article VII, revising the state revenue limitation, and this section take effect upon approval by the electors and apply beginning in the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

**NO. 4
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6
ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—

Ballot Summary:

- (1) This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments) and Section 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments.
- (2) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(4) This amendment also authorizes general law to provide, subject to conditions specified in such law, an additional homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the Florida homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional homestead exemption may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead was established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Article VII, Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one percent of the amount of the additional homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead was established may be deducted from the additional homestead exemption. The additional homestead exemption shall not be available for the homestead property at any time. The additional homestead exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if approved by the voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013.

(5) This amendment also delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2022 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters.

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**ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION**

SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad val

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.
 (3) After a change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.
 (4) New homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.
 (5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law, provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.
 (6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.
 (7) The provisions of this subsection are severable. If a provision of the provisions of this subsection is unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court does not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this subsection.

(8) A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of Article V as of January 1 of either of the two years immediately preceding the establishment of a new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this section is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2008. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.
2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

- (1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.
- (2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.
- (g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law.

(2) An assessment may not exceed just value.

(3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes:

(1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage.

(2) The installation of a renewable energy source device.

(j) (1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of \$25,000 twenty-five thousand dollars and for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than \$50,000 fifty thousand dollars and up to \$75,000 seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entitrees, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of 98 ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of Section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding \$50,000 fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age 65 sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed \$20,000 twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) As provided by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the homestead exemption provided in subsection (a) applied is entitled to an additional homestead exemption for all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption may not exceed the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for a period of 5 years or until the year the property is sold, whichever occurs first. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one exemption provided under this subsection shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if this amendment is approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if this amendment is approved at the 2012 general election, but the additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE

SECTION 27. Property tax exemptions and limitations on property tax assessments.—The amendments to Sections 3, 4, and 6 of Article VII, providing a \$25,000 exemption for tangible personal property, providing an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption, authorizing transfer of the accrued benefit from the limitations on the assessment of homestead property, and this section, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on January 29, 2008, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election, shall take effect January 1 of the year following such general election. The amendments to Section 4 of Article VII creating subsections (f) and (g) of that section, creating a limitation on annual assessment increases for specified real property, shall take effect upon approval of the electors and shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2009, if approved at a special election held on January 29, 2008, or shall first limit assessments beginning January 1, 2010, if approved at the general election held in November of 2008. Subsections (g) (f) and (h) (g) of Section 4 of Article VII, initially adopted as subsections (f) and (g), are repealed effective January 1, 2023 2010; however, the legislature shall by joint resolution propose an amendment abrogating the repeal of subsections (g) (f) and (h) (g), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2022 2010 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2023 2010.

SECTION 32. Property assessments.—This section and the amendment of Section 4 of Article VII addressing homestead and specified nonhomestead property having a declining just value and reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

SECTION 33. Additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who recently have not owned homestead property.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property during the 3 calendar years immediately preceding purchase of the current homestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2011, or if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2012.

NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 12 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: STATE COURTS.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could adopt the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, this proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's prior approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. Under this proposed revision, a vote to repeal those rules is changed to repeal by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present.

Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. This revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not nominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will take office.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal charges and all further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change.

This revision also makes technical and clarifying additions and deletions relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

Full Text:

ARTICLE V JUDICIARY

SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking appellate review, the administrative supervision of all courts, the transfer to the court having jurisdiction of any proceeding when the jurisdiction of another court has been improvidently invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed because an improper remedy has been sought. The supreme court shall adopt rules to allow it, the courts and the district courts of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that expresses the policy behind the repeal enacted by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformity with the public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted thereafter without prior approval of the legislature.

(b) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for duty in that circuit.

(c) A chief judge for each district court of appeal shall be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof or, if there is no majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the court.

(d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from among the circuit judges as provided by supreme court rule. The chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county courts in the his circuit.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

(a) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a judicial office to which election for retention applies, the governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy unless the period is extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of representatives is in session or not. If the senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice shall be deemed confirmed. If the senate votes to confirm the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred but may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the senate.

(e) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, one for each district court of appeal, and one for each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature, or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.

SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.—

(a) **JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION.**—A judicial qualifications commission is created.

(1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida the removal from office of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, occurring on or after November 1, 1968, (without regard to the effective date of this section) demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise occurring on or after November 1, 1968 (without regard to the effective date of this section), warrants such discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension with or without pay, or lawyer discipline. The commission shall have jurisdiction over justices and judges regarding allegations of incapacity during service as a justice or judge. The commission shall be composed of:

a. Two judges of district courts of appeal selected by the judges of those courts, two circuit judges selected by the judges of the circuit courts and two judges of county courts selected by the judges of those courts;

b. Four electors who reside in the state, who are members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be chosen by the governing body of the bar of Florida; and

c. Five electors who reside in the state, who have never held judicial office or been members of the bar of Florida and who shall be appointed by the governor.

(2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years

**NO. 6
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 28
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS.—

Ballot Summary: This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest.

This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

- (a) Public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This subsection does not apply to:
 - (1) An expenditure required by federal law;
 - (2) A case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering, physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, which would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; or
 - (3) A pregnancy that results from rape or incest.
- (b) This constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution.

**NO. 8
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, SECTION 3
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE I
DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace, or safety. Except to the extent required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, neither the government nor any agent of the government may deny to any individual or entity the benefits of any program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

**NO. 9
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION**

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

- (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirities, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to the:

(1) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term:

a. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

b. "In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE**

SECTION 32. Ad valorem tax relief for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII permitting the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief to surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty shall take effect January 1, 2013.

**NO. 10
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3
ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:

(1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.

(2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance.

This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION**

SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e)(L) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(f) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance, subject to this subsection and as provided in general law.

(g) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article, who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

**ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE**

SECTION 32. Tangible personal property; ad valorem tax exemption.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

**NO. 11
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY; EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE VII
FINANCE AND TAXATION**

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

- (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entirities, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

**NO. 12
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7
(Legislative)**

Ballot Title: APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

Full Text:

**ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION**

SECTION 7. State University System.—

- (a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees.

Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system, president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000570
SEC.: CIVIL

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,
v.
ESTATE OF DAVID W. CARTWRIGHT, et al
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY

TO:
ESTATE OF DAVID W. CARTWRIGHT, ADDRESS UNKNOWN
BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: UNKNOWN

Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lietors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, though, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being situated in HIGHLANDS County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2 AND LOT 3, IN BLOCK 1, OF FOREST HILL, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 35 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4 FOREST HILL DRIVE, AVON PARK, FL 33825

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5110 Eisenhower Blvd., Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33634 on or before September 25, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 15th day of August, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
DEPUTY CLERK

"In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation in order to participate in this hearing, should contact ADA Coordinator not later than 1 (one) day prior to the proceeding at Florida Rural Legal Service (Highlands), 963 E. Memorial Boulevard, P.O. Box 24688, Lakeland, FL 33820 (863)688-7376 and for the hearing and voice impaired 800-955-8770."

August 24, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 12-331

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CLARICE M. GIVENS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CLARICE M. GIVENS, deceased, whose date of death was July 5, 2012, and whose social security number is 432-74-4425, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FORWARDED.

EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDED'S DEATH.

The date of death of the decedent is February 13, 2011.

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 24, 2012.

Personal Representative:
MICHAEL HAYNES
PO Box 1931
Sebring, FL 33871

Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, P.A.
Florida Bar No.: 308714
Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A.
2141 Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Florida 33870
(863)385-0346

August 24, 31, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 12000176GC5
ONEWEST BANK, FSB,

Plaintiff,
vs.

SAMUEL HERMAN BOWERS, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JEANETTE A. GRIEVE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 7, 2007; ASHLEY OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; FREDERICK G. LAUB; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE JEANETTE A. GRIEVE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JUNE 7, 2007; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 12000176GC5, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and MARIA PAGANI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant

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explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
August 24, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office has custody of the following found items. If no claim is made, the items will be disposed of in accordance with the law. Those people missing items that may match the description given should contact the Sheriff's Office at 402-7220 Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm to set up an appointment.

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HCS0120FF005230 Green bike located on Lakewood Ave in Sebring on 7/11/12

HCS0120FF004165 Green BMX bike located on Mystic Rd in Avon Park on 7/29/12

HCS0120FF005179 Silver & Red Huffy bike located on Blazing Star Rd in Sebring on 7/09/12

HCS0120FF005711 Daisy BB Gun located on Orange Blossom Ave in Sebring on 7/29/12

HCS0120FF005930 Murray Mini Racer located on CR 17A in Avon Park on 8/06/12

HCS0120FF006252 Mongoose bike located on Homeric Rd in Avon Park on 7/17/12

HCS0120FF005967 Decorative jewelry located on Madera Ave in Sebring on 8/07/12

August 24, 31, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282010CA00262A000X
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

ANDREW ELY A/K/A ANDREW G. ELY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW ELY A/K/A G. ELY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM C. ELY; WILLIAM C. ELY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA00262A000X, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and ANDREW ELY A/K/A ANDREW G. ELY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW ELY A/K/A G. ELY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM C. ELY; WILLIAM C. ELY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 18th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

TRACT O, RED WATER LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS AND EXCEPT THOSE LANDS CONVEYED IN THAT CERTAIN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1925, PAGE 449, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4886 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations, and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
August 24, 31, 2012

IN THE CIRUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 08001481GCS

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ASHA JOHNSON, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated May 22, 2008 entered in Civil Case No. 08001481GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, where SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., is the Plaintiff and ASHA JOHNSON are the Defendants, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 11:00 AM on the 21st day of September, 2012 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A portion of Tract "A", Somerale Downs, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 35, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southwest corner of said Tract "A"; thence North 00 degrees 20'41" West along the West line of said Tract "A", a distance of 441.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 48'25" East, a distance of 985.83 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24'41" East, a distance of 441.75 feet to a point lying on the North right of way line of West Josephine Road; thence South 89 degrees 48'25" West along the North right of way line of said West Josephine Road, a distance of 986.34 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to and together with a 50 foot non-exclusive ingress and egress easement described as follows: A portion of Tract "A", Somerale Downs, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 35, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Tract "A"; thence North 89 degrees 48'25" East along the North right of way line of West Josephine Road and the South line of Section 35, Township 35 South, Range 28 East, a distance of 961.34 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 24'41" West, a distance of 1,743.38 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48'25" West, a distance of 542.16 feet; thence North 00 degrees 22'41" West, a distance of 50.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48'25" West, a distance of 542.16 feet; thence South 00 degrees 24'41" East, a distance of 1,743.38 feet to a point lying on the North right of way line of said West Josephine Road and the South line of Section 35, Township 35 South, Range 28 East; thence South 89 degrees 48'25" West, along said South line, a distance of 50.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

/s/ Sara Collins
Sara Collins, Esq.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282009CA001883A000XX
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EDEL CUBA; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF EDEL CUBA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S)
IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001883A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and EDEL CUBA; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDEL CUBA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 18th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK 150, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES, SECTION 15, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 84, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
August 24, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 282010CA000313A000XX
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR
HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE
LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1,

Plaintiff,

vs.
UNDER GOK A/K/A ODNER GOK; COUNTRY CLUB
VILLAS I OF SPRING LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIA-
TION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-
TRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMI-
NEE FOR HOME LOAN CENTER, INC., DBA LEND-
ING TREE LOANS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POS-
SESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 1st day of August, 2012, and entered in Case No. 282010CA000313A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, is the Plaintiff and UNDER GOK A/K/A ODNER GOK; COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I OF SPRING LAKE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIA-
TION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-
TRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED, AS A NOMI-
NEE FOR HOME LOAN CENTER, INC., DBA LEND-
ING TREE LOANS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POS-
SESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 18th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

CLUSTER 13, UNIT H, COUNTRY CLUB VILLAS I PHASE II OF SPRING LAKE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 111, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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Dated this 1st day of August, 2012.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
August 24, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001675 GCS
DIVISION:

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.

KEVIN M. THIBODEAU A/K/A KEVIN MICHAEL
THIBODEAU, et al.,
Defendants).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 16, 2012, and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001675 GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and KEVIN M. THIBODEAU A/K/A KEVIN MICHAEL THIBODEAU, et al., Defendants).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY



An afternoon and evening t-storm

91° / 74°

Winds: E at 4-8 mph

SATURDAY



Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.

92° / 73°

Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph

SUNDAY



Sunshine mixing with some clouds

91° / 70°

Winds: ENE at 4-8 mph

MONDAY



Partly sunny

91° / 71°

Winds: E at 3-6 mph

TUESDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy

92° / 72°

Winds: W at 3-6 mph

Almanac

Temperature

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

	High Sunday	Low Sunday	High Monday	Low Monday	High Tuesday	Low Tuesday	High Wednesday	Low Wednesday
High Sunday	82°	74°	83°	77°	93°	74°	92°	70°
Low Sunday	74°	74°	83°	77°	93°	74°	92°	70°
High Monday	83°	74°	83°	77°	93°	74°	92°	70°
Low Monday	77°	74°	83°	77°	93°	74°	92°	70°
High Tuesday	93°	74°	93°	74°	93°	74°	92°	70°
Low Tuesday	74°	74°	83°	77°	93°	74°	92°	70°
High Wednesday	92°	74°	92°	74°	92°	74°	92°	70°
Low Wednesday	70°	70°	83°	77°	93°	74°	92°	70°

Heat Index

For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	57%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	101°

Barometer

Monday	29.82
Tuesday	29.87
Wednesday	29.93

Precipitation

Monday	0.13"
Tuesday	0.24"
Wednesday	0.77"
Month to date	11.22"
Year to date	41.02"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg	
High	2:54 a.m.
Low	8:15 a.m.
High	2:37 p.m.
Low	9:09 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach	
High	9:07 a.m.
Low	2:37 a.m.
High	9:29 p.m.
Low	2:59 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday	
Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.39'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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



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

0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High;

8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme

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Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm around during the afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm around this evening. A shower or thunderstorm around tomorrow afternoon. Sunday: sunshine and some clouds.



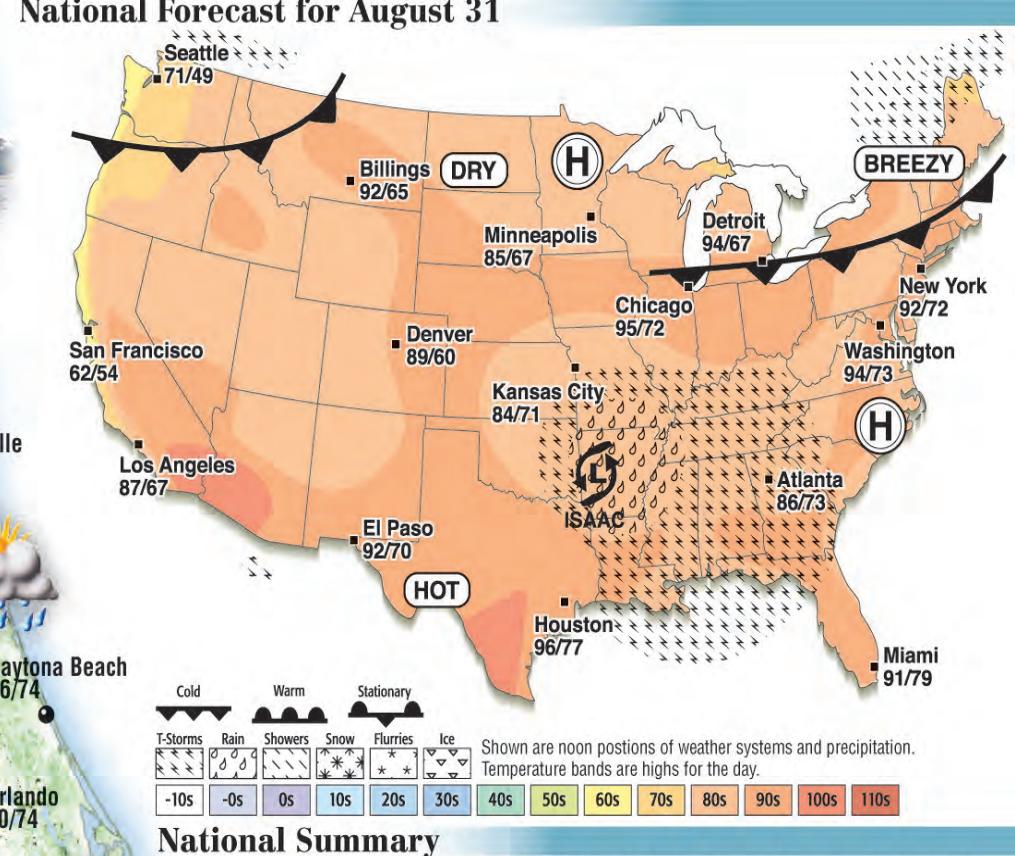
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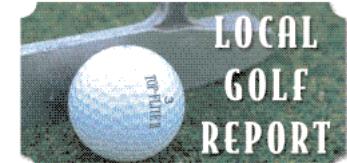


National Summary

Isaac will continue to slowly drift northward over the South Central states today and bring areas of flooding rain, gusty winds and locally severe thunderstorms. Most of this activity will be centered across southern Missouri, Arkansas and northern Louisiana. The drought-relief rain will be welcomed in parts of the central and southern Plains and Ohio Valley. Locally heavy showers and thunderstorms will dot the South as rich tropical moisture surges northward.

U.S. Cities

City	Today			Sat.			Sun.			City	Today			Sat.				
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W							
Albuquerque	84/65	t	92/67	s	93/70	pc	Los Angeles	87/67	pc	88/67	s	90/67	pc	London	64/55	pc	70/55	pc
Atlanta	86/73	t	90/72	t	91/72	t	Memphis	80/76	t	86/73	t	87/75	pc	Montreal	84/59	pc	75/54	pc
Baltimore	96/68	s	90/68	t	79/69	pc	Milwaukee	86/67	s	80/67	pc	78/67	pc	Berlin	88/73	t	90/73	pc
Birmingham	88/73	t	90/74	t	91/73	pc	Minneapolis	85/67	s	86/67	pc	84/70	pc	Cheyenne	85/57	pc	78/51	pc
Boston	93/65	s	79/59	t	76/61	pc	Nashville	86/72	t	88/73	t	91/73	t	Quebec	79/55	pc	73/52	pc
Charlotte	90/69	pc	92/70	t	89/71	pc	Portland, ME	88/72	s	88/69	s	82/67	pc	Raleigh	88/74	s	89/72	pc
Cheyenne	85/57	pc	87/61	pc	87/56	pc	Portland, OR	88/74	s	89/72	t	86/75	pc	St. Petersburg	91/77	t	93/77	t
Chicago	95/72	s	82/72	t	82/72	t	Phoenix	103/87	pc	103/87	pc	105/87	pc	St. Louis	80/61	s	80/59	s
Cleveland	92/67	s	83/66	s	81/70													



PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



Avon Park vs. Frostproof

Records

Avon Park 0-0; Frostproof 0-0

Last Week

Avon Park: Came back to get past Tenor, 26-18.

Frostproof: Lost to Haines City 34-15.



Lake Placid vs. Celebration

Records

Lake Placid 0-0; Celebration 0-0

Last Week**Lake Placid:** Fell 35-6 at Hardee in Kick Off Classic.**Celebration:** Will see first game action coming off a winless 2011 season.

Sebring at DeSoto

Records

Sebring 0-0; DeSoto 0-0

Last Week**Sebring:** Lost 24-14 to 2A power Dade Christian in Kick Off Classic.**DeSoto:** Beat Mariner 21-7.

Lady Dragons lag, sweep Tigers

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID — As the third game of Lake Placid's three-game sweep was coming to a close over Clewiston Tuesday night, the only real drama remaining was whether they'd be able to pull off a certain trifecta.

The first two games of the match had been decided by identical 25-16 scores, and the way the finale was playing out, it looked like it could be possible.

Lake Placid
3
Clewiston
0

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Jacalyn Baldwin kill.

But some sloppy, disjointed play crept in and allowed Clewiston to claw a little closer.

A few mini-runs closed it to within 23-16 before the Dragons put it away by the first 25-16 score.

The general malaise on the Lake Placid side of the court continued in the second game, with the Tigers again scoring first, and building on it to the tune of a 6-2 lead.

A Breauna Corley kill and two Joanna Sanchez aces helped turn it around, however, as the Dragons took off on a run that made it 14-8.

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jacalyn Baldwin swats this one over the net for a score in Lake Placid's three-game sweep of visiting Clewiston Tuesday night.

Courtesy photo



Austin Whidden leaps and hauls in this catch for the Eagle Pee Wee's Saturday.

Highlands Eagles slash the Titans

Special to the News-Sun

The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYFC) took to the road this week at Lakeland to take on the Titans on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The first team to take the field was the Flag team ages 5 and 6 years old coached by Steve Remes.

With a strong offensive drive, the Eagles quickly took control of the game, scoring at will.

The defense made their presence known and stood strong shutting down the Titans for the day.

It was a very exciting game with the Eagles taking the 27-0 win.

Next up were head coach Justin Jackson's Mighty Might squad.

Quarterback Graisim Wheelock appeared to complete a pass to Taiion Coston for a 35-yard score,

but it was called back for a block in the back penalty.

The offense continued to drive down the field with key carries by Alex Pollard and Blaine Garza, but couldn't get into the end zone.

It quickly became a defensive battle for the Eagles with linebacker Jesus Williams making some awesome tackles with help from teammates Caleb Reed and Garza.

But it was not enough as the Titans came out on top of the 14-0 final.

Next up was the Pee Wee team coached by Tim Hooks.

The Pee Wees got off to a slow start, going into the second quarter scoreless.

But blockers Dalton Hooks and James Pearson soon plowed the way for Kasey Hawthorne to gain 42 yards into the end zone, with Anthony Rosado earning the extra point.

The Eagles ended the first

half with a pass by Pearson to Austin Whidden for 37 yards.

The defensive battle continued when late in the third quarter, Cameron Spaulding kept pounding the ball up the middle to gain key yardage.

Hawthorne then bulled it in from three yards out, and Rosado added the extra point.

The defense, lead by Jordan Rose and Austin Smith, along with key tackles by Brian Pollard and Mason Smith, shut down the Titans for the 14-0 win.

Following the Pee Wee game, Cliff Howell's Junior Varsity team took the field with the Titans.

The game got off to a great start with quarterback CJ Harris completing a long pass to Malcolm Jackson for the first touchdown of the day.

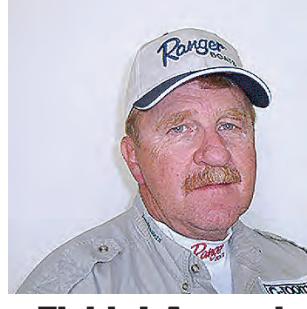
The defense then added to the lead when Jose Gonzalez

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Wind, rain and a few bass

Last weekend proved to be a tough time to fish.

Wind and rain, two of the biggest challenges for all fishermen, limited our opportunities on Lake Walk-in-Water and Lake Sebring.



Fishin' Around

Don Norton

a high speed and getting a hit!

Even a small bass feels like a freight train when they hit a lure moving at 2-4 mph.

We should have thrown out a marker buoy and stopped to cast out the area when we had the double-header, but with all the excitement, we forgot to mark the area, so we continued trolling.

It always amazes me to catch bass in deep water.

As Buck Perry has stated often, "the home of the fish is deep water – which is where you'll find them 90-percent of the time."

Trolling a well-designed lure like a spoonplug is the only way to cover large areas of deep water, probing every nook and cranny.

Spoonplugs are

Nothing like trolling at



Courtesy photo
Dereck Frymier holds up the 6-pound, 7-ounce bass caught on Lake Walk-In-Water before the weekend rains hit.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New York	75	55	577	—		
Baltimore	71	58	550	3.5		
Tampa Bay	71	59	546	4		
Toronto	62	69	473	13.5		
	58	71	450	16.5		

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	72	57	558	—		
Detroit	69	60	535	3		
Kansas City	58	71	450	14		
Cleveland	55	75	423	17.5		
Minnesota	53	77	408	19.5		

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Texas	77	53	592	—		
Oakland	72	57	558	4.5		
Los Angeles	68	62	523	9		
Seattle	63	68	481	14.5		

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 6, Chicago White Sox 0

Oakland 7, Cleveland 0

N.Y. Yankees 2, Toronto 1

Texas 1, Tampa Bay 0

Kansas City 9, Detroit 8

Seattle 5, Minnesota 2

L.A. Angels 6, Boston 5

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 5

Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 1

Oakland 4, Cleveland 4

Tampa Bay 8, Texas 4

Kansas City 1, Detroit 0

Minnesota 10, Seattle 0

L.A. Angels 10, Boston 3

Thursday's Games

Oakland at Cleveland, late

Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, late

Seattle at Minnesota, late

Tampa Bay at Toronto, late

Detroit at Kansas City, late

Boston at L.A. Angels, late

Friday's Games

Baltimore (Mil. Gonzalez 5-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 12-9), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Peavy 9-9) at Detroit (Fister 7-8), 7:05 p.m.

Texas (Dempster 3-1) at Cleveland (Jimenez 9-13), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Hellickson 8-9) at Toronto (Morrow 7-5), 7:07 p.m.

Minnesota (De Vries 3-5) at Kansas City (W. Smith 4-6), 8:10 p.m.

Boston (Doubrodt 10-6) at Oakland (McCarthy 7-5), 10:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Haren 8-10) at Seattle (Millwood 4-11), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	78	51	605	—		
Atlanta	74	57	565	5		
New York	61	69	469	17.5		
Philadelphia	61	69	469	17.5		
Miami	59	72	450	20		

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	80	52	606	—		
St. Louis	71	59	546	8		
Pittsburgh	70	60	538	9		
Milwaukee	62	67	481	16.5		
Chicago	49	80	380	29.5		
Houston	40	90	308	39		

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	73	57	562	—		
Los Angeles	70	61	534	3.5		
Arizona	64	67	489	9.5		
San Diego	61	71	462	13		
Colorado	53	76	411	19.5		

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 5, 10 innnings

Pittsburgh 9, St. Louis 0

Miami 9, Washington 0

Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 1

San Francisco 3, Houston 2

Colorado 8, L.A. Dodgers 4

Cincinnati 5, Arizona 2

Atlanta 2, San Diego 0

Wednesday's Games

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Thursday's Games

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Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Friday's Games

San Francisco (Bumgarner 14-8) at Chicago Cubs (Volstad 1-9), 2:20 p.m.

St. Louis (Wainwright 13-10) at Washington (G. Gonzalez 16-7), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Dickey 16-4) at Miami (Eovaldi 4-9), 7:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Halladay 8-7) at Atlanta (Minor 7-10), 7:35 p.m.

Cincinnati (Leake 6-8) at Houston (Abad 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Karstens 5-3) at Milwaukee (M. Rogers 2-1), 8:10 p.m.

San Diego (Richard 11-12) at Colorado (White 2-6), 8:40 p.m.

Arizona (Cahill 9-11) at L.A. Dodgers (Harang 9-8), 10:10 p.m.

NFL Preseason

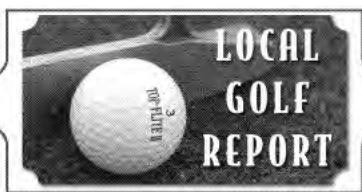
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	3	0	0.250	55	69
Buffalo	0	3	0	0.000	27	81
N.Y. Jets	0	3	0	0.000	21	60
Miami	0	4	0	0.000	43	96

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1				

**Lake June West**

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Winning first place was the team of Margaret Schultz, John and Gloria Huggett and Charlotte Mathew with 52; second place, Joe and Joyce Swartz, Betty Billau and Mario Cappelletti with 53; and third place, Ken Rowen, Larry Heath and Don Boulton with 57.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Margaret Schultz, 20-feet. (Men), No. 4, John Huggett, 11-feet-8-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Winning first place was the team of Dick Reaney, Mario Cappelletti, Don Boulton and Fred Neer with 44; and second place, Joe Swartz, Bob Young, Jack Maginnis and Larry Heath with 49.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Mario Cappelletti, 6-feet-4-inches; and No. 8, Fred Neer, 18-feet-4-inches.

Senior Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANKE WITH THE TOP 100 GOLF INSTRUCTORS

Get Help From The Little Piggies

Weight shift throughout the golf swing is a major component to hitting powerful shots. Many senior golfers can't move as easily as they used to. This lack of a full and free turn through the impact zone is a major power loss. Here's a simple aid to help restore some weight shift: At address, angle your left toe out about 30 degrees instead of setting it perpendicular to the target line. This small adjustment gives your left leg and hip more freedom to turn counterclockwise through impact, whereas keeping your left foot perpendicular to the target line hinders this free movement. Moving your lower-body weight fully and freely through impact will add height and length to your full shots. So seniors, free up those little piggies, and keep the left foot angled out for some refund distance.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling book "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke'

Dragons look to 'see Sebring'

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third straight 25-16 game looked like it wouldn't happen, with just three points left to be scored for the win.

But some sloppy play again slipped in, allowing Clewiston to score five straight.

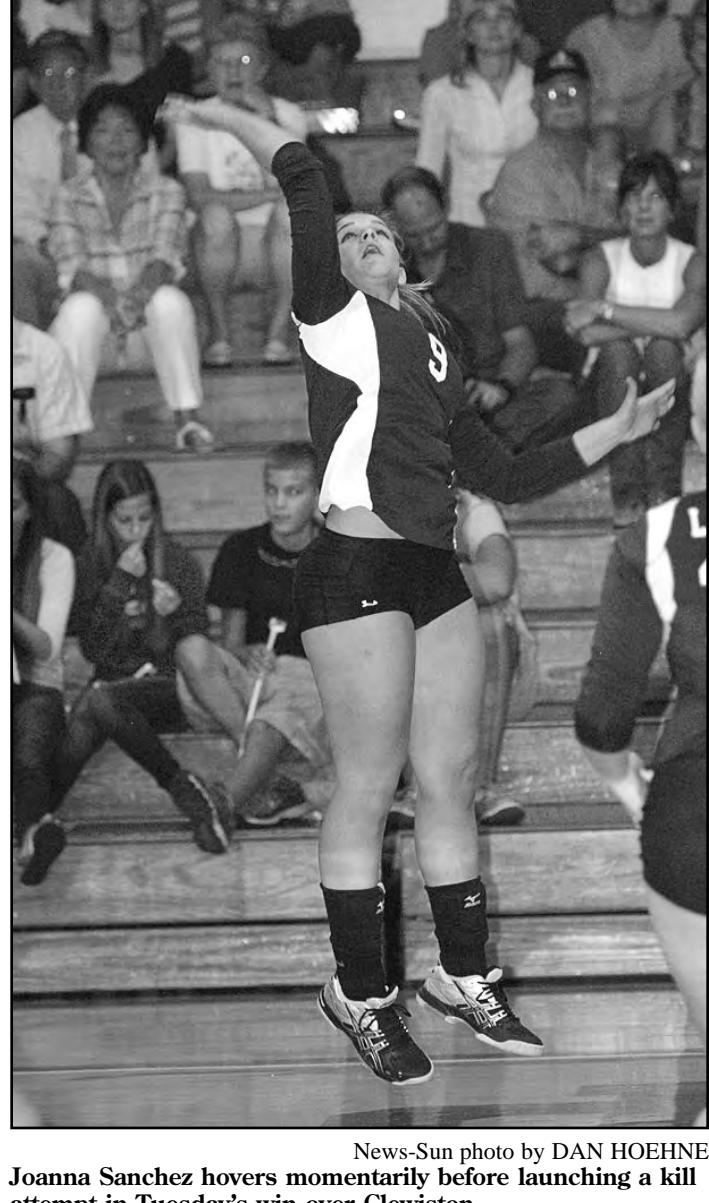
And now it looked less likely for the 'three-peat' as the Tigers were now at the 16-point mark already.

But a final surge scored the final three points for the Dragons and the trifecta was achieved with one more 25-16 win.

Though that was of little solace to Wells.

"Our mindset seems to be locked on Avon Park and Sebring," she said. "When we play them, it brings our game up. And while these out of district games don't mean as much, we need to continue to play up. We need to 'see Sebring' on the other side of the net, and play against everyone the way we played against them last Thursday."

Lake Placid continued toward building that mindset Thursday at Hardee before a rematch with the Lady Tigers at Clewiston Thursday, Sept. 6.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHN
Joanna Sanchez hovers momentarily before launching a kill attempt in Tuesday's win over Clewiston.

Plenty going on at YMCA

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The YMCA is seeking Golf Clubs of all sizes for our new youth golf program starting in October ages 5-15.

Classes will be twice a week for four weeks.

If you have used clubs or golf balls you would like to donate please contact the YMCA 382-9622.

This September will be the kick off of the YMCA's New Aqua Zumba!

It will make you feel like a kid again.

Imagine a pool party complete with foam noodles, splashing, even hooting and hollering — set to awesome up beat reggae and calypso music.

For more info on Aqua

Zumba contact the "Y" at 382-9622.

Sign-ups for September swim lessons are under way, with classes starting Monday, Sept. 3, get your child signed up today.

For more information on swim lessons or private swim lesson contact Kevin Stoker at the "Y" 382-9622.

The YMCA has partnered with the Champion for Children Foundation to offer Free Drowning Prevention classes every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

This class is for both children and parents.

The number one cause of death, in children four and under in Florida is drowning.

So be sure to take advantage of this free class at the

"Y".

Pre registration required. For questions or more information contact the "Y" at 382-9622.

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Come check us out and enjoy the water.

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Saturday – 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday – 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For questions contact the "Y" at 382-9622.

Florida Trail Association September activities

Thursday, Sept. 6

Activity: Bok Tower Service Project

Location: Bok Tower, meet outside the entrance gate.

Description: Removal of invasive plants. Free admission to volunteers who complete the project.

Bring: Water, snacks, work gloves, wear long pants and sleeves, wide brimmed hat, sun and bug protection.

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

Saturday, Sept. 8

Activity: Chapter Meeting, nature walk, and pot luck lunch.

Location: Circle B Bar Reserve – Lakeland Area.

Entrance south side of

SR 540 (Winter Lake Road) between US 98 and Thornhill Road

Description: Oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore. Tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles.

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

Bring water, insect repellent sun protection, and a dish to share based on last names beginning with A-H Main Dish, I-Q Dessert, R-Z Salad.

Contact: Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or

lplum@verizon.net.

Location: Tiger Creek Preserve .

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

Description: 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: Lunch, snacks, water, sun and insect protection.

Contact: RSVP David Waldrop at 605-3587 for meet-up time and other details. Also, please RSVP to the chapter online Meetup page at www.meetup.com/HeartlandFTA/calendar.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Activity: Dinner followed by full-moon hike.

Location: Ruby Tuesdays, Lakeland, for dinner and Lake Hollingsworth to hike.

Description: Come for dinner and/or hike. Meet at the Presbyterian Church parking lot on Lake Hollingsworth for the hike. RSVP for dinner by 9/27.

Contact: Eileen Valachovic at 956-2145 or EileenV3@gmail.com for meet-up time and other information.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Activity: Trail Maintenance

Location: National Scenic Trail at Boney Marsh, Bluff Hammock Rd., Lorida, FL (just south of Sebring).

Bring water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

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

Saturday, Sept. 29

Activity: Trail Maintenance

UCF looking to overcome 2011 road woes in opener

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO — It won't take much this year for Central Florida to improve on its record away from Orlando last season.

In fact, just one victory will do it.

The Knights went 0-6 on the road in 2011 en route to a disastrous 5-7 season, their worst finish since 2008.

Now as his team prepares to open its 2012 campaign Thursday night at Akron, coach George O'Leary isn't offering any sugarcoating about what went wrong last year.

"Those games, you gotta finish. You gotta win in the fourth quarter. We didn't do that," O'Leary said. "And I stress that we say 'we.' Football is a 'we' game and it's so easy to say 'me' or whatever, but football is a 'we' game and there's a lot of reasons why that we didn't finish games."

What was most disheartening for O'Leary and the coaching staff last season was that five of UCF's six road losses were by seven or fewer points.

In each their final two losses, the Knights held fourth quarter leads only to come up short.

The first time, the offense failed to convert on a two-point conversion in a 30-29 loss at Southern Mississippi.

Then, a week later it was the defense's turn, as it surrendered a 56-yard touchdown run to give East Carolina a 38-31 victory.

"Those are games you have a chance to win and you gotta finish the plays," O'Leary said. "I think it's something that's been stressed with the players...Every play is an important play."

O'Leary will put the offense this season in the hands of redshirt sophomore Blake Bortles, who will be making his first career

start Thursday.

But O'Leary is looking for his 19 returning starters and 21 seniors to handle the leadership reins while the young quarterback gets used to the role.

Bortles is replacing junior Jeff Godfrey, who left the program briefly after last season, but has returned as a receiver.

For their part, Bortles' teammates said they're ready to put last season behind them.

"I think the first thing we did was reflect on last year," senior left guard Theo Goins said. "It really sucks when you put in a lot of hard work like that and it doesn't show up like you want it to. So I think we've really focused on the little things that we could have done last year...But you can't change the past, you can only work on the future."

"Everyone's strong, everyone's healthy. Everyone's doing what they gotta do to get better. So I think that's what we're looking forward to."

Senior free safety Kamal Ishmael said going against Bortles in practice, he can see the benefits of the change because it gives the offense "as many playmakers on the field as possible."

Though he played only in relief roles in 2011, Bortles actually led the team with six touchdown passes last season and had a better passing efficiency than Godfrey.

Still, O'Leary said he doesn't want to throw too much at him right away.

"He's still young and I understand that thoroughly," he said. "And I don't think we can put too much on his plate. Most of the (playbook) is in. But I think we still have to watch that he doesn't become so filled with information that he can't process it. I think that's my concern with him."

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Eagles take all but one from Titans

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caused a fumble.

Akem JnPierre scooped up the loosed ball and ran 25 yards for the score.

In the second half, the JV team quickly took control with another fumble recovery and score by Harris.

Smith then rushed 35 yards to the end zone, with the extra point by Williams to push the lead to 26-7.

Defensively the Eagles thwarted the Titans efforts with a sack by defensive end CJ Berish and key tackles made by Nathan Leonardo, Jackson, Smith and JnPierre.

The Titans did manage one more score, but Marquis Hawthorne responded with a 45 yard touchdown to put the final margin at 32-14.

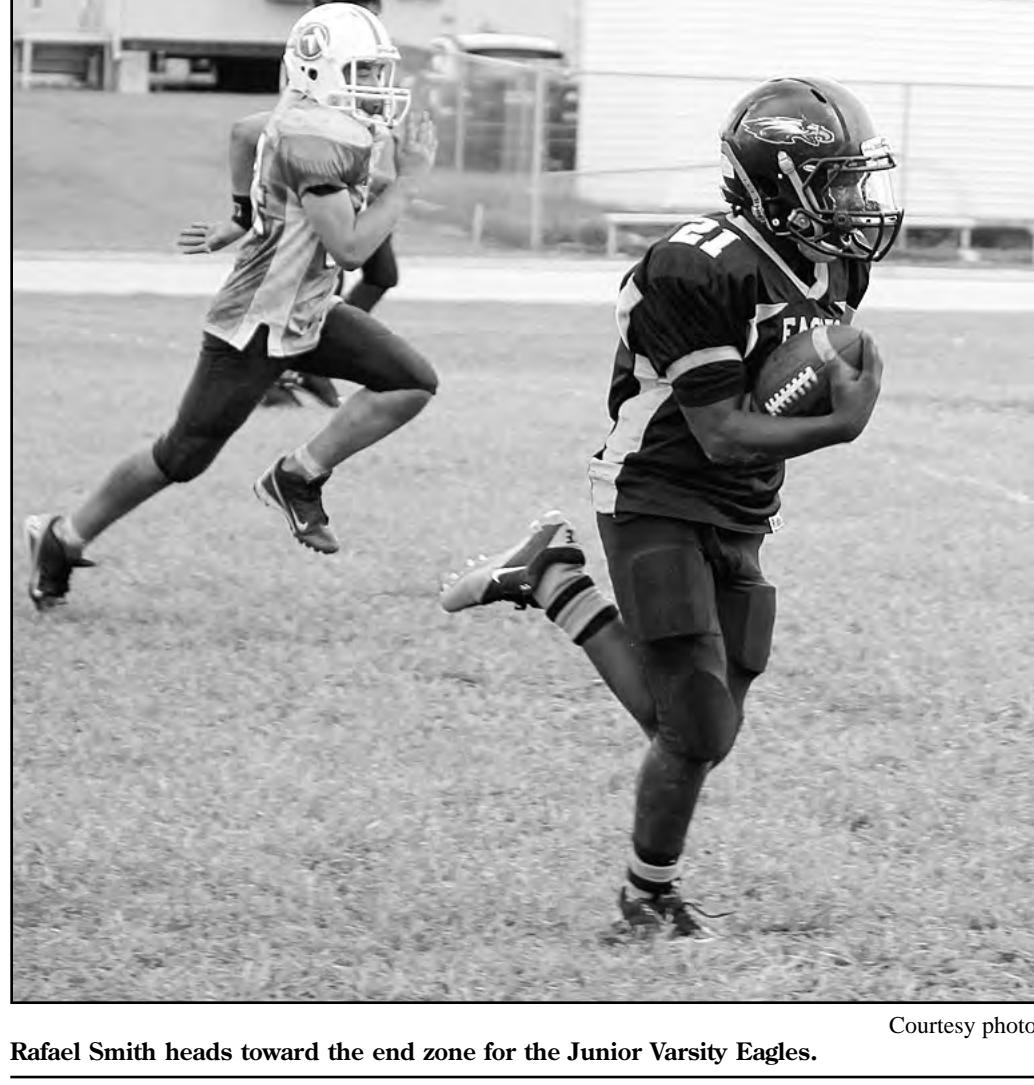
The Varsity team coached by John Bishop earned a victory by forfeit due to the Titans not having a Varsity team.

HYF would like to spotlight the Eagle Cheerleaders and say thank you.

The Cheerleaders kept cheering their players on and boosting team spirit on the sidelines.

All in all it was a great day of football.

The HYF Board of Directors want to express



Courtesy photo

Rafael Smith heads toward the end zone for the Junior Varsity Eagles.

their appreciation to the parents, players, cheerleaders and coaches for their hard work and support.

The Highlands Eagles will be playing in their next

game on this Saturday, Sept. 1, on the road to face the Gators at Lake Wales High School.

Games will begin at 9 a.m., with admission at \$4

for adults and \$3 for children.

Come on out to support the Highlands Youth Football and Cheer program.

Redskins top Bucs in battle of backups

By JOSEPH WHITE

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — On his first full day on the job as the kicker for the Washington Redskins, Billy Cundiff made three of four field goal attempts — and was booted for the one he missed.

"It's good to be back in the NFC East, where they boo the home team," the veteran said. "It reminds me of my days in Dallas."

Signed Tuesday after the Redskins cut Graham Gano, Cundiff was the only first-stringer of consequence for either team Wednesday night in Washington's 30-3 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Cundiff converted from 39, 27 and 22 yards and got some grief from the crowd when he sliced one wide right from 46.

"It's a different environment, and to be honest with you, I think it's a good thing because they expect perfection," he said. "And even though perfection is unattainable, if you try to be perfect and you come pretty close, you're going to have a really good season."

With head coaches Mike Shanahan and Greg Schiano resting nearly all of their offensive and defensive starters, the teams gathered before a modest crowd and proved that the backups from one consensus last-place team can beat the backups from another consensus last-place team, for

whatever that's worth.

The second-, third- and fourth-teamers were vying for roster spots, while the starters are already looking ahead to the regular season openers on Sept. 9.

One Redskin who helped his odds was seventh-round draft pick Richard Crawford, who had his second interception of the pre-season.

"I'm new to this business, so I don't really have a confidence level," Crawford said. "I'll be by my phone tomorrow and see what happens."

Crawford was then told that cutdown day is Friday, not Thursday.

"See? I don't even know what day it is," he said. "Whatever it is, I'll be by my phone."

Among the Buccaneers on tenterhooks will be on-the-bubble receiver Tiquan Underwood, who had six catches for 82 yards Wednesday.

"I left it all out there," said Underwood, who spent part of last season with the New England Patriots and has been cut six times since being drafted in 2009. "I'm just leaving it in God's hands and in the coach's hands. I went out there and played my heart out."

Roy Helu Jr. and Evan Royster, who both might have a shot as the Redskins' starting running back job because of injuries, returned from ailments of their own to account for all three of

Washington's touchdowns.

Helu ran for 90 yards and two scores after missing two games with sore Achilles, while Royster ran for 44 yards and a TD after missing last week's game with a sore right knee.

No. 2 overall draft pick Robert Griffin III was declared the Redskins starting quarterback before training camp, so the Heisman Trophy winner ran with the other inactive first-teamers on the field before the game.

He then watched fourth-round selection Kirk Cousins play into the third quarter and complete 15 of 27 passes for 222 yards and an interception.

Brett Ratliff, third on the depth chart behind Josh Freeman and Dan Orlovsky, played the entire game for the Buccaneers and was sacked five times.

He completed 14 of 30 passes for 164 yards and three interceptions.

"He had a gutsy performance," Schiano said. "There were certain things that we missed — both in protection and seeing it, the quarterback spot. But the thing is, he wanted to keep playing. At the end of the game, on fourth down, he was, 'C'mon, Coach.' I love that about guys that want to play ball."

The Redskins signed Cundiff without even a tryout, judging his body of work with the Baltimore Ravens and figuring it to be an upgrade over Gano, who

missed an NFL-high 10 field goal attempts last year — five of them blocked.

Cundiff was All-Pro in 2010 but struggled with long-distance kicks last year, going 1 for 6 from 50-plus.

He was released by the Ravens on Sunday.

"Obviously, he would like to be 100 percent," Shanahan said. "But he was 3 for 4, and hopefully he'll be 4 for 4 once we get to the season."

Notes: Undrafted rookie Sean Baker had two interceptions and a fumble recovery for Tampa Bay. ... Redskins QB Jonathan Crompton, re-signed earlier in the day after being cut Monday, finished the game. ... Washington RB Tristan Davis left with a right knee injury. ... Schiano took the backup theme to the extreme by using his reserve long snapper, a decision that became apparent when Zack Pianalto sent a bouncer to the punter at the end of Tampa Bay's first offensive series.

Pianalto had two other low snaps, showing he's no threat to unseat regular snapper Andrew Economos. ... Replacement referee Jim Core contributed to the backup theme by checking a replay, announcing the call was upheld, then telling the crowd: "We'll look at it one more time."

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A few conference games dot Week 1 college schedule

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — College football season started Thursday night, and every game counts for something.

A few on Week 1 count a bit more than others.

While No. 1 Southern California is a 40-point favorite to beat Hawaii, No. 3 LSU is a six-touchdown favorite over Buffalo and a slew of other ranked teams are expected to roll to easy

non-conference wins, there are three games that will open the major conference schedules.

South Carolina visited Vanderbilt to open the Southeastern Conference season on Thursday, Miami visits Boston College in an Atlantic Coast Conference opener on Saturday and Georgia Tech meets Virginia Tech in another ACC matchup on Monday night.

Potential advantage: An

early rise to first place.

Potential disadvantage: An early fall into last place.

"There's some good and there's some bad, and you just worry about all the unexpected things that could come up in an opening ballgame," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "And you work like heck to cover everything. But the first time they play, and you've got some new guys in there playing, there's concerns."

No. 4 Oklahoma, No. 5 Oregon, No. 6 Georgia are all thirty-something-point favorites to roll in their openers.

No. 7 Florida State opens against lower-division Murray State, which lost by 63 points the last time it played a team ranked among the AP Top 25.

For Miami, it's the sixth time in nine seasons that the schedule starts with an ACC game.

Bass caught before rains set in

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designed to "dig down" to different depths and stay there, while remaining almost weedless while tracking the contours of the lake bottom.

Each size is progressively larger, allowing a fisherman to thoroughly work every depth range from 2-3 feet down to 25 feet.

Even deeper water can be fished using wire line instead of monofilament

Our success ended almost as abruptly as it had started and we were off the lake in a short two hours before the rains set in.

On Saturday, I had the opportunity to fish with Derek Frymier, Pastor of New Life Fellowship, 2213 Rainbow Ave in Sebring and a fishing buddy of his, John Cheezan.

Although the weather forecast called for rain and wind due to Tropical Storm Isaac, we met early for a trip to Lake Walk-in-Water.

Heading up to the north end of the lake and one of my favorite spots, the wind was already pushing a lot of water, but I knew we could get out of the wind somewhat when we arrived at the reed islands where I'd caught some huge bass in the past.

Derek and I had fished together last month on Lake Istokpoga and I watched as he lost a big bass flipping the reeds on the east side of the lake.

This being his first attempt at flipping, I had bragged up Lake Walk-in-Water as being a big bass lake as well, so we were all anticipating a chance to hook into a lunker on this trip.

As the weather conditions deteriorated, we had a few hits when Derek tied into a good fish that peeled off line and headed deep into the reed island.

As a guide, as well as a tournament bass fisherman, that's exactly what you don't want to see happen when you're flipping and you hook a good fish.

Often the fish will take the bait and swim out from the cover, allowing you to do battle in open-water, but this one decided to take the fight into the jungle.

When a bass works deeper into the reeds, they typically will wrap around a bunch of reeds, creating a lack of tension on the line and resistance from the angler and a big opportunity for the bass to dislodge the hook.

Derek adjusted his drag and gained a few feet on the bass before it did just that.

We could see the fish, laying on its side about 20 feet from the boat and the only

choice we had was to steer the electric motor through the reeds to reach him.

Sliding the electric motor into high gear, and anticipating a final leap for freedom, the bass continued to lay calmly on the surface, until the boat was finally close enough for me to lean over and lip him.

As I lifted the bass out of the water, I could hear Derek breathe a sigh of relief.

Although not as big as the one he'd lost at Lake Istokpoga, this bass weighed in at a respectable 6-pounds, 7-ounces and provided Derek with a new personal big bass record.

The bite was short-lived in a couple of my spots on the north end of the lake and we finally decided to try the south end.

White-caps were now covering the shallow lakes surface and the ride south was slow and wet, with an occasional high roller coming over the gunnels of the boat.

By the time we got to the south end of the lake, not only had the wind picked up, but it had started raining.

Standing on the front deck was no longer an option so we decided to call it a day.

With less than a mile to the boat ramp, I knew we were in for a challenging ride.

The waves were now coming over the bow of my Ranger and soaking us even more than the rain.

I always compare a bass boat to a soup spoon in rough water.

With the dips caused by the large waves, the front of the boat tends to dip down, scooping the next wave and washing across the front deck and on to where you're seated.

Not a pretty picture.

It probably took us twenty minutes to get back into the boat ramp and get the boat loaded up, and for John and I, it had been a fruitless attempt to put any bass into the boat.

But for Derek, catching a 6.7-pound bass, not only provided "braggin rights" but it was a trip I'm sure he'll remember.

Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He has also taught a few fishing classes at the South Florida Community College. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He can be reached at 216-339-6571, 330-635-6682 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. His website address is theamericanfisherman.com.

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Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Dear Pharmacist: You're sort of obsessed with gut health because you frequently suggest probiotics to people seeking better health. I don't take probiotics but I do appreciate your perspective. Not one of 14 doctors over six years has ever suggested probiotics. What's the big deal?

— R.M., Ocala

Answer: Hmm, maybe you would not have needed 14 doctors if any one of them had warned you of the adverse health consequences of microflora deficiency? Think allergies, irritable bowel, depression, hypothyroidism, cancer and autoimmune disorders galore.

The ramifications for poor probiotic status cause disease from head to toe. There are more than 100 trillion microbes that live inside you — that's more than the number of actual cells that form you into a human being. You are merely the sum of the bacteria inside you, so it's critical that the good organisms outnumber the bad ones,

or else disease sets in. People who enjoy good health do so because of their strong immune system which powers up at birth, with an assortment of healthy bacteria obtained from mother's milk.

Love your skin? You can thank your bacteria for that. Do you enjoy eating food without the discomfort of heartburn and bleeding ulcers? Thank your gut bugs because they are keeping the invaders (like H. pylori) at bay. Never get sick? Let's hear it for the bugs! By occupying various niches in the intricate landscape of our bodies, our resident microbes protect us from foreign bacteria, fungi and viruses. Many well-designed studies prove this.

To improve the ratio of good to bad microbes I recommend taking probiotic supplements, sold by some physicians and at health food stores. Everyone associates probiotic supplements with gastrointestinal health and relief of constipation but probiotics are great for skin health, weight, staying healthy as we head into cough and cold season (hint hint), lifting depression and believe it or not, thyroid health.

Yes, that healthy bacterial garden in your gut activates approximately 30 percent of your thyroid hormone, which in turn boosts energy and



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Keeping the right level of good bacteria in your gut is key to good health.

burns fat.

We all have a unique "flora fingerprint." No two are the same among humans. You can change your flora easily, with every meal. For example, eat a cinnamon bun and you've easily demolished millions of happy, healthy bacteria. All prescribed or over-the-counter medications reduce your probiotic bacterial stash, so I'm disappointed to hear that not one of your 14 practitioners suggested a probiotic to restore gut flora. You must put back what medication stole or you'll pay with your health.

With probiotic supplementation, results are immediate, usually within days to weeks.

Oh, and yogurt is probably the worst way to take in probiotics since the organisms are likely dead by the time you eat it and the dairy provides a strong casein and lactose hit. And other stuff. I'm picky about probiotics and this is a complex topic so I have put an extended version of this article at my website

www.DearPharmacist.com/.

Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author of 'The 24-Hour Pharmacist' and 'Real Solutions.' For more information, visit www.DearPharmacist.com. This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.

Yosemite officials say 1,700 visitors risk hantavirus

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—The rustic tent cabins of Yosemite National Park — a favorite among families looking to rough it in one of the nation's most majestic settings — have become the scene of a public health crisis after two visitors died from a rodent-borne disease following overnight stays.

After every park tragedy, officials stress that Yosemite is a wilderness area and with it come some dangers.

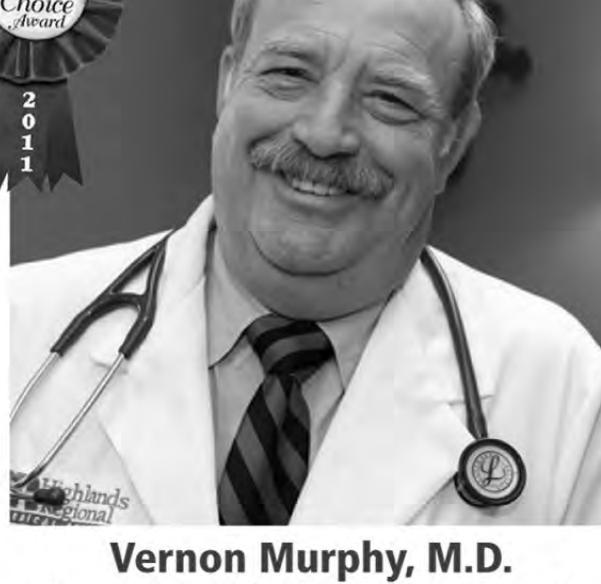
"We're very concerned about visitors and employees," park spokesman Scott Gediman said. "But we feel we are taking proactive steps in both cleaning the affected areas and in public education. But it's absolutely impossible to eliminate all risk."

On Sunday night, health officials with the National Park Service sent out an alert asking public health authorities to be on the watch for more potential rodent-related cases of acute respiratory failure.

Yosemite receives 4 million tourists a year from around the world, and national park officials were trying to determine if the warning should be expanded to include foreign countries.

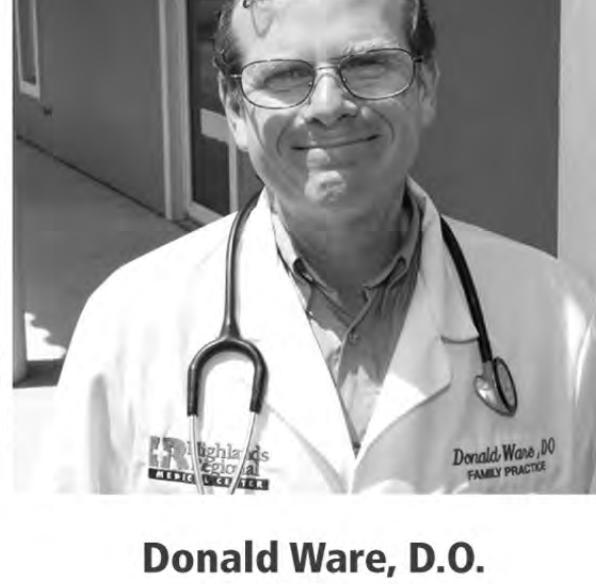
"We're discussing whether to do that and how to do that," said Dr. David Wong, chief of the epidemiology branch of the National Park Service Office of Public Health.

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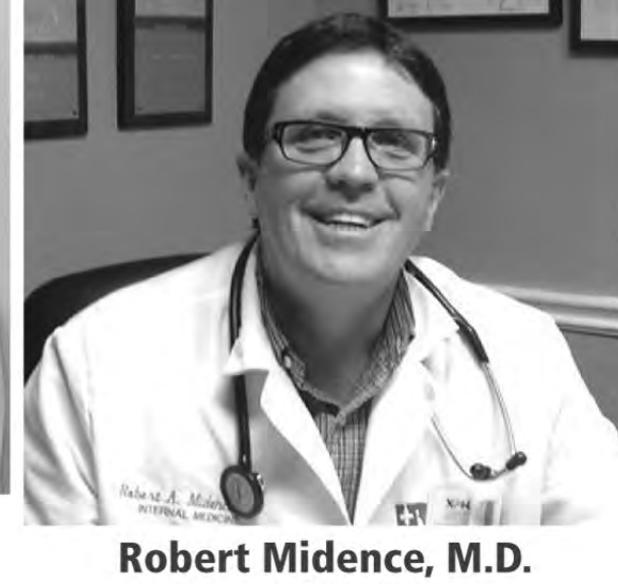
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Footprints
Dr. Olga Garcia-Luepschen

Does a strange smell find its way to your nose seconds after your shoes come off?

Do people wrinkle their noses in disgust when your bare feet are exposed?

Smelly feet, called bromhidrosis, can be embarrassing and uncomfortable. Excessive sweating of the feet is called hyperhidrosis.

It's more common in men than in women, and more common in younger people.

Most people's feet perspire during exercise or in warm weather; if you have bromhidrosis and hyperhidrosis, however, you'll notice excessive sweating and smelly feet year round, even when you are not engaged in strenuous activity.

Some people sweat so much that their feet may slip around inside their shoes. Feet have more sweat glands than any other part of the body. Feet smell when the foot sweats and the sweat are trapped inside shoes, preventing evaporation. It is the interaction of these two factors along with bacteria that cause the smell. The bacteria produce isovaleric acid, which causes the odor.

Often, excessive sweating of the feet is diagnosed based on your reporting of symptoms and a physical exam of the feet.

A podiatrist can also do a starch-iodine test to confirm the diagnosis. First, an iodine solution is applied to the bottom of the feet.

After the solution has dried, cornstarch is sprinkled over the area. The treated area turns dark blue if excessive sweat is present.

Treatment includes:

— Shower regularly with anti-bacterial soap.

— Use foot lotions and sprays specifically designed to keep feet dry.

— Change your shoes and socks often. Wear wicking socks that draw the moisture away from your feet instead of trapping it.

Synthetic blends are designed to wick moisture

away from the skin and work best to keep the feet dry. One hundred percent cotton socks absorb moisture, but do not wick it away from the skin and frequently lead to blisters, so they should be avoided.

— Rotate your shoes (especially athletic shoes).

— Use insoles that can be changed frequently to prevent the odor from staying in your shoe.

— Wear sandals during warm weather.

— Launder, disinfect or discard foul-smelling shoes.

If foot odor excessive sweating persists, consult a podiatrist.

Treatment options are tailored to your symptoms.

Prescription roll-on antiperspirants may be applied directly to the feet.

A technique called iontophoresis, which uses water to conduct a mild electrical current through the skin, has been found helpful for people with sweaty feet.

Botox injections can temporarily control excessive sweating of the feet.

(The effect generally lasts for about six to nine months.)

Severe cases of sweaty feet may be treated with a surgical procedure called a sympathectomy, which interrupts the nerve signals that tell the body to sweat excessively.

A podiatrist can help you control this embarrassing condition.

Podiatrist Olga Garcia-Luepschen and the Gentle Foot Care Center are located on US 27. For more information call 863-314-9255 or check out www.gentlefootcarecenter.com/. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

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The carpal tunnel epidemic



So many people have carpal tunnel that it seems as though it must be contagious. The real reason is that people are

living longer and remaining active. Doctors are also getting better at diagnosing carpal tunnel and more research is being done on the natural history and treatment of carpal tunnel.

Carpal tunnel is a compression of the nerve to the thumb, index, long and half the ring fingers located at the wrist. The symptoms are "pins and needles" or burning pain in the wrist that radiates to your fingers or up to your shoulder. It tends to be worse at night, may change your handwriting or weaken your grip. It can hurt to do anything requiring a prolonged grip such as driving, gripping a golf club or holding a book. In later stages, you may have trouble with fine motor skills such as small buttons or snaps.

Thirty years ago, an active 80 year old was a rare sight. Now the active 80-plus are the most rapidly growing segment of the population. Popular activities like golf, pickleball and shuffleboard all require gripping. Interfering with leisure activities sends this group looking for answers to alleviate their pain.

Nerve conductions (NCS) that measure the speed the nerve conducts impulses have become readily available as a diagnostic tool. The site where the speed slows is the place where the nerve is



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Carpal tunnel syndrome is the compression of the nerve to the thumb, index, long and half the ring fingers.

compressed. If only the sensory nerves are slow, the carpal tunnel (CTS) is mild. If both touch and motor are slow, the CTS is moderate. If both are very slow or the muscles in the hand fibrillate, the CTS is severe. Diabetic neuropathy (sick nerve) can also be detected by NCS. The test takes about 20 minutes and is done in the doctor's office.

Severe carpal tunnel means the nerve has some damage and surgery to relieve the pressure should be done as soon as practical.

In a recent study, a large group of moderate CTS patients were randomized in to one group who got surgery and another group who got alternative treatments such as splints, steroid injections and B vitamins. Over the next year, the entire surgery group got better and those that received no surgery group got worse.

An older study followed a group of CTS patients to determine who got better and who needed surgery. Researchers then studied the

two groups looking for statistically significant differences. These differences included age over 50, constant numbness or tingling, trigger fingers in the same hand, symptoms for more than six months or instantly positive Phalen test (numbness when the wrist is flexed).

No patients with three of these symptoms got better without surgery.

With two, only one third of the patients got better without surgery. Steroid injections help only in the 20- to 30-year-old patients. Other risk factors are diabetes, uncontrolled thyroid problems, old wrist fractures and systemic arthritis like rheumatoid or gout.

Just because your symptoms are not as severe does not mean the nerve is better. Just like you lose your voice with too much shouting, the nerve may "fire" and not annoy you as much.

If you think you have CTS that may need surgery, nerve

conductions (NCS) are the best way to "stage" the severity and pick the best treatment for you.

Make an appointment to find out if your pain could be eradicated with treatment.

Stay tuned to the next column for changes in treatment and new ways to improve outcomes.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Carr's long list of achievements include being the area's only Orthopaedic Surgeon certified as a hand specialist. For more information, please visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call (863) 382-7777. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Colleges open their eyes: Zs are key to GPA

By JUSTIN POPE

AP Education Writer

As college students return to campus in the coming weeks, they'll be showered in the usual handouts of coupons, condoms and credit cards. But some schools are also giving students what a growing body of research reveals could make a huge difference in their college careers: ear plugs, sleep shades and napping lessons.

College health officials are finally realizing that healthy sleep habits are a potential miracle drug for much of what ails the famously frazzled modern American college student: anxiety, depression, physical health problems and — more than most students realize — academic troubles. Some studies have found students getting adequate sleep average a full letter grade higher than those who don't.

But adolescent biorhythms make it hard enough for college students to get the sleep they need, a recommended nine hours. On top of that, campus life turns out to resemble a giant laboratory experiment designed for maximum sleep deprivation: irregular schedules, newfound freedom, endless social interaction, loud and crowded housing, late-night exercise and food washed down by booze, coffee energy drinks. Campuses pulsing with energy at midnight by mid-afternoon resemble Zombie U., with students dozing off in library chairs, on yoga mats and even in coffee shops.

Technology isn't helping, with wireless Internet adding to the 24/7 distractions and students sleeping with their smart phones on. That likely helps explain data showing college students got about eight hours of sleep in the 1960s and '70s, seven by the '80s, and, according to more recent surveys, closer to six these days.

Campaigning last week, even President Barack Obama told some students at an Ohio State University diner that he assumed "you guys have arranged it so you don't have really early morning classes." No such luck. "Actually, I failed that," one student replied, telling the president he had one at 8 a.m. the next day.

Now, some counselors and health officials are trying to get the message out in creative ways. At tiny Hastings College in Nebraska, student peer educators plop down a bed in the middle of the student union, dress themselves in pajamas, and talk to passers-by about sleep. Macalester College in Minnesota publishes a "nap map" listing the pros and cons of various campus snooze sites. And many schools are offering seminars on napping (basic lesson: short naps work better).

The University of Louisville is even planning a campus-wide "flash nap" — think of a flash mob but with sleeping, not dancing — later in the school year ("We have to arrange it in advance so our public safety folks know it's not an epidemic of something," said director of health promotion Karen Newton).

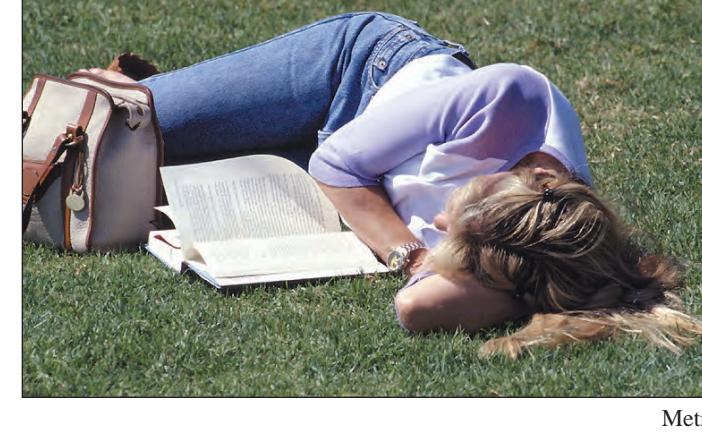
Still, given the scope of sleeping problems, what's surprising is that such efforts are exceptional. Major, campus-wide campaigns appear rare or non-existent. Experts say professors (and doctors) aren't always good sleep role models. As for deans and administrators, many seem hesitant to tell parents who've just dropped \$50,000 on tuition that the big push on campus this year will be for everyone to sleep more.

While awareness is grow-

ing, at most schools sleep efforts amount to a few posters on campus or perhaps a few lines in a quickly forgotten talk during orientation week. While about three-quarters of college students have indicated occasional sleep problems, the latest National College Health Assessment found about the same proportion reported receiving no information from their school about sleep (though it's possible, in their sleepiness, some forgot).

"The average student is functioning with a clinical sleep disorder," said LeeAnn Hamilton, assistant director of health promotion and preventive services at the University of Arizona, describing research conducted on students there. They average about 6.5 hours per night (though students tend to over-report in such surveys). But sleep time and quality measurements declined over the course of the academic year, while anxiety, depression and conflict with family, friends and roommates all rose.

As described by junior Sara Campbell, residence hall



Keeping up on your sleep is important for college students who want to be able to focus on their studies without zonking out.

life at UA makes it hard even for students trying to sleep — constant late-night chattering, visitors coming and going, early morning cleaning crews running their vacuums. She aims to be asleep by 12:30 or so but was dumbfounded to find girls on her hall regularly pulling all-nighters for papers and exams — basically, academic suicide, the research shows.

"Not to speak bad of them, but a lot of them are freshmen and just decided to wait 'till the last minute," she said. Her big challenge was managing with a roommate

who tries to keep earlier hours; this year the pair are moving off-campus together where they'll have separate bedrooms.

Still, Campbell is applying what she's learned about sleep as a psychology major. This year, she's arranged her schedule to have classes and work start at 8 a.m. every day of the week. That will be tough, but commits her to avoiding the destructive pattern trapping many college students — getting up early one day, then sleeping late the next.

"Regularity is key,"

Campbell said. "You can pick a schedule here and have a different time to get up every day, but going to bed at a different time every night, it wears on your body."

College mental health professionals are increasingly asking students about sleep right away, finding it's often the low-hanging fruit for helping studentss.

"When you find depression, even when you find anxiety, when you scratch the surface 80 to 90 percent of the time you find a sleep problem as well," said University of Delaware psychologist Brad Wolgast. Many students who think they have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder are

often just sleep-deprived. Some simple steps to improve "sleep hygiene" are usually far preferable to prescribing drugs like Ritalin or Adderall. (Wolgast is also seeing more students who've been prescribed sleeping pills, which he says usually harm sleep patterns more than help).

"On a campus they're dealing with alcohol, cocaine, marijuana, Ridalin abuse, sexual assault," Wolgast said. In comparison, sleep "looks like a small problem. But the truth is I could wave a magic wand and change everybody's sleep, there would be fewer problems with pretty much everything else."

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Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This is the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Rev. John Stirwalt's sermon will be based on the gospel reading of Mark 7:24-37. Immediately following worship service, members will honor all persons having a birthday in September.

Council meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "When Sin Was Under Your Skin" Sunday morning.

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School, past the four-way Stop sign.

The Men's Fraternity, "The Quest for Genuine Manhood," will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday. For information, call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Man." The keynote is from Genesis 1:27 God, "...God created man in his own image, in the

image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

The church is at 146 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Associate Minister Casey L. Downing will bring the message titled "Speaking the Word" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — In observance of Labor Day, Pastor Cecil Hess will preach Sunday on "What Was Your Occupation?"

The church is on U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring. For information, call 382-1737.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "A God So Near," with the Scripture from Deuteronomy 4:1-9.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634

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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. "Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth." Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m. Pastor Eugene Haas. Phone 471-0924.

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday – Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

First Baptist Church of Lake

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

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

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

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

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

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■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbuckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service,

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(Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmauelucc.com.

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the church celebrates the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Bob Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "Fight the Good Fight," from Ephesians 6:10-20.

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK — In honor of Labor Day, the church office will be closed Monday.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Linda Ellis and Teresa Williams. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Effie Simmonds, Diane Thibodeau and Anna Coley.

Special music will be Ruth Mann singing "Guide My Feet Lord."

Members are asked to bring non-perishable items for the Church Service Center.

Greeting the congregation will be Sharron Campbell. The acolyte for the day is Heaven Kunsak. Working with Children's Church will be Shirley Ann V. Wood and Carol Graves.

The pastor's sermon is titled "Into a Herd of Pigs," taken from Mark 5:6-8.

For any additional information, call the church office at 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Rev. Bob Johnson's sermon will be titled "Unemployment?" based on Matthew 9:35-38.

The adult Sunday school class will conclude its series titled "Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah," sponsored by Focus on the Family. The lessons are filmed on location in Israel and narrated by historian/teacher Ray Vander Laan. Sunday's lesson is titled "Korazin/Mount of Beatitudes."

Special music will be Ruth Mann singing "Guide My Feet Lord."

Members are asked to bring non-perishable items for the Church Service Center.

There will be no youth group Sunday evening.

On Monday the church office will be closed.

On Tuesday, the Women's Executive Board will meet at 4 p.m. Sarah Circle will meet for Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the adult Sunday school room.

Wednesday Bible study will resume with Pastor Johnson teaching "How Do We Glorify God?" Mary Circle will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of Bev Rudd. Children's Choir and Ministry will be from 6:30 p.m. Adult choir practice will be at 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 8, the Women's Ministry Quarterly luncheon will be at noon in fellowship hall. The theme is "Noah's Ark" and Mary Circle will be the host. Remember to bring your filled mission cans.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrange Street). For questions, call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "God's Plan" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon, given by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer.

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■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule:

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CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825 (Saxon Hall in Reflection Community). Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 10 a.m. Worship; Communion is available each week.

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

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

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

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

■ **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 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. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

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.

■ **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 338

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Monday the church office is closed in observance of Labor Day. Ruth Circle meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday; call 385-0107 for meeting place. Miriam Circle meets at 11 a.m. in adult classroom.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant's sermon will be "The Letter" with the Scripture reading Acts 15:22-34.

The United Methodist Women will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, with a guest speaker from the New Testament Mission.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com. Call the church office at 385-5184.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon Sunday will be

"Our Loving God," with Scripture from Romans 5:6-8. The service will include Flossi Moore singing "What a Great God."

Bible Study resumes this week

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix); phone number is 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Rev. John Bryant will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Service. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at the later service.

Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the New Song contemporary service in Rob Reynolds Hall, with the Worship Band leading the service.

There will be no Youth Group Sunday due to the holiday weekend.

Men's prayer group meets on Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the Men's Bible class room.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave., just east of U.S. 27. For information, 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Steadfast Determination," is taken from Hebrews 10. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning and evening worship service messages.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "Hearing and Doing."

Biblical reference is from James 1:17-27. Communion will be served.

Cub and Boy Scouts meet at 6 p.m. Monday.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on "How Do You Say Farewell?" This will be his last Sunday at the church.

Sunday school will be studying "God's Revelation to Moses," looking at the Scripture from Exodus 3.

For more information, call 385-1597.

Spring Lake United Methodist Church

SEBRING — Spring Lake United Methodist Church is at 8170 Cozumel Lane. Rev. Clyde Weaver's sermon is "Labor for God."

Church of the Way - ECFA

SEBRING — Pastor Faisal will be preaching Sunday.

Difference Makers Youth meet Wednesday evenings,

The Church of the Way - EFCA is located at 1005 North Ridgewood Drive. The pastor is Reinhold Buxbaum. The church phone is 471-6140. Pastor's cell phone is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor's messages go to www.thechurchoftheway.org/.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ 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. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ The Church of the Way EFCA, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

■ Grace Brethren Church, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour is the first

and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park — LCMS, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ Faith Lutheran Church — LCMS, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Summer Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 10 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Failey of Faith.

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

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

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

■ Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life.

Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m.

Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during

Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:30 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ Calvary Church, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ Christian Training Ministries Inc., on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com.

■ Crossroads of Life, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long - empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English - no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

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

■ Highlands Community Church, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way.

Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

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■ First Presbyterian Church, ARP, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The

Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship 9 a.m., Contemporary Worship 11 a.m., Sunday School 10:10-10:50 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group - (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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DIVERSIONS

'Lawless' a visceral, fitful and violent fever dream

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

If you can accept the notion that Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf and Jason Clarke could be brothers during this century or any other, you might be able to immerse yourself in the artfully pulpy allure of "Lawless," based on the true story of the bootlegging Bondurants.

Director John Hillcoat's ultra-violent drama plays like a hot, sweaty, delusional fever dream and is similarly fitful. It can be visceral and operatic, beautiful and brutal but also slow and overlong. The look and the sound of it are the most effective parts, and the most intrinsically tied: Singer-songwriter Nick Cave, a longtime friend and collaborator of fellow Australian Hillcoat (on "The Proposition" and "The Road"), wrote the script and co-wrote the score, so there's a peculiar kind of dark flavor, humor and musicality to the cadence of the dialogue..

"Lawless" is based on "The Wettest County in the World," Matt Bondurant's fictional tale of his grandfather, Jack, and his brothers, moonshine masters who kept the Virginia hills good n' liquored up during Prohibition. The eldest, Howard (Clarke), is a volatile and frequently inebriated veteran of the first World War. The middle brother, Forrest (Hardy), is the quietly commanding leader of both the business and the family. And then there's Jack (LaBeouf), the youngest who's eager to prove himself. He's the most ambitious, which makes him the most dangerous.

The Bondurant boys find their tidy little operation threatened when a corrupt Chicago lawman named Charlie Rakes (Guy Pearce) swoops in to shut them down. He's as nasty as he is nattily dressed, and Pearce once again seems to relish playing this type of precise villain. Also entering the brothers' lives, seemingly because the story needed some sort of female figure, are two very different women. Maggie (Jessica Chastain) arrives out of nowhere one day from The Big City with a Secret Past and immediately starts functioning as both the waitress at the brothers' restaurant/headquarters and Forrest's obligatory love interest. Bertha (Mia Wasikowska) is the modest and pious daughter of the town's preacher who catches Jack's eye — which makes no sense, given that he's a wannabe gangster with flashy tastes.

"Lawless" allows neither of these fine, versatile actresses to display what they can do fully. It is mainly about the



Courtesy Richard Foreman, Jr./MCT

Jason Clarke (from left) Tom Hardy and Shia LaBeouf star in 'Lawless.'

men, and the primal ways in which they survive and seek revenge. Yet it also squanders the formidable presence of Gary Oldman in just a few scenes as the big-city mobster who Jack aspires to be like one day.

Still, there is Hardy, who is always hulking and intense and impossible to stop watching. Sure, his accent is a little thick and folksy but he seems to get the melody that exists within the script — and at least you can understand him better here than you could when he had that contraption strapped to his face to play Bane in "The Dark Knight Rises." As LaBeouf continues efforting to show he's a grown-up now and can do serious character work, Hardy shows up and simply dominates.

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Sony to sell ultra-HD '4K' TV set in US stores

By PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — High-definition TVs roughly quadrupled the resolution of the sets that came before them. Now, the industry is poised to do it again.

By December, U.S. stores will sell a TV set with four times the resolution of today's best HDTVs, Sony Corp. said Wednesday. The set will measure 84 inches on the diagonal, making the screen area four times as large as the common 42-inch set.

Executives said Sony will reveal the price of the set next week.

There is, for now, very lit-

tle video content available that can take advantage of the higher resolution. With some work and know-how, a computer connected to the set can display video in the ultra-HD "4K" resolution. The set will also do its best to "upscale" TV, DVD and Blu-ray movies, so they look better.

Phil Molyneux, chief operating officer of Sony Electronics, said the situation was no different from the launch of the cassette tape, the CD or the DVD.

"We always get this question when we launch beautiful new technology: Where's the content?" Molyneux told journalists at an event in New York. "Did we bring the con-

tent to market? Yes, we did."

The exact resolution of the set is 3,840 by 2,160 pixels. It's known as "4K" because it has nearly 4,000 pixels on the horizontal edge. That compares with 1,920 by 1,080 pixels in "1080p" sets. More pixels allow TV makers to make bigger screens without compromising sharpness.

Sony makes digital projectors operating at 4K resolution for movie theaters.

The TV industry has been looking for a technology that will get consumers to upgrade their HDTV sets. Sales are slumping after an initial wave of upgrades from standard-definition sets, and 3-D sets attract only a small

number of consumers.

Apple Inc. has slowly been quadrupling the resolution of its devices, starting with the iPhone 4 two years ago. This year, it released iPads and MacBooks with ultra-high-resolution screens.

Dear Abby: About a year ago, I began a part-time job for extra cash. My manager and I developed an attraction for each other that soon led to a sexual relationship. The problem is that he's married with two children, and he is significantly older than me.

I know now that this has to end. I have no emotional ties to him, but I think he is starting to care for me. I can't quit the job because a

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Lohan won't face burglary charges

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Lohan will not be prosecuted for a burglary at a home where she had been a houseguest, prosecutors determined Tuesday.

The decision came after Los Angeles police detectives presented a potential felony burglary case against the actress and two men who were reportedly at the Hollywood Hills home of a longtime acquaintance after several items went missing earlier this month.

Prosecutors cited lack of evidence to prove Lohan was

involved in the thefts at the home. The items taken were described as keys, cash, sunglasses and a credit card holder. The homeowner, businessman Sam Magid, is an acquaintance of Lohan and later told authorities that he did not want to pursue a case.

"Lindsay is glad this matter has been cleared up so she can focus on her upcoming projects," her spokesman Steve Honig said in a statement Tuesday afternoon.

One of the men police interviewed was Lohan's assistant, who told authorities

that he, the actress and another man went into the home early Aug. 18. Some items were taken, but the assistant refused to say who stole them, according to a memo rejecting the charges.

"We do not have sufficient evidence to prove this case beyond a reasonable doubt," the prosecution memo states. The document also noted that none of the missing items were found in the possession of Lohan or the two men who were believed to be at the house on the day of the burglary.

When to bury dad's ashes causes family flare-up

Dear Abby: My father died eight years ago. Mother couldn't afford to bury him at the time, so he was cremated. Mom asked me to keep his ashes until her time was up so they could be buried together.

I have had them ever since. It makes me feel like he is still with me, that I have not totally lost him. However, over the last year, my brothers and sisters have led my mother to believe that I won't respect her wishes to have them buried together when the time comes. She is pressuring me to bury him now. It hurts me that my family could even think I would take that away from my mother.

To this day, my siblings say mean things about Dad, claiming he was a "terrible" father and husband. I'm a lot younger than the rest of them, so it's possible I never saw the bad side of him. The father I knew was a caring, loving man, and it drives me crazy to hear my siblings speak ill of him.

They don't remember his birthday, the date of his death or even how long ago it was.

Abby, I don't know what to do. If I go ahead and bury my dad's ashes now, I feel I will be losing him completely. Please help me. I feel so lost.

— Sad and Misunderstood Daughter

Dear Daughter: Perhaps there is a way to satisfy everybody. Before returning your father's ashes to your mother and siblings for burial, take a small portion to keep for yourself. Your feelings are not all that unusual — and contrary to popular belief, not all ashes are scattered or buried.

My mom complains to me about it and calls me a troll. My room isn't so hot, either. What can I do?

— The Troll in St. Pete

Dear Troll: The time to get organized is now. Begin by cleaning your room and making sure you have a study area that is not messy. After that, you should always put your projects and completed assignments in one spot, and they won't be lost.

You'll be able to find them easily once you have only one place to look.

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ANSWER:

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1. What percentage of American households owns a cat?

According to the "U.S. Pet Ownership and Demographics Sourcebook," about 32 percent of U.S. households included a cat in 2001.

2. How many breeds of cats are there?

The Cat Fanciers' Association, the world's largest registry of cat breeds, recognizes 39 pedigree breeds in its Champion Class.

According to the CFA, the most popular breeds in 2005 were:

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| 1. Persian | 6. Ragdoll |
| 2. Maine Coon | 7. Birman |
| 3. Exotic | 8. American Shorthair |
| 4. Siamese | 9. Oriental |
| 5. Abyssinian | 10. Sphynx |

3. Why is a cat's tongue so rough?

Cats' sandpaper-like tongues act as a comb when they are grooming themselves, and help them scrape the meat off the bones of their prey.

4. How many hours a day do cats sleep?

They sleep an average of 16 hours a day, nearly twice as long as most mammals. Cats nap much of the day and are most active during the late evening and early morning.

5. What is a healthy weight for a cat?

The average house cat ranges from 6 to 12 pounds, but many cats are overweight.

Some signs of an overweight cat:

- It is difficult to feel its ribs or spine.
- It is difficult to see its waist.
- Its abdomen is sagging.
- It has difficulty grooming itself.
- Its face looks round with larger cheeks.
- It hesitates to jump on furniture.
- It has matted fur on the back or tail area.

Wild cats have a wide range in size. The Siberian tiger can weigh up to 700 pounds while the wild black-footed cat weighs as little as 3 pounds.

6. What are the most popular cat names?

According to a survey by Veterinary Pet Insurance, the top five male cat names are Max, Tigger, Tiger, Smokey and Oliver. The top five female cat names are Chloe, Lucy, Cleo, Princess and Angel.

7. Why do cats scratch furniture?

Cats scratch furniture to define their territory by using the glands in the pads of their feet to create a scent mark.

Cats also need to scratch to pull off the old outer nail of the claw and expose a sharp, smooth one.

Cat owners can trim their pet's nails every two to three weeks to help protect furniture (and their arms!). Scratching posts can help distract cats from shredding a favorite couch.



SUSANNA FROHMAN/KRT
Holding a cat has a calming effect on humans.

to 17 years, although many cats live into their 20s. When they are young, cats age quickly relative to human years. A cat that's 6 months old is equal to about 10 years old in human years. As they get older, the aging process slows down, so that after age 2, every cat year is equal to about four human years.

10. Does a cat's tail serve a purpose?

The tail helps a cat balance, which is especially useful when the animal is climbing a tree or walking on a narrow railing. It also helps a cat to orient itself when it makes any abrupt change in direction.

You can tell a lot about a cat's mood when you look at its tail. When a cat's tail is held high it shows the animal has dignity. When the tail is in a lower state it means the cat is relaxed. When a cat's tail twitches, it can mean it's annoyed, but it can also mean it's interested or excited. If a cat holds its tail down, close to its body, swishing from side to side, it's a warning that the animal is aggressive or angry.

11. What do cat whiskers do?

The average cat has 24 whiskers, 12 on each side of its face. The whiskers act as a sort of antennae for cats, helping them measure the space around them and detect objects in the dark.

Whiskers also indicate a cat's mood. If they are fanned straight out to the side of the face, the cat is relaxed and happy. If they are pointed backward, flat against the cat's face, the animal is angry or afraid.

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**12.** Why do cats usually land on their feet?

Cats have a "righting" reflex that gives them the ability to right themselves when they fall. A cat instinctually turns it head and front torso to the ground, and its tail helps it align its back with the rest of the body before it lands. The cat arches its back and stretches its legs to reduce the impact, and the paw pads and leg joints help absorb the shock to the legs.

13.

Why do some cats go crazy for catnip?

The oil nepetalactone in the leaves of catnip sets off most cats, although kittens and some adult cats do not respond to the herb. Some cats roll in catnip, others eat it and some fall asleep after sniffing it. The treat is not addictive and the effects last only about 10 minutes.



Some cats enjoy rolling in catnip leaves.

14. How long did the musical "Cats" run on Broadway?

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Cats" opened on Broadway on Oct. 7, 1982, and ran until Sept. 10, 2000. The play, which was based on a book of T.S. Eliot's poems, was the longest running musical on Broadway until Jan. 9, 2006, when "Phantom of the Opera" took over the record.

15. What is a "Hemingway cat"?

Hemingway cats, also known as mitten or polydactyl cats, have extra toes. Cats typically have five toes on the front paws and four toes on the back paws. The Hemingway nickname comes from author Ernest Hemingway, whose cat Princess Six Toes was polydactyl.

Jake, a 28-toed cat, holds the world record for the cat with the most toes. Jake has seven toes on each paw. The Hemingway Home and Museum in Key West, Fla., houses around 60 cats, some of which are descendants of Hemingway's cat. About half are polydactyls.

16. Are there benefits to neutering or spaying a cat?

While the main benefit to neutering and spaying is helping to control the cat population, there are other benefits:

- Stops the howling of cats who are looking for a mate.
- Ends the desire for cats to roam and find a mate.
- Curbs the animal's urge to mark a territory with urine.
- Stops the soiling of a female cat in heat. (A cat's heat can last up to 21 days. It can occur two to three times a year.)
- Raises an animal's life expectancy.

17. What is the scientific name for a person who loves cats?

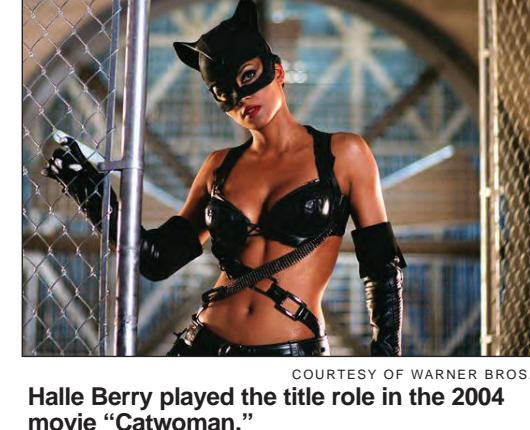
A person who loves cats is an ailurophile, while cat haters are known as ailurophobes. The prefix "ailuro" is of Greek origin and means "cat."

18. What sounds do cats make?

Cats make about 16 different sounds, including purring, hissing and meowing. Some breeds, such as the Siamese, are more vocal than other cats.

19. When a cat purrs does it mean it's happy?

Not always. While cats do often purr when they're content, they also purr when they're in pain, in labor or dying. Most likely a purr is a sign of a social mood, either in appreciation for attention or in need of attention — which would be the case if it's in pain — according to Desmond Morris, author of "Catwatching."



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Halle Berry played the title role in the 2004 movie "Catwoman."

20. What actresses have played Catwoman?

Julie Newmar and Eartha Kitt played Catwoman in the TV series "Batman." Lee Meriwether played the character in the 1966 movie based on the TV series. Michelle Pfeiffer played Batman's nemesis in the 1992 movie "Batman Returns." Halle Berry played the role for the big screen in 2004's "Catwoman" and Anne Hathaway plays the role in this year's "Dark Knight Rises."

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