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Yes **25.9%**

No **74.1%**

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Vera Cribbs

Age 90, of Lake Placid

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Age 83, of Sebring

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HCSO seeks armed robbery suspects

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SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff's Detectives are investigating an armed robbery that occurred shortly after 11 p.m. Tuesday at the Circle K convenience Store at the corner of Jacklin Avenue and Hammock Road.

According to a press release, two masked men entered the store — one armed with a gun and the other holding a machete. The suspect with the gun reportedly jumped the counter, hit the clerk in the face with the

gun and demanded he open the cash drawer.

The clerk complied and the suspects grabbed an undisclosed amount of cash and ran out.

The victim was treated at the scene and did not require hospitalization.

The two suspects were described as Hispanic or black males. One of them was about 5-foot-8 with a medium build and wearing a red hooded sweatshirt. The other was tall with a thin build.

Anyone with information on this robbery is requested to call the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit at 863-402-7250 and speak to Detective Roger St. Laurent. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or visit www.heartland-crimestoppers.com/. Anonymity is guaranteed.



Courtesy photos Security camera photos of the men who robbed the Circle K on Hammock Road in Sebring Tuesday night.

Applauding perfection



News-Sun photos by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

A selection of the elementary school students who earned perfect scores on the FCAT. Vaidehi Persad (extreme right, first row), a fourth grader at Sun 'N Lake Elementary, is the only student in the county to make perfect scores on all three tests — math, reading and writing.

77 students honored for perfect FCAT scores

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Seventy-seven Highlands County elementary students achieved perfect scores on the 2011 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

Of the perfect scores, 34 were on the reading test; 34 on the math test, five on the writing test and three on the science test.

Ten students made perfect scores in two subjects and one student, Vaidehi Persad a fourth grader at Sun 'N Lake Elementary, was perfect in all in three. At least one student in every elementary school had at least one perfect score. Lake Placid Elementary School had the most perfect FCAT students with 14. Sun 'N Lake Elementary School had 12.

In front of a packed audience at the school board chambers Tuesday night,

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CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY Jacob Gauger, a third grader at Cracker Trail, examines his medal.

Altersberger death sentence upheld by court

Killed trooper in 2007

News-Sun staff/wire reports TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court is rejecting an appeal from a man who shot and killed a highway patrol trooper more than five years ago.

The high court Thursday unanimously upheld the conviction and death sentence of Joshua Lee Altersberger.

He entered a guilty plea to killing Sgt. Nick Sottile during a Jan. 12, 2007 traffic stop north of Lake Placid in 2009, just three days before his trial was to begin. Altersberger pleaded guilty to murder and a jury recommended by a 9 to 3 vote that he receive the death penalty. His attorneys, however, argued that Sottile's murder was not cold, calculated and premeditated and did not



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Merger 'wonderful' for Sebring track

Raceway director says new owners bring resources

By BARRY FOSTER

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — After a whirlwind tour of meetings and press conferences in Daytona Beach, Tres Stephenson was back at his desk as the President of the Sebring International Raceway Thursday.

The longtime Raceway director is full of antici-



Stephenson

tion after a combined press conference by principals of the American Le Mans and Grand American series, announcing the merger of the two sanctioning bodies, which included the acquisition of the leases for Sebring International Raceway and the Chateau Elan Hotel &

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Elwell's EMS questions spark Facebook furor

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — At Tuesday's county commission meeting, the issue of hiring more medical emergency first responders was discussed.

Executive director Harvey Craven told the commission he

needed another two provisional paramedics in addition to the five recently hired.

No one on the commission was opposed to the idea.

Commissioner Don Elwell, however, did ask about the department policy where provisional paramedics are paid a starting

paramedic wage whenever they work, even if they are fulfilling an emergency medical technician's function. EMTs have less training and responsibilities than paramedics and are typically paid less. Elwell asked if employees could be paid at the two different rates.

"We're looking at every area," Elwell said, referring to the county's need to cut costs. It seemed this might be opportunity to save money and be fair to those with more experience and training.

One of the complicating fac-

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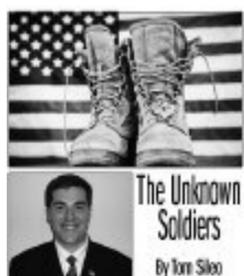
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Finding beauty

Before Cpl. Reece Lodder deployed to Afghanistan last fall, he agonized over leaving his beautiful wife behind.

"Preparing to say goodbye to the most important person in your life for seven months ... it hurts," the 22-year-old Marine told "The Unknown Soldiers" in 2011. "It's a struggle."

Today, after risking his life in one of the world's most dangerous places, Cpl. Lodder is home.

"It was a really good deployment," Lodder said Aug. 30 from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. "I'm thankful it's over, but sometimes I miss it."

The fact that anyone would "miss" Afghanistan's Helmand province, especially while stationed in Hawaii, speaks to the selflessness of a young generation that has consistently stepped forward since Sept. 11, 2001. But if you ask Lodder, he was simply doing his job and owes everything to his fellow Marines and his loved ones in the state of Washington.

"I had so much support from my family and church back home," he said. "God got us through this."

While some politicians and media pundits are self-proclaimed experts on the decade-plus Afghanistan conflict, the opinions of Americans like Lodder, as one of a relative handful to serve there, truly matter. From his perspective, America is making progress in Afghanistan because our nation's bravest men and women are still willing to serve and sacrifice.

"It's not a sexy story," the military journalist said. "But the (Afghan) people were very receptive to the work we've done."

Lodder, who jumped between several units while capturing images and filing reports, said a storyline pushed by some in the mainstream media — Afghan civilians universally despising American troops — is simply not accurate.

"They were thankful and kind of in awe of the fact that we were over there to help them and to serve," Lodder said. "In some respects, realistically, they're kind of used to us being there."

Still, tragic violence continues in Afghanistan, including an increase in so-called "insider attacks" against U.S. forces by terrorists wearing Afghan military or police uniforms. While Lodder's heart aches for the families of his fallen brothers and sisters in arms, the Marine believes the cowardly attacks reveal a drastically weakened enemy.

"The insurgents are so desperate ... that's what they're resorting to," Lodder said. "They're so weak because of all the work that we've done to push them out and cripple their insurgency."

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Courtesy photo
West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department's Firematics Team beat out six other teams from around the state in the recent 2012 Florida State Firefighter's Association Bass Pro Shop Competition. Team members are (front row, from left) Lt. Robby Viera, firefighter Luis Rodriguez, Capt. Robert Price, Assistant Chief Joe Romanik, firefighter Matt Muha; (back row, from left) team captain Chris Kelley, firefighter Max Sherwood, firefighter Bobby Carson, and Chief Scott Mann. Assistant Chief Billy Kingston is also a member of the team.

WSVFD Firematics Team named 2012 state champions

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department joined six teams from around the state to compete in the 2012 Florida State Firefighter's Association Bass Pro Shop Competition. The event features competitive timed skills events that test endurance and practical applications.

West Sebring was joined by two other teams from Highlands County, Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department, which placed third overall, and Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire Department.

The 2012 members of the West Sebring Volunteer Fire Departments Firematics Team set out months ago on a journey to bring home the state traveling trophy and the bragging rights that come with it. Months of planning, fund raising and practicing paid off last weekend but it didn't come easy. The team started practicing months ago, giving up evening and weekends trying to get back into competitive shape while training new members of the team. It was go time, competition ready and off to Fort Myers for the 2012 Florida State Firefighter's Association Bass Pro Shop Competition.

The first event of the day, The Dry Hose started off great. Team captain Chris Kelley commented on how great the team ran that event. "It was like they were hitting on all cylinders." Better than any practice run they had done. The tone was set and the team was off to a great start.

The second event of the day, The 1 into 2, an event that had haunted the team through practice, was up. There were a few jitters going into this one. "Just connect" could be heard before the team took off, and that's just what the team did. They connected flawlessly with a time good enough for first place in that event.

The third event, The Dry Hose, looked great and felt great but in an event where every second counts the team came up just short in tenths of a second to the first place team of Plantation.

West Sebring seemed to run neck and neck with Plantation all day to this point. Although the team did not get first place in this event, every point counts and it was a solid second that brought West Sebring on its way to being number one.

The next event, The Barrel Push, is an event in the past that has proven to be first or last. It's the way the barrel rolls that day. This year it was time to be first, the event leader, Asst. Chief Joe Romanik was on point; it was a smooth run and again beat the team's practice times. The Barrel Push pushed the team closer to number one with another first place time.

The Busted Hose event, a crowd favorite, mostly because of the water going everywhere, was the fifth event of the day. The event simulates what could happen on the fire ground when things go wrong and a hose breaks in the middle of the line, then do what's necessary to get it shut down and changed fast. This team did it

fast but not nearly fast enough, being beat out by two other teams to claim third place in the event.

The final event, The Bucket Brigade, brings back history of days of old when people moved water to put out a fire by moving buckets of water from the water source to the fire. In this event it's from one big water bucket to another by little buckets. The first place team in this event was Plantation, running it in a crazy time of 19 seconds.

After the six events were completed West Sebring and Plantation Fire Departments were tied for first place and it was decided to use a run off of the Bucket Brigade as the tie breaker. Plantation would run it first, and they had a great run beating their original time by several seconds.

The West Sebring team put together strategies, got pumped up and then headed to the line. The team was ready and a few long seconds later it was over. West Sebring had won the tie breaker by seven-tenths of a second, becoming 2012 state champions.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TD Bank sponsors September luncheon

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will be at noon Wednesday at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. Presentation will be made by Scott Canaday, director of the Highlands County Emergency Management Office, on storm and hurricane preparedness.

The luncheon is sponsored by TD Bank, Lake Placid. RSVP the chamber today by email at chamber@lpfla.com or call 465-4331.

Shrine Club hosts breakfast and flea market

AVON PARK — The Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South, will be open to the public for breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturdays for a \$4 donation. The menu is pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and more. The two bargain stores, flea market vendors and fresh produce vendor are open.

Travailing Women's Conference set

SEBRING — Pastor Barbara J. Robinson and the Travailing Women will present the seventh annual Travailing Women's Conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at Inn on the Lakes Hotel, 3101 Golfview Road, (overlooking beautiful Lake Jackson).

Featured guest speakers will be prophetess Wanda Holmes, "Enmity and Sorrow;" prophetess Tasha Campbell, "Grandma's Devils;" pastor Bettye Jamison, "Midwife, Metrons, Mantles;" apostle and pastor Dr. Annie Darville, "There Shall be a Performance;" mother A. Greene "Submission;" and pastor and traveler Barbara J. Robinson, "Waiting on God."

Spotlight featured guest will be rain dancer Ty Young, and a souvenir will be available — "Travailing,"

the book.

For registration and information (cost \$25 - includes lunch), RSVP by calling (561) 767-1778 or 452-2531.

Commodities distribution is set for today

SEBRING — Commodities distribution for September will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. today at The Salvation Army, 3135 Kenilworth Blvd.

Those with a 2012 Commodities Card may pick up commodities in the Drop Off lane. If not, go inside and register for the new 2012 year, then receive a new card and commodities.

Call 385-7548, ext. 306 with any questions.

Heartland Pops Concert Band begins rehearsals

AVON PARK — The Heartland Pops Concert Band, "The Premier Concert Band in the Heartland," announces weekly rehearsals for its 2012-2013 concert season beginning from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 at Avon Park High School.

This "Premier Concert Band" is enjoying its fourth season under the direction of Anthony Jones and is always happy to welcome new members. Whether new to the area or a local, full-time or seasonal resident, new members are invited.

For information, call 314-8877.

Masons to help Highlands Humane Society

On Saturday, the members of Placid Lodge 282 and Sebring Lodge 249, Free and Accepted Masons, are hosting an open house for the Humane Society of Highlands County. Both lodges will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., collecting office and cleaning supplies, dog and cat food, cat litter and monetary donations.

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Five candidates qualify for AP city council elections

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Five candidates have qualified to run for the Avon Park City Council.

Three are incumbents—Brenda Gray, Terry Heston and Paul Miller — and two are challengers — Jim Barnard and Garrett Anderson.

Gray has served three terms of office and has been the city's deputy mayor for three years.

Heston and Miller have each served one term.

Barnard is running for the first time. He is retired, and a volunteer at First Baptist Church where he maintains the grounds and facilities.

The News-Sun was unable to reach Anderson.

The top three vote getters will earn seats on the council.

Mayor Sharon Schuler and Councilor Parke Sutherland do not have to run for office this year.

The municipal election is part of the general election Nov. 6.

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HSWCD looking for an executive director

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — A new position has been created by the Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District. Applications are now being accepted from applicants.

"The key to this position," said Ray Royce, executive director of the Highlands Citrus Growers Association, "is that there hasn't been a true administrator for the HSWCD in decades." The new position will serve as the primary manager of all activities associated with the HSWCD.

This means the individual will be responsible to provide leadership for financial, personnel, program planning, education and outreach, and project management and implementation.

For example, among a variety of duties, the executive director supervises and evaluates all staff and contractors, oversees and coordi-

nates volunteers, develops and administers grants and contracts, keeps the district board of supervisors informed, and ensures compliance with relevant laws and rules pertaining to district expenditures.

The director will prepare and update district strategic and annual work plans; be the primary liaison to other agencies, the media and the general public.

The initial salary offered is within a range of \$47,500 and \$62,500, depending on experience.

The full job description and list of requirements can be found at <http://highlands.ifas.ufl.edu/>

All applications have to be received by 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17. They may be sent to jensenm@ufl.edu, faxed to 402-6544, or delivered in person at the Highlands County Extension Service at 4509 George Blvd.

Call Royce at 385-8091.

Death sentence upheld for trooper's killer

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merit a death sentence. Justices disagreed and pointed out that Altersberger earlier in the day had threatened to shoot an officer.

Altersberger also did not shoot Sottile until the trooper took his hand off his gun, justices said.

In deciding for the death penalty, which he handed down in Bartow on June 19, 2009, Judge Michael Hunter reviewed the transcripts of witnesses Quentin Kinder, who fled Altersberger's vehicle during the traffic stop, and Peron Merise, a truck driver who had "a clear view of what happened."

Hunter cited the testimony while explaining how the court came to its decision.

Kinder testified that Altersberger had told him he was going to kill the trooper before he did, and Merise testified that before he was shot, Sottile "backed up a little and had his hands up."

According to the law, the cold, calculated and premeditated aggravator must be proven by the state showing that the murder was not prompted by emotional fren-

zy, panic or a fit of rage, that there was a careful plan or prearranged design to commit the murder, that there was heightened premeditation, and no pretext of legal or moral justification.

"There was no testimony that the defendant had been acting in an emotional frenzy, panic or fit of rage," Hunter wrote.

"According to the witness, when it appeared the trooper was comfortable, the defendant lowered his hands, produced a weapon, and shot the trooper."

He called the murder "an unnecessary, execution-type killing," and said it was "the type of killing for which this aggravating circumstance was intended."

Citing the Florida Supreme Court, Hunter said the heightened premeditation required to sustain the aggravator is one where the defendant has the opportunity to leave the scene but, instead, commits the murder.

"He could have attempted to disarm the trooper when the trooper took a step back and raised his hands," Hunter wrote.

"Instead, he shot him."

Elwell: 'I'm not trying to cut anyone off at the knees'

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tors, Cravin told Elwell, is that an emergency medical responders might work both positions during a shift. At a guess, Craven thought it might be a 70/30 percent split. Exact figures were difficult to collect.

Elwell did not propose a motion, or action of any kind. The agenda item was just a request for the two additional provisional employees. The board never got to a vote. The item was temporarily pulled after Elwell asked his questions.

Word of the discussion, however, spread. By Tuesday night, Facebook and other social media sites overflowed with postings taking Elwell to task for wanting to disband the Emergency Medical Service, or accusing him of wanting to cut personnel and salaries.

"It kind of went downhill," Elwell said Wednesday afternoon. "People are really passionate. Word of mouth has kind of turned into that game of 'telephone'."

Too many people have gotten the facts twisted, he

said. "It's made for an interesting day."

Elwell added one constituent had what he thought was a good suggestion: Doing a ride-along for a shift.

It was something Elwell had not considered.

"I didn't know there was room in an ambulance," he said. "I thought it would be kind full."

However, he thinks a ride-along is a useful idea. He said it is important for commissioners to "get out of the comfy green chair and walk in (an emergency responder's) shoes."

"I'm not trying to cut anyone off at the knees," Elwell said. "I'm for our (EMTs and paramedics)."



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Merger joins ALMS, Grand-Am series

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Spa as well as the Road Atlanta track in Braselton, Ga.

"This is going to be wonderful," said Stephenson. "We are going to have resources we have never had before."

Stephenson said that officials from the Grand American Road Racing Series have been at the track for several days and everybody has been re-hired.

"It's going to be just like it was, only with new ownership," he said.

In fact, it may be difficult for anyone to see any noticeable difference. The 2013 edition still will be the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring fueled by Fresh From Florida.

The American Le Mans Series will remain the sanctioning body for one more year while rules are determined to meld the ALMS with Grand-Am.

A press conference was held in Daytona Beach to make the formal announcement with Don Panoz and Scott Atherton of the ALMS at the table with Jim France and Ed Bennett of the Grand American Road Racing Series.

It was a deal that had been years in the making, but the initial agreement reportedly was made six months ago during a golf game with France and Panoz.

Later, some manufacturers and teams were contacted about the accord and all agree the combination into a single sanctioning body will be beneficial for the road racing world as a whole.

The first local inklings of the deal came at an Aug. 30 special meeting of the Sebring Airport authority to reassign the lease. Reportedly, both Panoz and France were at that session.

"They gave some very generalized plans," said



News-Sun file photo

Fans probably won't notice much difference at the next 12 Hours of Sebring, but the 2014 Race will likely feature a much different type of field for the historic endurance test.

'It's going to be just like it was, only with new ownership.'

TRES STEPHENSON

Sebring International Raceway president

Sebring Airport Authority Executive Director Mike Willingham.

The lease was transferred to Citrus Speedway LLC, a Florida limited liability corporation.

"That's just temporary until there's an official new name for the group," Stephenson said.

Panoz took the opportunity to note that the Automotive Club d'Ouest had been contacted about the plan and there were ongoing negotiations to make certain that ties to the 24 Hours of Le Mans would be maintained.

"This also will allow a single series to run at the absolute best tracks," said Stephenson. "It will start with Daytona in 2014 then Sebring will be next, just like it was in the IMSA days."

It appears the new group plans to run about a dozen races over the course of the season, although a schedule of exactly which tracks and when has yet to be developed.

Also in the mix is the sale

of the Chateau Elan. Reinhard Haubner, general manager of that facility, also had great expectations of the change.

"I'm telling you, it's going to be fabulous," he said.

Like the Raceway, Haubner said he did not expect to see any changes to the operation in the immediate future.

The next item on the agenda, said Stephenson, will be the Sebring Historics sched-

uled for Oct. 25-28.

Those will be held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of the city of Sebring and was created by the track as an annual event to honor the historic cars that have competed on the legendary circuit.

Vintage Speed LLC will serve as the event manager, a well-established group of racing professionals who are recognized throughout the vintage community.

"We are looking forward to kicking off the Sebring Historics and helping to build it into one of the major vintage racing events in the US," said President of Vintage Speed Dan Schmutte.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

It's time to face reality

The News-Sun supports the Second Amendment. We do, however, have concerns about weapons getting into the hands of unstable people, driven by dark visions with poor impulse control.

No one worries about the experienced hunters, collectors or target shooters. These are people who understand, not just how to handle guns and rifles, but how to keep them safe. These are people who teach their families to have respect for firearms.

No one worries about responsible gun ownership. Given our constant exposure to violence in the news, it's understandable that many people only feel safe if they have a gun in their house. We agree that people must be allowed to protect themselves.

We argue, however, that there are certain limits.

It doesn't take an Uzi or an AK-47, for example, to kill a deer, or an unknown intruder in the house for that matter — in that case, a shotgun or large caliber hand gun is a much better choice.

Of course, the right to self-defense is the most important

right we have, but it really doesn't take a machine gun to be safe in the United States of America.

Sometimes legitimate safety concerns edge over into paranoia — and one person's paranoia can end with an innocent in the hospital or the morgue.

What possible reason can a law-abiding citizen have for buying armor piecing bullets, or ammunition clips with a mass-destruction capacity, or plastic guns that can be snuck onto an airplane or into a courthouse?

Think about the danger to the general public when people on a twisted mission order thousands of rounds of ammunition online.

In the first place, someone who needs hundreds of bullets to hit a target can't be a very good shot. Who wants to be anywhere near a muzzle spewing hot lead — especial-

ly when the weapon is held in hands shaking with adrenaline by someone can't shoot.

We understand why critics of any type of firearm control worry curtailing the Second Amendment in any way. They see a slippery slope leading to total control. We don't agree.

People slide when they ignore what is going on around and just go with flow.

The right to bear arms, on the other hand, is an issue to which people have dedicated their lives. No one will allow the Second Amendment to be breached.

There are times, however, when we have to face reality and be practical.

The News-Sun thinks this is such a time.

We do live in a world where, too often, everyday life explodes into violence, but we don't think shooting back is practical public policy.

The easier it is to buy ammunition or weapons capable of mass killing, the more often violence will shatter our lives.

It is in our own best interest to return to the ban on the sale of automatic weapons, and to not allow ammunition to be sold over the Internet — cer-

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Four more years of failure?

It's not Obama vs. Romney in 2012. It's really Obama vs. Obama. The president has to run against himself. His own record on the economy has been so pitiful he can't defend it or run on it. He has to run away from it.

Instead of comparing his performance as president to what Romney-Ryan might do, Obama has to pretend like it's been someone else who's been mismanaging the economic recovery for the last 3 1/2 years.

He has to pretend that it's not his policies that have kept unemployment above 8 percent for 43 straight months and racked up too many trillions of new debt to count.

And this week, when the incompetent-in-chief was asked to give himself a grade for his own performance, his answer was not an "F" or "F-minus." It was "incomplete."

President Obama said he needed more time. For what?

To hope that Obamanomics can work, if we just wait until the USA becomes Greece or California?

To prove that obscene deficits, wasteful government spending, overregulation and higher taxes on the successful can put the greatest economy in the history of the world in a coma for another four years?

Compare what Obama is doing in this election to what Ronald Reagan did when he ran for re-election in 1984 against Walter Mondale.

My father didn't have to hide from his own record, he ran on it. Proudly. Unlike Obama, he was able to show that his economic policies had pulled the wrecked Jimmy Carter economy out of the ditch and turned it around.

Ronald Reagan could point to real progress — real hope and change. He had cut the unemployment rate from double digits to 7.2 percent, adding almost 8 million jobs. The inflation rate had dropped from 10.3 percent to 3.3 percent. Interest rates were on their way down from 20 percent. Gasoline prices were not going up, but down.

By 1983, the country was already clearly headed down the road to recovery, fueled by lower tax rates,

simpler tax codes, less regulation and tighter monetary policy.

Reaganomics — which got government out of the way of the private sector — was working. The severe recession of '82 — when unemployment hit 10.8 percent, still

the highest since the Great Depression, was shrinking in the rear-view mirror.

When my father's re-election campaign ran that famous optimistic ad that said, "It's morning again in America," people believed it. It was already coming true. That's why he was re-elected in a landslide.

After 44 months in office, Obama is still trying to blame George W. Bush for the problems he inherited and hasn't been able to solve.

My father didn't spend his first three years whining about the mess Jimmy Carter left him. He rolled up his sleeves and went to work. He didn't roll up his sleeves and put on a golf glove or practice his bowling skills.

Being president of the United States in a time of economic crisis means you don't get to play golf more than 100 times. Being president means you have to go to work to fix the economy, not destroy it further.

Obama is a true disaster — a failure, a flop. Saying his grade is "incomplete" implies that he's got a good plan for the economy, but that he just needs four more years to put the finishing touches on it.

He doesn't. He has no plan but the same old economic plan — the one that hasn't worked and never will.

Obama won't change. And unless the American people follow Clint Eastwood's advice and "let him go," we may have no hope.

In the fall we'll have a clear choice. Do we want to rehire an ex-community organizer with a record of failure?

Or do we hire a businessman with a record of success?

It's a question we shouldn't even have to ask.

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Making Sense

Michael Reagan



TODAY'S LETTERS

Nu-Hope Elder Care Services needs support

Editor:

Nu-Hope has provided vital services for seniors since 1975. These services allow seniors to remain in their homes and avoid nursing homes and nursing home placement.

For more than 25 years, the county has partnered with Nu-Hope providing valuable funding to ensure that the needs of our seniors are met. However, as you may have heard, the county now proposes to end all support.

This will have a significant impact.

Every dollar provided by the county brings in \$10 of federal- and state-funded services. Without these funds, the number of seniors who can be served will be reduced. Many of these seniors will be forced to go to a nursing home in order to receive the care they so critically need.

We do not believe this is right.

More than 39 percent of our county's residents are 60 and older. These residents need and deserve the support of our county government. They also deserved to have their voices heard. We encourage you to speak out in support of our seniors by contacting the county commissioners at 402-6500. We also encourage the community to attend the public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 18. For more information, contact Nu-Hope at 382-2134.

Ingra Gardner
Sebring

Why is Rooney still hiding?

Editor:

After the Republican National Convention hoopla, our congressman, Tom Rooney, is still hiding in the tall grass; public appearances restricted to

under publicized attendance at tea party meetings. Perhaps a trifle embarrassed at co-signing a wacko letter by Michele Bachmann or being one of the self-styled "young guns", the under-informed, over-opinionated members of the house caucus who find their image in a trite, tired western starring a demented member of the Sheen clan.

Embracing their childish image, they behave as if their function is to obstruct every effort of the administration to enact beneficial legislation. Perhaps it's time to send the kids back to school to learn what legislating is about. The electors deserve something better; representatives who will serve their "better angels" and look to the interests of the country.

Thus far Mr. Rooney's efforts have been devoted to voting against any legislation advanced by the White House, in lock step with his fellow "young guns." As for Highlands representation in the House, it is surely time for a change.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Food Drive continues through end of year

Editor:

As you all know our Tea Party has embarked on a very important project that we would like to continue to the end of the year. Your Food Drive to help the needy of Highlands County, is to provide much needed food supplies to the Highlands Food Bank, Parkway Freewill Baptist Church and Mana Ministries in Lake Placid. Now we are asking again for your support in a big way.

John Larsen and myself, with the help of Jeanne and Tina, have placed

receptacles in the following places: Boom Booms Gun Shop, 330 US 27 N., Sebring; Winn Dixie Food Mart, 802 US 27, Avon Park; Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, 18 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid; Winn Dixie Food Mart, 70 Plaza Ave., Lake Placid; and Homer's Buffet, 1000 Sebring Square Shopping Ctr., Sebring.

We are asking that you ask your friends and neighbors to please support this drive as the number of families requiring assistance has grown over the past few years with our less that enthusiastic economy. Lost jobs and fewer opportunities for the needy have risen to a level higher than ever seen in our lifetime. Your gifts of canned goods and non-perishables would be a blessing to many. We will also accept cash and checks if you wish; John and I will do the shopping for you.

Please make your check payable to: The Highland Tea Party. You can give them to us along with any cash donations at a Tuesday meeting, or mail to either John Larsen or myself — John Larsen, 2006 Sawgrass Trail, Sebring, FL 33872 or Lester Lob, 2873 Whistle Stop, Sebring, FL 33872.

In addition we are asking your help for the Peace River Center for Victim Services. In the past year this group has provided bed nights for 1,806 adults and 1,645 children, handled several hundred crisis calls and now house 69 adults and 61 children in the center. This shelter is in need of personal item such as soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes and diapers. A good source for some of these item are found in hotel/motel rooms. If you don't use them, pick them up and help us out.

Thanks and God bless.

Jack Nelson
Sebring

HLT special production to remember 9/11

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**

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SEBRING — Highlands Little Theatre announces it has an opportunity to be the first theater outside of New York City to produce "110 Stories," a play about Sept. 11.

The play is based on actual first-person accounts woven into a journey. The experiences of a wide range of individuals — an iron worker, a chaplain, a K-9 handler, a nurse, a doctor, a photojournalist, a chiropractor and the homeless who saved lives that day — reveal hope, humor and compassion in the midst of tragedy.

The play is a love letter to NYC, celebrating the resilience of the city's people and sharing their grief.

The playwright, Sarah Tuft, has said about her play, "On its most personal level, '110 Stories' was a way to manage my own feelings. Where I grieved it allowed me a way to memorialize the dead as a gift to their families."

Tuft vowed that productions of her play should be used to raise money for charity.

In that spirit, there is no charge to attend the HLT performances Tuesday, Sept. 11, but local firefighters from the Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire Department will be at the door accepting donations toward their needs.

Vanessa Logston, HLT's executive director, said, "As soon as I became aware of the play I felt it was important to bring it to the community to mark the anniversary. I could not be more proud that we are the first community theater to produce this."

"The show will be performed by an ensemble cast as a staged reading under the direction of Kristin Taylor."

There are two performances Tuesday night, at 6 and 8 p.m.

While admission is free, tickets are required. Call 382-5555 or go on-line at www.highlandslittletheatre.org/.

OBITUARIES

VERA CRIBBS

Vera Ellen Tubbs Cribbs, age 90, passed into the loving arms of Jesus at Southern Lifestyle ALF in Lake Placid, Fla. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012. She was born Oct. 2, 1921 to Arthur and Pattie Posey Tubbs in Jasper, Ala. Living in Sebring, Fla. since the age of 4, Vera was a graduate of Sebring High School and a lifelong member of Sebring Church of Christ. She was a housewife, partner with her husband in the caladium business and owner of the Shoe Box shoe store in Sebring for many years.

Vera is survived by her husband of 69 years, William "Ebert" Cribbs of Sebring, Fla.; daughters, Sherry Trombley of Lake Placid, Fla., and Patricia Diana (Paul) of Atlanta, Mich.; brother, Leon Tubbs (Ruth) of Sebring, Fla.; and sister, Ozella Allison of Sebring, Fla. She is the beloved grandmother of Sharlyn Cruse, Ebert Weaver, Shawn Cruse (Linda), Jacques Trombley (Tonya); and five great-grandchildren, Jaelyn and Joseph Kerigan, Bailee and Shelby Cruse, and Jordis Trombley. She is the aunt and great aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Lakeview Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that memorial contributions in her name be made to the Lake Placid Church of Christ, 1069 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852 or Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Fla. stephensonnelsonfh.com

LEE ROBERTS

Lee C. Roberts, 83, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Monday, Sept. 3, 2012 in Sebring. He was born Feb. 2, 1929, to Edward Legrande and Ethel (Baach) Roberts in Culver City, Calif., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1992, coming from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was employed in the Immigration and Naturalization Service and was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving during the Korean War. He was a Master Mason and a member of Buttonwood Bay Church and the Fraternal Order of Retired Border Patrol Officers.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Roberts of Sebring; sons, Bruce (Kendra) Roberts of California, John Roberts of Maine and Lee (Brenda) Roberts Jr. of Florida; daughters, Toni Roberts of California, Susan Hollingworth of Nevada, Nancy (Terry) Carter of Nevada, Lisa Welch of Maine, Crystal (Del) Shunk of Georgia and Carol (Bradley) Stoll of Florida; brother, Jerry Roberts of California; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until service time at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, with Mike Adams officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Fla. 33870 (863) 385-0125 stephensonnelsonfh.com

Did You KNOW?

In Florida, the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists using a public roadway are considered operators of motor vehicles and are responsible for observing all traffic laws. With few exceptions, there is only one road and it is up to motorists and bicyclists to treat each other with care and respect. Adherence to the law is the foundation of respect.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

The students from Avon, Cracker Trail, Fred Wild and Lake Placid elementary schools who earned perfect scores on the FCAT in 2011.

Perfect FCAT scorers honored

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Becky Fleck, assistant superintendent for curriculum, and Joyce McClelland, director of elementary education, handed out the medals.

There was never any question, Fleck said — no matter how tight the budget became — but that the district would find the funds to purchase

medals for the students.

"These kids rose to the top," she said, "even with a more difficult test."

McClelland beamed at the standing room only crowd. "Thank you for making it a priority to be here tonight," she said to the parents and families. "This is truly a celebration."

Perfect FCAT students

Seventy-seven students on the elementary school level earned a perfect score on the 2011-2012 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test. They are:

Ganaban, Carl Gross, Luke Halpern, Chase LeBlanc, Logan Million, Arieli Montalvo, Claire Pypers, Tyler Sassin, Madeline Whitney, Payton Wright, and Brendan Zion

Avon Elementary

Francis Espiritu, Dalila Eugenio-Badillo, Torielle Filer, Iris Negley, and Brianna Nobles

Lake Country

Halie Montano

Memorial

Kobe Labra, Jenna Murphy, Ceyarah Veasey, and Amelia Zhandossova

Park

Hanna Allison, Jalenah Darby, Jacob Gauger, Kenneth High, Jayden Lee, Gavin Pyle, Lauren Swaine, and Joseph Torres

Nathan Ahrens, Sam Chen, Hailey Hood, Sydney Johnson, Jose Lugo-Sanchez, Madison Murfield, Jacob O'Neil, and Hayden Tyler

Sun 'N Lake

Angelica Bustos, Mauricio Marquez, Gabriel Torres, and Zachary Youlden

Alyssa Bonilla, Vinay Krishnadas, Dhruv Manik, Robert Matos, Nikole Martinez, Rohin Patel, Vaidehi Persad, Nicholas Piccione, Paolo Pineda, Phil Pineda, Felicity Velez,

Lake Placid

Nicole Blount, Adam Canaday, Michael Edgemon, Jazmin



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Halie Montano, a 3rd grader at Lake Country Elementary, is the only student at the school to earn a perfect FCAT score. She aced the math test.

and Harbor Young

Woodlawn

James Branca, Emily Bible, Robert Gotkiewicz,

Andrew Livingston, Ramiro Palacios, Sebastian Rivera, Rilian Smith, Michael Williams, and Nancy Zuniga

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Common supplies the Humane Society needs include bleach, soap, dish soap, paper towels, printer paper, printers, printer ink, pens, pencils, dog shampoo, and cat cleaning supplies, cat litter, dog food, dog bones and animal toys.

Any help from the local community will be greatly appreciated. The Humane Society will also have pets up for adoption at both lodges. Drop off donations at the Humane Society, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring, phone 655-1522. Sebring Lodge 249 is at

1809 Home Ave., phone 385-5415 and Placid Lodge 282 is at 102 N. Main St., phone 465-8185.

SFSC offers Safe Driving Accident Prevention Program

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

The four-hour courses will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the SFSC DeSoto Campus, 2252 N.E. Turner Ave., Arcadia; and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at the SFSC Hardee Campus, 2968 U.S. 17 N., Bowling Green.

Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$43 and may be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Participants may register in Building B on the Highlands Campus or at any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact the Community Education Department at 453-6661, 465-5300, 494-7500, 773-2252, or 382-6900, ext. 7388.

Newsom Center nears development stages after unanimous Council approval

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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SEBRING — Construction plans for the Dr. Newsom Eye Surgery Center will continue to move forward after a unanimous approval by the Sebring City Council Tuesday evening.

Council members previously approved the proposal for annexation of the three-story building that will be built across from the Love Buggs gas station on U.S. 27. The contractors and engineers proposed the location, 4211 U.S. 27 North, at last month's council meeting and informed the council that a grant was being sought for the project development. Tuesday evening brought

the approval of the first reading of the annexation ordinance drawn up by City Attorney Bob Swaine.

Swaine reminded the council members that the ordinance could be tabled or passed at any point up to the final reading if members were dissatisfied with the language or any issues within the ordinance.

Following the annexation ordinance, council members again unanimously passed the zoning ordinance for the project.

The initial presentation, brought to council by Carl Cool of Cool Engineering, requested a zoning of the development as a PD and city commercial.

Swaine stated at the Aug. 21 meeting that the PD zoning would "give you all additional control".

A \$750,000 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will be applied for to fund the water and sewer extension to the property.

The grant funds will also cover road improvements along U.S. 27 to give better access to the future Newsom Center.

CDBG consultant Fred Fox urged the council to submit the grant before the Oct. 1 deadline. According to Fox, funds have already been reduced by 15 percent last year and additional 8 percent this year.

"The pot is getting smaller," Fox said.

The grant approval would provide approximately 80 jobs, according to Fox.

Cool stated that the jobs would employ local workers. Fox said that more than half of the jobs are expected to be given to "low-to moderate-income households."

"At least 51 percent of the positions would require no more than a high school education," Fox stated.

Still to come are final zoning changes and approvals, public hearings and the final annexation ordinance vote.

The council will revisit and hold second and final hearings at the Sept. 18 council meeting.



Courtesy photo

Prescribed burns are planned for Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park in Lake Placid. Prescribed burns help control wildfire hazards to nearby landowners.

Prescribed burn planned at Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park

Highlands Hammock State Park in Sebring and Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park in Lake Placid both protect and preserve the real Florida. Lake June Scrub, home to globally-imperiled plants and animals, is an amazing ecosystem of tiny plants, peculiar creatures and unusual insects whose survival depends upon good land management.

Long-term residents may remember we last used prescribed fire in Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park fifteen years ago. Now, it's time to re-apply fire to the scrubby-flatwoods habitats of this park.

Fire control is just one of the benefits of prescribed burning. This burn will lower wildfire hazards to nearby landowners by reducing the abundance of plant material that catches fire easily. The burn also helps to slow down re-growth over the coming years, lessening the chance of lightning-caused wildfire. The plants and animals of Florida scrub are adapted to a desert-like existence where lightning-fueled fires of the past naturally burned during the summer months.

Our semi-tropical weather pattern in central Florida is only part of what shaped this unique natural community. The Lake Wales Ridge stretches down the very center of the Florida peninsula, and was formerly a series of islands long ago. As ocean levels rose and fell, plants and animals became isolated on these sand ridges and remain uniquely distinct even today.

Due to anticipated favorable weather conditions, about 100 acres, a small portion of the 845-acre park, are being prepped for a prescribed burn. Pre-determined levels for humidity, wind speed and more, are all part of the burn prescription. Preparations include using tractors to create boundaries around the burn area and careful review of documented plants and animals to ensure the right timing of the burn.

This prescribed burn will be cooperatively managed by multiple agencies to ensure the safety of our neighboring community and completion of burn objectives. Experienced staff from the Florida Park Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy will work together.

During the prescribed burn, residents may see flames, abundant smoke and falling ash throughout the day. We aim to reduce these impacts as much as possible.

Prescribed fires are only conducted when weather conditions are suitable. The final decision to burn is made daily, after reviewing the Predicted Fire Weather

Guest Column

Dorothy L. Harris & Jennifer Diaz

forecast for that particular day and after obtaining a burn authorization from the Florida Forest Service. Park staff, with our partner agencies, has spent many hours planning this burn. Now we wait for the right weather patterns.

Once everything falls into place, we will work together to ensure this imperiled habitat remains healthy for years to come.

Quick facts

- Physical location of this burn is along Daffodil Road on the northwest side of Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park within the park boundary (Leisure Lakes subdivision area)
- This burn is planned

between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30 due to federal regulations for nesting bald eagles.

- Actual date of burn is determined by weather predictions. If appropriate weather does not occur, burn is cancelled.

- Rare scrub plants rely on open, sandy patches to grow. Fire removes leaf litter and tree cover that shades out our rarest plant species.

- Small creatures like the Florida mouse, Florida scrub lizard and Indigo snake escape from fire by seeking refuge in Gopher tortoise burrows.

Still have questions or concerns? Call Assistant Park Manager Brian Pinson at 386-6099.

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Soldier finds beauty in middle of war

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Everyone in his unit came home from Afghanistan alive, Lodder said, although three Marines were wounded and awarded Purple Hearts.

"There was still the inherent threat of IEDs (improvised explosive devices) every time we went out," Lodder said. "We were fortunate to come back with all our guys."

While he was eager to confront the remnants of al-Qaeda and the Taliban, Lodder believes his unit saw less action because of brave American troops who served before them in the country where 9/11 was planned. Still, some terrorists remain.

"They're not completely gone," Lodder said. "They're still there ... still hiding ... they're just too nervous to attack us."

While reflecting on seven months that will remain with him for a lifetime, the Marine recalled a bitterly cold, damp evening that marked the fourth straight day out on patrol in southern Afghanistan's rugged terrain. But even amid harsh conditions that would wear down the toughest warrior, Lodder found solace.

"I remember seeing the sun go down, and it was the most round, purple, clear sunset I'd ever seen," he said. "I remember thinking that this was the first time I'd ever seen beauty in Afghanistan."

A few months later, Lodder saw an even more beautiful sight when he stepped back onto American soil. It was his wife, Krissy, running toward him with tears in her eyes and a huge smile on her face.

"We just hugged, and I was home," he said. "It was perfect."



Photo courtesy of Cpl. Reece Lodder
U.S. Marines patrol Afghanistan's Helmand Province at sunset on Feb. 27 near Combat Outpost Rankel.

With Afghanistan behind them, Reece and Krissy Lodder are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child.

"I'm so thankful that I'm here to support her," the Marine said. "My service means a lot to me, but my family and my faith is paramount."

Afghanistan is full of bloodshed, pain and heartbreak. But sometimes, even during the hell of war, there is also beauty.

To find out more about Tom Sileo, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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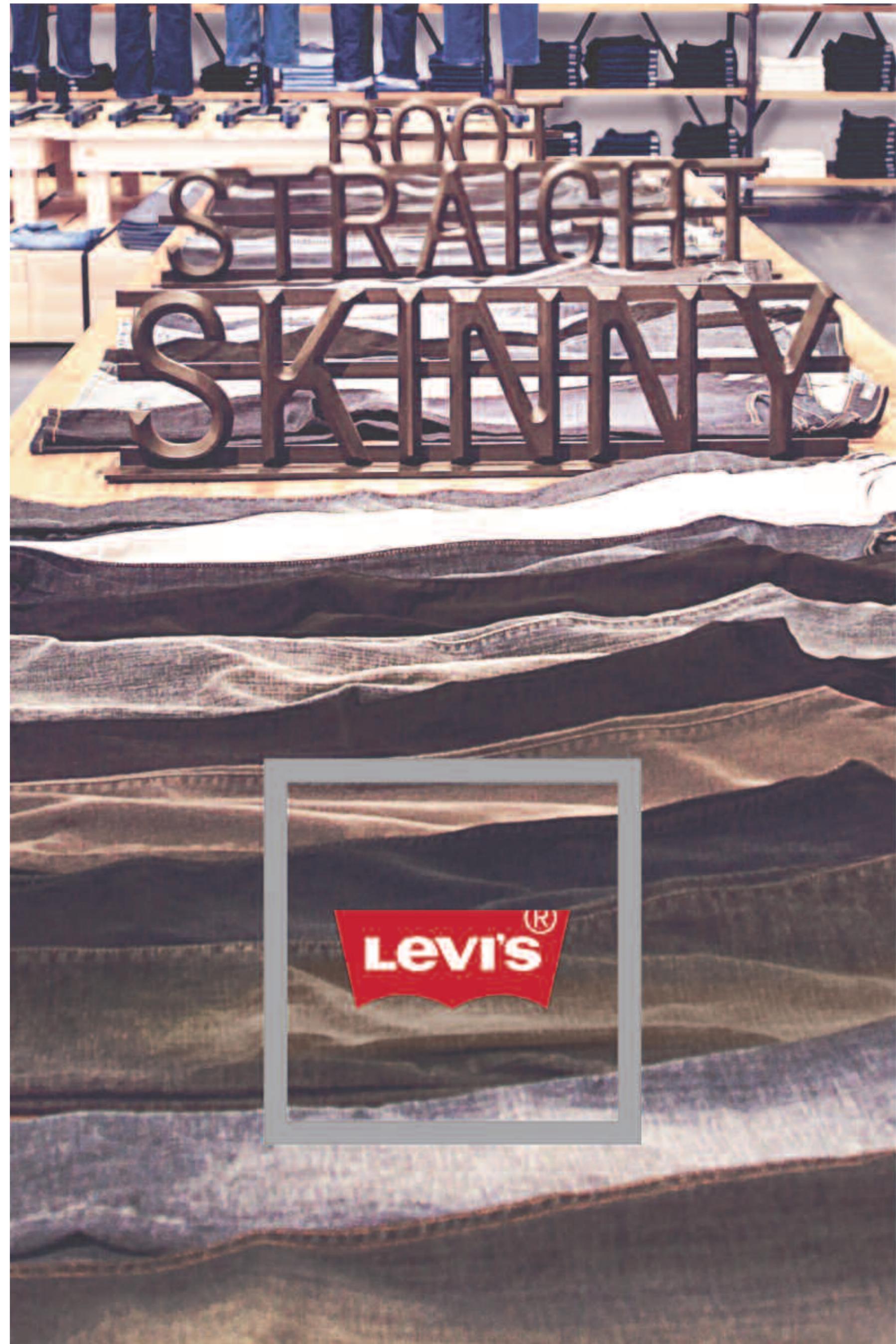
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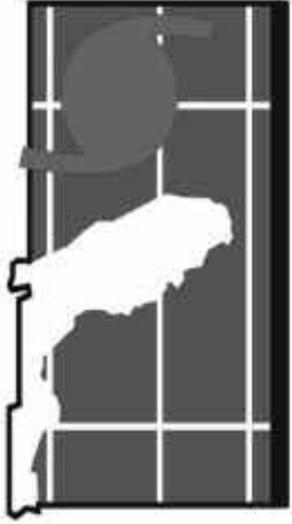
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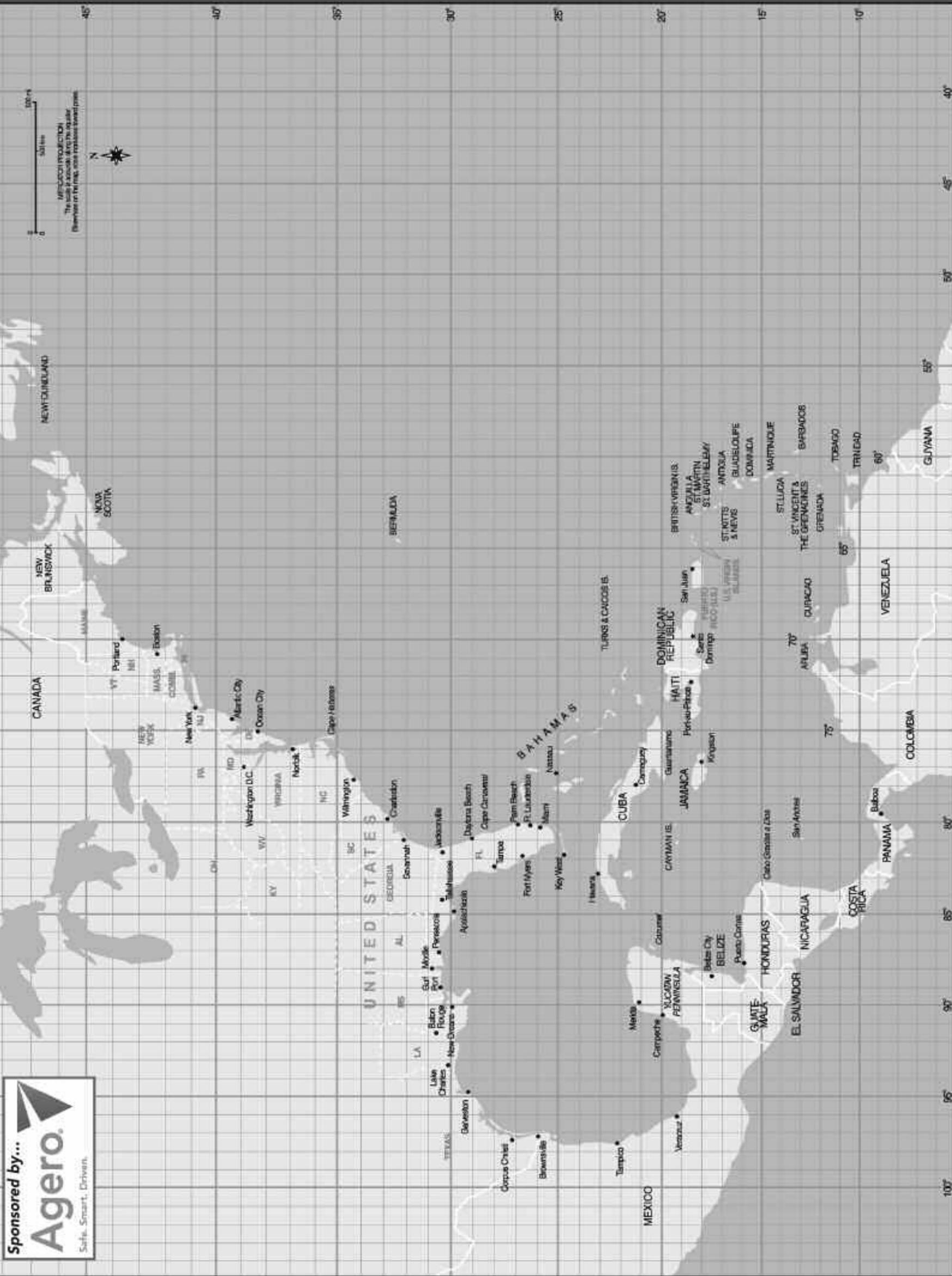
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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-341

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. CARDUCCI Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOSEPH R. CARDUCCI, deceased, whose date of death was August 3, 2012, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-8392, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 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 having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 31, 2012.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Daniel S. Carducci
99 Derby Street
West Newton, Massachusetts 02465

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ David F. Lanier
E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
Florida Bar No. 0453399
DAVID F. LANIER
P.O. Box 400
Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
Telephone: (863)453-4457

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-349

Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF PEARL MARIE (PENNY) HERRAULT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Pearl Marie (Penny) Herrault, deceased, whose date of death was July 18, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 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 having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 07, 2012.

Personal Representative:
Robert C. Potter
3138 Lake June Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL 33852

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 12-342

IN RE: ESTATE OF PETER SAFRAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PETER SAFRAN, deceased, whose date of death was June 9, 2012, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-1481, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 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 having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 31, 2012.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael J. Safran
2135 Angelina Avenue
LaSalle, Ontario N9H 0A3

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ David F. Lanier
E-Mail Address: lanier30@embarqmail.com
Florida Bar No. 0453399
DAVID F. LANIER
P.O. Box 400
Avon Park, Florida 33826-0400
Telephone: (863)453-4457

1050 Legals

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000139

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,
ROENA L. VONDENBERGER, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001139 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, is the Plaintiff and ROENA L. VONDENBERGER, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, STATE OF FLORIDA BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS 4554, 4555, 4556, 4557, 4558, 4564, 4566, 4567, AND 4568, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT NO. 15, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2440 W STRYKER ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

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

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

1050 Legals

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000325

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
BEVERLY K. HUNT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000325 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and BEVERLY K. HUNT; JERRY A. HUNT; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment.

THE SOUTH 1/2 FEET OF LOT 9 AND ALL OF LOT 10, BLOCK 115, LAKEVIEW PLACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1232 NANCESOWEE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

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

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

1050 Legals

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000326

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
HARRY E. ROCKWELL A/K/A HARRY ROCKWELL, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000326 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and HARRY E. ROCKWELL A/K/A HARRY ROCKWELL; CAROL A. ROCKWELL A/K/A CAROL ROCKWELL; SPRING LAKE PROPERTY ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 25, BLOCK S, SPRING LAKE - VILLAGE III, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 7733 PINE GLEN ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33876-8107

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001388

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
WAYNE HUDSON A/K/A WAYNE ANTHONY HUDSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001388 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and WAYNE HUDSON A/K/A WAYNE ANTHONY HUDSON; ERICA HUDSON A/K/A ERICA J. HUDSON; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4, BLOCK D, PINE HILL SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 341 S PINE HILL AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 338254266

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000490

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
JUDITH MUISE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000490 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and JUDITH MUISE; MICHELE SHAW; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; GE MONEY BANK; MEADOWLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, BLOCK B, MEADOWLAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 7 S MEADOW LAKE CIRCLE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001525

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
ELLEN G. PATE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001525 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and ELLEN G. PATE; DONNA M. GRIFFITH; FLOYD WESLEY PATE; CHASE BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; SYLVAN SHORES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 10, BLOCK 8, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 81, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1744 TAYLOE LANE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000417

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
LIZA ARRUDA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000417 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and LIZA ARRUDA; MARK E. ARRUDA; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 459, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3121 MARLIN DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000774

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
AHSAN RAZA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 9, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000774 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and AHSAN RAZA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AHSAN RAZA N/A/A TAJ RAZA; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 21st day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 1, BLOCK 6, AVON PARK ESTATES UNIT II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2483 W. SEIPLE ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 22, 2012.

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

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

Case No.: 28-2009-CA-001038

Division: Civil

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
v. DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated the 16th day of August, 2012 and Final Summary Judgment dated June 28, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2009-CA-001038, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff, and DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND IF ANY; CARA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARA TOWNSEND IF ANY; AMY TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMY TOWNSEND IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MANOR HILL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on the 21st day of September, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 63, BLOCK 260, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the court on August 20, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to partici-

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

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001388

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
WAYNE HUDSON A/K/A WAYNE ANTHONY HUDSON, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001388 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and WAYNE HUDSON A/K/A WAYNE ANTHONY HUDSON; ERICA HUDSON A/K/A ERICA J. HUDSON; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4, BLOCK D, PINE HILL SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 66, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 341 S PINE HILL AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 338254266

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000490

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
JUDITH MUISE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000490 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and JUDITH MUISE; MICHELE SHAW; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; GE MONEY BANK; MEADOWLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 8, BLOCK B, MEADOWLAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 35, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 7 S MEADOW LAKE CIRCLE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-001525

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,
ELLEN G. PATE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-001525 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff and ELLEN G. PATE; DONNA M. GRIFFITH; FLOYD WESLEY PATE; CHASE BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; SYLVAN SHORES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 10, BLOCK 8, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 81, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 1744 TAYLOE LANE, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000417

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,
LIZA ARRUDA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 09, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000417 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, is the Plaintiff and LIZA ARRUDA; MARK E. ARRUDA; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 24th day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 459, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION E, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3121 MARLIN DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

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

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

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

CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000774

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
AHSAN RAZA, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 9, 2012 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000774 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is the Plaintiff and AHSAN RAZA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AHSAN RAZA N/A/A TAJ RAZA; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 21st day of September, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

THE WEST 1/2 OF LOT 1, BLOCK 6, AVON PARK ESTATES UNIT II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 2483 W. SEIPLE ROAD, AVON PARK, FL 33825

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on August 22, 2012.

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

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

Case No.: 28-2009-CA-001038

Division: Civil

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
v. DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated the 16th day of August, 2012 and Final Summary Judgment dated June 28, 2012, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2009-CA-001038, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is Plaintiff, and DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBRA D. TOWNSEND A/K/A DEBRA TOWNSEND IF ANY; CARA TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARA TOWNSEND IF ANY; AMY TOWNSEND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AMY TOWNSEND IF ANY; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; MANOR HILL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 AM at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on the 21st day of September, 2012, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 63, BLOCK 260, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the court on August 20, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
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pate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

August 31; September 7, 2012
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
 TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 2012-209-GCS
 HARDER HALL RESORT CLUB, LAKESIDE
 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 BILLY CUNNINGHAM, et al,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment entered in this cause on August 9, 2012, in Case No. 2012-209-GCS, in the Circuit Court, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HARDER HALL RESORT CLUB, LAKESIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff, and BILLY CUNNINGHAM, et al., etc., are the Defendants, I will sell, pursuant to the terms of said Summary Final Judgment, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in at the Highlands County Courthouse, in the Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, on Wednesday, the 26th day of September, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., the following described real property located in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Unit Numbers and Week Numbers in HARDER HALL RESORT CLUB, LAKESIDE I, A Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 735, Page 0082, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Unit	Weeks
05	16, 18, 21
13	16

Unit Numbers and Week Numbers in HARDER HALL RESORT CLUB, LAKESIDE II, A Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 804, Page 0001, in the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Unit	Weeks
16	24
17	27, 45
18	07, 16
22	20
24	12
25	32
27	15

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal of this Court, this 10th day of August, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 Deputy Clerk

NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTE 45.031 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administrator Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; Tel.: 863-402-6565; if you are hearing or voice impaired, Call 1-800-955-8771; THIS IS NOT A COURT INFORMATION LINE.

September 7, 14, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT 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, 2009 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", Somervale 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, 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", Somervale 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 to 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.
 McCalla Rayer, LLC
 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 660
 Orlando, FL 32801
 Phone: (407)674-1850
 Fax: (321)248-0420
 Florida Bar No.: 0053992
 August 31; September 7, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
 OF THE TENTH 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,
 Defendant(s).

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

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
An afternoon and evening t-storm	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Some sun with t-storms possible	Sunny to partly cloudy
91° / 73°	92° / 74°	91° / 75°	86° / 75°	88° / 72°
Winds: SW at 3-6 mph	Winds: SW at 4-8 mph	Winds: SW at 7-14 mph	Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph

National Forecast for September 7



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	91°
Low Sunday	61°
High Monday	92°
Low Monday	66°
High Tuesday	94°
Low Tuesday	67°
High Wednesday	93°
Low Wednesday	67°

Heat Index
For 3 a.m. today

Relative humidity	52%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	98°

Barometer

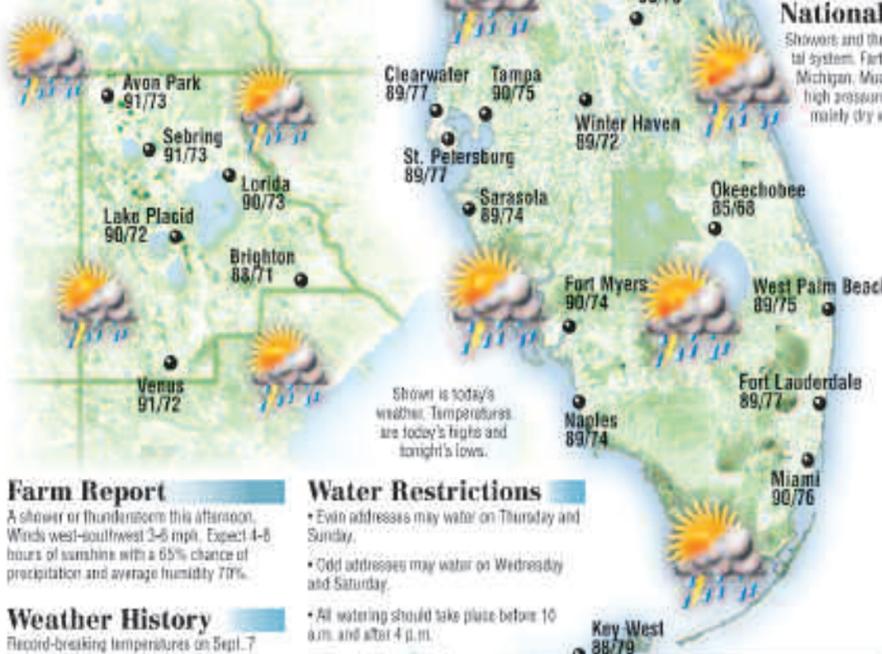
Monday	29.97
Tuesday	29.92
Wednesday	29.94

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	1.39"
Wednesday	0.22"
Month to date	1.61"
Year to date	42.63"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm around in the afternoon. A shower or thunderstorm this evening. A shower or thunderstorm in spots tomorrow afternoon and evening.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds west-southwest 3-5 mph. Expect 4-6 hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation and average humidity 70%.

Water Restrictions

- Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.
- Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.
- All watering should take place before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

Weather History

Record-breaking temperatures on Sept. 7 included 101 at New York City. Two days earlier, the same hot, dry air helped to spread wildfires in Michigan on Sept. 6, 1881.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:09 a.m.	7:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:39 p.m.	7:38 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:14 a.m.
Moonset	1:18 a.m.	2:07 p.m.

National Summary

Showers and thunderstorms will linger from the coastal Carolinas to the central Gulf Coast today due to an old frontal system. Further west, a gathering storm system will spread heavy showers and thunderstorms from Missouri to Michigan. Much cooler weather will flow into the Plains behind this storm system as the result of strong Canadian high pressure. The heat, however, will persist across Texas once again with blazing sunshine. In the Northeast, mainly dry weather is expected.

U.S. Cities

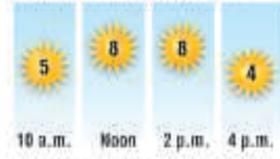
City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Abingdon	91/61	79/50	83/65	Las Vegas	85/66	85/66	89/68
Albany	90/72	84/62	89/63	Lexington	90/67	77/55	79/57
Baltimore	82/69	84/64	78/60	Memphis	98/80	81/59	82/61
Birmingham	90/73	83/61	80/53	Minneapolis	77/54	70/46	72/51
Boston	84/68	80/64	75/57	Missouri	69/48	76/50	72/53
Charlotte	82/69	83/63	79/55	Nashville	92/68	79/58	75/56
Chicago	67/44	74/69	80/55	New Orleans	90/75	90/71	85/67
Cleveland	74/57	70/55	72/57	New York City	83/70	82/68	78/62
Columbus	88/65	73/51	75/53	Norfolk	85/72	80/65	77/62
Dallas	102/69	85/64	86/53	Oklahoma City	95/61	81/51	86/50
Denver	71/52	78/55	85/60	Philadelphia	89/72	85/65	77/60
Detroit	78/58	88/53	71/52	Phoenix	101/65	103/61	102/61
Harrodsburg	88/68	79/55	73/53	Pittsburgh	89/65	71/53	71/51
Honolulu	88/71	88/71	88/74	Portland, ME	82/64	76/64	73/45
Houston	88/76	95/71	89/64	Portland, OR	81/63	82/66	75/53
Indianapolis	84/60	73/55	77/55	Raleigh	81/71	89/63	82/59
Jackson, MS	94/72	85/61	81/57	Rochester	80/64	80/52	89/51
Kansas City	74/50	77/53	83/59	St. Louis	84/58	79/57	82/54
London	95/65	74/51	74/51	San Francisco	68/53	62/53	63/58
Little Rock	98/68	82/57	81/53	Seattle	85/73	83/54	71/50
				Wash., DC	82/73	84/61	77/62

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	95/78	95/78	95/77	London	75/55	82/62	82/60
Athens	91/73	87/72	88/72	Montreal	77/65	72/57	66/53
Beirut	87/74	86/73	85/73	Moscow	63/45	58/46	58/44
Berlin	71/53	73/52	73/53	Nice	83/70	82/71	82/67
Bermuda	87/81	88/78	85/79	Ottawa	76/59	65/54	67/50
Birmingham	73/44	78/51	74/45	Quebec	73/57	70/55	66/52
Dublin	68/54	70/52	66/44	Rio de Janeiro	86/70	87/73	86/68
Edmonton	70/41	70/41	72/42	Seoul	81/60	81/60	79/66
Frankfurt	86/75	87/78	87/78	Singapore	87/77	89/79	88/74
Geneva	82/48	81/56	82/56	Sydney	73/44	68/43	70/41
Havana	81/70	82/71	81/70	Toronto	76/55	83/53	89/51
Hong Kong	85/60	86/71	89/71	Vancouver	74/57	72/55	70/53
Jakarta	85/65	83/65	82/64	Yokohama	72/58	78/57	81/60
Johannesburg	58/42	64/46	70/51	Warsaw	62/53	63/48	69/48
Kiev	69/50	64/49	64/43	Winnipeg	70/48	72/48	72/50

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PREGAME PRIMER

Your Quick Guide To This Week's Action



Avon Park at Hardee

Records

Avon Park 0-1; Hardee 0-1

Last Week

Avon Park: Fell at home to Frostproof, 27-0.
Hardee: Couldn't get past Ft. Meade in a 24-14 loss.

Game Notes

- Despite the score last week, the Red Devil defense was effective in limiting Frostproof to 250 total yards.
- It was the offense that couldn't find a rhythm, keep drives going and keep the defense off the field.



Lake Placid vs. Moore Haven

Records

Lake Placid 1-0; Moore Haven 0-1

Last Week

Lake Placid: Took care of Celebration with a 26-12 win.
Moore Haven: Lost to First Baptist by a 14-0 count.

Game Notes

- The Dragons rushing attack found a fourth option to go with Marquavein Copeland, Foster Walker, and Malachi McLean as Eldon McKenzie broke through for 115 yards on 13 carries.



Sebring vs. Frostproof

Records

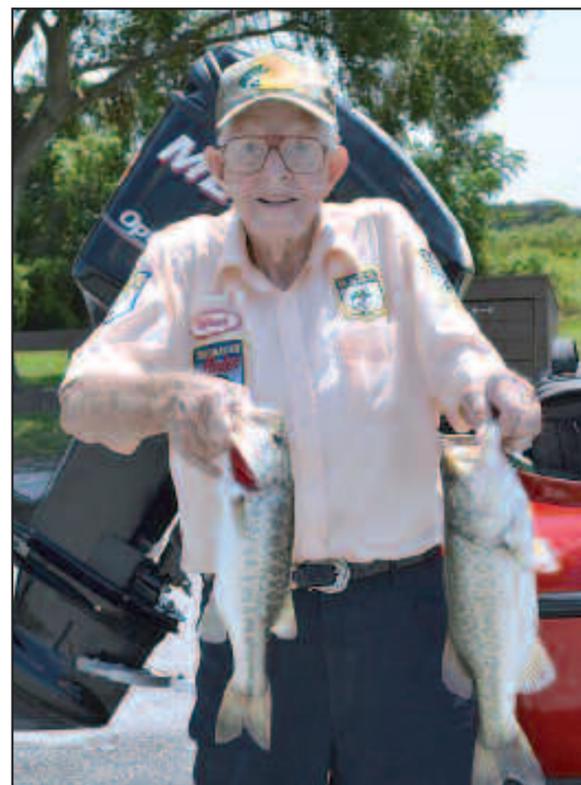
Sebring 0-1; Frostproof 1-0

Last Week

Sebring: Lost to the Bulldogs at DeSoto, 28-6.
Frostproof: Ran past Avon Park with a 27-0 win.

Game Notes

- The Blue Streaks youth and inexperience showed against DeSoto, with penalties and turnovers getting in the way of several scoring opportunities.



Courtesy photo

Nelson Hill holds up two of the slew of bass caught on Labor Day with Don Norton.

92-years young and still 'Pluggin' away

It's a small world.

A couple of months ago, I met Helen and Paul Bogus, neighbors of mine in Golf Hammock and during that conversation, Helen mentioned her 92-year old father who loved to fish.

She didn't mention his name but she said he'd been a fisherman his whole life, and at 92, he was still fishing.

I told her I'd give him a call and see if he wanted to spend a day on the water with me.

When I called Helen to get his number, she mentioned that he had had his picture in the B.A.S.S. magazine a couple of years ago, and that he had been a member of the Highlands Bass Club.

Since I had started that club back in 1990 or so, I figured I must know her father, so I asked his name. Sure enough, her dad's name was Nelson Hill, who I not only remembered, but I fished with Nelson a couple of times in the past with our club.

As a life-member of B.A.S.S., I also remembered seeing his picture in the magazine holding up a trophy sized bass when I was living in Ohio.

It is indeed a small world. A couple of phone calls later, and Nelson and I planned a trip to Lake Glenada for Labor Day Monday.



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

When I arrived at the boat ramp, Nelson was already waiting, rods in hand.

We loaded up his gear, dropped the Ranger in the water and started fishing just to the north of the boat ramp.

Thirty minutes later, in front of the college, Nelson hooked up with his first fish and expertly brought him in.

A few minutes later, he was landing his second bass.

I had to look twice at his bait, since I had yet to even get a hit.

As I was giving thought to changing out my blue/black Yumdinger plastic worm, Nelson was reeling in his third bass, which unfortunately made once last jump for freedom at boat side and we both agreed to call that a "quick release".

I was amazed. Nelson had hooked three bass and landed two, and here I was waiting for my first bite.

While we were fishing, I learned that Nelson was born

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Lady Devils waylay Wildcats

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – Facing an opponent as familiar as Hardee, one should know what to expect.

But that wasn't at all the case in Avon Park's four-set win Tuesday night.

"I really didn't know what we were facing," head coach Stephanie Devlin said. "We had heard they've improved, but we haven't played them in two years, so I really had no idea what to expect."

And so the Devils were facing a team they hadn't seen in quite some time, and were taking the floor competitively for the first time since the Preseason Classic at Sebring nearly two weeks prior.

Which might explain some of the rust that lead to some sloppy play early on.

"It wasn't pretty in the first couple of games," Devlin said. "We weren't communicating well and our passing wasn't good."

The Wildcats, for their part, definitely have shown improvement over previous years under their new head coach Jeanne Adkins, which made things even tougher on the hostesses.

After Hardee scored the

first four points of the opener, the Devils fought back to keep it even on a pair of aces from Ashley Chacon and one from Alexis Williams.

An Otisha Smith kill put Avon Park up 15-13, but the Lady Cats scored four straight to take a 17-15 lead.

Soon tied at 20, the Lady Devils put together enough mini-runs to get the 25-22 win.

But if the first set was uneven, the second was all the more so as, again, the Wildcats got on the board first and had Avon Park chasing.

Down 12-4, they closed the gap with six straight.

Hardee scored the next two, but a Marina Torres tip and consecutive aces from Teresa Devlin caught them at 14-14.

The Cats then scored six of the next seven points, but the Devils scored the next five to tie it again at 20-20.

A kill and ace from Torres then upped it to a 23-21 Avon Park lead, but things fell apart as Hardee scored five of the next six to take a 26-24 win.

"Our serving was strong and that kept us close," Devlin said. "But it was when we got more consist-



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Ashley Chacon makes good use of her knee pads in sliding for this dig Tuesday in the Lady Devils win over Hardee.

tent that things started to turn around and that will be the key for us is consistency."

With nearly two weeks of just practice time, it is understandable that it took a while for the consistency of competition to kick in.

And when it did, the rest of the match played out much differently.

The Devils got on the board first in each of the last two sets and, though the Wildcats would battle, took over.

An Otisha Smith ace sparked a run that made it 8-4 in the third set, with two kills from Devlin upping it to 12-6.

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Eagles wrestle the Gators

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE WALES – The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization (HYFC) took to the road this week to Lake Wales to take on the Gators on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The first team to take the field was the Flag team coached by Steve Remes.

The Eagles quickly took control of the game with Fred Hankerson scoring on the opening drive.

The offense was on fire with another score by John Alexander and William King returning a kick off all the way back for a touchdown to build a 20-6 halftime lead.

The defense made their presence known and stood strong with key tackles by Romeo Castellanos,

Hankerson and King.

The Eagles offense clinched the game with another two scores by Hankerson.

It was a very exciting game with the Eagles getting the first win of the day, 33-13, and bringing their season record to 3-0.

Next to take the field were the Mighty Mights under head coach Justin Jackson.

The Eagles offense took the field focused and determined after last week's loss to the Titans.

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

But it was not enough as

the Eagles took a tough loss, with a final score of 28-0 to bring their record to 1-2.

Next up was coach Tim Hooks' Pee Wee team.

Things got off to a great start with a 48-yard touchdown by Kasey Hawthorne in the first quarter.

But the Gators quickly responded with a score of their own.

The Eagles ended the first half with a quarterback sneak by Anthony Rosado to score with the Gators up 13-12.

The defense came out in the second half with key tackles by Austin Oppold and Christian Ramos.

The defensive battle continued when late in the fourth quarter the offense rallied

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Courtesy photo

Head coach Steve Remes keeps an eye on his Flag team defense in Saturday's win in Lake Wales.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	59	.566	—
Baltimore	76	60	.559	1
Tampa Bay	75	62	.547	2.5
Boston	63	75	.457	15
Toronto	61	75	.449	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	74	62	.544	—
Detroit	73	63	.537	1
Kansas City	61	75	.449	13
Cleveland	58	79	.423	16.5
Minnesota	56	81	.409	18.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	81	55	.596	—
Oakland	76	60	.559	5
Los Angeles	74	63	.540	7.5
Seattle	67	71	.486	15

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 3, Detroit 2
 Baltimore 12, Toronto 0
 Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Minnesota 18, Chicago White Sox 9
 Kansas City 6, Texas 3
 L.A. Angels 6, Oakland 1
 Boston 4, Seattle 3

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 2
 L.A. Angels 7, Oakland 1
 Detroit 7, Cleveland 1
 Toronto 6, Baltimore 4
 N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 4
 Texas 7, Kansas City 6
 Seattle 2, Boston 1

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, late
 Texas at Kansas City, late

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 13-12) at Baltimore (W.Chen 12-8), 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (D.Holland 10-6) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 8-10), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (H.Alvarez 7-12) at Boston (Doubrot 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (J.Gomez 5-7) at Minnesota (Hendriks 0-7), 8:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Mendoza 7-9) at Chicago White Sox (Liriano 5-11), 8:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Scherzer 15-6) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 8-11), 10:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Griffin 4-0) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 13-6), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	84	52	.618	—
Atlanta	77	60	.562	7.5
Philadelphia	66	71	.482	18.5
New York	65	72	.474	19.5
Miami	60	77	.438	24.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	83	55	.601	—
St. Louis	74	63	.540	8.5
Pittsburgh	72	64	.529	10
Milwaukee	67	69	.493	15
Chicago	51	85	.375	31
Houston	42	95	.307	40.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	77	60	.562	—
Los Angeles	73	65	.529	4.5
Arizona	68	70	.493	9.5
San Diego	64	74	.464	13.5
Colorado	56	79	.415	20

Tuesday's Games

Washington 11, Chicago Cubs 5
 Pittsburgh 6, Houston 2
 Colorado 6, Atlanta 0
 Milwaukee 8, Miami 4
 Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 1
 St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 1
 San Diego 6, L.A. Dodgers 3, 11 inngs
 Arizona 8, San Francisco 6, 11 inngs

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 2
 N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 2
 Washington 9, Chicago Cubs 1
 Pittsburgh 6, Houston 3
 Atlanta 1, Colorado 0
 Milwaukee 8, Miami 5
 San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Arizona 6, San Francisco 2

Thursday's Games

Colorado at Atlanta, late
 Milwaukee at Miami, late
 Chicago Cubs at Washington, late

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 4-11) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 15-5), 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Francis 5-4) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Miami (Ja.Turner 0-2) at Washington (Strasburg 15-6), 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Maholm 11-9) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 10-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Houston (Harrell 10-9) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 10-9), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Gallardo 14-8) at St. Louis (Lohse 14-2), 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona (Skaggs 1-1) at San Diego (Cashner 3-3), 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 1-1) at San Francisco (Lincecum 8-14), 10:15 p.m.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	24

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

FRIDAY

Noon NASCAR – Auto Parts 400, Practice . . . ESPN2
4 p.m. NASCAR – Virginia Savings 250, Qual. . . ESPN2
5:30 p.m. NASCAR – Auto Parts 400, Qual. ESPN2
7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Virginia Savings 250. ESPN
SATURDAY
7:30 p.m. NASCAR – Federated Auto Parts 400. ABC

BOXING

SATURDAY

9 p.m. Devon Alexander vs. Randall Bailey . . . SHOW
9:45 p.m. Chad Dawson vs. Andre Ward HBO

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

8 p.m. Utah at Utah State ESPN2

SATURDAY

Noon Penn State at Virginia ABC
Noon East Carolina at South Carolina 38
Noon Auburn at Mississippi State ESPN
Noon Central Florida at Ohio State ESPN2
12:30 p.m. Ball State at Clemson 44
3 p.m. North Carolina at Wake Forest. SUN
3:30 p.m. Purdue at Notre Dame NBC
3:30 p.m. Teams TBA. ABC
3:30 p.m. Teams TBA. ESPN2
3:30 p.m. Kentucky at Alabama 38
3:30 p.m. Florida at Texas A&M. ESPN
7 p.m. Washington at LSU. ESPN
7:30 p.m. Nebraska at UCLA FOX
7:45 p.m. Georgia at Missouri ESPN2
10:30 p.m. Illinois at Arizona State ESPN

GOLF

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m. LPGA – Kingsmill Championship GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – BMW Championship GOLF

SATURDAY

Noon LPGA – Kingsmill Championship GOLF
Noon PGA – BMW Championship NBC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Texas at Tampa Bay SUN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Regional – Kansas City at Chicago White Sox or Atlanta Braves at N.Y. Mets FOX
7 p.m. Texas at Tampa Bay SUN

TENNIS

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m. U.S. Open, Semifinals CBS

SATURDAY

Noon U.S. Open, Semifinals CBS
8 p.m. U.S. Open, Women's Final CBS

Times, games, channels all subject to change

	North	West				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Wednesday's Game

Dallas 24, N.Y. Giants 17
Sunday's Games
 Indianapolis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Miami at Houston, 1 p.m.
 New England at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
 Washington at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
 Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
 St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Seattle at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
 Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Denver, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Cincinnati at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
 San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	15	7	5	50	34	24
New York	13	7	7	46	38	39
Chicago	13	8	5	44	35	31
Houston	11	7	9	42	39	33
Columbus	12	9	6	42	33	32
D.C.	12	10	5	41	43	38
Montreal	12	14	3	39	43	46
New England	7	14	7	28	35	38
Philadelphia	7	13	5	26	25	30
Toronto FC	5	16	6	21	30	48

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	16	6	5	53	56	33
Real Salt Lake	14	10	4	46	38	32
Seattle	12	6	8	44	41	27
Los Angeles	13	11	4	43	48	40
Vancouver	10	11	7	37	29	37
FC Dallas	8	12	9	33	34	38
Colorado	9	17	2	29	36	41
Chivas USA	7	11	7	28	20	39
Portland	7	14	6	27	27	46

Wednesday's Games

New England 2, Columbus 0
 Colorado 3, Portland 0

Thursday's Games

Real Salt Lake at Houston, late

Saturday's Games

Chivas USA at Seattle FC, 4 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Connecticut	20	7	.741	—
x-Indiana	17	9	.654	2.5
Atlanta	15	13	.536	5.5
New York	11	16	.407	9
Chicago	10	16	.385	9.5
Washington	5	22	.185	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	22	4	.846	—
x-Los Angeles	19	9	.679	4
x-San Antonio	17	9	.654	5
Seattle	11	14	.440	10.5
Phoenix	6	20	.231	16
Tulsa	6	20	.231	16

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Games

Connecticut 77, Washington 70
 Minnesota 88, Los Angeles 77

Wednesday's Games



Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Aug. 30.

Winning first place was the team of Mario Cappelletti, Norm Grubbs and Don Boulton with 56; second place, Ken Rowen, John and Gloria Huggett and Betty Billau with 57; and third place, Joe and Joyce Swartz, Larry Heath and Chris Heath with 62.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), None. (Men), No. 4, Norm Grubbs, 25-feet.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Winning first place was the team of Norm Grubbs, Mario Cappelletti, Jack Maginnis and Don Boulton with 45; and second place, Joe Swartz, Fred Neer and Larry Heath with 49.

Closest to the pin: No. 4, Norm Grubbs, 2-feet-6-inches; and No. 8, Larry Heath, 9-feet-6-inches.

Placid Lakes

A Labor Day Scramble was played on Monday, Sept. 3, with 36 players taking part.

Bill Brinegar, Rose Hunter, Gene Miller and Betty Near teamed up to tally a 42.6 for first place, while Darrell Horney, Jim Burbick, Karen Wallin and

Richard Toledo had 43.2 for second.

The team of Jim and Ashley Engle, Travis Harstine and Bar Moriarity totaled a 44.2 for third.

Wanda Beers was closest to the pin among the women, getting to 10-feet, 5-inches from No. 2, while Ralph Rosenberg got a 17-feet, 5-inches from No. 13 to lead the men.

Senior Tip

MASTER STROKES

Play Today

"Yesterday"

Today!

If you're an older player who has been playing the game for many years, you're probably set in your ways. Have you noticed any trouble on certain holes that you used to play with ease? It might be time to change strategies you've employed in the past, when you were a younger and longer hitter, to a smarter, "older" strategy. Let's say you're looking out from the tee box at a par-4 dogleg right. Twenty years ago, you could hit a high, powerful fade that carried the trees at the corner, leaving yourself an easy wedge to the green for birdie. Today your drives are 15 to 20 yards shorter, and those trees get taller every year. Don't be tempted — you should play in the present and adjust your strategy. Forget about trying to make the "maced out" hit that would carry the corner. Be wise and play your drive safely down left-center, where there's plenty of room. You'll be looking at a smooth 6- or 7-iron instead of a wedge to hit the green, but who cares? You can still make birdie.

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

Chip In for Arc at Sun 'N Lake

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Sun 'N Lake Golf Club is offering FREE play on Monday, Sept. 17, on Turtle Run Golf Course.

Make a donation in the "Chip In for Arc" bucket and

your greens fees will be waived.

Call the Sun 'N Lake Pro Shop at 385-4830 to make a tee time.

All proceeds benefit Ridge Area Arc and the programs

and services offered to citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

For more information contact Sydney Stewart at 452-1295, ext.106 or dev@ridgearearc.org.

New local leagues to start softball season soon

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Rainy weather has caused the local recreational softball teams to postpone their tournament for several weeks.

The tournament is now planned for Tuesday, Sept. 11,

beginning at 6:45 p.m.

The new recreational league will begin their season on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

The women's league will begin Monday, Sept. 10 and the church league will start up on Thursday, Sept. 13.

All games are played at the Highlands County Sports Complex on Sheriff's Tower Road in Sebring.

Registration for all teams is still in progress.

Please call 402-6755 for more information

FTA September activities

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 between US 98 and Thornhill Rd.

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.

Sunday, Sept. 16

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

Description: Approx. 3 mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic wildlife preserve which is

home to an oak hammock, freshwater marsh, hardwood swamp and lake shore, a tremendous bird population, including a variety of wading birds, waterfowl, ospreys and bald eagles.

Alligators inhabit Lake Hancock and may be observed from a distance. Pets are not allowed.

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 22

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

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 29

Activity: Trail Maintenance
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 Meet-up page at www.meetup.com/Heartland-FTA/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.

Hill still reeling them in

Continued from 1B

in 1920, the same year my father was born and, like my father, he had served four years as part of the "Great Generation" in the army during World War II.

My father, a ferociously passionate fisherman, died at the age of 53 from cancer, but it occurred to me that had he lived, like Nelson, he'd still be in love with fishing.

Getting back to our trip, I finally connected with a couple bass and we continued to circle the small lake, looking for signs of bass feeding.

Nelson hooked another fish, one that was obviously bigger, giving him a real fight up until it got to the boat and we could see it was a big mudfish.

Another quick-release boat side and we continued fishing.

Lake Glenada has always been one of my favorite lakes, primarily because of the reeds and bulrushes along its shoreline, offering plenty of opportunities for flipping the reeds and, with it's easy to find breaklines, an equally good opportunity to troll.

Nelson fishes Lake

Glenada quite a bit as too, often fishing off the pier.

He mentioned that just two weeks earlier he'd caught a 5 lb and a 7 lb bass, around 8 in the morning, casting his favorite fluke into about eight feet of water.

I've had some good luck trolling spoonplugs on the lake, so when the action slowed down, we tried trolling a bit.

No takers, although Nelson did snag an old net.

Nelson said he started fishing when he was a young boy and that back then, all you needed was a branch off a tree, a hook fashioned out of a safety pin and a can of worms.

We've certainly come a long way since then.

He's also fished, and knows well, many of the great fishing lakes in Highlands and Polk County and did his share of saltwater fishing in the Florida Keys and the Gulf of Mexico.

In my lifetime, I've witnessed some remarkable changes in the fishing world.

New rods and reels, lures, boats and electronics, not to mention the

conservation of game fish and lakes to preserve this great sport.

Yeah, we've come a long way.

But for Nelson, the changes have been even more amazing.

We called it quits around 1 p.m., the afternoon sun getting too hot for both of us, (although Nelson said he'd stay as long as I wanted to stay) and we ended up with eight nice looking bass.

It was a lot of fun to get re-acquainted with an old friend and to share his passion — 92-years young, and still able to get out there and enjoy the sport of fishing!

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.

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 advan-

tage of this free class at the "Y".

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

The YMCA has not one, but two heated pools and a splash pad for your family to enjoy.

Come check us out and enjoy the water.

Pool Hours

Mon.-Thur. — 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday — 6 a.m.-7:45 p.m.

Saturday — 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

Sunday — 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

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

Grand-Am, American Le Mans Series to merge in '14

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Sports-car racing in North America is getting a makeover.

Grand-Am and American Le Mans announced Wednesday they are merging and will compete as one series beginning in 2014.

Grand-Am founder Jim France and ALMS founder Don Panoz made the joint

announcement at Daytona International Speedway.

The new series will start with the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2014 and likely include 12 races.

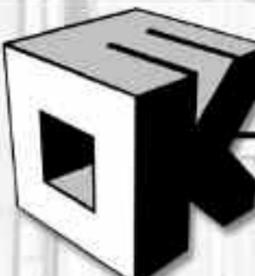
Panoz says the merger will "strengthen professional sports car racing beyond what either of our organizations could have achieved separately."

Officials are still working out some details,

including a series name, a 2014 schedule and technical regulations.

Both sanctioning bodies will operate separately in 2013.

France says the merger will improve "current conditions" and adds that "there is no doubt in my mind that the answer lies in two groups combining forces."



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NFL 2012: NFC South Preview

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (14-4)

New faces: LB Curtis Lofton, DT Brodrick Bunkley, LG Ben Grubbs.

Key losses: LG Carl Nicks, LB Jonathan Vilma (suspended), CB Tracy Porter, WR Robert Meachem, coach Sean Payton (suspended).

Strengths: Saints have virtually all key players back from offense that broke NFL records for yards passing and total yards last season, starting with QB Drew Brees and favorite targets TE Jimmy Graham, WR Marques Colston. Also back is versatile RB Darren Sproles and reliable RB Pierre Thomas.

Weaknesses: Defensive front four unproven and will have to be better in order for new defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's scheme to work. DE Will Smith is best returning pass rusher, but is suspended first four games in connection with bounty investigation. DE Cameron Jordan enters second season with potential, but remains unproven. DT Sedrick Ellis trying to rebound from off-year and Saints hoping free-agent acquisition Bunkley will live up to expectations.

Expectations: Even with Payton suspended for a season in connection with bounty probe, Saints are playoff contenders. They have wealth of experience on coaching staff and across leadership positions on offense and defense. Many key veteran leaders from Saints' 2009-10 Super Bowl run — Brees most importantly — still on squad, as are most top assistants. Lone new coordinator is Spagnuolo, whose 2007 Giants defense won a Super Bowl against a previously unbeaten Patriots team whose single season scoring records still stand.

ATLANTA FALCONS (10-7)

New faces: CB Asante Samuel, G Peter Konz, OT Lamar Holmes

Key losses: MLB Curtis Lofton, KR-PR Eric Weems.

Strengths: With WR Julio Jones bulked up for second season, Atlanta's passing attack could be among league's best if offensive line protects QB Matt Ryan and ball is distributed equally to Jones, WR Roddy White, TE Tony Gonzalez and WR Harry Douglas under new offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter. Samuel's addition boosts secondary with third proven veteran to pair with CBs Brent Grimes and Dunta Robinson. FS Thomas DeCoud and SS William Moore entering primes and should benefit from blitz packages installed by new defensive coordinator Mike Nolan.

Weaknesses: MLB Akeem Dent untested as he attempts to replace Lofton. Offensive line has new respected position coach in Pat Hill, but it returns same starters that got Ryan hit 84 times and sacked 24 times last year. RT Tyson Clabo, considered best player on line, allowed two sacks in third preseason game. RB Michael Turner could be slowing down. He averaged just 2.7 yards per carry through three preseason games.

Expectations: If Falcons don't make playoffs and then win at least one game, Ryan and coach Mike Smith will be highly criticized. They are 0-3 in playoffs since Smith was hired and Ryan was drafted No. 3 overall in 2008.

CAROLINA PANTHERS (6-10)

New faces: FB Mike Tolbert, FS Haruki Nakamura, LB Luke Kuechly (first-round pick), G Amini Silatolu, PR Joe Adams.

Key losses: TE Jeremy Shockey, G Travelle

Wharton, WR Legedu Naanee, LB Dan Connor.

Strengths: Carolina fifth in scoring in 2011 and most of offense returns along with coordinator Rob Chudzinski. Cam Newton starred as rookie by throwing for more than 4,000 yards. Running game should be among best with Tolbert added to already strong mix that includes DeAngelo Williams, Jonathan Stewart and Newton. Newton's ability to run — 14 rushing TDs — makes Carolina difficult to defend. And it doesn't hurt to have Steve Smith still catching passes.

Weaknesses: Defense and special teams remain concerns. Carolina lost three key players last year to injury — LBs Jon Beason and Thomas Davis and DT Ron Edwards. With all three back and Kuechly looking good, Panthers have chance to improve their 27th-ranked defense. Special teams coverage units allowed 3 TDs last year.

Expectations: Panthers thinking big. Pro Bowl center Ryan Kalil promised a Super Bowl when he took out full-page ad in local newspaper. Several players and coach Ron Rivera have backed him up. Team has talent, but needs to stay healthy on defense. If offense remains same and defense makes moderate improvements, team could be playoff bound.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (4-12)

New faces: S Mark Barron (first-round pick), WR Vincent Jackson, G Carl Nicks, CB Eric Wright, RB Doug Martin (first-round pick), TE Dallas Clark, LB Lavonte David.

Key losses: TE Kellen Winslow, S Tanard Jackson, C Jeff Faine, CB Elbert Mack, S Sean Jones, LB Geno Hayes.

Strengths: It's first-year coach Greg Schiano's team, but continued development of QB Josh Freeman will determine whether Bucs can escape NFC South cellar and contend for playoff berth in division featuring Drew Brees, Matt Ryan, Cam Newton. Two-time Pro bowl guard Davin Joseph out for the season (right knee). Still, offensive line figures to be strong with addition of All-Pro Carl Nicks. Free agent catch Vincent Jackson gives Freeman bona fide go-to receiver, and Martin is being counted on to help running game that ranked 27th a year ago.

Weaknesses: Have invested heavily in past three drafts to improve porous defense that allowed league-high and franchise-worst 494 points, while ranking last against run, in sacks and turnover margin. Seventh overall pick S Mark Barron and second-rounder Lavonte David being counted on to make impact. Five-time Pro Bowler Ronde Barber making transition from cornerback to free safety in 16th season, and free agent pickup Eric Wright has moved into Barber's old spot. Biggest key to improvement figures to be whether tackle Gerald McCoy can remain healthy and show why he was third overall pick in 2010 draft.

Expectations: Bucs finished last season on 10-game losing streak, yet don't feel they're starting from scratch under Schiano — lured from Rutgers after Raheem Morris was fired. Freeman threw for 25 touchdowns and six interceptions in 2010, but regressed last season with 16 TDs and 22 interceptions. Schiano hopes to ease burden on his young QB with solid running game. If Freeman can revert to form of two years ago, chances of narrowing gap between Bucs and division rivals New Orleans, Atlanta and Carolina will improve

HYF goes four for five

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together with key blocking by Christopher Cardoso and Treshawn Rowe to lead the way for a 37-yard Hawthorne score.

This put the Eagles over the top in a 19-13 win and upped their record to 3-0.

The Junior Varsity team, coached by Cliff Howell, earned a victory by forfeit with the Gators folding their team earlier in the week due to injuries, which brings the JV record to 3-0.

Head coach John Bishop's Varsity team took the field ready for some action after not playing in a game last week.

The offense, lead by lineman EJ JnPierre, Anthony Healy, Geraldo Sanchez, Anthony Oppold and Bryan Blanchette dominated the line of scrimmage all game which lead to six rushing touchdowns.

Donte Carpenter had a great game, scoring twice on the ground in the first half.

The defensive stance was impressive with key tackles by Tyler Edwards, Sammy Smith and Oppold.



Courtesy photo
Kasey Hawthorne goes airborne as he crosses the goal line for a Mitey Mite score on Saturday.

Tremaine Hawthorne, however, stole the show, scoring four times on the ground, two of which came in the last five minutes of the fourth quarter.

Malik Taylor had a key interception to help seal the game in the fourth quarter, leading to Hawthorne's breaking through four tackles to score the final touchdown.

This gave the Eagles a 38-25 victory and brings their record to 3-0.

All in all it was a great day of football with only one loss across the slate of games

The HYF Board of Directors want to express their appreciation to the parents, players, cheerleaders and coaches for coming out on the road to support the Eagles organization.

The Highlands Eagles will be hosting their next game at Joe Franza Stadium in Avon Park to face the Haines City Rattlers this Saturday, Sept. 8.

Games will begin at 9 a.m., with admission \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

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

AP wins regular season opener

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Otaysha Smith had a kill to highlight a run to push it to 19-9 and Otisha Smith finished off the 25-13 win with a kill for the 24th point and an ace for the 25th.

Avon Park then scored the first three in the deciding set and kept the momentum on their side.

Other than a three-point run early in the third set,

and another run of three late in the fourth, the Wildcats would only score consecutive points seven times over the two sets — just three times in the final one.

The Devils, meanwhile, kept building the lead, from 7-2 to 12-4 to 19-10, before Hardee made one last push.

Back-to-back points were answered, and that final three-pointer was halted by an Otisha Smith kill, leaving

it at 20-14.

Then Chacon had an ace and a kill, with Devlin adding her own ace and Haylee Rosano finishing off the 25-16 win with a deft tip that found the floor.

Avon Park continued their look for consistency Thursday at All Saints before returning home to face Frostrproof in their first district match on Tuesday.

Jags ready to move from distractions

By MARK LONG

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Between Maurice Jones-Drew's holdout, Justin Blackmon's arrest, coach Mike Mularkey's injury policy and playing future home games in London, the Jacksonville Jaguars received plenty of attention in the preseason.

None of it really positive. It surely wasn't the ideal way for owner Shad Khan and Mularkey to start their first season together.

The Jaguars, though, get a chance to turn things around in Sunday's season opener at Minnesota.

It's not a game that's going to get the team in the playoffs, but it certainly could set the tone for what players, coaches and the owner hope will be a different direction for a franchise that has missed the postseason 10 times in the last 12 years.

"I think our guys want to see where we're at," Mularkey said Wednesday. "We did some good things in the preseason. We just want to see if we can do that for four quarters. ... I think this will be a good test up there in this environment. I think it's

going to be good for us to see where we're at."

Jones-Drew ended a 38-day holdout Sunday and practiced for the first time in full pads Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters for the third time in four days, Jones-Drew made it clear his absence was all about money, and added that he's glad to be back and eager to regain his starting spot.

He said he has spent about 12 hours a day learning the playbook.

"I have to kind of get acclimated to the offense," Jones-Drew said. "I have to show them the work to get my job back. That's all it is. No one has ever given me anything in my whole life. This is just something that I've been used to. I like it. The competition is going to be great. ... I have a lot to catch up on and get back to my old self."

Asked whether being the backup to Rashad Jennings reminds him of his rookie season in 2006, when he split time with Fred Taylor, Jones-Drew recalled his sophomore year in high school.

"I was told I was going to start and then they decided not to start me and started a senior," he said. "I didn't end

up starting until my senior year. It was a lot of hard work I had to put in. I can take a little bit of that, load it back up and work with it."

Mularkey has little concern about Jones-Drew's conditioning heading into the opener, but the coach wants to make sure he puts Jones-Drew in situations where he "may not have a chance to fail because he has so much information thrown at him."

More worrisome for Mularkey is the health of his team.

The Jaguars have just three healthy defensive ends — Jeremy Mincey, rookie Andre Branch and Aaron Morgan — and could be without right guard Uche Nwaneri (ankle) in the opener.

Nwaneri was limited in practice Wednesday, and with fellow linemen John Estes, Jason Spitz and Drew Nowak on injured reserve, that left Josh Beekman to get repetitions with the starters.

Beekman was out of football last year and left a graduate assistant job at Eastern Kentucky for another shot at the NFL.

"We're fortunate that he fell into our hands," Mularkey said.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Beware: Biotin deficiency can be fatal and easily missed

Dear Pharmacist: Please write about biotin deficiency, this is what killed my husband. No one detected it and I want to alert everyone. Love your work, hope to meet you one day.

— J.P., Ft. Lauderdale,

Answer: I'm sorry about your loss. Today, I will write about it. Together we will be preventing more deaths. The problem is that physicians and consumers think of biotin only as a "beauty" vitamin to improve nail strength and hair growth.

It's also known as vitamin H, or B7. The sad part is, thousands of medications are "drug muggers" of biotin, meaning they prevent absorption or diminish our ability to make it in the body.

Here are signs that suggest biotin deficiency:

Nerve pain: Numbness, tingling, prickly sensations, pain or any other "paresthesia." It can occur by itself, or as part of kidney disease, insulin resistance or diabetes.

Skin conditions: Eczema, psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, flaking, itching, flaking, scaly, dry or inflamed skin, sores in or around the mouth, burning mouth/tongue, all of these problems suggest biotin (or



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

another B vitamin) deficiency.

Poor immunity: Results in more frequent bacterial or viral infections, anywhere, even in your eye (conjunctivitis).

Cognitive problems: The brain needs biotin to make neurotransmitters that keep you feeling mentally alert, happy and attentive. Low biotin can cause fatigue and depression.

High cholesterol: Animal studies have shown that biotin (along with chromium) can reduce cholesterol and triglycerides. Low biotin increases risk for fatty liver.

Anorexia: You're not hungry if you have biotin deficiency. Sounds like a dream right, but it can actually contribute to depression, lethargy, and weakness.

Anemia: The hemoglobin cells lose their ability to tote oxygen, leaving you feeling winded, short of breath, inat-

tentive and fatigued with little exertion. Prolonged anemia raises risk for heart failure.

Cardiac arrhythmia: Biotin deficiency can absolutely cause you to suffer palpitations, skipped beats and other electrical disturbances that can cause a fatal heart attack.

You must get as irritated as I do to read Internet posts from so-called experts saying that biotin deficiency is "rare" or that we get enough from foods.

I believe biotin deficiency is extremely common and covered this nutrient in Chapter 6 of "Drug Muggers."

Biotin is made by yeast and bacteria, the same friendly microorganisms in our intestinal flora. Keep in mind, all medications strip away our probiotics, reducing our biotin stash. Antibiotics are huge drug muggers as are estrogen-containing hormones, acid blockers, antacids, anti-con- vulsants, steroids, anti- virals, breast cancer drugs, anti-inflammatories and cer- tain analgesics.

Also people who smoke, drink alcohol, coffee or take alpha lipoic acid run out of biotin quickly.

My list adds up to a bazil-

lion people! Biotin supple- ments are sold over-the- counter but, of course, ask your doctor if it's right for you.

About 1,000 to 5,000 mcg per day should help. Your body washes away excess biotin.

Food sources: Organ meats, nuts, cashews, dairy, liver, scrambled eggs, cauli- flower, leafy greens, legumes and seafood.

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

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Monday: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Brookside Bluffs, S.R. 17, Zolfo Springs, 10 a.m., Health Fair, Chatham Pointe, Stenstom Road, Wauchula, 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe Assisted Living Community, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

Tuesday: 7:30 a.m., Health Fair, Lakeside Gardens, C.R. 621, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Heron's Landing, Heron's Landing Lane, Lake Placid; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Lake Placid Meal Site, Interlake Boulevard, Lake

Snapshots

Placid; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring.

Wednesday: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Neibert's, U.S. 98, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Palm Estates, U.S. 98, Lorida

Thursday: 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Maranatha Village, Ar buckle Creek Road, Sebring.

Blood cancer drug approved

Pfizer Inc. says the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday approved its new drug to treat a rare form of blood and bone marrow cancer.

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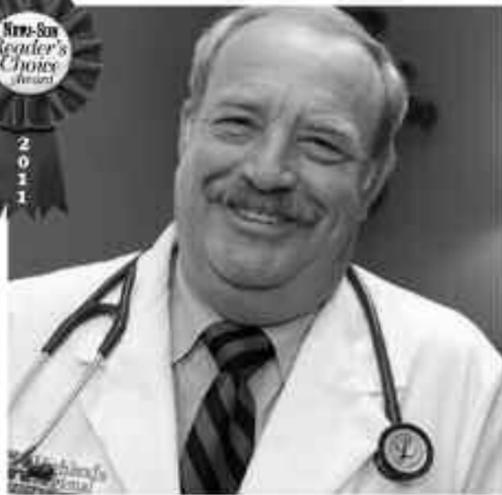
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Weight loss groups back NYC's sugary drinks plan

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The city's planned crackdown on super-sized sugary drinks got prominent backing Tuesday from Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig and other diet companies, who added their influence to the campaign ahead of a vote next week.

The announcement — made at a press conference featuring Mayor Michael Bloomberg and a top Weight Watchers official — was the latest in a volley of statements of support for both advocates and critics of the plan, which calls for restaurants, movie theaters, sports arenas, food carts and delis to stop selling sodas and other sugary drinks in servings larger than 16 ounces.

Bloomberg and other proponents call it a sensible way to encourage people to cut calories.

Opponents see it as government overreaching and question its effectiveness.

To the diet groups, it's a tool that fits with their approach to making healthy eating easier.

"Today, we live in a world where despite our best intentions, it's oftentimes very difficult on your own to make the healthy choice," said David Burwick, president of Weight Watchers North America. "We all need to take more personal responsibility for our own weight and eating habits, but it helps to remember what a healthy portion size is in a world where super-size portions have become the norm."

The proposal is set for a Sept. 13 vote at the city Board of Health, whose members are appointed by Bloomberg. If approved, it

"Nobody is restricting the amount of sodas you can buy or the amount of sodas you can drink."

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG
NYC mayor

would take effect as early as March.

Bloomberg has been the leading advocate for the plan, which follows other efforts to spur New Yorkers to mind what they eat. During his 11-year tenure, the city has barred artificial trans fats from food served in restaurants and compelled chain restaurants to post calorie counts on menus.

Still, the city spends roughly \$4 billion a year on weight-related health problems, the mayor says. He sees limiting the serving size of sugary drinks as a meaningful step — but not an inflexible order — to keep people from downing calories they might not even think about.

"Nobody is restricting the amount of sodas you can buy or the amount of sodas you can drink," he said, noting that people would be free to purchase multiple 16-ounce cups or bottles if they liked. "It is simply using portion control to point out to you ... how many calories you are consuming."

Along with Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig, the creator of the South Beach Diet, the founder of The Best Life and other diet experts expressed their support. City Hall also has released a roster of kudos



A proposed ordinance in New York City would limit the serving size of sugary drinks to less than 16 ounces.

from people including physicians, elected officials, chef Jamie Oliver and filmmaker Spike Lee.

Critics, too, are counting their ranks. An opposition group called New Yorkers for Beverage Choices said it has the backing of more than 2,000 businesses and 201,000 people. A New York Times poll last month showed that six in 10 New Yorkers opposed the plan.

Opponents say the city is overstepping its authority and infringing on personal freedom.

And they call the diet companies' stance inconsistent with their own emphasis on letting people make food

choices, rather than absolute limits.

"Restrictions and bans will do nothing to address the very complex issue of obesity," New Yorkers for Beverage Choices said in a statement Tuesday. "New Yorkers are smart enough to

make their own decisions."

Some City Council members support the proposal; others have criticized it. Regardless, it isn't scheduled to come before them for a vote. The rule wouldn't apply to lower-calorie drinks, such as water or diet soda, nor to

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Theresa Caulfield to Guadalupe Diaz, L3 Blk 21 Hoffmans Grove to Lake Stearns 2nd Resub, \$4,200.

Jeanne Knudtson to Alphonse Maxime, L17 PT L16 Crescent Heights Resub, \$55,000.

Denise Knudtson to Alphonse Maxime, L17 PT L16 Crescent Heights Resub, \$55,000.

Chapman's Property Management Group to Hosmer L. Compton, L14 Blk 9 J H Driggers Add, \$135,100.

Chapman's Property Management Group to H.L. Compton Co., L12/13 Blk 9 J H Driggers Add, \$253,500.

American Land Investment Corp. to Alice Sayago, L24 Blk 34 Sebring Hills South Unit 2, \$9,000.

Edward Bellinger to Robert Stacy, L80 Twin Lakes Est., \$20,000.

Lori Renzetti to Randall Lee Prevatte Jr., L24 Blk 2 Lake June Pointe Phase 2, \$35,000.

HSBC Bank USA to Marcel G. Ruel, L7728-7731 Avon Park Lakes Unit 24, \$60,000.

Carlos Bustamante Jr. to Larry B. Mason, L1 Blk 241 Sun'N Lakes Est. Sec. 19, \$69,000.

Rolando M. Gonzalez to Christopher Dean, L1527 Sebring Ridge Sec. F, \$110,000.

Wells Fargo Bank to Ryan Pauze, L18 Blk 703 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 4 Replat, \$56,900.

Winnell B. Griffith to Javier Rosado Rodriguez, PT L19/20 Blk 31 Town of Sebring/Other, \$80,000.

Danny Clyde Kaye to Roy G. Whitehead, L208 Grayces Mobile Est. Add No. 2, \$16,700.

Phyllis A. Manar to Joslyn A. Brown, Unit 317 Lake Damon South Condo, \$56,000.

U.S. Bank to James E. Upchurch Jr., L25 Blk 19 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 2, \$38,000.

U.S. Bank to Philip Leiber, L12557-12563 Avon Park Lakes Unit 39, \$18,900.

Barbara S. Watson to John C. Watson III, PT Sec. 27-35-28, \$45,000.

Darren Green to James W. McCarty, L1-4/41-44 Blk V Lakemont Est. Sub, \$15,000.

Campus USA Credit Union to Donald Rex Smith, PT Sec. 24-37-29, \$115,100.

Clyde L. Smith to Melvin H. Taylor, L52 Blk 2 Erin Park, \$45,500.

Donald Knitter to Joseph Morreale, L134 Colony Pointe Sub, \$22,500.

Highlands Independent Bank to Mark Negley, L4434-4436 Avon Park Lakes Unit 14, \$85,000.

Raymond R. Bees Jr. to James L. Upton Sr., L132 Blk 3 Leisure Lakes Sec. 4A, \$75,000.

Patricia S. Pella to Thomas P. Pella, PT Sec. 14-36-28/Other, \$51,000.

Patricia S. Pella to Edward Eugene Pella, L10 Blk 1 Lake Josephine Sub, \$50,000.

Jack Antablian to Charles Tripp Jr., L2 Valencia Acres, \$23,000.

Theodore A. Roberts to Michael R. Borders, L40 Country Club of Sebring Phase 3 Sec. 2 Sterling Oaks, \$250,000.

Donald E. Bennett to Michael Richardson, L477 Sebring Hills, \$108,000.

Richard L. McCarthy to Julio A. Arencibia, L98 Sebring Hills, \$62,000.

Jean B. Hollenberg to Jeffery A. Gourley, L11/12 Blk 5 Altamont Place Add No. 3, \$99,000.

Milton W. Koster to Barbara P. Burns, L19 Blk V Spring Lake Village VI, \$9,000.

Michael L. Thompson to Henry L. Willis, L5 Strodan Acres, \$135,000.

U.S. Bank to Kenneth C. Cousino, L1 Blk 256 Sebring Summit Unit 1, \$18,000.

Eva L. Del Toro to Federal National Mortgage Assn., L8 Blk 28 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 2, \$116,600.

Celeste Perrin to Federal National Mortgage Assn., L23 Blk 14 Highlands Park Est. Sec. B, \$129,100.

David R. Haba to Ngoc T. Phan, L6 Blk 8 Sun'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 27, \$27,500.

Alton E. Frisch to Thomas U. Thorson, L386 Golf Hammock Unit IV, \$215,000.

Junie Mills to Ricardo Patino, Unit 2B Manors, \$17,000.

John C. Lineberger to Walter E. Fletcher, L6 Blk 10 Lake Haven Est. Sec. 1, \$4,500.

Christopher J. Williams to Barbara Buss, L12 Blk 7 Placid Lakes, \$48,000.

Gary M. Moore to Johnny Lamar Bland, L27 Blk 1 Citrus Lakes Colony, \$15,000.

Bank of America to Jacqueline Hoover, L8-11/13-15 Blk 6 Highlands Park Est. Sec. B, \$6,000.

Bank of New York Mellon to Charles L. McKibben, L10447/10448 Avon Park Lakes Unit 32, \$48,000.

DFC Loan Funding Co. to William S. Costello, L6 Blk 614 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 10, \$12,900.

Roland J. Vavrosky to Paul P. Dorsey, L5 Blk H Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$78,000.

U.S. Bank to Gordon M. Weber, L513 Sylvan Shores Est. Sec. D, \$34,500.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to John W. Brown Jr., L2092/2093 Avon Park Lakes Unit 7, \$52,500.

Brian G. Parker to Roger Lawrence Pertle, L39 The Knoll Sub, \$39,000.

John Fletcher to Peter N. Hodgdon, L1 Stephens Heights, \$43,000.

U.S. Bank to Luci Packett, L9 Blk 296 Placid Lakes Sec. 20, \$74,000.

US unemployment aid applications decline to 365K

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Fewer Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week, and a private survey showed businesses stepped up hiring in August. The data sketched a brighter outlook for the job market one day before the government reports on August employment.

Weekly applications for unemployment benefits fell by 12,000 to a seasonally adjusted 365,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The four-week average, a less volatile measure, ticked up to 371,250.

Unemployment benefit applications are a measure of the pace of layoffs. When they consistently fall below 375,000, it suggests that hiring is strong enough to lower the unemployment rate.

Separately, payroll provider ADP said businesses added 201,000 jobs last month. That's the most reported by the survey since March. And ADP said July job growth was stronger than first thought: Employers created 173,000 jobs — 10,000 more jobs than the group reported last month.

"The labor market is getting better and while the pace of improvement is nothing

great, the direction is clear," Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors, said in an email to clients.

Despite the positive signals, most economists tempered their expectations for August payroll growth.

The ADP survey only covers hiring in the private sector and excludes government job growth. The Labor Department's report on Friday will offer a more complete picture. The two surveys reported roughly the same private-sector job creation in July. But they have diverged sharply in previous months.

And the drop in applications likely won't affect the August jobs report, set to be released Friday. The data for that report were compiled three weeks ago. But it could signal better hiring in September.

Economists forecast that employers added 135,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate is expected to stay unchanged at 8.3 percent.

Weekly unemployment applications "are still stubbornly high, which is consistent with our expectations for a modest employment report in August," said Bricklin Dwyer, an economist at BNP Paribas

In July, employers added 163,000 jobs. It was the best month of hiring since February and an improvement from the average of only 73,000 per month created in the April-June quarter.

Still, the economy grew at a tepid 1.7 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, down from the 2 percent rate in the January-March quarter and 4.1 percent in the final three months of last year.

Growth at or below 2 percent is typically too weak to lower the unemployment rate. Most economists expect the unemployment rate will remain above 8 percent through the November election.

President Barack Obama will address the Democrat National Convention in Charlotte on Thursday. Polls show most Americans regard Republican nominee Mitt Romney as better able to handle the U.S. economy.

Romney and his Republican allies have pointed to high unemployment as evidence that Obama's policies are not helping the economy. The unemployment rate was 7.8 percent when Obama took office and has been above 8 percent for the past 42 months. Most economists say "normal" unemployment is 6 percent or less.

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

AVON PARK — Deacon David Thoresen's sermon on Sunday will be based on the gospel reading of Mark 7:24-37.

Saturday, Nov. 3 will be the annual yard sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members are accepting items for the annual yard sale - please, no furniture. Contact Ed Graff, John Wade or Jim Fiedler to make arrangements for drop-off items.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "In Us and Through Us."

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

The Men's Fraternity will study "The Quest for Genuine Manhood" on Thursday.

For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christ-lutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message

titled "The Enemy: Part 2" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — Pastor Cecil Hess will preach on "A Modern Day Parable: The Good Samaritan" on Sunday.; The service is non-denominational and open to all.

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

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "Generosity," with Scripture taken from Proverbs 22:1-9.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com.

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK — Dr. Les Hardin, professor at Florida Christian College, will preach Sunday during the worship service.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo 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 Bob and Betty Harcourt. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Chris Baker, Sharron Campbell and Franny Goff.

Greeting the congregation will be Jayne Weldy and Kathy Whitlock. 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 "Children and Parents," taken from Ephesians 6:1-4.

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 ser-

mon will be titled "Why So Few?" based on Mark 8:11-21.

Sunday school is available for all ages. Rev. Johnson or his wife, Maxine, will conduct the adult class. Wendy Garcia teaches the youth class and they discuss how the Bible applies to issues today.

Special music will be provided by Bob and Maxine Johnson. The Family Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, Rev. Johnson will teach "How Do We Glorify God?" Mary Circle meets at 1 p.m., at the church. Bible study leader Ginger McCracken will teach "John's Gospel - Wisdom from Ephesus."

On Thursday, the Deacons will meet at 6 p.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

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

Tuesday is Youth Group (for middle school and high school students) in fellowship hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 is choir rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — The Rev. A.C. Bryant's sermon will be "Sharp Contention" with Scripture taken from Acts 15:36-41.

United Methodist Women's Circles will meet Tuesday.

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

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Ministries Church is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

Home Bible Study series continues on "7 Evil Spirits."

On Sunday the summer sermon series on "Battleground" will continue. Battle plans and wartime strategies were important if Israel was going to triumph over her enemies.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday will be "What People are Saying!" with Scripture from II Samuel 6:12-23.

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. CONFESSIO: First Friday 7:15-7:45 a.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.; Or by appointment with any priest. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.; Sunday: 8 and 10 a.m.; Sunday Spanish Mass: noon; Last Sunday of the month: 2 p.m. (Creole/French); Sunday Family Mass 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center). DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. and noon; Saturday: 9 a.m. ■ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215.

Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

■ **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. Thursday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. Our goal is: Love Christ - Love People. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

■ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-cofc/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

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The service will include Robert Whitman singing a special.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Rev. Jerry R. McCauley will preach at the New Song Contemporary Worship Service in Rob Reynolds Hall on the subject of “Questions About The Second Coming of Christ” with Scriptures from the Book of Revelation and I Thessalonians Chapter 4. The Worship Band will lead the service.

Rev. John Bryant of Punta Gorda will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Service. Pastor Claude Burnett will lead the choir anthem.

The Lake Placid Health Care Service will be lead by

RELIGION GUIDELINES: The *News-Sun* publishes religion news on Fridays.

The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday to be considered for publication in the following Friday’s paper.

Submit items to the *News-Sun’s* from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; fax to 385-2453; send e-mail to editor@newssun.com; or mail to Lifestyle Editor, *News-Sun*, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. For information, call 385-6155, ext. 516.

Rev. Jerry McCauley. Prayer meeting in the chapel at 6 p.m.

Men’s Prayer meeting Wednesday mornings at the Men’s Bible classroom.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, “Steadfast Confidence,” is taken from Hebrews 11 and Psalm 46. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message in the Sunday morning and evening worship services.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.’s message will be “Reflecting on Faith.” Biblical reference is from James 2:14-17.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday, the church will celebrate the arrival of its new pastor, David Smalley, with a Bread and Cup Communion.

Sunday school will be

studying “God’s Covenant with Israel,” looking at the Scripture from Exodus 20.

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 “Sins and Penalties.” Memorial for Floyd Baker will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

The Church of the Way - EFCA

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum will preach “The New Testament Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper” this Sunday morning. Monday will be The Night of Prophecy at Homer’s Restaurant.

The church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. The church phone is 471-6140; the pastor’s cell is 273-3674. www.thechurchoftheway.org.

Plan for Catholic church makes waves in Bahrain

Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — The building of the largest Roman Catholic church in the Gulf was supposed to be a chance for the tiny island kingdom of Bahrain to showcase its traditions of religious tolerance in a conservative Muslim region where churches largely operate under heavy limitations.

Instead, the planned church — intended to be the main center for Catholics in the region — has turned into another point of tension in a country already being pulled apart by sectarian battles between its Sunni and Shiite Muslim communities.

Hardline Sunni clerics have strongly opposed the construction of the church complex, in a rare open challenge of the country’s Sunni king.

More than 70 clerics signed a petition last week saying it was forbidden to build churches in the Arabian Peninsula, the birthplace of Islam.

One prominent cleric, Sheik Adel Hassan al-Hamad, proclaimed in a sermon during Friday prayers last month, that there was no justification for building further churches in Bahrain, adding, “anyone who believes that a church is a true place of

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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 on the first

and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park – LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School 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. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith’s Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

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

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

es. 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 nightes and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org.

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

■ **First Presbyterial Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpclp.com, 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 Deacon’s meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacramento Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army – Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women’s Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave.,

Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

RELIGION

We can if I will

During World War II, a man named Oscar, along with his platoon, was ordered to move forward, dig in and stay put. Later, intelligence revealed that the area in which they had dug in was to come under an artillery attack, so orders were sent to pull back.

Somehow, that order did not reach Oscar. "I was asleep in my foxhole when the first shell exploded," he recalled, "And then all hell broke loose, with shells landing and exploding everywhere."

He had been taught that rarely do two shells hit the same spot, so he dived headlong into the nearest shell hole, covered his head as best as he could and prayed, "God, if you get me out of this, I will serve you for the rest of my life." Some time after the shelling stopped, Oscar was found face down in that shell hole, still alive and still praying.

If the story ended here, with Oscar surviving, it would be amazing enough, but upon further examination, what Oscar and his buddies found was absolutely miraculous.

"All around me, out to about 50 or 60 feet, there were unexploded shells, any one of which, had it exploded, would have killed me," he recalled. Beyond that circle was complete destruction.

In that war, many Jews were forced to work in German arms manufacturing plants, some of which belonged to a man named Schindler, the same man about whom "Schindler's List" was written. In these plants, many artillery shells

Guest Column

Fred Jeans

and bombs were assembled without detonators, which caused them to fall harmlessly from the sky without exploding. Now I can't say that the unexploded shells that fell around Oscar were from Schindler's plants. It really doesn't matter, because somehow God had managed to sort the live ones out and keep them away from Oscar.

The sabotage done by Schindler and his people put them in constant danger of being discovered and killed, but they considered the risk worth taking to save some one else from the Nazis. Who knows how that war would have turned out, or how many thousands more would have died, if they had developed a "them and us" attitude to save themselves?

When they were keeping Nazi planes from shooting down our bombers, the color of the pilots in the fighter escorts did not matter. The religion of the man in the next foxhole did not matter. The nationality of the men and women in our shipyards and factories did not matter. They were all in it together.

In that war, the factory workers in America, the hundreds of thousands of Americans who fought and died, the ship builders, the underground in Europe and the families who lost loved ones all developed a "We" attitude. They were a team, a family, and they won. Where that kind of attitude prevails, everyone always wins.

In America today, we need

to develop that same attitude. Labor and management must stop working selfishly against one another and stop being us and them.

Patients and caregivers in hospitals and nursing homes must work together as a team for the benefit of everyone.

Politicians must cease being Democrats and Republicans and start being Americans.

America does not need African Americans, Italian Americans, Irish Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans or immigrant Americans. We don't need black Americans, white Americans, yellow or red Americans. We need Americans, period.

We can only prosper as a nation if we stop allowing ourselves to be divided by these name tags. America will continue to be strong only to the extent that we all realize this.

Our nation is in dire need of men and women of every nationality, color and creed to stop being anything but Americans and to start acting in the best interest of the United States. I seriously question the patriotism of those politicians who play us against one another using race, color or creed in order to get re-elected.

We are the United States of America.

We are one nation under God.

We are family.

We are Americans.

May God Bless America.

Chaplain Fred Jeans is chaplain at Kenilworth Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Snapshots

Fourth annual AP Day of Prayer features a Celebration of Life

AVON PARK – The Avon Park City-wide of Day of Prayer will feature a Celebration of Life with a time of remembrance for those persons who have passed away within the past year or so. Family, friends and colleagues of the loved ones will be asked to come to the altar and speak their names. Members of the congregation will be given the opportunity to come forward, offering comfort and love to the grieving.

By proclamation of the city council, the Day of Prayer is set for 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16. It will be at the AP Holiness Camp conference center, the Tabernacle, directly across from Walmart on U.S. 27 N. Everyone is welcome.

Community pastors are asked to observe Sept. 16 as a day of prayer in their congregation.

St. Francis church offers ALPHA course

LAKE PLACID — St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church will offer the ALPHA course once again, with dinner, starting Monday.

This 12-week practical study on the Christian faith offers answers to some key questions like: Who is Jesus Christ? Why did he die? Why and how should I read the Bible? And Who is the Holy Spirit? Each session begins with an informal dinner, followed by a video presentation and ends with small-group discussion and interaction. Alpha began in London and is now held in thousands of churches of all denominations around the world. Join the thousands who have found answers to their questions about life and God and how they relate.

The course and dinner are free. To learn about the course and to make a reservation, call the church office at 465-0051.

The course is for everyone – Christians looking for answers, non-Christians looking for answers and lapsed Christians looking for answers.

Prime Timers meet

LAKE PLACID — The Prime Timers of First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, 119 E. Royal Palm St., will host a covered dish luncheon at noon Monday in the fellowship hall. Bring a covered dish to share and a friend. Speakers will discuss the Home Depot Fall Flower Expo.

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worship is someone who has broken in their faith in God."

In response, the government ordered him transferred out of his mosque, located in the elite district of Riffa, where many members of the royal family live and the king has several palaces. But the transfer order touched off a wave of protests by the cleric's supporters on social media sites and by Sunni-led political blocs. Finally, the government was forced last week to cancel the order.

The uproar reflects the widening influence and confidence of hardline Sunni groups, who have been a key support for the monarchy as it faces a wave of protests led by Shiites demanding greater political rights. Shiites account for about 70 percent

of Bahrain's population of just over half a million people, but claim they face widespread discrimination and lack opportunities granted to the Sunni minority. The monarchy has also relied heavily on help from ultra-conservative Saudi Arabia, which last year sent troops to help crush protests.

More than 50 people have been killed and hundreds detained in nearly 19 months of unrest in the strategic island kingdom, which is home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Bahrain's rulers have promised some reforms and urged dialogue to ease the crisis.

Instead, positions on all sides have hardened.

Many among the majority Shiites claim the Sunni monarchy is not interested in

reforms that would weaken its near monopoly on power. Bahrain's most senior Shiite cleric, Sheik Isa Qassim, has actively opposed the church plans, questioning why the government should donate land for a Christian site when Shiite mosques have been destroyed as part of the crackdowns.

A Bahrain-based political analyst, Ali Fakhro, questioned the timing of the church project at a time when the nation is still locked in its own upheavals.

"What Bahrain needs is to solve it in its own internal issues rather than adding more new things that could be the source of troubles," he said. "The plate is already full."

So far the outcry has brought no change in plans to build the church complex.

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DIVERSIONS

'The Possession' doesn't offer memorable horror

By BOB GARVER

Special to the News-Sun

Some text at the beginning of "The Possession" claims that the film is based on a true story. I don't think it's a good idea for this film to go for the "true story" angle. There's a lot of spiritual, supernatural, and seemingly physically impossible action in the film.

I won't bother attacking the believability of the action, but I will point out a fallacy in the overall claim. Namely, if the events in movie were real, wouldn't we have heard something? Wouldn't we have heard something about people in this country being flung around rooms by demonic forces? Some will no doubt contend that the people involved in the story covered it up to protect their privacy, but then why allow this movie to be made? And why would they allow the movie to be the lame "Exorcist" knockoff that it is?

Jeffrey Dean Morgan stars as Clyde Brenek, divorced father of Hannah (Madison Davenport) and Emily (Natasha Calis). He gets the girls on weekends while their mother (Kyra Sedgwick) looks on disapprovingly. Clyde is no dead-beat dad, but it's implied that he put his career as a basketball coach ahead of family, a decision he now regrets. Still, he's apparently doing pretty well in his career because he just bought a nice new home in the suburbs. He takes the girls to a yard sale to get some household items, and Emily takes a liking to a box with mysterious Hebrew markings — a box that horribly injured its previous owner.

Things slowly start to change in Emily. She goes into trances, insults people, has violent outbursts, attracts giant moths, talks in a voice



Tzadok (Matisyahu, left), Em (Natasha Calis, center), Clyde (Jeffrey Dean Morgan, back) and Stephanie (Kyra Sedgwick, right) star in 'The Possession.'

that isn't hers, rolls her pupils back into her head, and nearly chokes on fingers inside her body. Clyde senses that there's something seriously wrong, but everybody else just blames the divorce and more specifically they blame him. He suspects it has something to do with the box, so he does some research, consults with a professor and some rabbis, and it seems he's got a demon on his hands and it won't be long before it completely takes over his daughter's body. Emily's only hope now is an exorcism.

For some reason, the demon goes pretty easy on Clyde's family and severely punishes those outside of it. Sure it gives Emily a torso-ache, but there isn't a lot of harm done to the family besides some cuts, lumps, and hurt feelings. Even the startling puncture wound foolishly given away in the trailers doesn't seem to be long-lasting. It's the minor characters who aren't so lucky.



Movie Review

'The Possession'

Rating: PG-13 (mature thematic material involving violence, disturbing sequences)

Running time: 92 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 5)

The demon hurts them with involuntary contortions, involuntary eye surgery, and involuntary dentistry. Our demon is evidently very versatile in involuntary medical procedures. You'd think the demon would try to go after its toughest threat in Clyde, but no. If it's just the family members in the scene and it's not the climactic exorcism, the demon probably

won't do anything scarier than make Emily act creepy or cause you jump for no good reason.

"The Possession" doesn't have a lot of interesting tricks up its sleeve. Demon possession movies are a dime a dozen these days and they all look bad when compared to the big one. The nicest thing I can say about the film is that it has particularly likeable characters played by decent actors.

This isn't the kind of horror movie where you just wait indifferently for bodies to pile up. I wanted the demon to leave the nice people alone and go bother those jerk bike messengers in "Premium Rush" in the next theater. "The Possession" is a forgettable horror movie opening two months too early for Halloween, probably because it was too scared to compete with better horror movies.

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Waiter's use of makeup shocks surprised diner

Dear Abby:

Last night at a restaurant, my husband and I were surprised to see a male server wearing a blond wig and full makeup. I was, to say the least, shocked and very glad we hadn't brought the children, ages 11 and 14, with us. How do you explain something like that to an 11-year-old? The 14-year-old would be able to "get it."



Dear Abby

but it's never enough, so I have to step in.

I love him, he treats me like a queen and I have yet to have a major problem with him. But it's the money situation. I feel a little guilty for

feeling this way. What do I do in this situation? Please help.

— Feeling Guilty in Colorado

Dear Feeling Guilty:

Stop feeling guilty. Your feelings are natural considering that Shane isn't carrying his half of the load he shares with you financially. Talk to him about the way the inequity is making you feel because if you don't, your resentment will only grow. He may need to find a second job so you have to "step in" less often. The alternative is to accept that the present will also be your future.

Dear Abby: I have a pet peeve — people who make a big production out of yawning. It's not enough to just yawn quietly. Noooo, they have to open wide, not cover their mouth and moan loudly. It annoys the heck out of me and I'm not sure it's appropriate to say anything.

People who do this seem to have several yawns in succession and want to make sure everyone notices. Any suggestions other than to grin and bear it?

— Seeking Quiet in Georgia

Dear Seeking Quiet:

Yes. If it's happening socially say, "I can see you're getting tired, so maybe it's time to end this visit."

If it's happening at work, suggest the person take a break and go outside for some fresh air.

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'The Words' is both clichid and complicated

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

For a movie about writing, about the transporting nature of a compelling narrative and the importance of crafting something timeless and true, "The Words" is needlessly complicated.

It boasts an impressive cast and some glimmers of strong performances, notably from a grizzled Jeremy Irons, whose character sets the film's many stories-within-stories in motion as a young man. And it kinda-sorta explores the notions of art, fraud and the need to sleep at night. But ultimately, "The Words" seems more interested in melodrama than anything else.

The writing-directing team of Brian Klugman and Lee Sternthal (who co-wrote the story for "Tron: Legacy" and are childhood friends of star Bradley Cooper) direct for the first time here. Certainly they must be familiar with the doubts and frustrations all writers face at some time or another, the need to have your voice heard and the fear that what you're offering to the world might just plain suck. But while they've come up with a clever nugget of a premise, they've couched it in a gimmicky package that keeps us at arm's length emotionally.

"The Words" begins with celebrated writer Clay Hammond (Dennis Quaid) reading excerpts from his latest best-selling novel (titled



Movie Review

'The Words'

Rating: PG-13 (brief language)

Running time: 97 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

"The Words," conveniently enough) to an enraptured crowd. Among the audience members is the beautiful grad student Daniella (Olivia Wilde), who has come to flirt with him and eventually, in a total 180, force him to face his own truth.

As Clay begins to read, the film flashes to the characters in the book and their story, which is probably where the film should have started all along. Cooper plays Rory Jansen, who also happens to be a celebrated writer appearing before an enraptured crowd. What are the odds? Rory is receiving a prestigious award for his debut novel, the one that made him an instant literary sensation. Trouble is, he didn't actually write it.

A flashback to a few years earlier, when his marriage to the beautiful and loving Dora

(Zoe Saldana) was still new, reveals him hammering away at his laptop and struggling to find a literary agent who will take a chance on him. While in Paris on their honeymoon, though, he happened to buy an old satchel in a second-hand store. And within that satchel, a typed manuscript happened to be hidden: the story of a young man, his bride and their baby in post-World War II France. And that typed manuscript just happened to be The Real Thing.

Rory knows it's wrong, but he passes off the work as his own, and voila! He's a superstar. But wait! Irons is skulking around, an old man (whose character is literally called Old Man) hoping to talk with Rory and share his own story — which we also see in tastefully lighted, sepia-toned flashbacks. (Antonio Calvache of "Little Children" and "In the Bedroom" is the cinematographer.) It's pretty obvious who this Old Man is, but it's still a pleasure to watch him relish in regaling his tale and make this punk kid squirm. Irons also has some lovely, vulnerable moments, and as Cooper showed last year in "Limitless," he's always a more interesting actor when he's distraught than when he's Being Bradley Cooper.

Still, "The Words" leaves nothing to the imagination, smothering all these storylines in narration that spells out the actions we're seeing

or emotions we could infer for ourselves.

And the characters themselves in all of these tales are total clichés: the scruffy, hungry writer in his spare Brooklyn loft; the blandly selfless and supportive wife; the wide-eyed, small-town soldier seeing the world for the first time, etc.

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Virulent virus: West Nile

WNV Perspective

The mosquito-borne virus has altered how some people think about going outside. The virus has not only sickened humans but also horses, squirrels and especially birds.

Far worse diseases have struck America and other countries. The common flu kills hundreds of times more people each year in the United States. Malaria's annual death toll worldwide regularly stretches past a million.

What's different is the speed and spread of West Nile, an African disease. Before 1999, West Nile was a geographic term, not an illness. The virus had spread through the Middle East and even parts of Europe, but it had not been seen in either North or South America.

New York City saw West Nile first. Then it slowly spread across the rest of the nation.

With increased world trade and travel, other now-exotic diseases will travel the deadly path of West Nile through America, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"There will continue to be emerging and re-emerging microbes," he said. "That's the nature of the microbial world."

— Seth Borenstein, McClatchy Newspapers

West Nile virus isn't big — so tiny that 25,000 could fit on the head of a pin — but it has left monster-sized footprints on the American landscape, thanks to that pesky little mosquito



Human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) are on the rise.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), illness from WNV is a seasonal epidemic flaring up in the summer months going into the fall, generally lasting from July through September. For warmer areas with mild winters, the threat can be year-round.

As of Aug. 28, 1,590 cases of human WNV infections, including 65 deaths, have been reported for 2012, compared to 712 cases reported in 2011.

According to the CDC, the highest number of human cases has been reported in Texas.

The virus is spread from infected blood-feeding arthropods, most commonly, mosquitoes, but can include sand flies, "no-see-ums" (ceratopogonids) and ticks. These insects can become infected from feeding on infected birds, and the disease spreads when they bite to feed on humans or other animals.

At this time, there are no preventive medications for humans. WNV cannot be treated by a drug regimen, as it is not a bacteria to be treated by an antibiotic.

However, medical treatment in a health care facility can help reduce the disease symptoms and complications.

— Anna Lamy, *Hernando Today*, Brooksville



PETER KOHAMA/MCT

A West Nile virus Q&A

Q: What is West Nile virus?

A: It is an infectious germ that can be spread by many different types of mosquitoes.

Q: How big of a deal is it?

A: U.S. health officials call it an epidemic that is on track to be as bad as it was in 2002, when 4,156 people were infected and 284 people died in the United States.

Q: Who is at risk of WNV?

A: Senior adults, infants or anyone with a compromised immune system are at greatest risk for contracting WNV. People who work outside also are at greater risk due to the increased exposure to mosquitoes.

Q: Is there a peak time of infection?

A: Yes, from midsummer to September in northern climates, and as much as year-round in warmer climates. Mosquitoes may continue to infect people as long as temperatures remain above 50 degrees at night.

Q: How is it spread?

A: An infected female mosquito bites you. The virus also can be transmitted by blood, but blood centers screen for it.

Q: Does weather or rain have any effect on the spread of WNV?

A: Experts say that although such questions are difficult to answer, warm weather usually helps mosquitoes breed. States hit hard this year by drought and scorching temperatures also have been besieged by mosquitoes.

Q: How long does it take for WNV symptoms to set in?

A: Generally, WNV symptoms become present from three to 14 days after being bitten.

Q: What are the symptoms of West Nile?

A: Typically, a person has an unexplained fever — particularly in the summer and early fall — along with abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, headache, lack of appetite, muscle aches, nausea, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes and vomiting, which may last from three to six days. Roughly 50 percent report a rash. In severe, "neuroinvasive" forms of WNV, an estimated

4 percent to 18 percent die — mostly those who are older or suffering from other illnesses. In neuroinvasive cases of WNV, a person's symptoms can include confusion, inability to think clearly, muscle weakness, stiff neck, weakness in one arm or leg, loss of consciousness, coma and possible death. These severe symptoms can be related to encephalitis — inflammation of the brain or of tissues surrounding the brain and spinal cord — which can lead to brain damage or death, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

Q: What should you do if you suspect WNV?

A: Individuals who've been in contact with mosquitoes and are experiencing any of the symptoms are advised to seek a medical professional for diagnosis and treatment. Pregnant and breastfeeding women should seek advice from their physician if they develop symptoms. The risks of WNV to a fetus and breastfeeding infants are still being evaluated.

Q: How long do symptoms last?

A: Mild symptoms — fevers and aches — may last a few weeks. Individuals with more severe symp-

oms may need more time to recover and some neurological effects may be permanent.

Q: Does everyone get sick?

A: No. Only one in 20 people who is bitten by an infected mosquito will develop symptoms.

Q: How is it diagnosed?

A: Doctors conduct blood work to find certain antigens that are signs of the disease. They also may perform other procedures, including a computed tomography (CT) or an MRI scan, and a lumbar puncture, also called a spinal tap, to check the fluid that bathes the brain and spinal cord.

Q: How is it treated?

A: There is no specific treatment. Antibiotics do not fight viral infections, only bacterial ones. Symptoms are treated individually.

Q: Is there a vaccine?

A: No, not for humans. There is one for horses. State agricultural experts say the fact that only one unvaccinated horse in Michigan this year has contracted West Nile disease is evidence that many horse owners vaccinated their animals.

— Patricia Anstett, *Detroit Free Press*

WEST NILE CASES IN THE U.S. BY YEAR

Year	Neuroinvasive Cases	Non-Neuroinvasive Cases	Total Cases*	Deaths
2012**	889	701	1,590	65
2011	486	226	712	43
2010	629	392	1,021	57
2009	373	347	720	32
2008	687	669	1,356	44
2007	1,217	2,413	3,630	124
2006	1,459	2,810	4,269	177
2005	1,294	1,706	3,000	119
2004	1,142	1,397	2,539	100
2003	2,866	6,996	9,862	264
2002	2,946	1,210	4,156	284
2001	64	2	66	10
2000	19	2	21	2
1999	59	3	62	7

SOURCE: CDC

*INCLUDES CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES. **AS OF AUG. 28

Symptoms

Despite the rising death and illness count, you probably won't get sick from West Nile even if you are exposed to the virus.

Of people infected with the WNV, only one in five feels mild symptoms. Four out of five people don't know they were infected, and the virus is out of their blood stream in about a week.

The symptoms of the milder infection, called West Nile fever or Non-Neuroinvasive West Nile disease, may include fever, headache and body aches, swollen lymph glands and a skin rash on the trunk of the body.

About one in every 150 people infected with the West Nile virus will develop the more severe form of the disease called West Nile encephalitis or meningitis, also referred to as Neuroinvasive West Nile disease.

Symptoms include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

West Nile tends to strike people in their 50s or older and those with compromised immune systems. People typically develop symptoms between three and 14 days after they are bitten by the infected mosquito. — MCT

Reducing risks

The best way to reduce the risk of West Nile virus is to eliminate mosquitoes or make them less likely to bite you. Here are some suggestions:

- Get rid of any standing water around your home. Mosquitoes breed in it. Turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows, flowerpots, toys and anything that collects water. Discarded tires are common breeding grounds.

- Drain and refill birdbaths often.

- Unclog roof gutters.
- Drill holes in the bottoms of recycling containers so they can drain.

- Treat ornamental ponds with larvicide from hardware stores, or stock them with mosquito-eating fish.

- Repair holes in window screens.

- Don't spend too much time outdoors during prime mosquito hours, around dusk and dawn.

- Wear long-sleeved, loose-fitting clothing outdoors to keep mosquitoes from biting you.

- Use bug repellent with DEET (sometimes listed on product labels as N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide). When properly used, it is safe. Children should use repellent with no more than 10 percent DEET. Studies show the ideal percent of DEET for adults is about 35 percent. Don't spray repellent in enclosed areas and don't spray it on faces: Spray the repellent on hands and then apply to the face.

- The amount of DEET corresponds to how long the repellent lasts. A spray with 7 percent DEET lasts about 2½ hours unless a person sweats a lot. A spray with 15 percent DEET lasts about four hours. A spray with 28 percent DEET lasts about six hours.

- Cover baby carriages with mosquito netting.

- Avoid wearing perfumes and colognes when outdoors for long periods. They draw insects.

More info

- The Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

- The U.S. Geological Survey's West Nile maps: http://disseamaps.usgs.gov/wnv_us_human.html

- The American Mosquito Control Association: <http://www.mosquito.org>