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Age 85, of Sebring

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AP provides space for veteran's counseling program

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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AVON PARK — A new military veteran service will come to Avon Park to provide readjustment counseling for veterans returning from combat or war zones.

Jesse Coulter, of the Department of Veteran's Affairs and director of the Lakeland Vet Center, said the mission of the new Vet

Center program is to actively reach out into the community — provide counseling for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or sexual trauma; grief counseling for bereaved military families; and assisting veterans in obtaining benefits.

"Twenty-two vets die by suicide every day," Coulter told the council. "In Sebring there are 80 vets on the wait-

ing list for help with PTSD.

"A Vet Center is a place where men and women can talk," Coulter said. "I've seen miracles — lives and marriages saved. Currently they have to travel to Lakeland."

Which was why Coulter asked the council to provide free space to the program on a part-time basis.

Council members were quick to respond.

"I'm wholly in favor of the project," Parke Sutherland said.

Mayor Sharon Schuler agreed. "I can't think of any better way to use our property than helping our vets," she said.

After a brief discussion covering insurance, the members voted unanimously to provide use of the former code enforcement offices for

the Vet Center satellite.

The program is open to all war zone veterans with military campaign service or expeditionary medal, from World War II forward.

For more information call the Lakeland Vet Center at (863) 284-0841 or 1-877-WAR-VETS, or Coulter at (863) 284-0841.

Arlene ready to Tuck into retirement

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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LAKE PLACID —

When Town Clerk Arlene Tuck retires on March 28, she will have served the town 25 years — longer, if her three years as a city councilor are counted.

She was appointed town clerk in 1988 by Mayor Waldo Aliff with the approval of the town council.

That means in the last quarter century, Tuck has attended at least 600 city council and Local Planning Agency meetings. She's prepared 25 general fund budgets, and typed hundreds of thousands of letters, tax receipts, public notices, referendums, meeting agendas and minutes. She maintained the town's code book and conducted all town elections — and she did all this (and more) while supervising daily Town Hall business and three secretaries.

"I have worked for seven mayors, well over 50 council members, three police chiefs, three town attorneys and many employees," Tuck said.

She has been honored by the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce three different years; been a mentor with Take Stock in Children; and worked with Keep Lake Placid Beautiful, among many other volunteer organizations.



News-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**

Lake Placid Town Clerk Arlene Tuck is counting the days until March 28. That's when she retires having served the town for 25 years. Her plans? 'Do what I want each and everyday.'

Asked what she thought was her greatest accomplishment she replied, "When I started working for the town there was a time when we had to cash in some certificates of deposit to make payroll. At that time I determined when I retired I would not

leave the town needing revenue.

"After many years of trying to keep expenses down, paying cash for everything we purchased — due to the good advice of Raymond McIntyre, the county's property appraiser — the town has a reserve account

of over \$600,000 and over \$1 million cash in the general fund checking account."

Tuck added one of her proudest personal moments as a professional woman came when she became a

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Eldred named to AP Housing Authority Board

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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AVON PARK — City council members unanimously approved Mayor Sharon Schuler's nomination of Mike Eldred to the Housing Authority board Monday night.

Eldred is well known around town, partly because of his street cleaning business, Clean Sweep, which he has owned and operated since 1990. Others know him through his community

involvement.

Eldred was born with obvious disabilities. This has never kept him from achieving his goals.

It is the first time, according to Arc officials, that a person with disabilities has been named to serve on a city board.

Cam Barnard, of Arc, worked with Eldred for years.

"His speech pattern is different, and sometimes he has to stop and think," she said,

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New-Sun photo by **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**

Mike Eldred (left), owner and operator of Clean Sweep in Avon Park is named to the city's Housing Authority Monday. City attorney Gerald Buhr, Mayor Sharon Schuler, and Councilor Parke Sutherland talk with him after the meeting.

Circle of Speed is Thursday

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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SEBRING — Race fans can get an early start to the season this year with the annual Circle of Speed event Thursday.

The 'New and Improved' Circle of Speed kicks off the 12 Hours of Sebring Race Week a couple weeks early with the approval of the Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

Coordinator and owner of Plan B Promotions Lora Todd has worked hard to ensure this year's Circle of Speed is a big step up from previous years.

"We decided to change it up a little bit so that attendees get better service this year. We had some issues last year, and we are the new and improved Circle of Speed. We're going to do things differently," Todd said.

Last year's all-you-can-eat beer and brats method was a challenge for coordinators and vendors so this year Todd has decided to do a more traditional food vending method.

For \$5, guests can enjoy a beer and a brat while listening to live music and checking out real race cars.

"The (race car) drivers were very enthusiastic last year. When they left the event they told their friends and invited others," Todd said. "We had 25 cars last year but the race coordinator is expecting more than that this year."

The vintage race car display will set up at 5 p.m. in downtown Sebring along Circle Park Drive. Attendees are able to view the classic cars as well as have the opportunity to meet some of the racers themselves.

Circle of Speed will feature live music from the Rebound Band, snowcones from Snowie of Sebring, beer, brats and other refreshments. The event will take place from 5-9 p.m. The race cars will arrive at 5 p.m. and leave promptly at 7 p.m. to ensure their safe drives back to the Sebring International Raceway.

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AP council considers an online continuing poll

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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AVON PARK — Monday night City Councilor Garrett Anderson proposed the city begin a website poll.

Anderson's goal is to increase and quicken communication between city residents and city hall.

"We work for the people," Garrett said. "We have to know what people are thinking. Sometimes we've got to find out so we can take action already." He added that a poll would be easier and more convenient for residents than attending meetings.

While other counselors were interested and open to listening, they also had specific concerns.

Mayor Sharon Schuler, for example, wondered how to make the poll accessible only to city residents. She worried about outside interference, and how the site would be monitored.

Terry Heston worried about cost.

More than one member was concerned that yet another task would fall to an already stretched city staff.

"I'd like to hear more," said Parke Sutherland, adding County Commissioner Don Elwell has used the Internet successfully to keep in touch with his constituents.

At the same time he shared Schuler's concerns. "We don't want the staff or council to have to spend any time on this," he said.

In answer to concerns about vulgar language or repeated rants by one person, Anderson said, "This is not confrontation; it's a step back method, and a much cheaper way to get comments then using mail-outs."

The council agreed the idea was worth exploring. City Manager Julian DeLeon was asked to look into possibilities.



Highlands UPrep students are digging up 'bones'

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Highlands University Preparatory School second grader Ty Sodrel, center, digs deep Friday in search of fossils at Dinosaur World in Plant City.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Highlands University Preparatory School second graders Sophia Kogelschatz, Andrew Ayala, Isabel Guerra and Kaden Roberts run for their lives Friday during a field trip to Dinosaur World in Plant City. The students have been studying dinosaurs in science class and were able to do some hands-on learning with a special field trip. Students participated in a fossil dig and had a chance to tour the life-size dino park.

County comments sought on preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — After months of collaboration and the regular sharing of information resulting in preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, officials with the incorporated and unincorporated municipalities in Highlands County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are asking the public to participate in a comment and appeal period.

Flood maps show the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding by the one-percent-annual-chance-flood, also known as the base flood, and are used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements. Property owners — both homeowners and business owners — renters, realtors, mortgage lenders, and insurance agents in Highlands County are encouraged to view the preliminary maps. Those with comments or who would like to file an appeal have until May 2 to do so.

An appeal is a formal objection to proposed base flood elevations or flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries and zones, or floodways. Appeals must be based on technical

data that show proposed maps to be scientifically or technically incorrect. Anyone who makes an appeal must include the method, data and analysis used to support the claim. A comment is an objection to a base map feature change or any other non-appealable change such as correcting the spelling of a street name.

Residents may call their local floodplain administrator with questions about where their property is located on the preliminary maps, or visit their local county or city government office to view the maps in person. Comments and appeals should be sent to a local official, usually a floodplain administrator or building official, who will send them to FEMA. Contact your respective municipality; or if you reside in the unincorporated area of Highlands County, contact the County Planning Department to find out who should receive the comments and appeals.

Once all comments and appeals are resolved, FEMA will notify Highlands County of the effective date of the final maps that will be used for local regulatory and insurance rating purposes.

First witness testifies in Gulf oil spill trial

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
 Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP failed to implement a new safety plan on the ill-fated Deepwater Horizon drilling rig even though the company realized a blowout in the Gulf of Mexico was its greatest danger, an expert witness for people and businesses suing the company testified Tuesday.

University of California-Berkeley engineering professor Robert Bea was the first witness at a civil trial to determine how much more BP and other companies should pay for the spill. Bea said BP PLC didn't implement a two-year-old safety management program on the rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010.

"It's a classic failure of management and leadership in BP," said Bea, a former BP consultant who also investi-

gated the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill and New Orleans levee breaches after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The London-based company has said its "Operating Management System" was designed to drive a rigorous and systematic approach to safety and risk management. During cross-examination by a BP lawyer, Bea said the company made "significant efforts" to improve safety management as early as 2003.

However, BP only implemented its new safety plan at just one of the seven rigs the company owned or leased in the Gulf at the time of the disaster.

Bea said it was "tragic" and "egregious" that BP didn't apply its own safety program to the Deepwater Horizon before the Macondo well blowout triggered the explosion that killed 11

workers and spawned the massive spill. Transocean owned the rig; BP leased it.

A plaintiffs' lawyer who questioned Bea showed him a transcript of a deposition of Tony Hayward, who was BP's CEO at the time of the disaster. Hayward was asked if the deadly April 20, 2010, blowout could have been averted if BP had implemented the safety management program in the Gulf.

"There is possible potential," Hayward responded. "Undoubtedly."

Bea said BP's "culture of every dollar counts" was reflected in a May 2009 email sent by BP well team leader John Guide: "The DW Horizon embraced every dol-

lar matters since I arrived 18 months ago," Guide wrote. "We have saved BP millions and no one had to tell us."

In a report prepared for the trial, Bea concluded that BP's "process safety failures" were a cause of the blowout.

"Financially, BP had the resources to effectively put into place a process safety system that could have prevented the Macondo disaster," Bea testified.

Bea said he had warned BP management several years before the Gulf rig explosion that "culture is key" to the company's ability to operate safely. Bea said the company didn't heed his warnings.

"You still don't get it," he recalled telling BP officials

in 2007. "You have not implemented any recommendations. Process safety is deadly serious, and you've turned it into a traveling roadshow."

During cross-examination, Bea said those remarks were in response to a skit that BP presented at a conference that didn't reflect his views on safety management.

As he questioned Bea, BP attorney Mike Brock recited a long list of steps that BP took to improve safety, citing them as evidence that the company wasn't "cutting corners in the area of safety."

The case went to trial Monday after attempts to reach an 11th-hour settlement failed.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Roads closed for Circle of Speed

SEBRING — The Heartland Riders Association / Plan B Promotions have been approved to hold the annual Circle of Speed event on Thursday. This year's event has been scheduled from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Due to the length of time it will take for event setup, local and state roads within the event area will be closed at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The following closures will be implemented in conjunction with the event.

At 3:30 p.m. North Ridgewood Drive will be closed from Wall Street to Circle Park Drive; Circle Park Drive (State Road 17) will be closed; East Center Avenue will be closed from Wall Street to Circle Park Drive; North Commerce Avenue will be closed from Wall Street to Circle Park Drive; West Center Street will be closed from Wall Street to Circle Park Drive; and South Ridgewood Drive will be closed from Wall Street to Circle Park Drive.

sures will be re-opened at 10 p.m.

The northbound detour begins at South Ridgewood Drive (S.R. 17) at the intersection of Franklin Street where northbound vehicles will be directed to turn left onto Franklin Street. Traffic will follow Franklin Street to the intersection of Park Street where it will turn right following Park Street to North Pine Street. Vehicles will then turn right following North Pine Street to North Ridgewood Drive (S.R. 17) where they'll turn left ending the northbound detour.

The southbound detour begins at North Ridgewood Drive (SR 17) at the intersection of North Pine Street where southbound vehicles will turn right onto North Pine Street. Traffic will then follow North Pine Street to the intersection of Park Street where vehicles will turn left. Park Street will be taken to the intersection of Lakeview Drive where traffic will turn left. Lakeview Drive will then be followed to the intersection of South Ridgewood Drive, ending the

southbound detour.

Questions relating to this road closure may be directed to Karl Hoglund of the Sebring Police Department by e-mail at karlhoglund@mysebring.com or 471-5108. Event-related questions may be directed to Lora Todd or Plan B Promotions, who may be reached at 381-6467.

AP chamber lunch is Thursday

AVON PARK — The next Avon Park Chamber of Commerce luncheon is at noon Thursday at the Hotel Jacaranda. Lunch is \$11 at the door.

This month's luncheon is sponsored by South Florida State College Foundation. Don Appelquist and Jane Hancock will be giving a presentation about the Foundation and what it means to the community.

Iowa luncheon is today

SEBRING — The annual gathering of Iowa residents
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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Congregations can make a big difference

A wonderful thing is beginning in Highlands County. One of those grass-roots-created grand ideas that can make a real difference. The state government is only peripherally involved; the federal and county governments not at all.

This is an idea proposed by Missy Albritton. After hearing on the news the number of children in need of stable homes in Florida, and counting 700 churches in Highlands County, it occurred to her that the Christian community could help in a practical way.

Her vision is to connect church congregations with foster children or orphans. Albritton hopes congregations bond together around a needy child. One family could adopt, or foster the child; the rest of the congregation could help financially and in other ways to raise her or him.

Albritton calls her project 1-1-1 — one child, one family, one congregation.

We think this is both a practical and spiritual idea, with great merit.

On March 22, the Heartland for Children plans a special meeting at the

Highlands Park Church of the Nazarene in Lakeland. Heartland for Children supervises adoptions for the state. The agency is in no way connected with 1-1-1.

We urge church pastors and lay leaders to look into this positive, child-saving program. As Christians we have a responsibility to live our beliefs.

Word is getting out, and people are responding. The meeting Friday, March 22 is the perfect time to discover what is involved in adopting or fostering, and how the process works.

A free dinner is being served.

Albritton asks that people RSVP her so organizers will know how much food to prepare — especially if a church sends a group.

Go to 111projects1@gmail.com or call

Albritton at (863) 781-0306. Give your name, e-mail address, and number attending.

The Lakeland event is designed particularly for pastors, representatives of a congregation, or families considering adopting or fostering a child.

Albritton said replies received by March 8 are entered into a \$100 gift card drawing the night of the gathering.

For so long now, our elected representatives and senators have squabbled and gotten nothing done. Within days — unless some sort of middle ground is found — federal budget cuts will make it harder than ever to provide for our most vulnerable children.

It's beginning to seem as if our politicians could care less about actually solving problems. It's time we citizens started taking initiative.

Even better, here is an opportunity to do the right thing, at the right time, for the right reasons.

The Highlands Park Church of the Nazarene is at 4777 Lakeland Highlands Road in Lakeland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



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There once was a place called America

"There once was a place called America," our children's children will one day write, "a bright and shining city on a hill, divinely placed by God to serve as a beacon of hope to the entire world. A land filled with generous-hearted souls who showered the needy the world over with their abundant blessings."

You see, America was founded by a handful of God-fearing patriots who didn't always agree but believed certain things like life, liberty and the personal pursuit of happiness were worth dying for. And to ensure their ideas would survive the ages, they crafted one of the most revered documents ever put to paper, the United States Constitution.

It wasn't long before this exceptional nation became the envy of those who thirsted for freedom and the enemy of those who despised it. Some loathed America to the point of making threats while others declared war. But a certain few understood defeat was increasingly less likely and instead devised a plan to take down America from within, one small step at a time.

The leader of the former Soviet Union Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev promised his beloved Communism would bury the capitalistic West without declaring war. The plan was outlined in a fascinating book called "The Naked Communist," written in 1958 by a man named Cleon Skousen who accurately warned Americans of troubles to come unless things changed.

Skousen laid out the dangers Americans faced, point by point, almost as a Communist roadmap to America's demise: Progressives captured the Democratic Party (goal number 15), civil rights actions were taken in courts to "weaken basic American institutions" (16), the educational system was infiltrated (17), rioting like the Occupy movement was encouraged (19), the press was infiltrated (20), domination of the big screen and



Guest Column

Susan Stamper Brown

television waves (21), cultural standards of morality were broken down (25), homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity were presented as "normal" (26), churches were infiltrated by those promoting social justice (27), prayer in schools was eliminated (28).

Moreover, the Constitution and founding fathers were discredited (29 & 30) and American culture belittled by those promoting "cultural sensitivity training" seminars similar to one recently uncovered by a video showing employees pounding on tables while chanting anti-American rants led by a man representing the organization, Souder, Betances, and Associate, reaping more than \$3.3 million taxpayer funds, according to USASpending.gov.

Skousen may have been a prophet, seeing that most of his predictions came to pass. Too clever to be labeled Communists, they chose the name "Progressive" and in the name of change set out to dismantle the Constitution, piece by piece. Progress was slow but steady, that is until their savior, Barack Obama, arrived.

And no one was outraged because the Communist mission was complete. As former KGB agent, Yuri Besmenov so eloquently described, without war or bloodshed, America and her people were demoralized, no longer having the reasoning ability to distinguish right from wrong, or to comprehend the immensity of the treasure they'd buried just outside the gates of Hell.

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Bill Youngman
Sebring



TODAY'S LETTERS

Still no reason for cancellation

Editor:

Response to Blindman (online comments). Maybe Blindman needs glasses to why the fundraiser golf tournament was canceled. We had been in touch with the golf course as far as three weeks prior to Saturday's game. This to the fact that I was told that they would contact other golf courses about free games. That was not done. That they were going to fax a flyer to the other golf courses. That was not done. That I tried three weeks to talk to the golf pro at different times and even went out there to see how things were going. I even met with the restaurant manager and agreed on prices for the lunch and what was to be served at lunch time. I and the golf pro even came up with a price for the golf game and golf cart charge for the tournament.

I was told what it would cost me to have signs made up by them. However, I had a local business make up the signs and save the center monies. I had even put the golf tournament in the local newspapers as to the time, location, and the cost. I went around and talked to different local businesses and received funding for ads. I even showed those businesses a flyer that was made up by the golf course of the time, date and cost. I even contacted the local radio station and they were going to announce it on the radio station.

This was not going to cost me anything in return for a foursome ticket. I had different golfers that I knew that was going to be there for the tournament.

I have times, dates and

names of different people that I talked to, or left messages for the golf pro to contact me. I even told the golf course that I never put on a golf tournament and that any advice that they could give me would help. They said they would. That was about six months before the date was set.

I had a person that was going to play and that person was told that there was no tournament for Wrede's. Now you tell me why the tournament was canceled and why I was not told prior to the Friday before since I do have times, dates and notes what was going to be done by the golf course.

Thank you for your reply to my first letter to the editor, Mr. Blindman.

David Wrede
Sebring

Partnership should not lead to strip of funds

Editor:

In Sunday's editorial there is mistake in reference to Art & Culture (A&C) "being overlooked and done out of its mandated allotment for years -the money has since been given to Heartland Cultural Alliance". The fact is Heartland Cultural Alliance (HCA) has never received money from the Tourist Development Council (TDC). The funds, which are only a fraction of what A&C have been "done out of" were put in a TDC fund designated for A&C.

This fund is under threat of being eliminated and nevermore replenished by the TDC plan being voted on this week. Their plan is inconsistent with counties that are successful in promoting and

growing their cultural tourism. Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, Sarasota and St. Johns (St. Augustine) counties, to name a few, all have a designated percentage of tourist tax funds going to A&C.

The proposed TDC plan and the impediments they place on monies designated to promote A&C seriously hamper the county's ability to tap into the lions share of the tourist market. Cultural tourism is not only the largest, but the fastest growing segment of the market. And here we sit, a beautifully endowed magnet to the cultural tourist, languishing for lack of vision of a TDC inexperienced in promoting A&C. They should partner with A&C not strip its funding. We need to work together. There is much to gain.

Fred Leavitt, President
Heartland Cultural Alliance

TDC picture painted too pretty

Editor:

Answering Feb. 20 Flourishing art:

The story paints a much prettier picture of the Tourist Development Tax than is true. We were told that this tax would bring summer tourists to Highlands. In the six years from April 5 to Oct. 11, tax dollars dropped by 37 percent, due to less tourists.

We said administration costs would be way too high; they promised they would never go above 29 percent of the money taken in. Now they tell us they want to take 42 percent off the top for administration and leave 58 percent of the tax for what it was intended to do.

They promised 10 percent

of the tax would go to the lakes of Highlands County; with only 58 percent left, lakes would only get 5.8 percent of the tax. That is, if they don't decide to use the lakes money for something else as they have done in the past.

We asked for a 10-year sunset to be put in the TDC plan so we could see how the plan worked and the voters would have some say and control over TDC. We were told by Ross MacBeth (book 19 page 241 D) that there was no need for a sunset. The tax would only remain in place for 15 years. Now ask for a sunset to be placed in the plan and the standard answer is "No, the voters are not smart enough to make that decision".

Thirty percent of the 58 percent is only 17.4 percent of the total going to advertising grants; that is a drop from 61 percent of what we have now.

Sixty percent of the 58 percent is 34.8 percent of the total. And they are telling us they will use this to promote Highlands; "just trust us, we know we can do a good job." Oh by the way, they are asking for a 50 percent raise of the tax, from 2 to 3 percent. Need more money to do a good job.

Are they telling us the truth this time? If so, they will not object to asking the voters if they want a sunset in the TDC plan in the 2014 election and if so, putting the first 10-year sunset on the ballot during the 2016 election, so we voters can say if we want to keep the TDC or not.

Hospital gift shop reopens



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

'I appreciate all that you do,' said Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center CEO Tim Cook to volunteer Beth Lewis as he buys a package of almonds from the newly improved gift shop at the hospital in Sebring. An official ribbon cutting ceremony took place Tuesday morning. Patricia Davis was recognized for her efforts as the founder of the gift shop. According to Cindy Alsabrook, Retail Gift Shop buyer/manager for Sebring, Lake Placid and Wauchula, the shop features new merchandise and new incentives. Frequent shopper cards are being issued to help customers earn free merchandise. Alsabrook said that all three gift shops at the local hospital campuses will be updated throughout the year. Stop by the shop to enter to win a free Britto mug. No purchase necessary; a winner will be drawn March 5.

Testimony continues in child sex tourism case

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — A Michigan man on trial in Miami federal court denies sexually abusing Haitian children at a residential center he operated in the Caribbean country.

Matthew Andrew Carter faces five counts of traveling from Florida to Haiti for the purpose of engaging in sexual

activity with minors, along with one count of attempting child sex tourism.

Carter said Tuesday that the Haitian national police investigated a few complaints of sexual misconduct at his Morning Star Center since 2003. Haitian authorities never arrested him.

Haiti's government shut down the center after U.S. authorities arrested

Carter in 2011.

Under questioning by his attorney, Carter said he provided children at the center with food for their families and a daily allowance for school. He denied having sexual relations with any of the center's residents.

Rotarians mark golden year of spaghetti

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — For 50 years the Sebring Noon Rotary Club has been serving spaghetti dinners in a way to benefit various youth projects it helps fund in the city. This year's spaghetti dinner will from 4:30-7:30 p.m. today at the Highlands County Fairgrounds.

Bill Jernigan began in 1965 on the sauce committee under Jimmy Maxcy and started helping his father-in-law, Louis Alsmeyer, as the assistant general chairman, later taking on more responsibilities as Alsmeyer's health began to fail. In 1982 Bill's son, Larry, joined the family veterinarian practice, the Sebring club and the family's tradition of being involved in this fundraiser. Larry Jernigan now serves as Bill's assistant chairman as well as sauce committee chairman.

George Hensley, Ernie Breed and Ed Koch were all part of the original committees and they also continue to offer their help each year in making sure the event takes place with few problems.

That first spaghetti dinner profited the club about \$600, which was used to improve Teen Town, now Highlands Little Theatre. About 800 dinners were sold the following year.

Since 1978, the profits have been nearly \$248,000, and about 2,000 dinners are served each year.

Water is boiled in two 55-gallon drums and then about 400 pounds of dry spaghetti is cooked in eight 15-gallon pots. It takes about 700 pounds of lean meat and more than 100 gallons of tomato products and other condiments to make the spaghetti sauce.

Along with the spaghetti, about 24 cases of green beans flavored with smoked ham hocks and chopped fresh onions are simmered in four



News-Sun file photo

Sebring Noon Rotarians drain a pot of spaghetti for the club's annual fundraiser, which benefits Sebring youth projects. This year's spaghetti dinner is tonight at the Highlands County Fairgrounds.

20-gallon pots.

Cole slaw, rolls, butter and cookies will help round out the meal and are added just as the dinners are served.

For the first time, this year there will also be a "Drive-thru" table for take-out dinners. The "Drive-thru" table will be in front of the ticket booth.

Bill Jernigan, general chairman of the spaghetti dinner, said there will also be the usual four serving lines of Rotarians, with two at the entrance to the building allowing the "eat-in" customers to go right in to the tables set up inside. The two "take-out" lines are staffed behind the kitchen that plate the meals in fold-over trays.

The Rotarians, he said, normally serve about 1,100 "take-outs" and 500 "eat-in" dinners.

Sebring Middle School and Hill-Gustat Middle School bands will help sell tickets.

The stage bands will play a concert during the dinner.

Sebring Rotary Clubs have supported school bands since

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Any food left over after the dinners are served is donated to the New Testament

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Teen charged in Ohio school shooting pleads guilty

By THOMAS J. SHEERAN
Associated Press

CHARDON, Ohio — A teenager charged with killing three students at an Ohio high school pleaded guilty Tuesday to three counts of aggravated murder and other charges.

T.J. Lane, now 18, also pleaded guilty to two counts of attempted aggravated murder and a single count of felonious assault.

Prosecutors agreed to drop the possibility of the death penalty, and Lane likely will be sentenced to life in prison. Sentencing was set for March 19.

Dressed in a green open-collared shirt with close-cropped hair, Lane answered "yes" or "yes, your honor" to questions

from the judge about the plea agreement.

Prosecutors say Lane fired 10 shots at students in a cafeteria at Chardon High School, east of Cleveland.

Lane, who was 17 at the time of the shooting, was prosecuted as an adult. His appearance in a Geauga County courtroom came one day before the anniversary of the deadly shootings.

Both the defense and the prosecution had sought court-ordered psychiatric testing for Lane to determine if he would be competent to stand trial.

Before the case went to adult court last year, a juvenile court judge ruled that Lane was mentally competent.

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Many changes seen by Tuck

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Since 1988 there have been many changes, of course. President George H.W. Bush was elected that year.

"When I started working for the town," Tuck said, "we still had ledger books. There were no computers except for utility billing. Since then we have completely computerized. No more onion skin paper; no more erasers."

She described other changes. "We have gone from a 45,000-gallon a day wastewater system, to over 250,000 gallons a day.

"We've gone from one sanitation truck to three; from a two-man police department to seven officers full time and two full-time secretaries. Our population has increased by about 50 percent — from 1,120 residents to 2,285."

Tuck is proud the town rose to the challenge of meeting the needs of the enlarging population. "The town built a new operation and maintenance facility; a wastewater plant and lab; purchased a new police department building; and made many improvements to Lake June fields," she said. "We have started a special magistrate court and formed a utility advisory commission.

"We've installed many, many miles of roads and put in a lot of beautification."

As to the future, Tuck beams and relaxes back in



Courtesy photo
Arlene Tuck in May 2006 as seen by many, deep in her work for the Town of Lake Placid.

her chair. "My plans for the future are 'to do what I want each and every day'."

With four grandsons and a granddaughter, she looks forward to attending all their special occasions and sporting events.

Tuck arrived in Lake Placid in 1958, and is a graduate of Lake Placid High School. After graduating she took a secretarial course and earned an Associate of Arts from South Florida State College, then the South Florida Community College.

Before working for the town, she was a legal secretary, working for the late Andrew B. Jackson for 15 years — from 1966 to 1981.

In 1977 she was elected to the town council. She resigned in 1980 to move to California.

However, Tuck said, "My heart was still in Lake Placid and I moved back." She was only gone one year.

On returning she went to work as a legal secretary again, spending seven years with Michael A. Rider before being recruited by Mayor Aliff.

Since then Tuck's career has been all about the town.

"I am grateful I had the opportunity to serve the people of Lake Placid (as town clerk)," Tuck said with a wide smile, "but I think it's time for me to allow someone else the honor."

Temporary ban on Florida welfare drug testing upheld

By JAMES L. ROSICA
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A federal appeals court Tuesday upheld a temporary ban on a law requiring drug testing of Florida's welfare recipients.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta ruled that a lower court was right to temporarily halt enforcement of the state's drug-testing program. The opinion said the state of Florida hadn't shown a "substantial special need" for such mandatory drug testing.

The ruling, authored by Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett, added that "there is nothing inherent to the condition of being impoverished that supports the conclusion that there is a 'concrete danger' that impoverished individuals are prone to drug use."

Tuesday's decision means that the law will continue to not be enforced as the courts continue to resolve the underlying legal issues.

Florida officials previously argued that Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, benefits are intended to ensure fami-

ly stability and child welfare, and that drug use subverts both of those aims.

But opponents said drug testing as a condition of getting welfare benefits is an unconstitutional search and seizure.

Florida's law requires welfare applicants to pay for and pass a drug test to get benefits. The drug testing was in effect in the latter half of 2011 before being halted by a federal judge. The American Civil Liberties Union had challenged the law's constitutionality.

The state then appealed the preliminary injunction to the 11th Circuit.

The circuit court's opinion also dismissed the state's argument that the testing for drugs without suspicion is OK because potential recipients sign a consent form.

The court said the state cannot condition welfare benefits "on the applicant's forced waiver" of his constitutional right.

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"but he can be easily understood. He is self-sufficient, with his own business. He recently moved from a group home to a Housing Authority apartment of his own."

This makes him an excellent candidate for the Housing Authority board, Barnard said, because he has

a strong sense of neighborhood.

"He's interested in his community," Barnard added.

"He's a doer and has initiative. Mike participates in events and attends Housing Authority meetings and watches city council meetings on television. He's really interested. This is a special opportunity."

Larry Shoeman, the authority's director, is a big Eldred fan.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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present and past will be today at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring Square (across the street from Walmart). Registration and fellowship at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship until 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call (863) 735-0038.

Air Force Association meets

SEBRING — Members of the local chapter of the Air Force Association will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Kenilworth Lodge's Governors Room, AFA president J. Kendall Galloway announced.

"We will have several major agenda items on our agenda including plans for our annual High School Science and Math Awards program," Galloway said.

All AFA members are invited to attend the meeting. In addition to the regular order of business, the drawing award will be first order of business.

Change in Low Vision meeting

SEBRING — The Low Vision Information Group will meet at noon today in the fellowship hall at St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive.

Guest speaker will be Dr. R. Ganthier, retina specialist from Highlands Eye Institute. The doctor brings news about "What is Up and Coming for Macular Degeneration in 2013" and there will be an open forum (question and answer time) about retina issues, including visual rehab, other eye disorders, and visual aids.

This group is an informational type of support group for people experiencing problems with low vision including age related macular degeneration. Anyone interested in meeting with the group is encouraged to attend this friendly, informal meeting.

Yard sale to benefit STR9 UP plans

LAKE PLACID — A huge yard sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the STR8 UP Youth House, 113 S. Main Ave.

The group is raising funds to take 50 youth to see the "Story of Jesus" in Wauchula. The cost is \$45 per student. To sponsor a youth(s), make checks payable to STR8 UP Youth Ministry, P. O. Box 654 Lake Placid, FL 33862. One can also donate by PayPal at www.str8up.org.

Donations will be accepted to sell in the yard sale through March 15. Drop off

donations from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Good Shepherd Hospice training volunteers

SEBRING — Good Shepherd Hospice needs volunteers to support its mission to provide exceptional end-of-life care. Attend a free, 90-minute orientation session to learn more about the fulfilling experience of volunteering with Good Shepherd Hospice. Hospice needs volunteers at all levels – from providing companionship for a hospice patient to supplying office help to facilitating a children's grief support group to supporting families at the Somers Hospice House. Good Shepherd Hospice has a special need for licensed professionals to volunteer to provide hair styling and nail care services.

Good Shepherd Hospice will hold a 90-minute orientation session at 11 a.m. Friday at the Somers Hospice House, 1110 Hammock Road.

All training is free and volunteers do not need any type of prior experience. Contact Regina Merrick at (863) 551-3943 or email merrickr@chaptershealth.org for more information or to register.

OBITUARIES

MARTHA HART

Martha Bennett Hart, age 89, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 in Avon Park, Fla. She was born in Avon Park, Fla. to Alexander Henderson and Mignon Ruby (Lanier) Bennett. Mrs. Hart was a cook for the Florida Alcoholic Treatment Center for 18 years, member of the American Legion Auxiliary, AARP, member of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church and a generous contributor of her time and money to many church and community projects. She was a lifelong resident of Avon Park, Fla.



Hart

Mrs. Hart is survived by her daughters Pamela Mitchell (Danny) of Avon Park, Fla. and Nancy Davis (Merlan) of North Port, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Hart was preceded in death by her husband D.J. Hart; sons Jimmy and Dennis Hart; brothers Ray and Roy Bennett; and a sister, Ruby Heim.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2013 from 5-7 p.m. at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013 at 11 a.m. (with visitation beginning at 10 a.m.) at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church with Rev. George Hall officiating. Burial will follow in Bougainvillea Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church in care of Cornerstone Christian Academy.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home
Avon Park, Fla. 33825

BETTY ODHAM

Betty (Tina) P. Odham, 85, of Sebring, Fla. died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013. She was born in Johnston, S.C., daughter of the late Philemon Berry Waters VIII and Edith Wright

Waters. She was a graduate of Johnston High School and Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C., class of 1948. She taught high school at Green Cove Springs, Fla. and physical education at Woodlawn Elementary School from 1969-1989. She was a member of Sebring Historical Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn; grandson Dale Odham; sister, Marina Kirkland; and a brother, Philemon B. (BoBo) Waters VIII. She is survived by sons, Marshall (Judy) Odham of Gainesville, Fla., Russell (Nancy) Odham of Avon Park, Fla., Hugh "Bubba" (Nancy) Odham of Titusville, Fla. and Brailey (Kathy) Odham of Tallahassee, Fla.; daughter, Bettina (Terry) Galas of Sebring, Fla.; brother-in-law, Roy Kirkland of Johnston, S.C.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be

at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013 at Bible Fellowship with family receiving friends one hour prior. Memorials are requested to Scholarship Fund in care of Sebring High School or Safe House, 1000 S. Highlands Ave, Sebring, FL 33870.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 12-983 GCS
J. RICHARD GREIDER and EILEEN V. GREIDER, Plaintiff,vs.
JEFF A. MURPHY; KELLY M. MURPHY; SWAINE & HARRIS, P.A.; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
Lots 32, 33, and 34, Block C, of SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES SECTION 3, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 31, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Court-house, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 20th day of March, 2013. 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.
SIGNED this 25th day of February, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2009-CA-001164
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
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NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 6, IN BLOCK E, OF SPRING LAKE VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
7532 Honeysuckle Drive Sebring, FL 33870
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on the 14th day of March, 2013.
DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.
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.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 14th day of February, 2013.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000185
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
EUGENE S. PAGONIS, et. Al Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
LOT 6, BLOCK 212, OF A REVISION OF A RE-SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF PLACID LAKES SECTION ELEVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 77, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A
110 Murray Court Lake Placid, FL 33852
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on the 14th day of March, 2013.
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.
Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 15th day of February, 2013.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the County Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, on the 13th day of December, 2012, the cause wherein ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC is Plaintiff, and EIAJ CHOWDHURY, is the Defendant, being Case No. 08388CCS in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of, right, title and interest of the Defendant, EIAJ CHOWDHURY in and to the following described PERSONAL property, to-wit:
2003 LEXUS ES 300
VIN: JTBFB30G130121337
I shall offer this property for sale at Ducks Body Shop, 1153 Hawthorne Drive, in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on the 11th day of March, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, EIAJ CHOWDHURY's, right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.
Dated this, February 1st, 2013
SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: /s/ Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr., Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr., DEPUTY SHERIFF
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the agency sending this notice at 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, Telephone 863/402-7228 not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TTD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Services.
Prepared Lt. Jack Bailey
Highlands County Sheriff's Office
434 Fernleaf Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870
February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-58
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF WALTER LEE TROYER, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of WALTER LEE TROYER, deceased, whose date of death was November 28, 2012, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-9676, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons 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 ABOVE, 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 February 27, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Howard Troyer
8320 E 81st Place
Tulsa, OK 74133
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-5156
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-41
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARJORIE E. STAHLBERG Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Marjorie E. Stahlberg, deceased, File Number PC 13-41, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was December 8th, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$8,052.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name and Address
Robin Hinkle
1921 Elf Drive
Sebring, FL 33875
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is February 27, 2013.
Person Giving Notice:
Robin Hinkle
1921 Elf Drive
Sebring, FL 33875
BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
Attorneys for Person Giving Notice:
325 NORTH COMMERCIAL AVENUE
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 382-3154
By: /s/ Thomas L. Nunnallee
THOMAS L. NUNNALLEE
Florida Bar No. 0062162
E-Mail Address: service@bnpalaw.com
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 12000621GC
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
CYNTHIA D. LUTTRELL, ELIZABETH ANNE BATES, GEORGE WILLIAM BATES, JOHN DAVID BATES, LORI ANNE JOHNSON, TAMMY LYNNE JOHNSON AND RYAN BENJAMIN DANSER, et al. Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 7, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12000621GC of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, is the Plaintiff and CYNTHIA D. LUTTRELL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA D. LUTTRELL; ELIZABETH ANNE BATES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH ANNE BATES; GEORGE WILLIAM BATES; JOHN DAVID BATES; LORI ANNE JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORI ANNE JOHNSON; TAMMY LYNNE JOHNSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TAMMY LYNNE JOHNSON; RYAN BENJAMIN DANSER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RYAN BENJAMIN DANSER; BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY; WATERWAY PATIO HOMES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC PHASE II; TIME INVESTMENT COMPANY INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCIE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on March 13, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
UNIT 225, OF WATERWAY PATIO HOMES, PHASE II, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1698, PAGE 1869 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA AND ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO
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 12th day of February, 2013.
Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak As Deputy Clerk
February 20, 27, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-48
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARILYNN J. BAKER Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of MARILYNN J. BAKER, deceased, File Number PC 13-48, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was June 4, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$47,000.00 and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Catherine A. Schaub, 2028 10th St., Peru, Illinois 61354 and Cynthia L. Henderson-Deutsch, 528 20th Ave., Moline, Illinois 61265.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is February 27, 2013.
Person Giving Notice:
Catherine A. Schaub
2028 10th St.
Peru, Illinois 61354
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
John K. McClure
Attorney for Catherine A. Schaub
Florida Bar No. 286958
MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
211 South Ridgewood Drive
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Telephone: (863)402-1888
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E-Mail: jkmcpleadings@mllaw.net
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February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

THE LIEN TAG & TITLE TEAM, INC. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC SALE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES (OR) VESSELS TO SATISFY LIEN PURSUANT TO SECTION, 677.209, 677.210, OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES ON APRIL 04, 2013 AT 10:00 A.M. INSPECT AT LIENORS ADDRESS 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE AUCTION, AS WHERE IS: *AUCTION WILL OCCUR AT 5834 DAWSON STREET, HOLLYWOOD, FL 33023.
LOT #13598 1997 PETERBUILT VIN #1XP5CDRX0W417750
LIENOR: ELISHA WILLIAM SINGH
LOCATED AT: STORAGE LOT
OWNER: UNKNOWN
CUSTOMER: ABANDONED
LIEN HOLDER: UNKNOWN
LIEN AMOUNT: \$12,200.00
LOT #13600 1987 PETERBUILT VIN #1XP5DB9XSHN213433
LIENOR: NEWTON NERDON
LOCATED AT: STORAGE LOT
OWNER: EUFEMIA S. KEARNEY PO BOX 1593, AVON PK, FL. 33826
CUSTOMER: ABANDONED
LIEN HOLDER: NONE
LIEN AMOUNT: \$14,570.00
Pursuant to Florida Statute 677.209,677.210 and/or 328.17 AND/OR 713.78 the preceding claim a lien on vehicles (or) vessels shown for Storage and/or Storage, labor and/or services. Unless charges are paid in cash, said vehicles (or) vessels will be sold for cash by public auction on date at time shown, where vehicle (or) vessel is located. Owners or any one claiming an interest have a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled auction which can be set by filing demand with Clerk of the Circuit Court in their county and mailing copies of demand to all other owners and lien holder. Owner can recover possession without judicial proceeding by posting bond per Florida Statute 559.917. Auction proceeds in excess of charges due will be deposited with Clerk of the Circuit Court. Any persons claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles (or) vessels contact: THE LIEN TAG & TITLE TEAM, INC. (954)995-9070. 25% Buyers premium. *ALL AUCTIONS ARE HELD WITH RESERVE* LICENSE #AB-3009
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-44
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF CHESTER W. SMITH Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CHESTER W. SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was October 26, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal 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.
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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 February 27, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Kenneth W. Smith
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider
MICHAEL A. RIDER
Florida Bar Number: 175661
13 N. Oak Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-1111
Fax: (863)465-8100
E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com
February 27; March 6, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-36
Division: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF ELSIE M. CONNER Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Elsie M. Conner, deceased, whose date of death was January 11th, 2013, 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.
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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 February 20, 2013.
Personal Representative:
Patricia A. Lewis
P.O. Box 16638
Pensacola, FL 32507-6638
SHEEHAN & CELAYA, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
300 DAL HALL BLVD.
LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-1551
Florida Bar No. 184165
E-Mail Address: tim@scjuris.com
February 20, 27, 2013

1055 Highlands County Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 11001971TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 12374
Year of Issuance: 05-22-2009
Tax ID: C-33-36-30-010-2040-0050
Description of Property:
LOTS 5 TO 25 INCLUSIVE BLOCK 204 BELLAGO SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 20 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Name in which assessed:
RALPH F. BRINKMAN; JOHN E. BRINKMAN; KATHLEEN R. MUSSELMAN; MARK A. BRINKMAN;
All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 13th day of March, 2013.
Dated this 19th day of February, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
Signature: /s/ Debbie Carpenter
DEBBIE CARPENTER, Deputy Clerk
February 27, 2013

1055 Highlands County Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 12000140TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that EUGENIO PEDRO, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 119
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2007
Tax ID: C-01-33-28-010-0000-6344
Description of Property:
LOT 6344 AVON PARK LAKES UNIT 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 15 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Name in which assessed:
DANILIO MELENDEZ; INDIGARIBETH MELENDEZ;
All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 27th day of March, 2013.
Dated this 18th day of January, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 2013

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, 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; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
February 20, 27, 2013

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PARKER - Smith Farms-2 months experience needed- 24 Temporary workers needed in Calhoun City, MS from approximately April 23, 2013 - Nov 3, 2013. Following Supervisors instructions the worker will be clearing ground of rocks sticks & roots by hand. General field & fence maintenance. Preparing the ground for planting. Covering potatoes with use of bedding machine & covering with plastic. Cut slips by hand with knife, place in boxes to load & unload onto trucks. Riding mechanical transplanter and loading slips in planting cups. Manually weeding fields by hand or using hand tools. Divining plants by hand. Use of mechanical digging equipment to dig potatoes. May also harvest potatoes by hand with use of buckets. Must be able to sort, grade & pack potatoes by size, quality or type. Load & unload boxes on trucks or trailers. Clean all hand tools and mechanical equipment (All tools will be provided at no cost to worker) Will also plant, cultivate & harvest purple hull peas. Will also plant, cultivate & harvest watermelons. Work in extreme weather conditions. Must be able to work with minimum supervision. Two months experience needed for hand cutting slips and use of mechanical transplanter & mechanical diggers.. Workers will be paid the highest of \$9.50 per hr or applicable piece rates depending on crop activity, 3/4 guarantee, 35 hrs per week, housing, equipment and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each work day, must be 18 years or older. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be reimbursed upon completion of 50% of the work contract or earlier if appropriate. We participate in the E-Verify program and workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Apply for this job at the State Workforce/Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area MS 662-842-2175, AL 256-259-1835, LA 318-676-7705, FL 863-385-3672, using job order MS 67965.

R EASLEY FARMS-2 months experience needed- 40 Temporary workers needed in Calhoun City, MS from approximately April 23, 2013 - Nov 3, 2013. Following Supervisors instructions the worker will be clearing ground of rocks sticks & roots by hand. General field & fence maintenance. Preparing the ground for planting. Covering potatoes with use of bedding machine & covering with plastic. Cut slips by hand with knife, place in boxes to load & unload onto trucks. Riding mechanical transplanter and loading slips in planting cups. Manually weeding fields by hand or using hand tools. Divining plants by hand. Use of mechanical digging equipment to dig potatoes. May also harvest potatoes by hand with use of buckets. Must be able to sort, grade & pack potatoes by size, quality or type. Load & unload boxes on trucks or trailers. Clean all hand tools and mechanical equipment (All tools will be provided at no cost to worker) Will also plant, cultivate & harvest purple hull peas. Will also plant, cultivate & harvest watermelons. Work in extreme weather conditions. Must be able to work with minimum supervision. Two months experience needed for hand cutting slips and use of mechanical transplanter & mechanical diggers.. Workers will be paid the highest of \$9.50 per hr or applicable piece rates depending on crop activity, 3/4 guarantee, 35 hrs per week, housing, equipment and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each work day, must be 18 years or older. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be reimbursed upon completion of 50% of the work contract or earlier if appropriate. We participate in the E-Verify program and workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Apply for this job at the State Workforce/Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area MS 662-842-2175, AL 256-259-1835, LA 318-676-7705, FL 863-385-3672, using job order MS 67965.

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SEBRING FRI. - SAT. 7 - 4pm. 234 Swan Dr. Buttonwood Bay. No Early Birds Please!

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SEBRING GARDENS RV PARK 1920 Brunns Rd. off Hammock Rd. Annual Yard & Bake Sale, Fri Mar. 1, 8-1 at Clubhouse & Other locations in park. Misc.Household items. Coffee/Donuts Hotdogs/ Sloppy-Joe's/ Drinks. Homemade Baked Goods 4 sale!

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SEBRING RECREATION CLUB HUGE ANNUAL YARD SALE. 333 Pomegranate Ave. behind Sebring Police station. Fri-Sat, Mar 1-2, Fri 8am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm. Clothing, decor, furniture, hardware, electronics. This is an exceptional sale! Something for Everyone!

SEBRING SAT. - Sun. 7 - ?. 3704 King Dr. Multi-Family Sale! Modern living room furn., toddler bed, baby & toddler clothes & toys, JR. size dresses, jeans, tops. TV & surround system, microwave & much more!

SEBRING WOODHAVEN ESTATES SPRING FAIR. Fri. March 1st. 8 - 12. 2122 Jacaranda Way off Bruns Rd. Crafts, Rummage sale, raffle, bake sale & misc.

LORIDA - Church of God of Prophecy 1808 US HWY 98 Fri & Sat, Mar. 1 & 2. 8am-? Sat. 11am serving BBQ Ribs & chicken plus swamp cabbage. Dinners \$7. Baked goods, homemade jellies, Knick Knacks & misc. More!

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6000 Rentals

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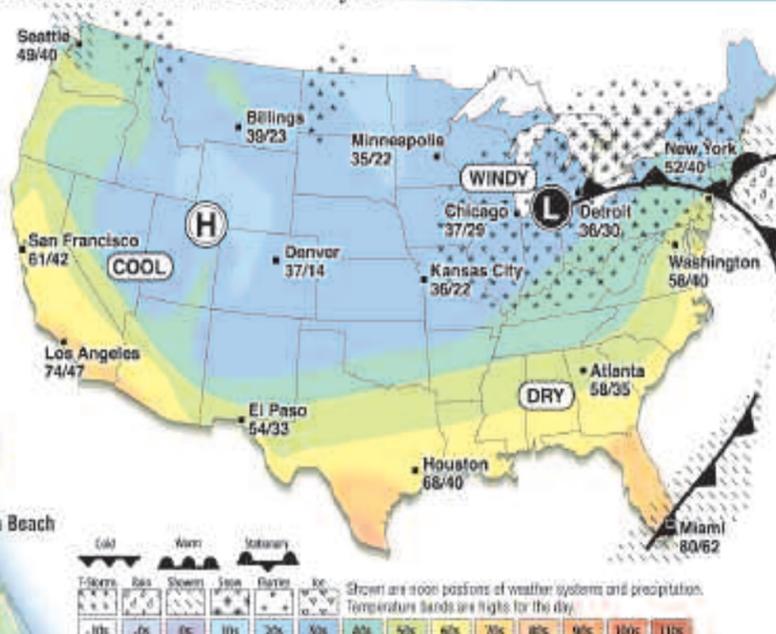
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A couple of showers and a t-storm	Breezy in the morning; partly sunny	Partly sunny and cool	Periods of sun, a shower possible	Remaining cool with periods of sun
79° / 51°	75° / 46°	68° / 48°	62° / 41°	59° / 34°
Winds: WNW at 6-12 mph	Winds: WNW at 8-16 mph	Winds: NW at 7-14 mph	Winds: NW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NW at 8-16 mph

National Forecast for February 27



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Astron Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	88°
Low Friday	63°
High Saturday	87°
Low Saturday	65°
High Sunday	89°
Low Sunday	60°
High Monday	87°
Low Monday	62°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	40%
Expected air temperature	79°
Makes it feel like	79°

Barometer

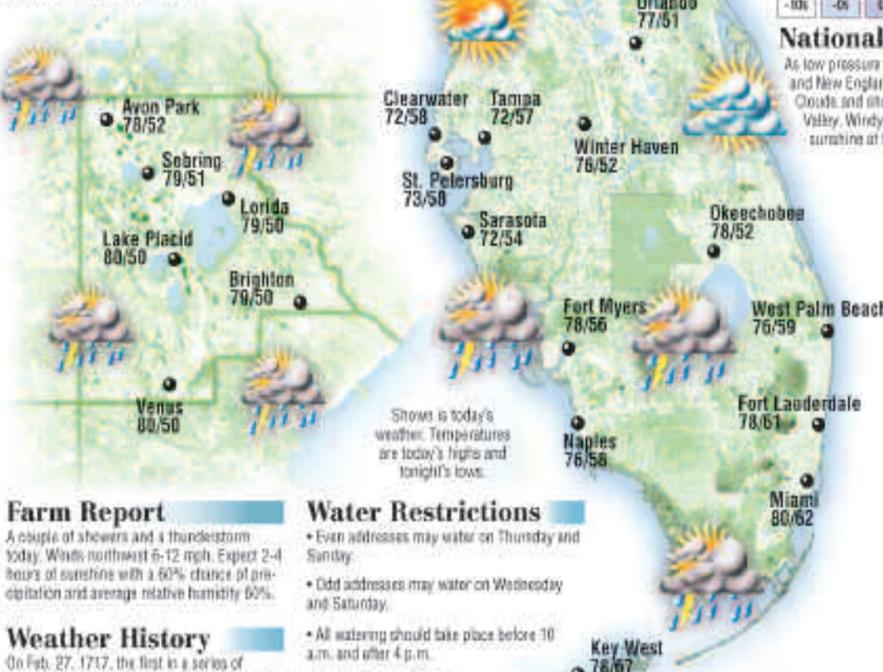
Saturday	29.93
Sunday	29.87
Monday	29.78

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.43"
Year to date	1.94"

Regional Summary

Variable clouds today with showers and a thunderstorm. Mainly clear tonight, breezy tomorrow morning, then partly sunny. Friday, partly sunny and cool. Saturday, chance of a shower. Sunday: clouds and sun.



Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. Winds northwest 6-12 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 60%.

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

On Feb. 27, 1717, the first in a series of storms to hit New England struck Boston. The city was snowbound for three weeks with a total of 36 inches from the great snow.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	6:51 a.m.	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:26 p.m.	6:27 p.m.
Moonrise	8:27 p.m.	9:27 p.m.
Moonset	7:42 a.m.	8:22 a.m.



Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu	Fri	City	Today	Thu	Fri
	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W		Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Cape Coral	77/56/1	75/51/pc	69/51/pc	Miami	80/62/1	78/55/pc	73/52/pc
Clearwater	72/58/1	70/51/pc	63/52/pc	Okeechobee	78/52/1	75/45/pc	68/45/pc
Coral Springs	78/58/1	78/52/pc	72/50/pc	Orlando	77/51/pc	72/45/pc	68/48/pc
Daytona Beach	73/49/pc	70/42/pc	64/45/pc	Pembroke Pines	76/50/1	73/53/pc	73/51/pc
FL Inst. Bch	75/61/1	73/55/pc	73/54/pc	St. Augustine	69/49/pc	67/42/pc	60/43/pc
Fort Myers	75/56/1	73/51/pc	70/51/pc	St. Petersburg	73/58/pc	71/51/pc	64/51/pc
Gainesville	71/45/pc	67/38/pc	61/29/pc	Sarasota	72/54/pc	71/48/pc	66/51/pc
Hollywood	78/61/1	76/53/pc	73/51/pc	Tallahassee	69/43/pc	64/34/pc	59/36/pc
Homestead AFB	78/61/1	76/53/pc	73/51/pc	Tampa	72/57/pc	70/50/pc	64/46/pc
Jacksonville	70/42/pc	65/39/pc	61/37/pc	W. Palm Bch	76/58/1	77/52/pc	70/50/pc
Key West	78/67/pc	75/64/pc	72/62/pc	Winter Haven	76/52/1	73/45/pc	67/48/pc

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu	Fri	City	Today	Thu	Fri
	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W		Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Albuquerque	42/26/1	40/25/pc	52/22/pc	Los Angeles	74/47/pc	73/51/pc	82/58/pc
Atlanta	58/35/pc	49/34/pc	51/23/pc	Louisville	44/32/pc	41/32/pc	42/30/pc
Baltimore	58/33/pc	50/34/pc	47/30/pc	Memphis	49/32/pc	46/32/pc	44/30/pc
Birmingham	56/33/pc	49/33/pc	49/31/pc	Minneapolis	37/27/pc	34/25/pc	31/23/pc
Boston	41/37/1	45/33/pc	39/24/pc	Mississippi	35/22/pc	33/16/pc	30/12/pc
Charlotte	58/34/pc	51/31/pc	52/25/pc	Nashville	48/34/pc	44/32/pc	46/32/pc
Chattanooga	32/12/pc	34/16/pc	38/25/pc	New Orleans	67/44/pc	58/45/pc	58/38/pc
Chicago	37/25/pc	35/25/pc	32/22/pc	New York City	52/40/pc	49/37/pc	45/35/pc
Cleveland	38/31/pc	38/27/pc	31/22/pc	Norfolk	62/40/pc	54/38/pc	49/36/pc
Columbus	40/32/pc	38/31/pc	38/28/pc	Oklahoma City	42/28/pc	48/27/pc	47/27/pc
Dallas	58/35/pc	57/34/pc	57/33/pc	Philadelphia	58/39/pc	47/34/pc	46/32/pc
Denver	37/14/pc	40/19/pc	48/25/pc	Phoenix	67/48/pc	71/49/pc	76/51/pc
Detroit	36/10/pc	30/25/pc	32/25/pc	Pittsburgh	44/32/pc	37/28/pc	37/24/pc
Hannover	52/35/pc	44/31/pc	43/30/pc	Portland, ME	39/30/pc	36/28/pc	37/28/pc
Houston	62/40/pc	61/39/pc	60/36/pc	Portland, OH	54/41/pc	55/40/pc	62/46/pc
Indianapolis	38/30/pc	37/27/pc	32/24/pc	Raleigh	61/37/pc	58/34/pc	51/32/pc
Jackson, MS	60/35/pc	54/33/pc	51/30/pc	Rochester	38/31/pc	36/29/pc	35/22/pc
Kansas City	36/22/pc	36/23/pc	33/15/pc	St. Louis	39/30/pc	43/29/pc	38/24/pc
Lexington	42/31/pc	39/29/pc	38/25/pc	San Francisco	61/42/pc	62/46/pc	65/47/pc
Little Rock	48/31/pc	52/31/pc	48/30/pc	Seattle	49/40/pc	51/47/pc	60/49/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Thu	Fri	City	Today	Thu	Fri
	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W		Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Acapulco	88/79/1	89/69/pc	89/72/pc	London	45/37/pc	45/36/pc	43/34/pc
Athens	61/45/pc	55/45/pc	57/45/pc	Montreal	34/23/pc	33/20/pc	34/24/pc
Bahia	74/57/pc	68/53/pc	64/47/pc	Moscow	33/16/pc	36/27/pc	37/20/pc
Bangkok	41/32/pc	41/32/pc	39/27/pc	Nice	57/43/pc	57/46/pc	60/45/pc
Buenos Aires	70/60/1	73/61/pc	67/60/pc	Ottawa	32/24/pc	31/23/pc	32/17/pc
Calgary	39/22/pc	40/26/pc	50/35/pc	Quebec	36/23/pc	32/24/pc	34/22/pc
Dublin	46/36/pc	46/37/pc	48/29/pc	Rio de Janeiro	84/74/1	82/64/pc	82/64/pc
Edmonton	31/13/pc	31/17/pc	39/18/pc	Seoul	59/30/pc	64/31/pc	59/27/pc
Freeport	77/69/1	75/62/pc	71/60/pc	Singapore	89/77/1	90/79/1	90/79/1
Havana	43/29/pc	49/31/pc	53/31/pc	Sydney	64/68/pc	70/64/pc	73/53/pc
Harbin	55/30/pc	76/62/pc	71/58/pc	Toronto	36/27/pc	34/23/pc	33/13/pc
Hong Kong	77/68/pc	73/65/pc	73/66/pc	Vancouver	47/31/pc	45/42/pc	52/48/pc
Jerusalem	70/48/pc	68/44/pc	58/46/pc	Vientiane	46/35/pc	48/34/pc	47/31/pc
Johannesburg	86/59/pc	83/57/pc	74/56/pc	Warsaw	37/27/pc	39/32/pc	37/27/pc
Kiev	34/22/pc	34/28/pc	37/27/pc	Winnipeg	29/14/pc	25/12/pc	25/8/pc

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10 things from this year's NFL combine

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Who's the best athlete? The best quarterback? How about the emergence of the read-option and whether it will impact this year's NFL draft and free agency? A rundown of 10 story lines, none of them related to Manti Te'o, from the NFL combine:

1. WHO'S NO. 1? Expect another shake-up atop the draft board after this weekend's craziness. Defensive tackle Star Lotulelei went home after being diagnosed

with a heart condition, cornerback Dee Milliner is preparing for shoulder surgery and offensive tackle Eric Fisher appears to be closing the gap on Luke Joeckel, the presumptive No. 1 pick (hello, Kansas City?). Some analysts are moving guard Chance Warmack and defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd into the top five.

2. MEDICAL EXAMS: Nothing is more important at the combine than passing a physical, and nothing can hurt a draft prospect's stock faster than a bad exam. Just

ask Lotulelei, who has generally been ranked in the top three since the college season ended. After doctors diagnosed the Utah star with a heart condition, he was sent home to see a specialist. Before he even left town, some teams were already saying he'd be off their draft board if he couldn't get cleared.

3. GOING DEEP. Teams looking for an Andrew Luck or a Robert Griffin III or even a Jake Long will be hard pressed to find a franchise anchor at the top of the 2013

draft. That means the big winners will be the teams looking to fill in around Luck, Griffin or Cam Newton because this year's talent pool runs deep. And teams may find more value in dealing for Alex Smith or Matt Flynn than drafting Geno Smith or Matt Barkley, and those rumors are already flying.

4. HOLD THE LINE. Coaches and general managers often talk about building teams around the line of scrimmage. This year, they

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Kelly Broen and the Lady Blue Streaks followed up their weekend sweep with a team win over Winter Haven Monday.

Lady Streaks stay hot

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – After a victory-laden weekend, the Sebring girls tennis team added another win to their regular season record Monday, topping visiting Winter Haven 6-1.

The only loss of the day came in an intense, nail-biting match at No. 2 Singles, with Joy Donglasan and Lady Blue Devil Ali Mann battling.

Mann won the first set, taking a 7-3 tie-breaker to win 7-6, before Donglasan bounced back with a 6-3 win in the second set.

But then, in a marathon of a finish, Mann outlasted the Sebring senior by a 10-8 count for the win.

Nisha Patel and Morgan Heston were also tested a bit, at No. 1 and 4 Singles, respectively, but both came away with 6-3, 6-4 wins over Baylee Lockwood and Katie Widner.

At Nos 3 and 5 Singles, though, Kelly Broen and Micaela DeVane only lost three games total in their straight-set wins.

Broen topped Payton Atway 6-3, 6-0, while DeVane went 6-2, 6-1 over Bailey Morgan.

Donglasan then got a little payback as she teamed with Patel to take an 8-3 win over Lockwood and Mann at No. 1 Doubles.

And Broen and DeVane took care of business at

No. 2 Doubles, cruising past Atway and Widner by an 8-2 count.

Now at 8-1 on the season, and having won seven in a row since their loss at Lakeland in the second match of the season, the Streaks were at Frostproof

Tuesday and headed to George Jenkins Thursday.

And the win comes off a dominant weekend which saw a Lady Streak sweep of the Heartland

Conference Tournament.

In the five-school field, each of the Sebring girls worked their way through Friday's docket and reached Saturday's finale.

Five Lady Green Dragons also made it to the championship matches and helped the team claim second place overall, just ahead of Hardee.

But it was the Streaks who came away victorious as Patel got it started when she topped Lake Placid's Hannah Waller in the No. 1 Singles final.

Donglasan won a hard-fought, No. 2 match over Lady Dragon Stephanie Rodriguez and Broen went 6-2, 6-0 over Hardee's Caroline Durrance at No. 3.

Heston and DeVane then made it a singles sweep with wins at Nos 4 and 5 over Lady Wildcat Madison Burnett and Lake Placid's Rachel Shattler, respectively.

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Winter Haven

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Add-Vantage: Second Aston Martin Racing entry for Sebring

Greaves Motorsport sets Sebring lineup

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BRASELTON, Ga. – Aston Martin Racing will have two factory Aston Martin Vantage GTE entries on the grid for the 61st Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida.

After a preseason test session at Portimão in Portugal, AMR will test both cars at Road Atlanta before heading south to Sebring for the opening round of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón on Saturday, March 16.

Darren Turner, Stefan Mücke and Bruno Senna will drive the No. 97 Aston Martin at Sebring, and Canadian Paul Dalla Lana, American Billy Johnson and ex-AMR factory driver Pedro Lamy driving the No. 007 at Sebring.

Dane Cameron, another of America's young road-racing talents, will test with the team at Atlanta.

"Although this isn't the first time we have run the new Vantage GTE, it's the first time we've been able to run it in anger and put some serious mileage on the car," Turner said of the test in Portugal. "It does feel like a very good step forward. The team has done a great job over the winter and made some significant improvements. For me personally, it



Photo courtesy of alms.com

Tom-Kimber Smith, Eric Lux and Christian Zügel will share the No. 46 Zytek-Nissan at Sebring for the opening round of the 2013 American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patrón.

Greaves' Sebring Lineup

Greaves Motorsport is banking on three faces familiar to American endurance racing for its push to a P2 victory at Sebring.

Tom-Kimber Smith, Eric Lux and Christian Zügel will share the No. 46 Zytek-Nissan for the opening round of the 2013 American Le

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was probably as exciting to drive for the first time as the first drive of the DBR9. I have a really good feeling about the car and I'm looking forward to the next test in Atlanta in a few weeks time."

Loria says dismantling of Marlins was needed

By STEVEN WINE

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Marlins' ballpark sat mostly empty Monday, which will likely be the case all year, and team owner Jeffrey Loria leaned his back against the bar in a hospitality area, sipping water in circumstances that warranted stronger stuff.

Happy hour, it was not.

As part of a three-day public relations blitz, Loria met with a dozen writers and tried to put a positive spin on his widely mocked offseason decisions.

After the Marlins' dismal first season in their new home, Loria said, the roster dismantling he ordered was the right move because they were headed in the wrong direction.

He said a return to payroll



MCT photo

Miami Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria answers questions from the media in the Diamond Club at the Marlins Stadium Monday.

austerity was needed because the Marlins lost tens of millions of dollars in 2012 after an unprecedented spending spree.

The Marlins will eventually spend again, and they want to sign precocious slugger Giancarlo Stanton to a multi-year contract, Loria said.

He said he understands why fans are upset but hopes they will embrace this year's young, unproven team, which many expect to lose 100 games.

"We had to turn back the clock for the moment and push the restart button," Loria said, "and get these young players in here and get them together and look where we are in another year or so."

His 30-minute session with reporters was part of an effort to rehabilitate the reputation of the Marlins and their owner.

Angry fans have complained they expected the new ballpark to mean competitive payrolls for more than just one season.

Instead they endured the latest in a series of payroll

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Ed talks racing, Raceway



Courtesy photo

12 Hours of Sebring marketing director Kristie Sottile and Sebring International Raceway president and general manager Tres Stephenson were featured guests on the "Sports Talk" show with Ed Lynch on Saturday, Feb. 23. "Sports Talk" airs each Saturday immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM, but will be pre-empted the next three weeks. Florida Gator basketball will be broadcast on Saturday's, March 2 and 9, with the 12 Hours of Sebring race filling the airwaves on Saturday, March 16.

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m.	Georgetown at Connecticut	ESPN2
7 p.m.	Virginia Tech at Miami	SUN
8 p.m.	Mississippi State at Kentucky	38
9 p.m.	Oklahoma at Texas	ESPN2
11 p.m.	Colorado at Stanford	ESPN2

THURSDAY

7 p.m.	North Carolina at Clemson	ESPN
7 p.m.	Ohio State at Northwestern	ESPN2
9 p.m.	Duke at Virginia	ESPN
9 p.m.	Missouri at South Carolina	ESPN2
11 p.m.	Gonzaga at BYU	ESPN2

GOLF

THURSDAY

9 a.m.	EuroPGA – Tshwane Open	GOLF
12:30 p.m.	LPGA – HSBC Women’s Champions	GOLF
3 p.m.	PGA – Honda Classic	GOLF

NBA

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m.	Golden State at New York	ESPN
10:30 p.m.	Denver at Portland	ESPN

THURSDAY

8 p.m.	Philadelphia at Chicago	TNT
10:30 p.m.	Minnesota at L.A. Lakers	TNT

NHL

THURSDAY

7 p.m.	Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers	SUN
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Times, games, channels all subject to change

Boston	11	2	2	24	45	34
Toronto	12	8	0	24	57	46
Buffalo	6	12	1	13	48	63

Southeast Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	9	7	1	19	50	51
Tampa Bay	9	8	1	19	69	58
Winnipeg	8	9	1	17	48	57
Florida	5	9	4	14	42	65
Washington	6	10	1	13	48	55

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	16	0	3	35	61	37
Nashville	9	6	5	23	44	47
St. Louis	10	6	2	22	55	52
Detroit	9	7	3	21	57	54
Columbus	5	12	2	12	40	56

Northwest Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	10	4	4	24	52	48
Edmonton	7	7	4	18	42	49
Minnesota	8	7	2	18	37	42
Calgary	7	7	3	17	48	59
Colorado	7	8	2	16	42	51

Pacific Division

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	13	3	1	27	59	47
Dallas	9	8	2	20	51	53
Los Angeles	9	6	2	20	45	41
Phoenix	8	7	3	19	50	49
San Jose	8	6	3	19	41	39

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Games

Edmonton 3, Phoenix 2, SO
Washington 5, New Jersey 1
Philadelphia 5, Winnipeg 3
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 1
Detroit 4, Nashville 0
Tampa Bay 5, Carolina 2
Ottawa 3, Toronto 2
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Buffalo 0
Dallas 3, San Jose 1
St. Louis 2, Columbus 1
Calgary 3, Minnesota 1

Sunday's Games

Boston 4, Florida 1
Detroit 8, Vancouver 3
Winnipeg 4, New Jersey 2
Chicago 1, Columbus 0
Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 5, Tampa Bay 3
Anaheim 4, Colorado 3, OT
Calgary 5, Phoenix 4

Monday's Games

Ottawa 2, Montreal 1, SO
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2
Nashville 5, Dallas 4, OT
Chicago 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Los Angeles 5, Anaheim 2

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at Columbus, late
Carolina at Washington, late
Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, late
Pittsburgh at Florida, late
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, late
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, late
Calgary at Minnesota, late
Phoenix at Vancouver, late
Colorado at San Jose, late

Wednesday's Games

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

GP	G	A	PTS	
Stamkos, TB	18	13	16	29
Crosby, Pit	19	9	19	28
Tavares, NYI	19	13	12	25
Vanek, Buf	18	12	13	25
Zetterberg, Det	19	6	19	25
Kane, Chi	19	10	14	24
Voracek, Phi	21	8	16	24
St. Louis, TB	18	4	20	24
Moulson, NYI	19	10	13	23
Datsyuk, Det	18	8	14	22
Elias, NJ	19	5	17	22
Kunitz, Pit	19	7	14	21
Ribeiro, Was	17	6	15	21
Malkin, Pit	18	4	17	21

1 tied with 20 pts.

Transactions

BASEBALL

MLB—Announced the retirements of umpires Ed Rapuano, Tim Tschida and Derryl Cousins. Promoted umpires Jim Joyce, Ted Barrett and Fieldin Culbreth to crew chiefs. Named Vic Carapazza,

Manny Gonzalez and Alan Porter full-time umpires.

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Claimed 1B Lars Anderson off waivers from the Chicago White Sox.

American Association

AMARILLO SOX—Signed 1B/OF Joe Weik and LHP Kurt Elliott. EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed INF Miguel Chacoa. GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS—Released INF Bryan Frichter, OF Jonny Kaplan and LHP Ronnie Morales. ST. PAUL SAINTS—Signed OF Brandon Tripp.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM—Signed RHP Jeff Arnold. Released 2B Pierre LePage. JOLIET SLAMMERS—Placed SS Brad Netzel on the retired list. SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS—Signed 2B Jordan Marks. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed RHP Blake Nation. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS—Sold contract of C.J. Gillman to Colorado Rockies.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association HOUSTON ROCKETS—Signed C Tim Ohlbrecht. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Signed G Derek Fisher.

Women's National Basketball Association

ATLANTA DREAM—Named Julie Plank assistant coach. CONNECTICUT SUN—Signed G Johannah Leedham. NEW YORK LIBERTY—Signed F Katie Smith. Re-signed G-F Essence Carson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Named Wesley McGriff secondary coach. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released DT Cullen Jenkins.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON Eskimos—Signed LB Rennie Curran. MONTREAL Alouettes—Signed LB Ejiro Kuale to three-year contract and DB Kendrick Burney to two-year contract. WINNIPEG Blue Bombers—Named Carl Franks defensive backs coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League NHL—Suspended San Jose F Ryane Clowe two games for leaving the bench on a legal line change and starting an altercation during Friday's game against Chicago.

COLUMBUS Blue Jackets—Assigned F Sean Collins to Springfield (AHL). Recalled C Cody Goloubef from Springfield.

DETROIT Red Wings—Re-signed D Brian Lashoff to a three-year contract. FLORIDA Panthers—Reassigned G Jacob Markstrom to San Antonio (AHL). NEW JERSEY Devils—Reassigned LW Jean-Sebastien Berube from Trenton (ECHL) to Albany (AHL).

NEW YORK Rangers—Reassigned G Scott Stajcer from Connecticut (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL). Assigned F Christian Thomas to Connecticut.

PHOENIX Coyotes—Signed D David Schlemko to a two-year contract. ST. LOUIS Blues—Reassigned G Paul Karpovich from Peoria (AHL) to Evansville (ECHL).

WASHINGTON Capitals—Re-signed D John Erskine and G Braden Holtby to two-year contract extensions.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League COLORADO Mammoth—Activated G Tye Belanger from the physically-unable-to-perform list. Released G Matt Roik.

COLLEGE

HOLY CROSS—Named Cameron Parker assistant equipment manager. MIAMI (OHIO)—Named Andrew Marlatt football special teams coordinator. NEW MEXICO—Reinstated QB David Vega to the football team. TENNESSEE—Named Anthony Parker football offensive graduate assistant and Derrick Lett football administrative intern.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



THURSDAY: Baseball vs. McKeel, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Lake Placid, 6 p.m.; Track hosts meet, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Ridge, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY: Boys Weightlifting at Frostproof Invitational, 9 a.m.; JV Baseball vs. Fort Meade, 11 a.m.



THURSDAY: JV Baseball vs. Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Softball vs. All Saints, 6 p.m.; Track at Avon Park, 4:30 p.m.; Boys and Girls Tennis at Okeechobee, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Softball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.



THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Hardee, 7 p.m.; Softball at Haines City, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Girls Tennis at George Jenkins, 4 p.m.; Track at Avon Park, 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball at Lake Wales, 7 p.m.; Softball at DeSoto, 5:30/7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY: Boys Weightlifting at Frostproof Invitational, 9 a.m.; JV Baseball at Lake Wales, 11:30 a.m.



TODAY: Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY: Softball at Seminole State, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY: Baseball at State College of Florida, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY: Baseball vs. State College of Florida, 1 p.m.; Softball vs. Sante Fe, 1 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

YMCA Spring Soccer

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is having a sign up for their Spring Soccer Program, ages 3-14, which ends on Monday, Feb. 25. Any questions, please call 382-9622.

fun on the field. Game admission is \$2. For more information, call coach Cheshire at 699-5010, ext. 263.

Youth Olympics

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is hosting a Youth Olympics on Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m.-Noon to honor Bo Alvarez. There will be both boy and girl divisions for ages 6-14. Medallions will be awarded for six different events, includes lunch and t-shirt. Call 382-9622 for questions.

Florida DEP Trail Runs
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is hosting the following Trail Runs in the State Parks listed below
There are five weeks remaining in the “Seven Trail Runs in Seven Weeks in Seven Award Winning State Parks.”
The trail runs include both 5 and 10 K runs.
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Pre race registration is \$20 and day of race registration is \$30.
All the races start at 1:00 p.m.
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Come early or stay late and enjoy the parks
For more information please contact Terry Cerullo at (239) 344-5647 or terry.cerullo@dep.state.fl.us.

Sebring Elks Golf

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, March 4, beginning at 8 a.m. Cost is \$32 which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund. To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 863 471-3295. Check in by 7:40 a.m. in the restaurant.

February 24 – Highlands Hammock State Park, 5931 Hammock Road, Sebring, 33872
March 3 – Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, 12301 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, 33955
March 10 – Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, 12301 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, 33955
March 17 – Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, 34137
March 24 – Little Manatee River State Park, 215 Lightfoot Road Wimauma, 33598.

SFSC Hosts Heartland Games

AVON PARK – South Florida State College (SFSC) Community Education Department announces Heartland Games for Active Adults 2013.

The Heartland Games for Active Adults will run March 2 – 30 at various venues throughout Highlands County. The cost is a \$15 Registration Fee and an additional \$5 per event.

The Heartland Games for Active Adults is sanctioned by the Florida Sports A Division of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The mission of the games is to promote healthy lifestyles for anyone over 50 and to provide them an opportunity to compete at the local, state and national levels. Events will be held throughout Highlands County in bowling, golf, basketball, billiards, shuffleboard, pickleball, cycling, swimming, horseshoes and tennis. Medals are awarded for first, second and third place, male and female, in each sport and age category.

Register in Building B, Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact Community Education (Lauren Redick) at 784-7388 or email CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu.

LP Softball BBQ

LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid High School Softball will be hosting an Alumni Game and Chicken Barbeque on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 10 a.m.

Barbeque pick-up starts at 11 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. and includes, for \$10, chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, roll and dessert.

Water and soda will be available for \$1. Alumni softball registration forms are available at the LPHS front office.

For those former Dragons who wish to play, registration fee is \$30 and all forms and money are due to coach Cheshire no later than Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Alumni registration fee includes BBQ Dinner, drink, T-shirt and a day's worth of



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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Yes, this picture was taken well before his Daytona wreck.

Did Chad Knaus watch the same Daytona 500 we were watching?

He found it exciting and you didn't, but that's not a shocker. If you sat in the bleachers alongside Tim McCarver for a 1-0 pitchers' duel, you might be bored to death, but Timmy would find plenty of excitement in it. Chad, as an extremely interested onlooker, sees a lot of things most fans don't. You watch a parade and only see a parade; Chad watches a parade and hears every sweet note from the brass section.

Will Tony Stewart ever win a Daytona 500?

Maybe. Don't listen to the "smart folks" who insist he'll eventually win one. I like his odds better than Dave Blaney's. But face it, there's a lot more that can go wrong than can go right. As Bill Elliott liked to say, "You gotta be there at the end." But a lot of guys are there at the end; there's only one winner each year. It might seem statistically odd that he's won 19 races at Daytona without a 500, but Dale Earnhardt had 30 of his 34 Daytona wins before finally winning the 500.

Should anything from Daytona change our outlook for the season?

You should've learned by now, NOTHING from Daytona means anything for the rest of the year. It's such a different animal from the rest of the season, it might as well be water polo.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



Burton

Reutimann

Jeff Burton vs. David Reutimann: Burton said Reutimann put him into the wall in Daytona's tri-oval on Lap 176 of the Daytona 500.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Burton said Reutimann 'hung a right on me.' Expect Burton to deliver a 'left' to Reutimann in the next week or two."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

(All Times Eastern)

SPRINT CUP: Subway Fresh Fit 500 K
SITE: Phoenix
SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (6 p.m., Speed); Saturday, final practice (3 p.m., Speed); Sunday, race (2:30 p.m., Fox; green flag at 3:14 p.m.)
TRACK: Phoenix International Raceway (1-mile oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 500 kilometers (312 miles).

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

Playing the lottery

Jimmie Johnson's explanation of NASCAR restrictor-plate racing is the best we've heard in a long time. After winning the Daytona 500, he said there was an element of luck involved.

"Man, it's like playing the lottery," he said. "Everybody's got a ticket. When the No. 83 car (David Reutimann) is up there running fifth or sixth in the closing laps, it just shows you how equal the cars are and what the draft does. I've struck out a lot at these tracks; left with torn-up race cars.

"I didn't doubt our ability to win. I was just frustrated with circumstances and plate racing. This will buy me a smile for I'm sure the rest of the year on the plate tracks."

Don't ask, just drive

Brad Keselowski, the 2012 Sprint Cup Series champion, finished fourth in the Daytona 500 after dicing with race winner Jimmie Johnson for the last 20 laps.

Well, that looks OK on paper, but the fact is Keselowski's No. 2 Penske Racing Ford was involved in not one, but two of those "big one" accidents that sweep race cars off Daytona's 2.5-mile tri-oval.

By the end of the 200 laps, Keselowski's

Ford was being held together by Bondo, duct tape and a little bit of faith.

"You drive it," Keselowski answered when asked about wheeling his battered machine to a top-five finish at speeds approaching 200 mph. "You don't ask, you just drive."

Danica's numbers

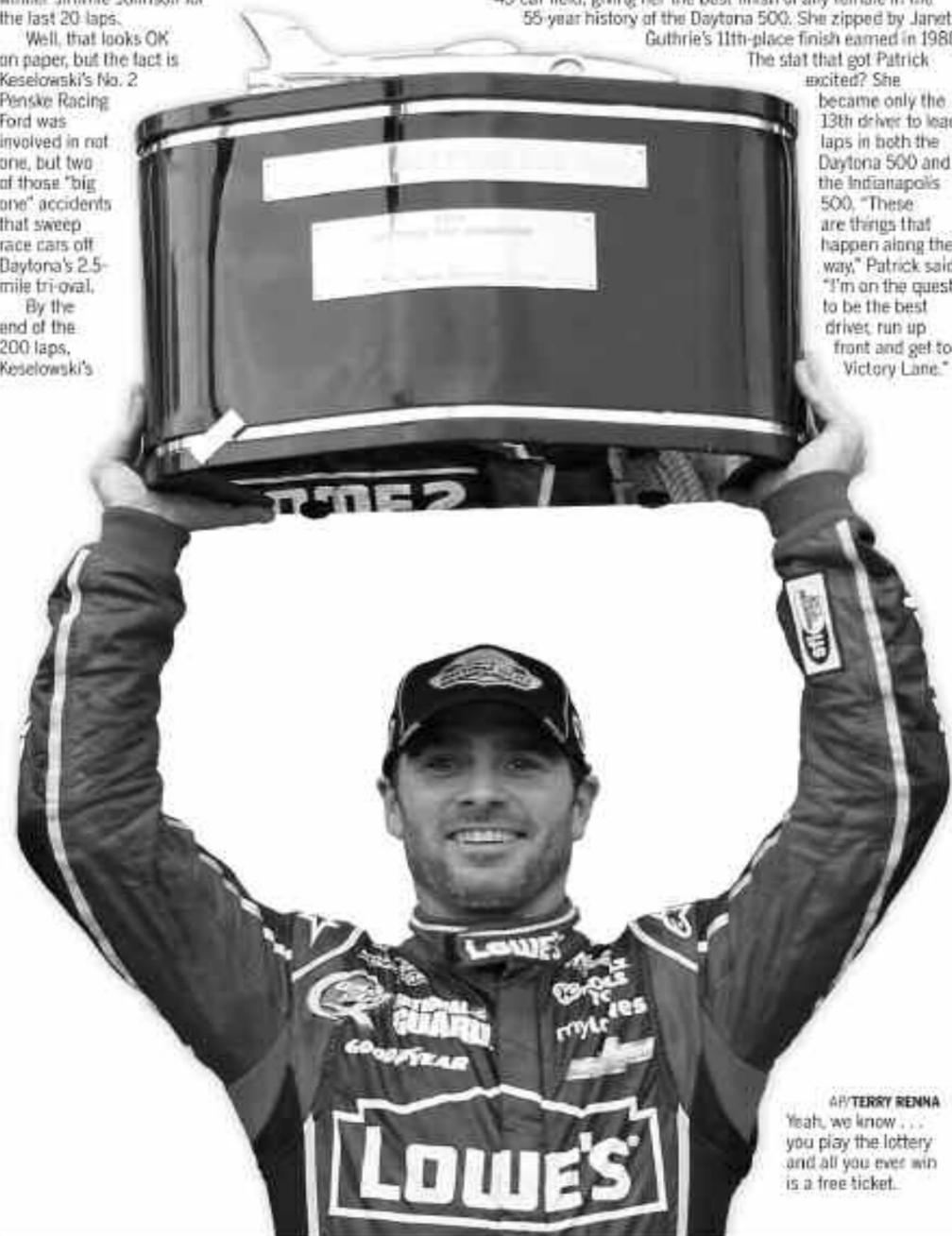
Danica Patrick shattered the glass ceiling for female NASCAR racers with her Speedweeks performance.

The 30-year-old driver became the first woman driver to win a Cup Series pole.

In the Daytona 500, Patrick forged to the lead on Lap 90, passing two-time 500 champ Michael Waltrip. She became the first female to lead green-flag laps in Cup competition — that stretches back to 1949.

When the race was over, Patrick scored eighth in the 43-car field, giving her the best finish of any female in the 55-year history of the Daytona 500. She zipped by Janet Guthrie's 11th-place finish earned in 1980.

The stat that got Patrick excited? She became only the 13th driver to lead laps in both the Daytona 500 and the Indianapolis 500. "These are things that happen along the way," Patrick said. "I'm on the quest to be the best driver, run up front and get to Victory Lane."



AP/TERRY RENNA
Yeah, we know ... you play the lottery and all you ever win is a free ticket.

GODWIN'S PHOENIX PICKS



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WINNER: Dale Earnhardt Jr.
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Denny Hamlin, Kasey Kahne, Tony Stewart, Brad Keselowski
DARK HORSE: David Ragan
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

FIRST ONE OUT: David Reutimann
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Danica Patrick mania continues in Phoenix. After setting all sorts of female driver records at Daytona, she is the hottest driver in the Cup Series.

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



AP/JOHN RAOUX

Trust us, his fellow drivers are tired of seeing this.

Does a 500 win restore Jimmie Johnson as the man to beat?

GODSPEAK: Johnson left Daytona turbocharged. The only problem is, they don't allow turbocharging in NASCAR.

KEN'S CALL: He probably didn't need a blast of confidence, but he got one anyway.

Will Danica now slip back in the pack until further notice?

GODSPEAK: Patrick's stock-car inexperience will catch up with her at Las Vegas. She might do another top-10 at Phoenix. Really, yes.

KEN'S CALL: Maybe not back there with Joe Nemechek, but at least toward the middle.

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SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

A look at the next 10 races of the season (All Times Eastern)

- MARCH 3:** Phoenix International Raceway, Fox, 3 p.m.
- MARCH 10:** Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Fox, 3 p.m.
- MARCH 17:** Bristol Motor Speedway, Fox, 1 p.m.
- MARCH 24:** Auto Club Speedway, Fox, 3 p.m.
- APRIL 7:** Martinsville Speedway, Fox, 1 p.m.
- APRIL 13:** Texas Motor Speedway, Fox, 7:30 p.m.
- APRIL 21:** Kansas Speedway, Fox, 1 p.m.
- APRIL 27:** Richmond International Raceway, Fox, 7:30 p.m.
- MAY 5:** Talladega Superspeedway, Fox, 1 p.m.
- MAY 11:** Darlington Raceway, Fox, 6:45 p.m.



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

JIMMIE JOHNSON First bearded Daytona 500 champ	BRAD KESELOWSKI Downshifting on spokesman duties	KEVIN HARVICK Tick ... tick ... tick ... tick ...	DENNY HAMLIN Finishes fourth in Phoenix this week	JUNIOR EARNHARDT A Daytona bridesmaid again	JEFF GORDON Middle name is Michael	TONY STEWART Daytona heartbreaks continue	RYAN NEWMAN Racing for a contract	CARL EDWARDS Opening soon: "Carl's Scrap Metal World"	DANICA PATRICK Moving the needle
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

DAYTONA 500 REWIND

Patrick not content with piling up top-10s

Danica Patrick had an exceptional Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway. She won the pole for the Daytona 500, led the race three times for five laps and scored an eighth-place finish. After the race, she fielded questions from the media.

Danica, talk about your Daytona 500 run. You were always running up front.

"I wish I would have led at the very beginning. I thought I was going to. So, it was nice to lead later on in the race, just to have done that, to lead laps. But it was steady. I mean, I spent most of the day half-throttling, running behind people. So, you know, when you get in that line, that nice outside line where it's

just single-file. I didn't feel like it was a wise idea to drop low and try to figure out how to pass. You were going to probably find yourself much further back. I suppose that's the only downside to running in that front group all day is that I never got any practice passing. I never tried really anything."

Will you ultimately view this day as a success or will you be kicking yourself over "would have, could have" because you were third with a lap to go?

"I would imagine that pretty much anyone would kick themselves and say what could I have, should I have done to give myself that opportunity to win.

I think that's what I was feeling, was uncertainty as to how I was going to accomplish that. There was plenty of time while you were cruising along, I was talking to my crew chief, Tony Gibson, and my spotters on the radio: "What do you see people doing? What's working? What is not?" I was thinking in the car, "How am I going to do this?" I didn't know what to do exactly.

"So, I feel like maybe that's just my inexperience. Maybe that's me not thinking hard enough. I don't know. Getting creative enough, I'm not sure. I definitely was a little uncertain how I was going to be able to do it. I think Dale (Earnhardt Jr.) did a nice job and shows what happens when you plan it out.

you drop back, get that momentum and you're able to go to the front. You know, I think he taught me something, and I'm sure I'll watch the race and there will be other scenarios out there that I'll see that can teach me, too."

You had a great run going at Phoenix right to the very end (in 2012). After such a great run (at Daytona), are you excited to be going to Phoenix?

"Yeah, it was nice to run like we did at the end of the year last year with Texas and especially with Phoenix. I feel like it will give us a good baseline idea of how we need to set the car up. But it also is a new car, so we'll have to adapt to that."

Loria hopes to sign Stanton – sometime

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purges, which made the franchise the butt of jokes around the country.

Loria is widely viewed as the culprit.

"It's a constant, sometimes personal pounding," Marlins president David Samson said after Loria had left the room. "It's hard for anyone. On top of that, you're writing checks. It's hard. But I understand every side."

Loria remained silent through the offseason but hired a national public relations firm, and his attempt at damage control began Sunday with an open letter to fans published in several media outlets.

He plans to make his spring-training debut Tuesday and face TV cameras, hoping to change the subject.

"Maybe we could take a little timeout here," he said, a PR aide at his side.

Loria expressed sympathy for fans and his departed

players, and saved his harshest words for the Miami Dolphins, who are seeking tax money to help upgrade their stadium.

The Dolphins have stressed that their plan is much different from the widely criticized financing agreement for the Marlins' ballpark, built mostly with public money.

"That smear campaign?" Loria said. "I'm sure it's just their effort in order to get their deal done. Listen, I hope the Dolphins get their deal. But it has nothing to do with us."

Loria conceded the 2012 season was awful.

He went on a spending binge and added All-Stars Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle and Heath Bell, along with manager Ozzie Guillen, but Miami finished last in the NL East.

All are now gone, with Reyes and Buehrle going to Toronto via a blockbuster trade.

"We didn't break up the 1927 Yankees," Loria said. "We broke up a losing ballclub that was going nowhere."

Last week, Reyes said Loria encouraged him to buy a house in South Florida, then traded him two days later.

"What you were told is inaccurate," Loria said. "I haven't told him to buy a house."

Stanton was among those upset by the trade, and there's speculation he'll soon join the long list of Marlins stars to depart over the years.

Loria said he'd like to sign Stanton to a long-term deal, but not this season.

"We're absolutely hoping that moment will come," Loria said. "We will cross that bridge at the appropriate moment, absolutely."

The projected payroll for this year is less than \$45 million, which would likely be the smallest in the majors.

Loria said he expects it to

begin rising again, but it may be a long time before the Marlins return to last year's \$90 million level.

"We're never going to get to \$100 million," Loria said. "We don't have the TV contract to do that."

The Marlins' local TV revenue is the lowest in the majors under a deal that runs until 2020, Loria said.

Attendance is another problem.

The turnstile count in the new ballpark last year was 1.4 million, 1 million below expectations, Samson said.

He said season ticket sales were barely 12,000, and for this year they're below 5,000, with most of that drop-off projected even before the Toronto trade that so angered fans.

Many of them want Loria out, but he said the team's not for sale.

"I'm interested in making this successful," he said. And then he took another sip of water.

Greaves lineup all set

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Mans Series presented by Tequila Patron.

Kimber-Smith, a triple class winner at the Le Mans 24 Hours, returns to the team with which he competed at Petit Le Mans in 2012.

Lux won the 2011 ALMS Prototype Challenge championship and drove prototypes in three classes last season, and Zigel competed for Greaves during a full FIA World Endurance Championship campaign in 2012.

The 61st Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida is set for 10:45 a.m. ET on Saturday, March 16 from

Sebring International Raceway.

SPEED's live coverage begins at 10:30 a.m. ET. Full, online coverage starts at 10:30 a.m. ET on SPEED.com

The Series' website offers additional content such as live in-car cameras, and timing and scoring for all users around the world.

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Disappointing finish, but Danica belongs

By PAUL NEWBERRY

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Enough with the snarky comments about Danica Patrick.

Sure, she gets more attention than her accomplishments warrant because she's a pretty face competing in a male-dominated sport.

Who knows if she'll ever be a series champion because, quite frankly, it's a rare breed that climbs to the top of any sport.

Maybe she's destined to be a middle-of-the-pack racer her entire career, someone who can be counted on for solid results and an occasional win.

But, you know what? She deserves to be here.

That was evident for 199 laps at the Daytona 500 on Sunday, when she started from the pole, led a total of five laps and ran near the front for most of "The Great American Race."

"At these speeds, she's very comfortable," five-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson said. "She held a great wheel. She was smooth and predictable. She was able to take advantage of the runs when she had them."

Then, the guy who had just won the sport's biggest race for the second time doled out the ultimate compliment.

"She was just a car on the track," Johnson said. "I didn't think about it being Danica.

She was just another car on the track that was fast."

Patrick finally looked like a NASCAR Cup rookie on her last trip around the 2 1/2-mile oval.

Suddenly, she was timid and unsure of herself.

Running third when the white flag waved, she never gave herself a chance to challenge the two guys in front of her, Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

In fact, she appeared to be going in reverse, hung out going down the backstretch as five cars zoomed past her.

She came across the line in eighth, a bit of a letdown to be sure.

Surely, the people who tuned in only because of Danicamania were disappointed she didn't make a more aggressive run for the win.

Patience, everyone. This is a driver who cut her teeth racing sleek, open-wheel cars. She hasn't figured out how to win in one of these bulky stock cars.

"I know I'll be better next time," Patrick vowed.

Shortly after the green flag came out — displayed by none other than retired NFL star Ray Lewis — Patrick was quickly passed by the other car on the front row, driven by Jeff Gordon.

But, near the midway point of the race, she came out of the pits in second and sped

past Michael Waltrip for the lead — the first woman ever to lead a Cup race under full-speed conditions (Janet Guthrie, the pioneer for women racers like Patrick, led a few laps under yellow in the 1970s).

Patrick wasn't out front for long, but she was never too far back.

Her biggest stumbles came in the pits, where she kept spinning her wheels trying to get away quickly from the box at the far end of the lane, losing valuable track position time and time again.

Otherwise, it was a largely drama-free day, which is just the way you want things to be on a restrictor-plate track such as Daytona, where the field gets all bunched up and the slightest miscue can take out a whole pack of cars.

Patrick felt so comfortable driving at nearly 200 mph that she spent much of the afternoon going over strategy in her head, envisioning what the final lap might look like and what she might do to get around the cars ahead of her.

Passing was at a premium in the new Gen-6 stock car, with only the most experienced drivers knowing how to pick their spots and generate the sort of momentum needed to get around someone.

Not ashamed to ask for advice, Patrick chatted up her crew chief and spotter over the radio, picking their brains

on what strategy might work at the end of the race.

"How am I gonna do this?" Patrick recalled thinking. "I didn't know what to do exactly. Maybe that's just my inexperience. Maybe it was not me thinking hard enough. I'm not sure. I was a little bit uncertain how to do that."

Clearly, she didn't figure it out.

But it's time to accept she's not just a well-connected female taking up the spot of a more deserving male.

Danica belongs. Seriously, she's just the 13th driver to lead laps in America's two most famous races, the Indianapolis 500 and now the Daytona 500, joining the likes of Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Johnny Rutherford, Bobby Unser, Tony Stewart and Tim Richmond.

"It's going to be a lot of fun to watch her progress," said Earnhardt, who has long been the sport's most popular driver but might have some competition. "Every time I've seen her in a pretty hectic situation, she's always remained really calm. She's got a great level head. She's a racer. She knows what's coming. She's smart about her decisions. She knew what to do today as far as track position and not taking risks."

Let's have no more questions about whether she belongs.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Nisha Patel hammers this backhand Monday during her win against Baylee Lockwood of Winter Haven.

Sebring makes it 7 straight

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then bested Hardee's Ashley Baker and Durrance in No. 1 Doubles and Broen and Heston finished it off with a win over Lady Dragons Claire LeBlanc and Jenna Blount at No. 2.

"It was a great tournament for the girls," Sebring

head coach Jane Hollinger said. "The set-up and atmosphere really helps the girls get ready for Districts."

Those aren't until the first week of April, but the way the Streaks are going now, Districts can't get here fast enough.

NFL combine answers some questions, raises a lot more

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can show they mean it. Of the 333 players who attended this week's combine, 112 (33.6 percent) were either offensive or defensive linemen. Fans might want to start learning names like Corey Lemonier (Auburn DE) and Eric Herman (Ohio State OL).

5. CHECK IT OUT. This year's rookie class will keep the NFL's background checkers busy through draft weekend. There are plenty of concerns that need to be sorted out, from drug use and alcohol abuse to academic woes and criminal allegations. Teams want some sort of certainty that they're not going to be risking too much by using a high pick on a talented player such as Alec Ogletree (DUI arrest on Feb. 16) and then having to contend with more problems.

6. BELIEVE YOUR EYES. Fans become enamored with things like times in the 40-yard dash and the number of reps players have

on the bench press. Scouts prefer to look at the tape. The reality is the workout warriors (see Mike Mamula) in shorts don't always meet the expectations in pads. Don't believe it? Here are the top five 40 times since 2000: Trindon Holliday, Jacoby Ford, Chris Johnson, Darrius Heyward-Bey and Demarcus Van Dyke.

7. FEEL-GOOD STORIES. Defensive lineman Walter Stewart of Cincinnati and Georgia linebacker Jarvis Jones were told they would have to give up football in college after doctors discovered congenital spinal conditions. Both have been cleared to play and hope to embark on NFL careers. Then there's defensive back D.J. Hayden, who tore a heart vein in a practice collision in November and was rushed into surgery. He's now on verge of fulfilling a lifelong dream.

8. QB QUANDARY. While there is debate about who will be the first quarterback taken this year — Matt

Barkley, Mike Glennon, Geno Smith or someone else — few analysts believe there's a top-10 QB available.

9. SEC RULES. No conference has been better at winning national championships over the last decade and now the SEC's domination is carrying over to the NFL. The SEC easily had the highest number of players at the combine (73), and could have the highest total of first-

round picks in April, too, thanks in large part to the contingents from Alabama and LSU. The ACC had the second-most invites (43), with the Pac-12 third (38).

10. GOING GLOBAL. American football is suddenly becoming a hit overseas, too. Players at this year's combine were born or reared in the following countries: Australia, England, Estonia, Ghana, Germany, Japan, Liberia and Tonga. Not everyone believes

American football is a great sport, as defensive lineman Magus Hunt, a native of

Estonia, can attest. But it's a start for a league that is trying to give its game a global spin.

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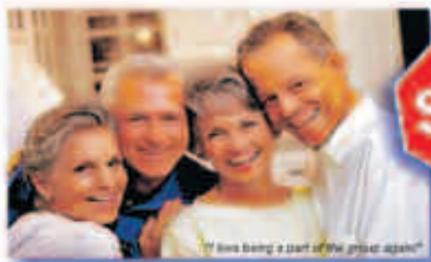
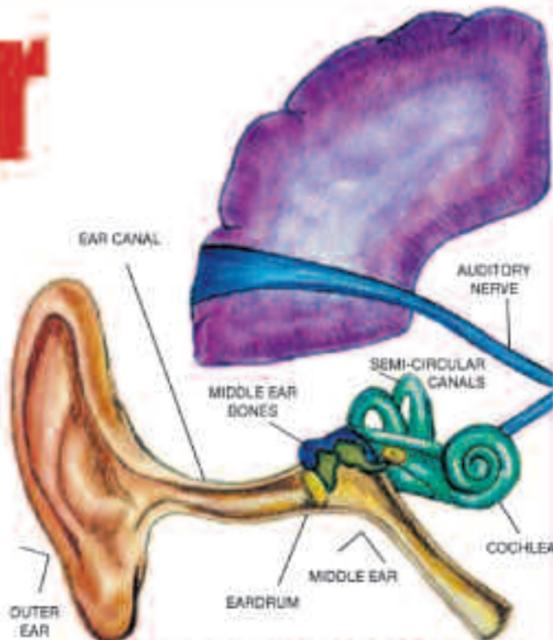
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MILITARY SNAPSHOTS

Mullins

Army Master Sgt. Gary L. Mullins has returned to the United States after being deployed overseas at a forward operating base to serve in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Operation Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Active duty and reserve component members from all branches of the U.S. armed forces have been deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in South, Southwest and Central Asia,

the Arabian peninsula, the Horn of Africa, islands in the Pacific, and Europe.

Mullins is assigned to the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. He has served in the military for 26 years.

He is the son of Jenelle Edwards of Sebring.

The master sergeant is a 1985 graduate of Sebring High School.

Villalobos

Army National Guard Pvt. David V. Villalobos has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Debra and Saul Villalobos of Lake Placid.



Colleen Singletary and Robert Julius

Singletary-Julius

Colleen Dawn Singletary and Robert Victor Julius are engaged to be married.

Colleen is the daughter of Steve Singletary of Avon Park and Tamara and Allen Wilkerson of Sebring. Robert is the son of Robert Julius of Bartow and



Barbara Gerstner of Sebring.

The couple will be wed during a private ceremony on March 1, 2013 at the Wilkerson home.

Victim of your own thoughts

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event, making a gift, writing a letter, during the time of the planning if you are projecting in your mind the reactions, responses, compliments, conversations of what will happen upon the completion, you are setting yourself up to be disappointed. You have taken what should have been something fun and something done out of love for others into it all being about you.

Looking for validation from others instead of looking for it from yourself is going to make you miserable. If you need others to tell you how wonderful you are to feel good, you have to ask why. You can't clean, stop smoking, lose weight, declutter or anything else if

you are only doing it for the recognition of others. You have to do it for yourself.

We have to catch our brains before the plot and scheme to destroy our peace. Don't allow yourself to project unrealistic outcomes. Be happy with what is. Don't make things worse than they really are or set your expectations so high that nothing can every live up to them. Setting the bar of expectation so high that no one will ever be able to reach it only allows you to always be the victim and martyr. In your own mind you believe that others really did let you down, which makes you right in your feelings of being let down and victimized. You are only a victim of your own thoughts. Be

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Brantley Hayden

Cierra Brantley and John Hayden of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Brantley Caruso, at 7:41 a.m. on Feb. 15, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Brantley weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 18.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are T. Brantley and J. Smith.

Paternal grandparents are Kim Rushing and Robby Hayden.



Births

at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Raymond weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne Bishop and Leta Choquette.

Raymond Santiago

Sharon Bishop and Joseph Santiago of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Raymond Alexander, at 6:10 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2013

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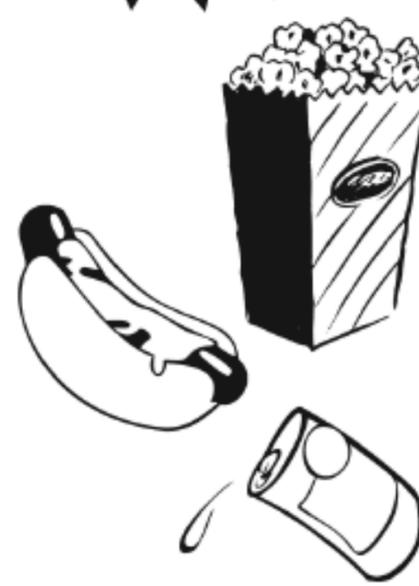
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HIGHLANDS TODAY

FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

You may have noticed Mary Cooper in the "Red Hot Mama's" line-up published last week but she wasn't listed in the caption. She was No. 6. Sorry, Mary.

The Placid Lakes Social Circle will meet Monday, March 11 at Beef O'Brady's at 6 p.m. It was previously listed as Tuesday, but we changed the date. We have quite a few activities to talk about, and decide which ones to go with, so don't miss this meeting.

The Strawberry Festival day trip is March 1. Call 452-0923 to squeak in on this one. It will be close.

Caught up with "Ed" on Coolidge Avenue on his walk, picking up litter as he traveled. Did a U-turn to thank him. He's one of the unsung heroes of the "Litter Patrol". Speaking of litter, the Litter Campaign ended up with two Dumpsters chock-full with an unusual amount of tires, which created the need for the extra Dumpster. There is outstanding community spirit shown by the pick-up committee. Good job.

The duck-houses are all rented out. We can't wait to see those little ducklings with their mama's. They seem to be all wood ducks so far. Finches are still swarming. Their coats are turning yellow, which means they're getting dressed for their journey north. It won't be long. Ah, spring.

Town and Country MHP

By Janet Day

SEBRING — A hearty welcome to new homeowners David and Lynn Cavell, who come to us from Michigan. They have been renting in the park since January and enjoyed activities and our family well enough to purchase the former Moll home on Town and Country. Dave was in health care in Michigan for 43 years and also continues as an instructor at the nearby junior college teaching business management and finance. Lynn has served as a teacher's assistant to challenged children. They have become involved in park activities since their arrival and seem like long-time owners already.

Congratulations and welcome to both.

The Arabian Nights trip was a great success and enjoyed by attendees. It was a real treat to travel to Orlando and leave the hassle to a delightful bus driver. Thank you to Alan and Wendy for planning the trip. Special February functions close with a spaghetti dinner at the clubhouse tonight, Feb. 27.

At the February HOA meeting, President Mark Sims advised the board of director officers have "volunteered" for specific duties that will help the board function well and distribute responsibility. He thanked Ray Young for constructing a lovely podium for speakers. Mark commended Janet Johns and Daphne Rigel for their monthly efforts organizing and distributing the newsletter. Also, thanks to Janet, Mary Lichtle and Georgie Kreuser for completing the HOA cookbook and thank you to all folks who contributed great recipes. Thank you to Mary Ann and Pete Snay, Lee and Shirley Lundgren and Joanne Crow, who have used their creative talents to decorate the clubhouse monthly.

The January garage sale was a great success financially, combined with the wonderful camaraderie of the local folks visiting our park. Thanks to the many who assisted in various ways for a very good day.

Bette Chapel was recognized for her excellent book-keeping work over the years as HOA treasurer. Thank you to Daphne Rigel, secretary, for preparing welcome packets for distribution to our future homeowners.

Wendy Johnson announced some March activities to include breakfast on Saturday, March 9. Woodbine will be closed the evening of March 9 from 7-9 p.m., for a Block Party for the entire park. We are asked to bring snack foods to pass. Live entertainment will be featured. More details will be forthcoming.

She also stated our closing winter event will be the annual catered pool party on Saturday, March 23. How can the winter fly by so fast?

Park Office Manager Donna spoke concerning park issues and informed us that HOA representatives would be meeting with our park owner and Phil and Donna to discuss and resolve ongoing issues. She advised

us to use only licensed contractors for any work we have performed on our homes and she expects us to inform the office when we have a contractor in. We should leave our name at the office if requesting tree trimming this spring.

Several friends celebrated a surprise 80th birthday celebration for Bess Wyse recently at Yanni's restaurant. Hubby Bill did a great job planning the event and she surely was surprised. Daughter Myra and a friend from South Carolina were able to attend and spend too short a visit with Bess and Bill. Congratulations, Bess! We know you are just the beginning of those "80-year-old folk" this year. Thank you to Bess for her contributions to our park, especially her wonderful Christmas open house.

It was a pleasant surprise to see Cathy Blaise visiting from Vermont. Cathy was down for daughter Betty and hubby's marriage at Highlands Hammock State Park on Sunday, Feb. 24. A reception followed at our clubhouse. Family are also in from Kansas. Congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

We were saddened that illness sent Marvin and Joann Crow home to Canada earlier than planned. We trust Joanne is improving; our thoughts and prayers are with them and all others of our park family going through health problems. Syl Kreuser came through surgery well and is back to his busy self. He and Georgie enjoyed their daughter and son-in-law in for a few days. Barbara Sims had recent surgery and is also enjoying better health. We continue to uphold Claudia McManus, Mary Demler, Don Blonde and Helen Lucas.

Congratulations to Gerri Spangler who retired Tuesday, Feb. 26 from her hostess position at Bob Evans restaurant. Gerri was the first employee hired when the facility opened nearly 10 years ago. She will be greatly missed and has a standing monthly breakfast meeting with some of her former patrons. You are deserving of this retirement, Gerri. We hope this will enable you to enjoy better days and return to healthier status. Gerri is already planning to volunteer helping in a caregiver relationship as her health allows.

Some attended the Sweet

Adeline concert and gave great accolades. The Heartland Harmonizers barbershop event will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Our Richard Eade serves as emcee for the evening. I am sure it will be an equally wonderful presentation. Tickets are still available.

March birthdays include: Cindy DeVietro, Jerry Niedzielski, Dolly Blonde, Bette Chapel, Marion Hibbard, Marge Cerda, Elli Schweitzer, Mary Tennant, Wendy Hervey, Connie Mullen and Doug Purdy. Best wishes and congratulations to all.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — The Red Hats of the park had an enjoyable luncheon at Chili's on Feb. 22. Thirty-five came for this happy occasion. After the lunch, they went to a movie but some decided to go shopping. Next month, the Red Hats will be meeting at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 14, for a pizza party in the clubhouse.

Thursday night was our book club, Tropical Harbor Lites. The discussions are always so interesting. For our next meeting we will be reading "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie and Babbitt and "The Giver" by Lois Lowry. We meet at 7 p.m., at the home of Paula Bannister on the second Thursday of the month.

Saturday evening the Crazy Cards party was held in the clubhouse. It was a very successful evening with 114 playing cards. We made more money than we have in the past for Nu-Hope.

Monday morning coffee was made and hosted by Betty and Ellwood Cosgrove and Mary Ann Layne. They served doughnuts that were provided by "All Florida Weatherproofing and Construction, Inc." Rick Fulford was the speaker. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee for this morning. She introduced our manager, Jodi Susco; she told us when our water would be shut off this week. We were happy to see the Fords, Bob and Babette, are back. They have had a home in this park for 20 years. Fred and Julie Foland's brother, Bob and Nancy Ulrey are here to visit with them and their mother, Mary Ann Ulrey.

Our Sunshine person, Carol Noel, read us the list of people who will be receiving get-well cards this week: Betty Beaupre, Myrna Kniseley, Ralph Chamberlain, Dave Bailie, Dee Peterson and Jerry Allen. God be with them. Peggy Sue read the names of people having a birthday this week and the following were present: Wilma Miller, Melanie Cornwell, Tom Walton, Rita Anderson, Jim Vancamp, Alice Fazio and Burt Pritchett. Ruth Ann Wells played the piano and we sang Happy Birthday to them. We also sang Happy Anniversary to Buddy and Loran Hodgdon and John and Shirley Woodruff.

Activities are lining up for the month of March. The Men's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 2; Inky Finger meets the first Monday of each month, so they'll be meeting on March 4; The Mustangs go to breakfast the first Tuesday of each month, so they'll be going to the Truck Stop at 8 a.m., on March 5. The Spring Musical Show or

Concert will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 9. Louis Wackershauser announced that come March 17 he will be cooking corned beef, vegetables, cabbage, potatoes and carrots, as he has in the past so get your tickets early; there will be the last dance of the season, The Bunny Hop with Larry Musgrave at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 23.

The Ladies Coffee was taken care of by Marilyn Cromer. She reviewed all the activities coming up for the rest of the month. The carry-in dinner will be at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28. The Bus trip to the Strawberry Festival on Thursday, March 7 is all filled up. We sang Happy Birthday to the following women: Alice Fazio, Wilma Miller and Dee Ziegler. Dee, by the way, did celebrate with an Open House Birthday Party in the clubhouse on Sunday, Feb. 24. Entry blanks were filled out for joining the Tai Chi class immediately following Tuesday morning's meeting. Pamela Jay Paralakis from Avon Park is leading the class.

The Mustangs of this park went to lunch at Homer's Smorgasbord in Sebring on Tuesday, Feb. 19. Making the arrangements and hosting the lunch was Jerry Hallett.

Feb. 19 was also the day that the ladies went out to lunch and they went to Michael's at the Spring Lake Golf Resort. Hosting was Doris Dornbach and Mary Dixon and they made party favors for each place setting. Door prizes were also given away. Seventy-three people enjoyed this luncheon with a party atmosphere.

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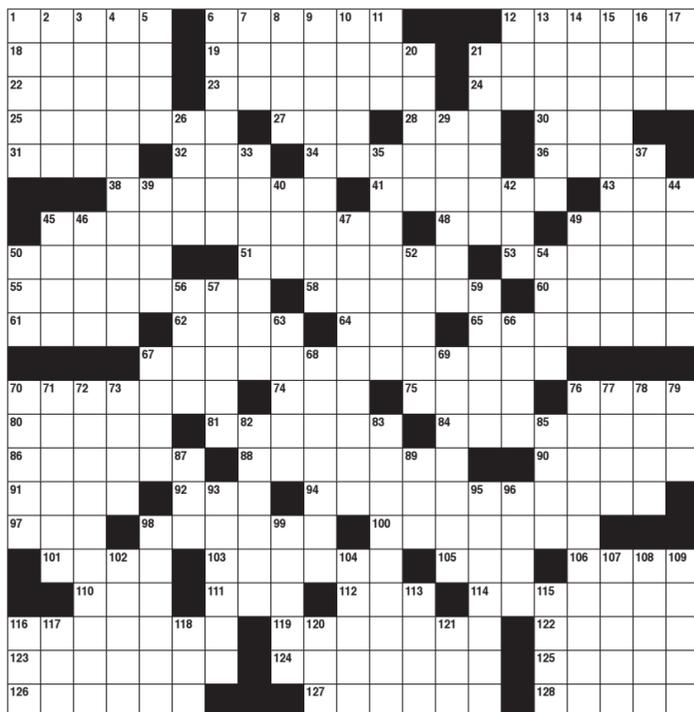
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 - 6 Baseball team's leading hitter
 - 12 Gotham police procedural
 - 18 "Your ____ ..."
 - 19 Body of water on the Uzbek border
 - 21 Post-1968 tennis
 - 22 Silly
 - 23 Magic, once
 - 24 Rear guard?
 - 25 CVS competitor
 - 27 What a faker may put on
 - 28 Gotham-bound luggage letters
 - 30 Estuary, e.g.
 - 31 Like a walk in the park
 - 32 Group with the monster 1994 album "Monster"
 - 34 Like the dish kimchi
 - 36 Followers of 1-Acrosses
 - 38 "Aida" figure
 - 41 Preserve, as fodder
 - 43 It's good for what ails you
 - 45 Cool people
 - 48 Sugar suffix
 - 49 What a raised hand may signal
 - 50 Nuts
 - 51 Show tune with the lyric "Here am I, your special island"
 - 53 Cosine reciprocal
 - 55 1960s-'70s drama set in San Francisco
 - 58 Allow
 - 60 Egg choice
 - 61 Go up against
 - 62 Heart
 - 64 Bitmap image
 - 65 Thor's domain
 - 67 1968 movie directed by Paul Newman
 - 70 Forerun
 - 74 Chaney of "Of Mice and Men"
 - 75 Beast that killed Adonis
 - 76 Way off
 - 80 Actor Quinn
 - 81 "Heavens to Betsy!"
- DOWN**
- 1 English division
 - 2 Coastal Anatolian region
 - 3 Barbecue annoyances
 - 4 Miss at the movies?
 - 5 Region
 - 6 Twaddle
 - 7 Tax law subj.
 - 8 Big do
 - 9 There's no escaping this
- 84 What many op-art designs appear to do
 - 86 Fictional Indiana town where "Parks and Recreation" is set
 - 88 Upside-down container
 - 90 Space effect, for short
 - 91 Word from Hamlet while holding a skull
 - 92 Pince-____
 - 94 Tony-nominated play made into an Oscar-nominated movie
 - 97 Paper size: Abbr.
 - 98 Dance in 3/4 time
 - 100 China and environs
 - 101 It might come out in the wash
 - 103 Lacking scruples
 - 105 B&O and others
 - 106 Silent interval
 - 110 1945 Pacific battle site, informally
 - 111 Catch
 - 112 Abe
 - 114 Relatively inexpensive wrap
 - 116 Had a senior moment
 - 119 Work from a folder
 - 122 Island SW of Majorca
 - 123 Some paneling
 - 124 Old North State native
 - 125 Piece of the past
 - 126 Co-founder of Death Row Records
 - 127 Some ocean debris
 - 128 Pastime for Barack Obama at Camp David

By IAN LIVENGOOD AND J.A.S.A.



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- 10 Request that one attend
- 11 Certain joint
- 12 Apple core, briefly
- 13 Unruffled
- 14 Prefix with red
- 15 One of the usual suspects?
- 16 Org. with an eagle in its logo
- 17 Piehole
- 20 "Blues in the Night" composer Harold
- 21 Certain sultan's subjects
- 26 Country with a supreme leader
- 29 Petroleum distillate
- 33 Source of the line "What's done is done"
- 35 Ginger feature
- 37 Drunkard
- 39 Angry cat's sound
- 40 1/24 of un giorno
- 42 "___ Miz"
- 44 Better suited
- 45 Cattered
- 46 Split part of a reindeer
- 47 Rank below group captain
- 49 Car radio button
- 50 Top
- 52 '90s-'00s Britcom
- 54 Month after Av
- 56 Microsoft Surface competitor
- 57 Uncertain
- 59 Tom Cruise's character in "Mission: Impossible"
- 63 Hägar's wife in the funnies
- 66 Round up
- 67 ___ Laënnec, inventor of the stethoscope
- 68 Pursue
- 69 Certain bid, informally
- 70 Kind of court or cross
- 71 Bridge dividing the San Marco and San Polo districts
- 72 Early 20th century, in British history
- 73 Pink-slips
- 76 Answer man?
- 77 Old West casino game
- 78 Oceans
- 79 Pump option: Abbr.
- 82 Itch cause
- 83 It brightens up a performance
- 85 Yom Kippur War weaponry
- 87 Record producer Brian
- 89 Gray shade
- 93 Twisty-horned creatures
- 95 "Halloween," e.g.
- 96 Opportunity creator
- 98 Go-between
- 99 Sci-fi staple
- 102 Partner of operated
- 104 Blazing
- 107 Submit an online return
- 108 "___ Q" (Creedence Clearwater Revival hit)
- 109 Plot
- 113 Dundee denials
- 115 Cocktails with crème de cassis
- 116 Letters on briefs
- 117 Celtic water deity
- 118 Poet's "before"
- 120 Post-1858 rule
- 121 "Give ___ break!"

Man's online porn addition robs marriage of its passion

Dear Abby: I need help and I can't talk to anyone I know, so I'm pouring my heart out to you. My husband is addicted to online porn. Our sex life has suffered massively because of it. He seems uninterested in sex with me. I had a feeling that it might be something or someone else.



Dear Abby

My woman's intuition told me there had to be a reason for him turning to porn, so I checked our computer's history log and found he has been surfing gay porn. He does watch straight porn, but now peppers it with male-on-male porn as well.

It has shattered my world. I don't know what to think or what to do. I can't discuss this with my family. They would never view him in the same way again. Help! - **J. in Brighton, England**

Dear J.: Your husband may be curious, bisexual or have discovered (late) that he is gay. It happens. You need to have a frank conversation with him. Remain calm, stay strong and remember that you, too, are entitled to a sex life. You have nothing to lose by discussing this, and everything to gain.

If you need more help afterward, consider going online and contacting the Straight Spouse Network at www.straightspouse.org.

Dear Abby: I have been in therapy for four years. I like my therapist, who has helped me immensely. However, over the past year she has become increasingly tardy in keeping her appointment times.

I understand there are sometimes emergencies, but being a half-hour late every week is excessive. I feel it is disrespectful to me. She keeps saying I just don't understand.

How can I get across to her how frustrated I am? Or do I need to find a new therapist? - **By the Clock in Connecticut**

Dear By the Clock: Tell your therapist exactly how this is affecting you and ask what her problem is. She owes you an explanation.

I agree that being late for your appointment is disrespectful if it happens regularly. You may need to find another therapist. If that's the case, be sure to tell her why you are leav-

ing. It takes courage to be assertive, but it will help you in your personal growth.

Dear Abby: Please help me with a delicate situation between me and my husband of seven years.

For our 20th anniversary, my first husband gave me a diamond anniversary ring. After running across it again, I have recently started wearing it.

My husband is very offended that I have chosen to do this. I wear it on the middle finger of my left hand. (The knuckle on my right hand was broken when I was a teen and it won't fit on that hand.)

I have tried explaining that there is no sentimental reason for wearing the ring. It's just a beautiful piece of jewelry. He doesn't want me to wear it at all, but I do. Do you have any advice? - **Likes the Sparkle in Wisconsin**

Dear Likes the Sparkle: While the ring may be just a beautiful piece of jewelry to you, to your husband it may symbolize the 20-plus years you spent with someone else. Ask if he would mind if you had the stones in the ring remounted into something you could wear on your right hand - or consider selling it and using the money to buy another piece of jewelry that would be less threatening to your current spouse.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips.

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Great expectations can lead to greater disappointments

With our personalities we often expect the worst. People in the field of psychology call this catastrophizing. (my dictionary can't spell this word).

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We have set ourselves up for this by allowing our minds to run rampant thinking the worst. Did you know that we can do just the opposite of this and set ourselves up for more disappointment?



FLY Lady

Leanne Ely

This is when our imagination takes a simple event we are going to attend and makes it much more glamorous and special than it really is. One of these events is the holidays. We spend

hours dreaming of how wonderful it is going to be only to be disappointed by its inability to live up to our expectations.

Our wedding day can do that to us too. We expect that this is going to be the greatest day of our lives and if that were to happen what would that say for the rest of our marriage. Our imaginations cause us to live in a fairy tale where everything works out and then when it doesn't occur the way we have imagined we are devastated.

This devastation is caused by our perfectionism. Expectations that no one or any event can live up to only come true in fairy tales. I am trying to figure out why we do this to ourselves. It is one thing to have hope, but it is

an entirely different thing to exaggerate or project an outcome on people's reactions when we cannot read their minds and we don't have a magic wand.

This type of perfectionism is all about control. We want to be the director of the play we have staged in our head. We want everything to go just as we have planned. Then when it doesn't go just the way we imagined, we lash out at the people who didn't play their parts well. If for some reason you don't say what is on your mind, then you take to your bed and complete the process of closing out the real world more than you already have.

When you are putting a project together, planning an

See VICTIM, page 6B

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Broccoli Stir-Fry

Serves: 4

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
 - 2 shallots, peeled and thinly sliced
 - 4 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
 - 1 cup assorted Asian mushrooms (maitake, white buna-shimeji, enoki, yellow foot, shiitake)
 - 1/2 head Napa cabbage, shredded
 - 1 1/2 cups of Eat Smart Beneforté broccoli florets
 - 1 1/2 cups snow peas
 - 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- Sprouts for garnish

Heat large sauté pan with oil over medium high heat.

Cook shallots until translucent, about 2 minutes, add garlic. Cook for 1 minute.

Add mushrooms and cook until liquid dissolves, about 5 minutes.

Add cabbage, broccoli, snow peas and bell pepper; cook for 3 minutes. Top with sprouts. Serve immediately.

Roasted Broccoli

Serves: 4

- 1 1/2 cups of Eat Smart Beneforté broccoli florets
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan
- 3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
- 1 teaspoon chopped basil (optional)

Preheat oven to 425°F.

In large bowl, toss broccoli with garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper.

Place broccoli in a single layer on baking sheet. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes, turning once during cooking, until crisp-tender.

Remove broccoli immediately to serving bowl and toss with lemon juice and zest, Parmesan, pine nuts and basil.

Adjust seasoning to taste and serve hot.

Note: Cooking decreases the glucoraphanin content of Beneforté broccoli as it does for all broccoli. The best way to get the health benefits from any broccoli is to eat it raw or lightly steamed.



Roasted Broccoli



Broccoli with Fusilli and Red Pepper

Serves: 6 to 8

- 1 1/2 cups of Eat Smart Beneforté broccoli florets
- 3 teaspoons salt, divided
- 1/2 pound fusilli pasta
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced into long thin strips
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 lemon zest
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Freshly grated Parmesan (optional)

Cook broccoli for 3 minutes in a large pot of boiling water with 1 teaspoon salt. Remove from water with slotted spoon. Place in large bowl and set aside.

In same water, cook pasta according to package directions, about 10 minutes. Drain well and add to broccoli.

While pasta is cooking, in small sauté pan, heat oil and cook sliced red pepper, garlic and lemon zest over medium-low heat for 3 minutes.

Off heat, add 2 teaspoons salt, red pepper flakes, pepper and lemon juice. Mix and pour this over broccoli and pasta. Toss well.

Season to taste, sprinkle with cheese (if using), and serve. For added protein, shred 1/2 of a cooked store-bought roasted chicken, then toss with pasta and serve.

Fresh strawberries for blackened tuna

This week I am back at home and glad to be back at work in the Heartland Division of Florida Hospitals. I did enjoy seeing all the historical buildings in Lake City while working up there last week. Lake City incorporated in 1859 and Marion Street seemed to have the most history on it.

Yesterday we celebrated Black History Month by offering a menu in our café called "A Taste of Culinary Heritage", which are recipes from the late Chef Edna Lewis, who was a chef at Café Nicholson in New York City during the 1950s. She lived to 89 and is celebrated as a leader in early African-



Chef's Corner

Tim Spain

American female chefs.

The recipes we served were her chicken and dumplings, peas and cream, sweet potato casserole and blackberry cobbler.

This week I also found out

that I was selected to go The Culinary Master Works at the Culinary Institute of American, San Antonio. The Culinary Master Works is a chef's retreat week for some continuing education and a chance to work with the future leadership of culinary arts.

Morrison Healthcare and Morrison Senior Dining has 450 executive chefs and each year 75 are nominated, then the vice presidents of Culinary and the corporate chefs pick 24 chefs to go to the event. I am honored to have been selected.

It's strawberry season around here and I do enjoy seeing the flats of strawber-

ries coming in with a Plant City address on the label. Here is a cool strawberry recipe that I hope you enjoy. Cheer, Chef

Blackened Tuna Sandwich with Strawberry Salsa

- 2-1/2 ounce strawberries, fresh, diced
- 1-1/2 ounce pineapple, fresh, diced
- 1 ounce salad dressing, Italian, light, Done Right
- 2 tsp. cilantro, fresh, chopped
- 1/2 ounce onions, red, fresh, diced
- 1/2 ounce peppers, chili, jalapeno, fresh, chopped

- 1 tsp. lime, fresh, juice
- 2 each fish, tuna, steak, yellow fin, 4 oz.
- 2 tsp. mustard, dijon, Grey Poupon
- 2 tsp seasoning, Caribbean jerk
- 2 ounce mayonnaise, heavy duty
- 4 each bread, sourdough, slice, 1 oz.
- 1 ounce spinach, baby, fresh

Preparation Method

1. Combine ingredients; cover. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. Spread both sides of fish fillets with mustard; sprinkle with seasoning. Grill on medium-high heat 3

to 4 min. on each side until cooked through or to desired doneness. Remove from grill; cover to keep warm.

3. For each serving: Toast sourdough bread slices.

Spread 1 Tbsp. mayonnaise onto each of 2 of the toast slices. Cover 1 of the toast slices with 1/2 cup spinach, 1 fish fillet, 1/2 cup Salsa and second toast slice, mayonnaise-side down.

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