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No **48.7%**

Total votes: 74

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Heartland history goes national

Sports writer digs into history of Heartland's baseball

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK – Travel sports writer and San Diego resident Joe Connor has traveled throughout the state of Florida picking up pieces of history along the way. The baseball fan learned of his passion for the sport as a teenager from his father, who he gives credit as his inspiration for his love of travel and sports.

"He took me everywhere. We'd go to spring training games and season games and I just loved. I also played baseball for a while," Connor said.

For the past three weeks, Connor has kicked his love of travel and sports into high gear as he visited nearly 30 cities in Florida gathering pieces of history to showcase for his story – a piece that documents the approaching 125th anniversary of the MLB's spring training season.

From Jacksonville to Avon Park, Connor has learned a great deal of information regarding the history of the sport as it has unfolded in the Sunshine State.

MLB and its minor league counterpart have traditionally trained for the season in See PLACE, page 7A



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Sports travel writer Joe Connor sifts through old photos alongside Avon Park Historical Museum Director Elaine Levey Saturday morning.

Junior champ, adult hopefuls

Caitlin Sinness earns Jr. Heartland Idol champion title

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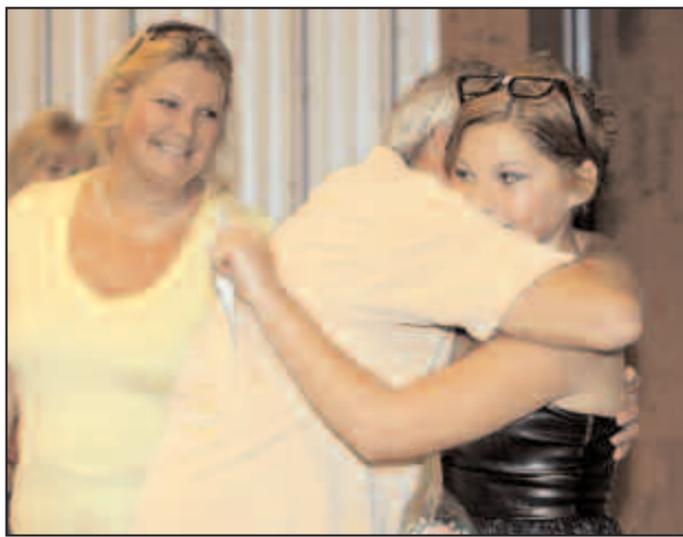
SEBRING – Even after 11-year-old Caitlin Sinness wasn't chosen to advance during the first qualifying round of the Jr. Heartland Idol competition, she made it known that she was in the competition to win it all – which is just what she did.

Refusing to be defeated, Sinness returned for the second qualifying round of Jr. Idol with a bigger, stronger sound at the Valentine's Day show. Sinness's big performance of Miley Cyrus's "The Climb" was much more impressive to judges; she was granted entry into the semi-finals.

The Fred Wild Elementary School fifth-grader's love for the stage was hard to go unnoticed by judges during her final two performances before being crowned winner Thursday evening.

Sinness's final performance, a high-energy rendition of Taylor Swift's "Mean", was just what the competition needed. The props and costumes used throughout her performance were a refreshing addition to not only her performance but the show as a whole.

"You brought your A-game tonight honey. I loved it," judge



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Caitlin Sinness receives a congratulatory hug from her step-dad Kevin Farmer, while her mom Candy looks on. Sinness won the 2013 Jr. Heartland Idol competition.

Jimmy Black said.

Most of the judges agreed that Sinness's performance was quite entertaining and showcased her true talent.

Veteran judge Larry Moore gave the young performer a few words of advice following her performance. "Have you ever done any performing?" Moore asked. "You should really search and try acting and singing. I think you'd be really great there."

The 2013 Jr. Heartland Idol winners wrapped up with three winners, each awarded cash prizes from title sponsor Agero.

Mariah Finney, 12, of Avon Park, performed Kelly Clarkson's "Already Gone", which won her the third place prize. Finney was awarded \$125.

Second year competitor and judge favorite Ashdone Dennison, 7, of Avon Park, performed the current Justin Bieber hit "Beauty and the Beat". Dennison landed himself in second place for the second year and was awarded \$250.

Sinness walked away from her first place win with \$500.

"This is so awesome," a shocked, and near tears Sinness said. "I'm going to give it (money) to charity."

Idol's adult division kicks off

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING – Thursday evening kicked into a new gear following the Jr. Idol's finale when 10 adult performers took the stage for the first qualifying round.

The adult division's first night started off very slow but gained momentum at the end. A wide range of songs were performed during the first qualifier, everything from blues to a classic opera tune. The five competitors were chosen to move on to the second qualifying round next Thursday.

Singers Michele Macbeth, 30, Sebring; Lindsey Sears, 26, Sebring;

Mary Hazel Teape, 18, Avon Park; Ashley Elder, 27, Avon Park; and Adam Meredith, 21, Sebring will all return Thursday to battle it out once again for the judges.

The adult division is already filled with veteran performers and past winners Teape (who won both the junior and teen divisions in recent years), Sears, Elder.

The judges first blown-away moment came following Teape's performance of the classic Whitney Houston hit "I Will Always Love You".

"I always cringe a little bit when I

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Michelle Macbeth of Sebring sings 'Night and day,' on Thursday evening during the first night of the adult competition in Sebring.

Centennial Park provides gateway to Downtown Sebring

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SEBRING – Only a few more steps are left until the completion of Centennial Park in Downtown Sebring. Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Director Robin Hinote is excited about the new addition to the community of Sebring.

"It will be the entrance to downtown, like a gateway almost," Hinote said.

The project is being headed by Excavation Point and contracted through other agencies, including La Grow Irrigation.

The park project has been in the works since 2011. The discussion for the park was mulled over by city officials and administrators before the go ahead was given to break ground. Since December, workers have been prepping the spot between Lakeview and Ridgewood for a beautification project.

Over the past few days, large cabbage palms have been placed throughout the park. Perennials, grass and other vegetation have been particularly placed in the area to bring a beautiful spring feel to the park.

"We have held one of the trees for Earth Day on April 27. We will have big ceremony that day and feature the new addition," Hinote said.

Centennial Park has also been approved for signage space; city officials have granted the CRA approval of a scrolling marquee type sign in the park.

"There have been some concerns ... people don't want a TV on the street by any means. But we have been approved for an electronic scrolling sign of some sort. It would be used to showcase upcoming events and things like that," Hinote said.

After the approval from Florida Department of Transportation, Centennial Park will be ready for residents and visitors to enjoy. DOT approval will allow for more paving on the Ridgewood side of the park allowing adequate sidewalks and spacing.

The park should be completed within the next couple of months.

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AP council asks for meeting packets earlier

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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AVON PARK — Garrett Anderson, serving his first term as a city councilor, proposed his first ordinance at the last regular meeting.

Anderson wanted the city council agenda to “be set and published no less than seven days prior to the advertised date of the meeting.”

If an issue is deemed urgent, an item could be placed on the agenda no less than 48 hours prior to the advertised meeting.

At the same time, Anderson wanted councilors to have adequate time preparing for discussions and decisions. So his ordinance allowed individual councilors to table an agenda item from one meeting to the next.

Anderson said, “The reason is to slow (the process) down a bit. Things come through pretty fast. I’ve felt at times it would be good to have at least a few more days (to study an issue).”

The idea met resistance. “Sometimes I think government moves too slow,” Councilor Terry Heston said.

“It will give you time to talk to John Henry in the street,” Anderson replied. “That’s what I do generally,” Heston said. “I have five people I go to.”

“You could talk to 20 people,” Anderson said. “The point is expanding the base of people getting involved.”

“I believe the premise is good,” Councilor Parke Sutherland said, adding however, he did have serious

concerns about a single council member being able to delay an item from one agenda to another. “It gives one person majority rule.”

“I’m really and truly not in favor of another ordinance,” Mayor Sharon Schuler said.

The council reached an agreement. Council packets will be ready no later than the Wednesday before the Monday meeting, so council members will have adequate time to review all the issues.

“I’ll be happy with that,” Anderson said.

City Manager Julian DeLeon told the council new technology will also help with the work load. The city is acquiring electronic tablets for quicker communication between staff and elected officials.



Courtesy photo

Damien Randolph has fun with his audience at Highlands Inn Lounge while doing a Live Trivia Game Show.

Live Trivia Game Show offered

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Damien Randolph is hosting a Live Trivia Game Show at Highlands Inn Lounge at 7 p.m. every Friday.

There is no admission. Prizes will be awarded each week to the top three teams.

General knowledge questions will be the factor of the game. Teams can consist of as many people as they want.

The more people on the team, the better the chance to win.

Randolph mixes up the entertainment with music and singing while everyone prepares for the next round of questions.

Highlands Inn Lounge is inside the hotel at 6525 U.S. 27 North, in front of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

Federal sting nabs Florida gang member in gun scam

Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A Florida gang member has pleaded guilty in a drug and arms conspiracy after he tried to trade guns for cocaine with federal agents he believed were members of a Mexican drug cartel.

Lawrence James Panka pleaded guilty Friday in McAllen, concluding a case that included a monthlong undercover sting operation that began in Pharr, Texas and ended in December in Sarasota, Fla.

The McAllen Monitor reports that on Dec. 11, Panka thought he was trading guns for cocaine with members of a Mexican drug cartel. But the men he met were agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Panka wanted to trade or sell automatic rifles for either \$2,000 each or one ounce of cocaine per firearm.

Two other men are charged as co-conspirators.

Lesson in fire safety



Courtesy photo

Highlands County Fire Service Specialist Luke Andrews shows Aktion Club member Tim Dowdy, of Sebring, how to pull the tab off of a fire extinguisher during a training for the club members on Feb. 21 at Ridge Area Arc's main campus in Avon Park. Andrews trained 43 Aktion Club members and 19 Ridge Area Arc staff members in proper usage of a fire extinguisher. Everyone got to extinguish a controlled fire provided by county firefighters. Aktion Club is a civic group sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sebring that is open to all individuals with disabilities.

Florida businessman guilty in investment scheme

Associated Press

MIAMI — The former chief of a South Florida-based international construction materials company has pleaded guilty to a multimillion-dollar investment scheme.

Court records show 54-year-old Claudio Osorio pleaded guilty this week to wire fraud and money laundering conspiracy charges. He faces a total maximum possible sentence of 50 years behind bars when he is sentenced in May.

Osorio was owner and main shareholder of Miami Beach-based Innovida Holdings, which made fiber composite panels for use in construction. Prosecutors say Osorio raised more than \$40 million from investors by

misrepresenting the company's financial health and profitability.

Prosecutors say Osorio also obtained a \$10 million loan from a U.S. government entity for projects to help rebuild Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. Again, the loan was obtained using false representations about Innovida's finances.

Clarification

In the Feb. 27 edition of the News-Sun, a story appeared encouraging county residents to comment on the Highlands County Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps. No exact information was given by as to who to contact.

Highlands County information specialist Gloria Rybinski reports that the contact person is Martin Fitts. He can be reached at 402-6927 to view the maps.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the information.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Author to speak at Highlands Tea Party meet

SEBRING — Dr. Jonathan Matusitz, author of “Terrorism & Communications”, will be the guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of The Highlands Tea Party. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., with buffet dinner optional at 5 p.m. at Homer's Restaurant.

Matusitz is currently an associate professor in the Nicholson School of Communication at the University of Central Florida. He studies globalization, culture, and terrorism. One of his particular emphases is the Islamist threat to America and the world.

On top of having 85 academic publications and more than 100 conference presentations, he taught at a N.A.T.O.-affiliated military base in Belgium in 2010.

Originally from Belgium himself, he migrated to the

United States in 2000. In 2012, he was honored with a prestigious teaching award by the College of Sciences at UCF.

Based on the premise that terrorism is essentially a message, “Terrorism and Communication: A Critical Introduction” examines terrorism from a communication perspective — making it the first text to offer a complete picture of the role of communication in terrorist activity.

For information, visit www.thehighlandsteaparty.com, email jlparz@embarq-mail.com or call 699-0743.

Quit Smoking program offered in March

Are you thinking about or ready to quit using tobacco? There are free five-week Quit Smoking Now programs starting on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27 in Sebring and Lake Placid. This free program includes five weekly

sessions that are one hour each and provides Nicotine Replacement Therapy Patches at no cost.

Call 1-877-252-6094 to register. Space is limited.

Sebring Village prepares for theatre trip

SEBRING — Sebring Village, 4343 Schumacher Road, is going to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theatre in Clearwater today for the production of “Move Over Mrs. Markham”. The bus leaves from the clubhouse at 1:30 p.m.; returning at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$55, which includes transportation and a full buffet with entrees that include carved roast beef, salmon almandine, chicken cacciatore, baked ziti, rice, potatoes, full salad bar and much more. This is also a BYOB (bring your own beverage) event.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance. If interested, contact the office at 863-382-1900. **Continued on page 5A**

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 In honor of being named Most Interesting Town in 2012, the LP Chamber of Commerce created a new annual recognition: Most Interesting Person. The inaugural award was given to Eddie Mae Henderson.

LP Chamber banquet honors many, including most interesting citizen

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — Bert Harris III was, as always, a congenial and funny master of ceremonies for the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet Thursday night at the Chateau Élan Hotel and Conference Center. Eileen May, executive director of the chamber, told the News-Sun that 350 people attended. “We’re thrilled,” May said. “It was a wonderful evening.”

The chamber honors its leaders and members during the banquet.

The Country Fair Association and MidFlorida Credit Union received appreciation awards for their work on behalf of the community, and Sue Bastardi was named Volunteer of the Year.

The Chamber Charger Award went to Mark and Jeane Fortier for their constant support. The Fortiers own and operate Home & Office Essentials & Mail Call Shipping.

William Brantley, former town councilor and current member of The School Board of Highlands County, received the Dal Hall Award. Named for the legendary Lake Placid leader, the award recognizes outstanding public service.

Mary Birge, with Highlands Independent Bank, and Wendy Larson, with MidFlorida Credit Union, are team leaders with the Junior Achievement Program — Birge at LPHS and Lake Placid Christian School; Larson at LPMS. Both were



News-Sun photos by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
 Bill Brantley receives the Dal Hall Award.

honored with Lake Placid Leadership Awards.

Dana Telesco accepted the Outstanding Service to Youth Award on behalf of SRT8UP Ministries.

Barb Sheasley, publisher of the Lake Placid Journal, was awarded the Special President’s Award. A posthumous Special President Award honored the memory of Alicia “Lee” Dyce.

Coz’s Sports Bar & Bow was presented with the chamber’s Spectrum Award.

The most prestigious award the chamber can bestow, the Harry Seeber Award, went to Adam Hess, first chief, Lake Placid Fire Station No. 36. Seeber’s son

Bobby and family presented the plaque to Hess, who got one of the standing ovations.

Eddie Mae Henderson was selected for a brand new award — the Most Interesting Lake Placid Person.

There was more.

Arlene Tuck, retiring town clerk, received the first of the many accolades she is bound to receive as she counts down the days until March 28.

Family surrounded her on the stage. Her son, Andy Tuck, told the audience he’d been asked to say a few words to make her cry. Mostly, however, she laughed in delight.



Wendy Larson (second from left) Eileen May and Mary Birge accept the LP Leadership Award for their work as Junior Achievement team leaders.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
 Andy Tuck says a few words about his mother, retiring town clerk Arlene Tuck (sitting). Tuck said he asked what he should say about his mother. The reply was, ‘make her cry.’ Instead, he made her laugh.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Commission should have been better served

Our condolences to the county commission. Making a decision about Swamp Hammock isn't easy.

Should the county allow the outdoor recreation club to open for business, or should it protect a quiet neighborhood and sensitive environmental area?

The discussion has been ongoing for about a year.

Opinions on the issue are strongly held, emotions run high.

Worse, proponents and critics both make powerful points. Just when you decide one way, you change your mind and go the other.

No matter the decision,

however, it's a sure bet 50 percent of Highlands County residents will be angry and upset when the decision is made, Commissioner Don Elwell has said.

Given the stress of deciding what to do, it is a shame that the county attorney didn't do a better job of supporting and preparing commission members for the quasi-judicial proceeding Tuesday night.

Because a public hearing like Tuesday's has legal standing, speakers must be

sworn in, and all commissioner communications with principals must be revealed, explained and made a part of the official record.

No one expects commissioners untrained in the law to be aware of its finer points.

An attorney, on the other hand, must know better to be of any use. Understanding the rules and the process is a huge part of the county attorney's job description. Commission members should have been forewarned so the mandated records of their conversations with principals on either side of the Swamp Hammock issue were ready in a timely manner.

Having failed to prepare the commission, the county attorney almost shut down the meeting — never mind it was dinner time and raining, so citizens were going out of their way to be heard.

A wave of angry unrest swept the crowd. A compromise was reached. As long as no decisions were made until individual commissioner correspondence on the issue was accounted for. The lawyer, reluctantly, allowed the hearing to continue, but no action was allowed.

Had the board of commissions made their decision Tuesday night — something the commission was ready to do — we'd be getting on with our lives by now.

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What is a conservative?

Last week my best friend Tina wrote a blog post titled, "Will the reasonable conservatives please stand up?" In the post she laments the fact that many "conservatives" will call your own beliefs into question if you don't subscribe to certain conspiracy theories making the rounds out there. She wonders where the "reasonable" conservatives are these days ... the ones who remember what we used to preach before Obama got into office and some people basically lost their minds. (This summary in no way does justice to the blog post — you can read it here: <http://allynsalley211.blogspot.com/2013/02/will-reasonable-conservatives-please.html>)

I sympathize with her. I really do. I have been repeatedly blasted by a reader because I dared to suggest that the president's birth certificate was genuine. I am frustrated by the fact that people I know and respect, intelligent people, have become convinced that the president is a closet Muslim. Some of my fellow conservatives have merrily gone down the rabbit hole, and woe betide you if you don't follow them.

Tina's fear is that the real message of conservatism is being lost amid all this noise. I am forced to agree with her. What happened to preaching fiscal responsibility, limited government, giving people a hand up?

Instead, conservatives like me are caught between a rock and a hard place. We are yelled at by people on the right for not following them into these false issues. People on the left (and this includes some Republicans) don't like us because we cry out against what is going on in Washington these days. It's hard to get respect from anyone.

It is hard to debate these people. For example, they are convinced, despite all the evidence to the contrary, that snopes.com is a liberal shill. Snopes.com is actually a very handy website for debunking urban myths and false information, and contrary to what you might have heard, is not owned by George Soros.

So is this the new definition of conservative? That we believe and pass on false stories and wild con-

Laura's Look

Laura Ware

spiracy theories that are not based in fact? That we preach these things above and beyond what we need to be discussing, which is how to fix the mess this country is in thanks to people from the president on down?

As a conservative, I cannot support the massive growth of government and debt that has occurred under President Obama. And listen, it's been over four years; George W. Bush isn't in office anymore, time to quit trying to pass the buck.

But I am not going to waste time attacking the president personally. I'd rather discuss his policies and how they are hurting the economy and the country. I'd rather propose solutions to what we're going through rather than plunging into shadowy conspiracy theories.

So, in my opinion, what is a conservative?

A conservative believes in the Constitution's set up of a limited federal government. He or she believes that we currently have a spending problem, in that Washington is spending and borrowing us into a disaster in the future. That we don't need more government in our lives, but less.

A conservative believes that there is merit in strengthening the family and giving people the opportunity to better themselves. That we can't tax our way into prosperity. And this just scratches the surface.

To quote my friend Tina, "Is conservatism going to be associated with 'far-out right-wing conspiracy theory', or with a sound series of principles that can be explained and defended?"

The choice is ours. I choose the latter. My hope is that the majority of my fellow conservatives will do the same. While there still is a country left to save.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Speed, litter on Peters needs addressed

Editor:

I had just returned from the experimental aircraft flier breakfast, which was delicious and anyone who missed the \$6 breakfast sure missed the boat.

However to get back to the reason for this complaint is the continuing worsening of the litter along Peters Road in northeastern Highlands County. I have reason to travel this road frequently on my way to the airport and have seen the road go from one that I would take northern visitors to take pictures of the beautiful Florida landscape and citrus groves! Now tires and all other kinds of trash are being dumped there and if not stopped will eventually be blocking the road. Tires seem to be the big offender. Either the tire vendors or the tax evaders are using the roadway as an escape from paying the tax for old tire disposal. Every one of these tires bears an identifying number branded into the rubber and can be traced throughout its history.

Why don't the police check out a couple of these numbers and throw the book at the dumpers?

Another thing that I note on my route to Hendrick's Field is the speed limit as I leave Peters Road, 45 miles an hour on wide open country road. Speed limit through Sebring's U.S. 27 is 55 miles per hour through the business district. Who is watching the roads in this area or is it the forbidden land?

Let's get it cleaned up and kept clean before it becomes like so many other neglected areas of Highlands County.

Woodie Jackson
Sebring

Is a recall in order?

Editor:

The meeting (last Thursday) has nothing to do with balancing the percentages for the entities voted in by the citizens. It is to increase the percentage of their two friends to 42 percent, and by definition lower the percentages to the groups that were designated to receive the money.

They, the two employees, are already, and have been for several months, maybe years taking 42 percent of the money and putting it in their bank account. The mandate by the voter was 29 percent. They did an unsatisfactory job and an audit was ordered by the state and that audit proved it.

Who do you think is paying for their benefits, retirement and insurance? We, the citizens and taxpayers are because they are county employees.

If the citizens let them get away with this scam, the next thing will raise the tax to 3 percent or more. These commissioners do not care what the taxpayers want, they have their own personal agenda and will ignore the taxpayers. After all, they all have two more years to the next election. Maybe a recall is in order?

As usual, I can be reached at clagg@comcast.net.

William E. Clagg
Lake Placid

Bouquet

Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit kudos

Editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 19 the 14th annual Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit wrapped up with a bash in

the park's clubhouse. This year, \$54,055.10 was raised for cancer research, bringing the total raised by Tanglewood residents to \$430,000 since the Benefit was started in 2000.

This year's Cancer Benefit sponsors were: Alan Holmes/Edward Jones, Bill Jarrett Ford, Heartland National Bank, NewsomEye and Dr. Vinod Thakkar & Dr. Pankaj Patel.

Generous donations were made by the following committees and groups:

Tanglewood Golf Association, Tanglethread Quilters, Bingo, Pickleball, Dance, Petanque, Tennis, Shuffleboard, Tanglewood Community Church, Entertainment Designers' Network. As well, many individuals made significant contributions via the "Celebrate a Life" program or directly to the Cancer Benefit.

Our premium prize packages were courtesy of: Hometown America, Florida Hospital, Dr. Vinod Thakkar & Dr. Pankaj Patel, Tanglewood Computer Club, Steve & Company and Turner Furniture.

Raffle prizes were donated by: Judy Hurst, Sybil Holz, Syble Rock, Robert Huff, Kathy Rack, Bernie and Sharon Lambiasi, Barbara Mears, Rhoda Salles, Barry Radawiec, Ingrid Stroppe, Marti Mammarelli, Gary and Gerry Humphrey, John Lemek, Nancy and Brian Shennan, Steve Waitkus, the Dog Owners Group, Special Events kitchen staff and the Trips and Travel committee.

Door prizes were obtained from: American Cancer Society, Heartland National Bank, Mugs on 27, Boner Outfitters, Hibachi Buffet, Beef O'Brady's, Ruby Tuesday, A-Kill Pest Control, Jeff Alexander-

Massage Therapist, Musselman's, Heartland Bowl, Fairmount Cinemas, Lakeshore 8 Cinemas, McCracken's Produce, News-Sun, Outback, Chili's, Turner Furniture, Michael's Restaurant at Spring Lake, Dee's Place Restaurant, Spring Lake Golf Course, Five Guys, Connie Parsons - Central Hairstyling, Cool's Automotive, Lois Brown - Halo's Hair Design, Leslie Mercure - Halo's Hair Design, Bob Evans, Master Pieces Pottery Studio, Bill Jarrett Ford, Red Lobster, Office Depot, Florida Hospital, Danielle Ortiz - Xtreme Hair Designs and Evolution of Beauty, Flagler Beach.

Special thanks to:

Bob Weed for providing his music and trivia free of charge for the 14th year.

News-Sun, Highlands Today, and Heartland SunTimes for their great work in publicizing our activities.

Hometown America for the complimentary liquid refreshments, Bob Evans for the delicious wraps, Old Bats in Red Hats and Red Hat Tanglettes for serving scrumptious sundaes.

The staff of Hometown America for helping in so many ways.

Denise Benavides of the American Cancer Society for her help and guidance.

Myron and Linda Pickering for chairing the event for the first seven years and Tom DiGrazia and Tom McKeever for carrying the torch for another four years as co-chairs.

The numerous volunteers who made this year's Cancer Benefit possible.

Neil Simpson,
Chair,
Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit

Circle of Speed



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
The Circle of Speed kicks off the 61st Annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring on Thursday evening in downtown Sebring. Race week is March 13-16 at the Sebring International Raceway.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Spectators check out vintage race cars Thursday evening during the Circle of Speed at downtown Sebring. A dozen or so race cars drove from the Sebring International Raceway to participate in the annual event. The event was organized by the Heartland Riders Association and the Sebring Chamber of Commerce



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
A large crowd gathers Thursday evening to watch a variety of vintage race cars make their way to the Circle of Speed event in downtown Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Dustin Woods (left) speaks words of encouragement Thursday evening to contestants during Heartland Idol at the YMCA in Sebring.

Adult Idol competition continues

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hear people choose songs like this ... one of the best songs ever sang ... You have some impressive control of your voice for your age. You have a good belting voice but not as impressive as your ballad voice. That was just awesome," judge Dustin Woods said.

Veteran judge Larry Moore was at a loss for words. "I don't know what just happened," Moore said. "Your control of that instrument is phenomenal. That was stank. I am looking forward to this competition." New performer Macbeth also blew away judges with her strong voice, song choice

and incredible voice range after her rendition of "Night and Day". "You're going to bring some entertainment to this competition," Woods said. "I thought you were going to hit that money note and go all the way up the scale and I was going to just fall out of my chair if you did." Adult Idol division continues next week with the second round qualifiers. Idol founder Diana Walker hopes to get more adults in the competition for a chance to win some big prize money. The Adult Heartland Idol grand prize winner will be awarded \$2,000. All adults ages 18 and up are invited to perform a 90-

second acapella for a chance to make it into the semi-finals. Applications can be found on the Heartland Idol Facebook page (under files) and can be returned to Keiber Law Office (129 S. Commerce Ave.) Senior Idol entry is also now being taken; entry fee is only \$5. The Sr. Idol competition will take place March 21. Additional sponsor spots are also still available; contact Walker for details at 381-3243. Round two of the adult division will kick off Thursday, following the finale of the Teen Idol division. Show starts at 6 p.m. at the Highlands County YMCA.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Caitlin Sinness, 11, breathes a sigh of relief Thursday night after winning Jr. Heartland Idol and a \$500 check at the YMCA in Sebring. Ashdon Dennison, 7, left, won second place during the competition and received \$250.

Did You KNOW?
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Company will move if Colorado approves gun control

By IVAN MORENO

Associated Press

ERIE, Colo. —

Unnoticed amid dozens of tract homes in the Denver suburbs, a nondescript industrial building is suddenly in the middle of the gun control debate in Colorado.

The company, started in an ex-Marine's basement in 1999, is in a standoff with Colorado Democrats who want to restrict the size of ammunition magazines after mass shootings in a suburban Denver movie theater and a Connecticut elementary school. Magpul has issued lawmakers an ultimatum potentially worth millions: Pass the bill, and the business will move.

It's a bold threat from a company that, by its founder's admission, has distanced itself from politics.

"The people who wrote the bill didn't even know we existed in the state," said Richard Fitzpatrick, the founder and president of the company, one of the country's largest producers of magazines and other firearm accessories for gun enthusiasts, law enforcement and the military.

The warning from Erie-based Magpul underscores the political pressures Democrats are weighing as they advance the strictest gun-control measures lawmakers have ever considered in a state that still prides its frontier spirit.



News-Sun photo by LARRY LEVEY
Sports travel writer Joe Connor documents old photos at the Avon Park Historical Museum Saturday morning.

Place where dreams come true

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either Florida or Arizona. Connor has visited most of the most famous, and historic, sites throughout both states. Though the journalist did not come right out and say it, it seemed that Florida might be a little more favorited by the writer.

"There is such a rich history here," Connor said. "Arizona has nicer facilities there, but not the history. In the entire state I think only two fields and stadiums are older. The rest are younger than 1965."

The lush history of baseball in Florida is the reason that so many MLB teams continue to come here every spring, year after year to train and get themselves ready for the approaching season.

Some of the sports greatest, most recognized players not only stepped onto the big fields in Florida but made history in little towns and cities like Avon Park and Sebring.

"I just got back from Sebring," Connor said excitedly. "They have signage there and the marker where

Lou Gehrig hit the first home run during spring training at the right field wall."

Connor was impressed and excited to learn about the other historical facts that baseball has brought to the Heartland area.

A baseball bat, on loan from Dr. Ron Sevigny, lies on display at the Avon Park Depot Museum. Connor was thrilled to find out that the citizens of Avon Park had the bat made for none other than Babe Ruth during the St. Louis Cardinals stay at what was then known as Columbus Cardinal Field. Avon Park served as the spring training home for the Cardinals during the 1928 season.

Ruth spent time in Avon Park as well as Sebring during the training seasons. According to Museum Director Elaine Levey, the cities would shut down on game days to show support of the sport and the players.

Other players and hometown heroes Hal McRae and Tom Gordon were discussed in depth during Connor's visit. Connor had made plans to visit McRae in Bradenton to speak of the history of

Avon Park and his life's passion of baseball.

"There is just an incredible amount of history around here. Other cities like Leesburg, and Sanford. Players like Jackie Robinson and Daytona where they named the field after him. The thing about it is these fields, like Head Field here, are old but they're historic. They are being used for further inspiration by the players out there using them now," Connor said.

Much of the state is a beacon for baseball and adds so much to the game as well as to the nation as a whole. Florida has always and will continue to play a huge part in that.

"There are those who dreamed of bringing people down here to play. It's a long tradition. It's the tradition and it will continue," Connor said.

Connor's adventures and feature story of the history of baseball in Florida and the 125th anniversary of MLB spring training season will be featured on www.nbcsports.com/ in mid-March.

Arkansas police photograph license plates, store data

By JEANNIE NUSS

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Little Rock may not be a likely terrorism target or a gang crime hotspot, but the Arkansas capital has decided to follow the example of high-security cities by expanding electronic surveillance of its streets.

A police car with a device that photographs license plates moves through the city and scans the traffic on the streets, relaying the data it collects to a computer for sifting. Police say the surveillance helps identify stolen cars and drivers with outstanding arrest warrants.

It also allows authorities to monitor where average citizens might be at any particular time. That bothers some residents, as well as groups that oppose public intrusions into individual privacy. The groups are becoming more alarmed about license plate tracking as a growing number of police departments acquire the technology.

Though authorities in Washington, D.C., London and Chicago conduct extensive electronic surveillance of public areas to detect security threats or deter gang crime, "Today, increasingly, even towns without stoplights

have license plate readers," said Catherine Crump, a New York-based staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union.

In Little Rock, even some city officials wonder about keeping data on drivers' movements.

"It bothered me particularly if someone wasn't guilty of a crime or didn't have any active warrants or hadn't committed a crime," city director Ken Richardson said.

However, Little Rock Police Chief Stuart Thomas said the law enforcement benefits outweigh any concerns about possible abuse of the informa-

tion, which, as a public record, is legally available for anyone to see. He said the department may get more of the devices.

"Should that potential of misuse therefore eliminate the capacity of law enforcement to collect data which has a legitimate purpose for the safety of our officers or the appropriateness of enforcement actions? I don't think so," he said.

Little Rock police bought the tracker last year for about \$14,000, as interest in the technology began spreading in law enforcement circles.

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Florida sinkhole that swallowed man grows

By TAMARA LUSH
Associated Press

SEFFNER — Engineers worked gingerly to find out more about a slowly growing sinkhole that swallowed a Florida man in his bedroom, believing the entire house could eventually succumb to the unstable ground.

Jeff Bush, 37, was in his bedroom Thursday night when the earth opened and took him and everything else in his room. Five other people were in the house but managed to escape unharmed. Bush's brother jumped into the hole to try to help, but he had to be rescued himself by a sheriff's deputy.

Engineers were expected at the home to do more tests after sunrise Saturday. They spent the previous day on the property, taking soil samples and running various tests — while acknowledging that the entire lot was dangerous. No one was allowed in the home.

"I cannot tell you why it has not collapsed yet," Bill Bracken, the owner of an engineering company called to assess the sinkhole, said of the home. He described the earth below as a "very large, very fluid mass."

"This is not your typical sinkhole," said Hillsborough County administrator Mike Merrill. "This is a chasm. For that reason, we're being very deliberate."

Officials delicately addressed another sad reality: Bush was likely dead and the family wanted his body. Merrill, though, said they didn't want to jeopardize any more lives.

"They would like us to go in quickly and locate Mr. Bush," Merrill said.

Two adjacent houses were evacuated and officials were considering further evacuations. Even the media was moved from a lawn across the street to a safer area a



Skip O'Rourke/Tampa Bay Times/MCT
Engineers access the situation at 240 Faithway Drive in Seffner on Friday. A man was feared dead after a sinkhole suddenly opened up under the bedroom of his suburban Tampa home and swallowed him, police and fire officials said. Rescuers responded to a 911 call late on Thursday after the family of Jeff Bush, 36, reported hearing a loud crash in the house and rushed to his bedroom.

few hundred feet away.

"This is a very complex situation," said Hillsborough County Fire Chief Ron Rogers. "It's continuing to evolve and the ground is continuing to collapse."

Sinkholes are so common in Florida that state law requires home insurers to provide coverage against the danger. While some cars, homes and other buildings have been devoured, it's extremely rare for them to swallow a person.

Florida is highly prone to sinkholes because there are caverns below ground of limestone, a porous rock that easily dissolves in water.

"You can almost envision a piece of Swiss cheese," said Taylor Yarkosky, a sinkhole expert from Brooksville, said while gesturing to the ground and the sky blue home where the earth opened in Seffner. "Any house in Florida could be in that same situation."

A sinkhole near Orlando grew to 400 feet across in 1981 and devoured five

sports cars, most of two businesses, a three-bedroom house and the deep end of an Olympic-size swimming pool.

More than 500 sinkholes have been reported in Hillsborough County alone since the government started keeping track in 1954, according to the state's environmental agency.

The sinkhole, estimated at 20 feet across and 20 feet deep, caused the home's concrete floor to cave in around 11 p.m. Thursday as everyone in the Tampa-area house was turning in for the night. It gave way with a loud crash that sounded like a car hitting the house and brought Bush's brother running.

Jeremy Bush said he jumped into the hole but couldn't see his brother and had to be rescued himself by a sheriff's deputy who reached out and pulled him to safety as the ground crumbled around him.

"The floor was still giving in and the dirt was still going down, but I didn't care. I wanted to save my brother," Jeremy Bush said through tears Friday in a neighbor's yard. "But I just couldn't do nothing."

He added: "I could swear I heard him hollering my name to help him."

A dresser and the TV set had vanished down the hole, along with most of Bush's bed.

A sheriff's deputy who was the first to respond to a frantic 911 call said when he arrived, he saw Jeremy Bush.

Deputy Douglas Duvall said he reached down as if he was "sticking his hand into the floor" to help Jeremy Bush. Duvall said he didn't see anyone else in the hole.

As he pulled Bush out,

"everything was sinking," Duvall said.

Engineers said they may have to demolish the small house, even though from the outside there appeared to be nothing wrong with the four-bedroom, concrete-wall structure, built in 1974.

Jeremy Bush said someone came out to the home a couple of months ago to check for sinkholes and other things, apparently for insurance purposes.

"He said there was nothing wrong with the house. Nothing. And a couple of months later, my brother dies. In a sinkhole," Bush said.

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Pentagon warns Scott about budget cuts

By GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Hours before a looming deadline for automatic federal budget cuts, the Pentagon sent a blunt warning to Florida Gov. Rick Scott that spells out the likely impact on his state.

Ashton Carter, a deputy secretary of defense, wrote to Scott and the governors of nine states likely to be hit hardest by defense-related cuts that are part of \$85 billion in government-wide cuts that were to take effect at midnight Friday.

"We wanted to provide you with the information we currently have available about how these unfortunate budgetary adjustments impact us, and in turn what it means for our installations and contractors in Florida," Carter wrote.

Scott, in Jacksonville on Friday night, told reporters that the cutbacks were "infuriating."

"In Washington they are playing politics, they are playing politics with families lives and jobs in our state," the Republican governor said.

Carter stated in his letter obtained by The Associated Press that up to 31,000 civilian employees who work for the Department of Defense could be furloughed up to 22 non-consecutive days over the next seven months. He said that the Pentagon has estimated the furloughs would result in a payroll reduction of \$185 million to the Florida employees.

Carter, who said a complete inventory of the cut-

backs was not yet available, also mentioned previously disclosed impacts, including a loss of \$135 million to the Navy for aircraft depot maintenance in Jacksonville and \$3.2 million for four demolition projects in Pensacola.

But the most recent letter pegs the estimated cuts to the Air Force bases in Florida at \$37 million.

Carter stated that the department was still assessing the details and would provide a more complete list of the cutbacks later.

This is the second time in the last week that federal officials have tried to draw attention to the impact of the automatic budget cuts. Last Sunday the White House released lists for each state on the potential effects.

The letter from the Pentagon comes at the same time that Scott has been harshly critical of both Congress and President Barack Obama for failing to reach a deal to avoid the cuts.

He said Friday that neither the president nor members of Congress should get paid until they solve the problem.

"We've had to balance our budget in our state. We've had to watch how we spend money," Scott said during a public appearance in Orlando. "We've had to live within our means. And we didn't do it with a meat cleaver; we did it with a scalpel. We watched what we could do agency by agency. The federal government needs to do the same thing."



Skip O'Rourke/Tampa Bay Times/MCT
Jeremy Bush (center) tried to save his brother from the sinkhole that opened up in their house at 240 Faithway Drive in Seffner. He waits outside the house with family and friends as officials access the situation.

Official Notice

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Annual Meeting

March 16, 2013

Glades Electric Cooperative Inc.'s 2013 Annual Meeting will be Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Lake Placid Middle School, 201 S. Tangerine Ave., in Lake Placid, Florida. The purpose of the meeting is to elect trustees, vote on a proposed by-law change and hear officers' annual reports. Registration, entertainment and voting will begin at 8 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

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BUSINESS

SpaceX company fixes Dragon capsule problem

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — A commercial craft carrying a ton of supplies for the International Space Station ran into thruster trouble shortly after liftoff Friday. Flight controllers managed to gain control, but were forced to delay its arrival at the orbiting lab.

The earliest the Dragon capsule could show up is Sunday, a full day late, said top officials for NASA and the private company SpaceX.

"We're definitely not going to rush it," said SpaceX's billionaire founder Elon Musk. "We want to make sure first and foremost that things are safe before proceeding."

The Dragon, owned and operated by SpaceX, holds considerable science experiments for the space station as well as food and spare parts.

Musk said six hours into the flight that all four sets of thrusters finally were working. "All systems green," he reported via Twitter. The problem may have been caused by a stuck valve or a line blockage. The thrusters are small rockets used for maneuvering the capsule.

An hour later, the Dragon was raised with the thrusters to a safe altitude. "Dragon back on track," he said in a tweet.

It was the first serious trouble to strike a Dragon in orbit. None of the four previous unmanned flights had any thruster issues, Musk told reporters by phone from company headquarters in Hawthorne, Calif.

He said it appeared to be a glitch versus a major concern.

SpaceX has a \$1.6 billion contract with NASA to make a dozen deliveries to restock the space station. This is the third trip by a Dragon capsule to the station; the first Dragon flight, in 2010, was a solo test.

NASA space station program manager Mike Suffredini said at least three groups of thrusters on the Dragon need to work before the capsule can come close to the complex. That's a safety rule that will not be waived, Suffredini said.

Engineers for both SpaceX

and NASA plan an exhaustive study before allowing the rendezvous to take place. The Dragon could hang around at least a month before linking up with the station, Musk said. It's supposed to spend more than three weeks there, in large part to accommodate science samples that will be on the return trip.

SpaceX is in charge of the flight until it gets near the space station. Then NASA calls the shots.

"If we can convince ourselves the data's good, I suspect we can find an opportunity on Sunday, but again, we have to go look at it," Suffredini said.

The fresh apples aboard Dragon — straight from the family orchard of a SpaceX employee — will be applesauce or worse the longer the delay. There's other fresh fruit as well for the six station astronauts.

Musk acknowledged it was scary for a while.

"Yes, absolutely, it was a little frightening there," said Musk, whose fortune came from co-creating PayPal.

He stressed that the company's Falcon 9 rocket performed "really perfectly" and that the thruster problem was isolated to the Dragon.

On the previous flight in October, one of nine first-stage engines on the Falcon rocket shut down too soon. A communication satellite hitching a ride was lost.

SpaceX hopes the resupply venture will lead to transporting astronauts to the space station in the Dragon capsule in just a couple years.

If thrusters stalled like this on a manned mission, Musk said, the outcome wouldn't necessarily be grim. The capsule is designed to return to Earth with just two good sets of thrusters and, in "a super worst case situation," conceivably just one although it would be "a bit of a wobbly trip."

The space station was orbiting 250 miles above the Atlantic, just off the New England coast, when the Falcon soared. Astronauts will use a hefty robot arm to draw the Dragon in and dock it to the station.

Also on board with the fruit: 640 seeds of a flower-



Red Huber/Orlando Sentinel/MCT
A Falcon 9 rocket poised on SpaceX launch pad recently at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. SpaceX carries supplies for the International Space Station via a Dragon capsule, like was done on this launch.

ing weed used for research, mouse stems cells, protein crystals, astronaut meals and clothing, trash bags, air-purifying devices, computer parts and other gear.

NASA's deputy administrator, Lori Garver, said using commercial providers is more efficient for the space agency. It's part of a long-term program, she noted, that has NASA spending less money on low-Earth orbit and investing more in deep-space missions. That's one reason why the space shuttles were retired in 2011 after the station was completed.

The goal is to have SpaceX, or Space Exploration Technologies Corp., and other private firms take over the job of ferrying astronauts to and from the space station. Russia does that now — for a steep price.

Competitor Orbital Sciences Corp. has yet to get off its Virginia launch pad. The company plans to launch a free-flying test of its Antares rocket and Cygnus supply ship in April, followed by a demo run to the space station in early summer.

Russia, Japan and Europe regularly make station deliveries as well. But only the Dragon is designed to bring back substantial amounts of research and used goods. The

other supply ships burn up upon re-entry.

The newest Dragon is scheduled to spend more than three weeks at the space station before being cut loose by the crew. It will parachute into the Pacific with more than a ton of medical samples, plant and cell specimens, Japanese fish and old machinery, and used space-walking gloves and other items.

SpaceX plans to launch its next Dragon to the station in late fall.

More than 2,000 guests jammed the Cape Canaveral launch site Friday morning to watch the Falcon take flight. It wasn't much of a show because of all the clouds.

The successful separation of the Dragon from the rocket was broadcast live on NASA TV; on-board cameras provided the unique views nine minutes into the flight.

Then the trouble struck, and the coverage ended.

"It's looking like we're going to be back on track here," Musk later assured everyone.

Online: NASA:

<http://www.nasa.gov/mission-pages/station/structure/launch/index.html> SpaceX:

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Lake Placid needs Junior Achievement instructors

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid is in need of instructors to teach the Junior Achievement Program for two Lake Placid schools.

Three instructors are needed for Lake Placid Middle School. The class is a six-week course. Instructors are needed for one time period per week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Classes are from 8:27-9:19 a.m., 11:41 a.m. to 12:29 p.m., and 12:33-1:21 p.m.

Contact Wendy Larson a MidFlorida Credit Union by email at wlarson@midflorida.com for information or to volunteer.

Four instructors are needed at Lake Placid High

School. This is a four-week course. Instructors are needed for one time period per week, for two hours each. Hours are to be determined.

Contact Mary Birge at Highlands Independent Bank by email at marybirge@highlandsindependentbank.com.

Classes for both schools are scheduled to start classes on Monday, March 18.

It is vitally important that these slots are filled for the classes to continue.

This is an excellent opportunity for retired teachers. For additional information, contact the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce at 465-4331.

SFSC Corporate Ed offers Workplace Spanish

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AVON PARK — South Florida State College's Corporate Education Department offers training in "Workplace Spanish." In 12 weeks, learn key terms and expressions that are vital for communicating in a working environment.

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the cost of class is \$195.

For information about this class or course books, contact Lorrie Key, director, Corporate and Community Education, at 784-7033 or email corporatetraining@southflorida.edu.

Register for this class in Building B, Highlands Campus, or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact Corporate Education at 453-6661, 465-5300, 773-2252, or 494-7500, ext. 7033, or by emailing corporatetraining@southflorida.edu.

BP manager didn't see 'high risk' in drilling

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP's head of drilling engineering for the Gulf of Mexico at the time of the Deepwater Horizon disaster testified he didn't believe deepwater drilling was a "high-risk" activity before the 2010 blowout of the company's Macondo well.

Jonathan Sprague's March 2011 testimony is

contained in a batch of documents plaintiffs' lawyers submitted Thursday to the federal judge presiding over a trial for litigation spawned by the massive Gulf oil spill.

During a pretrial deposition, Sprague said he recognized the risks associated with deepwater wells but thought they could be eliminated before the deadly rig explosion.

Penney CEO emails suggest aim at breaking deal

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — It's been a tough week to be Ron Johnson.

J.C. Penney's CEO was in the hot seat again on Friday in New York State Supreme Court after facing investors earlier this week over a dismal quarterly earnings performance that marked one year of snowballing losses and sharp sales declines since he came on board.

This time, he was being grilled for four hours by lawyers from rival Macy's Inc. who presented emails that he wrote that they believe illustrate how he plotted to push home diva Martha Stewart to breach an exclusive deal with his rival. They contend he wanted Macy's backed into a corner so Penney would be the sole department store distributor of some of Stewart's goods.

But in cross examination by Penney's attorneys, Johnson, dressed in a dark suit and striped navy tie, rejected their claims and painted a far less devious portrait of himself. He said he just wanted to get a piece of the action while helping the struggling Martha Stewart business grow. And he says that the expanded partnership could be good for everyone, including Macy's.

"Your success is based on a success of a vendor," Johnson testified. "Competition can be your friend."

Penney ended up signing a pact in December 2011 with Martha Stewart Living to open shops at most of its stores in spring 2013. But one month later, Macy's renewed its long-standing exclusive deal until 2018 and then immediately sued Martha Stewart Living and Penney.

'An amendment' to a deal between Macy's and Martha Stewart was necessary so that J.C. Penney could move forward.

The trial, which began Feb. 20, focuses on whether Macy's has the exclusive right to sell some Martha Stewart branded products such as cookware, bedding and bath items.

Macy's is seeking to block Penney from opening Martha Stewart mini shops in its stores. The shops are part of Johnson's plan to reinvent the shopping experience at the beleaguered chain. The stakes are high for all three companies but particularly for Penney.

Penney's shares have now lost nearly 60 percent of their value since early last year when Johnson revealed his plan to scale back most sales in favor of everyday low prices. The stock drop is the latest indictment that Johnson's turnaround is failing Wall Street as much as on Main Street. Johnson is counting on the shops, particularly Martha Stewart's, to bring back shoppers who have fled to rivals like Macy's.

Johnson's appearance comes four days after Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren testified in court that the company had built the Martha Stewart brand to be the biggest name in home items since it began to carry the products in 2007. Having a rival carry similar products would hurt business, he testified.

Martha Stewart, the founder of Martha Stewart Living, is expected to testify Tuesday.

During Johnson's examination Friday,

Theodore M. Grossman, an attorney representing Macy's, used a string of emails that Johnson wrote to various people including Bill Ackman, head of Pershing Square Capital Management and Penney board member, Penney executives and others. Grossman's aim appeared to be to show how, since the summer of 2011, Johnson had targeted Martha Stewart because she was the biggest, most recognizable brand in the home business — without any regard to Macy's exclusive agreement that was up for renewal in 2012.

"I need to propose a deal so she (Martha Stewart) can go to Terry Lundgren at Macy's and break the agreement," according to one email Johnson wrote to an Penney executive in August 2011.

In one email that Johnson sent to Ackman on Dec. 7, the day the deal went public, he wrote, "We put Terry in a corner. Normally when that happens and you get someone on the defensive they make bad decisions. This is good."

Johnson, looking tense with his hands clasped, acknowledged that getting a deal with Martha Stewart was critical but stopped short of saying his goal was to break the exclusive agreement. He said he knew there would have to be "an amendment" to a deal between Macy's and Martha Stewart so that Penney could move forward.

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case no. 10-710GCA5X
McCORMICK 105, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CLYDE S. DAVIDSON, JR., DECEASED, et al., Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 25, 2013, entered in Case No. 10-710GCA5X in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein McCormick 105, LLC is Plaintiff and Unknown Heirs, Beneficiaries, Devisees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees and All Others Who May Claim an Interest in the Estate of Clyde S. Davidson, Jr., Deceased, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Jury Assembly Room, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, on the 25th day of March, 2013, the following described property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 22, IN BLOCK 2, OF LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 38, AND AN UNDIVIDED 1/37TH INTEREST IN LOT 10, BLOCK 1, LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 5129 Placid View Drive, Lake Placid, Florida 33852.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

Dated this 26th day of February, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Clerk of the Highlands County Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 3, 10, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 10001205GCS
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MARK DAKIN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: Lisa Dakin
RESIDENCE: UNKNOWN
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 519 Washington Blvd. NW, Lake Placid, FL 33852
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 30, IN BLOCK 60, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION SIX, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, AT PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Gladstone Law Group, P.A., attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300, Boca Raton, FL 33486, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before April 2, 2013 or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.
DATED: FEBRUARY 25, 2013.

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

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 Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

March 3, 10, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-000270
DIVISION:
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,
vs.
CONNIE BROWN, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF, GEORGE GRANT, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 26, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-000270 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and CONNIE BROWN, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF, GEORGE GRANT, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, GEORGE GRANT, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CONNIE DORA BROWN, AS AN HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE GRANT, DECEASED; TENANT #1 N/K/A DELORES SPIRES N/K/A CONNIE DORA BROWN are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

¹Plaintiff name has changed pursuant to order previously entered.
THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN DEED BOOK 470 AT PAGE 047 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE EAST 50 FEET OF LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 AND THE WEST ONE HALF OF LOT 7, BLOCK 166, SEBRING HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 97.
A/K/A 4708 MINVERA STREET, SEBRING, FL 33870

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 27, 2013.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
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**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
March 3, 10, 2013

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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 12-970-GCS
HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
MAGNOLIA PROPERTIES OF SEBRING, INC., a Florida corporation, RANDALL RIOUX, individually, STEPHEN M. BEYER, individually, SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, a Florida special district, and MAGNOLIA PLACE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on February 25, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on March 25, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:

Lots 1-6, 9-15, 22-28, 30, 32, 35, and 36, Block 267,
Lots 6 and 8, Block 268,
Lots 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, and 19, Block 271,
Lots 12, 13, and 16-21, Block 272,
Lots 20-26, S 1/2 29, 30, and 38, Block 275,
ALL IN SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 13, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 71, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
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.

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 28-2012-CA-000476
Division:
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
ISRAEL VELEZ; AIDA VELEZ A/K/A AIDA L. VELEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated February 26, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 2012-CA-000476, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., is Plaintiff, and ISRAEL VELEZ; AIDA VELEZ A/K/A AIDA L. VELEZ; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendant(s).

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, the Clerk of Court shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room in the Basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, 33870 on the 29th day of May, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK 24 SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION C ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 87 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
The property is located at the Street address of: 1519 Eucaliptus Avenue, Lake Placid, FL 33852.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis pendens may claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on February 27, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ D. Whidden
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.
March 3, 10, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2011-CA-000447
PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to National City Bank Successor by Merger to National City Mortgage Co., Formerly Known as NCMC NewCo, Inc., Successor in Interest to National City Mortgage Co. (Subsequently Known as National City Mortgage, Inc.) Plaintiff,
vs.
DIMITRIOS LINARDATOS; UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION #1; UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION #2; IF LIVING, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 26, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000447 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein PNC Bank, National Association, Successor by Merger to National City Bank Successor by Merger to National City Mortgage Co., Formerly Known as NCMC NewCo, Inc., Successor in Interest to National City Mortgage Co. (Subsequently Known as National City Mortgage, Inc.), Plaintiff and Dimitrios Linardatos are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, ROBERT W. GERMAINE, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, AT THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA AT 11:00 A.M., April 15, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 16, IN BLOCK 251, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk of Court

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:
SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE', LLP
2424 North Federal Highway, Suite 360
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
(561)998-6700
(561) 998-6707
March 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 09001367GCS
Division
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS A. BOSWELL, MELANIE S. BOSWELL AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on February 26, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:
LOT 6, BLOCK 176 OF PLACID LAKES SECTION SEVENTEEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE(S) 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
and commonly known as: 1846 NW WASHINGTON BLVD., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on March 26, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Any persons 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 27th day of February, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 3, 10, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001137
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE") Plaintiff,
vs.
JUANA GONZALEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUANA GONZALEZ; ASSEL GARCIA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE F ASSEL GARCIA; MAYKELL M. HERNANDEZ A/K/A MAYKELL HERNANDEZ; GRANADA VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
To the following Defendant(s):
JUANA GONZALEZ
L/K/A 4728 GRANADA BLVD SEBRING, FL 33872
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUANA GONZALEZ
L/K/A 4728 GRANADA BLVD SEBRING, FL 33872
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

ASSEL GARCIA
L/K/A 4728 GRANADA BLVD SEBRING, FL 33872
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ASSEL GARCIA
L/K/A 4728 GRANADA BLVD SEBRING, FL 33872
(RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
UNIT 6 OF GRANADA VILLAS CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AS RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 679, PAGE 920, AND MODIFIED IN O.R. BOOK 690, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 4728 GRANADA BLVD UNIT 6, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33872
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, Florida 33324 on or before April 3, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 21st day of February, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
March 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 11000620GCS
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
TODD, ADAM, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 11000620GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and, TODD, ADAM, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT AT COURTHOUSE, 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE SEBRING, FL 334870, at the hour of 11:00 A.M., on the 20th day of March, 2013, the following described property:
LOT 27, BLOCK 19, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 22nd day of February, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 3, 10, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-001244
LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE6, Plaintiff,
vs.
SHAUN MERCURE A/K/A SHAUN R. MERCURE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 25, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-001244 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE6, is the Plaintiff and SHAUN MERCURE A/K/A SHAUN R. MERCURE; MICHELLE MERCURE A/K/A MICHELLE L. MERCURE A/K/A MICHELLE BROWNING; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 25th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOTS 22, 24 AND 28, LAKE ANOKA BEACH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THAT PORTION AT VACATED FRED PLACE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PORTION OF FRED PLACE OF LAKE ANOKA BEACH SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 24 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THEN RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST AND ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRED PLACE A DISTANCE OF 87.60 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST AND ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FRED PLACE A DISTANCE OF 87.60 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 28; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 908 W. FRED PLACE, AVON PARK, FL 33825
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 26, 2013.

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

Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L.
P.O. Box 25018
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018
F08076640 EMC-CONV-Team 3-F08076640
**See Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
March 6, 10, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 282009CA000959A000XX BAC HOE LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. MARIA PAGANI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 26th day of February, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA000959A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BAC HOE LOANS SERVICING, L.P. FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and MARIA PAGANI and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA PAGANI IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 at the Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 15th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, BLOCK 13, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

Dated this 26th day of February, 2013. Robert W. Germaine Clerk Of The Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak March 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000178 DIVISION: SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. OLGA M. VARGAS-CASAS A/K/A OLGA VARGAS CASAS A/K/A OLGA M. VARGAS CASAS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated February 26, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000178 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and OLGA M. VARGAS-CASAS A/K/A OLGA VARGAS CASAS A/K/A OLGA M. VARGAS CASAS; ANIBAL JIMENEZ A/K/A ANIBAL FRATICELLI JIMENEZ; SUNTRUST BANK; TENANT #1 N/A OMAR FRATICELLI are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 26th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 40, BLOCK 53, OF SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 401 LEMANS DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 27, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11021536 SUNTRUST-MAN-SPECFNMA-R-mschreiber-Team 4-F11021536 **See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. March 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000189 DIVISION: GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, RAFAEL A. ALVARADO, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated February 15, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000189 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and RAFAEL A. ALVARADO; ANGELICA M. ALVARADO; are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE at 11:00 AM, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 41, BLOCK 61, OF SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 6223 ORDUNA DRIVE, SEBRING, FL 33872

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on February 10, 2013.

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

Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L. P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018 F11039943 GREENTREEAZ-SPECFNMA-R-jbonin-Team 2-F11039943 **See Americans with Disabilities Act In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending the notice at Echevarria & Associates, P.A., P.O. Box 25018, Tampa, FL 33622-5018, telephone (813) 251-4766, not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. February 24; March 3, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC13-2

IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDE E. MUSICK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of CLAUDE E. MUSICK, deceased, File Number PC13-2, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 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, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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, including unmatured, contingent, or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 24, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Donald Lee Musick

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael L. Keiber
MICHAEL L. KEIBER, ESQUIRE
Law Office of Michael L. Keiber, P.A.
129 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
V. (863)385-5188 F. (863)471-1111
Florida Bar No. 620610

February 24; March 3, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-74 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNA RUTH COLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ANNA RUTH COLEY, deceased, whose date of death was December 22, 2012, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-3716, 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 March 3, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Pamela Michele Coley

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-5156

March 3, 10, 2013

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OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is March 3, 2013.

DEBORAH A. WORLOCK
Personal Representative
683 Hart Lake Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Derek B. Alvarez, Esquire - FBN: 114278
dba@gendersalvarez.com
Anthony F. Diecidue, Esquire - FBN: 146528
afd@gendersalvarez.com
GENDERS - ALVAREZ - DIECIDUE, P.A.
2307 West Cleveland Street
Tampa, Florida 33609
Phone: (813)254-4744 Fax: (813)254-5222
March 3, 10, 2013

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of E-CONNECT located at 4313 Sunbeam St., in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33872, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 28th day of February, 2013.

Jamie Evett

March 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-47

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD A. RIPLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of RICHARD A. RIPLEY, deceased, whose date of death was January 6, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 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 served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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 claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 24, 2013.

Personal Representative:
BRIAN R. RIPLEY
10 Elaine Court
Prospect, CT 06712

Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III, P.A.
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-0112
Fax: (863) 385-1284
Email: cmables@cmablespa.net
/s/ Clifford M. Ables III
FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379
February 24; March 3, 2013

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) - TOLP UTL#002-2013

The Town of Lake Placid, Highlands County, Lake Placid, Florida, will receive sealed RFPs - at the Town Hall Municipal Building Office of Gary V. Freeman, Director of Utilities, located at 311 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida 33852 for the following:

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL SERVICES - RFP UTL#002-2013

The entire specifications may be obtained from the Town website located at: www.lakeplacidfl.net. Contact person is Gary Freeman, Director of Utilities at phone 863-699-3747, Fax 863-699-3749, located at the Town of Lake Placid Municipal Building located at 311 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL, 33852, during the business hours of 8:00 am until 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

RFP envelopes must be sealed and marked with the RFP number UTL#002-2013 and the name of project as to identify the enclosed bid. RFPs must be delivered to the Town of Lake Placid at the Town Hall office of Gary V. Freeman, Director of Utilities, located at 311 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL, 33852, so as to reach the said office no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, April 4, 2013 of the official time clock at the Town Hall, at which time the RFPs will be opened. RFPs received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The Town will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, or any other type of delivery service.

The Town of Lake Placid reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts thereof; and the award, if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the Town of Lake Placid Municipal Government. The Town Council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the RFPs. Local businesses and/or drug free workplaces shall be given preference in the evaluation and award of purchases and contracts.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-87

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS JOSEPH GISTINGER a/k/a THOMAS J. GISTINGER a/k/a THOMAS GISTINGER 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 Thomas Joseph Gistingier a/k/a Thomas J. Gistingier a/k/a Thomas Gistingier, deceased, File Number PC 13-87, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was January 11, 2012; that the total value of the Florida estate is \$7,000.00 and that the names of those to who are seeking to have assets assigned by such order are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Joseph E. Gistingier a/k/a Joseph Emmett Gistingier	2778 Montaro Drive Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650
Thomas James Gistingier	1301 Brogan Road Stockbridge, Michigan 49285

Michael Scott Gistingier 10763 Glenn Ellen Drive
Tampa, Florida 33624

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 March 3, 2013.

Person Giving Notice:
/s/ Joseph E. Gistingier
a/k/a Joseph Emmett Gistingier

2778 Montaro Drive
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
/s/ Eric S. Kane
Eric S. Kane, Esquire
E-mail Address: eric@kanelawpl.com
Florida Bar No. 0847941
Eric S. Kane, PL
20900 NE 30th Avenue, Suite 403
Aventura, Florida 33180
Telephone: (305)937-7280

March 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-50 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. KUNNECKE aka ELIZABETH ELVA KUNNECKE, 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 ELIZABETH S. KUNNECKE aka ELIZABETH ELVA KUNNECKE, deceased, File Number PC 13-50, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was September 17, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$43,102.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
JACQUELYN REESOR	544 ST. ANDREWS RD. BRANDENBURG, KY

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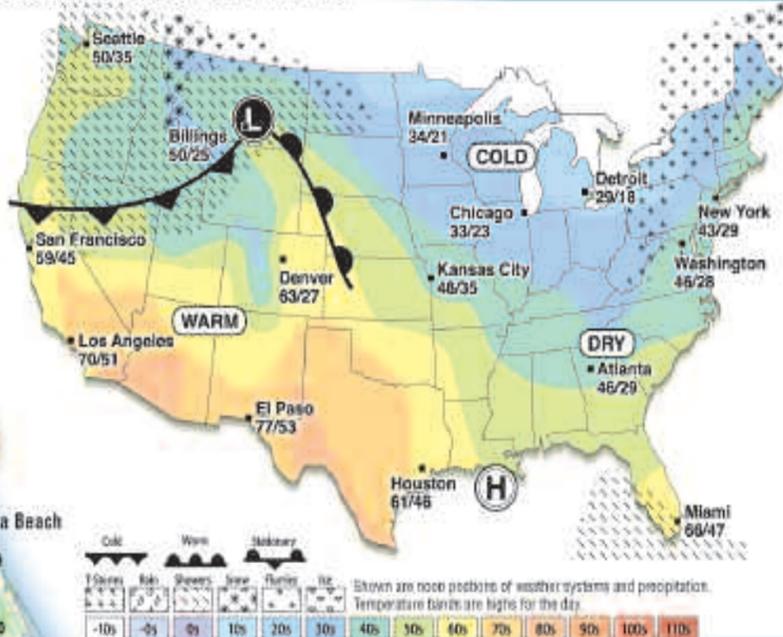
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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Breezy and cold with periods of sun	Bright and sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Chance of a shower in the morning	Partly sunny and breezy
63° / 37°	68° / 44°	77° / 56°	72° / 45°	70° / 49°
Winds: NW at 10-20 mph	Winds: N at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 4-8 mph	Winds: WNW at 10-20 mph	Winds: NNW at 10-20 mph

National Forecast for March 3



Almanac

Readings at Astruc Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	38°
Low Tuesday	50°
High Wednesday	77°
Low Wednesday	51°
High Thursday	77°
Low Thursday	56°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today: 64°

Relative humidity: 32%
Expected air temperature: 63°
Makes it feel like: 64°

Barometer
Tuesday: 29.94
Wednesday: 29.95
Thursday: 29.98

Precipitation
Tuesday: 0.00"
Wednesday: 0.00"
Thursday: 0.02"
Month to date: 0.02"
Year to date: 1.54"

Regional Summary

Breezy and cold today with periods of clouds and sunshine. Cold tonight with gusty clouds; breezing temperatures in the normally cooler spots. Bright and sunny tomorrow. Tuesday, mostly sunny and pleasant.

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:31 a.m.
Low	12:01 p.m.
High	5:09 p.m.
Low	10:28 a.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	12:23 a.m.
Low	6:07 a.m.
High	12:32 p.m.
Low	8:38 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okechobee	14.39'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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Farm Report

Breezy and cold today with periods of sun. Winds northwest 10-20 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 45% and good drying conditions.

Weather History

On March 3, 1994, as much as 20 inches of snow buried central Pennsylvania, pushing season totals to record levels.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	6:29 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:30 a.m.
Moonset	10:40 a.m.	11:34 a.m.

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Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	65/42/pc	70/47/s	76/58/s
Clearwater	68/45/s	65/40/s	74/61/s
Orlando	69/37/pc	67/40/s	76/54/s
Fort Myers	66/42/sb	70/47/s	77/58/s
Gainesville	64/29/pc	64/38/s	73/56/s
Hollywood	66/44/pc	70/51/s	76/59/s
Homestead AFB	67/41/s	66/51/s	74/60/s
Jacksonville	66/29/pc	62/37/s	74/53/pc
Key West	66/58/sb	67/58/s	75/65/s

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Accra	80/70/s	89/70/s	89/69/s
Algeria	56/44/r	60/47/s	59/44/s
Beirut	70/60/pc	66/55/sb	64/53/s
Berlin	41/33/pc	46/30/s	52/28/s
Bermuda	65/59/r	64/57/sb	63/52/pc
Calgary	32/16/sb	30/15/sf	32/18/sb
Osaka	48/32/pc	45/39/s	48/44/s
Oslo	30/19/s	24/9/s	24/6/s
Edmonton	20/5/r	24/9/s	24/6/s
Fredericton	20/5/r	24/9/s	24/6/s
Geneva	56/22/s	60/32/s	59/38/s
Havana	73/50/sb	76/52/s	81/59/s
Hong Kong	28/17/c	29/17/s	29/15/s
Jerusalem	61/53/pc	61/49/pc	56/44/pc
Johannesburg	76/51/pc	78/51/pc	78/56/r
Key	31/25/c	21/18/sf	30/28/s

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	67/40/s	62/34/pc	59/34/s	Los Angeles	70/51/pc	66/50/pc	65/50/pc
Atlanta	40/23/pc	56/43/s	61/29/s	Louisville	38/23/pc	47/31/s	44/33/sb
Baltimore	44/25/pc	44/26/s	47/30/pc	Memphis	46/37/s	64/51/pc	57/34/sb
Birmingham	48/27/s	62/48/s	61/26/r	Minneapolis	34/21/s	31/16/sf	31/12/pc
Boston	48/30/c	45/33/s	46/35/pc	Nashville	42/28/pc	56/47/pc	61/35/r
Charlotte	49/24/pc	55/38/s	56/42/s	New Orleans	56/42/s	69/58/s	70/61/r
Chicago	59/27/pc	38/17/pc	39/23/s	New York City	43/29/pc	43/28/pc	45/31/pc
Denver	63/27/pc	35/25/s	35/28/sb	Norfolk	46/31/pc	47/33/s	51/40/r
El Paso	77/53	32/21/pc	36/28/s	Oklahoma City	66/44/s	65/37/pc	62/27/s
Houston	61/45	39/27/pc	41/31/sb	Philadelphia	44/27/pc	43/28/pc	46/34/pc
Indianapolis	39/22/pc	41/30/s	37/28/sb	Phoenix	81/56/s	76/37/s	81/58/pc
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Kansas City	48/33/pc	48/32/pc	37/31/sf	Portland, ME	42/32/c	41/31/s	45/31/pc
Lexington	55/27/pc	45/34/pc	43/33/sb	Portland, OR	51/34/sb	56/35/pc	51/38/r
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Sunday, March 3, 2013

Lady Streaks stopped

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

After cruising to several easy victories, the Sebring girls had a bit more of a challenge during their away match against George Jenkins Thursday.

The Streaks got a dose of reality when they experienced some tougher, district competition from the Eagles, falling with a final score of 2-5.

"My girls played strong against some very experienced players. It was a good

'It was a good tune-up for Districts.'

JANE HOLLINGER

Sebring head coach

tune-up for Districts," said head coach Jane Hollinger.

In the No. 1 singles Nisha Patel picked up the lone singles win for the Streaks in a hard fought match on both sides.

Patel lost the first set 1-6, won the second 6-4, and won the tiebreaker 10-8.

At the No. 2 singles Joy Donglasan fell to Sandra Khalite 1-6, 0-6.

Kelly Broen at the No. 3 singles had a similar match, losing 1-6, 3-6.

Other than Patel, Morgan Heston at the No. 4 singles won the most games, but still fell to a George Jenkin's player 3-6, 2-6.

Finally at the No. 5 singles Teaoni Coker fell as well, with scores of 2-6, 1-6.

However in the doubles action the Streak duo of Patel and Donglasan were able to take control over the Eagles.

The first set resulted in a 6-6 tie, but the Streaks came back strong to win the match in 7-1 tiebreaker.

In the second doubles match Broen and Heston lost with a score of 2-8.

"My girls currently have a record of 8-2," said Hollinger.

Still quite impressive, as the Streaks had won their previous seven consecutive matches, including a recent clean sweep at the Heartland Conference.

Their only other loss came from Lakeland in the second match of the season.

The girls look to redeem their winnings ways on Monday as they travel to Lake Wales to take on the Highlanders.

Corley slam lifts Lady Dragons

Lake Placid baseball team mauls Mulberry

By ALEX COYNE

News-Sun correspondent

FROSTPROOF – It was a chilly night, but that didn't stop the Lady Dragons from overcoming the Frostproof Bulldogs on the road Friday night.

Due to cancellations, it was their first full game in over two weeks, and for the first time in many years, Lake Placid girls softball came out on top against the perennially strong Frostproof squad, 5-2.

It was a slow start for both teams as they went scoreless going into the second inning.

The Lady Dragons

would be the first on the board with a bunt down the third base line by Taylor Test to bring in Courtney Delaney from third base for a 1-0 lead.

Lake Placid

5

Frostproof

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The Lady Bulldogs would bounce back with a run in the third inning, making it a tie ball game.

As the fifth inning arrived and the temperature continued to drop, things began to heat up for the Dragons.

Three singles in a row by Laine Weber Callahan, Carly Hopper and Test would leave the bases loaded when Breaua Corley stepped up to the plate.

Corley took her chances on the first pitch and found herself with her first career grand slam over the left field fence.

As she rounded the bases, the team would meet her at home in celebration as they led the Bulldogs 5-1 going into the bottom of the fifth.

The Lake Placid defense, using the momentum from the miraculous grand slam, would hold the Bulldogs to one run with three quick outs.

When the seventh inning rolled around, the Dragons knew a victory was within reach, and looked to pad their lead when Annie

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Breauna Corley blasted a grand slam Friday night in Lake Placid's stunning win at Frostproof.

Red Devil scoring spree

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – It's been a revolving door of runs recently as two late-week routs have moved Avon Park to a 9-0 record.

"It's kind of hard to tinker with the line-up when everyone is hitting," head coach Whit Cornell said.

Posting an 11-3 win Thursday over McKeel, followed by Friday's 15-4 pasting of Ridge are certainly evidence of that.

After the visiting Bolts got to starter Austin Stadie for a run in the top of the first Friday, Avon Park wasted little time in breaking it open, with an eight-spot in the bottom of the frame.

Alfred Brown got it going when he ripped the second pitch he saw into left for a single and soon stole second.

Torri Pringle then singled up the middle, moving Brown to third and reaching second himself when the throw in went plateward to keep Brown at third.

Tyrone Perry then brought Brown in with a looping single to right, moving Pringle to third.

Perry stole second and one out later, Steven Flowers infield single loaded the bases.

Catcher Kyle Kelley singled home Pringle and Perry and gave way to courtesy runner Cody Pearlman.

Third-baseman Luis Martinez then re-loaded the bases with a single to left and then Flowers and Pearlman both came in when a hard grounder of Mason Jahna's bat



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

For one of the few times Friday night, and recently, Avon Park head coach Whit Cornell is holding up a runner at third. But Steven Flowers would soon cross the plate as part of the Devils eight-run first inning in Friday's 15-4 win over Ridge.

couldn't be corralled at short.

After the second out of the inning, the top of the order came back around and Brown went with a pitch to right for a two-run double, and would come around himself on two errant throws, to cap off the frame and stake the Devils to the 8-1 lead.

Ridge got the lead batter on with

a single to start the second.

But a line-drive to Jahna at second caught the runner off-guard and was turned into a double play before Stadie got out of it on a fly to left.

Avon Park added two more in the bottom of the inning when Perry lead off with a sharp single through the right side and stole second and third ahead of Josh Gomez's RBI

single to right.

Gomez advanced to second on the throw to the plate, and after Flowers was hit by a pitch, moved to third on a Kelley ground-out.

Martinez then lofted a sacrifice fly to left to bring Gomez in and the lead now stood at 10-1.

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'Cats ninth life gets best of Streaks

By TAYLOR TUBBS

News-Sun correspondent

It was a close, rivalry game that ended in an unfortunate manor for the Blue Streaks with an excruciating, 3-2 loss to visiting Hardee Thursday night at Firemen's Field.

It was little mistakes that cost the Streaks and gave the Wildcats their full nine lives in the extended, nine-inning game.

"It's just little things," said head coach Buck Rapp. "But we're working on them, and we're going to get better at the end of the season."

In the first inning the

Streaks took out the Hardee batters 1, 2, 3 in a row with a grounder to the third baseman, a strike out, and a bouncer back to the mound.

Wyatt Johnson and Cullen Lovett got on base from walks in the bottom of the first, but were not brought around.

Hardee picked things up in the second by getting on base from a walk, and then a chopper caromed over the third baseman to allow another runner to get on base with one out.

Catcher Jimmy Peck made a fine, running catch from a Hardee pop fly in front of the

far end of the Blue Streak dugout to get the second out.

An error on a grounder to short, however, allowed a Wildcat to race home before Sebring got the third out of the inning by a catch in right field, giving Hardee a 1-0 lead.

The bottom of the second went by without much action for the Streaks.

In the third Hardee scratched for another run, though in less than dominant fashion.

After a lead off walk, the

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Jimmy Peck stands his ground to make the tag on this sliding Wildcat in Hardee's win Thursday night.

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	35	20	.636	—
Brooklyn	34	25	.576	3
Boston	31	27	.534	5.5
Philadelphia	22	34	.393	13.5
Toronto	23	36	.390	14

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	14	.750	—
Atlanta	33	24	.579	9.5
Washington	18	39	.316	24.5
Orlando	16	43	.271	27.5
Charlotte	13	45	.224	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	37	22	.627	—
Chicago	33	25	.569	3.5
Milwaukee	28	28	.500	7.5
Detroit	23	38	.377	15
Cleveland	20	39	.339	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	46	14	.767	—
Memphis	38	19	.667	6.5
Houston	32	28	.533	14
Dallas	26	32	.448	19
New Orleans	21	39	.350	25

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	42	16	.724	—
Denver	38	22	.633	5
Utah	32	27	.542	10.5
Portland	26	31	.456	15.5
Minnesota	20	35	.364	20.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	43	18	.705	—
Golden State	33	26	.559	9
L.A. Lakers	29	30	.492	13
Phoenix	21	39	.350	21.5
Sacramento	20	40	.333	22.5

Thursday's Games

- L.A. Clippers 99, Indiana 91
- Chicago 93, Philadelphia 82
- L.A. Lakers 116, Minnesota 94

Friday's Games

- Indiana 93, Toronto 81
- Houston 118, Orlando 110
- New York 96, Washington 88
- Boston 94, Golden State 86
- L.A. Clippers 105, Cleveland 89
- New Orleans 100, Detroit 95
- Dallas 98, Brooklyn 90
- Miami 98, Memphis 91
- San Antonio 130, Sacramento 102
- Utah 98, Charlotte 68
- Phoenix 92, Atlanta 87
- Denver 105, Oklahoma City 103

Saturday's Games

- Golden State at Philadelphia, late
- Brooklyn at Chicago, late
- Toronto at Milwaukee, late
- Minnesota at Portland, late

Sunday's Games

- Miami at New York, 1 p.m.
- Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
- Charlotte at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
- Memphis at Orlando, 6 p.m.
- Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
- Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
- Detroit at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
- Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.
- Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

LEADERS

SCORING

	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony, NYK	470	3061	37128.6	
Durant, OKC	531	4831	65328.5	
Bryant, LAL	572	3611	60527.2	
James, MIA	575	2891	51727.1	
Harden, HOU	458	4911	52726.3	

REBOUNDS

	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Howard, LAL	177	456	633	11.9
Asik, HOU	205	494	699	11.7
Randolph, MEM	233	407	640	11.6
Noah, CHI	213	404	617	11.4
Chandler, NYK	248	377	625	11.4
Vucevic, ORL	200	470	670	11.4

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG
Rondo, BOS	38	420	11.1
Paul, LAC	49	468	9.6
Vasquez, NOR	60	564	9.4
Holiday, PHL	52	447	8.6
Westbrook, OKC	58	455	7.8

3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	3FG	3FGA	PCT
Korver, ATL	144	310	.465
Curry, GOL	180	396	.455
Calderon, DET	104	232	.448
Webster, WAS	95	212	.448
Ilyasova, MIL	62	140	.443

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	13	8	0	26	70	58
New Jersey	10	6	4	24	49	52
Philadelphia	10	11	1	21	64	67
N.Y. Rangers	9	8	2	20	48	49
N.Y. Islanders	8	11	2	18	61	73

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	13	4	3	29	58	43
Boston	13	2	2	28	51	36
Ottawa	12	6	3	27	49	39
Toronto	13	9	0	26	64	55
Buffalo	8	12	1	17	54	67

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	10	8	1	21	54	55
Winnipeg	10	9	1	21	55	61
Tampa Bay	9	10	1	19	71	64
Florida	6	9	5	17	51	73
Washington	7	11	1	15	52	59

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	18	0	3	39	68	40
St. Louis	11	7	2	24	59	57
Detroit	10	8	3	23	60	57
Nashville	9	7	5	23	45	52
Columbus	5	12	4	14	47	65

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	5	4	24	54	52
Minnesota	10	8	2	22	45	49
Edmonton	8	8	4	20	49	54
Colorado	8	8	3	19	49	58
Calgary	7	8	4	18	53	66

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	15	3	1	31	67	50
Dallas	10	9	2	22	57	62
Los Angeles	10	6	2	22	47	42
San Jose	9	6	4	22	45	43
Phoenix	9	8	3	21	57	55

Thursday's Games

- Buffalo 4, Florida 3, SO



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. NASCAR – Subway Fresh Fit 500. FOX

CHEERLEADING

SUNDAY

Noon Cheerleading from Orlando ESPN2
 1 p.m. Cheerleading from Orlando ESPN2
 1:30 p.m. Cheerleading from Orlando ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Purdue at Wisconsin. ESPN
 2 p.m. Florida State at North Carolina CBS
 3:30 p.m. Washington State at Washington SUN
 4 p.m. Michigan State at Michigan CBS
 4 p.m. Virginia at Boston College. 44

MONDAY

7 p.m. Cincinnati at Louisville. ESPN
 9 p.m. Baylor at Texas. ESPN

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Arkansas at Missouri ESPN
 7 p.m. St. John's at Notre Dame ESPN2
 9 p.m. Ohio State at Indiana ESPN

COLLEGE LACROSSE

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. Army vs. Michigan SUN

GOLF

SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Tshwane Open GOLF
 1 p.m. PGA – Honda Classic GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – Honda Classic NBC
 7 p.m. LPGA – HSBC Women's Champions GOLF

MLS

SUNDAY

7:30 p.m. N.Y. Red Bull at Portland ESPN2

MOTORCYCLE RACING

SUNDAY

Noon Monster Energy AMA Supercross. CBS

NBA

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Miami at New York ABC
 3:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers ABC
 8 p.m. Chicago at Indiana ESPN
 7 p.m. Boston at Philadelphia TNT
 9:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City. TNT

NHL

SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. Chicago at Detroit NBC

TUESDAY

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at New Jersey SUN

PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER

MONDAY

2:55 p.m. Aston Villa vs. Manchester City ESPN2

TUESDAY

Noon Tottenham Hotspur vs. Arsenal SUN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

1 p.m. Florida at South Carolina SUN
 2 p.m. LSU at Texas A&M 38
 2 p.m. Saint Joseph's at Dayton ESPN2
 4 p.m. North Carolina at Duke ESPN2
 7 p.m. Connecticut at Notre Dame ESPN2
 8 p.m. Kansas State at Baylor SUN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

SUNDAY

6 p.m. Alabama at Arkansas. SUN

Times, games, channels all subject to change

Detroit 2, San Jose 1, SO
 Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 1
 N.Y. Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 1
 Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, OT
 Boston 2, Ottawa 1, OT
 Chicago 3, St. Louis 0
 Winnipeg 3, New Jersey 1
 Edmonton 5, Dallas 1
 Minnesota 4, Phoenix 3
 Colorado 5, Calgary 4

Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	GP	G	A	PTS
Stankos, TB	20	14	17	31
Crosby, Pit	21	9	22	31
Vanek, Buf	20	12	15	27
Tavares, NYI	21	13	12	25
Kane, Chi	21	10	15	25
Zetterberg, Det	21	6	19	25
St. Louis, TB	20	5	20	25
Kunitz, Pit	21	9	15	24
Voracek, Phi	22	8	16	24
Moulson, NYI	21	10	13	23

6 tied with 22 pts.

Transactions

FOOTBALL
 National Football League
 ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released LB Stewart Bradley and CB William Gay.
 ATLANTA FALCONS—Released RB Michael Turner, DE John Abraham and CB Dunta Robinson.
 BUFFALO BILLS—Designated FS Jairus Byrd as their franchise player.
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Designated DE Michael Johnson as their franchise player.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TUESDAY: Baseball at DeSoto, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. DeSoto, 6 p.m.; Softball at Lake Placid, 6 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Lake Placid, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY: Baseball vs. Fort Meade, 7 p.m.; Softball at Oasis Christian, 6 p.m.; Track at Lake Placid, 4:30 p.m.; Tennis vs. DeSoto, 4 p.m.; Weightlifting hosts Travis Todd Invite, 3:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

MONDAY: Baseball at Sebring, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Sebring, 6 p.m.; Softball vs. Clewiston, 5/7 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Clewiston, 4:15 p.m.
TUESDAY: Softball vs. Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Track at Sebring, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Avon Park, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Avon Park, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY: JV Baseball at Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Track hosts meet, 4:30 p.m.; Weightlifting at Travis Todd Invite, Avon Park, 3:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Clewiston, 4p.m.



Sebring

MONDAY: Baseball vs. Lake Placid, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Lake Placid, 6 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Lake Wales, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Lake Wales, 4 p.m.
TUESDAY: Softball vs. Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at DeSoto, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. DeSoto, 4 p.m.; Track hosts meet, 4:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: Boys Tennis at Lakeland, 3:30 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Lake Gibson, 4 p.m.; Weightlifting at Travis Todd Invite, Avon Park, 3:30 p.m.



SFSC

MONDAY: Baseball at Hillsborough, 3 p.m.
TUESDAY: Softball vs

LP picks up a pair of wins

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Weber-Callahan clubbed a stand-up triple.

But a strikeout left her stranded and the Lady Dragons were left scoreless in the seventh.

It was now up to the defense to determine whether or not Lake Placid would come home with a win.

Lake Placid pitcher, Holly Krett, earned the first out as she fielded a ground ball and made the easy out at first.

Hopes were put on edge a bit when the second Bulldog batter hit a line drive into right field and landed herself a double.

Frostproof's third batter of the inning went down swinging, and the Dragons' infield rallied together in celebration, knowing they were one out away from a huge district upset.

The Bulldog base-runner tried to take advantage of this premature celebration as she soon attempted to steal third.

Amid the ensuing chaos and mad dash toward the third-base bag, Krett made a diving tag and the umpire called the out that would secure Lake Placid the win.

"I think we really surprised them and ourselves to be honest," Laine Weber-Callahan said. "I knew we were capable of beating



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jacob Cram and the Green Dragons had their hittin' shoes on Friday night in a blowout win over Mulberry.

them. We have a close team this year and I'm glad that we stayed focused because it felt so great."

The Dragons look to build on the momentum of the big win with home games Monday against Clewiston and Tuesday against Avon Park.

Lake Placid's baseball boys weren't deterred by Friday's cool temperatures either, as they scorched

Mulberry at home by a 14-4 score.

The Dragons belted out 17 hits and exploded for six runs in the first and seven more in the third en route to the big win.

Lake Placid next heads to Sebring Monday for a cross-county clash.

News-Sun Sports Editor Dan Hoehne contributed to this article.

AP streak nears double digits

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Martinez would then come on in relief in the top of the third and retire the side in order and Kyle Thompson looked to add on to the lead when he began the bottom of the third with a double to left.

He would advance to third, but be left stranded in the one non-scoring inning for the Devils.

Ridge scratched for three in the top of the fourth on a combination of three hits, a hit by pitch, an error and a sacrifice fly, but Avon Park had one more burst in them.

With one out in the bottom of the fourth, Anthony Caruthers walked and stole second.

He would score on Pearlman's single to left and one out later, Jahna was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second.

They would move to second and third on a passed ball and come around to score on a Thompson single.

Thompson advanced to second on the throw home and moved to third on a balk before Brown brought him in with a single to center.

Zack Farr then knocked a base hit into right, moving Brown to third and Perry rocketed one through the right side to score Brown and make it a 15-4 margin.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Tyrone Perry had three hits and two RBI in Friday's win over Ridge.

Gio Gomez then came on and, after a lead-off single, struck out two and secured the win with a grounder to short.

"Everyone is hitting and guys like Alfred (Brown) and Tyrone (Perry) are just on everything," Cornell said. "Even the outs they're making are hard outs."

In Thursday's win, the Devils waited until the second to get things rolling, but put up four in that frame, one each in the third and fourth, and five more in the

fifth to make mincemeat of McKeel.

Brown and Flowers each had three RBI and Colton Brock pitched a complete game, giving up just four hits and striking out five.

Now 9-0, Avon Park looks to push the winning streak to double figures with a road date Tuesday at DeSoto.

They then return home Thursday and Friday for dates against Fort Meade and Mulberry, respectively.

Sebring sees struggles continue at Lake Wales

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runner moved to second when a pitch got away and then to third on a sacrifice bunt.

The runner was forced to hold at third on a grounder to short, but another errant delivery soon brought the run in for a 2-0 lead.

The Streaks were unable to get on base in the third.

Hardee had another close call in the fourth, but the Streaks were able to hold off another run.

After a strike out, an infield hit got a runner on base, followed directly by a walk.

The runners were able to move up to second and third on a wild pitch after another strike out, but a catch by Johnson in center field gave the Streaks the third out they needed.

Blue Streak Jimmy Peck got on base due to an error by the shortstop, but he was unable to be brought around for a run.

In the fifth Hardee led off with a single to center, but Struck induced a fly to center and Peck soon gunned the runner down at second trying to steal.

Which was fortunate, because the next two batters reached on a single and error, but a ground out to short ended the threat.

Sebring was finally able to get on the board in the fifth.

Brad Doty got a walk, followed by an infield single by Johnson.

Lovett hit one towards the second baseman where an error was made, allowing Doty to race home, making the score 2-1.

In the sixth Cale Payne came in to pitch and was able to shut down the Wildcats after a double by the first batter.

In the bottom of the sixth Peck got on base with a single to right, but the following three batters were unable to follow suit.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Jonathan Struck had another hard-luck outing Thursday, pitching well but not able to get a win against Hardee.

The Wildcats were shut down in the seventh with outs by the first three batters after a strike out, a catch in center, and a grounder to first, respectively.

The seventh inning was an

exciting one for the Streaks, as they were able to tie up the game and had the winning run 90-feet away.

After a pop out to first base, Jordan Austin got on base via walk.

Johnson reached on an error at short and Landon Willey took his spot as designated runner.

A pair of walks by Lovett and Dane Maddox brought Austin home to tie the score 2-2 with the bases still loaded and just one out.

But the next two batters were unable to bring any of them home, watching third-strikes go by and sending the game into extra frames.

In the eighth Payne was very effective at holding off the Wildcats with two strikes and other out quickly acquired.

The Streaks were only able to put DeRoss on base by a walk in the eighth.

Unfortunately the Cats had the last scratch with a run in the ninth, and this time Sebring had no answer.

"We didn't get the big hits when we needed them," Rapp concluded.

Those little things that Rapp had mentioned added up

to a big downer Friday at Lake Wales, resulting in a mercy-rule, five-inning, 10-0 blowout at the hands of the Highlanders.

Junior flame thrower Jordan Baker had some control issues, allowing six walks in three innings, but three Blue Streak errors behind him did him no favors as of the nine runs given up, just one was earned.

And the Sebring offense offered little resistance, totaling four base runners on the night, with two hits, a hit batter and one walk.

The Blue Streaks will look to right the ship and get a little atonement Monday as they have a home date against county rival Lake Placid, who squeaked by them with a late rally for a 5-4 win on Feb. 19.

News-Sun Sports Editor Dan Hoehne contributed to this story.

Heat top Grizzlies 98-91 for 13th straight win

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 22 points, LeBron James shook off his worst shooting night of the season to hit a key 3-pointer in the final half-minute, and the Miami Heat extended their winning streak to 13 games by beating the Memphis Grizzlies 98-91 on Friday night.

James scored 18 points on

a season-worst 4 for 14 shooting, plus added 10 assists and eight rebounds.

Shane Battier scored 14, Chris Bosh added 13 and Ray Allen had 10 for Miami, which snapped Memphis' eight-game winning streak.

Marc Gasol scored 24 for the Grizzlies, who got 14 points apiece from Zach Randolph and Mike Conley.

"I thought this was one of our better wins of the sea-

son," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It was tough. We had to work for everything. We had to find a different way to win, deal with frustration ... and then make some plays down the stretch."

Miami is at New York on Sunday, facing a Knicks team that has already beaten the Heat twice — by 20 points each time.

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Mercure, STARS honored by Panthers



Courtesy photo

Special STARS athlete Jasmine Mercure throws out the first pitch during the South Florida State College baseball game on Saturday, Feb. 23 in Avon Park while SFSC Baseball Coach Rick Hitt (next to her on the left) watches. Mercure is a sixth grade student at Sebring Middle School and participates in track and field events with Special STARS. She was selected to be the honored guest along with Frannie Gillilan, Special STARS liaison for the school district, and Isaac Durrance, adaptive physical education teacher with the schools. It was a Special STARS day at the game. More than 50 athletes and their families or caregivers came out to cheer on the Panthers.

Lowell says Marlins can win back angry fans

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

JUPITER — Mike Lowell grew up in Miami, helped the Marlins win a World Series and knows all too well about the franchise's tradition of humble payrolls and modest crowds.

Back in uniform this week as a special instructor, Lowell says the team can win again and win back fans, but it will take time.

And he sympathizes with South Floridians angry the Marlins this season will be near baseball's basement in payrolls — again.

The return to a tight budget comes after a brief spending binge and only one year in the long-sought new ballpark that was supposed to transform the franchise.

"You just had so much hope," Lowell said. "You've been wanting for this for 15 years and you get it, and it seemed like it didn't last very long.

"But it's not my team. It's not my money. They have the right to do what they want. But there's going to be a consequence."

While the Marlins' latest payroll purge will keep disenchanting fans away, Lowell said it might also deter future free agents from considering Miami.

All-Stars Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle and Heath Bell signed free-agent deals

before the 2012 season, and all have already been traded.

"Players read contracts and see that Jose Reyes and Mark Buehrle got traded in the first year of a long-term deal," Lowell said. "They're going to think twice about it. It'll definitely be an issue."

Owner Jeffrey Loria ordered a roster shake-up after the Marlins finished last in NL East with a \$90 million payroll, so Reyes, Buehrle and Josh Johnson were traded to Toronto.

"I understand the team lost a lot of games," Lowell said. "But I think it would be hard to say they lost a lot of games because of Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson."

Even so, Lowell's rooting for the Marlins, in part because his close friend Mike Redmond is the new manager.

They were Marlins teammates for six seasons after the '97 World Series champions were dismantled.

Lowell was a rookie in 1999, the roster was the youngest in the majors and the Marlins lost 98 games.

Four years later many of the same players — including Lowell and Redmond — celebrated a World Series championship.

Redmond envisions the same sort of development in the next few years, and he

invited Lowell to spend a few days with the team.

"I just want him to be around to be a sounding board for some of our young players who have this opportunity," Redmond said. "Mike got an opportunity because of getting rid of a lot of the players in '97. It was the same opportunity as now. He made the most of his opportunity, and look what he accomplished."

Lowell spent 12 years in the majors and was a four-time All-Star third baseman.

He was the World Series most valuable player in 2007 when he led Boston's memorable title run, and he wore a Red Sox uniform while visiting their camp earlier this week.

But he's still a Marlin. Lowell attended about a half dozen games in their new ballpark last season, and he'll be back for more this year — unlike many others.

While it seems fan ire has never been higher in South Florida, Lowell predicted attendance will rise again if and when the team is successful.

"Winning cures everything," he said. "And there's good talent here. It's just, when does the talent pan out? Two years? Five years? One year? The fans want it to pan out now, which is normal."

Buehrle, Blue Jays beat Rays

By BOB BELLONE
Associated Press

DUNEDIN — Mark Buehrle works quickly.

"Very few guys do it, but the guys that do it, they have success," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "Good or bad, it's over fast."

Making his second start of spring training, Buehrle allowed one run and three hits in two innings Friday as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4.

Buehrle struck out two and walked two, finishing by retiring Sean Rodriguez on a flyout to escape a bases-loaded jam.

"I know it's spring training and results don't matter as much, but I still like to get outs," Buehrle said. "I don't like getting hit around, giving up runs. It was a pride factor."

Buehrle wasn't proud to have walked Desmond Jennings twice.

He did joke about his

strikeouts of Rodriguez and Tim Beckham.

"A couple of guys thought they were changeups," he said. "No. That was my fastball."

Jennings singled in his only other plate appearance in the fifth, then stole two bases and scored his second run on Sean Rodriguez's sacrifice fly.

Shelley Duncan then tied the score at 3 with a solo homer.

Rays starter Jake Odorizzi struck out two in the first, including Jose Bautista after third baseman Chris Gimenez failed to locate his foul popup near the line.

Toronto took a 3-1 lead in the second on a two-run homer by Brett Lawrie and a solo shot by Ricardo Nanita.

Loser Mike Montgomery allowed two runs, three hits and a walk in the sixth, giving up RBI singles to Andy LaRoche and Adam Loewen

Tampa Bay manager Joe

Maddon only wants to become familiar with the left-hander, acquired with outfielder Wil Myers, Patrick Leonard and Odorizzi in the offseason trade that James Shields and Wade Davis to Kansas City.

"The expectations are just to watch. I swear, I don't have any," Maddon said. "I don't want him to come out there and feel like he's going to make it. He's not going to make the club right now. There are a lot of things that have to happen."

"The big thing is for him to come out here and be comfortable, hopefully find that little mental thing that permits him to get back to 95, 96 (mph) on a more consistent basis and get people out. He's really high end. Montgomery's got great stuff, and it's just a matter of him mentally understanding what he can do and going ahead and doing it. But he could be really good."

Sebring 70s battle through the elements

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Thursday, Feb. 28, the Silent Salesman had a very good day at bat and defeated Royal Palms with a final score of 27-10 in the Sebring 70 and over Softball League.

The Salesman jumped to an 18-6 lead after four innings and good defense held the Palms to four runs the rest of the way.

Norm Grubbs made a nice over-the-shoulder catch of a long drive that helped seal the win for the Salesman.

All Salesman batters had at least two hits each.

Victor Rodriguez topped the hit parade with 6-for-6, including a double.

Close behind was Cliff Skeans with five hits and responsible for four runs being scored.

Bill Todd and Larry Ambuel each had 5-for-6.

Don Day went 4-for-4 including a home run.

Norm Grubbs clubbed a double and went 4-for-4.

Don Goodwin and Ken Crandall each had 4-for-6.

Bob Iott and Fred Moore had 3-for-5 and Jack DeFinny chipped in two hits.

Royal Palms did what they could but the odds were against them.

Kyle Saunders went 2-for-4 which included a double and a triple at his times at bat.

Going 3-for-4 were Mo Pier, Bobby Floodine and Jim Longman.

Dale Demar and Doug Hammond each had 2-for-4 and Ray Concepcion went 2-for-3.

Highlands Independent Bank had a good day at the ballpark with a 23-7 win over Buttonwood Bay.

Gene Phillips belted out a triple in his 3-for-5 times at bat.

Harry Bell was 3-for-4 including a double.

Ross Anderson, Russ Moody and Bobby Fahnestock each went 3-for-3.

Harold Baucam was 4-for-4 and Don Cunningham had 4-for-5.

A trio of 3-for-4 hitters were Fred Krieg, Don Shields and Andy Timmermanis.

Woody Woodward had 3-for-5.

Buttonwood Bay's Bob Wood banded out a double in his 3-for-4 times at bat.

Tom "Moose" Morrisette had 4-for-4.

Jack Grasso also had a good day with 3-for-3 at the plate.

John Degen and Fred Richardson were both 3-for-4.

VFW4300 squeaked by Andrews Allstate Insurance in extra innings with a final score of 9-8 in nine innings.

VFW Lloyd Noaker made a crucial catch in the last inning and also contributed by hitting a double.

Ron Lewis was 3-for-5, including a triple, and Dennis Burkholz went 3-for-5 with a double.

Another double was hit by John Kloet in 3-for-4 times at the plate and Doran Quigg had 3-for-4.

Going 3-for-5 were Chuck Fluharty and Bob Fulcher.

Allstate's players were in a real groove with Dale Baughman, Gallo Gonzalez, Jerry Kauffman, Eddie Lindberg, Dick Ostrich, Mel Gross and Tom Ashley all going 2-for-4 at the plate.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, the Sebring Seventy Softball League battled the windy weather.

The Silent Salesman played the game and usually hard-hitting, Buttonwood Bay team.

The Salesman jumped to a 7-2 lead after two innings, but the Buttonwood Bay boys said "we aren't through, yet."

They played solid defense and held the Salesman from increasing their lead for four innings.

In the seventh inning the Salesman got their batting eye back and scored five times to lead 12-3.

In the top of the eighth inning, the game ended abruptly as inclement weather set in.

The final official score was 12-3 in favor of the Silent Salesman.

Having an outstanding day at bat for the Salesman was Ken Crandall going 5-for-5.

Pitcher Victor Rodriguez had a double and a triple in his 4-for-5 times up.

Norm Grubbs had a home run and a double in his 3-for-5 at bats.

Don Day was 4-for-5 with

two doubles.

Bill Todd included a double in his 4-for-5 times at bat.

Five batters with two hits each rounded out the slug fest.

Buttonwood Bay gave the Salesman credit for blowing the game open in the 7th and 8th innings.

Their Tom "Moose" Morrisette and John Degen each were 3-for-4, including a double.

Rick Vancuren had 3-for-4 and Fred Richardson was 3-for-3.

VFW4300 laced up their running shoes and showed no mercy on the Royal Palms team coming out on top 26-7.

For the VFW Doran Quigg had a good day going 4-for-5 with two doubles and a home run.

Others with 4-for-5 were Don Knowlton, Bob Fulcher and Jerry Murphy.

Chuck Fluharty, Ron Lewis and Bob Roth each had 3-for-5 at their times at the plate.

Royal Palms made an effort with Charlie Quinn having a double in his 3-for-4 times at bat.

Gene Hanford was 2-for-4, including a double, and Doug Hammond had 3-for-4.

Andrews Allstate Insurance came out on top of Highlands Independent Bank with a 10-5 final score.

Allstate's newest player Brian Pluta lead the 2-for-3 hit parade.

The others going 2-for-3 were Tom Ashley, Gallo Gonzalez, Mel Gross and Dick Ostrich.

Winning pitcher Rudy Pribble also hit 3-for-4 times at bat.

Highlands Independent Bank put forth good effort with Don Cunningham, Bob Fox, Don Sheets and Andy Timmermanis all having 3-for-4 times at the plate.

Four other players having one hit each were Ross Anderson, Bobby Fahnestock, Gene Phillips and Jose Torres.

These games are played at the Highlands County Sports Complex in Sebring each Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome and bleachers are furnished.

Cano says contract not a distraction

Associated Press

TAMPA — Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano says his contract status is on his mind, though not a distraction.

Cano is due \$15 million in the final season of what became a \$57 million, six-year deal and is eligible for free agency after the World Series.

A day after Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said the team had made a sig-

nificant offer during the off-season to Cano's agent, Scott Boras, Cano declined to address the matter Friday but did say: "It's never going to go out of your head."

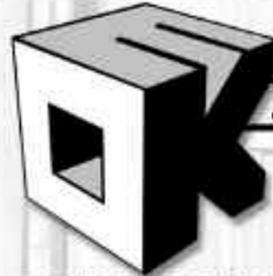
"I don't want to be a distraction to the team," Cano added. "Just focus on playing baseball."

He hit .313 with 33 homers and 94 RBIs last year but was 3 for 40 (.075) with no homers and four RBIs during the playoffs, including a

postseason-record 0-for-29 skid.

"I have one more year on my contract," Cano said. "I have to perform and help the team win another championship."

Cano plans to leave Yankees' camp this weekend to join the Dominican Republic's World Baseball Classic team, which plays the Yankees in an exhibition game Wednesday.



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Photographs, artwork and artifacts are included in the 'Alligators: Dragons in Paradise' exhibit that opens Wednesday at the Museum of Florida Art and Culture at South Florida State College Highlands Campus.

SFSC MOFAC presents 'Alligators: Dragons in Paradise'

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — South Florida State College's Museum of Florida Art and Culture (MOFAC) presents "Alligators: Dragons in Paradise" from March 6-April 11 at the SFSC Highlands Campus.

Created by the Museum of Florida History, the exhibition is a potpourri of fact and fantasy that explores our enduring fascination with the alligator and the alligator's importance to the Florida ecosystem and their symbolic role in Florida culture. The exhibition includes artwork, photographs, and artifacts such as alligator bags, shoes, and purses. Patrons can view cast reproductions of alliga-

tor and crocodile skulls, a simulated alligator nest, and alligator memorabilia. An alligator I.Q. board, tanned alligator hide, and four and a half foot mounted alligator provides visitors with a hands-on experience.

The exhibition is sponsored by Norm and Laurie Stephens, Seacoast National Bank, and Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County.

SFSC MOFAC will hold its Third Thursday program, "Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators: Jeff Klinkenberg," at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 21 in Building G, Room 101, SFSC Highlands Campus, Avon Park. Based on his book, "Pilgrim in the Land of

Alligators," Tampa Bay Times' journalist Klinkenberg shares stories of his travels across the state, discovering what makes Florida Florida.

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

Husband and wife behind 'The Bible' miniseries

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Mark Burnett was taken aback by the scale of what his wife, actress Roma Downey, had in mind when she suggested over tea one morning four years ago that they make a television miniseries based on the Bible.

"Momentarily, I think he thought I'd lost my mind," Downey recalled. "He went out on his bicycle and he prayed on it and he came back and said, 'You know what, I think it's a good idea. I think we should do it together.' We shook hands and haven't looked back."

The series debuts on History Sunday at 8 p.m. EST, the first of five two-hour chunks that will air each weekend. The finale airs on Easter Sunday.

Different stories in the Bible have been Hollywood fodder for years. Burnett, the prolific producer behind "Survivor" and "The Voice," said no one had tried to tie it all together and use modern computer graphics to bring images like Moses parting the Red Sea to life on screen.

Instead of being all-encompassing, they tried to concentrate on stories in depth and on characters who would emotionally engage the audience. The first episode illustrates the wisdom of that approach: it flounders at the start with a discussion about the world's creation but becomes more gripping when the emphasis turns to the lives of Abraham and Moses.

Burnett said he believes there's a growing "Biblical illiteracy" among young people.

"It's like saying you never heard of Macbeth or King Lear," he said. "In school, you have to know a certain amount of Shakespeare, but no Bible. So there's got to be a way to look at it from a pure literature point of view. If it wasn't for the Bible,

arguably Shakespeare wouldn't have written those stories."

Downey, the former star of "Touched By an Angel," said she wanted to be part of something that would glorify God.

After pitching their idea to several networks, Burnett and Downey found a fit with Nancy Dubuc, History's president and general manager. She likes the challenge of ideas that seem unwieldy. History made the 2010 miniseries "America the Story of Us," which was a big hit, and 2012's "Mankind the Story of All of Us," which wasn't. Last spring's miniseries on the Hatfields and McCoys was an eye-opening success.

Burnett and Downey have been building anticipation for "The Bible" by previewing it at churches and for religious leaders. Rick Warren, Joel Osteen and Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, have all endorsed the work.

"The faith community is going to sample it, unquestionably," Dubuc said. "Whether they stay or go remains with the TV gods. Our job has been to present this as an epic tale of adventure."

History's own campaign is not targeting a religious audience, emphasizing some of the dramatic scenes to suggest that audiences won't be preached to. The screening that Downey and Burnett have sweated the most was when their teenage children showed it to some friends.

"We knew that we could make it heartfelt," Downey said. "We knew we could make it faithful. But we wanted to be sure that we could make it cool."

Downey spent nearly half of 2012 in Morocco supervising filming, beginning in the cold of February and ending in the blistering heat of July. "We wanted it to be gritty and authentic," she said. "We didn't want it to look like

somebody had just stepped out of the dry cleaners."

Her husband flew back and forth to the United States, where he would work on his other programs. Downey said she initially had no intention of appearing onscreen, but stepped in when they had trouble casting an actress for an older Mary, mother of Jesus.

Except for Downey, few of the actors involved are well known in the United States. Portuguese TV star Diogo Morgado portrays Jesus Christ, and many of the other lead actors are based in Britain.

The television airing of "The Bible" on History is only the beginning for this project. Lifetime will air a repeat each week after a new episode appears on History. It will air internationally, and a DVD package will go on sale this spring. The series' scripts are bound together into a book. Producers will make a theatrical release movie of a portion of the story, and are looking at showing it in stadiums this fall. Burnett and Downey have also reached a deal to make parts of the film available as part of a religious education curriculum for churches.

"More people will watch this than any of our other series combined over the next three decades," Burnett said.

Even better, their marriage survived the grueling process intact — even stronger, Downey said.

"Nobody has taken on the broad vision from Genesis to Revelation, and I think we probably realized at midpoint why no one had done it before," she said. "It was maddeningly complicated and extraordinarily hard work. We approached it humbly, but we were exhilarated by it."

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First lady not surprised by Oscars reaction

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michelle Obama says it was "absolutely not surprising" to her that her satellite appearance at the Academy Awards ceremony provoked a national conversation about whether it was appropriate, after some conservative critics accused her of selfishly crashing the event in an attempt to upstage it.

She attributed the chatter to a culture shift that has spawned legions of bloggers, tweeters and others who talk about anything and everything all the time.

"Shoot, my bangs set off a national conversation. My shoes can set off a national conversation. That's just sort of where we are. We've got a lot of talking going on," the

first lady said only somewhat jokingly Thursday before an appearance in Chicago, her hometown. "It's like everybody's kitchen-table conversation is now accessible to everybody else so there's a national conversation about anything."

In what was not the first-ever Oscar appearance by a first lady, Mrs. Obama was beamed live from the White House into Sunday's ceremony in Los Angeles to unseal the envelope and announce that the night's final award, for Best Picture, would go to "Argo." In 2002, Laura Bush appeared at the ceremony on videotape.

Americans have long been fascinated by their first ladies, scrutinizing everything from their clothes and hair to the issues they promote and how they raise their children.

Collaborative muralists



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Residents of Camp Florida Resort have completed Lake Placid's newest mural. These six women — Diane Lucey (from left), chairwoman, shown with artists Kaye Houston, Dawn Heinbach, Peggy White, Barb Snyder and Jeannie Sineath — are all property owners.

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Inspirational Thoughts

by Patricia Valentine

Romans 8: 18-19, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." That is a powerful scripture. There is a time coming when God will so possess His children that we will manifest His glory to the whole world. We all await the day that we become like Christ. It is waiting for the day we become God's holy love revealed to a world that desperately needs that love. Suffering is part of the human experience. In life there will always be times of pain, sickness and misery. In a fallen world, they're unavoidable. But that suffering, as the scripture reads, is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. We have to share in Christ's sufferings in order to share in His glory. As the song writer wrote the words, no cross, no crown. You can know with an assurance, the glory has always far eclipsed the suffering. Go back and read Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Seasons have a beginning and an end. No season last forever. You may be experiencing some pain today, but remember, the suffering we endure is nothing compared to the glory God has prepared for us. Be Blessed!

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A dragon by John Fitts.



A dragon by Bill Snyder.



A dragon by Al Hyman.

Year of the Dragon celebrated by Lake Placid Woodcarvers

Special to the News-Sun
 LAKE PLACID – Each year the Lake Placid Woodcarvers choose a special project. This year the carvers have created 34 different dragons as well as various other animals and carvings, including horses, bears, wolves, bugs, butterflies and dimensional reliefs.

The club's annual show is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 17 at the Lake Placid Art League, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

This year's fantastical dragons are a sight to behold. To quote author Ursula LeGuin, "It is one thing to read about dragons and another to meet them." Some are natural wood, such as the

one created by Al Hyman from butternut with purple heart horns a lacewood tongue and real alligator teeth. Some have beautiful fantasy colors of reds, purples and greens. All are quite beautiful and very impressive when seen as a group.

Sculptors gouge blocks of wood into the appropriate size and shape. Then, they refine the wood with a variety of tools unique to this endeavor, such as veiners and v-tools. When the detail work is complete, the sculptor smoothes the surface with rasps and rifflers and different grains of sandpaper.

Finally, to preserve the work, the carver stains it and coats it with varnish, resin or wax. They may burn in fur, feathers, or scales and paint



A dragon by Ken Bingham.



A dragon by Norman Clift.

in oils or airbrushing. The Woodcarvers meet from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 4

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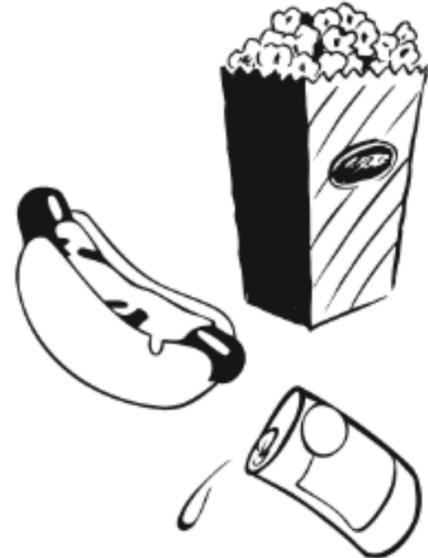
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Shoop, Johnson behind 'Wild & Wonderful' exhibit

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – March is a wild and wonderful month at Highlands Museum of the Arts (MOTA)! Highlands Art League announces a new exhibit featuring the “Wild & Wonderful” woodcarving and mixed media talents of local artists John Shoop and Beth Johnson.

An array of sea-life themed pieces carved by Shoop, some natural and some wildly painted by partner artist Johnson, will be on display through March. Admission to the exhibit is free to the public.

Regular MOTA hours during this exhibit will be 12-3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Volunteer docents are needed for coverage. Call 385-5312 if able to help.



Courtesy photo
Craig and Beth Johnson (left) and Jan and John Shoop in front of a fish carved by John Shoop and painted by Beth Johnson, on display during March at Highlands MOTA.



Courtesy photo
Beth Johnson holds her Tarpon painting in front of John Shoop's carved Sail Fish, on display during March at Highlands MOTA.

Adams named Art League's Artist of the Month

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The Highlands Art League continues its 2013 Artist of the Month series with local oil and watercolor artist Nancy Adams. A reception in her honor will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop. Come meet the artist and learn about her love of the environment and “America’s wild places”.

Nancy Floras Adams specializes in oils and watercolors, and she will display her oil paintings at the Yellow House League this month. She was born in New Hampshire where she spent her early years, and she later studied at Vassar College in New York. After receiving a bachelor’s degree in liberal

arts, she went on to earn a degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia.

For the past 20 years, Nancy had pursued a career that embraced her love of animals, owning a busy veterinary practice in the Tampa area.

Today, Adams spends winters in Avon Park, where she shares a studio with other artists in the historic Jacaranda Hotel as a member of The Artists’ Group Studio. The TAG studio is an eclectic display of different types of art, showcasing the talent of Adams and other studio members. Her artwork has received numerous awards, most recently she received signature membership in the Georgia Watercolor Society



Courtesy photo
Nancy Adams specializes in oils and watercolors. She will display many of her oil paintings at the Highlands Art League Yellow House this month.

spends times photographing forest areas to use as references for her wildlife paintings. Adams’ artwork can be found in private collections around the country. Her watercolor painting, “Barnyard Brawlers”, was selected for the cover of the March 2005 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The Yellow House Gallery and Gift Shop is at 1989 Lakeview Drive. The Art League hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Additional information may also be obtained by calling 385-5312, or visiting the website highlandsartleague.org.

in August 2012 and won Best of Show at the Lake Placid Art Show on Jan. 26.

During the summer, the artist and her family enjoy the mountains of north Georgia, where she hikes with family and friends, and



Courtesy photo
One of the many pieces by Nancy Floras Adams that will be on display in March at the Yellow House Gallery. A reception will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday in Adams honor.

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CHALK TALK

Highlands Youth Citrus Program a huge success

By **TIM HURNER**
Highlands Youth Citrus Program coordinator

The 2012-2013 Highlands Youth Citrus Program, which culminated at the Highlands County Fair, was a huge success. This year there were a total of 112 young people who participated in the program and 75 who exhibited citrus trees. This was a 40 percent increase over the past year.

Four years ago, there were only 22 citrus trees grown for exhibit at the county fair.

This project includes three parts – an informational display board, growing a citrus tree, and a record book chronicling what was done in the project. The informational display boards and citrus trees were displayed in the 2013 Highlands County Fair.

The Top Junior Display Boards belonged to Sara Griffin, Heartlanders 4-H Club, and Megan Sowards, Sunny Hop 4-H Club (tie); and the Top Senior Display Board belonged to April Garcia, Country Clovers 4-H Club. The Grand Champion Citrus Tree was grown by Zack Farr from Avon Park, and the Reserve Champion Citrus Tree was grown by Hannah Farr. The Top Senior Citrus Trees were Zack Farr, APHS FFA, and Hannah Farr, APHS FFA. The Top Junior Tree was Edward Cyr, Country Clovers 4-H Club.

The Record Books will be submitted for judging Monday.

The citrus trees were sold in a silent auction at the county fair. All citrus trees sold for a total of \$10,185 at prices ranging from \$100-300 each. The Grand and Reserve Champion citrus trees were sold in the live auction during the livestock auction at the county fair.

The Champion Citrus Tree shown by Zack Farr was purchased by Lykes Citrus for \$700 and the Reserve Champion Citrus tree shown by Hannah Farr was purchased by citrus grower Peter Goldstein for \$450.

Purchasing citrus trees were: Air & Electric, Center Ridge Caretaking, B& L Cattle, Earl Crutchfield, George and Kevin Brown, Tom and Bonnie Crutchfield, Charlie Cullens, Robert Cyr, Eight Gatorboy 7, Steve Farr, Alex Fells, Hancock Groves, Peter Goldstein, Jim Haynes Family Citrus, Heartland National Bank, Sarah Holton, Carol Howard, George Laurent, Lykes Citrus, Palms Estates of Highlands Co., Parkway Auto Sales, Claude Phagen, DeLynne Pitts, Reynolds Groves, Roy Sager, Cindy and Jeff Sanders, Saxon Groves, Jack Sebring, Win Stephens, Kash Waldron, Malcolm Watters, Wheeler Farms, and Danny Yarborough.



Courtesy photo

All citrus trees sold at the county fair as part of the Highlands Youth Citrus Program came to a total of \$10,185. Siblings Zack and Hannah Farr has the Champion and Reserve Champion Citrus Trees, respectively.

Flooring all citrus trees to a price of \$ 60 each was Citra Harvesting and Barben Groves, both in Avon Park. Flooring all citrus trees to \$ 100 each was Danny Pypers Citrus of Lake Placid. "Add-Ons" to the price for each citrus tree were made by Somers Irrigation of Sebring,

and Kahn Citrus of Sebring.

The Highlands Youth Citrus Program is sponsored by corporate sponsors. This year's corporate sponsors were Bayer Crop Science, Daniel Albritton; Syngenta Crop Protection, John Taylor; and Cutrale Processors, Keith Hinkle. The program is managed by a group of 12 citrus growers in Highlands County who are dedicated to young people and their success and to helping young people know more about the Highlands citrus industry.

Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser going on at APMS

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — From March 6-20, Avon Park Middle School will be selling tubs of delicious Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough as its school-wide fundraiser. Money raised through this fundraiser will go toward student incentives, classroom supplies and other school needs.

Each tub of Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough costs \$16 and makes about 36 cookies. Containing zero grams trans-fat, no

partially hydrogenated oils and no added preservatives, you can feel good about stocking up. Choose from 13 cookie flavors in addition to brownies, apple coffee cake, heat-and-serve pretzels and pizza.

Students from Avon Park Middle School will be taking orders that will earn them prizes, or one can place an order at the school at 452-4333.

For more information, contact Donna Peavey, PTO president at APMS.

Baker named to Provost's List

Special to the News-Sun
Reginal E. Baker of Avon Park was named to the Potomac State College Provost's List for Fall 2012.

According to Potomac State College Campus Provost Dr. Leonard Colelli, there were 110 stu-

dents placed on the Provost's List for the 2012 fall semester at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. To be eligible for the Provost's List, a student must earn a 3.7 to 4.0 grade point average while maintaining a full-time student status.

Deadline nears for 2014 Youth Citrus Program

Special to the News-Sun

It is the time of year for young people ages 8 to 18 in Highlands County who wish to exhibit a citrus tree in the 2014 Highlands County Fair to enroll in the 2014 Highlands Youth Citrus Program.

The Youth Citrus program is open to any youth who will be in the third through twelfth grade in Highlands County in the 2013-2014 school year. The Youth Citrus Project consists of growing a potted citrus tree for exhibit and sale at the county fair,

constructing an informational display board for exhibit in the county fair, and completing a project record book chronicling what was done in the project. Ribbons, points, and premiums are awarded in each of the three categories. Overall winners are determined by accumulation of total points.

To obtain an informational flier on the 2014 Highlands Youth Citrus Program and a 2014 Youth Citrus Program registration form, one can go to the following website: <http://highlands.ifas.ufl.edu/>

4-H/4-H_home.shtml , call the Highlands County Extension Office at 402-6540, or come by the Highlands County Extension Office at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center in Sebring.

The entry deadline is 5 p.m. April 4. The first of four program workshops will be held Thursday, April 23 at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center Auditorium in Sebring. Citrus trees and supplies will be distributed at that time.

US judge: Insurer not obliged to cover Sandusky

By **MARK SCOLFORO**

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The insurance carrier for the children's charity founded by former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky doesn't have to cover him for acts of child sexual abuse, a judge ruled Friday.

U.S. District Judge Yvette Kane said Sandusky was not acting as an employee or executive of The Second Mile when he abused and molested boys.

"The fact that Sandusky met his victims through The Second Mile — or even sexually abused victims 'during the course of activities of Second Mile' — does not change the fact that his sexual abuse of children was personal in nature, and performed in his individual capacity," the judge's ruling said.

The judge ruled in favor of Warren, N.J.-based Federal Insurance Co., which had brought the case against Sandusky.

Sandusky was convicted last summer of abusing 10 boys, some of whom he met through the charity he founded in 1977. He was sentenced

to 30 to 60 years in prison but maintains his innocence and is appealing. He faces lawsuits from some of his accusers.

Sandusky's lead appellate lawyer, Norris Gelman, said he would be sticking with his client but "without money it's going to be a little tough."

"I'll talk to him, I'll talk to his wife, and we'll see what's what," Gelman said. "I'm not the kind of guy who would quit in the middle of a case. I've never done that, and I don't think I ever will."

Gelman said Federal Insurance had paid him some

money but declined to say how much. Neither the insurer's lawyers nor Sandusky's civil lawyers immediately returned phone messages Friday.

Eight young men testified against Sandusky, describing a range of abuse they said went from grooming and manipulation to fondling, oral sex and anal rape when they were boys.

Sandusky, 69, did not testify at his trial but has long insisted he's innocent. He acknowledges he showered with boys but says he never molested them.

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CHALK TALK

FBLA students play at District Leadership Conference

By JULIANA JACKSON
Special to the News-Sun

The Future Business Leaders of America from Avon Park High School, Lake Placid High School and Sebring High School attended the District Leadership Conference on Feb. 2 at the State College of Florida in Bradenton along with more than 500 students from approximately 20 other schools from Highlands, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee and Sarasota counties. All students attending competed in a variety of events and placed very well.

The results are:

From APHS

Gayla Barrett, first place, Future Business Leader;

Juliana Jackson, first place, Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure, and Local Chapter Annual Business Report;

Zack Farr, Mason Jahna, Jocelyn Jackson and Zack McKinney, first place, Parliamentary Procedure Team;

Juliana Jackson, first place, Who's Who in FBLA;

Jordan Jackson, second place, Leadership;

Kenny and Koy McGrath, second place, Web Design Team;

Kenny and Kristie Millan, third place, Business Ethics Team;

Kathryn Millan, third place, FBLA Principles & Procedures;

Charles Council, third place, Spreadsheet Applications; and

Sara Heier, sixth place, Public Speaking.

From LPHS

Royce Abela, first place, Job Interview;

Maria Gonzalez, third place, Job Interview; and

Scott Cantwell, fourth

place, Sports Management.

Ashton Abela, Public Speaking II; Jonah Brown, Sports Management; and Michael Norwood, Job Interview.

From SHS

Darlin Romero, second place, Computer Problem Solving;

Destiny McCartney, second place, Health Care Administration; and

Daniel Ferretti, fifth place, Business Math.

When not competing in their events, students enjoyed various workshops hosted by Ryan Underwood, chief executive officer and president, TRI Leadership Resources; Benjamin Durrance, University of South Florida Business and Communications student; managers from the Men's Warehouse, who spoke about "Dressing For Success"; Julie Reyes from Autism Speaks (FL FBLA service project); and others.

APHS FBLA was presented with the "Chapter of the Quarter" trophy for their outstanding efforts in chapter activities such as community service and leadership training.

Students really enjoyed the conference.

APHS member Zack Farr said, "The keynote speaker was great." Zack also mentioned that it was rewarding knowing all his Parliamentary Procedure team's hard work and practice paid off.

Another APHS FBLA member, Juliana Jackson, enjoyed being able to celebrate the hard work in the competitive events as well as to meet with her newly elected District 18 officer team.

APHS member Gayla Barrett shared that the



Courtesy photo
Students from Avon Park High School included (front row, from left) Kathryn Millan, Sara Heier, Kristie Millan, Juliana Jackson, Jordan Jackson, Kenneth Millan, and Gayla Barrett; (back row, from left) Jocelyn Jackson, Kenneth McGrath, Zack McKinney, Mason Jahna, Zack Farr, Charles Council, and Wade Jackson, advisor.

November 2012 Highlands County Leadership Summit at SFSC best prepared her for the Future Business Leader event. She would like to thank the Leadership Summit event sponsor, Bill Jarrett Ford.

Zack Farr served this year as the FBLA District 18 parliamentarian. Juliana Jackson was appointed to serve in this role for the coming year.

All of these APHS students have won the right to represent their school and district at the FBLA State Leadership in Orlando from April 25-28. The cost to attend is approximately \$300 per student. The members will be holding car washes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Advanced Auto Parts

in Avon Park on Saturday and the last two Saturday's in March at Avon Park Burger King to raise money to attend the conference. Donations to aid students in attending this state conference are welcome. Contact APHS FBLA advisors Melanie and Wade Jackson for details.

The FBLA advisors are proud of these young leaders and the efforts they put forth in each event. Advisors from APHS are Wade and Melanie Jackson; from SHS, it is Lisa Garrison; and from LPHS, it is Scott Morgan.

Submitted by Juliana Jackson, APHS FBLA president, in cooperation with Lisa Garrison and Scott Morgan.



Courtesy photo
Sebring High School students Darlin Romero (from left), Destiny McCartney, and Daniel Ferretti competed at the District Leadership Conference.

First woman in line to lead Air Force Academy

Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Maj. Gen. Michelle Johnson has been chosen to be the next superintendent of the Air Force Academy, the first woman to hold the job.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Johnson's appointment Friday. Academy officials said the Senate must first approve her promotion to a three-star lieutenant general, the rank required to become superintendent.

It wasn't immediately clear when the Senate would take up her promotion and when she would assume command.

Johnson would replace Lt. Gen. Michael Gould, who has been superintendent since June 2009. An academy spokesman said Gould's plans haven't been announced.

Johnson is currently NATO's deputy chief of staff for operations and intelligence.

She is a 1981 graduate of the academy, where she became the school's first female cadet wing commander and first female Rhodes scholar.

As a Rhodes scholar, she earned a master's degree in politics and economics from Oxford University.

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Stinkpots, or musk turtles, don't leave the water very often

Did you know that there is a turtle called a stinkpot? The real name of this reptile is the musk turtle and it has the ability to produce an unpleasant scent as a defense mechanism. The odorless, yellowish, musky fluid is created from two pairs of glands under the shell. Even though it has a large smell, the turtle is quite small, usually measuring from about three to five and a half inches in length. These tiny creatures are native to Florida and have some interesting attributes.

The carapace, or shell, of the musk turtle is highly domed and appears somewhat oblong. The bottom shell, which is called a plastron, is hinged allowing the turtle to hide inside. When it is not in its shell, it is easy to identify by its pointy



News From The Watershed
Corine Burgess

nose, sharp beak, large triangular shaped head, dark colored shell and yellow lines that are located above and below the eyes. These lines fade and may completely disappear with age. Musk turtles have long necks and short legs.

Musk turtles don't leave the water very often. Their tiny little tongues are covered in nipple like structures called papillae, which allow them to breathe underwater. They enjoy shallow, slow moving, heavily vegetated waters with muddy bottoms such as ponds, lakes, streams, creeks and swamps. About the only time they journey onto land is when the female is ready to lay her eggs. They will bask, but usually it is in shallow water with only the top of the shell exposed to the sun. At times, they will find a log and bask with other turtles. They can climb and have been found on limbs at heights of over six feet above the water. Sometimes a passing boat may get a surprise when a musk turtle drops from the high hanging branch into the



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vessel.

Common musk turtles are nocturnal creatures and do most of their hunting at night. During the day, they are generally inactive and remain buried in the mud at the bottom of the water body. They feed mostly on small aquatic insects, algae and carrion when they are small. However, once they get a bit bigger, they will eat just about anything that moves including minnows, crabs, snails, leeches, worms, fish eggs, tadpoles, frogs, algae, plants, clams

and crayfish.

Breeding generally takes place in the spring and females lay from two to nine oval, hard-shelled eggs. They may share a nest with other musk turtles, which may be located in a shallow burrow, under debris, or on open ground. These turtles will dig a nest if needed; they use their hind limbs to dig about four inches deep and then deposit the eggs. Incubation is usually from 65 to 86 days. The eggs hatch in the late summer or early fall and a large percentage of the

newborns will not survive. The hatchlings are less than one inch long and predators are always on the prowl for these tasty morsels. Those fortunate enough to survive through the early years, may live a very long life. In fact, specimens in captivity have been recorded to live over 50 years.

Where temperatures are colder, the musk turtle will hibernate for the winter. It finds a cozy place at the bottom of a pond, lake or stream and burrows in for the duration.

Although common musk turtles are not on any endangered status in the United States, their populations have declined noticeably over the years. When wetlands are destroyed or degraded, this turtle may suffer even more than other species due to its dependence on the water and mud. In Iowa it is considered a threatened species and Canada has deemed it a species at risk. Ontario protects the musk turtle under the endangered species act. Most of the disappear-

ance of the species is credited to habitat degradation or destruction; however, some females have been killed by vehicles while searching for a nest site.

Musk turtle facts: (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) - The barbels on this turtle's chin and throat are sensory organs which allow the turtle to feel for prey resting on the bottom of the water body.

- The algae frequently found growing on their shells help the animals blend in among the plants and similar-looking algae-covered stones.

- Several characteristics can be used to distinguish males from females: 1) males have patches of rough scales on the inside of the hind legs that are used to grasp the female's carapace during mating; 2) more skin is in between the seams of the scutes on the male's plastron; 3) the tails of males are longer, thicker, and equipped with a spike at the tip; and 4) males have larger heads than females.

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BAPTIST

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

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday - Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday -

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

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

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Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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CATHOLIC

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

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/mailling address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcatho.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcatho.com or 385-0049;

Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 3:30 and 5 p.m. (vigil); Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m. (Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacidcofc/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

TELEVISION

‘Switched at Birth’ goes silent to make a point

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — “Until hearing people walk a day in our shoes, they will never understand,” says a guidance counselor at a high school for deaf students in “Switched at Birth.”

Such insights are a staple of the ABC Family drama, a TV rarity that puts deaf characters, played by deaf or hard-of-hearing actors, at the center of the action.

But Monday’s episode takes it a bold step further: Save for a few spoken words at the beginning and the end, it is silent. The actors’ hands do the talking with American Sign Language, even rapping together in one gleeful sequence.

Subtitles, which are typically sprinkled throughout “Switched at Birth” episodes, keep the viewer clued in. But when a deaf character is con-

fused because she can’t hear something vital, the audience is too. It’s powerfully disconcerting.

The cast, including Oscar-winner Marlee Matlin as the school counselor, are excited about what they see as a grand experiment and eager for viewer reaction.

“This is an opportunity for the hearing person to watch at home and try to experience it,” said Katie Leclerc, who stars as deaf teenager Daphne Vasquez. “It’s not exactly the same, but maybe you can try to imagine what your everyday life would be like.”

“It’s a risk,” added Leclerc, who has an inner ear disorder, Meniere’s disease, that can cause hearing loss and vertigo.

“A big risk,” Matlin said through a sign language-interpreter. “But it’s going to be an eye-opener. I’m very proud to be part of this risk-

taking, history-making episode.”

Matlin knows about making history. She was the first — and remains the only — deaf person to receive an Academy Award acting trophy, honored as best actress for 1986’s “Children of a Lesser God.”

The “Switched at Birth” episode pivots on another key moment for the deaf community: A 1988 student protest at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., that ended the unbroken succession of hearing presidents at the school for the deaf.

For fictional Carlton High School (inspired by real-life LA school, Marlton), more is at stake: The school faces closure because of funding cuts, which means its students will be “mainstreamed” with hearing teens.

(It mirrors a real-life trend caused by budget constraints,

Leclerc said. There’s also an increasing number of children being given cochlear implants to counter hearing loss, itself a controversial issue, according to series creator and executive producer Lizzy Weiss.)

The prospect is dreaded by the Carlton students, either because they’ve felt the sting of being an outsider or because their treasure being part of a deaf-oriented school.

“Deaf people feel that moving into the mainstream chips away at their community, which is about language and culture,” said Jack Jason, Matlin’s longtime interpreter and the series’ on-set arbiter for correct sign-language use.

With Daphne as the driving force and invoking Gallaudet, students mobilize to take over the administration building and demand Carlton’s survival. The conflict’s end-

ing will wait for the March 11 season finale.

The uprising panics parents and puts relationships at risk, including that of Daphne and Bay Kennish (Vanessa Marano), the switched-at-birth characters of the title who have come together as teenagers from two very different households.

“We started in the pilot with just one scene that was pure ASL,” involving Daphne and Emmett (Sean Berdy), said Weiss. As the series developed, she and her writing team began pondering the “what-if” of an all-sign language episode for the second season.

Then ABC Family approached her with the same idea, and the challenge was on to find a logical and engaging way to realize the ASL-only goal and a big enough story to make the

most of it.

Last year, a “CSI: NY” episode took a stab at a nearly silent episode, using music by Green Day for most of its storytelling before reverting to dialogue in the final act.

The solution for “Switched at Birth” was to make sure every scene included a deaf character: “The truth is, when you’re around people who are deaf, it’s considered rude not to sign if you know how,” Weiss said.

To avoid overloading viewers with subtitles the story was designed to be highly visual, including scenes of the student protest complete with picket signs and a defiant “Take Back Carlton” banner unfurled from the occupied school building.

Although some moments depict the pitfalls of being a deaf person in a hearing world, Weiss said, that’s balanced by positive aspects.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

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

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

■ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God’s Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children’s church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer “Kid City” Children’s Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, “prime-timers,” and Bible studies in Spanish. “Kid City” Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INDEPENDENT

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith’s Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

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

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

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. “God’s Work, Our Hands.”

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men’s Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children’s church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

■ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long - empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don’t speak English - no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

■ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, interim lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth;

first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children’s & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

■ **Highlands Community Church**, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid’s World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

■ **The Lord’s Sentinel Fellowship Church**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsomministries.com.

■ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children’s church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weare-union.org.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun ‘N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children’s/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women’s Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available

during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcip.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday - Traditional Worship, 8 and 9:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group - (middle and high school) 7 p.m., RockSolid (kindergarten through fifth grade) 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacons meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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

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

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

UNITED METHODIST

■ **The Salvation Army - Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women’s Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. John A. Bryant, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m.; Prayer Group, 6 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

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DEED TRANSFERS

Dec. 26

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity Inc. to Abderrahim McHatet, L2 Blk 1 Lake Regency Woods, \$6,000.

Dec. 27

Fannie Mae to Lowell Allan Liskey, L116 PT L115 Sebring Shores Development Sec. 3, \$52,000.

Chad S. Paiva to Hernando Land Group, L25 Blk 23 Highlands Park Est. Sec. P, \$2,900.

B & L Cattle Co. to Center Ridge Caretaking Inc., Farm 38 Lake View Park Tract/Other, \$150,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to James L. Serwas, L19 Blk 282 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 13, \$67,100.

Gerald Chaney to Maria Luz Hernandez-Hernandez, L13 Park Homes, \$32,900.

Richard J. Figura to Timothy Anderson, L14 Blk 52 Placid Lakes Sec. 6, \$130,000.

Gerald Chaney to Bernardo Gomez, L33/34 Pardee Sub, \$12,000.

Delia I. Colon to Barbara Jared, L10 Blk 2 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 1, \$45,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Brandon Jones, L5/6 Blk 385 Leisure Lakes Sec. 17, \$76,400.

Aaron Menough to Yan Hua Lin, L32 Blk 704 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 4, \$115,000.

Dec. 28

Virginia F. Chandler to Silvestre Vargas Hernandez, L2 Blk 1 Circle Terrace, \$50,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Charles Pough, L4 Blk G Lotela Terrace 3rd Add, \$64,900.

Randall E. Young to DM of Istokpoga, L36 Blk 4 Lake and Ranch Club 2nd Add, \$115,000.

Armando M. Rodriguez to Charles N. Welch, L1-5 Blk 46 Leisure Lakes Sec. 16/Other, \$120,000.

Wauchula State Bank to Barbara A. Zahller, L3 Blk 105 Placid Lakes Sec. 15, \$72,500.

Elisha Sager to Jerry Bateman, Parcel 100 Highlands Homes Sub, \$14,000.

Daniel W. Ritter to Ranjeeta P. Krishnadas, L1 Blk 96 Map of Town of Sebring 3rd Add/Other, \$543,000.

Paul Groeneveld to Shawn Babcock, L9 Blk 326 Leisure Lakes Sec. 10, \$1,600.

Mary Margaret Deichler-Henes to Frank McClain, L20 Blk 8 Highlands Park Est. Sec. E, \$32,000.

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Nicholas Peneau, L16 Blk 67 Placid Lakes Est. Sec. 6, \$41,500.

Branch Banking & Trust Co. to Frederick Mendonca, L6297-6301 Avon Park Lakes Unit 20, \$2,500.

Frederick J. Brown to Benny L. Pierson, Unit V6-B Bluffs of Sebring Phase III, \$137,000.

Isabelle Dolan to Michael Barcia, L601 Deean Lakefront Est. Replat, \$40,000.

Phyllis J. Halnan to Giovanni Brus, L4/5 Blk 70 Lakewood Terraces, \$153,800.

Diana O'Campo to Mahadeo Balkeran, L13 Blk 1 J O Younce Sub, \$26,000.

Brian M. Johnson to Karla Gaskins, L30 Blk 56 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$41,800.

Orangewood Builders Inc. to Richard A. Hayes Jr., PT L9/10 Blk 4 Town of Avon Park, \$291,800.

Darlene Rae Cotton to Deborah Stamper, L365 Fairmount Mobile Est., \$30,000.

John B. Denning to David R. Lafond, L26 Edgewater Village, \$78,400.

J. LaBelle, Unit 110 The Fountainhead/Other, \$37,500.

L P Utilities Corp. to LP Waterworks Inc., PT Sec. 17-37-30/Other, \$165,000.

Gayle E. Murdock to Robert C. Bullock, PT Sec. 6-33-29, \$183,800.

Charlene B. Pickens to Raymond J. Trudell, L47 Edgewater Village Sub, \$87,900.

Dec. 31

Stephen G. Hawthorne to FFT of Highlands County, L4 Southside Business Park, \$116,500.

Ronnie Martinez to Thomas Raymond Weaver, L21 Blk N Spring Lake Village II, \$50,000.

Victor Rodriguez to Thomas P. Ayers, L48 Highlands Homes Sub, \$13,000.

Rose Marie Hunter to Ralph R. Johnson, Tract 6 Big Pine Farms, \$285,000.

Henry L. Willis to Henry L. Willis, L5 Strodan Acres, \$65,700.

Tom Emerson Builders Inc. to Wauchula State Bank, L14/15 Blk 2 Altamont Place Add 2/Other, \$80,000.

Wauchula State Bank to Kelly W. Jeffers, L15 Blk G Spring Lake Village VIII, \$124,300.

Wauchula State Bank to Matthew C. Abbott, L37 Blk 69 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 3, \$155,000.

Lori M. Davis to David Allen Zoerb, L21 Blk 1 Harder Hall Country Club II, \$159,900.

Greg & Linda Hoover to Carroll J. Austin, L263/264 Blue Heron Golf & Country Club, \$6,000.

Kristopher Howerton to James E. Terrell, L27 Blk 7 Harder Hall Country Club II, \$119,000.

Ruth Vanbree to Michael McCormick, PT L19 Midway Sub, \$20,000.

American Land Investment Corp. to Nerty Piscola, L15 Blk 6 Sebring Hills South Unit 4, \$9,000.

Gloria S. McNorton to Agrivation Inc., PT Sec. 26-35-29, \$240,000.

Adesh Budhraj to Brian Tomblin, PT Sec. 5-33-28, \$123,000.

Carolyn P. Massey to John E. Robinson, Unit 13D Casa Del Lago Condo Phase 13, \$78,500.

Howard Chad Pritchett to Shockley Properties Inc., Tract 2/7 Paradise Hills Replat, \$122,000.

Janet Lynn Thompson to Andrew Marcy, L45 Blk 1 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 7, \$3,000.

Thomas S. Provencal to Brett S. Bowes, L4 Lakefront Court Sub, \$310,000.

Wauchula State Bank to Randy Wayne Fredrikson, L17 Blk 30 Lake Haven Est. Sec. 2, \$4,500.

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Stephen R. Leach to Jacquelyn S. Davis, L132 Kissimmee River Shores Unrec, \$5,000.

Heartland National Bank to Cosa Nostra Ranch, L5 Highlands Sunshine Ranches Unrec/Easement, \$75,000.

Salvatore G. Nigro to National Residential Nominee Services Inc., PT L3-6 Blk 1 Lake Jackson Heights, \$91,000.

National Residential Nominee Services Inc. to John E. Vawter Jr., PT L3-6 Blk 1 Lake Jackson Heights, \$91,000.

U.S. Bank to Phyllis Mertes, L4/5 Blk 15 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 12, \$40,000.

Heartland National Bank to William H. Teal, PT Sec. 18-37-30/Other, \$335,000.

Fannie Mae to Maritza Miranda, L138 Blk 12 Oak Beach Colony 1st Add, \$42,000.

Secretary of Housing & Urban Development to Carl

Coppola III, L9029/9030 Avon Park Lakes Unit 28, \$39,500.

Santiago Carballo to Maria Candelaria Barragan, TR 7 Blk 6 Sun'N Lakes Est. Acres Sec. 34, \$19,200.

Henry L. Thibodeau to Winona R. Layton, L50 Grayce's Mobile Est., \$16,000.

Lilli F. Sinn to Calvin D. Wheeler, L15 Blk 2 Lake Josephine Heights 2nd Add, \$39,000.

William J. Heiring to Jose M. Cruz, Unit 12B Manors, \$22,500.

Jan. 3

Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Manuel J. Carmona, L459 Sebring Ridge Sec. E, \$38,300.

Wauchula State Bank to Hugo San Martin, L3 Blk J Spring Lake Village II, \$5,500.

Margo W. Ostrowski to Yolanda Barajas, L1/4 Blk H Lake Groves Sub, \$2,500.

Long Term Investment Holdings to Nicholas Lyons, L14 Blk 4 Highlands Park Est. Sec. B, \$2,500.

Beneficial Florida Inc. to Tyler Milton Bumby, L36 Blk 22 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 2, \$65,000.

Ronald Centers to Anna B. Mathis, L13 Blk 36 Sebring Hills South Unit 2, \$80,000.

Bob A. Foster to Sherri Lisa Tauchen, L3 Lee Way Heights, \$110,000.

Victor M. Agosto Cabrera to Dimarys Cabrere, L26 Blk 28 Sebring Hills South Unit 2, \$4,000.

Fannie Mae to Juan C. Rubio, PT Sec. 9-33-28, \$33,500.

Bank of New York Mellon to Earl F. Hurd, L29 Blk A Meadowlake Sub, \$263,000.

Katherine E. Cord to Peter J. Wilson, PT TR B Buchanan Green Acres, \$7,500.

Thomas S. Petcoff to Baron Management, PT Knight & Miller's Add to Town of Lake Placid, \$1,403,000.

Billy J. Gage Jr. to Mohammed Shamim, L6-12 Blk 192 Woodlawn Terrace, \$10,000.

Latt Maxcy Corp. to 734 LMC Groves, PT Sec. 16-34-29, \$211,900.

Latt Maxcy Corp. to 734 LMC Groves, PT L48/49 Suburban Tracts & Farms of DeSoto City/Other, \$4,533,100.

Bonnet Lake Partnership to 734 BLP Groves, PT Sec. 4/5-34-29, \$5,588,000.

Patricia H. Watkins to Thomas P. Ayers, L69 Blk A Spring Lake Sec. 1, \$30,000.

Pedro Diaz to CCP Enterprises Inc., L6 Blk 1 S & H Homesites, \$33,000.

Jan. 4

Johnson Properties LLP to Frontier Sebring, PT Sec. 26-34-28, \$500,000.

Fannie Mae to Curtis Jaggessar, L4930/4931 Avon Park Lakes Unit 16, \$40,000.

B-4 Inc. to Kennedy Family Real Estate Holdings, PT Sec. 31-36-33/Other, \$1,800,000.

Seashore Exploration Inc. to Curt J. Matthews, L1-5 Caladium Ranch Est., \$150,000.

Brenda Groves to Federal National Mortgage Assn., L4 J Jordan Est. Sub, \$102,800.

Kraus Foods Inc. to Frauenshuh Hospitality Group of Florida, L3 Blk 1 U.S. 27 Sebring Commercial Center, \$700,000.

Estrellita B. Gensolin to J.W. Harvesting Co., PT Sec. 28-33-29, \$200,000.

Kevin M. Nugent to Jeffrey D. Goodwin, L686/687 Avon Park Lakes Unit 2, \$2,000.

Louie M. Roberts to David G. Simmons, PT L6 Blk 20 Town of Avon Park/Easement, \$100,000.

Peggy J. Cannon to Benny Krebs, Parcel 6 Ewing Tract Unrec, \$55,000.

Betty R. Askin to V. Jane Cashell, L44 Ashley Oaks, \$113,000.

Pauline H. Filer to Carman D. Butler, L18A Vantage Pointe, \$60,000.

Daniel S. Parsons to Dennis Allen, L63 Fairmount Mobile Est., \$28,500.

Westchester Investments to Disraeli, L1 Blk A Avon Lakes Add, \$165,000.

Justin N. Hergianto to Fabian Santiesteban, PT L76 Holiday Hills Inc., \$114,000.

Edith C. Williams to Gerald Therrien, L3 Knoll Sub, \$40,000.

Larry Watkins to Calvin E. Cox, L20-22 Blk 86 Town of Harding Sec. 2, \$40,000.

Dennis M. Byrne to David Bowden, L2 Blk 3 Orange Blossom Est. Unit 4, \$2,000.

Jan. 7

Wauchula State Bank to Carolyn S. Lashbrook, PT L19 Blk 338 Sun'N Lake Est. Sebring Unit 16, \$90,000.

William J. Nielander to Seacoast National Bank, PT Sec. 23-37-29/Other, \$180,000.

Kellie Ann Pittman to Rodney E. Bentley, Unit 303 Golf Villas at Placid Lakes Communities, \$11,000.

William K. Brantley II to Ronald P. Grigsby, L23 Blk 3 Lake June Pointe Phase 1, \$185,000.

Suntrust Bank to Carl Gene Canevari, L27 Blk 18 Highlands Park Est. Sec. B, \$7,600.

Highlands Independent Bank to Deimer E. Manus II, L1 Blk 449 Leisure Lakes Sec. 17, \$69,900.

Alton D. Rogers to Alton D. Rogers, Tract B Lake Lynn Shores, \$65,000.

B-4 Inc. to Ronald D. Butler, L20 Blk 1 Riverside Est. Sec. 1, \$35,500.

Paul N. Gray to Fraternal Order of Eagles Inc. Aerie 4240, PT L5 Blk K DeSoto City/Easement, \$10,000.

Suntrust Bank to Vito Tamma, PT Sec. 24-34-30, \$25,000.

John M. Bauer to Walter Drew, L24 Grayce's Mobile Est. Unit 2, \$36,000.

Sheryl Apostle to Thomas L. Eller, L47 Grayce's Mobile Est., \$16,000.

N. Allen Crites to Dennis R. Loan, L4 Blk 1 Lake Jackson Heights, \$87,000.

Joe Armstrong to Pamela Jo McCreery, L6 Blk 12 Lake Letta Est., \$10,300.

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union to Joseph Schanz, L8 Blk 59 Placid

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Finance Inc. to Anthony Haney, L1 Blk 2 Lake June Pointe Phase 1, \$12,000.

Patricia M. Chirico to Richard L. Bacon, Unit C Bldg. 5 Country Club Downs, \$135,000.

Highlands Independent Bank to Janet Wages, L589 Sylvan Est. Sec. D, \$62,500.

Highlands County Habitat for Humanity Inc. to James G. Lyons, L16/17 Blk 178 Woodlawn Terrace, \$52,000.

Barney R. Stokes to Jesse Parsons, PT Sec. 5-36-28, \$25,000.

Bank of America to IC Land Co., L34 Blk S Spring Lake Village III, \$38,300.

Jan. 10

David B. LaBarr to Norman McGrattan, PT L1/2 Blk 520 Dinner Lake Sub, \$25,000.

John E. LeMieux to ASF Realty, Parcel 176 Highlands Homes Sub, \$35,000.

Beneficial Florida Inc. to Stephen R. Lender, L3745/3746 Avon Park Lakes Unit 12, \$38,000.

Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York Inc. to David E. Hoskinson, L4 Blk 6 Sebring Country Est. Sec. 1, \$5,000.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to James E. Upchurch Jr., L991 Sebring Hills, \$21,600.

Pedro L. Dedesma to Pedro Dedesma, TR 7 In Sec. 16/17-35-30/Easement, \$76,200.

Christopher Chillemi Sr. to Patricia A. Grenier, PT Sec. 32-38-30, \$33,000.

American Land Investment Corp. to Martha Lucy Romero De Rodriguez, L8 Blk 8 Sebring Hills South Unit 4, \$15,000.

Maria C. Cantero to Lisa A. Celentano, L68 Sebring Shores Development Sec. 3, \$28,500.

Marcelle V. Neilsen to Guy Cappuccio, L3471/3472 Avon Park Lakes Unit 12, \$53,000.

John S. Hood to Alvin L. Smith, L5/8 Blk 61 Town of Avon Park, \$24,000.

Jan. 11

Alton D. Rogers to Alton D. Rogers, Tract B Lake Lynn Shores, \$65,000.

B-4 Inc. to Ronald D. Butler, L20 Blk 1 Riverside Est. Sec. 1, \$35,500.

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Lakes Sec. 6, \$30,000.

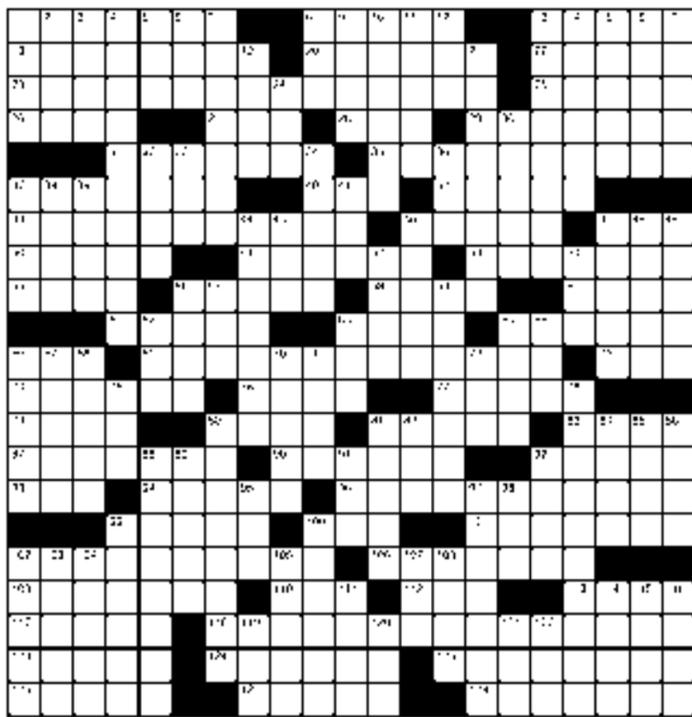
Robert E. Duncan to Hanai Inc., L3-6 Blk 2 J M Andrews Sub, \$342,800.

Lee A. Underwood to Alan H. Underwood, L9/10 Blk 2

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- 1 Sympathy seekers
 - 8 Spring title on a beef-cake calendar
 - 13 Chills out
 - 18 Almond-flavored liqueur
 - 20 Ocean floor
 - 22 Strain
 - 23 Heavenly ruler?
 - 25 "The War Between the Tates" author Alison
 - 26 Cub with many dingers
 - 27 Wight or Man: Abbr.
 - 28 Party org.
 - 29 Alarm
 - 31 Best-selling physician
 - 35 Game with swinging and dancing?
 - 37 "I'm responsible"
 - 40 Cohn played by Pacino in "Angels in America"
 - 42 Sea eagles
 - 43 Theban king's dinosaur?
 - 46 Bond girl Ekland
 - 47 Hubhub
 - 50 Polish targets
 - 51 Surfer's gadget
 - 53 Stereo on one's shoulder
 - 55 Handed down, in a way
 - 56 Still in the game
 - 58 Kemo __
 - 60 The Green Wall of China is designed to slow its expansion
 - 61 City whose police cars sport a witch logo
 - 63 __ Nostra
 - 64 Surpassed
 - 66 Klutz
 - 69 Economy-boosting govt. issue?
 - 73 Bootery spec
 - 74 Absolutely awful
 - 76 Writer Bagnold
 - 77 Crimean Peninsula city
 - 79 Ripped
 - 80 Fedora feature
 - 81 Pond flower
 - 83 Sweet __: drink additive
- Down**
- 1 Sunday ritual
 - 2 "__ to PM": 2001 Christina Milian hit
 - 3 Eschews the doorbell
 - 4 Purchases that give you a run for your money?
 - 5 "Not __"
 - 6 Bus driver's course: Abbr.
 - 7 Zebra patterns
 - 8 Bks. in progress
 - 9 Like some coll. courses
 - 10 Cleansing rite associated with Easter
 - 11 Collectible calculators
 - 12 "__ out!"



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- 13 Empathize with
- 14 Prosperous outlying areas
- 15 Mattress brand
- 16 Flutist's warble
- 17 __ wool
- 19 __ buco
- 21 Paint a picture of
- 24 Patient attention, briefly
- 30 Riding sidekick
- 32 Workout count
- 33 The Mustangs of the NCAA's Conference USA
- 34 Doughnut box word
- 36 Sun. talk
- 37 U2 frontman
- 38 Ill-fated king
- 39 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 41 Tic-tac-toe loser
- 44 More fit
- 45 Increase, with "up"
- 46 Wild animal
- 47 Humble home
- 48 Maynard's pal in '50s-'60s TV
- 49 Rust, e.g.
- 52 General __ chicken
- 54 Corp. jet group
- 56 Choir member
- 57 Worn wreath
- 59 Hanging Gardens site
- 62 With 100-Across, petition
- 63 Chewed stuff
- 64 Ceramic pot
- 65 Max.
- 66 Sunbeam brand
- 67 Make amends
- 68 Tones (up)
- 70 Marry
- 71 Pie fruit
- 72 Potent conclusion?
- 75 Teachers' org.
- 78 Louis XVI's queen
- 80 Software development phase
- 81 Boor
- 82 King Kong's love
- 84 Debussy's "Clair de __"
- 85 Wordsworth works
- 86 Popular 19th-century heading
- 88 Barely ran?
- 89 Fire truck device
- 91 Money-managing exec
- 92 River of Spain
- 95 Where the action is
- 97 Timeline beginning
- 98 Widely used base
- 99 Largest U.S. union org.
- 100 Ballpark staples
- 102 Dove
- 103 Sandwich order
- 104 Nourishes
- 105 Name on a range
- 107 Ice cream maker Joseph
- 108 Aussie lad
- 111 Lemony drinks
- 114 German painter Nolde
- 115 Salt in a lab
- 116 Knife of yore
- 119 Bar bill
- 120 "My man!"
- 121 Young __
- 122 Break down

By ELIZABETH C. GORSKI

Mom insists 50-year-old son wear late husband's clothes



Dear Abby

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been married for 30 years and will be visiting my mother-in-law again soon. Even though he is 50, she is obsessed with dressing him. As soon as we arrive, she searches through our luggage and announces that his clothes are not "good enough." Then she wants to put her son in her dead husband's clothes. She always threatens that she will have a fit if he won't wear the clothes she chooses. What should I do? — **Baggage Check in Montana**

Dear Baggage Check: Your mother-in-law may still be in deep mourning for her husband. If your husband bears a strong resemblance to his father, it's possible that seeing him in those clothes in some way brings her husband back to her.

Frankly, her behavior is quite bizarre — including the threatened tantrum if she doesn't get her way. (Could she be losing it?) When the subject comes up again, as it will when you arrive, you and your husband should stand your ground and let her throw her fit. It might be the beginning of some healing.

deserved.

Dear Abby: About a year ago my sisters, a daughter and several nieces and nephews decided to get the word "family," in my mother's handwriting, tattooed on their bodies to memorialize her. I didn't do it because Mom didn't like tattoos and would not have approved of anyone getting one for any reason. I do a number of other things in her memory.

Should I feel guilty for not joining them in their endeavor to remember Mom, or is it OK to remember her in a way she would approve of? — **No Tats For Me**

Dear No Tats: The process of mourning is an individual one. There is no requirement that families do it "en masse." If you prefer to memorialize your mother in your own way, then do it and don't feel guilty about it. However, because your relatives chose to do something else in the spirit of family harmony — which your mother would not approve of — be careful not to criticize the path they took.

Dear Abby: My son's fourth-grade teacher can't spell. I have noticed at least a half-dozen errors not only in the handwritten notes she sends home, but also in assignment work. How should I handle this? — **Anonymous in Pittsburgh**

Dear Anonymous: Save the notes and assignment work with the misspellings and share them with the school principal. And if the problem continues, go to the school board about the problem teacher.

Dear Abby: I have a question regarding what to do when someone pays you a compliment. I was always taught that a compliment should be answered with a polite "thank you." So when my husband compliments me on a nice meal, I say, "Thank you."

He believes that you are not being humble enough when you say thank you, since it is recognizing that you did a good job. He thinks you should say, "I'm glad you like it," instead of thank you. What is the correct response? — **Grammatically Perplexed**

Dear Perplexed: You are not a robot, and your husband should not attempt to program your responses by "correcting" you. Saying thank you for a compliment is the appropriate response when one is offered. When paid a compliment, I see no reason to feign humility by saying anything that lessens it, especially if it is

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Cancer may want to take time for self this week

Aries (March 21-April 20) — Finding time to get everything done can be challenging, Aries. Fortunately, you have quite a few supporters in your corner who are willing to lend a helping hand.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — Taurus, difficult decisions take time to mull over. Although you want to properly work through all the scenarios, this week you might not have all the time you need.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, water rolls off of your back quite easily. However, something tugs at you this week and you may have to give it more thought than you're accustomed to.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, with such a hectic schedule, you may be feeling the pressure. It is not unreasonable to take some time for yourself and focus on your relationship with a spouse or significant other.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — Sometimes you have to make a few mistakes before you get things right, Leo. Don't let this worry you because you'll get back on the right path soon enough.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, it's important to recognize your way is not always the right way. If you absorb what other people are saying, you might have an easier go of things.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, keep the lines of communication open with a loved one. There may be messages coming your way, and you should be ready to receive them.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may need to break out of your routines this week, Scorpio. Even though you thrive when things are organized, you cannot expect everything to go according to plan.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — There are some happy moments in your immediate future, Sagittarius. This will make any difficult days in your recent past seem well worth it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, now is a good time to get friends or family together for an informal dinner party. Focus your energy on socialization to get away from the daily grind.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Aquarius, others appreciate all that you do for them, but sometimes they have to do for themselves to learn valuable lessons. This week is a time to step aside.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Pisces, things may seem like they are going to go one way this week, but at the last minute things turn in an entirely different direction.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

March 3 — Jessica Biel, actress (31); March 4 — Whitney Port, actress (28); March 5 — Neil Jackson, actor (37); March 6 — Shaquille O'Neal, athlete (41); March 7 — Jenna Fischer, actress (39); March 8 — Aidan Quinn, actor (54); March 9 — Juliette Binoche, actress (49).

Wake up!

When the alarm wakes us up, do we groan, complain and roll over for a few more winks?



Pause And Consider
Jan Merop

Are you married to one who just can't seem to get it together in the morning? Perhaps you've heard the saying, "Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Sometimes I let him sleep!"

We laugh, but I'm sure we all can identify in one way or another.

One of our sons was a night owl. He loved to stay up late, but it was like dragging a bear out of hibernation to get him moving in the morning. Gentleness didn't work. Bright lights didn't work. Shaking him didn't work. The aroma of breakfast may have been the only thing that helped drag him from the bed to the kitchen.

I am very fortunate to be married to a man with a similar time clock and disposition. Some mornings may be a bit harder than others. But, for the most part, we're up by 6 a.m. and ready for bed about 10 p.m.

Whether night owls or early birds, what are our first thoughts of the day? Want to wake up with a song on your lips and a thankful heart? It starts with the day before.

When we have been in

contact with God throughout the day through prayer, being in his Word, listening to songs of praise, conversations in which we acknowledge his attributes, a fresh appreciation for him develops and sets our mood while awake and asleep. He is faithful, all-knowing, unchangeable, gracious and merciful. He is all-powerful, gives wisdom and loves us unconditionally.

As we realize that God is in control and has a plan for our lives, peace and rest replace fear and restlessness. He is our shield, light, strength and sustainer.

We're reminded in Psalm 121: 3b, 4b & 5, NKJV that "He who keeps you will not slumber ... nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper." And then in Psalm 3: 5, we are comforted to know, "I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me."

It has been my experience that when I go to bed filled with thoughts of God, I often awaken with a song of praise or verse of Scripture as my first thought. And Psalm 42: 8 confirms this when it says, "The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me — a prayer to the God of my life."

May your morning alarm be a song in your heart to the Lord. Selah

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POP! POP! POPCORN

FORGET THE MICROWAVE. FOR PERFECT POPCORN, MAKE YOUR OWN ON TOP OF THE STOVE.

By Lee Svitak Dean

Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

I come from a family of serious popcorn makers. My memories of childhood are tied to the rattle of corn kernels hitting the pan. The ping-ping-ping of them bursting. The alluring fragrance of popped corn wafting into the room. The deliciously greasy fingers that had to be licked.

On Saturday nights, my mother would pull out the 3-quart Revere Ware pot — the one with a few vestiges of burnt kernels — and pop up our treat while we, freshly scrubbed and smelling of Lux soap and Prell shampoo, watched “My Three Sons” and “Hogan’s Heroes.”

Occasionally, there were private popcorn moments to which I was not invited. Hours after my appointed bedtime, I would be buried in blankets in a darkened room, tossing and turning as only a night owl does, when I would hear the telltale kernels as they clattered into the pan. It meant only one thing: Mom and Dad were eating popcorn. Alone.

That always posed a late-night dilemma. Should I give in to temptation and tiptoe into the kitchen to let my folks know I was awake and wouldn’t mind having some popcorn? Or would I risk a bad-tempered “Get back to bed!” if they didn’t want me around? Some nights the siren call of popcorn was worth the prospect of a little danger.

We took our popping seriously, my mother comparing notes with her sisters on the best technique: lots of oil or little, salt before or after, shaking the pan or not, white, yellow or any of the gourmet versions of popcorn. (“Can you believe it?” my mother would exclaim when she saw the newfangled oddities. “Popcorn comes in colors these days.”)

When it came to eating from the overflowing bowl, the Svitaks had a distinct style. Well, at least two of us did (that would be my father and me). There are those who eat their popped corn delicately, kernel by kernel, as though they could nibble all day without fear that anyone else would finish the bowl. There are others who grab small handfuls and, again, take their time.

Then there are those who can only be called “wolfers.” (And yes, that would include me and my father.) We would grab huge handfuls, from which more than a few kernels would fall to the floor or our laps. With heads tilted backward (the better to catch the popcorn), we would toss back the fistfuls of popcorn at one time with gustatory relish. Not a pretty sight, I know. Like wolves tearing apart a carcass, we would devour the bowl of popcorn while the others cavalierly nibbled away at theirs.

By the mid-1980s, when microwave popcorn appeared, we had packed up the old pan. The sheer novelty of almost-instant popcorn had us transfixed in front of the microwave as the small bag expanded in front of our eyes, even though we heeded the urban myth to “stand clear of the microwave.” Never mind that the bags often burned. It was magic.

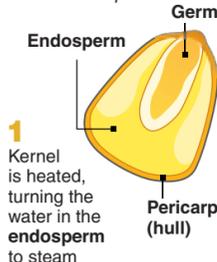
THE GOOD OLD DAYS

I’m back to the real thing these days, kernels popped in a heavy pan with just a thin coating of oil. I top it with a modest dose of melted butter and salt. It’s the perfect snack (and in some cases, dinner) in the winter and fall, which not surprisingly is when most popcorn kernels are sold.

Not only is popcorn cheap to make at home, but it’s also fast —

MAKING IT POP

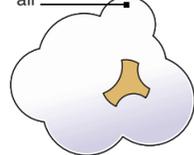
The moisture content and strong hull of a popcorn kernel set it apart.



1 Kernel is heated, turning the water in the endosperm to steam

2 Pressure inside the kernel rises, rupturing the pericarp

3 Starchy endosperm becomes gelatinous, solidifies into spongy popcorn in cooler air



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PERFECT POPCORN

Popcorn is fast and easy to prepare. Use these instructions to make great popcorn every time. *Makes 5 cups.*

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (we recommend canola)
- 1/2 cup popcorn kernels
- Melted butter, optional
- Salt, optional

Tip: It’s best to use a deep, heavy pan. Use only as many kernels as cover a single layer in the bottom of the pan. Use a neutral-flavored oil with a high smoking point, such as canola.

DIRECTIONS: Cover bottom of 3-quart pan with thin coat of oil. Place over medium-high heat. Add kernels to cover the bottom of pan in one layer. Cover. You do not need to shake the pan as the popping keeps the kernels moving. The popping will take 3 to 5 minutes. When the popping slows to 2 seconds between kernels (instead of the early rapid-fire), remove pan from heat. Transfer popcorn to a large bowl. Add melted butter and salt, as desired, and toss well. Serve immediately.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVING — CALORIES: 122; FAT: 6 G; SODIUM: 2 MG; CARBOHYDRATES: 15 G; SATURATED FAT: 1 G; CALCIUM: 1 MG; PROTEIN: 2 G; CHOLESTEROL: 0 MG; DIETARY FIBER: 3 G; DIABETIC EXCHANGES PER SERVING: 1 BREAD/STARCH, 1 FAT.

CARAMEL CORN

For a sweet tooth, try this recipe. *Makes 5 quarts.*

YOU WILL NEED:

- Candy thermometer
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup light or dark corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 quarts (20 cups) popped corn

DIRECTIONS: Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in brown sugar, syrup and salt. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Boil without stirring 5 minutes or until candy thermometer reaches 248 degrees. Remove from heat. Stir in baking soda and vanilla extract. Gradually pour over popped corn, mixing well. Turn into 2 large shallow baking pans. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Cool completely. Break apart. Store in airtight container.

NUTRITION INFORMATION PER SERVING — CALORIES: 220; FAT: 10 G; SODIUM: 230 MG; CARBOHYDRATES: 34 G; SATURATED FAT: 6 G; CALCIUM: 23 MG; PROTEIN: 1 G; CHOLESTEROL: 24 MG; DIETARY FIBER: 1 G; DIABETIC EXCHANGES PER SERVING: 1 BREAD/STARCH, 1 OTHER CARB, 2 FAT.

almost the same amount of time to make popcorn from scratch as to make it in the microwave. From start to finish, 3 to 5 minutes. So much for our early excitement over the speed of microwave popcorn.

There is the fuss factor, which doesn’t matter to the die-hard popcorn maker: The popcorn pan may get marked by an errant kernel; there’s more cleanup than with microwave popcorn. But there also isn’t the distracting burnt paper smell.

These days, the corn offers a big advantage we never considered earlier: Popcorn is a whole grain and, yes, it can be used to meet dietary recommendations for whole grains (3 cups of popped popcorn is considered to be one serving of grain). It is fiber, after all.

A SIMPLE HOW-TO

I’ve included a recipe here, though you don’t really need one. The key is to match the amount of popcorn kernels to the pan you are using. First lightly coat the bottom of a deep pan with a neutral oil that has a high smoking point, such as canola. The oil gets very hot, so you want one that won’t burn. And, if the oil has a flavor, the popcorn will pick up the same. Use only as many kernels as make up one layer on the bottom of the pan. Too many and you will end up with unpopped kernels, or what we used to call “old maids.”

Cover the pan and place it over medium-high heat. Years ago we shook and rattled the pan till our arms were numb, but in retrospect it wasn’t necessary. The kernels are moving as they pop, and are just fine if you leave the pan on the burner while they are exploding.

Listen as the kernels pop and when they slow to two seconds in between bursts, take the pan off the burner and carefully pour the popcorn into a bowl (do this pointing away from your eyes, in case an unexpected last-minute kernel pops).

If you’re using butter, now’s the time to melt it (cool the pan a bit if you’re using the same one because it will be hot enough to burn the butter) and add whatever flavorings you prefer.

That’s it. A treat for the times: cheap and fast. And tasty — whether you nibble the popped corn or wolf it down.

POPCORN TIPS

- Store the kernels in an airtight container in a cool, dry spot — not in the refrigerator. The kernels have moisture inside (that’s what makes them pop when heated) and refrigerators will dry them out.
- Salt the popcorn after — not before — the kernels have popped, or it will make them tough.

SEASON VARIATIONS

- **Curried:** Combine 2 teaspoons curry powder, 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon sugar. Toss with 8 cups buttered popcorn.
- **Ranch chile:** Combine 1 tablespoon dry ranch salad dressing mix, 1/4 teaspoon ground chipotle chile pepper or chili powder and 1/8 teaspoon garlic salt. Toss with 8 cups buttered popcorn.
- **Savory:** Butter popcorn first so the other flavorings will stick. Use one: Ground red pepper; grated Parmesan, cheddar or other hard cheese; finely chopped fresh rosemary; garlic powder or paprika.

POPCORN BY THE NUMBERS

5,600: Age, in years, of popcorn ears found in caves in New Mexico

400 to 460: Degrees that are the ideal popping temperature

70: Percentage of popcorn eaten at home (remainder at theaters, stadiums, etc.)

54: Average number of quarts of popcorn eaten annually by each American (more than in any other country)

122: Calories in 1 cup popcorn, oil-popped

102: Calories in 1 tablespoon butter

31: Calories in 1 cup popcorn, home-popped, hot air, no fat