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Mostly sunny and beautiful

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**Question:** Are you pleased with Tuesday's city of Sebring election results?

**Yes 24%**

**No 76%**

Total votes: 25

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**Raymond Hall**

Age 69, of Avon Park

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## From tension and drama, to smiles and laughter

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SEBRING — Judge J. David Langford leans back in his chair, so relaxed it is easy to picture him on a shady porch, enjoying the view from the comfort of a rocking chair.

No wonder. As of June 30, when he retires, Langford will be a free man, his days presiding in court at an end. He has plans for a full retirement, and they don't include any rebuttals, prima-facie evidence or depositions.

Instead, Langford and his wife Anna — who are both Florida natives and grew up in Frostproof — have 60 acres of orange grove and

some pasture where they keep cattle.

The judge plans to spend time working with his hands, and looks forward to volunteering more at his church.

The reason he is retiring at 62 has everything to do with his family.

"My father retired at 65," Langford said. "He died just shy of his 70th birthday. He only lived about four years." The judge wants more than four years of retirement, and he wants to spend the time with his wife and family.

### The Honorable Judge J. David Langford prepares to retire

Married for 39 years, the Langfords have three grown children, two daughters and a son. Both daughters have children of their own.

"I'm proud of them," Langford said. "Megan was teacher of the year in Okeechobee, Mandy is an attorney in Vero Beach, and James (David Jr.) is an engineer in Fort Myers." The grandchildren are 8 years or younger.

One of the places the family will gather, Langford said, is the genera-

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Langford



The DeltaWing makes its debut at the 12 Hours of Sebring on Saturday.

News-Sun photo by ALLAN AYALA

## Fun, tradition keeps fans coming back

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SEBRING — "Our year revolves around Sebring. We don't have a normal calendar year. It's from Race Week to Race Week. You know how some people look forward to New Year's every year, well we look forward to this. Only instead of one night, it's three nights of partying," Donny Clotz said Saturday morning just minutes before the start of the 61st annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring.

One word that can be used to describe the 12 Hours of Sebring is traditional. For years, friends and family have gathered throughout the Sebring International Raceway to partake in debauchery, fun and fellowship.

Clotz, an Indian Rocks resident, has been coming to Sebring races since he was 16 years old.

"It was 1983," Clotz said. "My dad wouldn't take me until I was 16. I watched him walk down the Midway with a stuffed pheasant and a mask on. He was just waving at people and being weird ... That's when I learned way back then, it's all about being weird and having fun. The wackier the better."

Each year, the time honored event continues to draw seasoned Race veterans, and newbies, to the beloved Raceway to carry out old traditions as well as try out a few new ones.

For first-time Race attendee Dallas Gunning, 17, of St. Petersburg, the tradition of going to the races on the cusp of adulthood is something his father and his

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## Great send off to the American Le Mans Series

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — The 61st Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida was greeted Saturday by clear skies and cool temperatures. Not the "bikini weather" that has been the hallmark of past years, but certainly not cold enough to put the slightest hitch in the Boner Outfitters Model Search/Bikini Contest — now an afternoon staple of the Sebring International Raceway's Spring Brake Party Zone.

By the time the event had arrived, the air had warmed and the field was packed with faithful attendees.

The crowd, estimated at more than 100,000, was better than well-behaved. In fact, as of Friday Highlands County Sheriff's officials had reported only four arrests. There were none on Wednesday or Thursday of Race Week with three cases of underage possession of



Team Mimosa toasts Saturday morning just minutes before the first lap of the 61st annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring. The long time race fans (from left) Susan Weiler, Gary Ott, Rodney Collins, Wilson Enfinger and Mike Thompson are best known for their Racing Flamingos camp located just a few yards down from the famous Hairpin Turn.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

alcohol and one count each of giving false information to an officer and resisting an officer without violence registered on Friday.

Only one accident was recorded over the first three days. A 58-year-old man reportedly fell from a golf cart in the Paddock Thursday

evening. He was airlifted to Tampa General Hospital. However, there was no indication as to his condition.

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# Council takes on full agenda Tuesday

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SEBRING – Council members will tackle a full agenda Tuesday evening during the second monthly meeting at city hall.

Several items placed on the upcoming agenda are revisits from previously tabled items, including an update on last meeting's proposal to create a boat channel at Veteran's Beach.

Council members tabled the item due to lack of specifics regarding cost and permitting procedures. The proposed project would be known as "maintenance dredging" and would re-establish an already created channel. (The channel was permitted and constructed in 1982.)

The channel would benefit boaters and beach goers greatly due to the considerably low levels of Lake Jackson.

"In periods of low water, such as the one we are in now, there is an issue getting boats into the water," City Administrator Scott Noethlich stated at the March 5 meeting.

Though no action was taken, council members had

plenty of opinion about how the project could be done if it is voted into play.

Other agenda items include a new restaurant proposal for the city of Sebring, property re-zoning and annexations and three public hearings for land use/zoning.

Representatives from the Golden Corral franchise have been in contact with city staff to discuss a potential property purchase of city-owned land along U.S. 27. A site plan has been drawn up and given to city officials for consideration which reveal a possible lay out of the restaurant.

Following the discussion of the potential sale of the property, council members will consider furthering the project by discussing adjustments to the water system outlay, engineering specifics and other details.

Noethlich also has recommended an appraiser to a look at the property to find the actual property value before a sale is completed.

Sebring City Council members will meet Tuesday at city hall beginning at 6 p.m.

# Talent soars at the Heartland Idol

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — Those who have passed up attending the Heartland Idol until now should rethink that decision Thursday. The new venue at the Highlands Family YMCA improves the sound quality tremendously, and having an actual floor means there is more room for comfortable seating.

Don Ewell and David Flowers have polished their master of ceremonies patter and keep the evening flowing.

But what makes this year's contest out of the ordinary is the quality of the singing.

There are individuals among the semi-finalists who have the talent for professional careers.

"Miraculous. So gifted. So talented. You have a future," judge Larry Moore told Mary Hazel Teope.

"Don't doubt," judge Vickie Watson told Erin Sena. "You can sing."

For the show Thursday Watson says the contest will ride on song choice. "Pick a song that matches your voice. Pick a song that you can own."

With only eight semi-finalists, Diana Walker, the heart behind the Heartland Idol, made a "founder's decision" and changed the way the finalists are chosen.

Instead of eliminating singers, each will sing in both semi-final rounds. The two scores will be added together and the top five scores move on to the finals. A perfect score for a single performance is 200.

Don Elwell, told the contests to focus on getting to the finals. "Remember you don't have to be first. You just have to be in the top five," he said.

Adam Meredith ends the first round with the highest score, 164. Johanna Johnston had the lowest score of 110. She has an amazing voice, however, and depending on song choice is not out of the running. Both Meredith and Johnston act and sing with the Highlands Little Theatre.

Lindsey Sears earned 147 points; Ashley Nicole Elder,



Adam Meredith of Sebring sings '16 Tons' on Thursday evening during Heartland Idol. News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Next competition is 6 p.m. Thursday at the Highlands Family YMCA

147; Mary Hazel Teope, 140; Gary Johnson (who built a small pier from which he sang "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay") earned 137; and Erin Sena, 115.

The Heartland Idol offers a lot this year. Great entertainment, a comfortable venue (just bring a chair), fundraising food for sale, and admission is free.

The YMCA is at 100 YMCA Lane, just off Hammock Road. The show starts at 6 p.m.



Gary Johnson of Sebring uses a homemade prop Thursday, while singing 'Sittin on The Dock of The Bay.' News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

## 'Aaron Doty Law' petition sign up still active

News-Sun staff

SEBRING – A total of 5,093 supporters have signed a petition on change.org/ to show support for the creation of the 'Aaron Doty Law'. The law, if created, would work to help hold witnesses to a felony accountable for not reporting such crimes.

The petition was created by Lake Placid resident Jackie Meabe last year following Doty's June 2012 murder. Over the few months, Meabe has been contacted by a local criminal justice student and Avon Park resident Roxanne Judd, who has began pushing forward once again with the proposed law.

Log on to www.change.org/petitions/aaron-doty-law/ to sign the petition. According to the

website, just more than 2,400 more signatures are needed.

Judd's petition website can be found by visiting signon.org/. The petition has gained hundreds of signatures in just a matter of days rising from 178 to nearly 800 this week. Judd's petition needs 1,000 signatures, according to the web page. To sign the petition visit signon.org/sign/aaron-doty-a-senseless/ (or log on to signon.org and scroll down to the search bar on the left and type in Aaron Doty).

Judd will present the petition to lawmakers in Tallahassee on Oct. 1 and hopes to have as many signatures as possible to push the legislators to creating the law in Doty's honor.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### St. Patrick's Day Dance at Sebring Village

SEBRING — Sebring Village will host a dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today for St. Patrick's Day, featuring Larry Musgrave. Yjr clubhouse is one mile behind Walmart off Schumacher Road. Cost for the dance is \$5 per person. BYOB (bring your own beverage) and ice will be provided.

For tickets, call 386-0045 or 273-0875.

### READ Polk trains volunteers

LAKE WALES – READ Polk will offer a free training workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20 to volunteers who would like to teach adults how to read. The workshops will be at the Polk State College J.D. Alexander Center, 152 E. Central Ave., Lake Wales. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. No experience is necessary. Volunteers will receive the training and materials to become certified tutors. Class size is limited.

The workshop is sponsored by READ Polk and hosted by the Lake Wales Literacy Council. READ Polk is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit coalition of volunteers

from businesses and the community. READ Polk is dedicated to facilitating relevant literacy instruction which improves the capacity of adults to negotiate their daily lives as parents, consumers, employees, and citizens. The organization was formed to teach basic reading skills to adults.

Register by calling (863) 676-5767 or email Steve.LWCC@gmail.com by noon on Wednesday, April 17. For more information, call Steve Thompson, program director, Lake Wales Care Center Inc., at (863) 676-6678, Ext. 1224.

### Sebring Masons serve barbecue lunch

SEBRING — Sebring Mason Lodge No. 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat barbecue chicken lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today for an \$8 donation. The menu includes chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and beverage.

The lodge is on the corner of Home Avenue and Sebring Parkway. The public is invited; take out orders are available.

### Highlands Tea Party meeting canceled

SEBRING – Tuesday's

meeting of The Highlands Tea Party at Homer's Restaurant has been canceled due to many members taking a bus trip to Tallahassee on the same day.

### Meals on Wheels has annual meeting

SEBRING — Sebring Meals on Wheels annual meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The place will be the meeting room at the Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St. Annual reports will be given and an election of officers held.

### SALT meets Tuesday

SEBRING — The Highlands County Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Council will hold its next monthly educational forum Tuesday at the Children's Advocacy Center, 1000 S. Highlands Blvd. The program, sponsored by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature Detective Chris Carr and Deputy Lars Kirkegard speaking on How To Report Neglect, Abuse and Exploitation.

Carr and Kirkegard are assigned to the Special Victim's Unit at the Highlands County Sheriff's

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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## TODAY'S EDITORIAL

# Where were you at election time?

This editorial is not about medical care or politics. It is about good news and bad.

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Here's the good news about Sebring's city election Tuesday: There was no waiting in line, it did not take long to count the votes and the voting tallies were uncontroversial.

Now here's the bad news: Of the 5,501 registered voters within Sebring's city limits, only 278 bothered to vote. That rounds up to about 5 percent.

City Councilman John Griffin, who won re-election, blamed the media for the low turn-out saying we had not publicized the election,

nor covered it well.

We must agree that we did not do the thorough job our readers expect and need to be responsible citizens. The Sunday before the election, for example, we didn't mention it at all.

That will never happen again.

We cannot agree with Councilman Griffin, however, when he lays sole responsibility for the miserable turn-out on the media.

Surely the candidates have an equal responsibility to fire up citizens and get them involved.

If candidates don't put out any effort, why should citi-

zens bother to put any effort into them?

On the other hand, the fact is elected municipal officials put a lot of time, energy and money into their work, which amounts to volunteering, the stipend is so low.

Why should candidates take part in public forums or spend money on their campaigns — boosting the local economy by the way — when 95 percent of registered voters stay home?

And don't prattle on about apathy being a sign of contentment. It is not.

Highlands County has a long history of poor turn-outs, except in presidential elections, and even then the numbers are nothing to brag about.

We urge voters to engage

in the next municipal election. Surely if you're happy with the way things are going, it's not too much to ask you to actually re-elect the officials responsible.

After all, if some of our neighbors are willing to sacrifice their time and energy, serving the community — making decisions most of us prefer to avoid — the least we can do is turn out in numbers to say thank you.

Beyond that, high turn-outs at the polls attract attention — especially from elected officials whose jobs depend on public approval.

By voting, in other words, you do more than fulfill a civic responsibility, you serve your own interests.

Next time: Vote.



## TODAY'S LETTERS

### Much to be understood in the words

Editor:

You were missed Sunday in Lake Placid by the Church of Christ if you did not attend any church assembly Sunday. Not only do you know your reason for not attending, but more important, God knows and He cares. A seat is always saved for you in Lake Placid Church of Christ, even if the building is for sale.

Come fellowship and worship with us. We learn every time we gather that way we also grow. Come grow with us, won't you please?

Creston Frezzell teaches Sunday for the adults at 9 a.m. Bring your Bible and follow along. Your Bible is the only book you will be studying. This is the only map for us to follow, for us to walk so that we are pleasing to our Father.

If you have not been studying, this is the time and place to start.

At 11 a.m. Creston again opens the Bible for us to learn. Did you know that 'and' was a very important word used in the Bible. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath

everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

You can see that what is after the word 'and' is just as important as what is before.

Sunday at 6 p.m. we sing and watch "So the Word Might Know". What a good learning experience this is.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. Frank Parker opens the Bible and also your eyes with that he points out in the word. He taught us a little about our heart. Jeremiah 29:13 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

We must be careful with conscience, look at one example given us, Acts 23:1 "And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

Ask Frank about his friend's quote about "Pure Butter Fat". Hope to see you with open the Bible where the Church of Christ meets in Lake Placid on route 27.

Chapman Chamberlin

### Theft of States Rights is criminal

Editor:

The thief of States Rights, by the executive branch of government and the self-appointed gang of eight and a sitting president, is criminal. The Supreme Court, the governors and attorney generals of every state should all file criminal charges against the group. Reagan's amnesty has destroyed every state financially and economically. The more than 50 years of debate over the selling of citizenship is over. Seal our southern border with Mexico.

The wrath of 50 million unemployed Americans in the near future demands self deport, while there is still time. Our military has had no qualms about killing those who invade and pose a threat to our way of government. Our very freedom is at stake.

I would say to those in political power who are the lap dogs for an industry that wants more and more of cheap labor, that your days of government service are over. The takeover of our two political parties and American jobs by an illegal, invading workforce is also over, to the illegal I would

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say go home. Our elected officials were hired to serve, not to dictate to the people.

Demand that the American military close our borders to Mexico. The debate of illegals in America is over. It's been going on for more than 50 years. It is no longer in the hands of our elected officials, that no American trusts. It's in every American's hand. It affects all Americans and their social programs and their very lives. It affects our military, our unemployed, the funds for all veterans, it touches the lives of Americans yet unborn. The 23 million unemployed that will double in the near future. ...

Class warfare is right around the corner with the illegals. America's economic downturn will pit class against class. In the near future, America is looking at more than 50 million people out of work.

Mexico has a four percent unemployed workforce. Common sense requires that you go home. You and your brothers and sisters have done what no foreign nation has been able to do, you have collapsed the American financial system and it's political system. ...

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# Big soda

I read the other day that a judge had struck down New York Mayor Bloomberg's ban on large sugary drinks.

Good. And, by the way, ha. Ha. Ha.

It's nice to know there is a judge somewhere that has some sense. And the whole thing strikes me as funny anyway.

Mayor Bloomberg promised to appeal the ruling, according to an article on the New York Times' website. He defended the ban, saying it would save lives. "Obesity kills. There's no question it kills."

For those who don't know what I'm talking about, let me explain. Last year New York City's Board of Health passed a ban on the sale of sugary drinks in containers larger than 16 ounces. It was supposed to go into effect last Tuesday, but was struck down before it could happen.

The ban was hailed by some as a shot in the war against obesity. Others found it ridiculous and contradictory — milkshakes, for example, were exempt. And there were those who saw it as a civil liberties issue — should the government be telling us what size soda we could drink?

As I scanned articles on the topic to prepare for this column, a statement by one person supporting the ban struck me. Found again on the New York Times website, a 48-year-old diabetic was quoted as saying, "If we don't look out for ourselves ... it's good that somebody is looking out for us."

Say what?

What about personal responsibility? What about people making intelligent choices on their own? Do we really WANT the government to "look out for us?"

Where does this kind of thing end? Today the government decides what size soda we can buy.

Tomorrow might they give a maximum number of calories allowed in an entrée? Limit the size of hamburgers? Ban fried foods?

Don't laugh. It could happen. Who thought they'd be trying to limit the size of sugary drinks?

### Laura's Look

Laura Ware

Look, I know what eating and drinking a lot of high-calorie stuff can result in. I see the results on the scale. But I don't blame the government, the fast food industry, or anyone else for being overweight. One person is accountable for that — me.

(For the record, I don't drink sugary sodas, having partaken of diet soda these many years. I freely admit to being a Diet Dr. Pepper addict. Soda isn't my problem.)

I also agree that obesity is not just my problem. Many people are in my situation. In fact, that number is growing. Should we be concerned about that? Sure. But does that mean the government starts playing with a heavy hand in people's lives?

We need to quit thinking of government as some sort of parent, treating us as errant children who don't know what's good for us. It's not the government's job to make sure we eat right. That, dear readers, falls on us.

I hope that Mayor Bloomberg finds something else to obsess about. I understand that he wants to leave the job having made his mark somehow. But this is just silly. And who wants to be remembered for doing something silly as mayor?

Meanwhile, at least for now, New Yorkers can drink their large sugary drinks in peace. But keep an eye on this case. Today, it's your soda — tomorrow, who knows? Could be your favorite snack food. Give government an inch, and they'll take your foot-long.

Let the government mind their own waistline, and I'll mind mine, thank you very much.

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# Rite of passage for some new fans

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 friends have always done. Gunning is an honorary member of the Pit Crew, an infamous fan team that posts up each year with roots going back to their first race in the late '70s.

Gunning's parents allowed the young man to make this year his first race experience under the watchful eye of them as well as a family friend.

The Pit Crew's camp gained lots of attention due to its many weird attractions: an abandoned, crashed alien space shuttle, headless plastic dolls, a mini golf course with no golf ball, a duck ride, crazy party bus and lots of bubbles.

Another first-timer, Jacksonville resident Robert Denker, is hooked only after a few short days at the Raceway.

"This place is awesome. I will not be missing a year from now on," Denker said.

The Pit Crew is composed of close to 20 race fans who were honest about their feelings about the races themselves.

"We watch the first few minutes or so of the Race, then we just hang out and party," Clotz said.

The more seasoned attendees have noticed a decline in the amount of craziness that takes place at the track.

"I haven't even been coming here as long as some people. Only since '99. It's gotten a

lot more tame, a lot more calm I guess you would say, but it is still a blast," Dan Coryns said.

Pit Crew won a \$150 prize on Friday for the Sebring Cruiser Contest. The money will be donated to an Alzheimer's association group in honor of a former member's mother suffers from the disease.

Other teams such as Team Mimosa are all seasoned Race fans. Dating back to 1971, the attendees have continued their tradition of the Racing Flamingos that can be seen near Turn 7 of the track. The cheerful bunch composed of Tallahassee, Marianna, Merritt Island and Polk County residents continue to spread the love, and the champagne, each year.

"I've been coming consecutively since 2000. But my first year out here was back in 1971," group member Mike Thompson said.

Polk County's Team Jenkem are a young crew, only becoming a part of the races eight years ago, but festive nonetheless.

Dressed head to toe in authentic leprechaun gear, Josh Wright was getting his day kicked off early taking photos of the pre-race rides along the Hairpin Turn.

"I've got some gold coins to hand out later on," Wright said with a smile.

Wright's buddy, Allen Friedlander, was right along side of him offering his opin-



Pit Crew 'leader' and veteran Sebring race fan Donny Clotz of Indian Rocks kicks off his 28th Race Day Saturday morning with a little bubble action. Clotz's wacky ways, no holds bar race style and party-hard attitudes has become a tradition and trademark of the Pit Crew.

ion of the races.

"It's fun. We don't really watch all of the Race, we kind of come and go, but we drink and hang out and have a good time," Friedlander said.

The 61st annual 12 Hours of Sebring wrapped up Saturday night following the celebration of victory by an outstanding race team. Look for race results online and in Wednesday's edition of the News-Sun.



Turn 7 continues to be a favorite spot among Sebring Race Week fans new and old. The famous turn, known also as the Hairpin Turn, draws some of Race Week's most dedicated and delightfully colorful fans.



Polk County resident, and part-time leprechaun, Josh Wright enjoys the first moments of the 61st annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Saturday morning. Wright's festive costume is one of many among Sebring Race Week fans who gather each year to celebrate fun, friends, cars and of course St. Patrick's Day during the annual event.



Neophyte race fans (from right) Dallas Gunning, of St. Petersburg, and Robert Denker, of Gainesville, cut loose Saturday morning at the Sebring International Raceway just minutes before the starting lap of the 61st annual Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring. Gunning and Denker are the newest members of the infamous Pit Crew, a party-seeking race crew that has had roots at the Raceway for over three decades. The partyers are joined by veteran fans Alex Mastry and Dan Coryn.



Race fans capture the first laps of the 61st running of the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring near the famous Turn 7/Hairpin Turn Saturday morning at the Sebring International Raceway.

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From race marshal to driver, actor Patrick Dempsey is one of the drivers for the No. 27 Porsche.

## Fans treated to great Race Day

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Given sheriff's statistics for the rest of the county over the same four-day period, the Sebring International Raceway may well have been the safest neighborhood in the county this past week,

During the course of Race Week there had been quite a lot to keep fans busy at the track – most notably the announcement of the newly-formed United SportsCar Racing series. The new moniker represents the merger of the American Le Mans Series presented by Tequila Patron and the GRAND-AM Road Racing series.

The two organizations had revealed their merger this past September but only presented their branding and new logo Thursday in a press conference at the Chateau Elan Hotel & Spa alongside

the Raceway's famous Hairpin turn.

Fans also got their first glimpse of the new DeltaWing coupe. The sleek racer was put on display for the first time Friday in Sebring's paddock area.

The original DeltaWing, which features an open cockpit, made its debut at last year's 12 Hours with a number of exhibition laps around the storied track.

That car, now in a chrome and red livery, ran in competition in the LMP1 division at this year's grand prix of endurance.

Fans were treated early on by a flawless race, unspoiled by yellow flags or any on-track incidents to slow the action. As expected, the "whispering Audis", as they were described, led the 42-car field around the 17-turn

circuit that the marquee has dominated for better than a decade.

It is the last race for Audi in the top division of the sport, although it is expected fans will see Audi return in ensuing years in the GT class. As part of their so-called "farewell tour," the Audi motorsport experience was displayed at their Turn One compound.

The display featured former winning cars, with past winners Marco Werner, Frank Biela, Emanuele Pirro and Dindo Capello there at various times to meet and speak with the fans.

As of noon Saturday, the 61st Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh from Florida looked to be a great send off to the American LeMans Series presented by Tequila Patron.



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The U.S. Air Force helped mark the start of Saturday's Race with a flyover.



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A Corvette makes its way around the track Saturday in the GT class of the race.

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# Plenty of changes seen through the years

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 tion's old family cabin in the North Carolina woods — the one with the shady porch, the rocking chair and the view.  
 "Last year we only spent 13 days at the cabin out of 365," Langford said. "I intend to use it more." Getting ready to step away from the judicial system after about 26 years on the bench, Langford looked back on how different everything was when he started working in

the Highlands County Courthouse in 1975.  
 "The biggest change is how much the population has grown," the judge said. "In 1975, there were about 42,000 people, now it's 100,000."  
 "When I started as an assistant state attorney there was only one full-time and one part-time position. Today there are seven or eight."  
 Back when Langford was starting out, there was only one resident judge in

Highlands County and none in Hardee. Today Hardee has its own resident judge and Highlands County has four circuit court judges and one county court judge.  
 Because circuit court judges rotate divisions every 18 months to two years, Langford said his career remained challenging and never boring. From Jan. 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011, he served as chief judge.  
 Despite the larger case loads, Langford said crime

itself hasn't changed all that much. "People are people," he said. "There will always be differences of opinion and conflicts."  
 One thing Langford misses is the way things were more relaxed then.  
 "All four doors into the building were open all day. People just came and went as they liked," he said.  
 Langford said the reason he announced his retirement early is to give the 10th Judicial Circuit time to find a replacement before he leaves. Appointing a judge is a time-consum-

ing process. All applications must be reviewed by a committee that narrows the list down to six. That list is sent to the governor who makes the final selection.  
 "Consistency is important," Langford said, "one person doing the same thing." When judges stand in for one another, or cover a vacancy, the courtroom changes with them.  
 Kenny Vincent, a deputy sheriff at the courthouse, has been watching judges come and go for a long time.  
 "There's nobody finer," Vincent said of Langford.

"He's as fine a person as you ever want to meet. He's just a perfect gentleman. There is no facade. And that's not just my opinion; it's shared by everybody who knows him."  
 "Sixty-two is a good age to retire," Langford said. "I'm ready to sit and look at the mountains, spending time with our grand kids and enjoying days at church."  
 Last words of advice?  
 "Just do what your parents taught you, and if you say you're going to do something, do it."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 Office and handle these cases on a daily basis. They will address the process of making a complaint and what happens once investigators receive these cases. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

After discussions at the January planning meeting, the S.A.L.T. Council Board of Directors voted to hold monthly educational forums during the months of February through May, resuming again October through December. In an effort to attract more people to the events, the times of the meetings will alternate between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., depending on the meeting site and the training session. The goals of these changes were to create more interest in S.A.L.T. and to present pertinent topics of interest to the public.

The S.A.L.T. Council is a part of Triad, which is an organization of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff's Association and the AARP. The purpose of this organization is to address the needs of all seniors in the community especially as they relate to crime victimization and the fear of crime.

### Get help with Medicare costs

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) volunteer counselors from the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging are available to help Medicare beneficiaries learn if they qualify for additional benefits. If they are eligible, SHINE volunteers can provide application assistance. If you or someone you know needs help with your Medicare costs, you can call (800) 96-ELDER or (800) 963-5337 and speak with a SHINE counselor.

More than 86,500 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida are likely eligible for, but are not enrolled in a program called Extra Help. This program offers qualified beneficiaries assistance with their Part D (prescription drug plan) costs. In addition, many individuals may qualify for assistance paying their Part B premiums. Many of those who need help the most don't know about these valuable benefits and how SHINE can help.

SHINE provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers and family members. The goal is to help elders understand and receive the health insurance coverage they need through Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, Long-term Care Planning and Insurance and other health care issues. The program is operated by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the state's 11 Area Agencies on Aging. Locally, it's operated by the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging. For more information and assistance, call the toll-free Elder Helpline at (800) 963-5337.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

**AVON PARK**  
 The Men's Auxiliary of VFW Post 9853 is hosting a fundraiser to purchase new bar stools and bistro tables. Go out on the Victory Casino Ship on Friday, March 29. Cost of \$40 covers transportation, boarding pass, lunch and \$20 free play. There will be fun and games on the bus ride to raise money. Members and guests are welcome. Call Bobby Hendricks at 453-5560. Reservations are a must.

**COMBAT VETERANS**  
 Memorial VFW Post 9853 will have NASCAR on the screen at 1 p.m. today. Music by Diane T. from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Music by Peg and Perry from 5-8 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 452-9853.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 69** will host karaoke by Naomi from 4-6 p.m. today. Karaoke by Double D from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday. Ladies Auxiliary dinner at 4-6 p.m. Friday. Music by Frankie; call for time. S.A.L. breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday. Legion Riders meet at 10:30 a.m. 31 Party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. S.A.L. Roadkill at 3 p.m. Call 453-4553.

**LAKE PLACID**  
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3880 will serve a corned beef dinner at 5:30 p.m. today. Music by Todd Allen on Friday; call for time. Breakfast served from 8-11 a.m. Saturday. For details, call 699-5444.

**THE LAKE PLACID MOOSE LODGE 2374** will host Steak-O and NASCAR today; call for times. Karaoke by KJ from 6-10 p.m. Women of the Moose Nominating Committee meets at 6 p.m. Monday. Loyal Order of the Moose Officers meet at 6:30 p.m. House Committee and WOTM meet at 7 p.m. Formal General meeting at 7:30 p.m. The David Potter Show is from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Frank E. from 6-10 p.m. Thursday. Music by Larry Musgrave from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Music by Red Neck Joe Band on Saturday; call for time. Call 465-0131.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 25** will serve a corned beef and cabbage meal by Legion today; call for time. Music by Big Freddy from 5-8 p.m. Family meeting at noon Wednesday. Resort seminar at 3 p.m. (Dominican Republic). Music by Larry Musgrave from 5-8 p.m. Music by Jimmy Black from

6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Riders' reunion on Saturday. Karaoke by Bill from 6-9 p.m. Call 465-0975.

**THE LAKE PLACID ELKS LODGE 2661** will host music by Frank E. from 5-8 p.m. Monday. BPOE Indoctrination at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Ladies Board meeting at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. BPOE Installation of Officers and Community Awards on Saturday; call for details. For more information, call 465-2661.

**SEBRING**  
 The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 will have NASCAR on the screen; call for time. Texas Hold-em is at 7 p.m. Monday. Women of the Moose meet at 7 p.m. Moose Riders Ride at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Taco Night at the Lodge. Music by Big Freddie from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday. Moose Riders Ride at 11 a.m. Thursday. Road Kill game from 5-7 p.m. Music by Free 4orm from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Kids' Easter Egg Hunt and lunch from 12-2 p.m. Saturday. Music by Billy Glades from 6-10 p.m. Call 655-3920.

**THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 4300, 1041 Lakeview Drive**, will have karaoke by Mega Soundz from 5-8 p.m. today. VFW Post meets at 7 p.m. Monday. Frank E. music from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Lora Patton music from 6-9 p.m. Friday. Ladies Auxiliary yard sale on Saturday (bring items in from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., proceeds for Post, etc.) Gary and Shirley music from 6-9 p.m. Call 385-8902.

**THE SEBRING RECREATION CLUB, 333 Pomegranate Ave.**, will host Shuffleboard Scrambles at 1:15 p.m. Monday. County Shuffleboard tournament in Avon Park is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Shuffleboard Scrambles is at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday. Mini-Shuffleboard Tournament at 1:15 p.m. Friday. Ice Cream Shuffleboard at 1:15 p.m. Saturday. Board meeting at 3 p.m. Call 385-2966.

**THE SEBRING ELKS LODGE 1529** Board will meet at 5 p.m. Monday. Wacky Wednesday Social is from 5-6 p.m. Dinner is \$6.50. To dance only to Frank E.'s music from 4:30-7:30 p.m., the cost is \$3. Orientation meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday. PER meeting at 6 p.m. Lodge meeting at 7 p.m. Friday buffet from 5-6:30 p.m. for \$12. To dance only to Don and Allen's music from 6:30-9:30 p.m., the cost is \$3. Call 471-3557.

# Applications sought for Langford's judicial seat

*Special to the News-Sun*  
 Tenth Circuit Judge J. David Langford is retiring from the bench after 18 years of service effective June 30.

A member of Frostproof High School's class of 1968, Langford has degrees from Polk County Community College, the University of Florida and the University of Florida College of Law. Prior to being elected county judge in 1987, Langford served as an assistant state attorney for the 10th district, practiced law privately, served as Avon Park's city attorney, board attorney for then South Florida Community College, and bank attorney for Sun Bank of Highlands County. He lives in Avon Park.

He was appointed to the circuit court in 1989, serving ever since. From Jan. 2007 to June 30, 2011,

Langford served as chief judge of the circuit.

Langford's retirement opens a vacancy on the bench. The Tenth Circuit Nominating Commission announces it is accepting applications for the position.

Applicants for this circuit judgeship must have been a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years, must be registered to vote in the state of Florida, and must reside in Highlands, Hardee or Polk County at the time the successful applicant is sworn into office.

Application forms for the judgeship may be obtained from the Nominating Commission chair, Cassandra Larkin Denmark, Anthony & Partners, LLC, 415 E. Main St., Suite B, Suite 216, Bartow, FL 33830; (813) 273-5616, ext. 285. Application forms in

various word processing formats are available on the Florida Bar website at www.flabar.org. The original and nine copies of the completed application (no notebooks or binders) must be delivered to the Commission Chair no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 9. In the past, applications that were not delivered by the specified deadline were not considered by the commission. The commission's interview of the applicants is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, April 15-16 at the Law Offices of Hardin & Associates, P.A., 1905 Bartow Road.

Commission members are Benjamin W. Hardin Jr., Richard E. Straughn, Kenneth B. Evers, Timothy McCausland, Victor Smith, Donald Wilson, Jr., John Hugh Shannon, Robert Swaine, and Denmark.

## OBITUARY

### RAYMOND HALL

Raymond Alan Hall, 69, of Avon Park, Fla., passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2013. He was born on Nov. 24, 1943 in Sebring, Fla. to Elma Lee (Goolsby) and Virgil Lee Hall Sr.



Hall

He was a graduate of Avon Park High School, Class of 1961; a graduate of the University of Florida, School of Pharmacy, Class of 1967; worked as a pharmacist for Touchton Drugs; owned and operated Park Pharmacy; and retired from Eckerd Drugs in 2001. Mr. Hall was an active member of Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, was a Deacon, participated in church visita-

tion every Tuesday, delivered meals for Meals-On-Wheels and has been a lifelong resident of Avon Park, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Carol J. Hall of Avon Park, Fla.; daughters, Vesta Hall Clary (Chip) of Thailand, and Heather Lynn Hall Kay (Rich) of Tampa, Fla.; son, George A. Hall (Kelly) of Avon Park, Fla.; brother, Robert N. Hall (Judy) of Marietta, Ga.; five grandchildren, James Clary, Hannah Clary, Lindsey Hall, Brennen Kay, and Michael Kay.

A funeral services will be held Monday, March 18, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Bougainvillea Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Sunday, March

17, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church Building Fund, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825.

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# HALLO's passive exercise program has room for many more

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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SEBRING — Tucked behind the Highlands Regional Medical Center, the Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization Inc. (HALLO) provides a center for passive exercise.

Deanna Pieretti, its founder and director, said a newly received grant now allows the center to bring in physical therapist Dr. Felicia Coke two times a week. Coke will evaluate individual levels of mobility and needs.

"Passive exercise is done with the help of a machine," Pieretti said. "There are seven tables with moving parts — each has a different motion to tone muscles, increase circulation, regain range of motion and mobility, and release stress. It's as much prevention as it is rehabilitation."

Candidates for joint replacement surgery or recovering, benefit greatly, Pieretti said. Before surgery it helps strengthen the body for the procedure and helps



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
Bea Lonergan regularly visits HALLO's passive exercise program. She demonstrates one of the tables. The end moves up and down, working the legs.

promote healing afterwards. health," Pierette said. "It is excellent for people Bea Lonergan, in her mid-80s, but looking closer to 65,



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
Bea Lonergan demonstrates doing toe touches while the table lifts her legs up and down. a person may also just relax and let the table do it's thing.

has been taking advantage of the exercise program for about a year.

"It makes a big difference," she said. "It's really good for the leg muscles and stomach and keeps you nice and limber. It's great fun."

Pieretti said the typical program has individuals spending up to 10 minutes on each of the seven machines. "In a little over an hour, you've had a complete workout," Pieretti said. "The most effective routine is to come three days a week."

HALLO, which is a unique program, has been in Highlands for close to three decades, but it has always been a struggle to build up a local clientele. It persists in being a too well kept secret, Pieretti said.

The center is open to the public. It costs \$4 a session. The cost is kept down as an incentive, made possible by volunteer workers.

Yearly memberships for \$25 are available.

In addition to the exercise center, HALLO takes part in many health fairs and runs support groups at various regular venues: The first Thursday of the month for people with traumatic brain injuries; the second Thursday for amputees and the third Thursday for those with low

vision. Call for additional information.

Pieretti plans to begin a stroke victim support group in the future.

In the mean time she invites everyone to stop by for a visit and chance to try out the tables.

Call 385-1196 or visit www.halloinc.org. The center is at 112 Medical Center Ave.



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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 10000076GCS  
 BAC HOME LOAN SERVICING Plaintiff(s),  
 vs.  
 GEORGE M. GRANT, et al., Defendant(s)

Division No. HIGHLANDS Section.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated March 1st, 2013, and entered in Case No. 10000076GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein BAC HOME LOAN SERVICING is the Plaintiff and GEORGE M. GRANT; and MONICA LYNN GRANT A/K/A MONICA GRANT; and FRANCIS M. KANE; and FRANCIS M. KANE are the Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 20, BLOCK G LAKE JACKSON HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHTS TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BEEN TITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER 60 DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORDS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk  
 HIGHLANDS County, Florida  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE # 2009-CA-001596  
 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as certificate trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holder of VNT Trust Series 2010-2 Plaintiff,  
 -vs.-  
 Paul J. Angstadt, Jr. a/k/a Paul H. Angstadt, Jr. a/k/a Paul H. Angstadt and Joanne M. Angstadt a/k/a Joanne Angstadt, Husband and Wife; et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Southern Region Development Company a/k/a Southern Region Development; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: C/O President/Vice President/Chairman, 1303 Curlew Avenue, Naples, FL 34102  
 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s); and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui jurs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:  
 LOTS 28, 29 AND 30, BLOCK 1 ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, AT PAGE 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A 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 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)534-4686, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.

March 10, 17, 2013

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 Circuit and County Courts  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 Case No. 12001008GCAXMX  
 U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AB3, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 Angel D. Avila, et al Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 7, 2013, entered in Case No. 12001008GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AB3 is the Plaintiff and Angel D. Avila; Unknown Spouse of Angel D. Avila; Hector L. Centeno; Justa Badillo Centeno a/k/a Justa Badillo are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the courthouse, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 8th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT (562), SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 Dated this 8th day of March, 2013.

Robert Germaine  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

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.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 2010-CA-001226  
 GMAC Mortgage, LLC Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 NANCY E. PERTWEE A/K/A NANCY PERTWEE AND JOHN G. PERTWEE A/K/A JOHN PERTWEE, WIFE AND HUSBAND; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION #1 AS TO 614; 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, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 5, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-001226 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff and NANCY E. PERTWEE A/K/A NANCY PERTWEE, WIFE AND HUSBAND 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 24, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 29, IN BLOCK 135, OF PLACID LAKES SECTION ELEVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 7, 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 AN 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

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 in Highlands County, Florida this 8th day of March, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Highlands County, Florida  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 P.O. Box 23028  
 Tampa, FL 33623  
 (813) 221-4743  
 (813) 221-9171 facsimile  
 eService: servealaw@albertellilaw.com  
 10-53803

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867, Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.  
 March 17, 24, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO: 28-2012-CA-000099  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 DANIEL JAY CHILDERS, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 28, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2012-CA000099 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, Bob Germaine, the Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Highlands, Florida 33870 at 11:00 A.M. CST on the 27th day of March, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

A PORTION OF LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 2, DINNER LAKE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 25, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK 2, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 52'09" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES 11'17" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 107.57 FEET TO A NON-TANGENT INTERSECTION ON THE WESTERLY RY OF WAY LINE OF THEON AVENUE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, (CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 214.83, A CENTRAL ANGLE 07 DEGREES 13'27" AND A CHORD OF 27.07 FEET WHICH BEARS SOUTH 04 DEGREES 28'53" WEST) A DISTANCE OF 27.09 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, (CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 42 DEGREES 43'26" AND A CHORD OF 18.21 FEET, WHICH BEARS SOUTH 22 DEGREES 13'52" WEST), A DISTANCE OF 18.64 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 35'35" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 54.00 FEET TO A NON-TANGENT INTERSECTION; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, (CURVE HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 40.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 118 DEGREES 14'47" AND A CHORD OF 68.66 FEET WHICH BEARS SOUTH 59 DEGREES 59'32" WEST), A DISTANCE OF 82.55 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 52'09" EAST A DISTANCE OF 138.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE WEST 20 FEET OF CONTIGUOUS CLOSED ROAD VACATED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1044, PAGE 675, 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 28th day of February, 2013.

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) BOB GERMAINE  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE #: 2012-CA-000270  
 Wells Fargo Bank NA, as Successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff,  
 -vs.-  
 Stephen F. Campbell; et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Stephen F. Campbell; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 4111 Westminster Road, Sebring, FL 33875  
 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s); and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui jurs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:  
 LOT 29 AND 30, BLOCK 70, LAKEWOOD TERRACES, SHEET #1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 50, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

more commonly known as 4111 Westminster Road, Sebring, FL 33875.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 5th day of March, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 Circuit and County Courts  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 282009CA001940A000XX  
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB A RMT 05-12, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 KENNETH D. LAGROW; SUNTRUST BANK; RHONDA K. LAGROW; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescinding Foreclosure Sale dated the 1st of March, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001940A000XX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSFB A RMT 05-12, is the Plaintiff and KENNETH D. LAGROW; SUNTRUST BANK and RHONDA K. LAGROW IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, STATE OF FLORIDA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 11, BLOCK 11, BLOCK A OF THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS A AND B OF SEBRING HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID LOTS LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/4 OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1 (SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM OR SERVICE OF THE STATE COURTS SYSTEM, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 Deputy Clerk

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 17, 24, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 2010-CA-000864-XXAX-MX  
 U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. PLAINTIFF,  
 vs.  
 KEVIN LOPEZ and YESENIA LEBRON LOPEZ, husband and Wife, et al. DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 1, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2012 CA 000864 in the 5th Judicial Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida. Plaintiff is Foreclosed Asset Sales and Transfer Partnership, and the Defendants are KEVIN LOPEZ and YESENIA LEBRON LOPEZ, et al and any and all parties claiming by, through, under and against the herein individual defendants 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. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash auction held at the Highlands County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 a.m. after having first given notice as required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes on the 11th day of April, 2013.

The property located in HIGHLANDS County, Florida described as:  
 Lot 27, Block 64, Sun 'n Lakes Estates of Sebring, Unit 5, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9 at page 51, of the public records of Highlands County, Florida,  
 AKA 3929 Mendoza Avenue, Sebring, FL 33875

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Dated this 12th day of March, 2013.

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 DEPUTY CLERK  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 March 17, 24, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 11-00620  
 DIVISION:  
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 ALBERT L. SCARPATI, III, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 8, 2013, and entered in Case No. 11-00620 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, is the Plaintiff and Albert L. Scarpatti, III, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc. Rhonda Scarpatti, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 24th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:  
 LOT 4 AND THE NORTHWESTERLY 30 FEET OF LOT 5 LESS A TRAPEZOIDAL PARCEL WITHIN THE SOUTHWESTERLY 23 FEET OF SAID LOTS, OF BLOCK 242, OF SEBRING HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AS A POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 5, OF BLOCK 242, THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY FOLLOWING THE SOUTHERLY R/W OF TASESCHEE DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 30 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 30 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 133.48 TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 30.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 55.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG A LINE COMMON TO LOTS 3 ND 4 A DISTANCE OF 155.7 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY R/W LINE OF TASESCHEE DRIVE, THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 619.9 AN ARC DISTANCE OF 70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
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 March 10, 17, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000259  
Division

CENLAR FSB  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ROBERTO GARCIA, EUNICE G. GARCIA 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 March 5, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 368, SEBRING RIDGE, SECTION A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 4729 TROUT AVE, SEBRING, FL 33870; 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 April 3, 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 6th day of March, 2013.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 10, 17, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000264  
Division

CENLAR FSB  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KRAIG KWILINSKI, JULIE MARIE KWILINSKI A/K/A JULIE M. KWILINSKI 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 March 5, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

UNIT 7C, THE MANORS: COMMENCE AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 7, SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LAKE AVENUE (SAID POINT BEING 25 FEET WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF LAKE AVENUE); THENCE RUN WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, IN BLOCK 7 FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET; THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 25.00 FEET; THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL LYING AND BEING IN LOT 1, IN BLOCK 7, TOWN OF AVON PARK, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 1415 WRAY ST, AVON PARK, FL 33825; 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 April 3, 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 6th day of March, 2013.  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 10, 17, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No. 28-2012-CA-001035  
Division

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LUIS O. SARDUY, ESTHER GARZON, RODRIGO GARZON, et al.  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: RODRIGO GARZON  
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
LAST KNOW ADDRESS  
2307 OAK BEACH BLVD  
SEBRING, FL 33875

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN T. MAHONEY,  
III  
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
LAST KNOW ADDRESS  
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You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 5, BLOCK 17, OF OAK BEACH COLONY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 20, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, commonly known as 2307 OAK BEACH BLVD, SEBRING, FL 33875 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Laura E. Noyes of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before April 23, 2013., (or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: March 12, 2013.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Honorable ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
590 S. Commerce Avenue  
Sebring, Florida 33870-3701  
/s/ Toni Kopp  
Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)  
March 17, 24, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION  
Case No. 28-2013-CA-000028  
Division

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
STEPHANIE SHAW F/K/A STEPHANIE EZELL, et al.  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: JEREMY SHAW  
CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN  
LAST KNOW ADDRESS  
123 ROSEMARY AVE  
SEBRING, FL 33875

You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 12, BLOCK 4, LAKE JOSEPHINE HEIGHTS 2ND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, commonly known as 123 ROSEMARY AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Paul M. Messina, Jr. of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813)229-0900, on or before April 9, 2013, (or

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30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: March 1, 2013.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
Honorable ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
590 S. Commerce Avenue  
Sebring, Florida 33870-3701  
/s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk

(COURT SEAL)  
March 10, 17, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: GC12-808

MARK V. McLEAN, ET AL.  
Plaintiffs,  
ROBERT SMOCCZYNSKI and  
SUSAN SMOCCZYNSKI, husband and wife, ET AL  
Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**  
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEYS FEES AND COSTS dated February 28, 2013, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, BASEMENT, at the Highlands County Courthouse, located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 A.M., on March 27, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said SUMMARY FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND TAXATION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS, to wit:

Lot 15, Block DD, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE VI, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 21, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Commonly known as: 124 Robinhood Terrace, Sebring, FL 33876

Dated this 1st day of March, 2013.  
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk of Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
As Deputy Clerk

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, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, 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.

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.

March 10, 17, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 28-2009-CA-000045  
DIVISION:

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CAROL A. WELLER, et al,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 7, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2009-CA-000045 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-1 is the Plaintiff and CAROL A. WELLER; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROL A. WELLER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; 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 8th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 74, COUNTRY CLUB LAKE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 44, PUBLIC RECORDED OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
A/K/A 4120 MEDINA WAY, SEBRING, FL 33875

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale  
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on March 8, 2013.

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

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P.O. Box 25018  
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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 17, 24, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 10-595-GCS  
DIVISION:

SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
CAROL JEAN SMITH A/K/A CAROL JEAN FONSECA, et al,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 5, 2013 and entered in Case No. 10-595-GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. is the Plaintiff and CAROL JEAN SMITH A/K/A CAROL JEAN FONSECA; 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 3rd day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 4, BLOCK 14, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
A/K/A 1723 BUCK STREET, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852

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

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on March 6, 2013.

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

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March 10, 17, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001093

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
THERESIA JULES, et al,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: THERESIA JULES  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 10022 BOYNTON PLACE  
CIR  
BOYNTON BEACH, FL

33437  
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:  
LOTS 6037, 6038, 6039, 6040 AND 6041, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 14, 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 within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Florida Ronald R. Wolfe & Associates, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 1st day of March, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine  
Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ Toni Kopp  
As Deputy Clerk  
March 10, 17, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
FILE NO. 13-85 PC

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROGER CURWEN PERKINS, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of ROGER CURWEN PERKINS, deceased, File Number 13-85 PC, 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 March 17, 2013.

Personal Representative:  
/s/ Bruce W. Perkins

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
/s/ Michael L. Keiber  
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March 17, 24, 2013

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TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Mostly sunny and beautiful	Comfortable with some sun	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny	Times of clouds and sun
82° / 60°	83° / 63°	86° / 61°	83° / 61°	81° / 65°
Winds: SSE at 4-8 mph	Winds: S at 6-12 mph	Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: NW at 6-12 mph	Winds: E at 5-12 mph



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

High Tuesday	78°
Low Tuesday	44°
High Wednesday	78°
Low Wednesday	41°
High Thursday	72°
Low Thursday	30°

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

Relative humidity	38%
Expected air temperature	80°
Makes it feel like	80°

**Barometer**

Today	30.00
Wednesday	30.19
Thursday	30.19

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	0.01"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.03"
Year to date	1.67"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	7:31 a.m.
Low	12:38 a.m.
High	5:32 p.m.
Low	10:59 a.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	1:00 a.m.
Low	6:58 a.m.
High	1:08 p.m.
Low	7:17 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.98'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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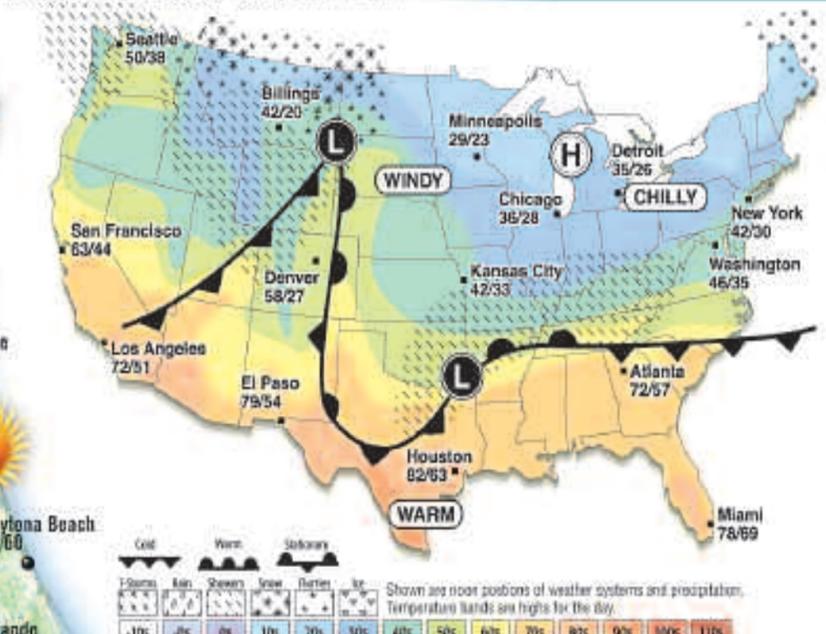


Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:33 a.m.	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	7:38 p.m.	7:36 p.m.
Moonrise	11:37 a.m.	12:03 p.m.
Moonset	12:14 a.m.	1:04 a.m.

	First	Full	Last	New
Mar 19	Mar 27	Apr 2	Apr 10	

National Forecast for March 17



Shown are near positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary

The stretch of chilly weather will continue today across the Great Lakes and Northeast, with nothing more than a few flurries across northern New England. Farther to the south, rain will fall from Missouri through the southern Ohio Valley and then spread eastward into the mid-Atlantic by the afternoon. Another warm, dry day is in store for the Gulf Coast. A storm developing over the northern Rockies will spread snow across much of Montana and into North Dakota. A few showers will persist along the Pacific Northwest coast.

U.S. Cities

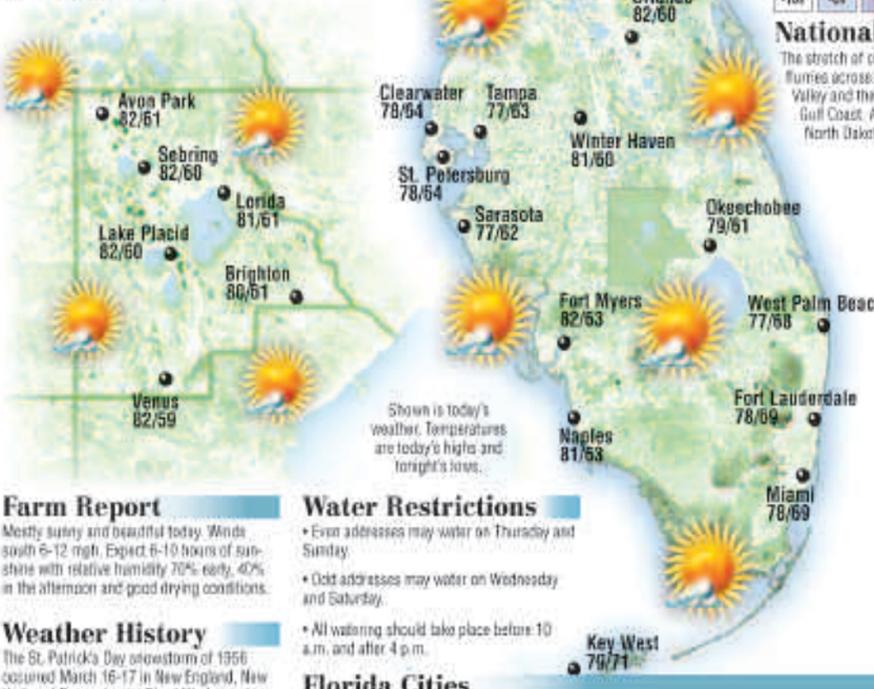
City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	71/41a	65/28a	69/41a	Los Angeles	72/51p	70/53p	70/54p
Atlanta	73/57p	70/46a	61/31a	Louisville	44/37a	63/22a	62/31a
Baltimore	44/33a	41/36a	53/30a	Memphis	64/58a	69/39a	58/38a
Birmingham	73/58p	76/45a	62/37a	Minneapolis	30/24p	49/17a	31/12p
Boston	39/23p	36/22p	42/31a	Mississippi	29/23p	28/5a	24/1p
Charlotte	68/45p	61/58a	69/35p	Nashville	63/53a	70/26a	54/38a
Chicago	52/24p	42/26p	50/23a	New Orleans	78/63p	78/57a	74/53p
Cleveland	36/23p	40/18a	37/15p	New York City	42/30p	41/24a	48/27a
Columbus	38/24p	46/28a	37/22a	Portland, ME	47/38a	58/24a	69/28p
Dallas	70/54a	72/44p	79/48a	Portland, OR	51/36a	53/6a	55/46a
Denver	58/27p	52/23p	58/26a	Raleigh	57/40a	61/51a	70/36p
Detroit	35/26p	41/27a	38/24a	Richmond	32/21p	39/28a	39/23a
Hartford	42/31p	41/38a	49/28a	St. Louis	38/31a	51/25a	51/25a
Honolulu	89/61p	79/53a	80/68p	San Francisco	63/44p	63/44p	65/48a
Houston	82/63p	85/54p	74/53p	Seattle	50/38a	53/35a	63/42a
Indianapolis	39/23a	40/25a	43/24a	Wash., DC	46/35a	43/40a	52/36a
Jackson, MS	77/60p	77/46a	68/41a				
Kansas City	42/33a	45/24p	52/21a				
Lexington	44/37a	62/32a	50/31p				
Little Rock	60/31a	68/35a	68/41a				

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Acapulco	91/73p	90/72a	91/70a	London	43/37a	46/30a	44/31a
Athens	57/43a	58/38a	64/52p	Mumbai	22/16a	31/22p	33/23p
Bahia	65/53a	63/48p	66/58a	Moscow	25/13a	25/12a	22/14a
Berlin	37/29p	42/20a	39/30a	Nice	51/47a	58/40a	58/44a
Bermuda	70/32a	68/28a	68/32a	Osaka	22/8p	29/4a	37/22a
Calgary	18/9a	26/9a	35/14a	Quebec	17/5a	25/13a	25/13a
Carlin	43/44a	45/38a	44/10a	Rio de Janeiro	86/74a	81/74a	82/73a
Edmonton	18/21a	21/4p	27/8a	Sao Paulo	15/45c	16/28p	14/10p
Freeport	74/68a	77/70p	79/67p	Singapore	90/77a	91/77p	90/79a
Geneva	45/38a	41/35a	40/31a	Sydney	75/61p	77/61p	77/63a
Havana	85/62a	83/67a	91/65p	Toronto	30/23p	37/31a	31/27a
Hong Kong	77/70a	79/72a	79/72a	Vancouver	46/38a	45/36a	47/40a
Jerusalem	55/43a	55/41p	65/49p	Venice	30/21p	46/40a	47/37a
Johannesburg	85/53p	81/54a	82/55a	Warsaw	34/18a	33/27p	36/32a
Kiev	29/16a	31/22a	41/26a	Winnipeg	18/9a	15/10a	10/10p

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny and beautiful today. Partly cloudy tonight. Comfortable tomorrow with some sun. Tuesday, partly sunny with a shower or thunderstorm in spots. Wednesday and Thursday, partly sunny.



Farm Report

Mostly sunny and beautiful today. Winds south 6-12 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with relative humidity 70% early, 40% in the afternoon and good drying conditions.

Weather History

The St. Patrick's Day snowstorm of 1956 occurred March 16-17 in New England, New York and Pennsylvania. Blue Hill observatory, outside of Boston, reported 12.5 inches.

Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.	City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Gape Coral	81/62a	83/65p	85/69p	Miami	78/69a	80/68a	84/70p
Clearwater	78/64a	80/66p	81/61a	Okeechobee	79/61a	81/64p	85/63p
Orlando	82/68a	84/67a	84/66p	Orlando	82/68a	84/63p	87/60a
Daytona Beach	77/60a	80/61p	84/56a	Pembroke Pines	78/68a	81/67a	84/66p
FL. Lakel. Bch	75/60a	80/69a	84/68p	St. Augustine	75/60a	78/63p	79/53a
Fort Myers	82/63a	84/65p	86/65p	St. Petersburg	78/64a	81/65p	82/61a
Gainesville	77/64a	81/58p	82/48a	Sarasota	77/62a	79/65p	81/61a
Hollywood	78/68a	81/67a	83/65p	Tallahassee	74/65a	76/61a	78/57a
Homestead AFB	77/62a	79/65a	83/67p	Tampa	77/63a	79/66p	82/63a
Jacksonville	78/65a	78/58p	79/45a	W. Palm Bch	77/68a	80/68a	84/65p
Key West	79/71a	81/73a	83/72p	Winter Haven	81/60a	83/63p	86/58a

Weather (W): s-sunny, ps-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, bl-snow, h-haze, sn-snow, h-haze.

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## Panther streak stopped at Polk

By DAN HOEHNE

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It has been a rough and tumble season for the 2013 Baseball Panthers of SFSC, but things had been looking up recently before Friday's 6-5 loss at Polk State College.

Sitting on a 5-24 record, 0-5 in the Suncoast Conference, after a March 6 loss to Hillsborough, the team got itself on a bit of a roll.

The Panthers earned their first conference win on Friday, March 8, taking a 2-0 win at Hillsborough to salvage one game of the three-game series, and then swept a

doubleheader the following day over the University of Tampa's Junior Varsity squad.

Justin Machado pitched effectively in the 3-1, opening game win and Kevin Schubert followed it up with a one-run performance of his own.

Carlos Matamoros had two hits and two RBI, while Josh Townsend went 2-for-3 with an RBI and run scored in the 5-1, nightcap win.

Four days later, SFSC made it four in a row with an 8-4 win over Lincolnland Community College (IL) on Wednesday, March 13.

Submariner Zach Bailey got the win on the mound and Matamoros again rapped out two hits and scored twice.

Former Blue Streak Seth Abeln also added two base knocks, scoring once, and Jordan Rivera had two RBI on the day.

Revitalized by their good play of late, the Panthers headed to Winter Haven to face a top-notch Eagle team that came in with a 23-6 record overall.

"We played a lot better and had the lead late in the game," sophomore infielder Lucas Bagnara said. "We were hitting better and had

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Despite Friday's loss at Polk State College, Lucas Bagnara and the South Florida Panthers are fresh off a four-game win streak that has renewed their outlook.

## Drivers, start your engines!



News-Sun photo by ALAN AYALA

The 61st running of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida was off and running Saturday morning at Sebring International Raceway. The action continued throughout the day and into the night in the historic event. See [www.newssun.com](http://www.newssun.com) for the race recap, which will also appear in the Wednesday, March 20, edition of the News-Sun.

## Ryan Booth brings home a win in Race 2 at Sebring

Performance Tech sweeps both Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Races

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Sean Rayhall of Compret Motor Sports led the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda field to the green flag for Friday's 45-minute timed Race 2 at Sebring International Raceway.

But ultimately, it was Performance Tech once again taking the top spot on the L1 podium, this time with Ryan Booth behind the wheel.

Nearly immediately after the green flag flew over Rayhall, a full-course caution was implemented due to an incident in Turn 13 as the No. 88 car of Dan Weyland spun into the wall and sustained significant damage to the left front and rear of his Élan DP-02, Eurosport Racing entry.

The field went green again on Lap 2, and Ryan Booth took advantage of the restart to pass his Performance Tech teammate Daniel Goldberg for second position.

After a few frenzied laps the Prototype Lites drivers settled in with Rayhall focusing forward and gaining a four-second advantage on second-place Booth by lap 7.

Running out front with an unobstructed track, Rayhall bested the race lap record he set in Race 1 at Sebring with a flying lap of 1:58.732.



Courtesy photo

Ryan Booth got a win for Performance Tech Friday in the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda.

On lap 9 Race 1 winner Daniel Goldberg lost control of his Performance Tech car while closely pursuing Ryan Booth for second position and spun nose first into the Turn 1 wall, bringing out a full course caution.

"We were racing hard," Goldberg said. "I followed my teammate Ryan (Booth) into Turn 1 and I got a little off of my line. I hit a bump and the whole thing ended up coming around on me."

The green flag flew again on lap 12 giving third-place

Goikhberg a strong run on Ryan Booth for second position, but his momentum was slowed by another full course caution brought out when Owen Kratz spun in Turn 7 and collected Jim Garrett's Eurosport Racing car.

The next restart gave Ryan Booth the break he needed to pass Sean Rayhall for the lead, which he held onto until the checkered flag flew two laps later.

"I didn't know if I was going to pull out the win today because I was in sec-

ond for most of the race," Booth said. "I got a few breaks with the full-course cautions and just barely squeezed by Rayhall at the end in Turn 1. I'm super stoked and want to thank everyone at Performance Tech for giving me an awesome car."

Booth's victory was his second win in Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda competition.

His first win came at the

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## Lady Panthers get set for Suncoast

By DAN HOEHNE

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An 18-17 non-conference record can mean a lot of things.

Some big wins, a few infuriating losses were mixed within that record, of course, but it all amounts to a learning curve.

And really, that is the sole purpose of the non-conference schedule, giving the team the time and experience to grow through the rough patches and find out what is the best way to win.

"Yes, we had a few rough games where some of the mistakes we were making, there was no excuse for," shortstop Lexi Belardi said. "It started to get in our heads and stressed us out."

"But we all got back into the mindset to just relax and play like we know how," she continued. "It's really turned around quickly, thankfully."

That seems to have been accomplished as the Lady Panthers now head into their Suncoast Conference schedule on an upward trend, winning three out of four games this past week.

Tuesday saw a road trip to face Broward and South Florida came away with a split that was close to being a sweep.

After routing the Seahawks 8-1 in the opener, the Panthers came up just short in a 5-4, second-game loss.

Thursday had the team back on the road to face a Pasco-Hernando squad that had swept South Florida on March 7 – two

of those infuriating losses.

But the Lady Panthers had their revenge in taking two from the Conquistadors.

Alexis Adams got the win on the mound in the opener, a 7-5 victory, before the two teams went an extra inning in the nightcap.

But they pulled it out in the eighth, getting a 4-3 win for pitcher Gennifer Raulerson.

"The past few games we've been having fun and keeping our cool, but still doing really well," Belardi said. "So long as we keep that up, we're golden."

That is the hope, as the Suncoast Conference looks loaded.

Each team has a winning non-conference record, with the State College of Florida at 25-9, Polk State at 25-10, Hillsborough at 26-15 and St. Petersburg at 21-18.

But with the talent assembled more aware of what it takes to succeed, the Panthers look to make their mark.

"They're looking better," assistant coach Heather Barnes said. "They're starting to hit more to the right side and make the adjustments they need to win games."

"I think they're going to be a serious contender this year in conference if they come out and play to their ability."

One more non-conference game remains on the docket with a Tuesday home date against Sante Fe, with the Suncoast schedule getting underway with a Thursday visit from the Polk State Eagles.



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Assistant coach Heather Barnes gives some advice to Amanda Byers in a recent Lady Panther win.

# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### AUTO RACING SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. NASCAR – Food City 500 . . . . . FOX  
7 p.m. NHRA – Drag Racing Gatornationals . . ESPN2

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Atlantic 10 Tournament, Final . . . . . CBS  
1 p.m. SEC Tournament, Final . . . . . ABC  
1 p.m. ACC Tournament, Final . . . . . ESPN  
3:30 p.m. Big Ten Tournament, Final . . . . . CBS  
6 p.m. NCAA Selection Show . . . . . CBS  
**MONDAY**  
7 p.m. NCAA Women's Selection Show . . . . . ESPN  
**TUESDAY**  
7 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN2  
7:30 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN  
9 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN2  
9:30 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN  
11 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

### GOLF SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Avantha Masters . . . . . GOLF  
1 p.m. PGA – Tampa Bay Championship . . . . . GOLF  
3 p.m. PGA – Tampa Bay Championship . . . . . NBC  
4 p.m. LPGA – RR Donnelley Founders Cup . . . . . GOLF

### MLB PRESEASON SUNDAY

4 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Oakland . . . . . WGN  
**MONDAY**  
1 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta . . . . . ESPN  
**TUESDAY**  
1 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia . . . . . ESPN

### NBA SUNDAY

3:30 p.m. New York at L.A. Clippers . . . . . ABC  
**MONDAY**  
8 p.m. Miami at Boston . . . . . ESPN  
10:30 p.m. New York at Utah . . . . . ESPN

### NHL SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. Boston at Pittsburgh . . . . . NBC

### TENNIS SUNDAY

3 p.m. BNP Paribas Open, Finals . . . . . ESPN2

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Anaheim 2, Dallas 1, SO  
Boston 4, Florida 1  
Pittsburgh 3, Toronto 1  
Washington 3, Carolina 2  
N.Y. Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 0  
Winnipeg 3, N.Y. Rangers 1  
St. Louis 3, Phoenix 0  
Minnesota 5, Colorado 3  
Vancouver 7, Nashville 4  
San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3

**Friday's Games**  
Philadelphia 2, New Jersey 1, SO  
Chicago 6, Nashville 3  
Detroit 3, Edmonton 2, OT

**Saturday's Games**  
Washington at Boston, late  
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, late  
Ottawa at Buffalo, late  
Minnesota at Colorado, late  
Winnipeg at Toronto, late  
Montreal at New Jersey, late  
Carolina at Tampa Bay, late  
Phoenix at Columbus, late  
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, late  
Anaheim at St. Louis, late  
Chicago at Dallas, late  
Detroit at Vancouver, late  
San Jose at Los Angeles, late

**Sunday's Games**  
Boston at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Ottawa, 5 p.m.  
Buffalo at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

**SCORING LEADERS**  
GP G A PTS  
Crosby, Pit 28 12 35 47  
Kunitz, Pit 28 18 21 39  
Stamkos, TB 27 20 18 38  
St. Louis, TB 27 7 29 36  
Neal, Buf 26 12 20 32  
Kane, Chi 27 14 17 31  
Voracek, Phi 29 13 18 31  
Getzlaf, Anh 26 10 21 31  
Tavares, NYI 27 17 13 30  
Vanek, Buf 24 14 16 30  
Neal, Pit 28 17 12 29  
Ribeiro, Was 26 10 19 29  
4 tied with 28 pts.

### Transactions

**BASEBALL American League**  
BOSTON RED SOX–Optioned RHP Rubby De La Rosa and RHP Allen Webster to Pawtucket (IL) and C Christian Vazquez to Portland (EL).  
NEW YORK YANKEES–Agreed to terms with OF Brennan Boesch on a minor league contract.  
**National League**  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES–Optioned LHP Andy Oliver and C Tony Sanchez to Indianapolis (PCL).  
**Frontier League**  
NORMAL CORNBELTERS–Signed 1B Adam Derner.  
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS–Sold the contract of OF Darian Sandford to Chicago (AL). Signed OF Rogelio Noris to a contract extension.

### BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

**BASEBALL American League**  
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS–Signed F DuJuan Summers to a 10-day contract.  
NEW YORK KNICKS–Signed F Kenyon Martin for the remainder of the season.  
**Women's National Basketball Association**  
WASHINGTON MYSTICS–Named Eric Thibault assistant coach.  
**FOOTBALL National Football League**  
ARIZONA CARDINALS–Released QB Kevin Kolb. Signed DE Matt Shaughnessy. Agreed to terms with CB Antoine Cason on a one-year contract.  
CHICAGO BEARS–Agreed to terms with CB Zack Bowman on a one-year contract.  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS–Released S Tom Zbikowski.  
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS–Signed CB Alan Ball, RB Justin Forsett and DT Roy Miller.  
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS–Signed OL Geoff Schwartz and CB Sean Smith.  
MIAMI DOLPHINS–Signed TE Dustin Keller and WR Brandon Gibson to one-year contracts.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS–Signed QB Matt Cassel and WR Greg Jennings.  
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS–Signed WR Donald Jones.  
NEW YORK GIANTS–Re-signed LB Keith Rivers.  
NEW YORK JETS–Signed RB Mike Goodson and FB Lex Hilliard.  
OAKLAND RAIDERS–Signed LB Nick Roach.  
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES–Acquired WR Arrelious Benn and a 2013 seventh-round pick from Tampa Bay for a 2013 sixth-round choice and a conditional 2014 draft pick.  
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS–Agreed to terms with RB Danny Woodhead on a two-year contract.  
WASHINGTON REDSKINS–Re-signed LB Bryan Kehl.

**HOCKEY National Hockey League**  
ANAHEIM DUCKS–Acquired C David Steckel from Toronto for RW Ryan Lasch and a 2014 seventh-round draft pick. Reassigned F Patrick Maroon to Norfolk (AHL).  
BUFFALO SABRES–Assigned C Mikhail Grigorenko to Quebec (QMJHL). Traded D T.J. Brennan to the Florida Panthers in for a 2013 fifth-round draft pick.  
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS–Activated D John Moore off injured reserve. Assigned D Cody Goloubeff to Springfield (AHL). Recalled F Sean Collins from Springfield.  
MONTREAL CANADIENS–Signed C David Desharnais to a four-year contract extension. Assigned F Petteri Nokelainen to Hamilton (AHL). Recalled F Mike Blunden from Hamilton.  
NEW YORK ISLANDERS–Agreed to terms with F Colin McDonald on a two-year contract extension, through the 2014-15 season.  
OTTAWA SENATORS–Signed D Michael Sdao to a one-year entry-level contract.

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



**TUESDAY:** Baseball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Lake Placid, 6 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Hardee, 4 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Softball at Fort Meade, 7 p.m.; Track at Lake Placid, 4:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY:** Baseball at Frostproof, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Softball vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.



**MONDAY:** Boys/Girls Tennis at Okeechobee, 4:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY:** Baseball vs. Avon Park, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Softball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Boys Tennis vs. Sebring, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Sebring, 4 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Baseball vs. LaBelle, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at LaBelle, 6 p.m.; Softball at Sebring, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Track hosts meet, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Hardee, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Hardee, 4:30 p.m.



**TUESDAY:** Baseball vs. Kathleen, 7 p.m.; Softball at Kathleen, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Tennis at Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Girls Tennis vs. Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Track vs. Hardee, 4:30 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Baseball at Winter Haven, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Bartow, 6 p.m.; Softball vs. Lake Placid, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Track at Lake Placid, 4:30 p.m.



**MONDAY:** Baseball at Polk State College, 6 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Baseball vs. St. Petersburg College, 6 p.m.  
**THURSDAY:** Softball vs. Polk State College, 5 p.m.  
**FRIDAY:** Baseball vs. St. Petersburg College, 6 p.m.  
**SATURDAY:** Baseball at St. Petersburg College, 1 p.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## Lake Placid Youth Soccer League

LAKE PLACID – Lake Placid AYSO is now Central Florida FC and will be having a Spring Youth Soccer League for children ages 4-11. Games will be played at Lake June Park on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 6-7 p.m., beginning April 2 and running through June 6. Final registration will be held Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lake June Park picnic tables. Registration fee is \$60. For questions, or more information, call Edgar Vazquez at 840-4065 or James Ashley at 273-1438.

## SFSC Hosts Heartland Games

AVON PARK – South Florida State College (SFSC) Community Education Department announces Heartland Games for Active Adults 2013. The Heartland Games for Active Adults will run March 2 – 30 at various venues throughout Highlands County. The mission of the games is to promote healthy lifestyles for anyone over 50 and to provide them an opportunity to compete at the local, state and national levels. Events will be held throughout Highlands County in bowling, golf, basketball, billiards, shuffleboard, pickleball, cycling, swimming, horseshoes and tennis. Medals are awarded for first, second and third place, male and female, in each sport and age category. Register in Building B, Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information, contact Community Education (Lauren Redick) at 784-7388 or email [CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu](mailto:CommunityEducation@southflorida.edu).

## Chamber Spring Golf Classic

SEBRING – The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce will host its Spring Golf Classic on Saturday, April 6, at the Sun 'N Lake Golf Club's Deer Run course in Sebring. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit organization. The tournament, presented by Heacock Insurance and Heacock Payroll, will kick off with registration at 7:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. A small breakfast will be provided before play, as well as plenty of cold beverages on the course. Following the tournament, an awards and recognition luncheon will be held. Players can test their skill at two hole-in-one challenges, with a chance to win a new car sponsored by the Alan Jay Automotive Network, and \$2,000 cash sponsored by the Cohan Radio Group. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams of each flight. Raffle tickets will be sold for amazing prizes, and door prizes will be drawn for lucky winners. The tournament will be a 4-man scramble, with an entry fee of \$225 per team, or \$60 per entry. This event is open to the public and the teams will be flighted by handicap. For more information or for a registration form, please contact the Sebring Chamber at 385-8448 or visit

## FOP Golf Tournament

SEBRING – Highlands County Lodge No. 99 of the Fraternal Order of Police will be hosting a golf tournament Saturday, April 6, at Harder Hall Country Club. The four-person scramble format will have check-in and ticket sales beginning at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$60 per person, and includes golf, cart and lunch. Team and Hole Sponsorship combos are available for \$275, as well as \$50 Hole Sponsorships. Make checks payable to FOP Lodge 99. Deadline for team registration is Thursday, April 4. A portion of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. For more information, call Betty Milam at 835-3512.

## Sunrise Rotary Golf

SEBRING — Sebring Sunrise Rotary 24th annual Charity Golf Tournament will be Saturday, June 1, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start on the Deer Run course at Sun 'N Lake Golf and Country Club. Format is a Four-person Scramble (double Bogey maximum). Cost is \$220 per team and includes greens fees, cart, range balls, lunch and on-course beverages along with some fabulous raffle prizes. Sponsorships available: \$100 Hole sponsor; \$155 Hole sponsor including single entry; and \$320 Hole sponsor including team entry. Hole-In-One sponsors are being provided by Cohan Radio Group (\$2,000 cash) and Alan Jay Automotive Network. Trophy sponsor for the event is the Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center. Make checks payable to Sebring Sunrise Rotary, P.O. Box 1363, Sebring, FL 33871. Please enter by Tuesday, May 28.

## Sebring High School athletic posters

SEBRING — Chris Cook, Athletic Director of Sebring High School, wishes to inform the surrounding business community that he has authorized All-American Sports Posters to produce Sebring High School's athletic posters. All-American Sports Posters will provide terrific looking sports posters and will help the athletic department to raise much needed additional funding. All-American Sports Posters will be contacting local businesses to line up community sponsorship for this program and Chris Cook urges all businesses to consider putting their support behind this worthy effort. As you are no doubt aware, there are many businesses that solicit via telephone and you always have the right to question anyone who contacts you in this manner. All-American Sports Posters is registered with the Idaho Attorney General and has been authorized to conduct this campaign on behalf of the Sebring High School Athletic Department. No other company has been authorized to represent Sebring High School in that way and you should question any other requests for funds. If you have any questions, contact Cook, at 471-5500 or All-American Sports Posters at (800) 556-1380.

### NBA

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division  
W L Pct GB  
New York 38 25 .603 —  
Brooklyn 38 27 .585 1  
Boston 35 29 .547 3.5  
Toronto 26 40 .394 13.5  
Philadelphia 24 40 .375 14.5  
Southeast Division  
W L Pct GB  
x-Miami 50 14 .781 —  
Atlanta 36 29 .554 14.5  
Washington 22 42 .344 28  
Orlando 18 48 .273 33  
Charlotte 14 51 .215 36.5  
Central Division  
W L Pct GB  
Indiana 40 25 .615 —  
Chicago 36 29 .554 4  
Milwaukee 32 32 .500 7.5  
Detroit 23 44 .343 18  
Cleveland 22 43 .338 18

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division  
W L Pct GB  
x-San Antonio 50 16 .758 —  
Memphis 44 20 .688 5  
Houston 36 30 .545 14  
Dallas 31 34 .477 18.5  
New Orleans 22 44 .333 28  
Northwest Division  
W L Pct GB  
Oklahoma City 49 17 .742 —  
Denver 45 22 .672 4.5  
Utah 33 32 .508 15.5  
Portland 30 34 .469 18  
Minnesota 22 41 .349 25.5  
Pacific Division  
W L Pct GB  
L.A. Clippers 45 21 .682 —  
Golden State 37 30 .552 8.5  
L.A. Lakers 35 32 .522 10.5  
Sacramento 23 43 .348 22  
Phoenix 22 44 .333 23  
x-clinched playoff spot

**Thursday's Games**  
San Antonio 92, Dallas 91  
Portland 105, New York 90

**Friday's Games**  
Toronto 92, Charlotte 78  
L.A. Lakers 99, Indiana 93  
Washington 96, New Orleans 87  
Atlanta 107, Phoenix 94  
Houston 108, Minnesota 100  
Oklahoma City 117, Orlando 104  
Dallas 96, Cleveland 86  
Miami 107, Milwaukee 94  
Denver 87, Memphis 80  
Chicago 113, Golden State 95

**Saturday's Games**  
Phoenix at Washington, late  
Charlotte at Boston, late  
Indiana at Philadelphia, late  
Cleveland at San Antonio, late  
Detroit at Portland, late  
Memphis at Utah, late

**Sunday's Games**  
Orlando at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Toronto, 1 p.m.  
New York at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Houston, 7 p.m.  
New Orleans at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

### LEADERS SCORING

FG FT PTS AVG  
Durant, OKC 593 561 1865 28.3  
Anthony, NYK 487 332 1432 27.5  
Bryant, LAL 640 415 1813 27.1  
James, MIA 641 333 1700 26.6  
Harden, HOU 494 557 1689 26.4

### REBOUNDS

OFF DEFT TOT AVG  
Howard, LAL 205 552 757 12.4  
Asik, HOU 224 551 775 11.7  
Randolph, MEM 251 425 676 11.7  
Noah, CHI 251 451 702 11.5  
Vucevic, ORL 225 529 754 11.4

### ASSISTS

G AST AVG  
Rondo, BOS 38 420 11.1  
Paul, LAC 54 518 9.6  
Vasquez, NOR 66 620 9.4  
Holiday, PHL 60 521 8.7  
Williams, Bro 62 474 7.6  
Westbrook, OKC 66 503 7.6  
Parker, SAN 56 426 7.6

### 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

3FG 3FGA PCT  
Korver, ATL 156 340 .459  
Calderon, DET 115 255 .451  
Curry, GOL 203 451 .450  
Webster, WAS 118 266 .444  
Green, SAN 148 336 .440  
Ilyasova, MIL 70 159 .440

### NHL

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Pittsburgh 20 8 0 40 103 79  
New Jersey 13 9 6 32 71 79  
N.Y. Rangers 13 11 2 28 65 64  
N.Y. Islanders 12 12 3 27 79 88  
Philadelphia 13 15 1 27 79 88  
Northeast Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Montreal 18 5 4 40 88 69  
Boston 18 4 3 39 76 54  
Ottawa 13 8 6 32 64 58  
Toronto 15 12 1 31 82 78  
Buffalo 10 14 3 23 70 84

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Chicago 22 2 3 47 87 59  
St. Louis 15 10 2 32 83 79  
Detroit 13 10 5 31 73 73  
Nashville 11 11 6 28 65 74  
Columbus 10 12 6 26 63 76  
Northwest Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Vancouver 13 7 6 32 75 72  
Minnesota 14 10 2 30 64 64  
Calgary 11 11 4 26 75 87  
Edmonton 10 11 6 26 66 79  
Colorado 10 12 4 24 65 78  
Pacific Division  
W L OT Pts GF GA  
Anaheim 20 3 3 43 89 64  
Los Angeles 14 10 2 30 76 69  
San Jose 12 8 6 30 62 64  
Phoenix 13 11 3 29 77 77  
Dallas 12 11 3 27 68 73

**Thursday's Games**  
Chicago 2, Columbus 1, SO

# Puerto Rico ousts US from WBC

By STEVEN WINE  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Once again, the United States could only watch as an opposing pitcher celebrated at the World Baseball Classic.

This time it was 38-year-old right-hander Nelson Figueroa, who became the pride of Puerto Rico on Friday night when he led his team into the semifinals and eliminated the Americans, 4-3.

After Figueroa threw his last pitch to end the sixth inning, he leaped off the mound with a hoot like a kid at recess, then ran to catcher Yadier Molina to share a hug.

On Thursday, demonstrative Dominicans dominated the All-Star-laden U.S. line-up.

The Americans endured a scoreless streak of 14 innings spanning the two defeats, and Figueroa limited them to two singles in six shutout innings.

J.C. Romero escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth and retired the final four batters for his first save.

The last out triggered a pileup of Puerto Ricans behind the mound.

They advanced to the first time to the semifinals, which begin Sunday in San Francisco.

They were to play the Dominican Republic on Saturday in the final game in Miami, which will determine seedings for the championship round.

Two-time defending champion Japan and the Netherlands round out the final four.

Figueroa (2-0) has a modest 20-35 record for six teams in nine major-league seasons, with his most recent big-league game in



MCT photo  
Puerto Rico pitcher J.C. Romero reacts after a 4-3 win against the United States in the World Baseball Classic second round Pool 2 elimination game at Marlins Park in Miami on Friday.

May 2011.

After pitching in Triple-A last year, he dominated the Americans, allowing only a single by Brandon Phillips in the fourth and a single by Jimmy Rollins in the sixth.

Puerto Rico lost to the United States 7-1 on Tuesday, then staved off elimination Wednesday, rallying from a 3-1 deficit in the eighth inning to beat Italy.

The hits kept coming Friday, and the Puerto Ricans scored all four runs with two out.

Mike Aviles had an RBI single in the first, and Andy Gonzalez doubled home two runs in the sixth.

Ryan Vogelsong (1-1) gave up two runs in 5 2-3 innings.

When Figueroa hit the tournament's 80-pitch limit,

Giovanni Soto came on and gave up an RBI single to Giancarlo Stanton in the seventh.

Trailing 4-1, the Americans continued their rally in the eighth.

Rollins and Phillips singled off Jose De La Torre, and Ryan Braun followed with an RBI double.

Joe Mauer walked to load the bases, and with two out, Fernando Cabrera walked Ben Zobrist to force in a run and make it 4-3.

Eric Hosmer then grounded out again Romero, who followed with a perfect ninth.

The crowd of 19,762 was smaller and more subdued than on Thursday, when the Dominican Republic transformed the ballpark into a Caribbean carnival by beating the United States.

# Sebring Team scores big in MX-5 Support Race

By BARRY FOSTER  
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING - It was a good showing for Sebring in the first two rounds of the SCCA Pro Racing Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup at Sebring International Raceway.

Local driver John Dean II and his Sebring-based Sick Sideways Racing team scored a trio of podium finishes

Dean, driving the No. 16 Projections Research/PPG MX-5, was able to come home second in the series opener after battling for the point with former teammate Christian Szymczak

By the end of the 15-lap race, Szymczak was able to put a full two seconds between his No. 34 ALARA Racing MX-5 and the hard-charging Dean.

The speedy Sebring native did set the race lap record with a time of 2:30.727.

That translates into an

average 89.327 mph around the 3.74 mile circuit.

Dean's Sick Sideways current teammate Nathaniel Sparks followed him to the stripe to take third place at the finish.

Sparks, in the No. 8 OOTSK Performance/Bimmerworld MX-5, was in front of Dean for the first half of the race before falling back to third.

Sparks then slotted-in behind his teammate in an attempt to run down Szymczak, who was enjoying the clear track.

"We had a good race. It feels so good to be up here as a team with Nathaniel Sparks and Christian," Dean said of sharing the podium with the two drivers that were his teammates in 2012. "It's a little bittersweet with Christian - it came one year too late

Dean followed his Thursday performance with a second podium appearance Friday afternoon, scoring a

third place finish in round two of the series.

Elliott Skeer, of Vista, Calif., made a dramatic move in the last turn of that second race to break Szymczak's first-race domination.

Dean scored a third-place finish.

He was in contention for most of the race, even having led lap two.

Szymczak, however, repassed Dean to take second.

"Christian was really defensive and I was looking to get by wherever I could," Dean said. "The gap never really opened up for me.

In addition to being based out of Sebring, Dean and his Sick Sideways team will carry the colors of the Sebring Chamber of Commerce through the balance of the SCCA Pro Racing Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup calendar.

# Race sees Performance Tech win

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end of the 2012 race season in Race 1 at Petit Le Mans Powered by Mazda.

Second-place finisher Rayhall was sorry to let the win get away from him but took away plenty of positives from his first weekend of racing in 2013 at Sebring International Raceway, including the fact that he set another new race lap record to match his efforts yesterday with a time of 1:58.732, as well as a record qualifying lap of 1:58.824.

"We maintained the lead

for a long time, but got hit in the left rear and ended up losing the lead near the end of the race," Rayhall said. "It was a solid performance though and I can't wait to get back on track again with these guys to fight for a win. My team did a great job getting my car ready today after a mechanical issue yesterday."

Mikhail Goikhberg of JDC Motorsports earned a repeat of his Race 1 performance at Sebring with another third place finish, although his second podium of the week-

end did not come easily.

"It was a good race today and we luckily grabbed a third place finish again today," Goikhberg said. "It was a little scary at the end because I got passed on the last lap but luckily I got it back before the checkered flag came out. We've got to keep working on the car and all of our thoughts now move to our next race in Laguna."

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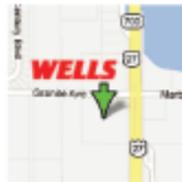
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## Sebring 70s finish season

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING – On Tuesday, March 12, the Sebring Seventy and Over Softball League played on rain-soaked fields at the Highlands County Sports Complex. Highlands Independent Bank and Royal Palms toughed it out with the Bank winning 20-9.

For the Bank, Gene Phillips went 4-for-5 including a double. Bobby Fahnestock went 3-for-5 and made an outstanding defensive play.

Don Sheets had 4-for-5 and going 3-for-5 were Harry Bell, Bob Fox, Jose Torres and Woody Woodward. Ross Anderson and Fred Krieg each hit 2-for-4, while Don Cunningham went 2-for-5.

Royal Palms Jim Longman hit a double in his 2-for-4 times at bat. Gene Hanford was 1-for-2 and those hitting 1-for-3 were Dale Demar, Bobby Floodine and Mo Pier.

Despite the weather, the Silent Salesman squad played VFW4300 and came up on the short end 14-8.

Other teams are to be commended for finishing the game under adverse weather conditions.

Base hits were scarce for the Salesman and a few untimely errors were costly.

Don Goodwin was 2-for-4 with a double and Victor Rodriguez had 3-for-4.

All connecting for two hits were Ken Crandall, Jack DeFinney, Norm Grubbs and Bob Iott.

VFW4300's winning pitcher was Curt Brown.

He had help from John Kloet going 4-for-4 with two doubles.

Dennis Burkholz had 3-for-3.

Curt Brown and Bob Roth each went 3-for-4.

Andrews Allstate Insurance and Buttonwood Bay were on the field with Buttonwood Bay leading Allstate 5-2 in the third inning.

The game was called after the third inning for inclement weather conditions and was not an official game.

On Thursday Royal Palms waved the winner's flag for a victory of 17-6 over VFW4300.

Bobby Floodine and Jim Hensley each had a home run in their 2-for-4 times at the plate.

Dick Schiltz was 3-for-4 including two triples and Mo Pier had 2-for-3.

All hitting 2-for-4 were Dale Demar, Ray Concepcion, Kyle Saunders and Charlie Quinn, who also was the winning pitcher.

For VFW Bob Roth had a home run in his 2-for-4 at bats.

Bob Fulcher was 2-for-4 including a triple.

Dennis Burkholz was 4-for-4 and John Kloet had 3-for-4.

Having two hits each were Doran Quigg and Ross "Spider" McMinn.

Buttonwood Bay tried their best to end the season with a win, but came up short 20-11 with the win going to Silent Salesman.

Buttonwood Bay hit the ball hard again but the Salesman put together their best game of the season.

Having their best game of the season, individually, were Don Day having a 5-for-5 including a three-run homer.

Jack DeFinney's best effort was a 4-for-4 day with four runs scored.

Norm Griggs bashed a homer in his 3-for-4 day.

Belting out four hits each were Ken Crandall and pitcher Victor Rodriguez.

Finishing the season with three hits were Fred Moore and Cliff Skeans.

Larry Ambuel and Don Goodwin had two hits each.

Buttonwood Bay had their share of hits, but could not turn them into enough runs.

Rick Vancuren was 3-for-3 and five batters going 3-for-4 for the Rebels were Tony Christo, Jim Delahunt, John Degnen, Earl Richardson and Bob Wood.

Buttonwood's team has had the best support in the viewers stand at every game.

Thursday, braving the cold wind were 15 of the Buttonwood residents cheering on their players – that's what we call support.

Highlands Independent Bank smothered Andrews Allstate Insurance with a 19-16 win.

For the Bank, Woody Woodward had 3-for-4 including a home run.

Gene Phillips was 4-for-4 with a double and Bob Fox was 3-for-4 with a triple.

Jose Torres and Russ Moody had a double in their 3-for-4 times at the plate.

Robert Fahnestock went 4-for-4 and Ross Anderson had 3-for-3.

Going 3-for-4 was Don Cunningham.

Allstate's Dale Baughman, Eddie Lindberg and Dick Ostrich each had 4-for-4 and Mel Gross was 3-for-4.

The final standings on the season show VFW 4300 atop with a record of 18-2, with Royal Palms second at 12-8.

Andrews Allstate Insurance went 11-8, Silent Salesman and Highlands Independent Bank both were 9-11, while Buttonwood Bay just could not get into the win column and finished 0-19.

## Bats booming in Lake Placid Senior Softball to close regular season

*Special to the News-Sun*

LAKE PLACID – In six previous meetings this year in Lake Placid softball, Yates Insurance and Schooni's Restaurant each won three times.

The last four were decided by one run, and the aggregate score was Yates 148, Schooni's 147.

Evenly matched and with the two best records in the league, the two squared off on Monday.

Schooni's led most of the way, but Yates rallied in the eighth inning for six runs, highlighted by a three run homer by pitcher "Wahoo" Stanley.

The Insurers held on to get the final two outs with the tying runs on base to win 27-25.

With the win, Yates Insurance clinched the regular season league title for the third straight year.

"A team effort, all the way," exclaimed jubilant Yates manager Dick Cook in the victorious winners' dugout.

For Yates, Cliff Bluml (double, HR), Stanley (the cycle) and Dave Steigerwalt

had five hits each.

Paul Brand doubled and homered.

Going deep for Schooni's were Denis Cuillier, Bill Gallagher and Ron Wickman.

Richard Rucker slammed two triples.

Seminole Tire won their third straight game by defeating Central Security 35-30.

Darrel Richards (two doubles) led the 'Noles Hit Parade with five, while Gary Pixley (triple) and Howard Carney (triple) had four each. Norm Grubbs hit a roundtripper in the win.

Dana Hurlbut, owner and left fielder, lead Central Security with five hits, including four doubles.

Paul Stephenson (two doubles) also had five, while Chet Johnson knocked out a double and homer and Joe Hedges had two doubles and a homer.

On Wednesday, Central Security (7-13) played like anything but a last place team in downing Yates Insurance (13-7).

Yates took the lead in the fifth inning on a home run barrage by Cliff Bluml, "Wahoo" Stanley and Ed

Engler, but the Securitymen came storming back to win handily 29-20.

Owner Dana Hurlbut again paced his team with six hits, including the cycle, while Paul Stephenson (double) also had six hits.

Chet Johnson hit two four baggers, and Fred Moore contributed another round tripper.

Dick Cook added a home run for Yates.

Schooni's (11-9) toppled Seminole Tire (9-11) 23-19.

John McCallum and Denis Cuillier went deep for the Restauranters, while Bill Gallagher tripled.

Norm Grubbs hit for the cycle for Seminole Tire.

Darrel Richards (double) and Howard Carney had four hits apiece, while Skip Raller homered.

The regular-season finale is Monday.

A two-day tournament starts Wednesday, March 20, with a banquet following the championship game on Monday, March 25.

For further league information, please visit [lpssoftball.com](http://lpssoftball.com).

## SFSC baseball is 'feeling it'

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less errors. With how we've been playing lately, we are feeling it."

A combination of bad luck, timely hitting and questionable calls, however, allowed Polk to grab the win late.

But with the recent streak reminding them of how they need to play to win, and Friday's performance confirming it, the Panther attitude may well be on the right track.

"We're playing better and should have gotten this win,"

Bagnara said. "We've got this series. I can feel it."

The Eagles were in town for the second game of the three-game series Saturday afternoon before South Florida heads back to Winter Haven Monday night for the series finale.

## Keller agrees to deal with Miami

**By STEVEN WINE**

*Associated Press*

MIAMI — Tight end Dustin Keller moved up in the AFC East standings Friday, and now that he's with the Miami Dolphins he expects to keep climbing.

The former New York Jet signed a one-year contract with the Dolphins.

He said he wanted to join a playoff contender and likes the Dolphins' chances under coach Joe Philbin in 2013.

"Coach Philbin is putting all the pieces together to win now," Keller said. "This team is in a position to win, and that's what we're going to do."

The Dolphins are coming off their fourth consecutive

losing season, but they did finish a game ahead of the Jets at 7-9, and optimism is high in the wake of several free agent moves this week.

The Dolphins signed receiver Mike Wallace and re-signed receiver Brian Hartline.

With those wideouts and Keller, who has 17 career touchdown catches, Miami should be better able to spread the field for young quarterback Ryan Tannehill.

"I've been following him for a while," Keller said. "He does a great job. To have a guy who can work the middle of the field and stretch the field, I think I can really help him out."

"There are a lot of pieces,

and I'm just happy to be one of those pieces."

Keller was slowed by a left ankle injury last year and made 28 catches for 317 yards and two scores in eight games.

"It was pretty frustrating," he said. "This is a fresh start for me. It's an opportunity to go somewhere and re-prove myself."

The Dolphins acquired Keller to replace Anthony Fasano, their starting tight end the past four years.

He signed Tuesday with the Kansas City Chiefs.

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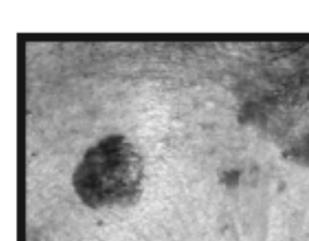
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# BUSINESS

## Galleria opens in downtown Sebring

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SEBRING – Downtown Sebring is more than just the Circle and its spokes. It's a collection of diverse and unique people who all fell in love with the City on the Circle. And each and every one of those people has a story to tell.

Kathy Doherty believes people should visit Downtown Sebring so they can be surprised by the new shops opening around the Circle and its spokes, and to explore and consider for themselves

the possibility of starting their own business with start-up and property enhancement funds provided by the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

"I see a return to 'busyness' in Downtown Sebring's future," she said. "People are searching out destinations that allow for exploration, relaxation, and entertainment. We've been working well to become that destination."

Originally from Cincinnati, Doherty started coming to Sebring to visit her cousins and was permanently lured to the sunny weather more than 20 years ago. About 10 years after her move, she purchased her main business, Kathy's Consignment Boutique, from the previous owner and was soon in need of more space. She purchased the store's current location, a Cracker-style, charming house at 659 S. Commerce Ave., and soon expanded her inventory to include men's consignment as well as ladies.

Doherty notes the resilience of the Downtown Sebring core that is now emerging from a down-cycle economy into a vibrant, attractive and

desirable place to be as the merchants have joined together to get through a strained economy and the Sebring CRA has stepped up to market Downtown Sebring to increase visitors.

Her store provides a unique niche in the Downtown Sebring retail mix as she uses careful selection in providing her customers with tasteful, affordable style that compliments them and is age and event-appropriate. By definition, consignment offers a two-fold purpose: 1) a chance to sell what is good but no longer needed and 2) a chance to buy what is often not available anywhere else.

"I hear compliments everyday on the selection, organization, and the appeal of my shop, and that shopping here is an enjoyable experience," she said. "They also appreciate the networking we do to help them find what they're looking for, even if I don't have it in my shop. It's fun to see people enjoying themselves. It's a rare day that I don't enjoy coming to work."

In 2012, she purchased another Downtown Sebring building at 301 Circle Park Drive, formerly Gilbert's Drug Store. When her friend and fellow consignment store owner Tami Boss of Still Chic Boutique and Tami teamed up to move Still Chic into the 301 building, which is now referred to as Galleria 301.

With her second large investment downtown, Doherty felt it was time to get more involved, and she joined the CRA board in early 2013. She is also a part of the Destination Downtown Sebring (DDS) group that plans and coordinates monthly, themed events the second Friday of each month.



Doherty

## Get rid of that Spring Fever



Courtesy photo

Ridge Area Arc's workflow is buzzing with activity this week as the consumers prepare for their big Spring Fever Sale coming up on March 19-21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Highlands Inn, 6525 U.S. 27 North, in front of Florida Hospital. Patrick Patterson (in front, at left) gets the plants ready for the sale while Sue Talios (in front, at right) tags some polo shirts. In addition to polos, there will be shorts, sweats, T-shirts, hats and tote bags ranging from \$2 to \$5. Costume jewelry will be sold at the sale for \$1 each. Plants will range from \$1 to \$20. Others preparing items are (in back from left) Jose Vasquez, Dama Massey, Sandra Harper and Billy Owens. All proceeds will benefit Ridge Area Arc which provides services for people with disabilities. The agency will also be selling some of the items at the Springtime on the Mall Arts & Crafts Fair on March 22-23.

## Winn Dixie Foundation invests \$4,500 in Heartland Rural Health Network

*Special to the News-Sun*  
AVON PARK – Heartland Rural Health Network, Inc. has received a \$4,500 grant from the Winn-Dixie Foundation to help support their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Outreach Program. The purpose of this outreach program is to assist low income individuals apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, more commonly known as food stamps.

The most common factor of needing assistance is the difficulty and confusion with the online application process. HRHN employs a SNAP specialist who is available part time to assist individuals through the application process and teach them how to utilize the online application and steps required for recertification.

"Winn Dixie is not only committed to serving our communities as a business and employer, but to do our part to make our communities stronger," said Mary Kellmanson, marketing senior vice-president of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., and president of the Winn-Dixie Foundation. "We are thrilled that the Winn-Dixie Foundation values our local community based program and are committed to helping us continue serving our community by providing an award to our organization,"

stated Kelly J. Johnson, HRHN's executive director.

Last year, the Winn-Dixie Foundation helped fund 112 programs that brighten the lives of people who need a helping hand. Neighborhoods in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi benefited from efforts that are locally based and targeted to local needs. To contact the Network's SNAP specialist call 452-6530 ext. 303. Leave a message as the specialist's schedule varies weekly.

## New Concepts can help with pool alarms

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – Have you known anyone who drowned in a backyard pool or pond? – or someone whose pet accidentally drowned?

Each year Highlands County experiences the tragedy of another precious person lost to drowning. You don't have to be part of this statistic.

You can help prevent such a tragedy with a pool patrol that sounds an alarm if children or pets fall into your pool. The pool alarm will sound both in your pool and in your house up to a distance of 200 feet. The remote receiver has an on/off switch and the alarm in the pool is battery powered.

A pool alarm may not mean much to you, but if just one alarm can save the life of one person or pet, isn't it worth it? Maybe you know someone who would like to receive this as a gift.

To find out how you can help prevent this unnecessary tragedy and save half the cost of what you would expect to pay in a retail store, call New Concepts by Visions at 402-0048 or visit them at 4141 U.S. 27 North.

New Concepts by Visions is a nonprofit organization founded with the mission of bridging the gap in services that exists for individuals with disabilities, veterans and persons over 60 in Highlands County.

## Commercial 787 flights to restart in weeks

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
*AP Business Writer*  
TOKYO — Boeing said Friday it sees commercial flights of its grounded 787 jets resuming "within weeks" even though it has not pinpointed the cause of battery overheating.

Boeing Co. Chief Project Engineer Michael Sinnett outlined a fix centered on a new design for the lithium-ion battery system that has layers of safeguards to pre-

vent overheating and measures to contain malfunctions. "We could be back up and going in weeks and not months," Sinnett told reporters at a Tokyo hotel. A third of safety tests have already been completed. A Japanese official said it was possible flights could resume next month.

The 787 fleet was grounded worldwide by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, its counter-

parts in Japan and other nations in January, following a battery fire in a Dreamliner parked in Boston and an overheated battery that led to an emergency landing of another 787 in Japan.

All Nippon Airways, a major Japanese carrier, was the launch customer for the technologically advanced Dreamliner planes. With Japan Airlines another customer, about half the jets are with Japanese carriers.



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## BUSINESS

### Heartland Workforce adds staff to help veterans find work

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Heartland Workforce, the Regional Workforce Board serving Highlands, DeSoto, and Hardee counties, now has two veterans representatives who specialize in assisting eligible veterans find employment.

U.S. Army veteran Nancy Stalter is the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialist. She focuses on helping veterans with disabilities and barriers to employment become employment ready. Ken Willis, also a U.S. Army veteran, serves as the local veterans employment representative. Willis specializes in helping veterans locate jobs through different means of job search and business outreach. He visits local employers and provides them with information on incentives available for hiring veterans.

Both Stalter and Willis can be contacted at any one of the three Heartland Workforce locations and on Monday, Wednesday or Friday in Highlands, or Tuesday or Thursday in DeSoto or Hardee.

Questions to consider when deciding to come to a Heartland Workforce One-Stop Career Center to visit a veterans representative:

Should out-of-work veterans call ahead for an appointment before visiting a Heartland Workforce One-Stop Career Center for the first time, and how long does the initial visit typically take? No appointment is necessary — any staff member can serve you as a “walk-in”; however, there are times when the veterans representatives will make appointments to assure their availability to better serve you. Each meeting with a veterans representative, or any staff member, can take 20-30 minutes.

Veterans can speed things up by registering online ahead of time on the Employ Florida Marketplace website at [www.employflorida.com](http://www.employflorida.com), and entering their personal general information, a resume, and the basic background information. The following website offers additional guidance and assis-



Nancy Stalter, Heartland Workforce Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialist, and Ken Willis (right), Heartland Workforce local veterans representative, are available to help fellow veterans in the market for a new job. Recently they assisted veteran Marvin L. Desselle.

tance to veterans: [www.employflorida.com/portals/veteran](http://www.employflorida.com/portals/veteran). Along with job referrals provided to you by staff, employers also use the system to locate qualified candidates; therefore, the more information you enter into the system, the better your chances of landing employment.

What should veterans bring with them for their first visit? For their initial meeting with a veterans representative, the veteran should bring a copy of their Department of Defense form DD214 (their discharge document) and a copy of their resume. This provides the veterans representative with information on your history and work experience. This is helpful whether you are considering training, additional education, or employment.

The veterans representative will conduct an initial assessment of your skills, needs, work history, prior training, and goals. This information helps in making recommendations for training or other services, or jobs, and whether you are looking for full-time or part-time employment.

What if the veteran doesn't have a resume, and isn't sure how to prepare one? Resume writing workshops are available at each Heartland Workforce One-Stop Career Center. Following attendance at a workshop, staff members are available to help write or critique your resume to assure it is fine-tuned for each job you are interested in applying for. Workshops are also available in areas such as: labor market information, mastering interviews, and identifying your transferrable

skills. All services are at no cost.

Is there a dress code, even unofficially, for veterans visiting a Heartland Workforce One-Stop Career Center? As a rule of thumb, you should be dressed appropriately for all job-search activities. Many times, Heartland Workforce is hosting employers interested in interviewing someone on the spot; or we may be on the phone with an employer who wants a qualified candidate referred immediately. Services are designed to help prepare the veteran to be ready to meet an employer at a moment's notice.

Is there any reason for a veteran who is struggling to find work, to be embarrassed or hesitant about meeting with a veteran's representative? Absolutely not. Heartland Workforce honors our military veterans and is grateful for their service.

Veterans representatives are veterans themselves, and have likely seen or experienced many of the situations that may be of concern.

So whether you have recently been released from the military, are a veteran who recently lost their job, or are a veteran thinking about making a career change ... take time to visit a Heartland Workforce location and meet with one of the veteran representatives.

The DeSoto One-Stop Career Center is at 2160 NE Roan Ave. in Arcadia. The Hardee One-Stop Career Center is at 324 N. 6th Ave. in Wauchula. The Highlands One-Stop Career Center is at 5901 U.S. 27 S, Suite 1 in Sebring. The centers are open Monday-Friday.

For more information about Heartland Workforce and/or Veterans Services and Programs, visit the Heartland Workforce website at [www.hwib.org](http://www.hwib.org).

### PRECO annual member meeting continues attendance trend

Special to the News-Sun

WAUCHULA — For the third year in a row, Peace River Electric Cooperative (PRECO) registered more than 800 individuals at its annual membership meeting. On March 9, the cooperative received 850 members, plus their families, at the 73rd annual event in Wauchula. In less than 10 years, member attendance has swelled from around 600 to well over 800.

Free hotdogs, ice cream, snow cones and soft drinks were available throughout the event. Children's activities including a climbing wall, bounce house, inflatable slide, and horse rides maintained smiles on young faces throughout the day.

"This event is actually our annual business meeting, but we prefer to make it feel more like a birthday party for the cooperative," meeting coordinator Jeff Cornelius said. "We can't officially conduct business without a quorum, so by going all-out we are assured of a well attended meeting. And, it's our way of saying thank you to our members."

Young and old alike were enthralled by Gatorland gator expert Tim Williams, through his gator, reptile and creature show. Gatorland, a 110-acre park in Orlando, contains thousands of gators and crocs and is open year round. Williams has appeared on Jack Hannah's Animal Adventures, the Today Show, Good Morning America, and many other nationally syndicated television shows.

PRECO members heard directors Maurice Henderson and Bruce Vickers, plus Randy Shaw, CEO, discuss important co-op matters and describe its sound financial condition. A brief question-and-answer session was open to all members before the business meeting concluded.

Before members went back to their homes, a drawing was held to award a large selection of door prizes, including the grand prize of a surplus 2005 Ford Ranger 4x4 pickup from PRECO's well maintained fleet.



Gatorland resident expert Tim Williams involves audience participation in his gator and wild creature show.

### Detroit emergency manager warns against bankruptcy

By COREY WILLIAMS

Associated Press

DETROIT — The turnaround expert who represented Chrysler during its successful restructuring is taking on one of the toughest fiscal tasks anywhere in the country: Fixing Detroit.

Kevyn Orr, hired Thursday as Detroit's emergency manager, brings expertise from his work at one of the world's largest law firms plus the threat of Chapter 9 bankruptcy, which he says favors cities like Detroit when it comes to erasing debt.

"Don't make me go to the bankruptcy court. You won't enjoy it," Orr said Thursday in a possible warning to city unions, vendors and others after being introduced by Gov. Rick Snyder as Detroit's emergency manager.

"Bankruptcy's been my

stock and trade. I'm very comfortable in bankruptcy courts," said Orr, who has resigned from the international Jones Day firm ahead of his new appointment. "You can do everything by consent. ... When I say consensual, I mean ... let's get at it and work together because we can resolve this."

His appointment makes Detroit the largest city in the country to fall under state oversight. He starts work March 25 in Detroit.

Detroit is saddled with a \$327 million budget deficit and more than \$14 billion in long-term debt — a morass that developed slowly during the decline of the auto industry, the exodus of a quarter million people from 2000 to 2010 and outright mismanagement at City Hall.

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# Proof positive of interesting wildlife species at Preserve

Recently, staff from the Highlands County Natural Resources Department found out for sure about some of the wildlife that lives in the Sun 'N Lake Preserve.



## News From The Watershed

Corine Burgess

Jim Vokes, wildlife photographer, has been taking some fantastic photos of white-tail deer, opossums, coyotes, raccoons and many other creatures. But perhaps the most exciting photos and videos of all include a Florida panther and a Florida black bear.

We've seen signs, such as tracks and scat from the bears, but now we know without a doubt that these creatures pass through this area. Jim loves to walk different areas of the Preserve and photograph wildlife. He is more than willing to share his photos with county staff, which enables us to record his sightings and have a bet-

ter knowledge of what travels through the Preserve.

Jim got started with the hobby of wildlife photography as a very young boy. He found joy while roaming the fields and woods around his home. He said, "My dad introduced me to fishing and hunting at a very young age and he taught me to enjoy my surroundings and my life in reverence to God's gift. Over the years, I came to understand what Dad meant as I sat in a tree stand and watched the doe, fawns, foxes, etc., living their lives while I silently observed with wonder. I began noticing the call of the geese and the ducks, the pheasants, the squirrels, the deer and especially the hawks. I thrilled at the sound of the beatings of wings in the air. I developed a strange relationship to the Chickadees, as every year a

flock would visit me on my deer watch. It was like meeting old friends. I knew that all was well with the world."

Jim still enjoys his time in nature, but he finds that, with the years, he is no longer capable of roaming the hills and woods as he did when he was a young boy. So about three years ago, he decided to attempt wildlife photography, where he didn't have to travel far by foot but could still enjoy the wonders of nature.

Jim shared, "As I winter in Florida, I searched for an area to practice my hobby. As luck would have it, someone suggested the Sun 'N Lake Nature Preserve nearby. Well, what a wonderful place it is! Filled with manicured trails large and small, intriguing ponds, and woods of oak and cypress trees to be enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, birdwatchers, fishermen, nature lovers of all ages and, yes, photographers. I found the Sun 'N Lake Preserve to be a serene



Courtesy photo

A photograph of a bobcat that resides at the Sun 'N Lake Preserve.

place to relax the soul and place one's life back into perspective. I do not want to leave out the myriad of wild life that inhabits this awesome preserve. I have successfully photographed the elusive Florida panther, bobcats, Florida black bear, deer, coyotes, wild turkey, vultures, raccoons, opossums and those ever present armadillos. I have had occasion to meet with two of the folks who manage this Sun

'N Lake Nature Preserve and it is immediately obvious as to why this Preserve is one of the "hidden jewels" in this wonderful world of ours."

We meet with Jim often to see what he has captured on his cameras. It is always a pleasure and we wait with childlike anticipation to see what new photos he has. With limited staff and resources, the Highlands County Parks & Natural

Resources staff is certainly grateful for folks like Jim. He benefits from sharing his passion and we benefit from learning more about this amazing treasure of Highlands County.

*Corine Burgess is and Environmental Specialist for the Highlands County Parks and Natural Resources Department. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.*

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

## ANGLICAN

■ **New Life Anglican Fellowship**, 10 N. Main Ave. (Woman's Club), Lake Placid, FL 33852. Rev. Susan Rhodes, Deacon in Charge, (863) 243-3191; strhodes1020@yahoo.com. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Teaching, Holy Communion, Music, Fellowship, Healing Prayer. "Pastoral and Spiritual".

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

## BAPTIST

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

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the 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](mailto:office@apfellowship.org); Web site, [www.apfellowship.org](http://www.apfellowship.org).

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday - Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday -

Wednesday Night Supper, #5:15 p.m.; Children's Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

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

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. Allen Higginbotham, Interim Pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mission Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website [www.fbsebring.com](http://www.fbsebring.com)

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

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

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday

Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Ar buckle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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

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

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

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

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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/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, [office@stcatho.com](mailto:office@stcatho.com); website, [www.stcatho.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), 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.

## NATURE

# Bowman to lead walk on new nature trail

Special to the News-Sun

VENUS – Dr. Reed Bowman from Archbold Biological Station will lead a nature walk around the new Explorer's Loop of the Nature Trail at the Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center today. Sign-in begins at 1:30 p.m. and the nature walk begins at 2 p.m.

The public is invited. This is one of a series of guided walks at Archbold for spring 2013.

The Explorer's Loop is a fascinating two-third-mile trail that meanders through ancient Florida scrub habitat. One may see many species characteristic of the scrub; oaks, pines, palms, gopher tortoises and possibly a Florida Scrub-Jay, which is Bowman's specialty. The walk is on level land, but there are occasional patches of deep sand.

Hilary Swain, executive director at Archbold, is excited to have the new trails posted and open to the public. "We invite nature enthusiasts, families, or anyone who

loves to learn about science, or conservation or how they can have a positive impact on the world around us. Bring your camera, binoculars, field notebooks, and be a real explorer."

Archbold Biological Station is an independent, not-for-profit research facility located on the southern-part of the Lake Wales Ridge and is an important part of the Northern Everglades. The station is dedicated to long-term ecological research, conservation, and education focused on the organisms and Florida scrub habitat of the unique Ridge. It's all part of the global effort to understand, interpret and preserve the world's natural heritage.

Archbold Biological Station is eight miles south of Lake Placid. The entrance is 1.8 miles south of State Road 70 on Old State Road 8. More information and driving instructions are at [www.archbold-station.org](http://www.archbold-station.org) or call 465-2571.



Dr. Reed Bowman with a Florida scrub jay.

Courtesy photo

## 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](mailto:thewaychurch@hotmail.com). Web site: [www.TheWayChurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at [www.newlife-sebring.com](http://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."

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:lindadowning@live.com). Casey L. Downing, associate minister, [caseydowning@hotmail.com](mailto:caseydowning@hotmail.com). Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: [www.ctmforme.com](http://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, lead pastor. Sunday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.weare-union.org).

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre**, new location, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail [unity@vistanet.net](mailto:unity@vistanet.net). Web site, [www.unityofsebring.org](http://www.unityofsebring.org). 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

### 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](mailto:covpres@strato.net); Web site: [www.cpcsebring.org](http://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](mailto: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 ages), 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.fpcplp.com](http://www.fpcplp.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

■ **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](http://www.salvationarmysebring.com) or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

### UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church**, 200 S. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, Devon Jarrett, Pastor. Sunday School - 9 a.m., Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Visit us at our church website: [www.fumcap.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.stjohnsebring.org)

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

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**, Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Choir and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; [sebringemmanuelucc.com](http://sebringemmanuelucc.com).

# PETS

## Boarding your four-legged family member

Whether traveling for business or fun, it's not always practical to take along a four-legged family member. Arranging care of a beloved pet for an extended absence can be daunting. Knowing what to look for in a kennel, and what to look out for, can help you choose wisely.

### Ask around

"Family and friends can be a good source of recommendations," says Christi Olszewski, registered veterinary technologist (RVT) and instructor at Brown Mackie College - Albuquerque. "Your veterinarian is also a good reference point."

### Scout out facilities

Be sure to tour a facility before boarding your pet. "Ask to see everything, not just a single room or two," says Dr. Barry Kellogg, senior veterinary advisor for the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association.

Here are some factors to consider during your tour:

- Cleanliness: Floors, runs and kennels should be clean and free of debris.

- Light and ventilation: The interior should be bright, with odors whisked away.

- Cage size: Each animal needs space for a bed, plus room to move. For cats, the space also should accommodate a litter box, and offer a place to hide.

- Exercise runs: Runs are usually located both inside and out; those with a double-gated entry provide extra security.

- Separation of dogs and cats: Ideally, cats and dogs are kept in separate rooms, not just separate enclosures;



it can be highly stressful for cats to reside near unfamiliar canines.

### Who are the caretakers?

"Most kennels won't have a veterinarian on staff; however, the staff should be trained and experienced, and include at least one RVT with technical knowledge of health concerns and elderly pets," says Olszewski. Kellogg reminds pet owners to "watch staff interaction with your pet. You want to see if they can sense the personality, and understand animal communication and behavior." The experts also advise to ask about the ratio of staff to pets. The fewer animals each staffer is responsible for, the more individual attention your pet is likely to receive.

### Daily activity

"Ask about the daily routine, the number and length of walks and exercise sessions," Olszewski advises.

"Exercise should occur more frequently than is necessary for bladder relief."

Kellogg suggests defining 'exercise.' "Do they put him in a run by himself, or is there a person there with hands-on interaction? Some dogs prefer to go running alone. Other animals would become highly stressed without human playtime," he says. He also recommends against group play.

"Dogs are pack animals, but the pack is hierarchal. There will be issues. This is always the risk associated with group play," he says.

When boarding a cat, beware the cat condo structures with lots of cubbyholes. "A big castle may look appealing, but the carpeted surfaces pose a sterility problem. It cannot be cleaned thoroughly, and can become a source of disease," Kellogg says.

### Individual needs and preferences

Even though the Humane Society of the United States

names boarding kennels as a known cause of stress in pets, you can take steps to help calm your furry friend. "Providing a familiar blanket or sleeping pad can help to reduce anxiety associated with being in different surroundings," Olszewski says. "This stress coupled with a sudden change in diet can lead to gastro-intestinal upset. I recommend providing the kennel food your pet regularly eats.

If your dog is on medication, ask about the administration procedure. Most facilities will give medications, but some will not. Ask ahead of time to be sure.

### Safety issues

Safety is the most important thing you want for your pet. Here are some important issues to address.

- Vaccination policy: Look for a strict vaccination policy, verified through a veterinarian; unvaccinated animals could threaten the health of vaccinated ones.

- Aggressive animal screening: You will no doubt feel better if aggressive animals are not permitted.

- ER clinic affiliation: Many kennels have a contract with a local ER clinic; an RVT on staff is trained to know what to look for and when to take an animal for treatment.

- On-site supervision overnight: Is someone on the premises 24 hours a day?

- Disaster plan: Fires, floods and earthquakes happen. Ask for details of the facility's plan to be sure they have one in place.

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## How to find the right vet for your pet

Pet owners have many responsibilities, and keeping your pet healthy with veterinary care is a significant one. To help make sure your pet receives high quality medical care, several veterinarians offer advice on how to find the right vet for your pet.

"A good way to begin your search for a high quality veterinary practice is to ask for recommendations from friends and family," says Dr. Meredith Hope, fulltime Veterinary Technology instructor at Brown Mackie College - Louisville. "Word of mouth from people with experience as a client can be valuable. You can also read online reviews and look at veterinary websites for information on specific doctors and practices."

Dr. Barry Kellogg, senior veterinary advisor of the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, suggests paring down your list of options by looking for a practice that is certified by American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). This independent organization

has developed accreditation standards to measure excellence in veterinary medicine. "AAHA represents the gold standard in quality," Kellogg says. "Certification is voluntary and shows that a practice goes above and beyond to ensure certain standards are met both for the doctors and the facility."

"Practices grow by developing relationships that show you are valued as a client," says Hope. The temperament and qualifications of the overall staff say a lot about the practice. "Staff members trained as registered veterinary technicians (RVTs) are a good sign of quality care," continues Hope. "The training provides clinical competence and technical knowledge."

One of the first things many people notice about the veterinarian is his or her bedside manner. Are you comfortable talking to and listening to this person? Keep in mind you are looking for a medical expert; you want to weigh more than personality.

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## CHALK TALK

### College and career readiness for all students: an innovative approach to success

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SAN DIEGO – In December 2012, eight rural secondary schools and a colleges in the Heartland area of Florida were selected to participate in a federal i3 grant received by AVID. AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, a college readiness system implemented in more than 4,900 schools nationwide, received one of the 20 (out of 727 applications) i3 grant applications to support three districts in their quest to prepare their students for admission and persistence in college.

Supported in the grant are Hardee Junior High and Hardee Senior High School in Hardee County; Avon Park Middle School, Avon Park High School, Lake Placid Middle School and Lake Placid High in Highlands County, and DeSoto Middle School and DeSoto High School in DeSoto County. The grant also partners with South Florida State College to demonstrate the hypothesis that a collaborative of secondary and post-secondary institutions serving a rural area that vertically integrates college readiness best practices, access to rigorous coursework and student support strategies, can significantly improve student achievement and success.

The Heartland Educational Consortium serves as a partner in this grant as well, providing support and training for the three districts involved.

The schools were selected because of the commitment and willingness from district and school leadership to implement the proven AVID system and work with professors from

South Florida State College (SFSC). The districts have high poverty student populations and struggle with a lack of funds for innovation. Nearly half of the educators in each school will receive AVID training, with approximately 125 educators attending an AVID Summer Institute in the next three years. Approximately 60 professors from SFSC will also attend a Summer Institute to enhance the vertical teaming component of the grant.

Looking forward to learning more about and experiencing AVID, Hardee Senior High School Principal Michele Polk said, "The more I learn about the AVID system, the more enthusiastic I become. Having spoken with principals who have already implemented AVID in their schools, which face many of the same challenges as HSHS, it is clear to me that our students can greatly benefit from the instruction and opportunities AVID will provide."

The AVID college readiness system is designed to give students options when they graduate from high school. AVID targets students in the academic middle who have college potential with support and equips them with the skills necessary to be successful in more rigorous coursework. AVID supports every student in the school by training teachers to use innovative strategies to increase understanding of difficult material and become more engaged in their learning.

Soon, the selection process for the AVID elective will begin. Students will be selected based on specific criteria as well as teacher recommendations. Students who are placed in the AVID elective will

receive training in specific skills, which will help them to be critical thinkers, be organized students, and have success in honors and advanced courses. The AVID students will also have tutorials twice weekly during school the school day, which are conducted by college students trained to guide students to find the answers on their own. The AVID students will also have the opportunity to tour college campuses and hear from community leaders about different career path opportunities.

Nelson Stephenson, DeSoto Middle School principal, agreed, "At DeSoto Middle School, we are confident that implementing the AVID program will help us build a strong foundation for making positive connections with our students. We believe that pairing the rigor with the AVID focus on academic and emotional support will be key to making long-term significant positive impact for all of our students."

The grant will serve these schools for five years and intends to increase both the number of students who are college ready and the number of students who persist in college, as well as improve the teaching and learning at each of the eight schools. The grant will also provide opportunities for teachers and professors to work collaboratively within subject areas to create consistency in the ways information is presented at all levels. With AVID's school-wide college readiness focus, teachers throughout the schools will be using innovative strategies to help students become critical thinkers so that regardless of their future endeavors, they will be successful.

## What was he thinking?

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**

*christophertuffley@newssun.com*

AVON PARK — Some students learn easily, others have problems thinking straight, only learning from their mistakes.

Such is the case with an 18-year-old student at Avon Park High School who is learning the hard way.

The student's alleged first mistake on Feb. 19, was stealing a Samsung Galaxy Prevail cell phone from the boy's locker room.

He was arrested March 8 and is charged with a felony — larceny grand theft of property valued between

\$300 to \$5,000.

The reason the student has been charged in the theft is because of his second mistake on Feb. 19. He used the cell phone while in school.

Cell phone use is against school board policy. As a result of being caught using the phone, it was confiscated from him by a teacher.

When Dean Tom Zwyer was made aware of the alleged theft, he recalled the teacher taking a Samsung Galaxy Prevail phone from

the student. Retrieving the cell phone from the teacher, it matched the description of the stolen phone. Zwyer secured it in an envelope, writing the student's name on the front.

The student was arrested Friday and booked into the county jail at about 1:30 p.m. Bond was set at \$1,000. He wasn't released until more than two days later, on Sunday, March 10 at 10:30 p.m.

His first court date is April 15.

## SNAPSHOTS

### Walker Memorial Academy prepares for talent show

AVON PARK — The public is invited to attend the annual "Talent Show and Bake Auction" on Saturday, March 23 in the Walker Memorial Academy gym, 1525 W. Avon Blvd. Proceeds benefit the Walker Memorial Academy Senior Class of 2013.

Admission is \$5 per person (\$3 per for WMA students).

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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Lotela Gold, a nine-piece show band from Avon Park, will be playing golden hits from the 1950s and 1960s from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 5 at Highlands Inn.

### Lotela Gold brings back '50s & '60s music to the Heartland

*Special to the News-Sun*

SEBRING — Lotela Gold will bring back a blast from the past as they hit the stage for a special '50s and '60s musical show open to the public from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 5 at Highlands Inn.

This nine-piece show band is based out of Avon Park and began performing together in the fall of 2011. Although recently formed, the members of the band bring years of experience in the entertainment industry by performing either gospel and/or rock 'n' roll music. The group has played at concerts, private parties and dances in central and western Florida. They just finished performing at the Highlands County Fair.

Several members of the band decided the name

Lotela Gold was appropriate for this group since they practice near Lake Lotela in Avon Park and they perform gold cover songs.

Lotela Gold focuses on the great songs that here hits from the 1950s and early 1960s. The band emphasizes its superb vocal harmonies and seven of the nine members are featured vocalists at various times during the show. They bring back the sweet memories of the past by singing songs to pay tribute to Elvis, Sam Cooke, Buddy Holly and Ricky Nelson. Costume changes throughout their show keep the audience entertained.

In addition to vocalists, the group features musicians who play guitar, bass, drums, keyboard and a variety of percussion instruments.

There will be plenty of

room for dancing in the banquet hall at the Highlands Inn that can seat up to 300 people. The décor will be set up in the '50s theme so dig out that poodle skirt, leather jacket and bobbie socks to feel a part of the show.

Tickets will be sold in the lounge in advance for \$10 for show only and \$15 at the door. They must be purchased by April 4. There is also a dinner and show ticket for \$18 that needs to be purchased in advance to guarantee seating. Call 446-0824 to make a dinner reservation at Classic Buffet in the Highlands Inn or stop by the Highlands Inn Lounge to purchase tickets any time after 4 p.m. Highlands Inn is at 6525 U.S. 27 North, in front of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

### Reruns of CBS drama 'The Good Wife' to play online

*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES — CBS Corp. is rolling out past seasons of "The Good Wife" online, the first time the broadcaster is allowing Internet access to a drama that is still airing new episodes on TV.

The deal announced Wednesday means that the first three seasons of the hit crime show will be available starting Thursday to fans who pay for Amazon.com's Prime membership, which costs \$79 a year. Hulu Plus subscribers who pay \$8 a month will be able to see the back seasons of the show in September.

The fourth season of the show wraps up in March and

the fifth season is expected in the fall.

CBS had previously not licensed shows that were still on air to online video providers. It lifted that restriction with some reality TV shows such as "Survivor" and "The Amazing Race," which began playing on Hulu Plus in January.

CBS was the last among the broadcasters to see the benefit of putting back seasons of currently airing TV shows online.

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## Robin Noel Jewell to perform in concert at Maranatha Baptist

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING — Vocalist Robin Noel Jewell will be featured in the final concert of the season at 7 p.m. Friday, March 22 at Maranatha Baptist Church.

With her roots in the Word of Life ministry, Jewell has sung in concerts for more than 25 years throughout the United States and internationally, ministering in 40 states and in Israel, South and Central America, Mexico, Europe and the Czech Republic as well as with speakers such as Jack Wyrzten, Joe Stowell, Woodrow Kroll, and many more. She was nominated for a Dove Award in 1990 as New Artist of the Year.

It is her great desire to share the love of God in song and in word and to bring others to accepting the Savior and/or committing their lives to Him to do all that He has planned for their lives.

Jewell is a wife, stay-at-home mom, musician, event coordinator, Thirty-One director, and is co-owner of an online business, Blessed Accents. In all that the Lord brings her way, she desires to honor and glorify Him in word and in deed that others may see Jesus through her



Courtesy photo  
Robin Noel Jewell will perform Friday at Maranatha Baptist Church in the final concert of the season.

Jewell has 10 albums of CDs available and two DVDs including patriotic and Christmas. She lives in Naples with her husband, Jonathan, and their twin daughters, Hannah and Mikaylah, ages 3.

The Maranatha congrega-

tion extends a cordial welcome to friends from the community to share this concert. The church is in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Creek Road, two miles east of State Road 17 North. For more information, call 382-4301 or 382-8594.

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## Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures

**Inspirational Thoughts**  
*by Patricia Valentine*

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

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## Artistic ideas wanted for 2013 Caladium Festival

*Special to the News-Sun*  
LAKE PLACID – The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce invites the community to participate in the "Caladium Festival Art Competition". Artwork is to be brought to: Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op, 132 E. Interlake Blvd. Entries must be completed upon submission.

Artwork should be delivered to the Co-op is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, July 22-24. All artwork must be picked up by Aug. 3. These time frames is strictly enforced.

All artwork must feature caladiums. Any medium (oil/acrylic, watercolor, pastel, mixed media) will be accepted as long as it is on a flag surface and is not three-dimensional. All entries must be professionally framed and ready to hang with wire – no saw tooth hangers (cardboard backs not accepted). All entries may be priced for sale during the festival.

All artwork will be on display at the Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op throughout the Caladium Festival on July 26-28.

The festival draws more than 20,000 visitors.

The winning artwork for the T-shirt and poster will be on display at Heartland National Bank, Lake Placid office during the forthcoming year. The bank contributes \$125 to the winner.

The winning artwork for the People's Choice Award will be on display at Highlands Independent Bank, Lake Placid office during the forthcoming year. The bank contributes \$125 to the winner.

There will also be awards for the Co-op's Caladium Festival Art competition.

Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in the categories of oils/acrylics, pastels/water colors, and photography/miscellaneous as long as there are at least four entries in each category.

The children's T-shirt/poster competition for grades 2 through 5 is only conducted through the Highlands County public and private school system. Children's artwork entries are turned into their school. Wauchula State Bank, Lake Placid, where the artwork

will be displayed during the forthcoming year, contributes \$50 to the winner.

For further information, contact Margie Callas at 441-0585 or Joyce DeSmet at 633-9096.

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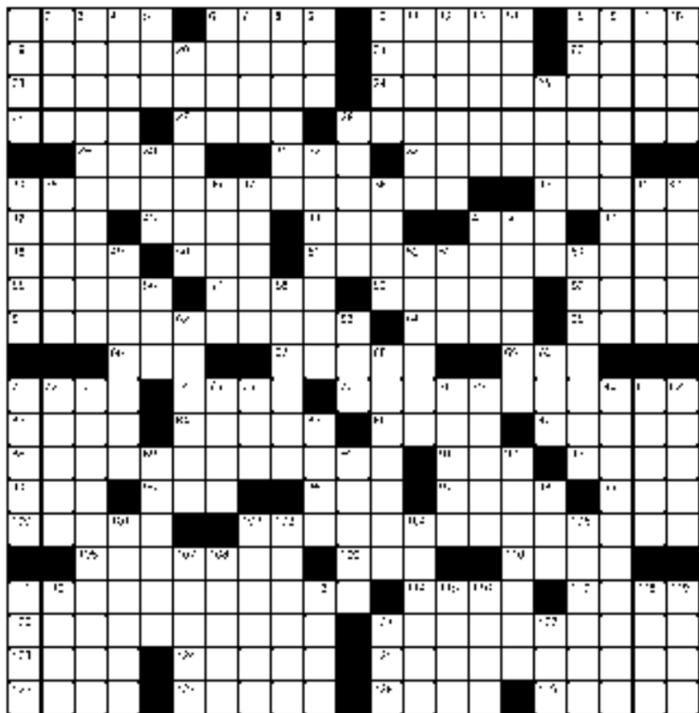
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By ALAN ARBESFELD

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## Ex-wife's son is painful reminder of unhappy past



**Dear Abby:** I was divorced when my son was 9. He's now 24. My ex-wife

**Dear Abby**

married the man she had been having an affair with and they have a 12-year-old son. I am also remarried and in a good place in my life.

For the past two years, my son has brought his half brother to our beach house for a weekend of fun. We honored this request and enjoy time with our son, but it is difficult having his half brother in my home. It brings up emotions I thought I had put behind me years ago.

I do not want these visits to continue, and I need to communicate this. I'd like to have an adult conversation with my son to explain the situation. How much do I tell him about my emotional reasons without being negative about his mom?

I also don't think he should have to carry the news to my ex or disappoint a 12-year-old. Should I send a simple note to her and explain that we will no longer host her son? — **Needs the Right Words**

**Dear Needs:** By all means write your ex. Explain that entertaining her son brings up emotions you would rather not have to relive. It's not the boy's fault that he's the flesh-and-blood symbol of his mother's infidelity, but you don't have to have him there if you don't want to. If you would like to

have a man-to-man talk with your son, go ahead and do it. He's an adult. Tell him pretty much the same thing — that having the boy over is painful for you and, therefore, you prefer the beach house visits stop. You are entitled to your feelings, and your son is old enough to appreciate them.

**Dear Abby:** I'm a widow, as are many of my friends these days. Widowhood is difficult. If you're not prepared, it can be horrible. That's why I'd like to urge women to learn to take care of themselves because the odds are they will be alone sooner or later after the age of 50. Some suggestions:

1. If you haven't already, learn to drive.
2. Learn to pump gas and how to check your tires and the fluids in your car.
3. Learn to use a few basic tools and do home repairs.
4. Pay attention to financial matters such as balancing a checkbook.
5. Know where your records are, what's in them and what information you will need for taxes.
6. Buy a shredder and shred unnecessary papers.
7. Make friends with other women. If you don't, life gets lonely.
8. Be courageous and do what you need to do to be happy.
9. Start to simplify your home. It will free your mind from clutter and, if necessary, allow you to move to smaller quarters.
10. Let your children lead their lives, lead your own and present a cheerful face to the world! — **Kathleen in Duluth, Minn.**

**Dear Kathleen:** Those are excellent suggestions, to which I would add how important it is to consult a CPA and a lawyer if your spouse hasn't already shown you what you need to know.

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to my Irish readers: May you always have A sunbeam to warm you Good luck to charm you And a sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you Laughter to cheer you Faithful friends near you And whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.

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**Pause And Consider**

Jan Merop

**BANG!**  
 Had I been shot? Had the rupture just happened? I couldn't see or hear anything. Then in just as quick an instant, the air bags deflated, the car filled with smoke and gagging fumes, and I knew where I was.

We were celebrating our 31st wedding anniversary on a vacation in Georgia. Driving along, we came over a slight rise when we suddenly realized the vehicle in front of us had come to a complete stop in a moving left lane.

Witnesses assured us there was no way we could have stopped and avoided hitting her. I was crying out to God as I saw the inevitable playing out before us. The collision and "bang" of the air bags deploying stopped all reasoning.

It was as if we were gone and back within the same

instant. The 'smoke' was from the escaping air bag powder. Aside from some minor facial burns from the air bag and a sore eye from my glasses slamming against my left eye; we came away unscathed. The other driver was also spared injury, for which we are so grateful.

But, our car was totaled. Suddenly like angels dropped from heaven, first responders were there taking care of our every need. Kindness and compassion abounded. The officers assured us that more accidents occur in that stretch of road because a left turn lane is so desperately needed.

In the aftermath of the confusion, shock, and emotional trauma, our only response was praise to God for allowing us to walk away from what could have been so much worse.

By His grace and mercy we were granted protection.

And that got me to wondering about how we were protected?

Had angels cushioned the impact? Had they surrounded us within the car so the airbags did less harm? What other unseen care had been happening I'm convinced as never before that there is greater reality in what we cannot see than what we can see.

I know what I had been seeing before the impact; and, by faith, called out to the only One who could do anything about it.

Since then, I've been reminded of Hebrews 11: 1 & 3, NKJV that says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen ... By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

When the realities of our physical world threaten us, remember the ultimate reality of the unseen. Selah

## Libra has a trusting friend

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Aries (March 21-April 20) — Are you ready for surprises, Aries? If not, loosen up a little bit because there is a little excitement in store for you.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) — You may need an extra dose of patience this week, Taurus. Some difficult tasks are ahead.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) — Gemini, though many things can induce stress, the infectious sound of children's laughter will quickly take you out of a slump.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Cancer, some issues that require your attention arise at the office even though you may feel you have already devoted enough time to work responsibilities this week.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) — A memorable night is on the horizon, Leo. It may be Wednesday or Thursday, so plan to look your best on those days.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Virgo, before reacting to something this week, take a few deep breaths before say-

ing or doing anything.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Libra, someone you can trust will be by your side this week when you need the most support.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Scorpio, you may need to take a look at your finances and any things you can do to address any issues.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Sagittarius, make some concessions if it means keeping the peace around the house.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) — Capricorn, take a few moments to think about what you expect from a particular person and then develop a strategy that will bring you to that end.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18) — Sometimes things last, but other times they fizzle away, Aquarius. You may not be able to predict the outcome of everything, but you can take steps to protect the things you want to save.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Others will quickly figure out that there is no one quite like you, Pisces.

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## POPE FRANCIS

Roman Catholic pontiff

### EARLY LIFE

**Born:** Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Dec. 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to an Italian immigrant family

**Education:** Master's degree in chemistry, University of Buenos Aires; advanced degree in philosophy

### HIGHLIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

**1969:** Ordained a priest; member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)

**1973-1979:** Served as a religious superior (leader) within the Society

**1980-1986:** Rector of the Philosophical and Theological Faculty of San Miguel, the seminary where he studied

**1992-1997:** Auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires

**1998-2001:** Archbishop of Buenos Aires

**2001-2013:** Cardinal-Archbishop of Buenos Aires; held several administrative positions in the Roman Curia; known for his simple lifestyle, commitment to social justice and doctrinal conservatism

**March 13, 2013:** Elected pope, the first from the Americas

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Argentinian Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio stands on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica as the newly elected Pope Francis, March 13, in Vatican City

## THE JESUITS

The choice of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio as the new Pope represents the first time a pontiff comes from the Jesuit order.

Spaniard Ignatius von Loyola founded the Societa Jesu in 1534, a group dedicated to the renewal of the Catholic Church and its saints. That is often accomplished by spiritual exercises, 30-day retreats of silence for contemplating the mysteries of the faith.

Unlike other orders, Jesuits do not have special robes. Nor do they retreat to cloisters, but live more publicly, teaching in schools, for example. Jesuits often are considered at the intellectual forefront of the church and are known for their sophisticated sermons.

Education, missionary work, spirituality and care for the poor are among the duties of order members. Each Jesuit is expected to complete a degree in theology and philosophy.

Jesuits played a key role during the European counter-Reformation, but were outlawed in many areas by rulers who feared they had become too powerful. The order also has been seen as slightly out of favor within the Church because of its politically aggressive campaign against poverty.

— Julian Mieth and Bernarda Loheide, *dpa*

# Pope Francis

Roman Catholic cardinals selected Argentine Jesuit Jorge Mario Bergoglio to lead the world's 1.2 billion Roman Catholics

The selection of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina as the next pope is an indication that the axis of influence in the Catholic Church has shifted from Europe to the Southern Hemisphere, where Catholicism is expanding in great numbers.

Bergoglio, 76, is a Jesuit from Buenos Aires. He's the first pope from South America. He is the first pope to take the name of Francis. Equally important, the new pope is viewed as an advocate for the poor, who make up much of the Church's flock in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

How Pope Francis spreads the Gospel to a population that now has as its spiritual leader a man who understands South America and the challenges of the impoverished and the need for economic justice is

the great promise of his papacy.

"He rides the bus, visits the poor, lives in a simple apartment and cooks his own meals. To many in Buenos Aires, he is known simply as 'Father Jorge,'" according to the Catholic News Service.

For those looking for major doctrinal change, there is little in the new pope's background to suggest that his views will be different from that of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Francis has been called a remarkable theologian/scholar who has firmly upheld the Church's teachings against abortion and same-sex marriages.

But his personal history is so unlike that of any other pope, there is great excitement and anticipation of what that might mean for one of the world's great religions.

— Jim Mitchell, *The Dallas Morning News*

I would like to thank you for your embrace. My brother cardinals have chosen one who is from far away, but here I am.

— Pope Francis in his address from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio's first act after accepting the post of pontiff following his election by the conclave was to communicate the name by which he will henceforth be known.

His choice of Francis, a first for the Roman Catholic Church, was seen as a sign of how his pontificate might shape up.

According to Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi, a Jesuit like the new pope, the name Francis expresses "simplicity and evangelical testimony."

His demeanor and first words as pontiff, uttered from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, certainly suggested a humble and relaxed personality.

Popes usually choose to name themselves after a favorite predecessor or saint.

Saint Francis of Assisi is known throughout the world as the 13th century friar who renounced his merchant family's wealth to live in poverty. He is also known for his love for animals and, in 1979, the late pope John Paul II declared him the patron saint of the environment.

The choice therefore suggests that the new pope will want to break from the Church's image as a wealthy institution. It could also signal that he intends to consider the status of the Vatican bank, the Institute for Religious Works, which has in the past been associated with money laundering and was the subject of heated debate during the days leading to the conclave.

In the past 120 years, there have been only seven papal names used: Pius, Leo, Gregory, Benedict, John, Paul and John Paul. Bergoglio's choice is a departure from tradition, but not the first in papal name-taking.

John Paul I was the first to adopt a double name, in 1978. His choice was seen as an attempt to honor the two men who preceded him, John XXIII and Paul VI.

Historians date the beginning of the tradition of changing one's name to 996, when Bruno von Karnten of Germany adopted the name Gregory V.

For some pontiffs, the name change itself is a blessing.

The bishop of Albano, who became Sergius IV in 1009, had previously been known as Pietro Bucca Porci (Peter Pig's Snout).

— Nick Rigillo, *dpa*



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Faithfuls wait under rain at St. Peter's Square for the smoke announcing the result on the second day of the papal election conclave, March 13 at the Vatican.