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## Window shooting suspects jailed

News-Sun staff

Investigators have identified the three people they say shot out windows at more than 70 locations around the county over the weekend.

What motivated two men and a boy to drive the length of Highlands County and shoot out windows at more than 70 locations last weekend is still not clear, but investigators say they have the three people responsi-

### Suspects' ages are 46, 18 and 13

ble for the vandalism in custody. Michael W. Brown, 46, of 3216 Baxter Ave., in Sebring; 18-year-old Cody S. Dayfert, of Zolfo Springs; and a 13-year-old Sebring boy, whose name is being withheld by the News-Sun because of his age, were arrested Thursday afternoon and charged with

multiple counts of shooting into a building, grand theft of fire extinguishers and felony criminal mischief. Additional charges — many of them felonies — are expected to be filed.

"First of all, I have to thank the Sebring Police Department, the

Highlands County Sheriff's Office and the Lake Placid Police department for doing such a quick and exceptional job," said Lora Todd, whose Dogtown USA location in downtown Sebring was one of the businesses hit.

"And another thank you to the Sebring CRA for really helping us

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## 207 years of living

### Hunter's secret to making it to 106? 'Good-looking women'

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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AVON PARK — One gets the feeling Pern Hunter was a bit of a rascal when he was young. Asked the secret of living to celebrate his 106th birthday he said, "Good-looking women."

On the other hand, he was married to one woman for 74 years. They met when he worked on the street where she lived. He whistled at her whenever she walked by and "it just kind of developed," Hunter said, adding they never had children. "I was too ornery to have kids."

*'I was too ornery to have kids'*

PERN HUNTER  
age 106

is fading, when he smiles, his eyes twinkle. Born in 1907, Hunter grew up in Missouri. His first clear memory is delivering newspapers during Word War I while in elementary school. He worked after classes and on the weekends, saving \$500 in three or four years. He put all his money in the bank and learned an early lesson.

"The bank went broke and I lost all my money," he said.

His parents relocated the family to Vancouver, Wash., where Hunter worked at a variety of occupations — from a job in a shipyard to making work boots. Economic times were rough; jobs were hard to come by and keep.



News-Sun by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
Pern Hunter celebrated his 106th birthday Friday. Teddy Roosevelt was president the year he was born. Oklahoma became the 46th state.

What he wanted to do most, Hunter said, was to work on trains. He applied for a job, making the waiting list.

It took almost two years, but he got a job as a helper for the railroad. He made 26 cents an hour. A year later, pro-

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## Dennard, 101, honorary grandmother to many

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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AVON PARK — Leaor Dennard is a well-known woman in her neighborhood in Avon Park. Many youngsters who aren't even related to her have taken her as their honorary grandmother over the years, and the years are many.

Dennard celebrated her 101st birthday on March 22.

"She was born and raised in Brady County, Ga. We moved to Avon Park 44 years ago," said Dennard's daughter Daisy, 66. "My father came here way back then and he liked it then he came back and got all of us."

Dennard gave birth to four daughters; Daisy is the only living child. Dennard's husband died 15 years ago, around the same time Dennard was declared legally blind.

Though her eyesight is poor, Daisy stated that her mother is in all-around good health for someone of her age.

"She is blind but everything else is pretty good. She has a very good appetite. She loves to eat. As soon as I walk in the door everyday she is yelling at me that she's hungry," Daisy said with a laugh.

Working as a housekeeper at

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Courtesy photo  
101 year old Leaor Dennard celebrates another year of life with family and friends recently. Dennard was born March 22, 1912 and has over 50 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## SFSC hopefuls to visit campus

### Four finalists for presidency to take tours

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR

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AVON PARK —

Interviews and tours have been scheduled for the four candidates for the position of President of South Florida State College.

After the field was narrowed to the four most qualified individuals, the SFSC Board of Trustees began working on the next step, which is to introduce the candidates to the local community.

Dr. Marie Gnage, president of the University of West Virginia at Parkersburg, and husband David will visit SFSC on April 3 and 4; Dr. John Holdnak, executive vice chancellor of the Florida College System, and wife Terry will visit SFSC on April 8 and 9; Dr. Paul Nagy, special assistant to the president, strategic planning and analysis at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, and wife Rebecca will visit SFSC on April 10 and 11; and Dr. Thomas Leitzel, president of the Technical College of the Lowcountry in South Carolina, and wife Nancy

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Dr. Norm Stephens is retiring in June after 10 years on the job.

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Astronaut Joseph Acaba answers questions from students Thursday.

# If you want to go to Mars, pay attention in math class

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY  
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SEBRING — It isn't often students get to meet an honest-to-goodness NASA astronaut. Joseph Acaba flew on the STS-119 Discovery mission and in a Soyuz TMA-04M spacecraft to the International Space Station where he served as a flight engineer from May 15 to Sept. 17, 2012.

In total, Acaba spent 138 gravity-free days circling the Earth.

Born in Puerto Rico and raised in California, Acaba studied geology in college, earning a master of science degree. After working as a hydrologist and middle school science teacher, he was accepted into NASA's astronaut training program in 2004.

Close to 1,000 middle and high school students met and talked with Acaba when he visited each high school Thursday.

The most asked question was how astronauts go to the

*I'd love to go to Mars. That's a trip I'd like to take. The reality is it will be your generation that gets to go.'*

**JOSEPH ACABA**  
astronaut, talking to local students

bathroom, but students wanted to know a lot more. What do astronauts eat?

Dehydrated food in packets, to which water is added. It sounds terrible, Acaba said, but "was not that bad."

What was the difference between the American shuttle and the Russian Soyuz? The shuttles landed and rolled down a runway. The Soyuz is a capsule, it just comes down landing on the ground. "Landing was like falling off a 10-story building," Acaba said.

He showed a film of life aboard the space station. The students learned there are no showers. A rinseless special soap is used instead. They learned that astronauts have to exercise everyday in

space, running a treadmill and lifting weights, and that they return to Earth a fraction of seconds younger than when they left.

Acaba taught the students that just because an object is weightless without gravity, it still has substance, or mass.

For example he said, a space suit on Earth weighs 300 pounds. In space it is light, easy to pick up and throw. If it hits another individual, however, the mass of the suit knocks them over.

Astronauts are the NASA employees one sees the most, Acaba said. "But don't forget there are many other great jobs at NASA. You've got to do math and science.

Acaba loves being a NASA astronaut. He told the

students, "I'm not a real smart guy, but I went for it. You have to like what you do."

He told students, "I'd love to go to Mars. That's a trip I'd like to take. The reality is it will be your generation that gets to go."

"The kids loved him," said Debbie Wood, a teacher on special assignment who arranged the visit. "It began as a special program for our migrant students, and then it grew. We hope to excite interest in science, technology, engineering and math."

Speaking of technology, astronauts use a device similar to a camp toilet when they go to the bathroom. A vacuum system takes the place of gravity.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Special outing for the Traumatic Brain Injury Group

SEBRING — New Beginnings, a support group for people dealing with traumatic brain injury, will be going on a special outing. Arrangements have been made for the group to ride the tram at the Highlands Hammock State Park on the regular meeting day, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. All those in the group, their family members and friends are invited to go.

Everyone is to meet at the Ranger's Station at 10:30 a.m. or carpool from HALLO at 10 a.m. A count of attendees is needed so RSVP to HALLO at 385-1196 or reply to halloinc@embarqmail.com.

After the tour, members and guests will eat together, so bring a brown bag picnic lunch to enjoy. Any lawn games are welcome. This will be the last of the season meetings. The group will resume again in October.

The Traumatic Brain Injury Group is sponsored by Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization. For information call 385-1196, email halloinc@embarqmail.com or write to HALLO, P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

### Drug Free Highlands hosts town forum

LAKE PLACID — Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon will take place on Wednesday,

April 10 at the Lake Placid Camp & Conference Center. Drug Free Highlands will host a town hall forum presentation. The event is also sponsored by Drug Free Highlands. Menu selection is country steak meal and full salad bar. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP the chamber at lpfla.com or 465-4331 on or before Friday.

It is important to make reservations in order to have appropriate seating and ample food for guests. If unable to make the luncheon after reserving a spot, call the chamber at 465-4331 no later than Friday. Luncheon is open to members only.

### Balance course offers Wednesdays

SEBRING — Behavioral Health Peer Support Group will host a course on Balance from 1-2:30 p.m. every Wednesday. It's a peer to peer support group.

It will take place at the Good Shepherd Hospice, 3003 Herring Ave. (across from Comcast Cable). Call 873-3567 to leave a message, e-mail balanceheartland@yahoo.com or visit the website at balanceheartland.weekly.com.

Facilitators are needed for other peer groups. Training will be provided free of charge.

### Founders Garden Club sponsors Yard Tour

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Founders Garden Club will sponsor a

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## HCSO still helping CG to find answers

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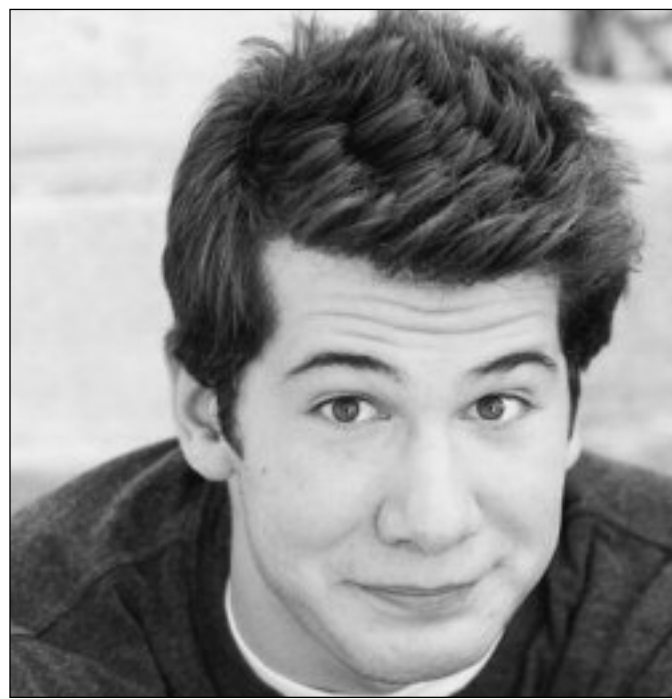
The Highlands County Sheriff's Office is continuing to assist the United States Coast Guard with the ongoing investigation of a suspicious disappearance. The Coast Guard and the New Smyrna Beach Police Department are looking for anyone who might have seen or been in contact with Enrique Bernardo Hernandez from Feb. 6 to March 4.

As previously reported, on Feb. 6 Hernandez was reported to have taken his vehicle,

boat and trailer from his Apopka home during the early morning hours and travelled to a boat ramp in New Smyrna Beach.

Hernandez was reported missing by his family later that day. An exhaustive sea and air search was conducted by the United States Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies. While his trailer and vehicle were at the boat ramp, neither Hernandez nor his boat was located.

On March 4, Hernandez contacted his family and told them he was at Walmart at 1041 U.S. 27 North in Avon Park. According to the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, Avon Park resident and family member Mayrelis



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The College Republicans of South Florida State College has scheduled Fox News favorite Stephen Crowder for a speaking engagement at SFSC on April 9

## Fox News star to address young Republicans at SFSC

By BARRY FOSTER

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — A group of young Republicans is starting their fledgling organization with a bang by bringing a media star to Highlands County. The College Republicans of South Florida State College has scheduled Fox News favorite Stephen Crowder for a speaking engagement at SFSC on April 9.

"We are really excited about this," said CRSFRC President Josh Fuentes. "He said he is going to speak on 'political correctness.'"

The student Republicans have done only a small amount of advertising for the speech, mostly through

the Internet on Eventbrite and the group's Facebook page. However, organizers say interest in Crowder's appearance is picking up rapidly.

"We are planning to host Stephen's performance in the University Center but if there is sufficient interest we may move it to a larger venue," said CRSFSC Vice President Kendra Hobbs

in an effort to determine the level of attendance, the group has established ticket locations throughout Highlands County. The free tickets are available at the Jacaranda Hotel in Avon Park and at both the Greater





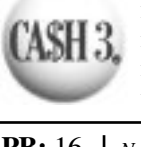

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*Burying words that have been used to death*



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The third-grade teachers at Woodlawn Elementary School work with students on eliminating frequently used words in writing such as good, fun, sad, happy, and mad substituting them with words like outstanding, exhilarating, exciting, upset, exuberant, and furious. The teachers call the targeted words being eliminated from writing 'dead words'. The third-grade team wanted to make this an exciting event for their students so they staged a grade level funeral for the words. Students, teachers and administrators spoke about the dead words and shared the words that would be replacing them. Students are being challenged to continue to replace those old dead words with the new words in their writing.

## Sebring Council to discuss sidewalks, signs Tuesday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR  
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SEBRING — Council members will revisit a few tabled items Tuesday evening, including a discussion on the reconstruction and replacement of sidewalks in the Woodlawn Subdivision.

Building and zoning code officer Lee Tolar presented the proposal to fix some cracked and damaged sidewalks within the area in February. Council members agreed to table the item in order to take some time to look at the proposed areas.

The council discussed the idea of leaving some streets without sidewalks rather than putting in new ones to cut down on the costs of the replacement and refurbishment of existing, damaged

sidewalks.

Tolar was given the go ahead to replace damaged areas, but the Council will discuss what to do about the costs of the rest of the project. Tolar has spoken with a representative from the Public Risk Management office to verify what can and can not be done about the missing and partial sidewalk areas.

The council members will also revisit the sign ordinance. Council members requested City Attorney Bob Swaine to amend the city's sign code to accommodate Bountiful Blessings Church of God. The church is seeking a larger sign, comparable to the neighboring church signs in the area, to be placed in front of their building.

The amendment could

allow for free-standing lighted ID signs of not more than 32 square feet at places of assembly (with persons 25 or more).

City Administrator will Scott Noethlich is also requesting an executive session to discuss collective bargaining issues. City officials and the firefighter's union will meet to hash out the issues between the two entities following the special magistrate's recommendations, which were received last week.

Council meeting will be held at City Hall at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

## Three jailed for shooting out windows across county

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(Sebring business owners) getting the windows fixed."

A silver minivan was identified as the suspect vehicle on Tuesday, according to a press release from the HCSO, and other clues pointed to three people being involved.

That evening, the release said, Deputy Jason Mulligan pulled over a van that matched the description and found that the occupants inside matched the description of the suspects.

The three were questioned by investigators, and those interviews led to the arrests.

"This was a great job of collaborating together to come to the successful conclusion of these cases,"



Brown

Sebring Police Commander Steve Carr said. "Good old fashioned police work, as evidenced by the dedication of the investigators involved, drew this situation to a quick conclusion. Everyone did an excellent job."

Lake Placid Police Chief James Fansler added, "I personally am very proud of the investigators involved from all agencies. Some very good investigative work was exhibited in this effort."

"Being awakened at four in the morning was bad, but getting to the store and seeing the broken window came as a shock," Todd said. "Then I heard the damage was so widespread. It makes you wonder why anyone would do this. But, nothing surprises me any more."

"We're trying to get back to normal. One wonderful thing is that a lot of new faces are stopping by in support. It's very refreshing actually."

## Crowder to speak at SFSC April 9

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Sebring Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center on U.S. 27 and the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce.

"The tickets are free," Fuentes reiterated. "We are using them to figure out how many people we are going to have."

In addition to Crowder's address, there will be a reception before the show where people will have a chance to meet Fox News' youngest contributor and to learn more about the new SFSC Republican organization.

Before being brought in at Fox News, Crowder had done voicework in children's cartoons (most notably voicing the character of "The Brain" on the hit series "Arthur") as well as acting in both television and film.

Crowder achieved exposure for his political punditry in satirical videos posted at

Michelle Malkin's "Pajamas Media," and at Andrew Breitbart's Big Hollywood.

Fuentes said he hoped Crowder's speaking engagement would bring some light to the student organization and embolden younger conservatives to attend a meeting.

They gather at 2:30 each Thursday afternoon at

Building B on the SFSC campus.

Because membership in the CRSFSC is limited to students currently taking classes at the college, Fuentes said the numbers on the active roll have been changing on a semester to semester basis. Students who have been part of the group still can help at the event.

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## Autopsy: buried baby's death ruled a homicide

HALLANDALE BEACH (AP) — The death of Dontrell Melvin — whose tiny bones were found buried in the backyard of a Hallandale Beach home in January after the boy had not been seen for 18 months — was ruled a homicide by the Broward Medical Examiner's office, according to Hallandale Beach Police.

The report went on to say that cause of death was "violence of undermined means."

With the baby's death now ruled a homicide, the parents could face more serious charges. Britney Sierra, 21, and Calvin Melvin, 27, are both currently in jail. She faces neglect charges and he faces charges of giving police false information.

On March 8, the University of North Texas lab confirmed through DNA that the remains are "approximately 31.2 trillion times more likely" to be the biological child of Sierra and Melvin than any other individuals.

The parents, who were arrested in January, have told different stories as to how the boy disappeared.

On Jan. 9, police officers learned that baby Dontrell was missing after a Department of Children & Families investigator visited the home the couple shares with Sierra's mother Renee

Menendez. The agency had received a call that Sierra doing drugs in front of the children.

The agency had been called several times about Sierra and her mother - who has four younger children. But no one notice Dontrell had been missing since July 2011.

On Jan. 11, both parents were questioned by police.

Earlier this month, the Broward state attorney's office released documents that included statements from both Sierra and Melvin.

Sierra told investigators that if the baby died then "Melvin did it." When she was asked how he would have killed the child, she replied Melvin would have used the blue pillow in his stroller to suffocate him.

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## ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

### Scott's weaknesses remain just that ... weak

Welcome to Gov. Rick Scott's re-election nightmare: He runs for a second term, and his chief rival's perceived weakness somehow becomes his chief rival's most surprising strength.

That rival would be Charlie Crist, former governor. He hasn't announced he wants his old job back but he has raised his profile, hitting the lecture circuit and turning up on TV news shows. Sure looks like politicking.

After governing as a Republican, Crist became an independent and then switched to the Democratic Party. That earned him the enmity of Republicans statewide, who denounced him as a turncoat and an unprincipled flip-flopper. We've criticized him on this editorial page, too.

But not everyone is a Republican. In a

survey of 1,000 registered Florida voters conducted in mid-March by the Quinnipiac (Conn.) University Polling Institute, Crist won a hypothetical 2014 race against Scott. Fifty percent of the respondents wanted Crist; only 34 percent wanted Scott.

Here's the bombshell: Half of the respondents said Crist's switch to the Democratic Party showed he is a practical fellow. Considerably less, 40 percent, had a problem with it.

"Those numbers," said Peter Brown, assistant director of the institute, "indicate Republicans will have a tough job

turning around Crist's lead over Scott by reminding voters of Crist's evolution."

Republicans will have a tough job anyway. Voters have never warmed up to Rick Scott. They elected him over Democrat Alex Sink, but the Quinnipiac poll shows they'd pick Sink today, 45 percent to 34 percent.

It's not that Scott hasn't tried. He's done his share of flip-flopping, most recently changing positions on Medicaid expansion and teacher pay raises, in an obvious attempt to seem "moderate." His reward? Fellow Republicans call him a RINO and legislators ignore his proposals.

Poor Rick Scott. His weaknesses aren't turning into strengths. They're just ... weaknesses.

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**Laura's Look**

*Laura Ware*

OK folks, some of you need to calm down. I know it's been cold and spring seems non-existent. Even here in Florida, we are colder than usual, though I would not dare to say we are suffering worse than our friends in the frigid North.

But in my opinion, authorities in Ohio took it a bit too far when they tried to indict Punxsutawney Phil for messing up his prediction.

I am not kidding. According to the [www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com), prosecutor Mike Gmoser charged Phil with "misrepresentation of spring," which is apparently a felony in Ohio. Gmoser further accuses Phil with premeditation, deliberately leading people to believe that an early spring was coming.

The penalty sought? Death.

According to [www.thehollywoodgossip.com](http://www.thehollywoodgossip.com), the president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle and Punxsutawney Phil's chief handler, a man by the name of Bill Deeley, bravely stepped up and took the blame for the botched prediction. He says he incorrectly interpreted what Phil told him and the groundhog really called for six more weeks of winter.

Gmoser subsequently dropped the charges against Phil, so the groundhog can rest easy for the moment.

I followed this story with some interest because I was born on Groundhog's Day. When I was growing up, my father would ask me on my birthday if I'd seen my shadow. Proof positive that I possess the same ability as Phil in predicting the weather.

Furthermore, I would like to point out that I did see my shadow this year and correctly predicted six more weeks of winter, just in case an Ohio prosecutor is reading this column.

According to the FAQ on [www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org) (yes, that is a real website),

Groundhog Day began with Pennsylvania's earliest settlers, the Germans. They carried the legend of Candlemas Day, which says, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas day, so far will the snow swirl in May...". The settlers

laugh. I think that by election time in 2016, Obama will appoint himself as President and there will be no way of preventing this.

This man is walking the same path that Hitler did in Germany when he took over Germany. Obama is organizing a "Fema Youth Group" numbering several thousand to help clean up areas after a disaster. However, this group is composed of young people 18 to 20 years of age and is being trained in the use of firearms. To clean up disaster areas?

Then we have the Department of Homeland Security buying up billions of rounds of various sizes of ammunition for its 50,000-plus armed agents. Are they expecting an invasion?

Then we have good old "gun control" and "background checks" and firearm "owner lists". All this is "who's got firearms and where are they". So the citizens can easily be disarmed. As the founders of this great country believed, "An armed man is a free man and an unarmed man is a slave".

This President is like a petulant kid. When he didn't get his way in the sequester business, what does he do? Shuts down things that will make life more difficult for the citizens. Obviously he doesn't give a tinker's dam for the citizens of the country.

This President operates outside the Constitution and bypasses Congress and does as he pleases. If the dimwits in Congress don't exert their authority and reign in or get rid of this man, there will be no election in 2016.

*Dick Ford  
Sebring*



*Happy Easter*

## TODAY'S LETTERS

### TDC proposal will hinder growth

Editor:

As a Highlands County resident since 2006, I have enjoyed our community and the variety of stimulating activities and events it provides. I am concerned that the new proposal the Tourist Development Council will soon present our county commissioners will hinder the growth of our blossoming art/culture industry.

I express my opinion now, because I have followed the local papers and reports of the TDC's history of art/culture neglect. As a member of the Heartland Cultural Alliance, I also believe in the research done and HCA's advocacy of "Art and Culture" as a TDC percentage funding category, among other recommendations (see <http://heartlandculturalalliance.org/TDCordinance.html>).

The TDC is apparently pleasing portions of the county's community. It doesn't have to change anything that's working well — just needs to improve on what has been neglected. Thanks to the cities' chambers of commerce, sponsoring businesses and churches, HCA and its members, many museums, and entertainment centers such as Highlands Little Theater and South Florida State College's Performing Arts Center, Highlands County offers quality and quantity events to our community. Both an avid consumer and a retired person on a fixed budget, I want what's in place now to flourish and the growth to continue. If the TDC wants

to do its job and bring in tourists like me and the wealthier, it needs to continue earmarked funds for art and culture and utilize the expert advice of professionals dedicated to community-wide prosperity and quality of life improvement through the arts.

If the TDC's administrative salaries and costs truly need more funds, why not raise the hotel/motel "bed tax" that mainly out-of-county visitors pay? The 2 percent tax is low in comparison to nearby counties and "a planned" expense for travelers everywhere. Highlands' hotels where I've stayed — the historic Kenilworth, Inn on the Lakes, and The Jacaranda, 4-Points Sheraton (and Highlands Hammock camp site) — are certainly as worthy as any place charging higher rates and taxes this traveled writer has stayed.

Please see <http://heartlandculturalalliance.org/TDCordinance.html> to learn more.

*Sherry Carlson  
Sebring*

### Pigman sponsors bill to replace derogatory words

Editor:

I want to thank Representative Cary Pigman for co-sponsoring House Bill 1119. HB 1119 and Senate Bill 142 seek to replace all references of "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability" in the Florida State Statutes.

Mental retardation was once considered a valid medical term, however the terminology used by medical professionals has evolved. Both

the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the American Psychiatric Association have officially replaced the diagnosis with "intellectual disability".

The R-word has simply become a hurtful slang that promotes negative stereotypes of people with intellectual disabilities. Many of us use the R-word without meaning to be cruel but the reality is, hearing the R-word used is quite hurtful if you happen to be a person with an intellectual disability.

Ralph Meyers, a man with an intellectual disability, recently shared his story in a letter to the editor. I have personally known Ralph for many years and can honestly state he has accomplished as much and donated more time to his community than most people I know.

Changing attitudes about the R-word will not be easy. But, the proposals in our state government are a good first step. Please contact your state representative and senator to encourage them to support the Intellectual Disabilities Bill and end the R-word in Florida.

Start at home, with ourselves and our own children to eliminate this hurtful term as everyone has the right to be treated with respect. For more information go to [www.NoRword.org](http://www.NoRword.org).

*Victor Divietro  
Ridge Area Arc Board  
chair*

### No election in 2016

Editor:

I read about Hillary Clinton running for President in 2016 and I



## Miracle League Day



Courtesy photo

Lake Placid Middle School student Dalton Stephan is assisted by paraprofessional Wanda Lopez and fellow student Rashaad Denton as he prepares to bat last Friday during the annual Miracle League Day events. Stephan and Denton are a couple of the many students who participate in the event each year. 200 students were a part of the fun-filled event that included baseball, running and other athletic competitions. The students, teachers, and parents enjoyed a lunch and music along with fellowship Friday.

## OBITUARIES

### ARLENE DORMAN

Arlene L. Dorman, 99, of Sebring, passed away Feb. 22, 2013 at The Palms of Sebring. A native of Buffalo, N.Y., she had lived in this area since 1987 moving from Mayville, N.Y., having wintered here first. She was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Avon Park, Fla. She was payroll manager for Kling Furniture.

She outlived her immediate family, her husband of 60 years, Harold C. Dorman; parents, Arvid and Anna Larson; two children, three sisters and one brother. She is survived by grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church with Rev. John Grodzinski officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 387, Avon Park, FL 33826 or Cornerstone Hospice, 227 US 27 N., Suite 224, Sebring, 33870. Arrangements by Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

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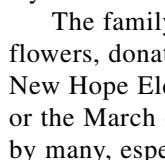
### ELIZABETH NORMAN

Elizabeth Ann Norman, better known as 'The Hat Lady', passed peacefully on Sunday, March 17, 2013 after a long hospital stay. "Beth", a fifth generation Floridian, was born in Miami, Fla. on March 14, 1925, went to Miami High, married in 1943, and moved from Hiialeah with her late husband, Claude S. Norman, to Lake Placid. After his passing, she moved

to Sebring, making it her permanent home. She stayed active in both Sebring and Lake Placid, being a member of numerous organizations, i.e., Highlands Little Theater, garden clubs and historical societies of both Sebring and Lake Placid, and too many others to mention. Beth was a familiar voice on local radio station with Barry Foster, and well known for her generosity and the joy she shared with her 'hat skits' for many organizations, churches and residential facilities.

She is survived by her daughter, Claudia N. Baldwin; her son-in-law, Dennis O. Mead (widower of her youngest daughter, Faustina Mead); grandson, Thomas J. Hyle Jr.; granddaughter, Justine H. Maver; granddaughter, Julia K. Ardino; and granddaughter, Jennifer S. Deyarmin (Indiana); grandson, Dr. Russell E. Mead (Michigan); and grandson, Curtis R. Mead; five great-grandchildren in Florida, three great-grandchildren in Michigan, two great-grandchildren, plus one great-great-grandson in Indiana, numerous nieces and nephews, and her 'adopted daughters', Sandra D. Hyle and Diane E. Mason, all in Florida.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to New Hope Elder Care Services in Sebring, or the March of Dimes. She will be missed by many, especially by her family, which she adored. Her 'Celebration of Life' will be held on April 13, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring.



Norman

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## SFSC candidates to visit

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will visit SFSC on April 15 and 16.

"All of the meetings are open to the public and the public is welcomed to come and sit in and participate in discussions," said Deborah Latter SFSC Director of Community Relations and Marketing. "They (interviews) are classified as public meetings."

The candidates will be accompanied by their spouses during their two-day stays in the community. Residents, students, businesses and indi-

viduals are invited to meet and become acquainted with the president hopefuls.

Day 1 of the candidates stay will include tours as well as a community reception. Community members, SFSC faculty and students are welcome to drop by the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts Lobby beginning at 4 p.m. on April 3, 8, 10 and 15.

On April 4, 9, 11, and 16 two open sessions will be held on each of the candidates' second day. The first session will be held at 9 a.m. at the Building B Rotunda.

The second open session is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. (on the same dates) at the Health and Science Education Center Lobby.

The interviews with Board of Trustees will be held on day two (the previously stated dates) in Building F Board Room at 2 p.m.

All events will take place at the SFSC Highlands Campus.

"Everything went well, we had no problems scheduling the candidates days," said Latter.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Yard Tour in the Avon Park area. The tour will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Homes on the tour include a Florida-friendly yard, a yard with a beautiful rose garden, one that demonstrates the use of color and texture in plants, a yard filled with bromeliads and a yard with an artistic flair.

Price of the tickets is \$5. Tickets can be purchased from club members or by calling 452-1927. Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at Donaldson Park from 9-11 a.m. A brochure with information about each yard, the location and a map will be provided as tickets are purchased.

### Woman's Club hosts Tasters Luncheon

SEBRING – Woman's Club of Sebring is holding its annual Tasters Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 6. Club members bring a favorite recipe, and guests get to sample a taste of each one. A booklet with all of the recipes is provided to all attendees.

This is a good chance to spice up a menu with a new recipe. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so contact Pat Gangemi at 386-0735 for reservations. Tickets are \$7 each.

### Events planned at lodges, posts

#### AVON PARK

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 House Committee meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Big Freddie on Friday and karaoke by Bildi on Saturday, from 5-8 p.m. each night.

For more information, call 452-9853.

#### LAKE PLACID

The American Legion Post 25 Sons' meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Music by Larry Musgrave from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Music by Allen from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Karaoke with Gary from 6-9

p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 465-0975.

The Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661 will host music by Steve and Peggy from 5-8 p.m. Monday. BPOE Investigation from 6 p.m. Tuesday. Meeting and Ladies Installation at 7 p.m. Summer camp applications are available now at the lodge. Call 465-2661.

American Legion Lake Placid Post 25 is sponsoring an all-inclusive seven-day getaway to the Dominican Republic at Punta Cana. A seminar will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Legion Hall on U.S. 27.

Questions? Call Bob Hilton at 414-8773.

#### SEBRING

Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., will have a membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. Ice cream shuffleboard begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Pin shuffleboard is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 385-2966.

The Sebring Elks 1529 will host monthly golf at 8 a.m. Monday at Golf Hammock. Board meets at 5 p.m. Wacky Wednesday is from 5-6 p.m.; meal is \$6.50. To dance only is \$3, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., to music by Allen. Installation of Officers and Elk of the Year announced at 6 p.m. Thursday. Lodge meets at 7 p.m. Wine tasting of two new wines from 4:30-6 p.m. Friday. Buffet from 5-6:30 p.m. for \$12. Dance only, \$3, to Uptown Country from 6:30-9:30 p.m. State Golf Tournament and Spring Lake Awards dinner on Saturday. Play four or sponsor a hole. Contact Jim Mason, DDGER, at 385-3366.

For details, call 471-3557.

The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 WOTM meets at 6 p.m. Monday. Music by Billy Glades from 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday. Karaoke from 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Music by Red Neck Joe on Friday and by Big Freddie on Saturday, 6-10 p.m. each night.

For more information, call 655-3920.

### Drug Free Highlands has hall meeting

LAKE PLACID – Members of Drug Free Highlands will present an informative Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at the Lake Placid Chamber Luncheon at The Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center, 2665 Placid View Drive. Drug Free Highlands has put together a panel of its partners, which include Melisa Sowers of Highlands County Teen Court, Alison Fulford of Department of Juvenile Justice and others from mental health and law enforcement agencies, to discuss trends and give input on prevention needs in the community.

The Town Hall Meeting is open to Lake Placid Chamber and Drug Free Highlands Members. The cost is \$10 and guests should arrive at the conference center no later than 11:45 a.m. as the meeting will begin promptly at noon.

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## Navy IDs SEAL killed in Arizona parachuting accident

Associate Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The U.S. military has identified a member of the Navy's SEAL Team 6 who died during parachute training in southern Arizona.

Navy officials say 31-year-old Special Warfare Operator Chief Brett D. Shadle of Elizabethville, Pa., died when he and another SEAL collided in midair Thursday. Shadle was taken to University of Arizona Medical Center in

Tucson, where he was pronounced dead.

Officials say Shadle was highly decorated and had served in Afghanistan and Iraq. He had multiple bronze stars with valor and several service ribbons.

U.S. Special Operations Command spokesman Kenneth McGraw said the SEALs were practicing "routine military free-fall training" when the accident occurred.

The other SEAL — an

unidentified E-6 petty officer first class — remained in stable condition Saturday at the Tucson hospital.

Military officials said the accident was under investigation.

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# DeSoto City VFD Hunt Egg-Stravaganza



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Cole Love, 3, of Sebring sprays a firehouse with the help of Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department firefighter/EMT Chad Elders on Saturday in Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Kylie Dillard (left), 4 of Sebring peeks in her basket Saturday during an egg hunt at Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department in Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Anistyn Phillips has her first meeting with the Easter bunny on Saturday during Egg-Stravaganza at Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Birthday girl Heather Stewart (center), 9, counts eggs, while talking to Elizabeth DeBree, 13, and her mom Susan Stewart on Saturday at Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department. Heather Stewart's birthday is today.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Baskets were overflowing during the Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department's Egg-Stravaganza, a free Easter event for kids.



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Victoria Jackson and 8-month-old Osiris Jackson look on Saturday morning as Makayla Jackson, 6, eagerly takes a seat with the Easter bunny during Egg-Stravaganza at Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department in Sebring.



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Youngsters search for eggs Saturday morning at Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department in Sebring. More than 2000 eggs were hidden for the hunt.



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# Hunter celebrates 106th

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moted to a supervisory position, he was given a raise to 27 cents.

He retired from the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad 30 years later.

Hunter worked on locomotives, starting with steam engines. He eventually specialized in diesel repair, even

though in the beginning his friends told him he was crazy to volunteer. "Diesels are just a fad," he said he was told. "You'll be out of a job."

Hunter went on to retire and live on, while the SP&S is no more. Burlington Northern Railroad took it over years ago.

When asked how he got to Avon Park from the state of Washington, he said, "I drove

a car and pulled a trailer."

As to life's lessons advice, Hunter warned, "You see everything in the world that you want to see; and nothing that you should see."

He added, "the most important choice you'll make in life is picking a wife, like picking the kind of gal who can get a job and says, 'We'll get by.'"

# Dennard celebrates 101st

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Walker Memorial Hospital for nearly two decades, Dennard used her early years to look after those who were in need. Now, she is returned the favor of her many years of hard work by those who love her the most.

Daisy takes care of her mother daily along with hired help.

"I was not going to let her go to a nursing home. I feel that she is not going to get the care that she would get here at a nursing home," Daisy said.

Dennard lives with her granddaughter and great-grandson. She often gets up from her bed and moves about her home, which her daughter and caregiver don't mind at all.

"The way I see it is she's 101 years old, she can do whatever it is she wants," Daisy said.

Dennard's short-term memory is fading and a doctor recently diagnosed her with dementia.

"He said that it's going to get worse but it is amazing, she can remember something that happened years and years and years ago. She's knows how old she is most of the time, but sometimes she will say that she is 99," said Daisy.

Dennard's family has been holding big celebrations for her birthday since she turned 87. Each year, friends and family join together to celebrate Dennard's impressive life. For her 100th birthday last year, 65 people gathered.

Last week's 101st birthday celebration brought together 75 of Dennard's closest family and friends.

"Everyone loves her. Even these kids around her that aren't related to us call her grandmother. She's very well-known. It's a blessing for me to be my age, a lot of people don't make it this far, but to be her age, to live a life this long is rare no matter how you look at it," Daisy said.

The 101-year-old has outlived many other friends and family members but has many more around to show her care and love every day. Dennard's 26 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren are all leaves on a big tree of life anchored by love and history.

# HCSO, Coast Guard still have questions

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Matos-Hernandez picked Hernandez up at that time and took him to her residence, 703 Juneberry St. HCSO Public Information Officer Nell Hays said Hernandez was able to shower, eat and change clothes before traveling back to Apopka. Once there, he travelled to New Smyrna Beach

and met with police detectives.

The Coast Guard is continuing to attempt to locate witnesses who can help account for Hernandez's activities and whereabouts between Feb. 6 and March 4, possibly here in Highlands County, as well as how he arrived in Avon Park on March 4.

Anyone with information

is requested to contact Highlands County Sheriff's Detective Hank Smith at 402-7382. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS(8477), contact via the Internet at [www.heartland-crimestoppers.com](http://www.heartland-crimestoppers.com)

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## BUSINESS

# Cleaner gas rule would mean higher price at pump

By DINA CAPPIELLO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's newest anti-pollution plan would ping American drivers where they wince the most: at the gas pump. That makes arguments weighing the cost against the health benefits politically potent.

The proposal to reduce sulfur in gasoline and tighten auto emission standards, released Friday, would raise gasoline prices by less than a penny per gallon, the Environmental Protection Agency says. But the oil industry points to its own study putting the cost between 6 and 9 cents a gallon.

The EPA also said its proposal would add about \$130 to the price of new vehicles, beginning in 2025.

The administration says the costs to consumers are worth the payoff: billions of dollars in health benefits from reductions in smog- and soot-forming pollution.

The agency predicts \$7 in health benefits for every dollar spent to implement the new rules. The agency must hold public hearings before finalizing the rules. It plans for them to take effect in 2017.

The proposal was praised by environmentalists and health advocates, as well as automakers who say it will help the U.S. catch up with the cleaner fuels used in other nations. California already uses the sulfur standard.

EPA Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe said the proposal is designed to "protect the environment and public



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Opinions differ in what the Obama administration's newest anti-pollution plan will cost consumers at the pump.

health in an affordable and practical way."

Opponents say gasoline prices are stubbornly high already and Americans shouldn't have to pay more. The oil industry, Republicans and some Democrats had urged the EPA to hold off on proposing the tighter regulations.

"With \$4 a gallon gas the norm in many parts of the country, we cannot afford policies that knowingly raise gas prices," House Energy and Commerce Chairman Fred Upton said Friday. Instead, the Obama administration should work to increase energy supplies by approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada and other projects, said Upton (R-Mich.).

Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.), who is chairman of the energy and power subcommittee, called the sulfur rule "another example of an overzealous EPA" and said lawmakers would give it a hard look.

Environmentalists hailed the proposal as potentially

the most significant in President Barack Obama's second term.

The so-called Tier 3 standards would reduce sulfur in gasoline by more than 60 percent and reduce nitrogen oxides by 80 percent. It would make it easier for states to comply with health-based standards for the main ingredient in smog and soot.

And the regulation would allow automakers to sell the same vehicles in all 50 states.

The Obama administration already has moved to clean up motor vehicles by adopting rules that will double fuel efficiency and putting in place the first standards to reduce the pollution from cars and trucks blamed for global warming.

"Together, these standards represent the largest step in our nation's history toward reducing harmful emissions from the vehicles we drive every day," said Michelle Robinson, director of the clean vehicles program of the Union of Concerned Scientists, an environmental

group for scientists.

Robinson said the rules would reduce asthma, respiratory problems and premature death.

"We know of no other air pollution control strategy that can achieve such substantial, cost-effective and immediate emission reductions," said Bill Becker, executive director of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. Becker said the pollution reduction would be equal to taking 33 million cars off the road.

But the head of American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, Charles Drevna, questioned the motives behind the agency's regulation, since refining companies already have spent \$10 billion to reduce sulfur by 90 percent. The additional cuts, while smaller, will cost just as much, Drevna said.

"I haven't seen an EPA rule on fuels that has come out since 1995 that hasn't said it would cost only a penny or two more," Drevna said.

A study commissioned by the American Petroleum Institute estimated that lowering the sulfur in gasoline would add 6 cents to 9 cents a gallon to refiners' manufacturing costs, an increase that likely would be passed on to consumers at the pump. The EPA estimate of less than 1 cent is also an additional manufacturing cost and likely to be passed on.

Associated Press writer Connie Cass contributed to this report. Follow Dina Cappiello on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/dinacappiello>

## Unemployment fell in February in 22 U.S. states

By PAUL WISEMAN  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Unemployment rates fell in 22 U.S. states in February from January, a sign that hiring gains are benefiting many parts of the country.

The Labor Department said Friday that unemployment rates rose in 12 states and were unchanged in 16.

Nationally, the unemployment rate slid to a four-year low of 7.7 percent in February, down from 7.9 percent in January. Since November, employers across the country have added an average of 200,000 jobs a month, nearly double the average from last spring.

States hit hardest during the recession are showing improvement.

In Nevada, unemployment dropped to 9.6 percent last month, down from 11.8 percent a year ago. That's the biggest year-over-year decrease among states.

One reason for the big drop is that people have stopped applying for jobs. Nevada's work force — those working or looking for work — fell nearly 1 percent in the year through February. Only those looking for work are counted as unemployed. But hiring accelerated, too: Jobs in Nevada rose 2 percent over the past year.

Unemployment in California fell to 9.6 percent last month, down from

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10.8 percent in February 2012.

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Florida's job market has also rebounded in the past year. The Sunshine State's unemployment rate fell to 7.7 percent in February, down from 9 percent a year earlier.

North Dakota once again held the nation's lowest unemployment rate, at 3.3 percent. The state is benefiting from a boom in oil and natural gas production. Nebraska had the second-lowest rate, at 3.8 percent.

Overall, 42 states added jobs in February from January, and just eight lost jobs. The biggest monthly job gains came in Texas (up nearly 81,000) and California (up more than 41,000).

In the 12 months up to February, Texas gained nearly 294,000 jobs, and California 128,000. On a percentage basis, North Dakota reported the fastest job growth over the past year, rising 5 percent.

## Sebring CRA hosts another workshop

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Feb. 4, the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) hosted its first Retail Academy Workshop at the Sebring Civic Center with nearly 20 attendees. This workshop addressed customer service and merchandising and was free for any business in the 650-acre Downtown Sebring CRA District.

"We know how important good customer service and proper merchandising is to the success of a business," said Kathy Cosgrave, chair of the Sebring CRA. "With our unique retail mix of small businesses and organizations in Downtown Sebring, an important niche for downtown merchants is that of exceptional customer service, which leads to positive word of mouth promotions."

The CRA's Retail Academy is a series of workshops designed for small businesses in the

Downtown Sebring CRA District and they are presented by the Sebring CRA and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for Downtown Sebring business owners, managers, volunteers and employees. Due to the success of this first workshop, additional seminars are being planned to address internet marketing, public relations and advertising.

"Hosting these educational opportunities for Downtown Sebring merchants and organizations is part of the CRA's active business recruitment and retention efforts," Cosgrave said. "The better informed our merchants are, the more successful their businesses will be."

The next workshop will be held on Monday, April 22 and will address marketing. For more information about these seminars, contact the CRA office at 471-5104.

## US consumer spending, income jump in February

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumers stepped up spending in February after their income jumped, aided by a stronger job market that offset some of the drag from higher taxes. The gains led economists to predict stronger economic growth at the start of the year.

Consumer spending rose 0.7 percent in February from January, the Commerce Department said Friday. It was the biggest gain in five months and followed a revised 0.4 percent rise in January, which was double the initial estimate.

Americans were able to spend more because their income rose 1.1 percent last month. That followed huge swings in the previous two months, which reflected a rush to pay bonuses and dividends in December before taxes increased.

After-tax income also increased 1.1 percent last month, allowing consumers to put a little more away. The saving rate increased to 2.6 percent of after-tax income, up from 2.2 percent in January.

The gains in spending and income follow other signs of an economy gathering momentum. Hiring is up, businesses are spending more, the stock market is hitting record levels and the housing recovery is strengthening.

More spending by consumers should boost economic growth in the January-March quarter after a lull at the end of last year. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

After seeing Friday's report on consumer spending, Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, raised his growth forecast for the first quarter by a full percentage point. Ashworth now expects growth in the January-march quarter increase to an annual rate of 3 percent.

Growth at that pace would be a vast improvement from the 0.4 percent rate in the October-December quarter, which was held back by slower company stockpiling and the sharpest defense cuts in 40 years.

Ashworth called the boost in spending "impressive," noting that consumers spent more while having to adjust to the higher Social Security taxes and a spike in gasoline prices.

"We're now likely to see the fastest quarterly gain in real consumption in two years," he said.

Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the increases suggest consumer spending could be growing in the first quarter at an annual rate of

more than 3 percent. That would be the fastest gain in more than three years and more than double the 1.3 percent rate in the fourth quarter.

Inflation, as measured by a gauge tied to consumer spending, increased 1.3 percent in February compared with a year ago. That's well below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target, giving the central bank room to keep stimulating the economy without having to worry about price pressures.

Consumers spent more at the start of the year even after paying higher taxes. An increase in Social Security taxes has reduced take-home pay for nearly all Americans receiving a paycheck. And income taxes have risen on the highest earners. The tax increases both took effect on Jan. 1.

One reason the tax increases haven't slowed the economy is companies have accelerated hiring and are slowly but steadily increasing wages.

Employers have added an average of 200,000 jobs a month since November. That

helped lowered the unemployment rate in February to a four-year low of 7.7 percent. Economists expect similar strong job gains in March.

Businesses are also investing more in equipment and machinery, which has given factories a lift after a disappointing 2012.

And the housing recovery that began last year appears to be sustainable. In February, sales of previously occupied homes rose to the highest level in more than three years. The gains have helped lift home prices, which have made Americans feel wealthier.

Stock prices have also surged. On Thursday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at a record high of 1,569. That surpassed the previous record of 1,565 set in October 2007, a year before the peak of the financial crisis.

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## Maximize your disabled child's government aid

Parents of special needs children have enough on their plates just tending to the health, educational and emotional needs of their kids – not to mention often having to cope with drastically lowered income because of reduced work hours or having to pay someone else for childcare. So it's not surprising that many of these parents haven't had time to hatch a long-term financial plan in case their kids need care after they're not around.



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nitions for SSI and SSDI are complex. To see if your child qualifies, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213, or search the Disability and SSI tabs at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov). One particularly helpful resource is "Benefits for Children with Disabilities," SSA Publication No. 05-10026.

Many families inadvertently jeopardize their disabled child's eligibility for government-provided benefits by opening accounts in the child's name or designating them as beneficiaries. Unfortunately, federal law dictates that recipients of SSI, Medicaid and many state assistance programs will be disqualified if they have resources worth over \$2,000. So, if Uncle Jerry leaves your daughter \$10,000 in his will, she could lose her benefits.

One good alternative is to create a special needs trust, whose assets can be used by its trustee to manage the finances and personal effects of a disabled person. Trusts are governed by state laws and should only be drafted by an attorney familiar with this area of law.

Some parents name the trust as beneficiary of life insurance policies to ensure a source of funding if they die before their child. (Stay current on your premiums.) Other possible funding sources include cash, stocks and other investments, retirement plan death benefits, home sale proceeds and inheritances from other relatives and friends. Just make sure that the trust – not the child – is named beneficiary.

Preparing a special needs trust can be expensive – possibly several thousand dollars, depending on your situation. But weigh that against the prospect of your child losing out on a lifetime of government-provided benefits because of an accidental inheritance – speaking of which, be sure to let any well-meaning relatives or friends know about the trust.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Jason Alderman on Twitter visit [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney). This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered legal, tax or financial advice. It's always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.*

## Panel backs health coverage for part-time workers

By KELLI KENNEDY  
Associated Press

MIAMI — A Florida House panel approved a measure Thursday to offer health insurance to the 8,737 of the state's part-time employees and their family members instead of paying a hefty fine under the federal health overhaul.

The panel could have decided to cap part-time employees to working 30 hours per week or chosen not to provide any health coverage, which would result in a \$318 million fine under the Affordable Care Act.

Republican Rep. Carlos Trujillo said during a hearing in Tallahassee that capping state employees' hours would save the state \$55 million the first year. "But we're making a policy deci-

sions that it's important to offer insurance to those that are working less than 30 hours," he said.

The state's part-time employees work in jobs from janitors and seasonal positions to high-ranking executives in the university systems.

The proposal would offer them coverage under the lowest level bronze health plan, instead of the higher, more benefit rich plan offered to regular state employees. That bronze plan would save about \$2,000 per employee a year, said Trujillo, R-Doral.

Several Democrats pushed to offer all state employees the same coverage. Rep. Perry Thurston (D-Fort Lauderdale) asked the panel to look at cost figures for silver and gold health plans, but Trujillo warned the costs

would be astronomical.

"We do have a fixed budget. We can't run a deficit. If we're going to decide as a chamber to offer a platinum plan, as some of the members have suggested, where do we get the money from. Do we take it from education? Do we take it from corrections," Trujillo said.

Democratic Rep. Dwight Dudley proposed including an option that would allow part-time employees to pay more if they wanted to bump up to a higher benefit plan.

A Senate panel also recently agreed to extend coverage to part-time employees, estimating it will cost about \$137 million a year.

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## UPS pays \$40M to end online pharmacies probe

By PAUL ELIAS  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Shipping company UPS agreed Friday to pay \$40 million to end a federal criminal probe connected to deliveries it made for illicit online pharmacies.

The U.S. Department of Justice announced that the Atlanta-based company would also "take steps" to block illicit online drug dealers from using their delivery service.

The DOJ said the fine amount is the money UPS collected from suspect online pharmacies. UPS won't be charged with any crimes. Its biggest rival, FedEx Corp., has also been a target of the federal investigation.

The investigation of the two companies stems from a global campaign to shutter illicit online pharmacies launched in 2005. Since then, dozens of arrests have been made and thousands of websites closed worldwide as investigators continue to broaden the probe beyond the operators.

Earlier this week, Chris Napoli, the operator of Safescripts Online, was sentenced to four years in prison and ordered to forfeit \$24 million in revenue the illicit pharmacy took in between 2004 and 2006. Two other men were sentenced to prison along with Napoli.

Receipts from UPS and FedEx were used as evidence in the trio's trial last year.

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 09001269GCS  
 SEC.:  
 CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 HUMBERTO COLLAZO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 09001269GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 18th day of April, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 631 IN BLOCK D OF SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 March 24, 31, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 10000727GCS  
 SEC.:  
 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF POPULAR ABS, INC. MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 DENNIS LEE BROUWER, JR.; HEATHER LYNNE BROUWER; CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC. Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 10000727GCS of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 17th day of April, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 159, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION THIRTEEN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
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 March 24, 31, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000904  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 DAVID HENRY GERHART; TERESA WEBB GERHART, et al. Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2012-CA000904 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 at 11:00 A.M. CST on the 17th day of April, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK PP, SPRING LAKE-VILLAGE V, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 23.

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 19th day of March, 2013.

BOB GERMAINE  
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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO.: GC-11-000591  
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JACQUELINE GREEN F/K/A JACQUELINE J. SULLIVAN; BRIAN SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACQUELINE GREEN F/K/A JACQUELINE J. SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, will on the 17th day of April, 2013, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. at the in 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., offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following-described property situate in Highlands County, Florida:

LOTS 13 & 14, BLOCK 7, OF HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES, SECTION J, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 19th day of March, 2013.

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, (941)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.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
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 March 24, 31, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000488  
 DIVISION:  
 SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 KATTIA B. STERLIN, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 26, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2011-CA-000488 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein SUNTRUST BANK is the Plaintiff and KATTIA B. STERLIN; FRANCOIS F. STERLIN; 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 23rd day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 15, BLOCK 191, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 11, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDED OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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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 27, 2013.

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 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 31; April 7, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO. PC 13-99  
 Division Probate  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNE K. GRODOWSKY, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ANNE K. GRODOWSKY, deceased, whose date of death was February 4, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-1173, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

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

Personal Representative:  
 /s/ Fred J. Feiler  
 42 Hudson Street  
 Oneonta, NY 13820

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 /s/ Robert E. Livingston  
 Florida Bar No. 0031259  
 445 S. Commerce Avenue  
 Sebring, Florida 33870  
 Telephone: (863) 385-5156  
 Facsimile: (863) 385-1161

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 10000496GCS  
 DIVISION: GENERAL  
 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE, INC. F/K/A NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 KAREN M. DUNCAN; et al., Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of Court of HIGHLANDS County, will on the 16th day of April, 2013, at 11:00am, EST in the Jury Assembly Room, the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL, 33870, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:

LOT 12, PINE AND LAKE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 10000496GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on March 19, 2013.

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

**\*\*See 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.

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NO. PC 13-86  
 Division Probate  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. FULWIDER  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of BEVERLY J. FULWIDER deceased, whose date of death was February 19, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-1087, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

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

Personal Representative:  
 /s/ Richard G. Martin  
 8010 Ferndale Rd.  
 Louisville, KY 40291

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

March 24, 31, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 282012CA001080  
 SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 VANCE E. TILLMAN A/K/A VANCE EDWARD TILLMAN, et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 6, 2013, entered in Case No. 12-CA-1080 in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff and Vance E. Tillman a/k/a Vance Edward Tillman, Sherry R. Tillman a/k/a Sherry Reagan Tillman, Joe D. Tillman, Genie S. Tillman, Highlands County, Florida, Highlands County Clerk of Courts, and Highlands County Sheriff's Office, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 am on the 8th day of May, 2013, the following described property Highlands County, Florida:

A portion of Section 26, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the NE corner of Section 26, thence South 00 degrees 05'07" East, along the East line of said Section 26 and the centerline of State Road 29, a distance of 3928.12 feet to the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South 89 degrees 51'53" West, along the North line of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 26, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of County Road 29, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees 51'53" West, along said line, a distance of 250.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05'07" East a distance of 180.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51'53" East a distance of 250.00 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of County Road 29; thence North 00 degrees 05'07" West, along said right-of-way line, a distance of 180.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.03 acres more or less.

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 7th day of March, 2013.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
 DEPUTY CLERK  
 March 31; April 7, 2013

## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000681  
 DIVISION:  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 JASON T. WHITE A/K/A JASON THOMAS WHITE, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000681 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and JASON T. WHITE A/K/A JASON THOMAS WHITE; ANDREA B. MEDAUGH; 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 17th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 695, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDED OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 227 QUAIL AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on March 19, 2013.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
 P.O. Box 25018  
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
 F10028713 COUNTRY-SPECFNMA-R-Team  
 2-F10028713  
 \*\*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.

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## 1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CIVIL ACTION  
 CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000553  
 DIVISION:  
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 CARIDAD B. ARENCIBIA, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated March 18, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000553 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and CARIDAD B. ARENCIBIA; LAKE HAVEN ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; 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 16th day of April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 17, BLOCK 15, SECTION ONE, LAKE HAVEN ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 6, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 4511 LEWIS AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33875-5138

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 20, 2013.

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

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.  
 P.O. Box 25018  
 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
 F12008511 WELLSLPS-SPECFNMA-R-mtomlinson-Team 1 - F12008511  
 \*\*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.

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IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANCES C. NASH  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of FRANCES C. NASH, deceased, File Number PC 13-109, by the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was January 19, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$70,000.00 and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Judith A. Lang, 32 Pine Tree Lane, Burr Ridge, IL 60527; Sally Monahan, 711 Portofino Dr., Arlington, TX 76012; and Bradley Lang, 1501 Pershing Drive, Unit C, San Francisco, CA 94129-3304.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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

Person Giving Notice:  
 Judith A. Lang  
 32 Pine Tree Lane  
 Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
 John K. McClure  
 Attorney for Judith A. Lang  
 Florida Bar No. 286958  
 MCCLURE & LOBOZZO  
 211 S. Ridgewood Drive  
 Sebring, Florida 33870  
 Telephone: (863)402-1888  
 Fax: (863) 402-2436  
 E-Mail: jkmcpleadings@gmail.com  
 Secondary E-Mail: johncmc@mllaw.net

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industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A DATABASE(S) ASSISTANT FOR FINANCE/STAFF AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Database(s) Assistant for Finance/Staff at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of this notice is to create a new job description for a Database(s) Assistant for Finance/Staff. A summary of the proposed new job description is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Database(s) Assistant for Finance/Staff: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Competency in reading and mathematics testing as administered by an approved outsourced vendor with a minimum score of 80%. (3) Satisfactory clearance of criminal history records check and drug screening. (4) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required, may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or work station. a. Dexterity: Ability to perform skilled coordinated movements. b. Sensory: Ability to perceive and discriminate sounds; some tasks require visual perception and discrimination as well as oral communications ability. c. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as noise extremes, electric currents, or bright or dim lights. Additional desired qualifications: (1) Bachelor's degree from an accredited educational institution preferred. (2) Minimum of five (5) years working experience with Finance and/or Human Resources databases. (3) Minimum of three (3) years working experience with a report writing tool. (4) Intermediate proficiency in writing a sequel/SQL statement. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida, Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RULE 6.914 AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County is developing Rule 6.914, Use of Sick Leave by Family Members or Employees. The Board will discuss/approve future plans to develop the rule at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. If requested by an affected person in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice, a rule development workshop will be noticed in a local newspaper. The request must be submitted to Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose and effect of the proposed rule is to conform with requirements set forth in recent Florida legislation. A summary of the changes to the proposed rule is as follows: (1) A district employee may authorize his or her spouse, child, parent, or sibling ("a family member") who is also a district employee to use sick leave for the employee's authorized employee. (2) A sick leave donated cannot be used until all of the individual's sick leave has been depleted, excluding sick leave or any existing sick leave bank. If the recipient participates in a sick leave bank. (b) Donated sick leave shall have no terminal pay value. The specific legal authority includes Sections 1001.41, 1001.42, 1012.22, and 1012.23, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER-CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING INSPECTOR AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager-Construction/Building Inspector at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience; (2) Appropriate licensing as required by the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulations. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: 1. Bachelor's degree in Building Construction, Architecture, or Engineering from an accredited educational institution preferred. 2. Verification of training or experience in interpreting construction drawings and design specifications. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.41 and 1001.42, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES MANAGER/AREA SUPERVISOR AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Food and Nutrition Services Manager/Area Supervisor at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of this notice is to amend the job description for a Food and Nutrition Services Manager/Area Supervisor. A summary of the amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: Physical Ability: Lift 30 pounds maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects weighing 20 pounds; reach, stretch, bend, stoop or kneel to handle, lift or move objects from floor level; walk or stand for periods of four (4) continuous hours. a. Environmental Factors: Ability to work in a noisy, hot, humid environment and a fast-paced work place that contains hazardous equipment, supplies and situations. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 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-000528  
Division

CENLAR FSB  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

JOHN E. TRACEY, LISA M. TRACEY, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. F/K/A FIRSTMERT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE OLD PHOENIX NATIONAL BANK, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. F/K/A WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 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 18, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 4, BLOCK 16, OF FIRST RESUBDIVISION OF PINECREST LAKES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 1302 TALBOTT CIRCLE, 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 18, 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 19th day of March, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 24, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES - SCHOOL CAFETERIA MANAGER AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Food & Nutrition Services - School Cafeteria Manager at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of this notice is to amend the job description for a Food & Nutrition Services - School Cafeteria Manager. A summary of the amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: Physical Ability: Exert up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; ability to reach, stretch, bend, stoop or kneel to handle, lift or move objects from floor level to 6 feet above floor level; walk or stand for periods of four continuous hours. a. Environmental Factors: Ability to work under the following environmental conditions: a. Subject to indoor environmental conditions where there is protection from weather conditions but not necessarily from temperature changes. b. Subject to extreme cold; temperatures are below 32 degrees for periods of more than one hour. c. Subject to extreme heat; temperatures are above 100 degrees for periods of more than one hour. d. Subject to noise; sufficient noise to cause the worker to shout in order to be heard above the ambient noise level. E. Subject to hazards; including a variety of physical conditions, such as proximity to moving mechanical parts, electrical current, working on scaffolding and high places, and exposure to high heat or chemicals. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER-CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING INSPECTOR AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager-Construction/Building Inspector at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager - Construction/Building Inspector are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience; (2) Appropriate licensing as required by the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulations. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: 1. Bachelor's degree in Building Construction, Architecture, or Engineering from an accredited educational institution preferred. 2. Verification of training or experience in interpreting construction drawings and design specifications. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.41 and 1001.42, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

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## Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA,  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000748  
Division

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

KATHLEEN ANN MERSKIN 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 18, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 289, OF WEST SEBRING ESTATES, SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 4414 WOOD AVE., SEBRING, FL 33875; 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 18, 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 19th day of March, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 24, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER - FINANCE STAFF AND STUDENT DATABASES DEPARTMENT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager - Finance, Staff and Student Databases at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Finance, Staff and Student Databases are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, pushing, pulling, and pushing, if required, may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or work station. a. Dexterity: Ability to perform skilled coordinated movements. b. Sensory: Ability to perceive and discriminate sounds; some tasks require visual perception and discrimination as well as oral communications ability. c. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as noise extremes, electric currents, or bright or dim lights. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: (1) Minimum of five (5) years of employee management. (2) Minimum of seven (7) years working experience with Finance and/or Human Resources and/or student databases. (3) Minimum of five (5) years of working experience with a report writing tool. (4) Working experience in writing advanced sequel/SQL statements. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER-MAINTENANCE, HEALTH AND CASUALTY SAFETY AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager-Maintenance, Health and Casualty Safety at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Maintenance, Health and Casualty Safety are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Performs work requiring physical strength and endurance, to include lifting up to 100 pounds, bending, stooping, pulling, pushing, climbing and crawling. The following additional desired qualification is removed: (1) Knowledge of data processing concepts and computer operations either from experience or education. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

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## Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 11-506-GCS

LEO H. CHRISTENSEN and CAROL A.  
CHRISTENSEN, Husband and Wife,  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.

GEORGE B. BRYANT and CLARA J. BRYANT,  
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 11041, Lot 11042, and Lot 11043, of AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT No. 34, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 38, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

which has the address of: 3130 N. Pocatello Road, Avon Park, FL 33825

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, in Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 16th day of April, 2013.

(SEAL)

ROBERT W. GERMAINE  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak  
Deputy Clerk  
March 24, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER-FIRE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager-Fire and Environmental Safety at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Fire and Environmental Safety. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager - Fire and Environmental Safety are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, pushing, pulling, and pushing, if required, may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or work station. a. Dexterity: Ability to perform skilled coordinated movements. b. Sensory: Ability to perceive and discriminate sounds; some tasks require visual perception and discrimination as well as oral communications ability. c. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as noise extremes, electric currents, or bright or dim lights. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: (1) Minimum of five (5) years of employee management. (2) Minimum of seven (7) years working experience with Finance and/or Human Resources and/or student databases. (3) Minimum of five (5) years of working experience with a report writing tool. (4) Working experience in writing advanced sequel/SQL statements. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER-FIRE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager-Fire and Environmental Safety at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Fire and Environmental Safety. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager - Fire and Environmental Safety are amended as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Physical Ability: Ability to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary; lifting, crawling, kneeling, pushing, pulling, and pushing, if required, may involve extended periods of time at a keyboard or work station. a. Dexterity: Ability to perform skilled coordinated movements. b. Sensory: Ability to perceive and discriminate sounds; some tasks require visual perception and discrimination as well as oral communications ability. c. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as noise extremes, electric currents, or bright or dim lights. The following shall be removed from additional desired qualifications: (1) Minimum of five (5) years of employee management. (2) Minimum of seven (7) years working experience with Finance and/or Human Resources and/or student databases. (3) Minimum of five (5) years of working experience with a report writing tool. (4) Working experience in writing advanced sequel/SQL statements. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 101.12.2 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD,  
BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB



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Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000864 Division

CENLAR FSB Plaintiff, vs. KEVIN M. BOND, BRANDY M. BOND, SYLVAN SHORES ASSOCIATION, INC., HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, 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 18, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 138, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATE, SECTION D, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. and commonly known as: 1521 TAMAH BLVD., LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Court-house located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on April 18, 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 19th day of March, 2013. Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk March 24, 31, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-65

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALENA VECCHIO aka ALENA JOSEPHINE VECCHIO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of ALENA VECCHIO aka ALENA JOSEPHINE VECCHIO, deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

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

Personal Representative: /s/ Grant Dillon 2501 W. Russ Road, Avon Park, FL 33825 Attorney for Personal Representative: CLIFFORD M. ABLES, P.A. 551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE. SEBRING, FL 33870 Telephone: (863) 385-0112 Fax: (863) 385-1284 Email: cmables@cmablespa.net /s/ Clifford M. Ables III FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379

March 24, 31, 2013 NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR AN ACCOUNTANT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for an Accountant at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for an Accountant. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: (1) Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. (2) Competency in reading and mathematics testing as administered by an approved out-sourced vendor with a minimum score of 80%. (3) Physical Ability: Requirements to perform essential functions and tasks which may include exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or 10 pounds of force as frequently as necessary, lifting, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, pulling, and pushing, if required. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn: Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A CLASSROOM TEACHING ASSISTANT AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Classroom Teaching Assistant at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of this notice is to amend the job description for a Classroom Teaching Assistant. A summary of the amendment to the minimum qualifications of the job description is as follows: Valid State of Florida Educator's certificate or Florida Department of Education Statement of Status of Eligibility. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1012.22 and 1001.41, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual

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**1050 Legals**

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A MANAGER-TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS AND NOTICE OF POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY intends to amend the job description for a Manager-Transportation Operations at a regular meeting of the Board on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The proposed amendment to the job description shall be effective upon adoption. Pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, any affected person has twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice to request the opportunity to present evidence and argument to the School Board of Highlands County, Florida regarding the proposed job description. Such hearing must be requested in writing and received by Wally Cox, Superintendent, 426 School Street, Sebring, FL 33870, within 21 days after publication of this notice. If such hearing is requested, it will be held Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m. Any person desiring to attend such a hearing is requested to call the Superintendent's office to verify whether such hearing has been requested. The purpose and effect of the proposed new job description is to amend the minimum qualifications in the job description for a Manager - Transportation Operations. A summary of the proposed amendment to the minimum qualifications is as follows: Associate's degree or two years of college credit/equivalent from an accredited educational institution; or five (5) years of satisfactory performance in the appropriate/relevant area of experience. The specific legal authority includes Article IX Section 4(b), Constitution of the State of Florida; Sections 1001.41 and 1001.42, Florida Statutes. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will have no effect on small business. The School District believes that the proposed rule or amendment will not result in substantial increase in costs or prices paid by consumers, individual industries or state or local government agencies, and will not result in significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation or international trade and/or alternative approaches to the regulatory objective either do not exist and/or are precluded by law. The cost to the School District of promulgating the proposed rule or amendment is estimated to be \$200. The estimated annual cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule or amendment is \$0. The text of the proposed rule or amendment can be obtained at the Superintendent's office (Attn. Connie Scobey), George Douglass Administration Building, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, BY: Wally Cox, Superintendent & ex officio secretary.

March 31, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received an application for a water use permit to withdraw water from wells and/or surface waters from Robert J. Barben Inc. Application number: 20005626.007. Application received: 9/18/2012. Predominant use type: agricultural. Total requested withdrawal average daily gallons per day: 554,200. Peak month average gallons per day: 2,571,000. Maximum daily gallons per day: 8,297,200. From 3 wells. Location: Sections 2 and 11, Township 35 East, Range 29 South, in Highlands County. The application is available for public inspection online via the District's website or Monday through Friday at The Southwest Florida Water Management District Tampa Office, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watmatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352)796-7211 or 1(800)423-1476. TDD only 1(800)231-6103.

March 31, 2013

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**1050 Legals**

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000306 Division

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. ARCADIO DIAZ, JR., MARIA M. RIVERA-DIAZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., 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 19, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 29, BLOCK 4, HARDER HALL COUNTRY CLUB II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 46, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 414 DOZIER AVE, SEBRING, FL 33875; 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 17, 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 19th day of March, 2013. Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak Deputy Clerk March 24, 31, 2013

**1100 Announcements**

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**CIRCULATION MANAGER**

The News-Sun is seeking an experienced, FT circulation manager. This position is responsible for growing circulation of the News-Sun, for executing face-to-face outside sales, circulation reporting, budgeting and managing relationships with delivery vendor(s) and two direct reports. Candidates should have a minimum of 2 years of high-level circulation managing experience including experience in outside sales and retention programs. Must have familiarity with circulation audit bureau regulations as well as periodic postal regulations. Strong computer skills including Word and Excel, experience in MediaSpan a plus. Excellent benefits, salary + bonus.

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**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**  
 Assisting students to the cross street at Hill-Gustat Middle School in Sebring.

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- Regular PT
- Seasonal

Benefits for this position include State of Florida Retirement, paid vacation and sick leave.

A Pre-Employment Application may be downloaded from our website at [www.highlandssheriff.org](http://www.highlandssheriff.org) and returned to: 434 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 or call (863) 402-7263

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**2000 Employment**

**2100 Help Wanted**

THRIFT STORE MANAGER Lake Placid Store, (30) hours a week, responsible for the sale and processing of donated items to the NU-HOPE elder Care Services thrift Store. Apply in person at NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, Inc. 6414 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL. EOE DFWP.

**DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM (FT)**

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 7 Lykes Road  
 Lake Placid, FL 33852

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PICK UP & DELIVERY DRIVER for Lake Placid Store - part time, primarily for pick up and delivery of donated items for resale at the Lake Placid Store, Must have a clean driving record. Apply in person at NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, Inc. 6414 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL. EOE DFWP.

SUNSHINE PAYDAY LOANS Full time clerk needed Must be organized and Have excellent Customer Service skills Fax resumes to: 863-678-2170

SWEETBAY - Now taking applications for FT Meat cutters, and PT Meat clerks in both Highlands County stores: FT Market Mgr. for Lake Placid. Apply in person to Lake Placid store 1519 Hwy 27 South, ask for Ron or Sebring store 3250 Hwy 27 South, ask for Paul.

TREE SERVICE IS SEEKING Exp. Tree Worker. Drivers License required Leave detailed message at 863-465-7491

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**4000 Real Estate**

**4060 Homes for Sale Avon Park**  
 AVON PARK \* SELL / LEASE OPTION \* 3BR, 2BA. Just Remodeled! Large Corner Lot, Lake View. \$137,500. Owner Will Finance if needed. 954-270-5242

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 SEBRING - 1505 Hyde St., Water Front CBS, 2BR, 2BA, 2 car garage. Nice, located on canal directly into Lake Charlotte, dock, covered boat house. \$80,000 - C. Wesley Ward, Broker 863-385-7806 Cell 863-202-6515. Extra lot available.

**4100 Homes for Sale Lake Placid**  
 LAKE PLACID 8 homes for sale. 108 Anderson St., 190 Crestmore Dr., 142 Vision St., 147 Zion St., 106 E. Smith Ave., 134 E. Smith Ave., 161 E. Smith Ave., 172 E. Smith Ave. All Properties for \$60,000. Call David at 917-952-3348.

**5000 Mobile Homes**

**5050 Mobile Homes For Sale**  
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**5050 Mobile Homes For Sale**

SEBRING - DOUBLE WIDE 55 plus Sebring Village 2BR, 2BA, 12' X 20' screened porch, carport, W/D, Sears appli., new water heater, irrigation sys, new galvanized roof. Pets 25lb. max. \$10,000. obo 863-655-0876

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**6000 Rentals**

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**7040 Appliances**  
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LAKE PLACID \* MOVING SALE \* 119 Danbar Dr. Thur-Fri-Sat. Mar 28-29-30, 9am - 4pm. Diving equip, Furn., Tools, Delux King Mattress/box springs/frame, Massage table. Everything Must Go! All reasonable offers will be considered.

**7520 Pets & Supplies**  
**NOTICE**

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**8400 Recreational Vehicles**  
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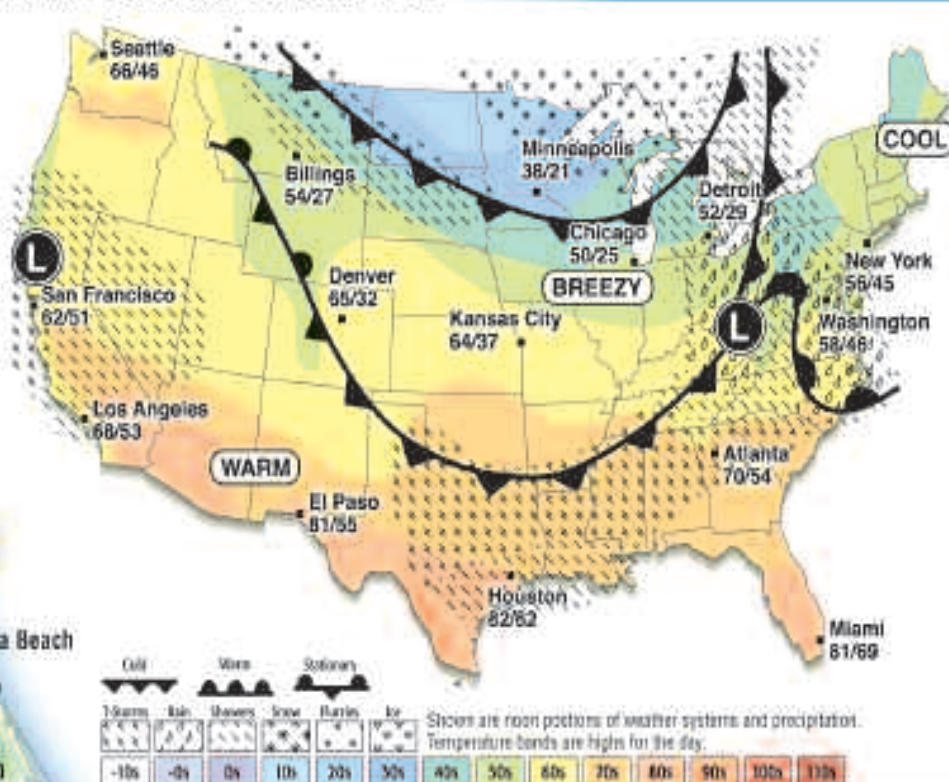
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Partly sunny	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	Periods of sun with a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.
84° / 60°	86° / 61°	86° / 62°	82° / 66°	78° / 68°
Winds: S at 6-12 mph	Winds: SSW at 6-12 mph	Winds: WNW at 4-8 mph	Winds: ESE at 6-12 mph	Winds: S at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for March 31



Almanac

Readings at Archfield Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Tuesday	65°
Low Tuesday	33°
High Wednesday	67°
Low Wednesday	29°
High Thursday	74°
Low Thursday	35°

Heat Index  
For 5 p.m. today

Relative humidity	38%
Expected at temperature	83°
Makes it feel like	82°

Barometer

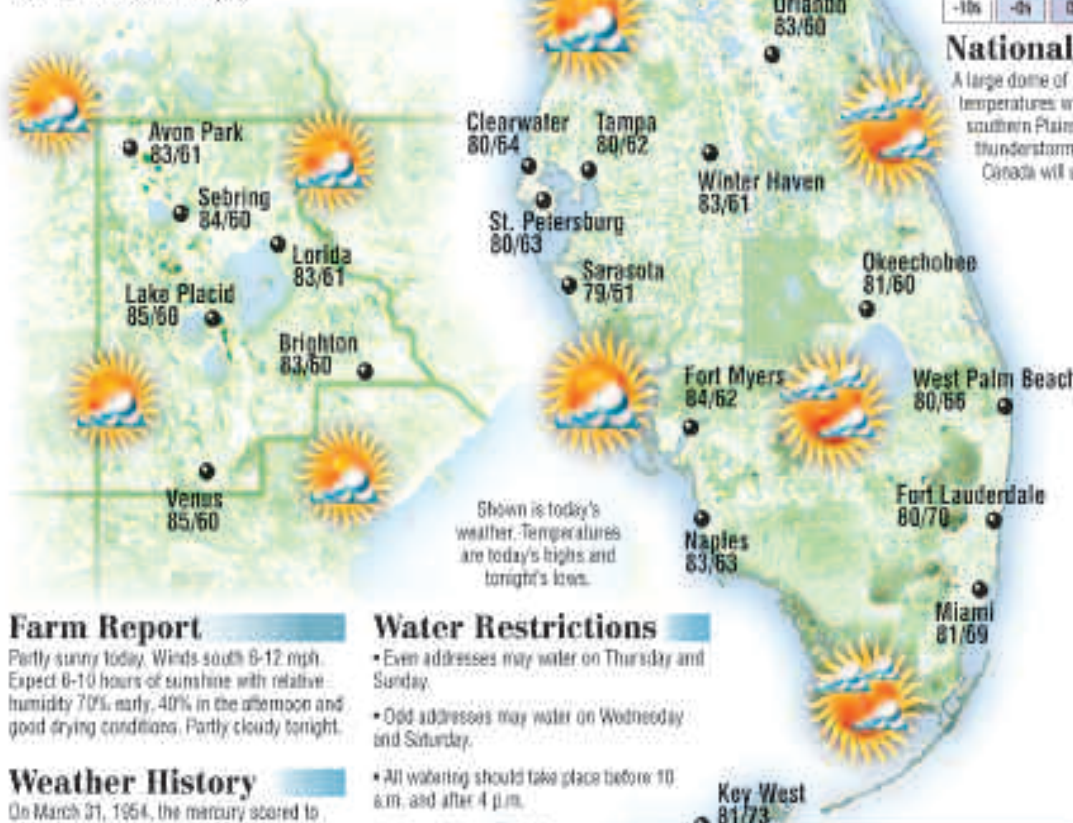
Tuesday	30.22
Wednesday	30.22
Thursday	30.24

Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	1.67"
Year to date	2.91"

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Times of sun and clouds tomorrow with a shower or thunderstorm around in the afternoon. Tuesday: times of clouds and sun with a shower or thunderstorm in spots.



Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	6:34 a.m.
Low	10:19 a.m.
High	4:48 p.m.
Low	none

Readings at Palm Beach

High	12:16 a.m.
Low	6:00 a.m.
High	12:26 p.m.
Low	6:23 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.38'
Lake Okechobee	13.26'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme  
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Farm Report

Partly sunny 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. Partly cloudy tonight.

Weather History

On March 31, 1954, the mercury soared to 103 degrees in Rio Grande City, Texas. That represents the highest reading ever recorded in the United States in March.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Monday
Sunrise	7:18 a.m.	7:17 a.m.
Sunset	7:42 a.m.	7:43 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:27 a.m.
Moonset	10:30 a.m.	11:28 a.m.



Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.  
• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Cape Coral	83/61pc	84/62pc	84/64t
Clearwater	80/64pc	81/64pc	80/65t
Daytona Beach	81/62pc	82/63t	83/65t
Fort Myers	84/62pc	84/63pc	85/64t
Gainesville	81/56pc	81/59t	81/55t
Hollywood	81/65pc	84/65t	86/66t
Homestead AFB	79/67pc	81/65t	85/65pc
Jacksonville	80/57pc	79/59t	81/54t
Key West	81/73pc	82/70pc	82/71pc
Miami	81/68pc	83/68t	86/69t
Okeechobee	81/62pc	84/61t	86/61t
Orlando	83/60pc	85/61t	86/63t
Pembroke Pines	81/66pc	84/66t	87/66t
Rt. 19	77/62pc	78/63t	80/64t
St. Petersburg	80/63pc	82/63pc	83/65t
Sarasota	78/61pc	80/63pc	81/63t
Tallahassee	77/62pc	78/53t	78/51t
Tampa	80/62pc	82/63pc	84/65t
W. Palm Bch	80/66pc	82/64t	84/65t
Winter Haven	83/61pc	84/61pc	85/62t

National Summary

A large dome of high pressure will continue to provide dry weather across much of the East Coast today. However, temperatures will be chilly over the Northeast for this time of year. Elsewhere, a weak storm spinning over the southern Plains will deliver pockets of rain and thunderstorms from Texas up through Missouri. Locally strong thunderstorms will threaten eastern Texas and Arkansas. Looking farther north, a cold front pushing down from Canada will usher in colder temperatures to the northern Plains.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Albuquerque	72/49pc	72/46pc	62/36t
Atlanta	70/54t	73/51t	65/41t
Baltimore	58/45t	63/51t	48/23t
Birmingham	72/53t	75/61t	69/40t
Boston	68/42t	64/30t	48/23t
Charlotte	69/49t	75/48t	60/34t
Cheyenne	69/26pc	74/30t	52/32pc
Chicago	50/25pc	39/25pc	42/24t
Cleveland	58/32t	41/25t	38/25pc
Columbus	56/25t	45/27pc	43/29pc
Dallas	73/50t	78/49t	52/39t
Denver	65/32pc	42/31t	54/34pc
Detroit	52/29t	39/25t	42/25pc
Harrodsburg	54/41t	53/32t	43/29pc
Honolulu	77/81t	77/63pc	78/63pc
Houston	82/62t	80/61pc	68/48t
Indianapolis	55/32pc	45/24pc	43/24t
Jackson, MS	74/57t	76/49t	64/43t
Kansas City	64/37t	42/27t	48/26pc
Lexington	62/37t	52/27t	45/24t
Little Rock	71/50pc	68/41t	54/35pc
Los Angeles	68/53t	68/54pc	72/58t
Louisville	65/37t	51/30t	49/29t
Memphis	72/51t	80/42t	54/36pc
Mobile	48/25t	39/24pc	35/25pc
Minneapolis	38/21t	34/21pc	35/22pc
Nashville	69/43t	65/36t	52/32t
New Orleans	78/44t	78/63t	75/53t
New York City	56/45t	59/36pc	44/34pc
Norfolk	68/51t	67/38pc	51/35t
Oklahoma City	72/47pc	59/27t	48/31pc
Philadelphia	59/44t	62/36t	45/32pc
Phoenix	86/63t	83/55t	78/53t
Pittsburgh	54/36t	44/24t	40/24t
Portland, ME	50/35t	52/27t	41/26pc
Portland, OR	71/46pc	66/46pc	68/48t
Raleigh	65/48t	73/48pc	60/32t
Rochester	49/33t	40/24t	36/25t
St. Louis	62/38t	42/27t	48/28t
San Francisco	62/51t	62/47pc	64/47t
Seattle	60/46t	64/46t	64/47pc
Wash., DC	55/46t	63/35t	49/33t

World Cities

City	Today	Mon.	Tue.
Aspen	90/72t	90/73t	90/71t
Athens	71/54t	72/53t	69/56t
Beirut	82/71pc	84/61t	72/57t
Berlin	41/25t	39/25t	42/27t
Bombay	64/61t	69/64t	70/65t
Calgary	45/26pc	47/31t	58/33pc
Dublin	42/28t	43/30pc	44/31pc
Edmonton	35/16t	38/22pc	46/22t
Frederict	78/68pc	79/71t	81/68t
Geneva	47/27t	57/36t	57/41t
Hawaii	87/84t	92/87t	94/87t
Hong Kong	77/73t	79/72t	79/70t
Jerusalem	83/63pc	81/53t	71/51t
Johannesburg	75/51pc	73/55t	75/54pc
Kiev	44/43t	51/31t	42/31t
London	45/30t	45/30pc	45/32pc
Montreal	52/37t	43/27t	37/21t
Moscow	40/24t	39/36t	40/26t
Nice	63/46pc	65/48t	61/48t
Ottawa	48/32t	41/23pc	38/22t
Quebec	46/36pc	41/23pc	36/19t
Rio de Janeiro	84/73pc	84/73t	84/73pc
Seoul	54/37t	55/38pc	54/37t
Singapore	92/78t	91/78t	91/78t
Sydney	78/59pc	77/58pc	81/59t
Toronto	48/28t	39/25t	38/25t
Vancouver	60/45t	60/45t	57/44pc
Vienna	49/31t	44/29pc	45/35t
Warsaw	44/30pc	37/26pc	38/28t
Winnipeg	21/65t	22/5pc	28/13t

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- 1 Peter 1:3

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## Special memories and friendships created at softball tourney

*Special to the News-Sun*  
SEBRING – The memory of one special athlete was kept alive during the 14th annual Special STARS Softball Classic played on Saturday, March 23, at the Highlands County Sports Complex while another pair of athletes were recognized for a unique friendship.

Joe Singha, who passed away at the end of February, was not forgotten by his fellow athletes who played in the softball tourney.

Singha had been a member

of the Florida Hospital team for several years and looked forward to the season each year.

This year in his memory, Special STARS established the Joe Singha Memorial Rookie of the Year award.

It was presented to the athlete who was playing for their first time on a team and they had to demonstrate excellent playing

skills, good sportsmanship and overall team spirit.

There were four newcomers to the field this year – Cole Germaine, Elizabeth Jordon, Greg Ruggs and Edrei Lopez.

The coaches from all six teams cast their ballots and selected Elizabeth Jordon as this year's winner.

Jordon played on Dee's Place team.

Singha's step-sister Angie Ruckman attended the event to present the trophy to Jordon who was totally shocked when her name was called as the winner.

"I am really honored to be selected for this award especially since Joe Joe was my friend," Jordon said as she wiped tears from her eyes after being announced the winner. "We went to school together. I really miss him."

Several coaches commented on Jordon's dynamic play-

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Courtesy photo  
Special STARS softball player Elizabeth Jordon was overwhelmed with excitement when she received the Joe Singha Memorial Rookie of the Year award from Singha's step-sister Angie Ruckman (left).

## Blue Streaks strong in track win

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Playing host to their third track meet of the season Thursday, the Blue Streaks were dominant in a boy-girl sweep.

The Lady Streaks tallied a 132.50 team total, topping the field by 92 points over the next team, while the boys totaled 138 and outdid the field by almost 96 points.

The Sebring ladies got the points rolling with a Denise Constant win in the 400-meter dash, with Ashley White taking third in the event.

Hannah Schroeder and Cassandra Marentes then went first and second, respectively, in the 800, before Taylor Tubbs continued her trend of setting new standards.

Taking to the 3,200-meter run, the senior found herself running amid the boys, as she had in the 1,600 at Sebring's previous home meet on Tuesday, March 19.

But she wasn't amid the boys for long and duplicated her race win from nine days prior.

"I did the two-mile just to try something different," she said. "I knew I could get a personal record since I haven't seriously raced it in over a year. My goal was to break 11 minutes and get to around 10:56. I went through the first mile in 5:27 and felt a lot better than I thought I would. I finished with a 10:55, so I'm very proud of



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Gary DeMarist broke the school record for discus at the Lake Placid meet on Thursday, March 21, then broke his own mark at this past Thursday's home meet, sending the disc flying 137-feet, 2-inches.

my run."

The scoring continued in the hurdles, where Destiny McCartney too first in the 100, with Amaia Unaue taking third.

Unaue then placed second in the 300 with Lissette Moran finishing third.

The Lady Streaks picked up wins in both the 4X400-meter and 4X800-meter

relays.

Constant, White, Schroeder and Tubbs got the win in the 4X400, while Febe Murillo, Kimber Harris,

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## Dragons, Devils pick up wins, Streaks stunned

By ALEX COYNE  
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Hardee traveled to Lake Placid Friday night for a non district baseball game Thursday night after having downed the Dragons in a home date Tuesday.

But Lake Placid defended its turf behind a stellar performance from Tyler Carr, who pitched a shutout, gave up just four hits and struck out 11 in the 2-0 win.

Two early runs in the second inning were the only runs for the Dragons, but would be all they would need.

"It was a good win," head coach Dan Coomes stated. "It was nice to win a close game."

The Dragons will play host to Port St. Lucie Monday before returning to district action Tuesday at Mulberry.

In Avon Park Thursday, the Red Devils continued to get rolling in the right direction with an 8-2 win over visiting Bayshore at Head Field.

After snapping a four-game losing streak with a

10-4, Tuesday win over Booker, the offense seems to be back on track.

The Devils had scored a total of four runs during their slide, but have scored 18 in their last two games alone, and will be looking for a little pay-back Thursday, April 4, with a home game against a Sebring squad that trounced them 12-0 on Monday, March 25.

*'It was nice to win a close game.'*

DAN COOMES  
Lake Placid head coach

was cruising along with a 2-0 lead behind five innings of one-hit, four-strikeout ball by junior hurler Jordan Baker.

But when head coach Buck Rapp went to the bullpen for the sixth, the host Bulldogs took advantage and broke out with a four-run inning.

The Streaks answered back with one in the top of the seventh, but could add no more in the 4-3 loss that moved their record to 7-11 on the season.

Sebring gets back into the District 9-6A schedule, and back into the win column, Tuesday with a date at Kathleen.

## South Florida splits with conference-leading Hawks



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Alexis Adams and the Lady Panthers are on the move. After sweeping St. Petersburg on the road Tuesday, the South Florida softball squad set out Thursday to take on Suncoast Conference leading Hillsborough. After the host Hawks pulled out a 3-1 nailbiter in the opener, the Panthers returned the favor and held on for a 7-6 win for a split of the twin-bill. Hillsborough maintains their lead in the standings at 6-2, but South Florida sits solidly in second at 4-2 and will try to build on that when they host State College of Florida on Tuesday at Panther Field.

## Lady Dragons, Streaks roll

By ALEX COYNE  
News-Sun correspondent  
Lake Placid Softball recognized their seniors

**Lake Placid** Thursday night as they hosted the Moore Haven Terriers.

"We had such a good time," Senior, captain and four-year letterman Laine Weber-Callahan stated. "I couldn't have asked for a better senior night with a better group of girls."

It was a memorable night for the four seniors, Shelbi Bertram, Laine Weber-Callahan, Taylor Test and Chelsea Hillier who topped things off with a win over the Terriers, 13-3.

"I love my team," Test exclaimed. "Without my coaches and teammates, I wouldn't have as much passion for the game as I do. I



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Taylor Test and the Lady Dragons celebrated Senior Night with a big win over visiting Moore Haven.

wouldn't be going to college on scholarship for softball."

The bittersweet feeling is always normal on Senior Night, but the girls managed to walk off the field in the sixth inning with smiles

on their faces.

The Dragons look to keep on smiling as they return to district action Tuesday with a visit from the Lady Bulldogs of Frostproof.

It was a similarly lopsided contest in Sebring

Thursday with the Lady Streaks taking care of business against a struggling Avon Park squad, 18-0.

Things get tougher in a hurry, though as it's back to the district schedule and a visit from Winter Haven Tuesday night.

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

*'I couldn't have asked for a better Senior Night with a better group of girls.'*

LAINE WEBER-CALLAHAN



# THE SCOREBOARD



## LIVE SPORTS ON TV

### COLLEGE BASEBALL SUNDAY

1 p.m. Mississippi at Florida . . . . . SUN

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUNDAY

2:10 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . CBS

4:55 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . CBS

### TUESDAY

7 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

9 p.m. NIT Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

### GOLF

### SUNDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Trophee Hassan II . . . . . GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – Shell Houston Open . . . . . GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Shell Houston Open . . . . . NBC

### MLB

### SUNDAY

8 p.m. Texas at Houston . . . . . ESPN

### MONDAY

1 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Yankees . . . . . ESPN

1:30 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh . . . . . WGN

4 p.m. San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers . . . . . ESPN

7 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta . . . . . ESPN2

10 p.m. St. Louis at Arizona . . . . . ESPN2

### TUESDAY

3 p.m. Baltimore at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

### NBA

### SUNDAY

7 p.m. Detroit at Chicago . . . . . WGN

### TUESDAY

8 p.m. New York at Miami . . . . . TNT

10:30 p.m. Dallas at L.A. Lakers . . . . . TNT

### NHL

### SUNDAY

12:30 p.m. Chicago at Detroit . . . . . NBC

### TUESDAY

7:30 p.m. Florida at Tampa Bay . . . . . SUN

### TENNIS

### SUNDAY

11:30 a.m. ATP – Sony Open, Men's Final . . . . . CBS

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL SUNDAY

Noon NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN

2 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

4:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

7 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN2

### MONDAY

7:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN

9:30 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN

### TUESDAY

7 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN

9 p.m. NCAA Tournament . . . . . ESPN

*Times, games, channels all subject to change*

Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Dallas, 6 p.m.  
Anaheim at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

### MLB Preseason

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	25	7	.781
Baltimore	18	9	.667
Seattle	21	11	.656
Detroit	19	14	.576
Oakland	16	13	.552
Minnesota	17	15	.531
Chicago	14	13	.519
Cleveland	16	16	.500
Boston	16	17	.485
Texas	16	17	.485
Tampa Bay	15	17	.469
Toronto	15	17	.469
Houston	14	16	.467
New York	14	18	.438
Los Angeles	9	20	.310

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	20	15	.571
Colorado	16	14	.533
San Francisco	16	14	.533
New York	15	14	.517
St. Louis	16	15	.516
Arizona	16	16	.500
Philadelphia	16	16	.500
Chicago	16	18	.471
San Diego	16	19	.457
Miami	13	16	.448
Washington	14	18	.438
Pittsburgh	13	18	.419
Los Angeles	13	19	.406
Milwaukee	12	18	.400
Cincinnati	12	19	.387

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

### Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Yankees 1  
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 1  
Houston (ss) 11, Detroit 4  
Philadelphia 7, Toronto 2  
Atlanta 2, Houston (ss) 0  
St. Louis 1, Miami 0  
San Diego 6, Cleveland 4  
Seattle 6, Chicago Cubs 4  
Kansas City 8, Cincinnati 3  
Arizona 9, Texas 3  
Milwaukee 6, Colorado 2  
Boston 6, Minnesota 1  
Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings  
L.A. Dodgers 3, L.A. Angels 0

Oakland 7, San Francisco 3  
**Friday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets 7, St. Louis 2  
Minnesota 8, Boston 3  
Detroit 8, Tampa Bay 3  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Washington 2  
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1  
Toronto 1, Philadelphia 0  
Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings  
Texas 5, San Diego 4  
Chicago White Sox 7, Milwaukee 2  
Cincinnati 2, Arizona 1  
L.A. Dodgers 9, L.A. Angels 8  
San Francisco 3, Oakland 1

### Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets vs. Baltimore, late  
Toronto at Philadelphia, late  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, late  
Minnesota vs. Boston, late  
Chicago Cubs at Houston, late  
San Diego vs. Texas, late  
Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, late  
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, late  
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Cleveland, late  
Seattle vs. Colorado, late  
San Francisco at Oakland, late  
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Arizona, late

### End of Spring Training

### Transactions

**BASEBALL American League**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with RHP Freddy Garcia on a minor league contract. Reassigned OF Chris Dickerson to their minor league camp.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded C Brian Jeroloman to the Pittsburgh Pirates for cash considerations.  
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with Justin Verlander on a seven-year contract.  
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Announced C Brett Hayes cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Omaha (PCL).  
MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed RHP Tim Wood on the 15-day DL, retroactive March 24. Reassigned RHP Rich Harden and LHP Rafael Perez to their minor league camp.

**National League**  
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Optioned LHP Joe Paterson and OF Tony Campana to Triple-A Reno. Reassigned RHP Nelson Figueroa and C Tuffy Gosewisch to their minor league camp.  
CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned Guillermo Moscoso outright to AZL Cubs.  
MIAMI MARLINS—Optioned C Kyle Skipworth to New Orleans (PCL).

# LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

**MONDAY:** Boys and Girls Tennis at District Tournaments, TBA  
**TUESDAY:** JV Baseball vs. Hardee, 6 p.m.; Softball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Boys and Girls Tennis at District Tournaments, TBA  
**THURSDAY:** Baseball vs. Sebring, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball at Sebring, 6 p.m.; Track at Frostproof, 4:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

**MONDAY:** Baseball vs. Port St. Lucie, 5 p.m.; Boys and Girls Tennis at District Tournaments, TBA  
**TUESDAY:** Baseball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys and Girls Tennis at District Tournaments, TBA



Sebring

**TUESDAY:** Baseball at Kathleen, 7 p.m.; Softball vs. Winter Haven, 5:30/7:30 p.m.; Boys and Girls Tennis at District Tournaments, Lakeland, TBA  
**THURSDAY:** Baseball at Avon Park, 7 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Track at Frostproof, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Weightlifting at State Qualifier, Harmony High, 1 p.m.



SFSC

**MONDAY:** Baseball at Hillsborough, 3 p.m.  
**TUESDAY:** Softball vs. State College of Florida, 5 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Baseball vs. Hillsborough, 6 p.m.

# SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

## Sebring Elks Golf Tournament

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, April 1, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Cost is \$30 which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

To sign up contact Jack McLaughlin at [jacknjudy33872@gmail.com](mailto:jacknjudy33872@gmail.com) or leave a message on (863) 471-3295.

Check in by 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

## Seminole Trail Run

SEBRING – The 3rd Seminole Trail Run 5K will be held Saturday, April 6, with an 8 a.m. start, at the Sun-N-Lake Preserve.

Proceeds benefit Highlands Seminole Club and Mark Palmer Memorial scholarship funds.

For more information, visit [highlandsseminoles.org](http://highlandsseminoles.org) or call Erin at 386-9194.

## 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 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.

## 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 prizes, and door prizes will be drawn.

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 [www.sebring.org](http://www.sebring.org).

## 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.

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# STARS Softball tournament the site of many wonderful moments

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ing ability on the field.

She came out to her first practice sliding into bases and eager to play ball.

Her enthusiasm was contagious with the other athletes and they followed her example.

Another special award was given to a partner in the community who went beyond the call of duty to make a special athlete feel a part of the team.

Johnny (J.T.) Tanner, who played on the Coffee News team, took time out of his busy day last Friday, March 22, to visit his former teammate William Dickson who receives training at Ridge Area Arc in Avon Park.

Because of his poor health condition, Dickson has not been able to participate in softball for the past couple years.

Tanner noticed this and missed his buddy.

"I want William to come to the tournament and be our honorary coach. He can sit in the dug out with his team," Tanner said when he arrived at Arc. "I miss him."

As Tanner walked into the computer classroom where Dickson was working, he hid a surprise behind his back for him.

Dickson turned to the door and immediately smiled and said, "Look it's my softball buddy."

Tanner then pulled the surprise from behind his back and placed a brand new ball cap on Dickson's head.

He asked him to come to the tournament and be his honorary coach.

Dickson could not refuse such a request and said "yes" as he was overwhelmed with tears in his eyes.

"My softball buddy came to see me. He wants me to coach the team," Dickson kept repeating to his friends after Tanner left.

It was obvious that Tanner and Dickson had truly bonded as friends even beyond the ball field.

During the tournament, the teams headed for their dug outs after the opening ceremony and Tanner was getting anxious because he did not



Courtesy photo  
Softball player Johnny (J.T.) Tanner (left) helps Coffee News honorary coach William Dickson hang a medal around his neck. Tanner received the "Heart of Gold" award. Tanner presented Dickson with a medal for being their honorary coach during the tourney.

see his honorary coach on the field.

Then through the fog, everyone saw Dickson with his walker slowly entering the gate.

Tanner could not wait for him.

He ran to Dickson, embraced him, and the two walked side by side to the dugout.

Dickson stayed the whole day cheering for his Coffee News team from the dug out and yelling out encouragement just like a coach would do.

"This means a lot to me," Tanner said. "William is really special to me."

Because of their unique friendship, Special STARS presented them each with medals during the awards ceremony.

Tanner had the honor of hanging an "Honorary Coach" medal around Dickson's head and Dickson returned the honor by placing the "Heart of Gold" medal around Tanner's neck.

The two embraced and shared a very tearful hug.

Tanner was also chosen for the Best Community Athlete award by the game officials.

Other awards presented were given to Tim Ritenour, of Dee's Place, won Coach Sportsmanship award; Rob Torres of Beef O'Brady's, won Community Athlete Sportsmanship; John Davis, of Heacock Insurance Group, won Special Athlete Sportsmanship; Bill Sobczak, of Avon Park Youth Academy, won Best Special Athlete; and Hank Brady, of Florida Hospital, won Best Coach.

Partners in the local community joined efforts with individuals with disabilities and played in this coed slow-pitch softball tournament.

Each team featured four special athletes playing with three male and three female partners from the community.

The Avon Park Youth Academy, coached by Pete Zeegers, was the winner of the tournament.

This was their third year in a row to win.

They beat Coffee News, coached by Andy Basso, in the final championship game to take the first place trophy. Coffee News took second place.

Beef O'Brady's, coached by Amy Torres, played in the consolation bracket against Dee's Place, coached by Tim Ritenour, for the third place trophy.

Other teams were Florida Hospital, coached by Hank Brady, and Heacock Insurance Group, coached by Garrett Martinez.

All of the coaches were given medals by the special athletes on their teams to show appreciation for their efforts.

There were 11 special athletes learning the fundamentals of playing softball in a skill level.

Their team was co-sponsored by Heartland Riders Association and J & J Angels, which was David and Doris Magowan.

They competed for medals for throwing, fielding, batting and running the bases.

Danielle Jordan coached the skill level.

Skill level participants getting first place were Fred Moore and James Reed.

Second place was won by Alan Kufnowski and Katie Gibson.

Third place winners were Jacquelyn Furry and Linda Decker.

Fourth place was won by Jeannene Eby and Stephanie Tyree.

Fifth place winners were Bryan Bishop and Francesca DiMeglio. Frances Goff won sixth.

The Home Run Derby was open for men, women, special athletes, teens and children.

Winners and their categories were Jeff Johnson, men; Morgan Andrews, women; Shawn Squires, special athlete; and Cassidy Ritenour children.

The South Florida State College was the major All-Star sponsor for the tournament along with Sebring Elks Lodge 1529, Highlands Sertoma Club, Knights of Columbus Council 5441 and Highlands County Board of County Commissioners.

Claude Howerton of the Sebring Elks threw out the first pitch of the tournament early in the morning.

During the opening ceremony, the Avon Park High School Air Force Junior ROTC presented the American flag followed by the national anthem sung by Logan Lowry, a member of the ROTC.

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners donated the usage of the fields for the tourney.

Jeanette Phipps coordinated the umpires who donated their time.

Other tournament sponsors included Reflections on Silver Lake, Highlands Independent Bank, Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, King Equipment, Jim and Carol Phipps, Lampe & Kiefer Hearing Aid Center and Morris Funeral Chapel.

Overall, the tournament generated more than \$5,400. Proceeds from the tournament went to Special STARS to help pay for the 12 different sports and six recreational activities done throughout the year for more than 400 athletes with physical and mental disabilities in Highlands County.





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# Track season heightening as Districts approach

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Katherine Stoll and Schroeder finished first in the 4X800 with a time of 12:10.85.

Senior Erika Cord equaled her school record 5-feet, 2-inches in the high jump, picking up a win, while teammate Shalontay Rose cleared 5-foot-even for second.

"I've been getting some great coaching and working really hard to get to 5-foot-2," Cord said. "I really want to clear 5-4 at my next meet. If I can get that and be consistent, I should be able to get to state and maybe medal."

Rose followed her second in the high jump with firsts in both the long and triple jumps.

Imani Powell took second in the long jump, with Moran taking third.

Moran then also grabbed a second in the triple jump.

Sebring went first and second in the girls pole vault, as Blake Fort and Ali Blackman each cleared 8-feet.

In the throws, Alexxis Harris got a first for the Streaks in the shot put and a second in the discus.

Lake Placid and Avon Park also saw their share of strong performances as Lady Dragon Quiahja Williams won the 100-meter dash and took second in the 200.

Lady Red Devil Lashady Love switched up those finishes by taking second in the 100 and winning the 200.

Lake Placid's Alex Coyne then pulled off a come-from-behind win in the 1,600 and teammate Shonkeria Robinson took second in the 100-meter hurdles.

The quartet of Lashady Love, Lori-Ann Love, Michelle Riveria and Angelina Ligon won the 4X100 relay for Avon Park, with Williams, Shelby Dillon, Tangie Pagan and Robinson finishing second in the event.

Felicia Strouse, Kelsey Knowles, Brandi Best and Brittany Egan then took second for the Lady Devils in



News-Sun photos by DAN HOEHNE  
Left: Keplet Charite got wins for Lake Placid in both the 400-meter dash and 110-meter hurdles Thursday. Above: Erika Cord equaled her PR and school standard by clearing 5-foot-2 for the win in girls high jump.

the 4X400 and Egan, Knowles, Strouse and Hannah Farr finished second in the 4X800.

Williams added a third-place finish for Lake Placid in the high jump and Lashady Love took third in the triple jump for Avon Park.

On the boys side of the meet, Brian Dixon got it going with a second in the 100 and first in the 200.

Teammate Desmond Edwards took third in both events, and Carl Dassinger finished second in the 400.

Eric Foster then picked up startlingly easy wins in both the 800 and 1,600 runs.

In the 800, Foster's time of 2:08.60 was nearly 17 seconds ahead of the runner-up, while his time of 4:39.74 was 36 seconds better than the second-place finisher.

Foster's brother Damien then won the boys 3,200 in just as commanding a fashion in 11:07.32, well over a minute ahead of his nearest male competitor.

The Streaks got a one, two finish in the 300 hurdles, with Cameron Cobb and Joseph Calvete doing the honors, respectively.

The 4X100 relay team of Tony Jenkins, Jordyn Blount, Dassinger and Greg Rawlings got a win, as did the 4X400 team of Jarvis

Bridges, Blount, Rawlings and Dassinger.

The Foster brothers then teamed up with Elias Salgado and Nathaniel Acosta to win the 4X800.

Moving to the field events, Blount picked up wins in the high and long jump, clearing 6-feet and reaching 20-feet, 9-inches, respectively, while teammate O'Derrick Gall took second in the triple jump.

The Streaks then took all four top spots in the pole vault, with Byron Cobb clearing 12-feet, Zach Garner and Mitchell Winslow each clearing 9-feet, 6-inches and Justin Hough making it over the bar at 9-feet.

Junior Gary Demarest then continued his fast climb in the throws by winning both the shot put and discus.

Demarest had set a new school discus record last week at a meet in Lake Placid, and bettered his own mark this time around by almost an additional four feet with a toss of 137-feet, 2-inches.

"I started last year throwing around 112," he said. "A lot of practice, great coaches and an awesome team have helped me and I'm shooting for at least 150-feet by the end of this year."

For the Green Dragons,



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE  
Batons are passed during the first handoff of the girls 4X100-meter relay Thursday at Firemen's Field. The event would be won by the Avon Park foursome of Lashady Love, Lori-Ann Love, Michelle Riveria and Angelina Ligon.

Keplet Charite picked up wins in both the 400-meter dash and 110-meter hurdles and Red Devil Loagan Lashley took third in the 800 and second in the 1,600.

Dalton Hillier placed third for Lake Placid in the 3,200 with Avon Park's Steven

Roberts taking second in the 110-meter hurdles and third in the 300 and triple jump.

Nick Tuason took third for the Dragons in the high jump, while teammate Dennis Johnson was third in the shot put and second in the discus.

All three county teams will

share the track again Thursday on the road at Frostproof and will serve as the final tuneup for Lake Placid and Avon Park before their district meet on Thursday, April 11.

# FTA – Heartland Chapter April Activities

Special to the News-Sun  
Saturday, April 6

A Day Hike of approximately 6 miles at the Tenoroc Fish Management Area in Lakeland.

This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife.

There will also be a special event at Tenoroc that day entitled "Fish Derby", providing activities for children.

If interested, contact the park office at Tenoroc for more information.

Bring Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection.

Contact Pam Williams at 863-602-5185 or email [dec1966@aol.com](mailto:dec1966@aol.com) for meet up time and other information.

Saturday, April 13

A Day Hike in celebration of Earth Day which is April 22 at Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Arbuckle Wildlife Management Area (WMA) consists of 13,531 acres east of Avon Park in Polk County, 5 miles south of Frostproof.

Part of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest, this area was purchased to protect

numerous rare and endangered plants and animals.

Arbuckle occupies a high ridge of ancient sand dunes and contains fast disappearing pine and oak scrub, home to Florida scrub-jays and gopher tortoises.

Arbuckle WMA is part of the Great Florida Birding Trail.

Scrub-jays inhabit the oak scrub along the road into the area.

Short-tailed hawks may be observed on the Paula Dockery Trail, and at Lake Arbuckle are wading birds, bald eagles, limpkins and ospreys.

Bring sturdy walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, lunch, and dress in layers for comfort against cold weather that may warm as the day progresses.

Contact David Waldrop at 863-605-3587, or email [david\\_lwfl@yahoo.com](mailto:david_lwfl@yahoo.com) for meet-up time and other

details.

Wednesday, April 17

A Day Hike of approximately 6 miles at the Tenoroc Fish Management Area in Lakeland.

Meet at the Office at park entrance.

This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife.

Bring water, snacks sun protection, and wear good shoes, no flip flops.

Contact Monika Hoerl at 863-858-3106 for meet-up time and other details.

Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21

Trail Maintenance (come for the day or primitive camp overnight) at the KICCO Wildlife Management Area off SR 60, east of Lake Wales.

Meet at entrance to Westgate River Ranch Resort

on right when traveling east.

Bring Hiking shoes, brimmed hat, water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact David Waldrop at 863-605-3587, or email: [david\\_lwfl@yahoo.com](mailto:david_lwfl@yahoo.com) for meet-up time and other details.

Sunday, April 21

Nature Walk at the Circle B Bar Preserve, SR 540 (Winter Lake Rd.), Lakeland. An approximately 3-mile walk to view birds and other wildlife at this scenic

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

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

Pets are not allowed. Bring Walking or hiking shoes, water, snacks, sun and insect protection.

Contact Liane Plumhoff 646-2398 or [lplum@verizon.net](mailto:lplum@verizon.net).

Saturday, April 27

Day Hike, approximately 6 miles at the Tenoroc Fish Management Area in Lakeland.

Meet at the Picnic Lake pavilion parking area.

This former phosphate mining area consists of lakes, marshes, grasslands and wooded hills, and is an important refuge for wildlife.

Bring water, snacks sun protection, and wear good shoes, no flip flops.

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# SENIOR LIVING

## Tips to avoid some new scams targeting seniors

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While we are all taught to use good manners when answering the telephone, not everyone who calls you necessarily has good intentions.

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a recent spate of lottery scams or advance fee frauds originating in Jamaica are targeting seniors and other Americans by telephone.

While the Jamaican and U.S. governments have teamed to tighten laws and combat the problem, it's important to guard against becoming the next victim.

Knowing the difference between legitimate telemarketers and scammers is crucial. Protect yourself by taking the following precautions:

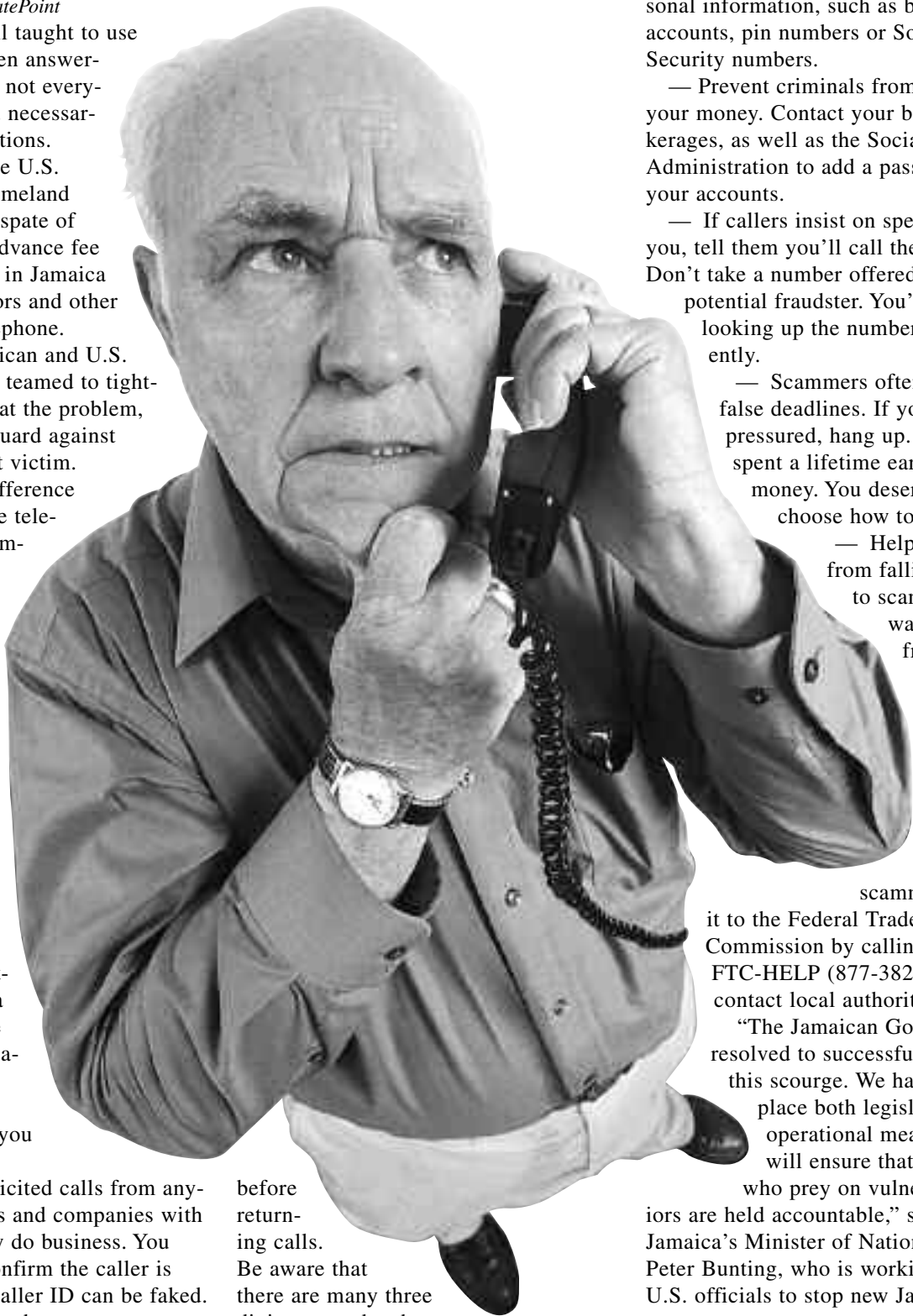
- Never pay money to collect supposed sweepstakes winnings. Legitimate operations won't require you to pay to collect winnings. It's against U.S. law to play foreign lotteries. If you get a call saying you've won one, it's probably a scam.

- Never wire money to anyone you don't know.

- Ignore unsolicited calls from anyone, even charities and companies with whom you already do business. You have no way to confirm the caller is legitimate. Even caller ID can be faked. When in doubt, just hang up.

- Place your telephone number on the National Do Not Call Registry. It's fast and free. Visit [www.DoNotCall.gov](http://www.DoNotCall.gov) or add your number to the registry by calling 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register.

- Check unfamiliar area codes



before returning calls. Be aware that there are many three digit area codes that connect callers to international telephone numbers.

- If you don't make international calls, ask your telephone provider to block incoming and outgoing international calls.

- Never provide anyone with per-

sonal information, such as bank accounts, pin numbers or Social Security numbers.

- Prevent criminals from accessing your money. Contact your bank, brokerages, as well as the Social Security Administration to add a password to your accounts.

- If callers insist on speaking with you, tell them you'll call them directly. Don't take a number offered by a potential fraudster. You're safer looking up the number independently.

- Scammers often create false deadlines. If you feel pressured, hang up. You've spent a lifetime earning your money. You deserve time to choose how to spend it.

- Help others from falling victim to scammers by warning friends and family. If you've received a call, mail or email you think might be from a scammer, report

it to the Federal Trade Commission by calling at 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357) or contact local authorities.

"The Jamaican Government is resolved to successfully combat this scourge. We have put in place both legislative and operational measures that will ensure that persons who prey on vulnerable seniors are held accountable," said Jamaica's Minister of National Security Peter Bunting, who is working with U.S. officials to stop new Jamaican lottery scams.

You don't have to live in fear to avoid being a victim. By becoming informed of the latest tactics used by scammers to defraud consumers, you can protect yourself and your finances.



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## Easy steps to take control of your retirement savings

**StatePoint**  
Want to take control of your retirement planning, but don't know how? You're not alone. Most Americans want to manage their retirement portfolio on their own, but feel intimidated by the process, a new study reveals.

Nearly three-quarters of Americans said they'd love to manage their own retirement portfolio if they had the right knowledge and tools, according to a survey by Jemstep.com, an online investment advisor, and market research group, Harris Interactive. Meanwhile, 67 percent said they think retirement investing is complex and intimidating.

The good news is that planning for your future doesn't have to be complicated. Here are four things you can do to take control:

- Know how much you have and need: When you're dieting, it's helpful to weigh yourself and set a goal weight. Retirement savings works the same way. How much money do you have and what do you need to save for retirement?

- You can turn to free online tools for help. For example, CNN Money's online calculator factors in your age, current income and savings to determine what you should be saving yearly to support 80 percent of your pre-retirement income. Visit [cgi.money.cnn.com/tools](http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools) to determine your goals.

- Create a diversified portfolio: Research shows that the single best thing

you can do for your retirement portfolio is to diversify holdings. That means splitting money between different asset classes, such as stocks, bonds, cash and commodities.

Each asset class behaves differently under different market conditions. For example, when a recession hits, some asset classes might rise while others fall. Diversifying means that your portfolio should be more stable.

How should you slice the pie? That depends on three things: your tolerance for risk, your goals, and the number of years until retirement.

- Select the best investments: Next, you'll need to pick specific funds for each asset class. You might decide, for example, to put 20 percent of your portfolio in funds that represent the stocks of large, stable companies. Which funds should you choose?

When you're making that choice, you'll want to look at "fund characteristics," such as the fees it charges, its historic returns, its volatility, and other factors.

If this sounds complex, don't worry. There are resources that can help. For example, Portfolio Manager, a new service from Jemstep, analyzes your current portfolio, gives you a personalized investment strategy, and offers step-by-step instructions on what to buy and sell to build the ideal portfolio for you. More information is available at [Jemstep.com](http://Jemstep.com).

- Stay on track: Things

## Three tips to help plan your financial future

**StatePoint**  
Experts say that with good communication and solid planning, couples can put themselves in the right position to build a solid financial future together.

"American couples across all demographics need to spend time talking about financial and retirement issues sooner rather than later," says Tim Johnson, chief investment strategist for Lincoln Financial Network.

"A couple should literally ask each other, 'What are we really trying to accomplish here and what do you want out of this whole thing?'"

As part of an ongoing effort to educate consumers about financial preparedness, Lincoln Financial recently launched a set of tips and actionable steps designed to help people achieve financial well-being:

- Plan with Purpose:

When reviewing investments and solutions that can help grow and protect wealth, couples need to have a shared plan in mind and an understanding of what's important.

Remember, the conversation doesn't have to be all budgets and numbers. You can engage your loved one by talking about concrete goals, such as a wedding, vacations and homeownership.

- Be Engaged, No Matter What: Don't throw your hands up at uncertain economic conditions. The market has always gone up and down. Volatility is just part of investing. So rather than toss account statements into a pile of unopened mail, identify what's working well and build on it. For what's not working well, rebalance portfolios, as necessary.

You can stay motivated as a couple by celebrating small steps along the way. Be sure

to reward yourself responsibly when something good happens.

- Communicate: Each person in the relationship has an opportunity to take steps, both large and small, that help achieve short- and long-term financial goals. But working together is important. A couple is most powerful when pulling in the same direction. A trusted financial professional can help you get on the same page and chart a solid path to the future.

Be sure to hold regular financial meetings to address weaknesses and celebrate successes.

Make it fun. Understanding who your partner is and what motivates him or her can make for a strong relationship and a solid future. Visit [www.BeAChiefLifeOfficer.com](http://www.BeAChiefLifeOfficer.com).

A healthy financial rela-

tionship is a building block for a healthy overall relationship. Take steps now to define your priorities, so you can begin working toward your shared goals.

## Inspirational Thoughts & Scriptures



### Inspirational Thoughts by Patricia Valentine

Luke 24:1-8, "Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to do the earth, they said to them, why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is Risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words." The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in all human history. Only Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Jesus was victorious over death. Remember today, we celebrate a Risen Saviour. Whatever you may be facing today that does not come with peace, just remember these two major events, Calvary's Cross and The Empty Tomb. He did it just for you and me. Happy Resurrection Day!

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# OUTDOORS

## Be on the lookout for barred owls and their young

Right now is an exciting time of year if you're an owl fan. Barred owls are in the process of nesting and have more than likely laid their eggs recently. For some mother owls, the hatchlings have found their way out of the eggs and are in the process of fledging. Mother barred owls lay from two to four eggs per clutch. Hatching takes place about four weeks later and the young owls



**News From The Watershed**

Corine Burgess

stay close to each other within the same territory and reunite during when it's time to breed. These birds are very territorial and don't usually wander too far from their area unless scarcity of food drives them to other sites.

Another distinctive feature of the barred owl is its call. They have what is termed "a two-phased hoot," which sounds a bit like they are saying, "Who

fledge between four and five weeks after hatching. The nests are usually in a tree cavity that was created by another bird such as a pileated woodpecker or a previous nest of a hawk or a crow.

Nestlings are brooded by the female, but the male brings home the food. The new owl's eyes will open after about seven days. Once they start to fledge, they will begin to venture out to nearby branches. At about six weeks, they venture out and learn to fly. The parents of the new fledglings will care for them for about six months.

Once they reach adulthood, barred owls are large birds with gray-brown and white coloration that sport bar patterns on their chests. It is fairly easy to identify a barred owl because of its round head and lack of ear tufts. Unlike other owls that have yellow eyes, this owl has brown eyes. Their beaks are a dull yellow color.

Even though this owl looks very large, most of what you see is feathers. Despite its size, these owls only weigh about one pound.

As adults, barred owls are mostly loners. They only live as family groups from the breeding season until the babies are ready to go out on their own. Mating pairs will

cooks for you? Who cooks for you all?" These interesting creatures have other calls including mating calls, hoots and the sounds of the nestlings begging for food.

Like other birds of prey, barred owls are carnivorous and dine on small mammals, other birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates. Since they swallow their food whole, the animal cannot be of too large a size. If they do happen to capture a bigger animal, they rip it apart with their razor sharp talons and beak. They may store some of the prey in their nests or cavities to be devoured later. The owl's talons also serve as skewers to grab prey they have spotted from a perch high above. It is an amazing sight to see the graceful, silent bird swoop down and grab the unsuspecting prey.

Once these amazing animals have had their fill, hours later they will cough up the indigestible parts of the prey. Bones, fur and feathers end up in a one- to two-inch cylindrical pellet, which can be found on the ground near their nest.

Barred owls have excellent eyesight. Their big round eyes are designed so they can gather light, which enables them to see in the dark. This is vital to the predator



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**Barred owls are fairly easy to identify by their round heads and lack of ear tufts. Unlike other owls that have yellow eyes, this owl has brown eyes.**

since they are mostly nocturnal hunters. All owls look forward, so what they see is the same object from two completely different angles, giving them a three dimensional view, similar to the way we see things. Unlike humans, the owl's eyes do not move within the socket, therefore if they want to look around, they have to move their entire head.

Barred owls are also blessed with exceptional hearing. They hear similar to the way they see, in three dimensions. Their ear open-

ings are faced forward so that their face actually works as a mechanism to divert sound waves to their ears. The ear opening on the right is higher than the left opening, which enables each ear to pick up sounds from different angles. Their hearing is so sharp that they can locate prey in the dark even if they can't see it.

Owls are interesting creatures to be sure. One of the important functions they serve is keeping the rodent population in check. So next time you're out walking and you

hear the distinctive call, look around and see if you can spot the barred owls nearby. You can be sure it has spotted you.

### Wise owl facts: (The Cornell Lab of Ornithology)

The great horned owl is the most serious predatory threat to the barred owl. Although the two species often live in the same areas, a barred owl will move to another part of its territory when a great horned owl is nearby.

Pleistocene fossils of barred owls, at least 11,000 years old, have been dug up in Florida, Tennessee, and Ontario.

Barred owls don't migrate, and they don't even move around very much. Of 158 birds that were banded and then found later, none had moved farther than six miles away.

Young barred owls can climb trees by grasping the bark with their bill and talons, flapping their wings, and walking their way up the trunk.

The oldest barred owl on record was at least 24 years old

### To find out how to build a nest box

[http://www.owlpages.com/download/Nest\\_Box\\_Plans\\_for\\_Barred\\_Owls\\_by\\_Michael\\_Cantwell.pdf](http://www.owlpages.com/download/Nest_Box_Plans_for_Barred_Owls_by_Michael_Cantwell.pdf)

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## How to make your garden more environmentally friendly

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Spring is here, which means it's time to slip those green thumbs into some gardening gloves.

And if you want to feel truly good about what you grow, consider upgrading your garden to be more planet-friendly. Here are some ideas to consider:

### Grow dinner

Grow the vegetables, herbs and flowers that you would normally purchase for your dinner and floral arrangements. Local is more sustainable because it reduces the carbon footprint associated with transport. And you can't get more local than your own backyard!

### Encourage pollination

Pollination is crucial for agricultural production and the health of the ecosystem. Unfortunately, many polli-



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nating insects are highly susceptible to environmental changes and have in recent years, suffered major population decline.

You can help local pollinators thrive by planting a variety of native species of varying colors and shapes and reducing your use of pesticides.

### Be bird-friendly

No garden is truly complete without regular visits from birds. Encourage flying visitors by installing a feeder and bird bath.

According to a study published in the Wilson Journal

of Ornithology, billions of birds die annually worldwide from collisions with windows.

Without affecting the appearance of your home, you can make your windows safer for birds by applying static-cling decals. To create a complete visual barrier, consider filling in the gaps between decals with UV Liquid dots which are invisible to humans, but visible to birds.

More information, visit [www.WindowAlert.com/](http://www.WindowAlert.com/).

### Compost

By composting, you will not only reduce your home's overall waste, you'll also create a rich soil that can be used in your garden to cultivate plants naturally. Be careful what you compost, however. Sawdust from chemically treated wood, diseased plants, and even walnuts, when composted, can create soil that's hazardous to both plants and people.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Barbara Walters to retire in 2014

By DAVID BAUDER  
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Barbara Walters plans to retire next year, ending a television career that began more than a half century ago and made her a trailblazer in news and daytime TV.

Someone who works closely with Walters said the plan is for her to retire in May 2014 after a series of special programs saluting her career. The person was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Thursday.

Walters, 83, was hospitalized earlier this year after falling and cutting her head while leaving a party in Washington and remained out of work after developing the chicken-pox. Largely retired from ABC News already, her main work is at "The View," the daytime hit she created in 1997.

Her television career began in 1961 when she was hired as a writer for the "Today" show. She graduated quickly to on-air work and became the show's co-host before leaving in 1976 to become co-anchor of ABC's evening news with Harry Reasoner — the first woman in such a role for a television network.

The pairing ended quickly and Walters



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**Barbara Walters' TV career began in 1961 with the 'Today' show.**

settled into a role as ABC News' cajoler-in-chief, competing ferociously to land news-making interviews with heads of state and stars of the day. She regularly did interview specials, including an annual show with the most fascinating people of the year, and was co-host of "20/20" for two decades, much of the time with Hugh Downs.

She described "The View" as the "dessert" of her career, a regular gathering of women chatting about the hot topics of the day and interviewing visiting presidents and actors.

## 'Harry Potter' actor Richard Griffiths dies at 65

By JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — Richard Griffiths was one of the great British stage actors of his generation, a heavy man with a light touch, whether in Shakespeare or Neil Simon. But for millions of movie fans, he will always be grumpy Uncle Vernon, the least magical of characters in the fantastical "Harry Potter" movies.

Griffiths died Thursday at University Hospital in Coventry, central England, from complications following heart surgery, his agent, Simon Beresford, said. He was 65.

"Harry Potter" star Daniel Radcliffe paid tribute to the actor Friday, saying that "any room he walked into was made twice as funny and twice as clever just by his presence."

"I am proud to say I knew

him," Radcliffe said.

Griffiths won a Tony Award for "The History Boys" and appeared in dozens of movies and TV shows.

But he will be most widely remembered as a pair of contrasting uncles — Harry Potter's Uncle Vernon Dursley and Uncle Monty in cult film "Withnail and I."

Griffiths was among a huge roster of British acting talent to appear in the "Harry Potter" series of films released between 2001 and 2011.

His role, as the grudging, magic-fearing guardian of orphaned wizard Harry, was small but pivotal. Griffiths once said he liked playing Uncle Vernon "because that gives me a license to be horrible to kids."

But Radcliffe recalled Griffiths' kindness to the young star.

"Richard was by my side during two of the most important moments of my career," said Radcliffe, who in 2007 starred with Griffiths in a London and Broadway production of "Equus."

"In August 2000, before official production had even begun on 'Potter,' we filmed a shot outside the Dursleys', which was my first ever shot as Harry.

"I was nervous, and he made me feel at ease.

"Seven years later, we embarked on 'Equus' together. It was my first time doing a play, but, terrified as I was, his encouragement, tutelage and humor made it a joy."

Earlier, Griffiths was the louche, lecherous Uncle Monty to Richard E. Grant's character Withnail in "Withnail and I," a low-budget British comedy about two out-of-work actors that has become a cult classic. Years

# PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

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

## BAPTIST

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

■ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catechist 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, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6

p.m.; Worship Choir Practice, 6 p.m.; Mission Programs for Children, 6:45 p.m. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Sunday broadcast on Cable TV Channel 6. Call 453-6681 for details. "In the heart of Avon Park, for the hearts of Avon Park."

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altwater 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.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. 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

Arbuckle 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.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

## CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English. Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/mailling 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.O., [frjose@stcatho.com](mailto:frjose@stcatho.com) or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Decons, 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 p.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

## CHURCH OF BRETHREN

■ **Church of the Brethren**, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday: Church School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m. Wednesday: Temple Choir, 7:30 p.m. Phone 385-1597.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Avon Park Church of Christ**, 200 S. Forest Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Minister: Don Smith. Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at every service. Bible Study: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible centered classes for all ages. Church phone: 453-4692.

■ **Lake Placid Church of Christ**, 1069 Hwy 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Mailing address is P.O. Box 1440, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. Sunday evening worship is 6 p.m. Bible class 9 a.m. Sundays and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All are invited to join us. For more information, call the church at 863-465-4636 or visit the website <http://www.thelordsway.com/lakeplacid-cofc/>.

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. Minister: Kevin Patterson. Times of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF GOD

■ **Church on the Ridge**, Church of God, Anderson, Ind.; 1130 State Road 17 North, Sebring, FL 33870. Worship Service Sunday, 10 a.m.; Bible Study and Prayer, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Pastor Dr. Collet Varner, (863) 382-0773.

## 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.



# BOOKS

## Top publisher speeds up e-book access for libraries

By HILLEL ITALIE  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — The publisher of Khaled Hosseini, Harlan Coben and other popular authors has decided that it's comfortable with letting libraries offer e-book editions of brand new releases.

Starting Tuesday, libraries can offer e-books from Penguin Group (USA) at the same time that the hardcover comes out, a switch from the previous policy of delaying downloads for six months, the publisher told The Associated Press. While vastly more e-books are available to libraries compared with a few years ago, Penguin and other publishers have limited digital access for fear of losing sales. The American Library Association has been calling for less restrictive terms.

"I am pleased to learn that Penguin's pilot is confirming

what research suggests and librarians believe: There is more to be gained than lost when publishers work with libraries," association president Maureen Sullivan said in a statement. "We are encouraged by Penguin's willingness to experiment, make adjustments and move forward with libraries and our millions of readers."

Penguin has for months been tracking e-book usage at libraries through pilot programs around the country. The effect of library downloads on commercial revenues has been acceptable and the publisher was comfortable with making new releases available, the director of online sales and marketing, Tim McCall, said Wednesday. That means libraries can provide editions of Hosseini's "And the Mountains Echoed" starting with its official date of publication, May 21.

### FICTION

1. "Clockwork Princess" by Cassandra Clare (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
2. "Six Years" by Harlan Coben (Dutton Books)
3. "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss (Random House Children's Books)
4. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel" by Jeff Kinney (Amulet Books)
5. "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" by Dr. Seuss (Random House Children's Books)
6. "Middle School: My Brother Is a Big, Fat Liar" by James Patterson, Lisa Papademetriou (Little, Brown)
7. "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)
8. "Alex Cross, Run" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
9. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Crown Publishing Group)
10. "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss (Random House Children's Books)

### NONFICTION

1. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf)
2. "Jesus Calling: Enjoy Peace in His Presence" by Sarah Young (Thomas Nelson Publishers)
3. "Life Code: The New Rules for Winning in the Real World" by Phil

### Wall Street Journal Best Sellers

- McGraw (Bird Street Books)
4. "The FastDiet" by Michael Mosley, Mimi Spencer (Atria Books)
  5. "The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book" by Jeff Kinney (Abrams)
  6. "Patients Come Second" by Paul Spiegelman, Britt Berrett (Inc. Original)
  7. "StrengthsFinder 2.0" by Tom Rath (Gallup Press)
  8. "Firsthand" by Ryan Shook, Josh Shook (Waterbrook Press)
  9. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt & Co.)
  10. "Shred: The Revolutionary Diet: 6 Weeks 4 Inches 2 Sizes" by Ian K. Smith (St. Martin's Press)

### FICTION E-BOOKS

1. "Six Years" by Harlan Coben (Penguin Group)
2. "Clockwork Princess" by Cassandra Clare (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
3. "Wait for You" by J. Lynn (J. Lynn)
4. "Just One Night, Part 2" by Kyra Davis (Pocket Star)
5. "The Beggar King" by Oliver Potzsch (Amazon Crossing)
6. "The Hangman's Daughter" by

- Oliver Potzsch (Amazon Crossing)
7. "Falling Into You" by Jasinda Wilder (Jasinda Wilder)
  8. "Three Sisters" by Susan Mallery (Harlequin)
  9. "Alex Cross, Run" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
  10. "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)

### NONFICTION E-BOOKS

1. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
2. "The FastDiet" by Michael Mosley, Mimi Spencer (Atria Books)
3. "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander (Simon & Schuster)
4. "My Mother Was Nuts" by Penny Marshall (New Harvest)
5. "American Sniper" by Chris Kyle, Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice (Harper)
6. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey (Little, Brown)
7. "Killing Kennedy" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt & Co.)
8. "Drinking and Tweeting: And Other Brandi Blunders" by Brandi Glanville and Leslie Bruce (Gallery Books)
9. "Daring Greatly" by Brene Brown (Penguin Group)
10. "America the Beautiful" by Ben Carson with Candy Carson (Zondervan)

# 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. Come worship and fellowship with us. 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 Faithful 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."

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for

January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: [www.Trinitylutheranlp.com](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 nightes and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at [www.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.fpcp.com](http://www.fpcp.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. 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.

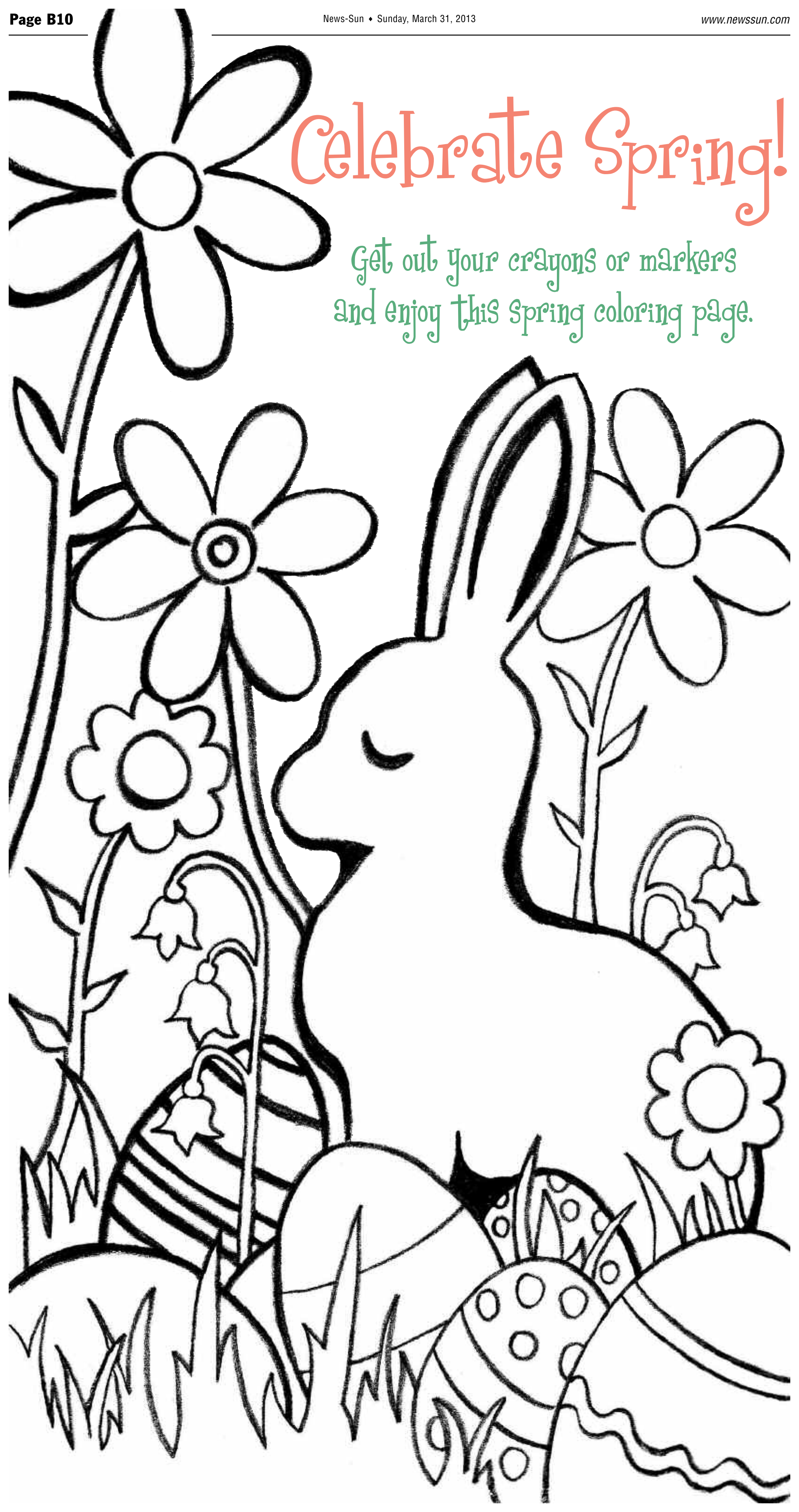
## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# Pet Peace of Mind helps Hospice patients

By MANNY P. HERNANDEZ  
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Nonprofit Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care has announced their Pet Peace of Mind program is now fully operational throughout all of Highlands and Hardee counties, bringing peace of mind to hospice patients who own pets by funding grooming, pet food, litter and routine vaccines. The program also provides pet-loving volunteers to assist with dog walking and transportation to vet appointments plus visiting the pets' owners at home, nursing facilities, hospitals, or wherever patients may be.

## Spearheaded by pet-loving households

Sebring resident and hospice supporter Berniece Kimmel was contacted by a friend about Babe, a female Boston terrier that was a displaced victim of the fall 2004 hurricanes and that Babe was available for adoption. Kimmel used to raise Boston terriers years ago and she promptly adopted Babe, who has truly become Kimmel's baby since. The Kimmel household, with Babe, is another pet supporter household awaiting to help out with typical pet needs encountered by Cornerstone Hospice patients.

The pieces started falling in place when Lisa Gray, volunteer manager for Cornerstone Hospice, was introduced to Banfield Charitable Trust's program "Pet Peace of Mind". This program was developed by Banfield specifically for not-for-profit hospices to help keep patients and their pets together longer.

In May 2011, Banfield awarded Cornerstone Hospice a \$5,000 grant and Pet Peace of Mind program materials needed to begin.

Cornerstone became the first hospice in the state of Florida to be awarded the program.

Melissa Carter, also of Sebring, wanted a unique birthday gift for her daughter, Albany, and in December 2010, English bulldog "Tank" was born.

"He has truly become the baby of the family," said Melissa, now happy to see Albany has an inseparable companion and protector. The Carter household is another hospice supporter household on standby, ready to assist hospice patients with their pet needs.

Cornerstone Hospice can help bring peace of mind to their patients anywhere in Highlands and Hardee Counties by funding grooming, pet food, litter, and routine vaccines to those patients who are in need during this difficult time of their life. Cornerstone Hospice will also provide volunteers to assist with dog walking and transportation to vet appointments, or to visit their owners in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, or wherever they may be.

Sebring resident and Cornerstone Hospice volunteer specialist Dorothy Harris said, "My firefighter husband found this male kitty cat after fighting a fire in an abandoned building. His feet were burned and his fur had melted plastic stuck on it. With loving care from Sebring Animal Hospital, kitty recovered, our daughter named him Shere Khan and he is now a sensation in our neighborhood."

Harris is the point person overseeing the Cornerstone Hospice Pet Peace of Mind program in Highlands and Hardee counties.

The positive results of the Pet Peace of Mind program will help pet owners and hospice patients learn



Courtesy photo

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the importance of making a plan to assist their four-legged, furied or feathered family members. Cornerstone Hospice will attempt to find homes for pets who are grieving the loss of their owners when family and friends are unable to take pets in.

## Contact Hospice for specialized training

For more information or to register for one of Hospice's volunteer training classes contact Harris at 253-1611 or Gray at (352) 742-6806 or toll-free (888)728-6234.

Since 1984, Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., a not-for-profit, community-based healthcare

organization, has provided comfort and care to Central Florida residents experiencing life-limiting illnesses and their families. Last year, approximately 5,000 people in Highlands, Hardee, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Sumter counties benefited from Cornerstone programs and services either in their own homes, medical facilities, one of the organization's hospice houses or inpatient suites.

Many Cornerstone Hospice programs are made possible through the generous support of individuals and groups. For more information about Cornerstone Hospice services, volunteering or making a donation in support of Cornerstone families, call toll-free 888-728-6234 or visit [www.cornerstonehospice.org](http://www.cornerstonehospice.org).

# Americans oppose paying for restoring beaches

By SETH BORENSTEIN  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — More than 4 out of 5 Americans want to prepare now for rising seas and stronger storms from climate change, a new national survey says. But most are unwilling to keep spending money to restore and protect stricken beaches.

The poll by Stanford University released Thursday found that only 1 in 3 people favored the government spending millions to construct big sea walls, replenish beaches or pay people to leave the coast.

This was the first time a large national poll looked at how Americans feel about adapting to the changes brought on by global warming, said survey director Jon Krosnick, a professor of political science and psychology at Stanford.

The more indirect options the majority preferred were making sure new buildings were stronger and reducing future coastal development.

New building codes rated the highest with 62 percent of those surveyed favoring it.

Three in 5 people want those who are directly affected by rising seas to pay for protection, rather than all taxpayers.

Krosnick said the low favorability of sea walls and sand replenishment "reflect the public's fatalistic sense that it's more realistic to just give up the beach than to try to save it when other storms in the future will just wash it away again."

The nationally representative survey of 1,174 Americans conducted online by GfK Custom Research has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

# Man, 86, gets probation in Ariz. mercy killing

Associated Press

PHOENIX — An 86-year-old man who carried out a mercy killing by shooting his ailing wife and high school sweetheart in the head was sentenced Friday to probation after an emotional hearing where family members tearfully spoke on his behalf.

George Sanders could have faced more than 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter. The judge, who complimented the prosecutor for being "courageous" in recommending probation, allowed Sanders to walk out of the courtroom.

Judge John Ditsworth said his sentence of two years' probation was "individualized and tempers justice with mercy."

"It is very clear that he will never forget that his actions ended the life of his wife," Ditsworth said as Sanders stood at a podium, his hands clasped and shaking.

"In this set of facts, there was a perfect storm of individual circumstances which placed Mr. Sanders in a position where had to make a decision," Ditsworth said. "This set of facts hits close to home for all of us."

Sanders, wearing khakis and a white sport coat, spoke for only a minute about his love for his 81-year-old wife, Virginia Sanders, who he calls Ginger.

"Your honor, I met Ginger when she was 15 years old

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JUDGE JOHN DITSWORTH

and I've loved her since she was 15 years old. I loved her when she was 81 years old," he said, trembling.

"It was a blessing, and I was happy to take care of her," Sanders continued. "I am sorry for all the grief and pain and sorrow I've caused people."

Sanders was arrested Nov. 9 after he says his wife begged him to shoot her at their home in the retirement community of Sun City outside Phoenix. He was initially charged with first-degree murder before reaching a plea agreement with prosecutors.

"The family very much loved their mother," prosecutor Blaine Gadow told the judge Friday as he recommended a sentence of probation, noting the "very unique, difficult circumstances of this case."

"I don't know where our society is going to go with cases like this, judge," Gadow said. "At this point in time, what Mr. Sanders did was a crime."

However, he added, "No one in the courtroom has forgotten the victim in this case."

Steve Sanders, the defen-

dant's son, then spoke on behalf of his father, telling the judge the family never wanted him to be prosecuted.

"I want the court to know that I loved my mother dearly," he said. "But I would also like the court to know that I equally love my father."

Breaking down at time in tears, Steve Sanders explained how his father had been Virginia Sanders' sole caregiver as her health deteriorated.

"I fully believe that the doctor's visits, the appointments, the medical phone calls and the awaiting hospital bed led to the decision that my parents made together," he said. "I do not fault my father."

"A lot of people have hero figures in their life, LeBron James ... some world class figures ... but I have to tell you my lifelong hero is my dad," Steve Sanders told the judge, sobbing. He said his parents had been together for 62 years, "the love of his life, my mother."

Sanders grandson, Grant Sanders, then described what he called "a beautiful love story."

"My grandfather lived to love my grandmother, to

serve and to make her feel as happy as he could every moment of their life," Grant Sanders said. "I truly believe that the pain had become too much for my grandmother to bear."

Sanders said his wife was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1969, and the couple moved from Washington state to Arizona in the 1970s for the warm, dry climate. She had been in a wheelchair since 1971.

Eventually, his own health deteriorated, and he said it became more difficult to care for his wife.

He said she was diagnosed with gangrene on her foot just a few days before the shooting and was set to be admitted to a hospital, then a nursing home.

"It was just the last straw," Sanders told a detective during his interrogation in November. "She didn't want to go to that hospital ... start cutting her toes off."

He said his wife begged him to kill her.

"I said, 'I can't do it honey,'" he told the detective. "She says, 'Yes you can.'"

Sanders then got his revolver and wrapped a towel around it so the bullet wouldn't go into the kitchen.

"She says, 'Is this going to hurt?' and I said, 'You won't feel a thing,'" he said.

"She was saying, 'Do it. Do it. Do it.' And I just let it go," Sanders added.

As he sentenced Sanders

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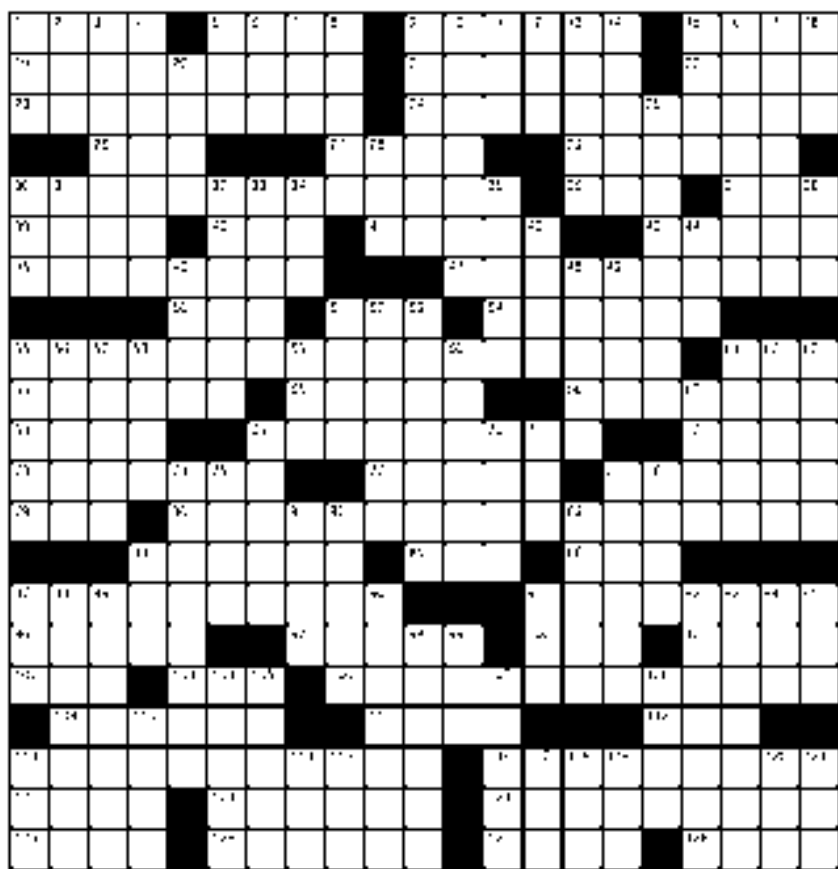
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  - 9 Italian for "small rolls"
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  - 19 One working on figures?
  - 21 Knocked the socks off
  - 22 Goody-goody's "headwear"
  - 23 Tibetan breed
  - 24 Cinematographer's concern
  - 26 Patriotic org.
  - 27 Starts the haggling at
  - 29 Powerful perch
  - 30 First Bond girl
  - 36 Let the tears go
  - 37 In the past
  - 39 Rocker Young
  - 40 Real estate listing abbr.
  - 41 Palm tree nut
  - 43 Cuban of the Dallas Mavericks, e.g.
  - 45 Orange County seat
  - 47 Max Ernst, for one
  - 50 Bases-loaded walk stat
  - 51 Well-stated
  - 54 Literally, "the tar"
  - 55 Crimson Tide's home
  - 61 Mao's successor
  - 64 Jobs offering of 2007
  - 65 Former Bears coach
  - 66 Full or half holds
  - 68 Train-stopping spots: Abbr.
  - 69 Event where the number 12 is important, and a feature of 12 two-word answers in this puzzle
  - 72 Once, archaically
  - 73 Texas Hold 'em variety
  - 76 Believing in the green-cheese moon, say
  - 77 Smoothing tool
  - 79 Leveling initials
  - 80 "The Voice" coach
  - 84 Rub with oil
  - 85 Evelyn Waugh, but not George Eliot
- DOWN**
- 1 "The Simpsons" real estate agent Gunderson
  - 2 Hamburger beef?
  - 3 Shows the way (to)
  - 4 Military attack
  - 5 Ovine bleat
  - 6 Men's tennis org.
  - 7 Thing in court
  - 8 Like some shoulders
  - 9 Lambeau Field pro
  - 10 Saved up
  - 11 Site of '60s action
  - 12 Modern ending?
  - 13 "Darn it!"
  - 14 State with a panhandle
  - 15 [Gasp!]
  - 16 Oscar winner Anna
  - 17 Asserts sans proof
  - 18 Fish eggs
  - 20 Bush advisor Rove
  - 25 Like koalas
  - 28 Mexican Mrs.



By ANREW J. RIES

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- 30 Young \_\_\_
- 31 "Bloom" star Stephen
- 32 Ideal for growing
- 33 OB/GYN test
- 34 Org. in the film "Sneakers"
- 35 Italy's La \_\_\_
- 38 Morsel
- 42 Very little
- 44 6-Down counterpart founded by Billie Jean King
- 46 Ireland's \_\_\_ Islands
- 48 Go out with \_\_\_
- 49 Soldat's weapon
- 51 "\_\_\_ sure you're aware ..."
- 52 One of Edison's 1,000-plus
- 53 Put in the crosshairs
- 55 Quaint "Not so"
- 56 B.J. or Justin of baseball
- 57 Commandment verb
- 58 Mozart's "\_\_\_ fan tutte"
- 59 Seraglio room
- 60 J.Lo, for one
- 61 Mezzo Marilyn
- 62 Racing great Bobby
- 63 Stars at the Forum?
- 67 Official emblem
- 69 Aweigh
- 70 US Open champ between John and Mats
- 71 Grant-providing gp.
- 74 '60s defense secretary
- 75 Chain with stacks
- 77 Coddled kitty, e.g.
- 78 Crossword-solving Simpson
- 81 At a Lakers' home game, e.g.
- 82 Place
- 83 '90s U.N. secretary-general Boutros-\_\_\_
- 84 River past Berne
- 87 Start of a rhyming Basque game
- 88 Finished
- 89 Element's combining power
- 90 2011 Liam Neeson
- film involving a wolf pack
- 91 Fjord-like inlet
- 92 Pink Floyd album including "Dogs" and "Sheep"
- 93 Abdominal
- 94 Mad-as-all-get-out state
- 95 Tapped-out letters
- 98 Gets away from
- 99 Boozer's affliction
- 104 Stampede rope
- 105 Casing outing, briefly
- 107 Physics bits
- 108 Spring
- 110 Pop singer Lambert
- 113 Kept under wraps
- 114 Crushable container
- 115 Native Nebraskan
- 117 Search, with "down"
- 118 Scratch (out)
- 119 Sleep lab acronym
- 120 TV chef Garten
- 121 Cause of Cleo's demise

# Resurrection reality



**Pause And Consider**  
Jan Merop

"Mommy," my then young son asked, "Is there really a tooth fairy?"

"What do you think?" I asked.

It didn't take him long to say, "No, it's just pretend."

A few moments later, it was the Easter Bunny, and, then, you guessed it, Santa.

Each time, I replied with the same question and he instinctively knew the answer. There were no tears; just a gentle coming to the truth of things fun, but just pretend.

Then I said, "But, Chris, everything Mommy has taught you about God and Jesus is true. The Bible is true."

"Oh, I know that!" he exclaimed.

It makes me think of Mary and Martha who believed who Jesus was for some time. So much so, that when their brother, Lazarus, was sick, they sent for the Master sure that he would heal him.

But, when Jesus delayed and arrived after Lazarus had been dead four days, they wondered why he didn't come right away to heal him. Why did he let him die?

Jesus' reply to Martha in John 11: 23, NKJV, "Your brother will rise again" causes her to express her confidence in his resurrection at the last day. But what Jesus says next must have stunned her.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he

may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Imagine the hope welling up inside her when she declared, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You

are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Martha's faith has propelled her into realizing that the unseen is the greater reality over that which she can see through her tears of grief.

"Take away the stone," Jesus says. But Martha's present reality bursts in and she cries about the stench of death after four days. But Jesus points her to the greater, unseen reality that she will see the glory of God. She will see that He is master even over death. And Lazarus is called forth from the tomb.

Amazingly, this miracle leads directly to Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion and to the greatest unseen reality ... the power of God over life and death for all eternity.

Jesus embodies resurrection life and offers it to all who believe in him as we see in Ephesians 2: 8; "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Resurrection. Your ultimate reality. Selah

Jan Merop of Sebring is a News-Sun correspondent.

# Mom happy with one child resists adopting a relative's

**Dear Abby:** I have a relative who is very ill. She's not expected to survive. She has a 1-year-old daughter, "Whitney," and a husband who isn't particularly interested in parenting once his wife is gone. My husband and I have a 3-year-old, and my husband would like to have more children. I love this relative and the little girl, but I'm not interested in raising another child. I'm fine with just one.

My husband feels we have the love and resources to provide Whitney with a good life. I respect the fact that he feels this way, but I work full time.

I am also in my mid-40s and already feel overwhelmed being the parent of one child. I enjoy my current lifestyle and being able to travel some. Although we will be fine financially, our lifestyle would be greatly

impaired.

My husband says I'm selfish for not wanting to share my good fortune. He may be right, but I feel that if I'm talked into taking her, I'll be unhappy and resentful. Please advise.

— Only Wants One

**Dear Only Wants One:** Children need love and attention from the adults who parent them. While your husband has that to offer Whitney, you do not.

Because you would be unhappy and resentful if your husband talks you into adopting her, it would be better for you and Whitney if someone who really wants a child, and is capable of providing the love and support a child needs, took her.

**Dear Abby:** I am retired from teaching high school biology after 39 years. The last year I taught, some of



**Dear Abby**

my students said I was the "youngest" teacher on the faculty — not chronologically, but in the way I talked to them. I treated them as important, as equals. Being around high school students all those years kept me young.

Since my retirement, I can no longer do the thing I loved best: teach biology. However, I am keeping my commitment to staying young.

Last summer I bicycled 500 miles across Kansas. I do nine hours of dance exer-

cise and aerobics a week, paint with oils, do photography and am starting to relearn the guitar. I may be in the early stages of Parkinson's disease, so I want to do everything I didn't get to do when I was younger while I still can.

I think too many people are busy being old. Most of my former classmates and friends have died. Many younger people can't do what I do.

Some of them tell me I should "act my age" and "learn to be old." But what I'm doing keeps me young, and if I look silly doing it, so be it. I feel more fit now than when I was 21.

If I die in an aerobics class it will be a lot better than doing it slumped in a chair. What are your thoughts on this?

— Living Well in Wichita  
**Dear Living Well:** As

long as you are living a full life and enjoying what you're doing, you should ignore those "helpful" individuals who tell you to "act your age" and "learn to be old."

It has been awhile since I have read such nonsense.

You have been blessed with health, vitality and an inquiring mind.

Life is too short to waste a second of it. When you're old and infirm you will know it, so don't let anyone rush you.

**To My Christian Readers:** A happy Easter to all of you!

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# Scorpio should act on romantic feelings

Metro News Service

**Aries (March 21-April 20)** — Aries, some conflicting signals from a friend this week might seem like trouble is ahead. But it's more likely that your perception of the situation is a little off.

**Taurus (April 21-May 21)** — Taurus, your imagination has a life of its own this week. You may be thinking of living on the edge a little bit in the next few days but don't overdo it.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** — Gemini, avoid a deep discussion about your feelings with someone at work this week. Now is not the time or the place to share anything personal, so keep it professional.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Cancer, don't get sidetracked this week because coworkers are expecting your full attention and effort at the office. You may need to juggle a few responsibilities for the time being.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 23)** — Leo, make sure your comments are not misinterpreted this week. Someone

## Snapshots

might take something the wrong way, so choose your words carefully.

**Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)** — Virgo, you may be feeling great physically, but there is a nagging problem that you simply cannot identify. Give it time and it will come to the surface.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Libra, you know what you want and do not need anyone's approval, but you can't help checking in with a family member this week to get a second opinion.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Scorpio, channel your romantic feelings into action this week. Act sooner rather than later and make the most of your emotions while they're strong.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Sagittarius, learn from the past but do not allow letdowns from the past to dictate your future. There is no guarantee that things will be repeated.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** — Capricorn, write things down this week before you say them to be sure you have everything correct. This will help you when you need to make an important announcement.

**Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)** — Aquarius, you may feel like escaping to a fantasy world, but that does not mean the pressing matters will simply disappear. A vacation may recharge your batteries.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You are in much better shape than you think you are, Pisces. So don't be too hard on yourself this week. It is alright to put your feet up.

## Famous birthdays

March 31 - Ewan McGregor, actor (42); April 1 - Rachel Maddow, TV host (40); April 2 - Adam Rodriguez, actor (38); April 3 - Alec Baldwin, actor (55); April 4 - Christine Lahti, actress (63); April 5 - Mike McCready, guitarist (47); April 6 - Candace Cameron, actress (37).

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