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Window suspects face array of charges

By SCOTT DRESSEL
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The suspects in the March 24 window shooting spree now face more charges than just breaking windows. The window shootings took place from one of the county to the other, and resulted in more than 70 locations being damaged.

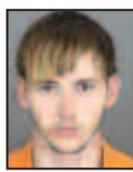
The estimated damage from the window shootings in Sebring alone,

where 30 locations were hit, is in excess of \$40,000.

According to arrest reports, 46-year-old Michael William Brown of Sebring, 18-year-old Cody Dayfert of Zolfo Springs and a 13-year-old Sebring boy also stole eight fire extinguishers



Brown



Dayfert

from Nu-Hope at 6414 U.S. 27 South in Sebring, where two glass windows and a glass door were shot out.

The reports also show that it was security camera footage from a trip to Walmart that helped investigators identify who was behind

the vandalism spree.

The report said that at around 4:09 a.m., a video showed a silver van enter the Walmart parking lot, where three people, later identified as the suspects, got out and went into the store.

Video from inside the store reportedly shows the 13-year-old stealing

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UNSUNG HEROES



A true Unsung Hero, Dee Andrews, owner and operator of Dee's Place in Sebring, has quietly contributed to her community for years.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Dee Andrews cooks up more than food

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Dee Andrews, who owns and operates Dee's Place with her family, is the News-Sun's inaugural Unsung Hero of the Month.

We honor Andrews for her low-key support of the community.

For instance, for almost two years the Way Church held its services in Dee's Place.

"She's a sweet person with such a big heart," the church's pastor,

Reinhold Buxbaum, said. "As a Christian she is always ready to support a church or mission. She helped us an awful lot."

As The Way grew, Buxbaum explained, the congregation needed more space until a permanent home could be found. Many of the congregants eat regularly at Dee's Place. One of them approached Andrews, asking if they could use her restaurant in the meantime.

"Dee is such a good Christian. Her restaurant is closed on

Sundays, so she was not only up for the idea, she let us use the kitchen to make coffee. She also let us have office space on the second floor," Buxbaum said.

Andrews has championed young singers for years. She volunteers her dining room as a venue for young musicians starting out. For example, country and Christian music star Tommy Brandt gave one of his first concerts at Dee's Place, and before he stepped away from

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County hires Fisher's backup

Randal Vosburg comes from Polk County

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners Tuesday morning approved County administrator June Fisher's selection of Randal Vosburg as the new assistant county administrator. His salary, set at \$92,500 a year with benefits, comes in the middle of the pay range which Fisher said stretched between \$81,000 and \$120,000 a year.

When questioned, she reported \$116,000 had been budgeted in the post for the current fiscal year, reflecting Fisher's former pay scale when she held the position. Fisher said Vosburg comes with no contract and no guaranteed increases, bonuses or severance pay as part of the package.

Vosburg has a decade in public administration in diverse positions, including senior land use planner, director of strategic planning and director of professional compliance for county government. In addition to working for Polk County, he most recently was employed by the Polk County Sheriff's office.

He holds a master's degree in public administration, is certified as a public manager and is a member of the American Institute of Certified



Vosburg

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Teope makes history with third Heartland Idol win

Also won junior and teen crowns

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Mary Hazel Teope thrilled Heartland Idol audience members when she made history Saturday night by winning the 2013 Heartland Idol contest.

Teope is the first ever Idol

divisions — junior, teen and adult — Heartland Idol founder Diana Walker confirmed.

Teope took the Junior Idol crown in 2005 and the Teen Idol crown in 2008; the young woman impressed judges for the third time Saturday and was named the

overall Heartland Idol winner.

The talent-filled competition was a difficult one to judge with so many energetic performances by the final five contestants — Ashley Nicole Elder, Gary Johnson,

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Mary Hazel Teope takes home a \$2,000 check Saturday evening after winning the Heartland Idol competition at the YMCA in Sebring. Teope has won junior, teen and adult Heartland Idol.

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Veterans Beach boat ramp to close for two weeks for maintenance

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — City Administrator Scott Noethlich announced Tuesday morning the closing of Veteran's Beach boat ramp beginning Thursday.

Dredging of the boat ramp's channel will begin Thursday and is expected to take approximately two weeks. The ramp will be closed throughout the schedule dredging time period.

"There's about a 250 feet long chan-

nel and it's about 40 feet wide that is going to be dredged," Noethlich said. The council gave the go-ahead for the project at the March 5 council meeting while the City Pier dredge hole project was still taking place.

The new project will remove the fill from the channel, which was originally constructed in the late 1980s. Approximately 1,700 cubic yards of fill has accumulated in the channel and will be removed.

"We will dredge to the specifications that are allowed in the maintenance ordinance," Noethlich said. "The soil will be pumped up onto the property, to the right of the ramp, near that grassy area. It has to be pumped above the high level water mark."

Department of Environmental Protection and the state regulate how and where the soil from the channel

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scribblers and Scribes meet today

SEBRING — The Florida Writer's Association group, Sebring Scribblers and Scribes, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today at Beef O' Brady's in Sebring. The guest speaker is Mark Swift who has been an I.T. professional trainer for 15 years. He will assess the individual needs of its members and return for a follow-up meeting in May. The meeting is open to the public and membership in FWA or Scribblers is not required, although membership applications are available. For more information, call Barbara Beswick at 402-9181.

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Moose Riders plan fish fry

SEBRING — The Sebring Moose Lodge 2259 Moose Riders are hosting the monthly fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. The menu will consist of a fish basket or chicken wings basket. Karaoke fun will begin at 6 p.m.

Drug Free Highlands hosts Town 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 of Commerce membership 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.

Advanced registration to chamber@lpfla.com or by calling 465-4331 no later than Friday.

Commodities to be distributed

SEBRING — Commodities distribution will be from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at The Salvation Army, 3135 Kenilworth Blvd.

Clients in vehicles with 2013 Commodities cards may use the drop off lane for their distribution. Clients without 2013 Commodities cards must go inside to certify for the year. Receive a new card and the distribution for the month.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Call 385-7548 if you have any questions.

Woman's Club has general meeting

SEBRING — Woman's Club of Sebring's general meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday. The luncheon will be catered by Mae Lee's Deli.

Reservations can be made by contacting Barb King at 382-3559. The program will be presented by the Education Committee, chaired by Judy McLaughlin and King.

Azure College a bone marrow swab site

SEBRING — According to Azure College officials, its Sebring branch is now an approved swabbing site through "Be a Match"-Bone Marrow Company. The reasoning for exploring "Be a Match" was due to McKinze, a young girl from Lake Wales who was searching for a donor for bone marrow.

To date, about 25 Azure students and staff have been swabbed for the match program.

As a local approved swabbing site, the residents of Highlands County can participate in the "Be a Match" program, free of charge.

Pinwheels for Prevention Community challenged to 'step up to the plate'

More foster homes needed in county

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — There were no ifs, ands or buts at the Pinwheels for Prevention ceremony Tuesday. It takes the entire community to save our children from the horrors of a violent or negligent family.

Held in front of the County Courthouse every year, Pinwheels for Prevention raises awareness about the tragedy of child abuse and the need to find solutions.

Two speakers rose to challenge the community to be a part of those solutions.

Tenth Circuit Judge Peter Estrada, currently assigned to juvenile and family court, told the audience, "This is a call to arms. When I remove a child from a home there is an aftermath.

"Yes, we have kids who have been removed and are in the system. It disrupts everything in their lives. We have to step up to the plate."

Estrada said Highlands is, "blessed with relatives and caring foster families, but there are limitations."

A child's needs have to come first. Tutors are needed to help children through tumultuous times when their education often suffers.

Without education, Estrada said, children already burdened may never have a proper chance.

He asked the doctors and dentists in the community to be a part of a foster child's recovery by providing the immunizations needed to be able to play sports and pro-

vide early dental care. "What are we doing?" Estrada asked. "What are we doing for our children and our community?"

Jeff Roth, director of the Champion for Children Advocacy Center, went further.

"One area where we've failed with an F," he said, "is the lack of foster homes in our county." There has been progress, Roth added.

"Foster homes are no longer for profit. Homes are chosen for providing love with no strings attached." Inappropriate families are now weeded out.

Too many people think providing shelter for children in danger is the responsibility of the state, Roth said. But it is the community's responsibility also.

It's cruel to move children far away from everything they have known because foster homes are in short supply in Highlands County, Roth said. "The focus has to be on finding the best place for a child, not the most convenient."

This community, Roth added has many individuals and church congregations filled with compassion, vision and generosity who want to help.

A new faith-based initiative is evolving, Roth said, to make helping possible. Begun by Missy Albritton and called 1-i-1, the goal is to get church congregations to mentor or even foster a child. "The system is asking the Christian community for help," Roth said. "If we have



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Child advocates gather Tuesday morning to emphasize the need to do something about child abuse. Speakers said the community has to step up, becoming a part of hands-on solutions.

failed in the past, we can succeed now. Remember the oyster turns a grain of sand a pearl.

"It's not so much what you do. It's what you teach, so children can do for themselves," he said. "Leave your mark."

For information call the Children's Advocacy Center at 402-6815.

Body found in car in Sebring

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — The Sebring Police Department is investigating a dead body that was found in a car on Tuesday morning.

According to Commander Steve Carr, a patrol officer discovered the car and body on Bossie Watson Avenue near Zephyr Road in

Washington Heights.

The car and the body were being transported on Tuesday to the medical examiner in Lakeland for investigation into the cause of death, Carr said.

No other information was available since the case is still under investigation.

Sebring man charged with sexual assault on teenager

News-Sun staff

SEBRING — A 26-year-old Sebring man was booked into the Highlands County Jail Thursday charged with two counts of sexual assault on a 16-year-old girl.

According to arrest reports Jeffrey Alan Louks is charged with assaulting an acquaintance on two occasions, the first on New Year's Eve and again on a later date that wasn't specified in the report. The victim told investiga-

tors that on New Year's Eve, she was in her bedroom watching TV with Louks when he "slowly placed is hand over her mouth and held her down" as he forced her to have sex.

On the second occasion, the report says Louks found the victim at a location (the

address was redacted from the report), took her into a girls' bathroom at the site and once again "slowly placed his hand over her mouth and forced her to have sexual intercourse."

Louks was booked on two counts of sexual assault by someone 24 or older on a victim 16 or 17 years of age, a second-degree felony.

He was still in jail Tuesday morning on \$20,000 bond.



Louks

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL Stand between children and violence

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Tuesday morning, child advocates gathered at the courthouse to draw awareness to the problem of neglected, beaten or sexually abused children.

National numbers are chilling. According to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, in 2011 almost 680,000 children were abused within the 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Of that number more than 1,500 died as a result of the abuse.

According to childhelp.org, nearly five children died every day from abuse or neglect in 2011. This number is up from 1998 when slightly more than three children were reportedly killed daily. Eighty percent of all those children were under age 4.

Child abuse is a plague that crosses economic, ethnic, religious and educational lines. No community is immune.

Neither is Highlands County.

For example, in February

2011, Orestes Gonzalez pleaded guilty to sexually abusing at least five girls at Lake County Elementary School. On July 7, 2012, 10-month-old Milo Rupert was found starved to death in his home.

According to fostering-courtimprovement.org, between October 2010 and September 2011 there were almost 1,700 maltreatment investigations conducted by the Champion for Children Children's Advocacy Center. Of those investigations, 224 substantiated abuse.

Sadly, there are more horror stories than the heart can bear.

We can't, however, simply stand by wringing our hands and wiping tears from our eyes — too much is at stake.

For example, according to childhelp.org, roughly 30 per-

cent of abused children go on to become abusers themselves, and as many as two-thirds of individuals in drug and alcohol rehab programs report being abused as children.

Florida statutes say it is the duty of every resident to report suspicions of child abuse, which may be done anonymously by ordinary citizens.

The Children's Advocacy Center lists some of the danger signs including: welts or skin injuries; appears unwashed and unclean; begs or steals food; shows extremes of behavior; acts unusually adult, or the reverse; is often tired and without energy; habitually absent or late for school; is consistently unpleasant and hard to get along with; engages in frequent vandalism, sexual misconduct, or abuses alcohol or drugs.

There are, goodness knows, dozens of issues with month-long awareness campaigns — in addition to child abuse, April, for example, is also Financial Literacy Month — but nothing is more important than preventing

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child abuse and neglect. Remember the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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Rites vs. rights



Guest Column
Tina Dupuy

A colleague of mine quipped the other day that the only religion he believes in is his own. "Sure," I countered. "You piously believe in your own opinion."

Which pretty much sums up every debate I've ever had on religion. Liberals will tell you Jesus was a Middle Eastern Jewish hippie who hated money and communed with the outcasts of Roman society. He threatened the status quo and was executed for it. From this narrative "real Christianity" means challenging authority and helping the poor and the disenfranchised. It's an all-inclusive religion based on tolerance and peace. Also they're vehemently opposed to capital punishment.

Conservatives will tell you Jesus battled Satan. They see Satan everywhere: Muslims, Jews, Communists, single women, sex, homosexuals, hippies, Satanists, Atheists, rock music, rap music, facial hair, the Pope, Obama, government spending, China, drug use and (the one I'm totally on board with) yoga. In their Bible there's war and punishment. There are rules, and if you follow them you don't incur god's wrath. It's simple, it's rigid and it's biblical. "Tolerance" is code for Christians being persecuted for their beliefs. Also, Jesus loved guns.

In the 1700-year history of Christianity there have been revitalizations, revisions, reformations and Mormons. Christianity is eternally getting back to the true meaning of Truth. It's a battle over who holds the deed to the proverbial Garden of Eden. Christians disagree with other Christians as to what Christians believe.

The point is: Religion has the charm of conforming to one's opinion. Christendom has been splintered since the moment it was dubbed Christendom.

The reason? Religion is subjective. Every group thinks they are the ones doing it right; others are mistaken. Church is a marinade of confirmation bias.

Nowhere is this more tangible than the debate over same sex marriage. Those who have a visceral dislike of homosexuality have decided their version of Christ would also condemn gay rights. Those who think love is the ultimate virtue think their version of Christ is pro-all-marriage. Those who oppose it will point out

parts of the Bible that agree with them. Those who are for it will point out the parts of the Bible that agree with them.

Religion and opinion could be synonyms in most instances.

(Author's note: I will get emails this week telling

me that I'm wrong about Christianity and that the real Christianity is something that the writer believes in. The letters will tell me I've missed the mark and try to persuade me to their belief of their beliefs. It will happen. It'll come from very nice, well-meaning people without a sense of irony.)

Which is why a piece of legislation like Kentucky's House Bill 279, also known as the Religion Freedom Act, should give us all pause. The state's House Democrats overrode the Governor's veto to pass the law this week. The real push, I suspect, to fast track this bill comes from church leaders who are paranoid they could lose their tax-exempt status if they openly denounce homosexuality, so they clamored for a shield. The (now) law reads there should be no burden placed on a person's "freedom of religion." It then specifies: "A 'burden' shall include indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities."

The faithful don't want to be discriminated against for discriminating. Of course they don't, being discriminated against is awful.

HB 279 is opposed by anyone who's ever been on the wrong side of vehemence. It gives Kentuckians the right to ignore laws they disagree with based on their opinion/religion. It's the right to act on prejudice. Or as one supporter told a Focus on the Family affiliate, the bill's aim is "to practice their beliefs in the open."

So the question is where does my religious opinion end and your civil rights begin? Does my conviction trump your liberties? It's a showdown of rites versus rights.

When it comes to equal protection my faith is in the U.S. Constitution rather than the Bible.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Abusers too often enabled to feel secure

Editor:

The judge who looked "the other way" regarding abuse of mentally-challenged patients. How often the facts are covered up, enabling the abusers to feel secure.

Have we so soon forgotten the boys school in Mariana, where recently graves of some of those boys are buried? When they came up missing, school officials claimed they were "runaways." The public was satisfied, apparently with that lame explanation. No charge pressed, people stopped talking about it. When the news of having found graves on the property of the boys school appeared on television, that was the end of the story. Not for me. I had a reason for wanting to learn the outcome.

In the late 1950s or early 1960s one of my sons, about 15 years old at the time, was sent to Mariana School for Boys to serve one year. The charges were skipping school, getting into trouble with a gang of boys his age, stealing hubcaps off automobiles, etc. He was incorrigible, out-of-hand at the time, I felt relief that my son would be safe in school and focused on learning. One year would get him back on the right track. The thought comforted me. The hardest part for me was that no family members or friends would be allowed to visit. We were allowed to write a letter two times a month, as I recall receiving the same from my son. All mail was censored. At the end of the year I received a notice that my son was being released a certain day, specific time. As soon as we drove off the school property and were on the main highway, my son began to ventilate his experiences of the past year at the school.

The first thing he said, "Mom, I think they have killed two of the boys. Some big guys took them down for punishment and we never saw them again. They claimed the boys ran away towards the swamp, they couldn't find them so they got away." My son was punished two times, once for starting a pillow fight after the lights were turned out. He never talked about the reasons for the second punishment, other than saying he was a slow learner but he learned well.

Two years before my son died (June 4, 2012), he told me what the men did to him in boys school. All punishments were handed out at night after dark.

My son was led down to a building, away from the main buildings. Naked, they shocked him face down on a bare wire bedspring, a four-point means of restraints, face down. The men took turns beating him with something that cut with each blow. He was scourged from his shoulders to buttocks and legs until he nearly passed out. They told



him to cry. He couldn't cry because he had no strength left.

After what seemed like a long time, wet with blood, they removed the shackles. My son was unable to get off the wire bedsprings by himself. His back was cut and bleeding, his buttocks were raw, the skin off in places. All the time the beating was going on, he was being cut by the bedsprings. Now I understand why no visitors allowed.

The judge who ruled in favor of the Florida brain injury hospital may be cousins to the punishing maniacs in Mariana. Who knows?

Una V. McLaughlin
Sebring

How can they live with budget cuts?

Editor:

The recent budget sequester brought out a continuous raucous squall from the politicians who want into your pockets. All this brought on by a 2 percent cut.

Tales of disaster abounded, because these politicians couldn't stand the idea of not having the extra 2 percent of your money to spend on snail studies or White House calligraphers. The best one came from Florida's own member of Congress Debbie Wasserman Schultz. According to a Washington Times story, she claimed her aids were being priced out of a good meal because of the sequester. Congressperson Schultz said the taxpayer funded cafeterias at the capitol were increasing prices and this was keeping staffers from eating.

According to the same story, these staffers make between \$60,000 and \$100,000 per year. I know most people reading this will wonder how these poor people can live on that.

I think that as concerned citizens we

should help them deal with this draconian 2 percent cut by sending them a can of beans or something. I would certainly encourage all taxpayers to call her office to determine what sort of food donation would help her poor starving staffers out. Perhaps the United Nations can provide food relief to the Capitol.

Something has to be done because I can still hear the crying. Oh Lord, they went and raised the cafeteria prices to reduce the deficit, we're done for. It is keeping me up at night. Will we as a country survive this?

Dana B. Orr
Avon Park

Follow the gold standard

Editor:

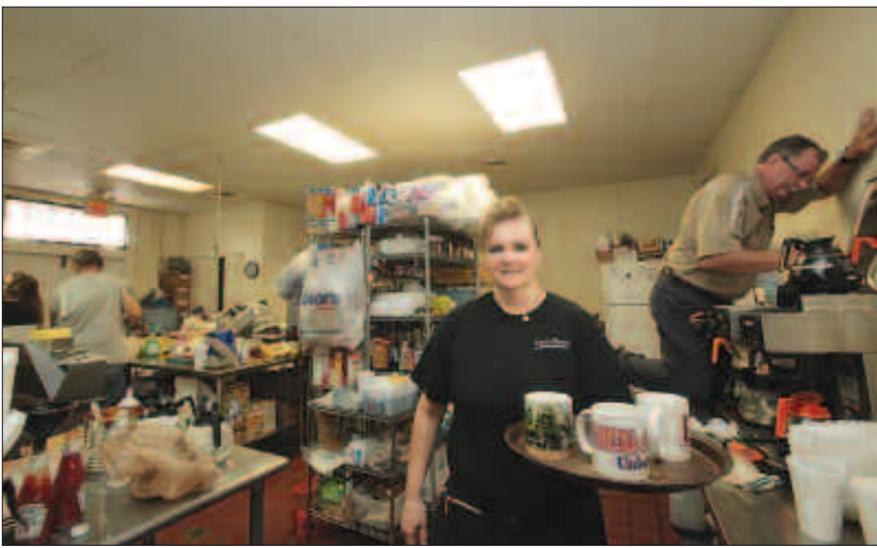
I think I'm one of the most liberal persons in Highlands County, but I do not support gay marriage per se. I do support civil unions with the same financial and legal options as a male/female marriage but not the right to adopt children.

A union between a male and female is the way nature intended mammals to reproduce. How could either of two males explain female puberty to a child since neither one ever experienced this first period of becoming capable of reproducing? Have one of their mothers or sisters give the explanation? That would be an admission that they were a failure. What happens when that child attends school and faces their classmates?

The gold standard is to have married, heterosexual parents. "Every study pretty well finds that it doesn't matter what arrangement you're looking at; there's no question — the gold standard is having two parents, married, opposite sex."

Sandy Oleesky
Sebring





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Dee Andrews stands in the kitchen at Dee's Place. She has offered the use of her dining room for Christian concerts, and church services, and sets an example for generosity in the community.

Dee's Place has been more than just a restaurant

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from his Love Like Gravity Christian group to become pastor at the Grace Bible Church, Dustin Woods performed concerts there too, as have the Wacasters.

Andrews observed early on that the concerts mainly attracted an older audience. She wanted to bring Christian music and prayer to young people too, she said, so she helped create the Circle of Truth Ministry, which brings a major concert of Christian music to Sebring's Circle Park every year.

"Most young people don't have the money to give a donation for the program," she said. "We needed to reach out to them. Now we collect donations from community churches and individuals, so everyone can attend."

Asked if she is musical herself, Andrews laughed. "I can't even clap my hands to the beat," she said.

Andrews and her family are generous in many ways.

For example, every election cycle Andrews has an open window policy. All candidates are encouraged to post a sign in the window. One of the best ways to find out who is running for office is to stroll by Dee's Place.

Dee's Place has donated food, cooked food and served food for fundraising events ever since the restaurant opened more than 20 years ago.

Her caring of others also shows in how she conducts business where customer service is important.

"Dee is the kind of person who learns what you like to eat," said Dr. Diana Carr, a regular at the restaurant. "She has my cold tea at the table before I sit down, and my breakfast is already cooking. She remembers details, like I don't like ice in my tea."

Modest and uncomfortable in the limelight, Andrews said everyone knows her family is a team, and her parents, Dwight and Marilee Ritenour, set her a wonderful example.

"When we arrived in Highlands County I was in the fifth grade and my father was disabled," Andrews said, adding "that didn't stop him from creating the Child Evangelism Fellowship and running the Church Service Center. My parents and sister (Cindy Stout) also created and ran the Women's Shelter in Avon Park. God put us here," Andrews said, "and wherever God leads me, that's where I will go."

"Follow your dream,"

Andrews said, looking around the dining room. "They told us we wouldn't last a year. Look at us 20 years later. Of course, you have to work hard."

Andrews is the quintessential example of an unsung hero. Day after day she not only runs her business successfully, she, her husband Stacy and her sisters, Tanya Friend and Stout give it a heart. Dee Andrews is not the type of person who seeks fame or glory. What she does, she does quietly, because it is the right thing to do.

State's 500th anniversary marked at Cabinet meeting

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ST. AUGUSTINE — Florida's top elected officials celebrated the state's 500th anniversary Tuesday at a Cabinet meeting that was light on substance but infused with historical references, including a re-enactor portraying the 16th-century Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon.

The morning started with the setting off of the cannon at the Castillo de San Marcos, the nearby Spanish fortress that was built in 1672. Gov. Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam then toured Colonial Quarter, the historic section of St. Augustine — the nation's oldest city continuously occupied by European descendants.

At the Cabinet meeting at

Flagler College, a Ponce de Leon re-enactor led attendees in a chant of "Viva Florida!" after describing the expedition that led to the first Spanish settlement of Florida in 1513. Flagler College also was noted for its role in Florida's growth, as the school was once a hotel built by Henry Flagler, whose construction of railroads and resorts helped open the Sunshine State to development at the turn of the 20th century.

"It's always nice to shoot a cannon at 6:30 in the morning," Scott said after the Cabinet meeting. "I think we woke up a few people but I don't think we hit any ships."

The Cabinet meeting touched on a medley of topics, including Florida's improving economy. Five northeast Florida teachers were presented with awards, and a 10-year-old girl who had received an organ trans-

plant made a plea with her mother for support of a program run by the state's tax collectors that allows drivers' license applicants to mark that they want to be organ donors. Bondi also showed off a Yorkie mix dog that had been found homeless in an effort to find her a new home.

A Department of Economic Opportunity official briefed the Cabinet members on Florida's decreasing unemployment. State officials announced last Friday that Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment had dipped to its lowest level in more than four years in February to 7.7 percent.

A Department of Revenue official also briefed Cabinet members on the state's rising tax revenue.

"We are growing," said Marshall Stranburg, the department's interim executive director.

Window shooting suspects still being held in county jail

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Pokemon cards and collector albums.

The trio then returned to the van and traveled to the far end of the parking lot to the Mattress Firm at around 4:31 a.m. The van circled the Mattress Firm parking lot and then exited onto Schumacher Road. The Mattress Firm windows were damaged during that time frame.

A check with Chief James Fansler of the Lake Placid Police Department turned up video of a similar van driving down Interlake Boulevard — where most of the damage was done — with the passenger door sliding open as the van slowed down. The van was spotted on the Lake Placid security cameras just after 2 a.m.

The van was later located on Baxter Avenue, with Brown and the 13-year-old inside.

Brown is charged with 55 counts of firing a missile into a building, 18 counts of criminal mischief with damage between \$200-\$1,000,

13 counts of criminal mischief with damage of \$1,000 or more, 24 counts of criminal mischief with damage of less than \$200, eight counts of grand theft and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His bond was set at \$311,500.

The 13-year-old was transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Bartow and charged with 55 counts of firing a missile into a building, 18 counts of criminal mischief with damage between \$200-\$1,000, 13 counts of criminal mischief with damage more than \$1,000 and eight counts of grand theft.

Dayert is in the Highlands County Jail charged with 55 counts of firing a missile into a building, 18 counts of criminal mischief with damage between \$200-\$1,000, 12 counts of criminal mischief with damage of \$1,000 or more, 24 counts of criminal mischief with damage of less than \$200, eight counts of grand theft and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. His bond is also \$311,500.

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Family and friends cheer for Mary Hazel Teope on Saturday in Sebring.

Teope wins third Heartland Idol title

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Adam Meredith, Lindsey Sears, and Teope.

Idol veteran performers Elder and Sears were named second- and third-place winners, respectively. Johnson took fourth place and Meredith fifth place.

Competitors were given a double opportunity to impress judges with their singing abilities Saturday with a two-round finale.

Round 1 of the competition gave singers a bit of a challenge when they were given a song chosen by the Idol board members to perform at the competition. Idol contestants were given only eight days to prepare, practice and perform their selected song.

Teope's performance of Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey's ballad "When You Believe" tested the 18-year-old's broad singing range.

Veteran judge Larry Moore called Teope's voice "angelic", giving the singer many kudos.

Jim Johnson was speechless.

"I've worked with a lot of professional singers. You have as good a voice control as anyone," Johnson said.

The second performance of the night was another ballad - Beyonce's "Listen". Teope is no stranger to belting out some of the bigger songs by the biggest performers around with ease. Though technical issues did arise, Teope's calm demeanor displayed her passion for performing. A standing ovation was given following both Teope's performances. Teope's friends and family members erupted with joy and excitement when the first place winner was revealed Saturday.

"I'm going to help my brother get to the Philippines



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Matthew Wacaster provides entertainment Saturday evening, while scores were being tallied during the Heartland Idol finale in Sebring. The Wacaster family ministers through music and has donated free sound tech services during idol.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Nellie Ford, the first Heartland Idol winner, is a guest judge Saturday evening in Sebring.

to visit his girlfriend," Teope said, following emcee David Flowers question about what she would do if she won the prize money.

Teope was awarded \$2,000 for her win. Elder took home \$1,000 for second place and Sears was awarded \$500 for third place.

Videos and photos from the Heartland Idol performers can be found on the Heartland Idol Facebook page.

County hires new assistant administrator

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Vosburg was selected by Fisher from nearly two dozen applicants for the post, including a number of current county employees. Six applicants had been on the short list and were interviewed in March by a panel, with Vosburg being the highest-scoring.

Commissioners had words of praise for Vosburg, each having met with him individually before the meeting.

"He's a neat guy," said

Highlands County Commission Jack Richie. "Finally we're getting a team put together."

According to the job description, Vosburg now will be in charge of supervising the county's department directors.

Vosburg and his domestic partner, Nick Santamaria, made headlines in Polk County in 2011, when they became the first same-sex couple in Polk County to adopt a child from Florida's Foster care program.

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Students get trip to NASA



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Selected Highlands County high schoolers and members of the Boys and Girls Club in Sebring visit the NASA Space Center last week with representatives from Azure College. Azure selected 100 students to participate in the free learning experience. Each of the students selected have grade point averages lower than 2.5. 'We tried to target students that don't have the opportunity to always leave Highlands County. Most of these students are right there on the cusp of going either way, a positive way or a negative one,' said Azure Financial Director Debra Snyder.

Boat ramp to be closed for two weeks

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must be placed.

City officials are aiming to keep the entire beach open (just closing the ramp) to visitors while the project takes place.

"It's trying to be done to the effect of just the closing of the ramp. We want to try to keep it open to sunbathers and swimmers.

"They (engineers) indicated that they could do the work around the beach area

and visitors," Noethlich said.

The city will give word when the project is complete and the Veteran's Beach boat ramp is re-open.

The dredging work at City Pier Beach has been completed, however, the beach is still closed at this time.

"The work is done, but it's not open to the public just yet," Noethlich said.

"We have to allow time for settling."

Since the dredging of the

hole has been completed, Noethlich said the swim area has been effected. The change to the swim area calls for more permitting from regulating entities.

"The old area where the beach is now is changed. The swim area is going to change from a distance perspective, and because the water levels are so low right now, the shoreline has changed a little also," Noethlich said.

Noethlich is currently waiting on possible permit-

ting confirmation so that, if necessary, swim buoys can be placed in the designated areas of the beach and the lake.

The city is working to get the beach in top shape for the warm weather season to welcome swimmers, sunbathers and boaters to the beach again.

No date has been set for the opening of City Pier Beach at this time.

OBITUARIES

GUY STEBBINS

Guy L. Stebbins, 91, of Sebring, Fla., went to be with his Lord on March 29, 2013. He was born April 9, 1921, to Clyde L. and Hattie (Prindle) Stebbins, in Jamestown, N.Y., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1986, coming from Sherman, N.Y. He was a dairy farmer and a Pioneer Seed Company sales representative. He was a member of Edwards Chapel United Methodist Church in Clymer, N.Y., where he was the oldest living member. He joined Edwards Chapel in 1935 at the age of 14 and remained a member for the next 78 years. A devoted Christian and church member, he had served as a Deacon, a member of the United Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast and enjoyed the music of the church, having sung in a quartet and in the choir. He attended Grace Church of Sebring and enjoyed attending the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway.



Stebbins

He is survived by his wife, Opal Hickman-Stebbins, who he married on May 15, 2010; daughter, Joanna (Gordon) Dahlbeck of Lakewood, N.Y.; sister, Norma Hewes on Mayville, N.Y.; granddaughters, Sherry Mettlen and Rhonda Johnson; and great-grandchildren, Brandi and Brandon. He was predeceased by his first wife of 66 years, Helen Wolf Stebbins, and sons, Bruce and John Stebbins.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday,

April 3, 2013 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, with Pastor Randy Smith officiating. The family will receive friends preceding the service, beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Sherman Cemetery in Sherman, N.Y. and a memorial service will be held in Sherman at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Edwards Chapel United Methodist Church, 9227 Cherry Hill Rd., Clymer, NY 14724 or Grace Church of Sebring, 3626 Thunderbird Road, Sebring, FL 33872 or

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JONBRUCE WHITELAW

JonBruce Whitelaw, 56, died peacefully on March 29, 2013. He was a trusted friend and mentor to many. Those of us left behind are brokehearted.

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Miami Democrats push for gun-control legislation

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Two Miami Democratic lawmakers tried to turn up the heat Tuesday on their colleagues to debate gun-control legislation that has stalled as Florida's legislative session reaches the halfway point.

State Sen. Dwight Bullard and Rep. Cynthia Stafford pushed their proposals to revise Florida's so-called "stand your ground" law, which says people can use deadly force if they feel threatened with no requirement to retreat if possible.

Their legislation has been bottled up in committees, adding to the frustration of Democratic lawmakers pushing for stricter gun laws in gun-friendly Florida. Their efforts come against the backdrop of the Trayvon Martin shooting and the shooting massacre at the Newtown, Conn., elementary school. Republicans who control the Florida House and Senate have shown little appetite for taking up such gun bills, though measures to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill have advanced.

Another gun bill that has cleared an early legislative hurdle would allow designated teachers or other school employees to carry

concealed weapons on campus.

On a related issue, Bullard called on Florida's top elected officials to investigate ways to halt the pipeline of military-style ammunition flowing into crime-ridden neighborhoods. Bullard recounted hearing from constituents who are so fearful that they lock their doors by early evening and avoid sitting by windows.

He urged Gov. Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi and law enforcement leaders to look into ways to crack down on the black market funneling of armor-piercing bullets into those neighborhoods.

"We're talking about neighborhoods in which you don't see fruits and vegetables," Bullard said at a press conference in front of the state Senate chambers. "You see food deserts. So tell me then how is it so readily available to be able to get bullets in those communities?"

The two lawmakers bemoaned the lack of progress on a series of gun-control legislation during the current session.

They focused on their proposals (HB 123 and SB

362) to amend Florida's "stand your ground" law to change the situations when someone can use the law as a legal shield for using deadly force. The legislation would require some overt act of aggression that puts someone in "reasonable fear" of death or injury.

Currently, people can defend themselves if they have a "reasonable belief" they are in imminent danger, Stafford said.

"This bill will help to eliminate the assumptions that have proven deadly in the past," she said. "It's no longer, 'I thought he or she looks dangerous or I thought I would be harmed or killed, so I used deadly force.'"

A slew of bills were filed by Democrats this session to either repeal or rewrite the "stand your ground" law. They were filed in response to Martin's shooting death by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in February 2012, a case that has drawn national attention. Zimmerman is charged with second-degree murder but is expected to argue that he should be acquitted under the "stand your ground" law.

Benton honored by NSSAR



Courtesy photo

Sheriff Susan Benton was presented the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate on March 8 by chapter president O.W. Woodard at the sheriff's headquarters. The state societies and chapters of the NSSAR present thousands of awards each year to law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and other citizens who exemplify the best civic traditions of our nation. This includes young men and women who are leaders in our communities: high-ranking high school students of history, Eagle Scouts, JROTC and ROTC cadets and midshipmen. For more information about the SAR and the meetings, call 465-7345.

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IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000154

Division No.
Section.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES, 2006-BC2 Plaintiff(s), vs.

MARIA ARENCIBIA, et al.,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 28th, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-000154 of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC2 is the Plaintiff and MARIA DEL PILAR ARENCIBIA AND OSORIO R. RODRIGUEZ are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 10th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

ALL OF LOTS 13, 14 AND 15, AND LOST 12 LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF SAID LOT 12 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
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DATED AT HIGHLANDS County, Florida, this 1st day of March, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 27; April 3, 2013

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the County Court in and for Dade County, Florida, on the 07th day of November, 2012, the cause wherein FIRST SELECT CORPORATION is Plaintiff, and THOMAS P KOCONIS JR, is the Defendant, being Case No. 00 7681 SP 23 04 in the said Court, I, Susan Benton, Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon all of, right, title and interest of the Defendant, THOMAS P KOCONIS, JR in and to the following described PERSONAL property, to-wit:

2009 Red Pontiac Vibe
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I shall offer this property for sale at Ducks Body Shop, 1153 Hawthorne Drive, in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on the 22nd day of April, 2013, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the said defendant, THOMAS P KOCONIS JR's, right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid property at public outcry and will sell the same, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder or bidders for CASH. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above-described execution.

Dated this, March 18th, 2013
SUSAN BENTON, SHERIFF OF
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: /s/ Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr.
Lt. Jack Bailey, Jr.,
DEPUTY SHERIFF

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Prepared Lt. Jack Bailey
Highlands County Sheriff's Office
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Sebring, FL 33870

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 10000078GCS

Division No.
Section.

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff(s), vs.
RON MURABITO, et al.,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19th, 2013, and entered in Case No. 10000078GCS of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY is the Plaintiff and RON MURABITO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RON MURABITO IF MARRIED N/A/MARtha MURABITO AND ROBERTO SEVERINO are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of June, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 11, BLOCK 352, SUN N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 16, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGE(S) 4, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
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DATED AT HIGHLANDS County, Florida, this 19th day of March, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, Clerk
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
March 27; April 3, 2013

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Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-CA-1167-GCS

ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SEBRING HOLDINGS TWO, INC.,
LOMONICO MANAGEMENT CORPORATION,
LOMONICO CONTRACTING INC.,
ANTHONY V. LOMONICO, DEBORAH
J. HEARIN, MISSION OAKS NATIONAL
BANK, UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION, AND ANY UNKNOWN
TENANTS 1-2,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the following property situated in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 3, LESS HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY, OF RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCK "P" OF SUNSET POINT SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 30, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as: 2301 US 27 SOUTH, SEBRING, FL 33870.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at public sale on April 30th, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870.

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

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
March 27; April 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2012-001056 GCS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-0PT2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT2, Plaintiff, vs.
MARIA BUCHANAN AND ALVIN BUCHANAN, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 26, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2012-001056 GCS of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-0PT2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT2, is the Plaintiff and MARIA BUCHANAN; ALVIN BUCHANAN; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/A/TIFFANY ROUX JHONSON are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on June 3, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, BLOCK 15, SEBRING RIDGE SECTION G, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 27th day of March, 2013.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711.

April 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-19
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CHARLES JOSEPH MOONEY
Deceased.

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Charles Joseph Mooney, deceased, whose date of death was September 23, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 27, 2013.

Personal Representative:
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(COURT SERVICE)
March 27; April 3, 2013

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Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000882

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR
BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE
HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff,
v.
GEORGE H. BARRETT, JOAN M.
BARRETT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS
NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK,
FSB; UNKNOWN TENANT #1;
UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ALL OTHER
UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING
INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND
AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S)
WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR
ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN
PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS
SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES,
OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOAN M. BARRETT
Last Known Address: 113 W Fork Drive,
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37042
Current Address: 1704 Amber
Previous Address: 1704 Crown Lane
Lake Placid, Florida 33852

TO: ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAME UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living, and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown Defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 36, IN BLOCK 10, OF SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 87, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

This property is located at the Street address of: 1704 Amber Lane, Lake Placid, Florida 33852
YOU ARE REQUIRED to serve a copy of your written defenses on or before April 17, 2013, a date which is within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Elizabeth R. Welborn, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 350 Jim Moran Blvd., Suite 100, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This Notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in The News-Sun. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 25, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
(COURT SEAL)
Deputy Clerk

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863)534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

April 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000173

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs.
CELIA MICAELA RAMIREZ, ISRAEL VARGAS A/K/A ISRAEL VARGAS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2012-CA-000173 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, and CELIA MICAELA RAMIREZ AND ISRAEL VARGAS A/K/A ISRAEL VARGAS, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 at 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of April, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1, IN BLOCK 10, OF SUN' N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 18, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rossler, Esquire
Popkin & Rossler, P.A.
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Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030
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March 27; April 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-101
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRANK R. GALLAGHER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRANK R. GALLAGHER, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 27, 2013.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 28-2008-CA-000882

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO.,
Plaintiff,
v.
MAKIEL QUINTANA, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 26, 2013 entered in Case No. 28-2008-CA-000882 in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., is the Plaintiff and MAKIEL QUINTANA and MARIA D. QUINTANA, are the defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Highlands County Courthouse, Basement of Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 at 11:00 a.m. on May 29, 2013, the following described real property situated in Highlands County, as set forth in said Agreed Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 15, BLOCK N, SPRING LAKE - VILLAGE II, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
STREET ADDRESS: 324 BLAZING STAR ROAD, SEBRING, FL 33876

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 26th day of March, 2013.
BOB GERMAINE, CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

(SEAL)

By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
April 3, 10, 2013

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
File #42669
Case # 1300463

In the Matter of:

T. J. S. M.
Female, DOB: 06-05-11, Age 1 YO
A Child Under 18 Years of Age
PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO:
CANTRELL WRIGHT, last known address: Avon Park, Florida, OR THE UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER OF T.J.S.M., a female born on June 5, 2011 to Cardena L. Milton, present whereabouts unknown.

GREETINGS: Pursuant to Order of this Court dated February 26, 2013 you are hereby notified that on February 22, 2013, a PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS was filed in this Court by Special Assistant General Leo G. Beckmann, Jr., Attorney for DFCS, for Laykah Hatcher, Case manager, Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services, alleging that the names and whereabouts of the above-named parents are unknown, and asking the Court to terminate the parental rights and obligations of the parents with respect to the child, and of the child arising to them from the parental relationship, including the right to inheritance, and that the child be committed to the Georgia Department of Human Services with the right to proceed for adoption. A free copy of the petition may be obtained from the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Chatham County, 197 Carl Griffin Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31405, on any day, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

You are commenced to be, appear and file in the Office of the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, within sixty (60) days of February 26, 2013 your answer to the Plaintiff's petition and to appear at a hearing on said matter on the 13th day of May, 2013 at 9:15 o'clock A.M.

A party is entitled to counsel in these proceedings and the Court will appoint any attorney if the party is unable, without undue financial hardship, to employ counsel.

This is to further advise the named, unnamed putative and/or legal father(s) that as the father of the child, you shall lose all rights to your child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless, within thirty (30) days of this notice, you file:

1. A Petition to Legitimate the child pursuant to O.C.G.A. statute 19-7-22; and
2. Notice of the filing of the Petition to Legitimate with the Court in which the action for termination of parental rights is pending, to wit: The Juvenile Court of Chatham County, Georgia.

WITNESS The Honorable Judge of the Juvenile Court of Chatham County, Georgia, on this 26th day of February, 2013.

/s/ Carla Kicklighter
Carla Kicklighter, Juvenile Court Clerk
Chatham County, Georgia
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-101
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
FRANK R. GALLAGHER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRANK R. GALLAGHER, deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is March 27, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Glenn A. Gallagher

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider
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March 27; April 3, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 28-2012-CA-000422

Division:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.<

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-72
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JESSIE M. MILLER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JESSIE M. MILLER, deceased, whose date of death was January 26, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 27, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ John P. Miller

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider

MICHAEL A. RIDER
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March 27, April 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-73
Division:

IN RE: ESTATE OF
VINCENT D. MATHEW
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Vincent D. Mathew, deceased, whose date of death was December 28th, 2012, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-2378, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 27th, 2013.

Personal Representative:
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March 27, April 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-110

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PHYLLIS JEAN MCNICOL,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmatured, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of death of the decedent is January 26, 2013.

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 3, 2013.

Personal Representative:
SHERRY BEST

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
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April 3, 10, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale or Auction of the contents of the following storage units located at CENTURY STORAGE - BAYVIEW, 2609 BAYVIEW STREET, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870 on 04/18/13 at 10:00 AM. Contents are said to contain Household Goods/Business Items unless otherwise specified.
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A183 Sandvol, Brenda Ranae - HOUSEHOLD
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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FILE NO. PC 13-100
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RONALD LEE BORN
a/k/a RONALD L. BORN
a/k/a RONALD BORN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ronald Lee Born a/k/a Ronald L. Born a/k/a Ronald Born, deceased, whose date of death was February 5, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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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 27, 2013.

Personal Representative:
Gregg Born
636 Ar Vi LN
Antigo, WI 54409

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
325 NORTH COMMERCIAL AVENUE
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 382-3154
By: /s/ THOMAS L. NUNNALLEE
Florida Bar No. 0062162
E-mail Address: service@bnpalaw.com

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-197
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RAY E. WELLS
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RAY E. WELLS, deceased, whose date of death was February 9, 2013, 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.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is March 27, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Alice A. Kosanke
3268 Bluebird Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Pamela T. Karlson
Florida Bar Number: 0017957
301 Dal Hal Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-5033
Fax: (863) 465-6022
E-Mail: pam@karlsonlaw.com

March 27; April 3, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A SUPERVISOR - TRANSPORTATION AREA (AVON PARK, LAKE PLACID AND SEBRING) 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 Supervisor - Transportation Area (Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring) 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 - MIS Network. A summary of the proposed amendment is as follows: The minimum qualifications for a Manager - MIS Network 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/related area of experience. (2) Competency in reading and mathematics testing as administered by approved outsourced vendor with a minimum score of 80%. (3) Physical Ability: Tasks involved the ability to exert moderate, though not constant physical effort, involving some combination of climbing and balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling; may involve some lifting, carrying, pushing and/or pulling of objects and materials of moderate weight (10-50) pounds: a. Sensory Requirements: Most tasks require visual perception and discrimination; many tasks require oral communication ability. b. Environmental Factors: Tasks may risk potential exposure to electrical currents when servicing systems. The following additional desired qualifications are removed: (1) Minimum of two (2) years experience working in network software support with appropriate supervision. (2) Minimum of two (2) years experience installing and maintaining microcomputer systems application software. 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 Scooby), 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.

April 3, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. 13-69PC

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROSIE SHAFFER
Division PROBATE
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROSIE SHAFFER, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 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.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is April 3, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Cindy Horton
1140 Springhill Lane
Lampe, MO 64681

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ C. Parke Sutherland
C. PARKE SUTHERLAND, ESQUIRE
Attorney for CINDY HORTON
Florida Bar Number: 0870781
900 W. Main St.
Avon Park, FL 33825
Telephone: (863) 452-6900
Fax: (863) 452-5200
E-Mail: sutherland@avonparklaw.com

April 3, 10, 2013

2100 Help Wanted

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

3000 Financial

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

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

PALM HARBOR HOMES
Check us out at
<http://www.palmharbor.com/model-center/plantcity/>
New models \$39K off list
John Lyons 800-622-2832 EXT 210

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

SEBRING - Mobile Home / Double wide
with 2 Lots. 3BR, 2BA Utility Room,
Carport, Frt. Porch, Deed restrictions,
115 Sunbird Place. 55+ \$39,900.00
863-382-4141 Or 863-414-7090

SEBRING * 2BR, 2BA, 1Car Garage *
2000 sq. feet, Swimming Pool. No
Pets. No Smoke. \$800 / Monthly.
863-402-1142

SEBRING FURNISHED/UNFURNISHED
1BR or Studios, on the circle. Some
Utilities incl. \$450 - 600. Attn: Vets.
Special programs for veterans,
subsidize payments, call to see
if you qualify. 863-386-9100.

6000 Rentals

6050 Duplexes for Rent

LAKE PLACID * TOMOKA HEIGHTS *
Gated 55+ Community, Lg. 1Br, 1Ba,
Furn. / Unfurn., Screened Lanai, W/D.
Clubhouse, heated pool. No Pets - No
smoke \$500/mo. annual 863-840-1337

6150 Furnished Apartments

SEBRING AVAILABLE. 3922
Kenilworth Blvd, 3000 sq ft, \$1100/mo:
(Will split in half) BA, lg overhead doors,
near Sebring High School. Call Chip,
Boring 863-385-0077 or Cell
863-381-1298

6200 Unfurnished Apartments

AVON PARK * LEMONTREE APTS *
1BR \$520 mo. + \$350 Sec. Deposit,
available immediately. Washer/Dryer
& WSG included. Pets OK! Call Alan
386-503-8953

AVON PARK - NW - APARTMENTS
2BR/2BA \$450 mo. New 1BR/1BA
\$395 mo. Plus 1st & Sec. Central
Heat & Air. No Dogs or Cats.
863-449-0195

LAKE PLACID - APARTMENTS &
HOMES for rent from \$350 / mo. Call
Sara Rios @ CENTURY 21 Compton
Realty 863-465-1458

AVON PARK RENT SUBSIDIZED

1,2,3,& 4 BR Apts in a
Central Location, Separate
Family & Elderly/Disabled
properties; Ridgedale
Apts, Lakeside Park &
Delaney Hgts. Based on
household income.
No Application Fee!
Please Call 863-452-4432
TTY 800-955-8771
On-Line Applications!
www.AvonParkHA.org

SEBRING * SUN 'N LAKE * 1BR, 1BA.
Includes TV, Wi Fi internet, cable, elec.
No Pets or Smoker. Single \$500/mo. or
Couple \$550/mo. \$500 Sec. Deposit.
863-214-6027

6250 Furnished Houses

LAKE PLACID - Near Lake Placid Boat
Ramp, with Lake Access. Very Nice
2BR, 1BA, Appliances, A/C. \$550/mo.
plus \$50 water. 863-465-1354.

6300 Unfurnished Houses

AVON PARK * LEASE OPTION / SELL *
3BR, 2BA, Large Corner Lot with Lake
View. Just Remodeled! Owner Will
Finance if Needed. \$137,500.
954-270-5242

LAKE PLACID 3/2 131 Loquat Rd.
Screened patio. \$700/mo. + \$1,000.
security. Call 305-804-5464

\$100.00 OFF FIRST MONTH'S RENT!

AVON PARK

North Central Heights Homes, a new
"Rent Restricted" single family home
development in Avon Park. Rents
average in the low to mid 500's &
600's! 2, 3 and 4 BR Available!

DON'T DELAY APPLY TODAY!
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OPPORTUNITY

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863-452-4432
On-line Applications
www.avonparkha.org

SEBRING * NICE * 2BR, 2BA, 1CG,
Cathedral Ceiling. 6530 Mattee Road.
\$675 Monthly, Plus \$700 Security
Deposit. Call 863-385-3101

SEBRING * NICE * 2BR, 2BA, near
YMCA. New Paint, Blinds, Screened
rear porch w/ utility rm., back yard
storage shed. \$600/mo., \$500 Sec.
deposit. w/1 yr. lease. 863-835-1196.

SUN N LAKES SEBRING 2BR/2BA,
large living area, 2CG. Florida room,
fenced, irrigation, quiet neighborhood,
background & credit check, first & last
to move in. \$725/mo. w/laun care.
\$675. without. 3902 Palazzo.
Call 301-401-5615

6400 Rooms for Rent

SEBRING - FEMALE 42 / 55 yrs to share
House, Garage, W/D & Kitchen. 1Br,
1Ba, Split Plan, TV & I-ned hookup,
elec. & water included. \$500/mo.
w/ \$200 deposit. 863-991-3878

6550 Warehouses for Rent

LAKE PLACID - WAREHOUSES for rent
from \$47 / mo. & Commercial space for
rent from \$428 / mo. Contact Sara
Rios, Compton Rental Properties.
863-465-4158

6600 Business & Offices for Rent

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE space avail.,
600 sq.ft., Golf View Plaza, Sebring,
1251 US Hwy 27 S., across from Lake
Jackson. Exceptional location, great
parking. 863-385-5510, 863-414-3829.

6750 Commercial Rental

SEBRING AVAILABLE. 3922
Kenilworth Blvd, 3000 sq ft, \$1100/mo:
(Will split in half) BA, lg overhead doors,
near Sebring High School. Call Chip,
Boring 863-385-0077 or Cell
863-381-1298

7000 Merchandise

7040 Appliances

RANGE TOP Surface unit, digital. 1 yr.
old. Paid \$1000. Asking \$200.
Call 863-532-0354

7180 Furniture

OAK PIECES China hutch w/ lead glass
\$350 - Entertainment center / \$350
Dining table, leaf, 4 chairs & 2 arm
chairs / \$650 - 3 Bar stools / \$50.
PINE PIECES Dresser w/ mirror / \$275
3 drawer chest / \$75 - 6 drawer
chest / \$125 - Gun cabinet (needs
one side glass replaced) / \$75.
LAZY BOY leather burgundy recliner
(hardly used) / \$150. Call 863-840-5179

7300 Miscellaneous

TELEVISION - 55" Samsung - HD 1080
Monitor. Excel. cond. \$175. & Twin
Frame / Box Spring / Mattress. \$65.
863-835-9210

7310 Bargain Buys

BRACLET - WHALE BONE, 1940's,
with small gold nuggets (3). \$50. Firm
863-402-2285

CHANNEL MASTER ROTOR DIGITAL
Good condition. \$100 obo
863-273-4191

GOLF BAG - R J BRAND Ladies Used
Twice. \$20 863-382-8745

OLD GRUB AX / Shows it's age.
\$15. 863-402-2285

STANLEY - ROUTER & PLANNER
Both older models / Metal casing
Excellent running condition. \$20.
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UPRIGHT (BAGGED) VACUUM
Compleatly reconditioned with a 30
Day Guarantee. \$20. 863-402-2285

WATER DISTILLER / Stainless steel
by Moyer Diebel in Canada. \$10.
Call 863-382-4137

WATERBED SOFT side, King, 2 heaters,
liner, pillow top, fill/drain kit, no
bladder. \$75. Excel cond.
863-385-5126

WINE REFRIGERATOR - 7 Racks,
Danby Designer, 7 Racks, Black,
33"H X 18"D X 17"W. \$75.
863-382-8745

YAGI ANTENNA LONG RANGE
\$100 obo 863-273-4191

7320 Garage & Yard Sales

AVON PARK * GREAT SALE * 1378
Memorial Drive, Fri & Sat, Apr. 5 & 6,
8am - 7 Leather Theater Seating, Furn.,
Daybed w/ trundle & mattresses, Sm.
appliances, Desks, Clothes.
Much More!

AVON PARK - ORANGWOOD ACRES
2468 N. Orangewood St. / Thur & Fri,
Apr. 4 & 5, 9am - 2pm. Grandfather
clock, dining rm. set "6" chairs, couch,
wine rack table, pots & pans, TV &
entertainment ctr., Sale inside house.
Everything Must Go!

7320 Garage & Yard Sales

AVON PARK - MOVING SALE! 2609 N.
Rehrer Rd., Olivia Lake, Wed-Thur-Fri,
Apr 3-4-5, 9am-5pm. Furn., Household
Items Lg. & Sm. appliances Tools.
Too Much To List!

AVON PARK - ESTATE SALE * 21
Rosewood Ave., Avon Park, Fl.33825,
Fri-Sat-Sun, Apr 5-6-7-, 8am-4pm.
Sunday 1/2 price on items \$1.00 and
up. Brd figurines, Cardinals, Blue Jays,
Bluebirds, Humming birds, Avon
decorative figurines, porcelain, metal,
glass, old and new. 30 throw rugs. 50
pieces Amberina, tall stretch vases, 150
pcs. red glass, viking glass, Lefton, Old
and new, fairy lamps, Fenton, Cld
Cod, candy dishes, rented hobnail,
must see to believe! Brides baskets,
owls, art. flowers, several glass front
curio cabinets (very nice). grandfather
clock, lazy Boy sofa, matching red
rocking recliners, matching floral wing
back chairs / cabriole legs, Sauder
cabinets, stereos, lots of pretty
wall art and mirrors, stainless pots
and pans, kitchen aid, toaster oven,
hens and roosters galore, Oreck vac,
Bissell Power Force, Arway CMS
1000, Bissell Helix Deluxe. Electric
mowers, trimmers, hand tools, garden
decor, shepherd hooks, pretty double
bedroom set, many nice blankets,
throws, sheets, sperads, desks,
crafts, needlework, storage pcs.
For photos and map visit us at :
Donna Collins Estate Sales
www.estatesales.net

ESTATE SALE
April 6 & 7, 2013
Sat., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and
Sun., Noon to 3p.m.
3001 Lakeaview Dr.
Sebring, Fl.

Quality Antiques
"S Curve" Roll top desk,
Jelly cupboard, Hoosier,
Pie Safe, Oak Wash Stand.
LIKE NEW Sofas, Chairs,
Tables, Wrought Iron Kitchen,
w/ Bakers Rack, Single Oak
Ice Box, Red Wing Crocks,
Jugs, Blue & White Stoneware,
MUCH MUCH MORE

The Furniture Doctors
Serving the Highlands
Over 30 Years
863-414-7388

SEB. - BIG - Clean-Undercover Sale
2454 lakeview Dr. (near Matlo)
Fri-Sat-Sun, Apr 5-6-7-, 8am - 3pm.
Lots of Goodies, Knick knacks, Bent
wood rocker, Flying eagle kites,
Metal shelving on wheels, other
Furn., Old tools, many VCR tapes,
Coleman lanterns, Costume jewelry,
Kids tents, Kitchen appliances, Table
hall tree, Moving pictures w/ sound
and Vacuum cleaners.

SEBRING * HUGE SALE * 1086
Lakeview Dr., April 4 & 5, 8am - 2pm.
Furn., Household items, Collectibles,
Tools & Lots of Stuff! "Rain or Shine"
Most Merchandise Inside.

SEBRING - "MULTI FAMILY SALE!"
4119 Lakewood Rd., Fri & Sat, April 5
& 6, Antiqu., furn., tools, silver jewelry,
books, clothes, glassware, fish, equip.,
2 trolling motors, pocket knives, riding
mower & misc. Much More!

SEBRING FRI. - Sat - 8 - ? 1904 Elf Dr. 2
Family Sale! Appliances, knick knacks,
Christmas, clothes & more! Everything
Must Go! Very Cheap!

WREDE'S WILDLIFE Rehabilitation
Center 4820 Wilderness Trail
Sebring Fl. 33975 863-385-2770
GIANT YARD SALE FUNDRAISER
April 5-6-7, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
WEATHER PERMITTING
Clothes (various sizes) Music &
Videos Household Goods, Books,
Tools and other various items.
Something For Everyone!
Come Out and Show Your Support!

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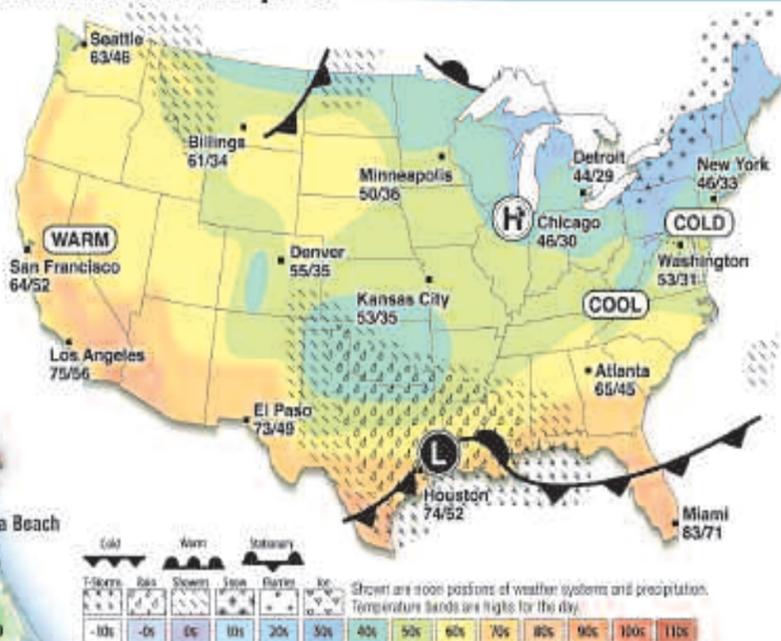
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A p.m. shower of thunderstorm	Some sun, breezy; a p.m. t-storm	Strong thunderstorms, mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny and beautiful	Some sun
84° / 65°	84° / 69°	80° / 54°	78° / 58°	84° / 61°
Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: SE at 10-20 mph	Winds: W at 10-20 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for April 3



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Astronid Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	77°
Low Friday	40°
High Saturday	79°
Low Saturday	45°
High Sunday	84°
Low Sunday	53°
High Monday	86°
Low Monday	57°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	68%
Expected air temperature	73°
Makes it feel like	81°

Barometer

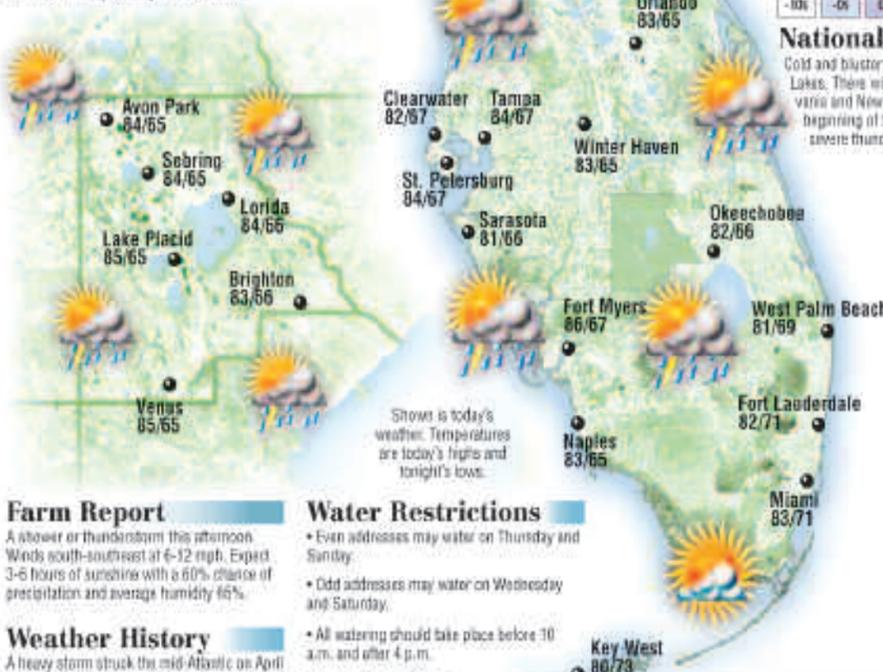
Saturday	30.19
Sunday	30.01
Monday	30.00

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.02"
Monday	6.00"
Month to date	0.02"
Year to date	3.93"

Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm in the afternoon. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow with a shower or thunderstorm in the afternoon. Friday: strong thunderstorms.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds south-southeast at 6-12 mph. Expect 3-6 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average humidity 65%.

Water Restrictions

• Even addresses may water on Thursday and Sunday.

• Odd addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu	Fri	City	Today	Thu	Fri
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Cape Coral	85/66A	83/70A	77/57A	Miami	83/71pc	83/74pc	85/69A
Clearwater	82/67A	81/69A	76/59pc	Okeechobee	82/66A	82/70A	83/55A
Coral Springs	83/69pc	82/73pc	83/60A	Orlando	83/65A	81/68A	82/54A
Daytona Beach	79/54A	78/58A	73/51A	Pembroke Pines	84/70pc	83/73pc	85/62A
FL. Inst. Sch.	82/71pc	83/74pc	84/69A	St. Augustine	76/61A	75/56A	79/54A
Fort Myers	86/67A	83/70A	77/57A	St. Petersburg	84/67A	82/69A	77/56pc
Gainesville	79/60A	77/62A	76/59A	Sarasota	81/66A	80/67A	77/54A
Hollywood	83/70pc	83/74pc	85/60A	Tallahassee	75/59A	73/58A	71/44pc
Homestead AFB	81/70pc	81/73pc	84/61A	Tampa	84/67A	82/69A	77/57pc
Jacksonville	76/60pc	75/61A	74/48A	W. Palm Bch.	81/69pc	81/73pc	83/61A
Key West	89/73pc	81/74pc	81/60A	Winter Haven	83/65A	83/68A	77/54A

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow
Hurries, sb-evening, f-fog.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	7:44 p.m.	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise	2:19 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
Moonset	1:51 p.m.	2:37 p.m.



National Summary

Cold and blustery weather will linger over the Northeast today as the last icy breaths of winter blow across the Great Lakes. There will even be some snow flurries and squalls across favored snow areas across northwestern Pennsylvania and New York state. Seasonable weather will be found over the Southeast, but plenty of clouds will signal the beginning of the next storm system developing over the Gulf of Mexico and the southern Plains. Heavy rain and severe thunderstorms will fire across East Texas.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu	Fri	City	Today	Thu	Fri
	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W		Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Albuquerque	85/43pc	73/45s	79/50pc	Los Angeles	75/56pc	72/56pc	71/54pc
Atlanta	66/45t	61/43t	62/44sh	Louisville	65/35s	66/38t	61/39s
Baltimore	50/29s	59/36pc	59/40t	Memphis	57/46s	56/44s	65/47s
Birmingham	63/50t	59/42t	63/47pc	Minneapolis	49/30s	50/31pc	44/32pc
Boston	43/00t	53/39s	53/04pc	Nashville	58/36s	49/30pc	59/37pc
Charlotte	62/37pc	59/42t	58/37t	Norfolk	58/40pc	53/41t	62/37t
Chattanooga	57/35t	63/40t	65/39pc	New Orleans	72/63t	77/50t	70/54pc
Chicago	46/30s	56/32s	52/32pc	New York City	46/33s	58/42s	64/36t
Cleveland	49/27pc	53/32s	44/27s	Norfolk	53/36s	55/47pc	69/40t
Columbus	46/30t	59/38s	56/31s	Oklahoma City	47/38t	59/36pc	71/59t
Dallas	54/44t	61/43pc	73/54s	Philadelphia	50/31s	59/40t	61/35t
Denver	55/25pc	67/42t	74/40pc	Phoenix	87/64t	92/67pc	92/64t
Detroit	44/29s	57/32s	50/27s	Pittsburgh	43/24pc	57/35s	52/28pc
Hammond	48/24t	56/35s	57/32pc	Portland, ME	43/24pc	50/31s	51/32pc
Houston	71/63pc	81/67s	69/60s	Portland, OH	70/46pc	69/50s	69/45t
Indianapolis	50/31s	54/36pc	59/33s	Raleigh	58/34pc	60/40s	59/40sh
Jackson, MS	64/33t	63/46t	65/43pc	Rochester	39/25t	54/31s	46/27t
Kansas City	53/35pc	61/40pc	66/48s	St. Louis	55/37pc	57/39pc	62/48t
Lexington	52/32s	59/37t	59/34s	San Francisco	64/52pc	62/51sh	61/50pc
Little Rock	50/42t	64/41t	68/45s	Seattle	63/46pc	61/48sh	59/44t
Little Rock	50/42t	64/41t	68/45s	Wash., DC	53/31s	59/43pc	59/37t

World Cities

City	Today	Thu	Fri	City	Today	Thu	Fri
	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W		Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W	Hi/La/W
Acapulco	88/70pc	88/70pc	80/68pc	London	46/36pc	43/32pc	45/34pc
Athens	65/52t	71/52s	70/50s	Montreal	32/21pc	46/32t	46/25pc
Bahia	74/62t	69/56t	67/55t	Moscow	39/27t	42/31pc	41/32t
Bangkok	45/30pc	39/51sh	41/31t	Nice	62/48s	59/41sh	62/48pc
Buenos Aires	66/58pc	64/58pc	60/56pc	Ottawa	34/24pc	46/27t	44/25pc
Calgary	40/24pc	48/27sh	39/25pc	Quebec	30/23sh	37/20t	37/20t
Cardiff	45/30pc	43/35pc	44/31pc	Rio de Janeiro	84/73t	87/70sh	87/70t
Edmonton	32/21pc	34/24sh	31/21st	Seoul	58/41pc	66/43pc	65/40pc
Freeport	29/70pc	39/73pc	31/67t	Singapore	81/79t	81/79t	81/80t
Havana	53/34t	60/41t	55/37t	Sydney	72/59sh	73/58sh	75/61sh
Harbin	90/85sh	89/71s	86/61t	Toronto	34/27pc	51/33s	46/28sh
Hong Kong	77/72t	81/72t	81/64t	Vancouver	57/44pc	59/40sh	55/46t
Jakarta	75/59s	63/46sh	59/49sh	Vladivostok	44/33sh	45/36pc	47/38t
Johannesburg	73/48t	68/44t	70/43s	Warsaw	37/31sh	37/31sh	39/30sh
Kiev	42/32pc	50/47t	52/38s	Winnipeg	37/19sh	29/19pc	31/15sh

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Courtesy photo

Tanglewood's newest pickleball players, from left, Nick Schmidt, Mary Ann Amato, Mel McDonald, Marilyn Gross, Wayne Schwantis and Jim Flaitz.

Tanglewood's Pickleball beginners

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Throughout the winter, former couch potato turned pickleball instructor Mel McDonald has met every Monday and Thursday at 3 p.m. with all Tanglewooders who wanted to learn to play pickleball.

With help from Wayne Schwantis, Fred Lauer and other experienced players, Mel has tutored newbies in the techniques of the game.

Pickleball, the fastest growing sport in America, is still relatively unknown.

Even in Tanglewood, with its four courts and more than 150 active pickleball club members, there is a constant stream of people coming to

the courts to see what the game is all about.

Given the chance, Mel McDonald corrals onlookers and has them come out to try the game with borrowed paddles.

On Monday, April 1, Mel combined an 80th birthday gathering for himself with a celebration of the great strides made by his students.

Several players gathered to play some games for fun.

It was evident that those present were enjoying themselves and that they were very appreciative of the time and effort put in by Mel and his cohorts.

Marilyn Gross, a pickleball veteran of just six weeks,

thought the game looked like fun.

As this was her first full winter spent in Tanglewood, she was looking to be active.

Mel was very welcoming and Marilyn has quickly come to love the game.

She found the instructors provided down to earth strategies that really work.

Scheduled for knee replacement in June, she believes that the exercise she has had on the courts may well have been enough to strengthen her knee sufficiently that an operation won't be needed at this time.

Marilyn loves the people who are in the beginners

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Dragons jump on Jaguars

By DAN HOEHNE

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LAKE PLACID – The visiting Jaguars of Port St. Lucie may have thought they were in the midst of an April Fools Day prank on Monday.

The game began under sunny skies at 5 p.m., for starters.

And they were a Class 7A team, currently in second place in the District 12-7A standings, facing little Lake Placid, a class 4A team, after all.

But the host Dragons currently stand in second place in their own district, 10-4A, and weren't about to kowtow to the bigger school.

Starting pitcher Heath Harris sure wasn't showing any deference to the Jaguar batters, though he did have some control issues at times.

In the first he battled back from a 3-0 count on the lead-off batter to get a fly out to left, but then walked the next hitter.

His defense then helped him out when a grounder to shortstop Tyler Carr was tossed to Ricky Miller at second and relayed to Morgan Lott at first for an inning-ending double play.

The Dragons then got the ball rolling, through the infield that is, when they scored three in the bottom of the frame.

With one out, Nathan Stanley singled to left and Lott followed with a liner up the middle.

Laine Daum then bounced one down the



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Ricky Miller fires to first to complete this inning-ending double play in Lake Placid's Monday win.

third-base line to bring Stanley in and Lott came plateward on a wild pitch.

Carr brought Daum home shortly after with a deep fly to left and Lake Placid had the early lead.

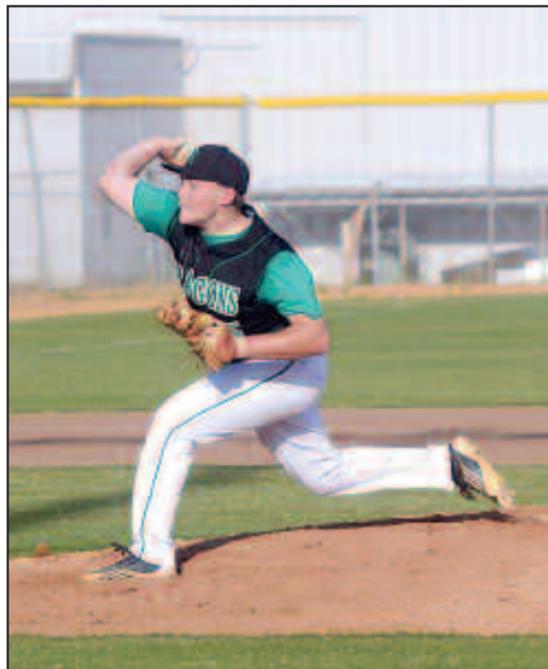
Harris had now settled in and struck out two in a scoreless top of the second and he helped his own cause by leading off the bottom of the frame with an infield hit.

His run would come in two outs later on a Stanley double and the lead had edged up to 4-0.

Harris got into a bit of a jam, of his own doing in the third, though, when with one out, he hit a batter, allowed a bunt to go for a single, then with two outs, hit another batter to load the bases.

"It was the dang curve

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Heath Harris tossed another gem Monday, handcuffing Port St. Lucie in Lake Placid's 8-3 win.

USC hires FGCU's Enfield

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California hired Andy Enfield as men's basketball coach on Monday night after he took Florida Gulf Coast to the round of 16 of the NCAA tournament.

Athletic director Pat Haden said Enfield has reached an agreement with the Pac-12 school.

"Those in the basketball world have known of his abilities for a while," Haden said.

He said Enfield's success at FGCU wasn't a flash in the pan and that his up-tempo style and stingy defense will be fun for both the Trojans players and fans.

"In meeting with Pat Haden, I was very impressed with his vision for the men's basketball program," Enfield said in a statement. "I am looking forward to bringing an exciting, up-tempo style of play to USC and building the men's basketball brand into one that the fans and basketball community will enjoy and respect."

The 43-year-old coach was 41-28 in his only two seasons as a head coach at FGCU in Fort Myers.

He led the Eagles to a school-record 26 wins this season, including upsets of No. 2 seed Georgetown and No. 7 seed San Diego State as a 15th-seed in the NCAA tournament.

Enfield's team earned the nickname "Dunk City" for its spectacular dunks and alley-oops.

The Eagles scored 70 or more points 25 times this

season, and ranked 16th nationally in steals with 8.9 per game.

They won the Atlantic Sun tournament, and had the league's player of the year in Sherwood Brown and defensive player of the year in Bernard Thompson.

Haden called Enfield "a relentless recruiter and he has integrity and great character."

Enfield takes over from interim coach Bob Cantu, who had a 7-8 record after succeeding Kevin O'Neill, who was fired in mid-January.

The Trojans lost their final three games, including a defeat in their first game of the Pac-12 tournament.

Starting center Dewayne Dedmon and backup big man James Blasczyk were suspended indefinitely and missed the league tourney following allegations the pair was involved in a melee in Spokane, Wash., during the team's final Pac-12 road trip of the season.

The move is a big step up for Enfield.

FGCU has about 11,300 students, plays in a 4,500-seat arena and has only existed for 16 years;

USC has 37,000 students, the Trojans play at 10,258-seat Galen Center, and the school has a long tradition of sports success, especially with its nationally ranked football team.

The basketball team has long played in the shadow of cross-town rival UCLA, which hired Steve Alford

See ENFIELD, Page B4

Harper, Strasburg lead Nats over Marlins

By HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper homered in his first two at-bats, Stephen Strasburg retired 19 batters in a row at one stretch, and the defending NL East champion Washington Nationals opened the season with a 2-0 victory over the Miami Marlins on Monday.

For Strasburg (1-0), this marked the start of what should be his first full season in the majors, with zero pitch or inning limits.

The All-Star ace was dominant against a trade-depleted Marlins lineup that features Giancarlo Stanton and little else.

The right-hander went seven innings, matching his career high, and allowed three hits.

Reigning NL Rookie of the Year Harper, a 20-year-old outfielder, hit solo shots over the out-of-town scoreboard in right-center field off Ricky Nolasco (0-1) in the first and fourth innings.

New closer Rafael Soriano got the save. Harper and Strasburg are only the second pair of No. 1 overall picks in baseball's June amateur draft to start an opening-day game for the team that chose them, and the 100-loss seasons in 2008 and 2009 that gave Washington the right to those selections seem quite

distant nowadays.

Before the game, the Nationals celebrated their 98-win 2012 by unveiling a sign atop the outfield scoreboard that proclaims them "NL East Division Champions."

They also honored Harper for his rookie honor, Johnson for his NL Manager of the Year award, and recipients of Gold Glove and Silver Slugger trophies.

Nolasco gave up two runs and three hits in six innings, with five strikeouts and two walks.

Juan Pierre led off the game by singling to center off Strasburg, and that was all the Marlins could muster

until the seventh inning.

That's when Stanton — who else, on a team with a payroll under \$45 million — doubled to left, ending the streak of 19 plate appearances, 19 outs for Miami.

Placido Polanco followed with an infield single, putting runners on the corners.

Rob Brantly then hit a fly to Harper in left. Harper threw home, but Stanton didn't go. Instead, Polanco strayed off first base, and wound up getting caught in a rundown.

Eventually, Stanton did try to score, but he was thrown out for an odd-as-can-be double play official-score 7-2-3-4-2.

Ed talks hoops with O'Hora



Courtesy photo

Avon Park boys basketball coach Marty O'Hora and his wife Jane were featured guests on Ed Lynch's "Sports Talk" show on Saturday, March 30. During his first year at the helm of the Red Devils, O'Hora led them to the district championship this past season with an 8-0 record. "Sports Talk" airs each Saturday immediately following the Noon News on WWTK 730-AM. Scheduled guests for the April 6 broadcast at former Troy State golfer Tommy Lovett Sr., and Sebring girls tennis coach Janie Hollinger.

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	46	26	.639	—
x-Brooklyn	42	31	.575	4.5
Boston	38	36	.514	9
Philadelphia	30	43	.411	16.5
Toronto	27	47	.365	20

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	58	15	.795	—
x-Atlanta	42	33	.560	17
Washington	27	46	.370	31
Orlando	19	56	.253	40
Charlotte	17	57	.230	41.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	48	27	.640	—
x-Chicago	40	32	.556	6.5
Milwaukee	36	37	.493	11
Detroit	25	50	.333	23
Cleveland	22	51	.301	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	19	.743	—
x-Memphis	50	24	.676	5
Houston	41	33	.554	14
Dallas	36	37	.493	18.5
New Orleans	26	48	.351	29

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	54	20	.730	—
x-Denver	50	24	.676	4
Utah	39	36	.520	15.5
Portland	33	41	.446	21
Minnesota	27	46	.370	26.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Clippers	49	26	.653	—
Golden State	42	32	.568	6.5
L.A. Lakers	38	36	.514	10.5
Sacramento	27	47	.365	21.5
Phoenix	23	51	.311	25.5

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Games

New Orleans 112, Cleveland 92
Washington 109, Toronto 92
Chicago 95, Detroit 94
Miami 88, San Antonio 86
New York 108, Boston 89

Monday's Games

Detroit 108, Toronto 98
Atlanta 102, Cleveland 94
Houston 111, Orlando 103
Memphis 92, San Antonio 90
Minnesota 110, Boston 100
Milwaukee 131, Charlotte 102
Utah 112, Portland 102
Indiana 109, L.A. Clippers 106

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at Washington, late
New York at Miami, late
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, late

Wednesday's Games

Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New York at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	28	8	0	56	123	84
New Jersey	15	12	9	39	89	100
N.Y. Rangers	17	15	3	37	82	86
N.Y. Islanders	17	16	3	37	103	113
Philadelphia	15	17	3	33	95	108

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	7	5	51	111	84
Boston	22	8	4	48	97	75
Ottawa	19	10	6	44	89	76
Toronto	20	12	4	44	112	100
Buffalo	13	17	6	32	94	113

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	18	17	2	38	91	110
Carolina	16	16	2	34	93	101
Washington	16	17	2	34	102	101
Tampa Bay	15	18	1	31	110	103
Florida	11	19	6	28	88	125

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	27	5	3	57	119	76
Detroit	18	13	5	41	94	94
St. Louis	18	14	2	38	98	94
Columbus	15	14	7	37	87	97
Nashville	14	14	8	36	89	99

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	21	12	2	44	98	90
Vancouver	19	11	6	44	94	93
Edmonton	15	13	7	37	91	96
Calgary	13	17	4	30	94	118
Colorado	12	19	4	28	86	111

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	24	7	5	53	111	90
Los Angeles	20	12	3	43	103	88
San Jose	18	11	6	42	88	86
Dallas	16	16	3	35	94	107
Phoenix	14	15	6	34	94	101

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

Sunday's Games

Chicago 7, Detroit 1
Philadelphia 5, Washington 4, OT
Los Angeles 3, Dallas 2
Columbus 2, Anaheim 1, OT
Boston 2, Buffalo 0

Monday's Games

Chicago 3, Nashville 2, SO
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Winnipeg 2
Montreal 4, Carolina 1
Detroit 3, Colorado 2
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 1
Anaheim 4, Dallas 0
Edmonton 4, Calgary 1
San Jose 3, Vancouver 2

Tuesday's Games

Ottawa at Boston, late
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, late
Washington at Carolina, late
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, late
Florida at Tampa Bay, late
Colorado at Nashville, late
Los Angeles at Phoenix, late

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

THURSDAY

9 p.m. NIT Tournament Final ESPN

GOLF

THURSDAY

Noon LPGA – Kraft Nabisco Championship . . . GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Valero Texas Open GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

9:30 p.m. McDonald's All-American Game ESPN

MLB

WEDNESDAY

2 p.m. Kansas City at Chicago White Sox WGN
7 p.m. Boston at N.Y. Yankees ESPN2
7 p.m. Baltimore at Tampa Bay SUN
10 p.m. San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers ESPN2

THURSDAY

12:30 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh WGN
3 p.m. Baltimore at Tampa Bay SUN

NBA

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. New York at Atlanta ESPN

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Chicago at Brooklyn TNT
9:30 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City TNT

NHL

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina SUN

TENNIS

THURSDAY

1 p.m. WTA – Family Circle Cup, Round of 16 ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Baltimore	0	0	.000	.5
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	.5
Toronto	0	0	.000	.5
New York	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	.5
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Oakland	0	1	.000	1
Texas	0	1	.000	1

Sunday's Games

Houston 8, Texas 2

Monday's Games

Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2
Chicago White Sox 1, Kansas City 0
L.A. Angels 3, Cincinnati 1, 13 innings
Seattle 2, Oakland 0

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, late
Cleveland at Toronto, late
Texas at Houston, late
Seattle at Oakland, late

Wednesday's Games

Kansas City (Santana 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Texas (Ogando 0-0) at Houston (Humber 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Sanchez 0-0) at Minnesota (Correia 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Jimenez 0-0) at Toronto (Morrow 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Chen 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Wilson 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Saunders 0-0) at Oakland (Milone 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
Miami	0	1	.000	1
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	—
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000	1
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Colorado	0	1	.000	1
San Diego	0	1	.000	1
San Francisco	0	1	.000	1

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

Washington 2, Miami 0
N.Y. Mets 11, San Diego 2
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 5, Colorado 4, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 3, Cincinnati 1, 13 innings
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Francisco 0
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 5
Arizona 6, St. Louis 2

Tuesday's Games

Colorado at Milwaukee, late

St. Louis at Arizona, late
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Jackson 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Slowey 0-0) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Wilson 0-0) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 0-0) at Atlanta (Maholm 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Nicasio 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peralta 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 0-0) at Arizona (McCarthy 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Promoted Einar Diaz to assistant coach.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Placed 2B Darwin Barney on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 31. Selected the contract of 2B Alberto Gonzalez from Iowa (PCL). Designated RHP Robert Whitenack for assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Recalled INF Justin Sellers from Albuquerque (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association HOUSTON ROCKETS—Recalled F Terrence Jones from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Justin Holiday. Waived G Jeremy Pargo.

FOOTBALL

National Football League NFL—Suspended Baltimore S Christian Thompson four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed QB Brian Hoyer, RB William Powell and DE Ronald Talley to one-year contracts. Released QB John Skelton.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Re-signed CB Terrence Newman to a two-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Traded QB Colt McCoy and an undisclosed 2013 draft pick to San Francisco for two undisclosed 2013 draft picks.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

The owners' race, too

The experts have crunched the numbers, and even if Denny Hamlin misses the next five races, he will still be eligible for the Chase for the Sprint Cup.

Hamlin is expected to be out until next month with a back injury, but when he returns, all he has to do is race his way into the top 20 in the points and have a couple (or three) wins before the playoffs start in September.

What many folks are not paying much attention to, though, is the owners' points race. Generally, the championship driver and car owner are attached at the hip for the awards banquet in Las Vegas. Maybe not this season.

Owners points don't follow the Chase model. Car owners are awarded points based on how their car fares in each race. Right now, there are three car owners who could have a seat at the championship table and not be joined by their drivers.

The No. 55 Toyota, owned by Michael Waltrip, is the lead contender. Waltrip shares the ride with Mark Martin and Brian Vickers. The No. 55 is 14th in the owners points.

The next is the No. 11 Toyota, which is owned by Joe Gibbs. Hamlin is a long shot for driver honors, but the No. 11 could still nab a piece of the title based on how Hamlin's subs do in April.

The No. 11 is 11th in the owners points. How ironic would it be for the No. 11 to win the owners' points, which would include Martin's one start this weekend at Martinsville?

And there's everybody's favorite underdog, the No. 51 Chevy owned by James Finch. In five races, he's had three drivers in the seat of the No. 51, and surprise, he is ninth in the owners' points, only 46 points behind the leader, Rick Hendrick's No. 88 Chevy.

sure to give the team's primary sponsor a ring before making announcements. Sponsors pay the bills and yet many times they are taken for granted. When Aaron's nixed the Mark Martin deal, they showed us who REALLY carries the weight in the garage area. Money talks.

Getting the vote out

Voting has started that will allow one driver, currently not eligible for the Sprint All-Star Race on May 18, to gain entry into the Charlotte Motor Speedway fray. Race fans have two ways to vote. They can download the NASCAR Mobile 13 app or vote at NASCAR.com. Expect to see some lobbying by drivers to make the grid, but this vote may be a lock. In the press release, Sprint said race fans should vote for their favorite driver "in the hopes of seeing him or her" in the race. That "her" would be Danica Patrick, who would otherwise have to win a Cup Series race in the next six weeks to make the All-Star field.

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



Daytona Beach News-Journal's JIM TILLER: Junior shows the proper excitement level for an early-season points lead.

How long does Junior stay on top of the Sprint Cup standings?

KEN'S CALL: Probably until Jimmie Johnson decides he wants to check out the view from the top.

GODSPEAK: Earnhardt seems to be all about consistency, so he may have found a home until he hit summer.

How well will Mark Martin do this week in Denny Hamlin's car?

KEN'S CALL: Run with the leaders awhile, finish between 8th and 15th, tell everyone how lucky he is to get the chance. You know, the usual.

GODSPEAK: Martin doesn't like to race at Martinsville and is driving a car he's not familiar with, so naturally, he will win Sunday.

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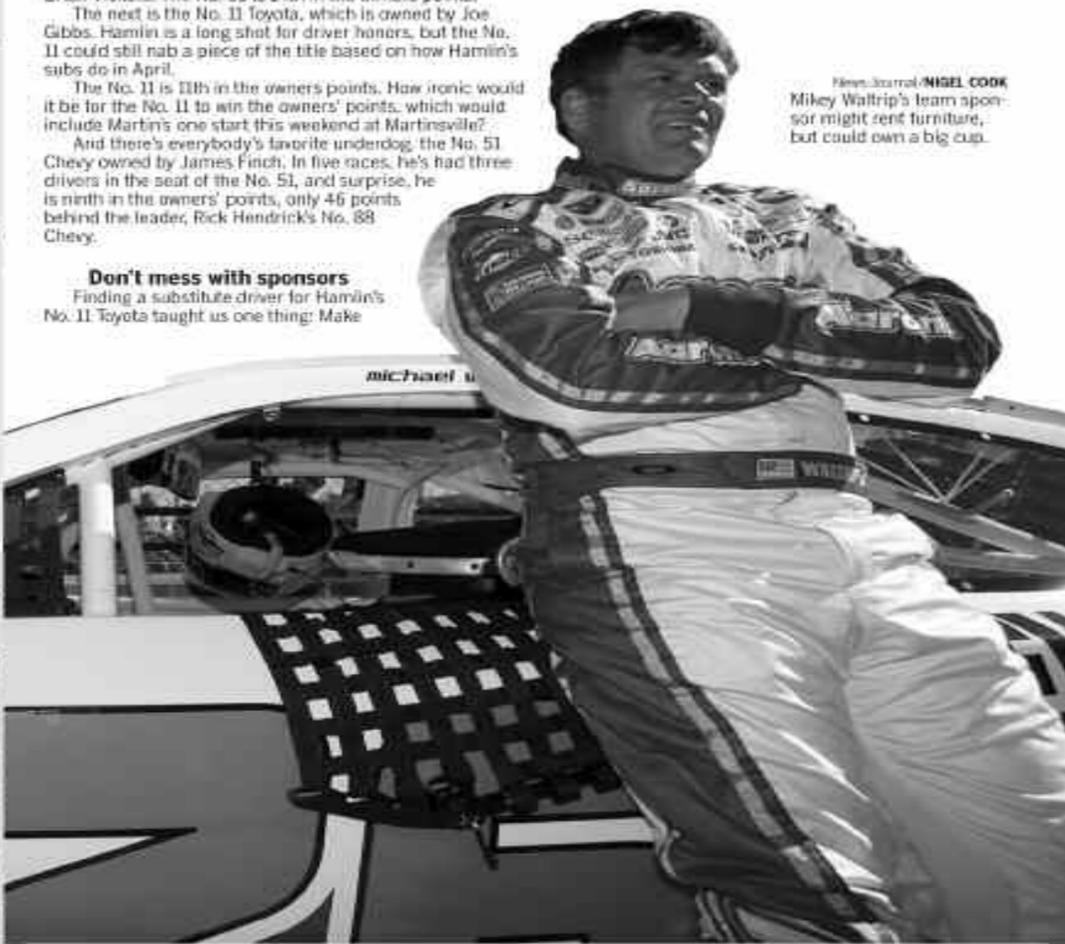
SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

(after Auto Club, Race 5 of 36)

Rnk	Driver	Pnts
1	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	199
2	Brad Keselowski	-12
3	Jimmie Johnson	-16
4	Carl Edwards	-35
4	Greg Biffle	-35
6	Kyle Busch	-36
7	Kasey Kahne	-40
8	Paul Menard	-45
9	Joey Logano	-53
10	Denny Hamlin	-54
11	Matt Kenseth	-58
12	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	-60
13	Kurt Busch	-62
13	Clint Bowyer	-62
15	Kevin Harvick	-69
16	Jamie McMurray	-74
16	Aric Almirola	-74
18	Jeff Gordon	-76
19	Martin Truex Jr.	-77
20	Ryan Newman	-78
21	Casey Mears	-81
22	Tony Stewart	-91
23	Marcos Ambrose	-92
24	Jeff Burton	-94
25	Mark Martin	-97

Don't mess with sponsors

Finding a substitute driver for Hamlin's No. 11 Toyota taught us one thing: Make



News-Journal's NIGEL COOK: Mikey Waltrip's team sponsor might rent furniture, but could own a big cup.

GODWIN'S MARTINSVILLE PICKS

WINNER: Clint Bowyer
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Brad Keselowski, Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Ryan Newman
DARK HORSE: Kurt Busch
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Danica Patrick
FIRST ONE OUT: Joey Logano
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Contact occurs and we forget all about the Denny Hamlin-Joey Logano saga... well, for a weekend.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions... and maybe a few actual answers



Daytona Beach News-Journal's JIM TILLER: Joey's intimidation glare needs a little more work.

Was the Easter holiday enough to calm everyone down?

Briefly, perhaps. But let's be honest, Joey Logano might be young enough to still get an Easter basket, and if he overdoes the chocolate, there's no telling what he might get into this week.

So it's not over for a while?

With Denny Hamlin sidelined for several weeks (maybe more... honestly, can any doctor really give a solid timeline on a back injury?) you tend to think things will settle down. Except now we have Tony Stewart angry with Joey, a few other drivers in bad need of turning around their early-season funks, and, you know, that venue thing.

Venue thing?

This week's offering is Martinsville, which doesn't exactly include much elbow room. The only difference between Martinsville and Bristol is Martinsville's lack of banking, which means the speeds are slower, which means the intentional dumping of an opponent tends to look a little less accidental.

Can it get any more interesting?

Only if Charlie Sheen gets involved. Oh wait, he is. Well, kinda. It appears that Kyle Busch will do a guest spot on an upcoming episode of Sheen's new cable series, "Anger Management," and really, you gotta figure the producers flipped a coin to decide between Kyle and brother Kurt. These days, ties pass for good news in auto racing. It doesn't matter that so many people consider Sheen a tad unstable — he's a celebrity, by golly, and celebrities sell.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



Daytona Beach News-Journal's DAVID TUCKER

Mark Martin
Aaron's vs. FedEx: Joe Gibbs Racing and FedEx announced Aaron's Mark Martin as Denny Hamlin's sub. Aaron's squashed the deal the next day.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Martin has to be excited and flattered that two corporate heavyweights are arguing over his services as a driver."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: STP Gas Booster 500
SITE: Martinsville, Va.
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Speed, noon); qualifying (Speed, 8 p.m., tape delayed). Saturday, practice (Speed, 11:30 p.m., tape delayed). Sunday, race (Fox coverage begins at 12:30 p.m., green flag at 1:16 p.m.)
TRACK: Martinsville Speedway (.526-mile, oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 500 laps, 263 miles

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS: Kroger 250
SITE: Martinsville, Va.
SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (Speed, 1:30 p.m.)
TRACK: Martinsville Speedway (.526-mile, oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 250 laps, 131.5 miles



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

1 KYLE BUSCH Hangs on to top spot through off week	2 BRAD KESELOWSKI His Wolverines alive and well in Final 4	3 JUNIOR EARNHARDT Piling up top-10s like Smokey Robinson	4 CARL EDWARDS Never heard of Smokey Robinson	5 JIMMIE JOHNSON Thinks Smokey was Sugar Ray's brother	6 MATT KENSETH Bracket broke when Badgers bowed out early	7 KURT BUSCH Can his Cubs also overachieve?	8 JOEY LOGANO Keep an eye out for No. 14 Sunday	9 MARK MARTIN No, Martinsville wasn't named for him	10 PAUL MENARD Thinks Martinsville was named for Dean
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EASTER REWIND

Catching up with the champ

With all that happened in the first five races of the season, 2012 Sprint Cup champion Brad Keselowski's achievements have gone largely unnoticed. He talked to the media a few days before the Cup Series' race in California.

Can you talk about your fast start to the season?

"Yeah, it has been a solid start. We have done everything but win a race. There are a lot of things to look forward to for sure."

Talk about the parity you have seen between Ford, Chevy and Toyota so far.

"I would agree that there is a lot of parity right now, with the exception being the restrictor-plate tracks, where I think it is pretty obvious the Chevrolets are a little bit ahead of everybody else."

What do you think these feuds do for the sport?

"I hesitate to say it is just feuds. I think it is authenticity. It is emotions shown with authenticity. Whether it is joy or anger, that is what the fans crave. They want to see us be human, and humans are emotional. They want to see it

done in an authentic way. Certainly a fight is one way, but I think of some happy moments, too. I think of Darrell Waltrip doing the Ickey Shuffle. Those are things that stick in my mind. I don't think it just has to be a fight. I think a fight is a water-cooler conversation, but I just think fans enjoy seeing us show emotion and doing it in an authentic way."

You are the best-performing Ford entry so far this season. What is working so well for you?

"I can tell you it is a big weight off our shoulders to come out of the gate so strong. It is a quick way

of quieting all those that said when we switched to Ford we were going to be in a lot of trouble. That is really big for us at Penske Racing and big for me personally. It shows the strength we have at every layer, whether as a company, as a team or as a driver and crew chief combination. It is something I am exceptionally proud of. Looking at that and knowing we still haven't reached our potential as far as our Ford relationship is concerned — and that will probably take some time — it makes me feel like when we do reach that potential that we can be an elite team for years to come."



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LP routs Port St. Lucie

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ball," he said. "I'm used to pitching at night. Today, with the sun out and it being warm, I was sweating more than I usually do and the ball kept slipping out of my hand on the curve."

He regained his grip enough to get out of it with a strike out, one of eight he would garner in the game.

The offense then kept the lead growing with two more in the bottom of the third.

Carr singled to left with one out, stole second and tagged up and went to third on a Justin LaRosa deep fly to left.

Jacob Cram followed with an RBI double to right-center and Harris helped himself out again with an RBI single.

The fourth inning went by with no further scoring, and Harris got through the top of the fifth with his shutout intact.

Then in the bottom of the fifth, the Dragons added two more.

Daum walked to get it started and moved to second on a Carr single through the left side.

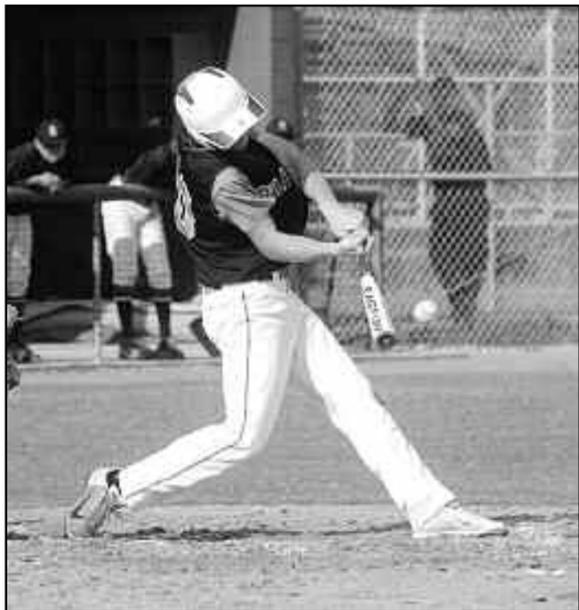
LaRosa reached on an error to load the bases and Cram's hard shot couldn't be handled either, bringing a run in and keeping the bags full.

After Harris lined out to short, the Jaguars went to the bullpen for the second time and reliever Tavon Lindsay recorded a strike out, but also uncorked a wild pitch to bring a run in to push the lead to 8-0 after five.

Port St. Lucie finally got on the board in the top of the sixth.

Alex Spencer's short fly to center saw LaRosa make a diving catch, only to see the ball pop out when crashed back to the ground.

Harris got the next two batters on a grounder to third



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Morgan Lott the first-inning hit parade that staked the Dragons to an early lead in Monday's win over Port St. Lucie.

and fly to center, respectively, but Jeff Musser beat out an infield single to bring Spencer in and AJ Alexio hit a bloop single to left for an RBI.

David Ayala then cranked one to deep center that the wind carried over LaRosa's head for an RBI double and the lead now stood at 8-3.

Lake Placid couldn't add to it in their half of the inning, but it wouldn't matter as Stanley came on in relief and closed it out in the sev-

enth. "It shows that anything can happen when you hit the ball well," head coach Dan Coomes said afterward. "Although it seemed like once we got the big lead, we stopped hitting for some reason."

"But this was a good game for us and now we just need to keep it up as we get back to district games."

The Dragons were back at it Tuesday with a road date at Mulberry.

Pickleball being picked up

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classes and she is just playing to achieve her own personal best.

When she heads back to New York for the summer she'll be able to play with confidence.

Mary Ann Amato took up the game in September.

In October, she fell on the court and broke her arm.

She laughs that at least she was having fun when she tumbled.

Not discouraged, she has returned to the courts and is enjoying herself.

Having played racquetball fifteen years ago and softball thirty years ago, Mary Ann is pleased to have the chance to participate actively.

She likes the exercise, the people and just being outside.

She urges others to give the game a try.

Nick Schmidt has now been playing for five weeks.

After watching a few times, he thought he'd give pickleball a try and is glad he did.

Nick is not taking the game too seriously yet but already loves the game and the people he has met.

He has had good instruction and feels the beginners coaches have explained the game and the scoring very well.

Jim Flaitz has quite an extensive background with racquet sports, having played racquetball, handball, squash and tennis through the years.

He feels that pickleball is a good game for him now that he is "old and decrepit".

With less running than the in the other racquet sports, Jim sees it as a way to be active and keep his body from deteriorating more.

Pickleball is currently being played at Sun n Lake, Sebring Village, Highlands Ridge and Crystal Lake as well as at Tanglewood.

Tomoka Heights residents have shown an interest in taking up the game.

There is one court open to the general public at Charlie Brown Park on Hawthorne Dr., just off the Sebring Parkway.

Tanglewood residents who want to try the game should be certain to see Mel McDonald on a Monday or Thursday afternoon.

Other Highlands County residents interested in learning to play pickleball are invited to e-mail the writer, Neil Simpson, at nsimp76@gmail.com.

Neil, a snowbird, will compile a list of interested players and, if sufficient interest is shown, will arrange a clinic in the fall.

FTA Heartland this weekend

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Enfield off to USC

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from New Mexico on Saturday.

USC hasn't made the NCAA tournament since 2011.

The Trojans are 12-17 all-time, with their best results coming in 2007 and 2001, when they lost in the regionals, and in 1954, when they lost in the national semifinals.

Before going to FGCU, Enfield was an assistant at Florida State from 2007-11, where the Seminoles made the round of 16 in 2011.

He began his coaching career in the NBA as a shooting coach for the Milwaukee Bucks from 1995-96, and was an assistant with Boston from 1999-00.

Enfield's wife, Amanda, drew attention during the NCAA tournament for her model-looks. The couple has three young children.

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Gay marriage equality box spreads on social media

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bud Light said it with beer cans and Martha Stewart with red velvet cake as companies and celebrities from Beyonce to George Takei joined millions of social media users in posting and tweaking a simple red logo in support of gay marriage.

A square box with thick pink horizontal lines (the mathematical equal symbol) was offered for sharing this week by the Human Rights Campaign as the U.S. Supreme Court took up arguments in key marriage rights cases.

The image, replacing profile pictures on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Pinterest and elsewhere, is a makeover of the advocacy group's logo, usually a blue background with bright yellow lines. The HRC made it available in red — for the color of love — on Monday and estimated tens of mil-

lions of shares by Wednesday.

"It shows the enthusiasm and the passion," said Fred Sainz, a spokesman for the nonprofit in Washington, D.C.

Like viral campaigns of yore, supporting breast cancer awareness (pink), President Barack Obama (change your middle name to Hussein) and even Arab Spring (green), a bit of fatigue set in on some social media streams by those questioning whether such efforts serve to change any minds or, put simply, are plain annoying.

"My Facebook feed is a cascading aesthetic nightmare. Thanks, equality," Washington Post writer Dan Zak wryly grumbled on Twitter.

A photo of Justice Anthony Kennedy made the rounds with the quip: "Before we make a ruling, did enough people change their Facebook profile picture?!"



None of that mattered to the masses of same-sex marriage supporters. Some swapped matzoh for the pink lines as Passover got under way, or added frowny Internet star Grumpy Cat, who explained marriage equality would make her happy.

Bert and Ernie showed up against the red background. (They're best friends with no plans to marry, according to Sesame Street.) Another version featured Paula

Deen atop the red square and lines turned a shade of yellow akin to her favorite fatty ingredient and the tagline: "It's like two sticks of butter y'all."

Takei, a noted punster with nearly 4 million followers in Facebook, turned the equal sign into the division sign for those opposed to marriage equality.

Beyonce, with more than 44 million followers there, played it straight, leaving the logo alone and adding a personal message: "It's about TIME!!! #EQUALITY #MarryWhoYouLove."

Fergie let the image speak for itself on Twitter, adding: "No words necessary." Montana Sen. John Tester, a Democrat who endorsed same-sex marriage on Tuesday, put the logo up as his profile on Facebook while the clothing site Bonobos swapped its usual Facebook pic for the red square

using fancy white pants for the equal sign.

Martha Stewart's Facebook page used a slice of red cake with white icing to make the image and the HBO page for "True Blood" added fangs.

All in good fun?

"There's a lot of serious conversation going on and there's an awful lot of important concepts that the Supreme Court justices are discussing," Sainz said. "What this logo going viral means is individuals have reduced it to a very straightforward concept."

Steve Jones, a professor of online culture and communications at the University of Illinois at Chicago, wondered whether all the mash-ups muddle the message.

"Once you throw it together with something like Grumpy Cat it's fun," he said. "But was this message intended to be fun?"



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"I'm a New Yorker!" True, I was a snow bird for 10 years. Actually before that we were "snow fakes." We would come to Clearwater and Fort Pierce for just a few weeks at a time. But now, even after 30 years of living in Florida, in my heart, I am still a New Yorker.

Please, all you Midwesterners, before you raise your eyebrows and drop the page, think about it. You are still attached to your birthplace, where you went to school, where you grew up and where the grandkids are. And when in a group they call out "Ohio" or "Nebraska", don't you applaud?

So even if we have been living side by side for 20 or 30 years, even if those years are really only for four to six months, what have I conveyed to you about living on Long Island or in Manhattan? What do you know about the mindset of the person who says New York and expects everyone to know that he means New York City, or even more specifically Manhattan, and not Buffalo or some other place upstate or downstate?

For that matter, what do I know about Oklahoma except that "the corn grows as high as an elephant's eye? Or that in Muskogee the only accommodations were in houses with out-houses? And this is so unfair because that impression occurred during World War II and the 109th Rainbow division was already stationed there. I'm sure it is not like that now.

Which brings me to the premise of this article. I propose that we emulate the foreign exchange student program that brings young people from one country to another to live in a family setting and study for awhile. A tourist that comes for 10 days, sees the tourist attractions but not behind them. They never get to know the real country or people under ordinary circumstances. If you live in the family home and shop with them and go to church, you can see and feel their real needs and wants and how they are dealt with as opposed to what you would do at home in your own country.

So I volunteer to be a first candidate to go to a farm. I know I could collect the eggs. I learned once when we took the kids on a vacation to a bed and bath farm, don't try to take the eggs while the hen is still sitting. You get pecked and it hurts.

Actually, a few years ago the Greggs who were snowbirds in our communi-



Pearl's Pearls

Pearl Carter

ty invited us to their 250-year-old farmhouse near Niagara Falls, New York. We were settled into the prettiest dormer room with a view of a cornfield that stretched as far as you could see.

Handmade framed alphabets that had been done by some child hundreds of years before decorated the walls, and inviting comforters were on every chair, chaise and bed. And the bathroom! A fireplace with towel racks in front of it so that the towels would be warm. As concessions to the now, there was a fake fire/heater in the opening but we didn't know that right away. There was a picture window in the bathroom that looked out on an apple orchard.

After storing our stuff, we came down for an invitation to tour the old home-stead. Mr. Gregg disappeared into a big barn and with a sound like thunder the doors opened and a huge thing rumbled out. Now I had thought it would be some kind of vehicle like we see around the groves here, but this was a big thing with a big scoop in front.

"Get in. I'll give you a ride." It was not what I expected but I hopped in the hopper. What happened next chilled my city bones. I began to go up right into the middle of the low lying branches of the plum tree. "Well, you're up there. Pick some plums." Which I did until he stopped me by lowering the "thing."

The plums were the desert with plum syrup over them and hand-cranked ice cream. The vegetable was the fresh picked corn and I do not think the chicken had been dead very long.

I invited them to my son's house on Long Island and/or to my friend's town-house on East 66 Street just off York Ave. in Manhattan. I would take them to the 92nd Street YMHA where they give courses on almost any subject with famous professional people from all over the world leading the classes and to Broadway shows. But they said that Lake Placid was cosmopolitan enough for them.

So who wants to switch with a former New Yorker who realizes that she is now a confirmed Floridian?

I began this article by saying that in my heart I am a New Yorker and end by calling myself a Floridian. The transformation is complete.

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Elks celebrate St. Patty's Day

Courtesy photo
Sebring Elks 1529 celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 15 with a meal of corn beef and cabbage and the rest of the Irish fare. Helen Young and Wes Ward celebrated the holiday at the lodge.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — There was a wedding in this park on Wednesday. It took place on the fishing pier at 5 p.m. Jerry and Diana are from Indiana. Pastor Ray Culpepper of the Eastside Christian Church in Lake Placid officiated at the wedding pronouncing them, Mr. and Mrs. Hallett. Diana wore a long flowered dress with a dark background with a touch of aqua. She wore aqua jewelry which topped off the dress, also the aqua flower on each shoe. The reception was in the screen room.

The spaghetti dinner was sponsored by the Memorial Committee. The menu was vegetable tossed salad, garlic bread and beverages and desserts. You don't have to be Italian to appreciate a good plate of spaghetti and it was good.

The center pieces for the tables were blue wine bottles decorated with grape clusters. Very striking! The people who were lucky enjoyed their door prizes.

The Bunny Hop Dance was March 23 with music by Larry Musgrave. When the couples arrived, they sat at tables covered in pastel table cloths with a garland of flowers down each table. Very pretty. They danced from 7-10 p.m. and I'm sure they had a great time.

Monday morning coffee was made and hosted by Bob and Mary Fagan. Peggy Sue Teague emceed the meeting. Joan Rau and Carolyn Reece had a table set up for selling tickets for the dinner and dance on April 7 for the Snowbirds' Going Away party. At 5 p.m., tacos will be made and served just the way you want them. Pete Ruano will be playing for our listening and dancing pleasure. Won't this be a nice Sunday evening?

Peggy Sue introduced our manager, Jodi Susco, and she thanked everyone for the birthday cards that she received Friday on her birthday. Jodi asked people to please make arrangements for the care of your yard before you leave for

the summer. Also, be sure to turn off the water to your house before you leave.

Ruth Ann Walls played the piano so we could sing "Happy Birthday" to Joanne Fox, Nella TenBroeke and Patti Wood. We were happy that Eunice Brown was back from her surgery in Kentucky. Darwin Seymour's son, Dalin, is visiting his father. Helen Wylie is here from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, visiting her twin sister Heurtha Thomson. Carol Noel had deepest sympathy papers out this morning for everyone to sign for the families of Jim Tyre, Donna Gorman's sister and Danny Shephard's sister.

The Red Hats are going to Wauchula to the Center for the Apes on Thursday, April 4. This will be a very interesting day. On April 18, we will be going to the Archbold Biological Station. After this, we will be going to the Moose for lunch at noon.

The Men's Pancake Breakfast for April will be Saturday, April 6. Bring your

place setting and decide if you want your pancakes plain or with blueberries. Either way, the pancakes will be very good.

April 14 will be the Military Committee's soup and sandwich meal Sunday evening at 5 p.m.

The Line Dancers went out for their goodbye lunch Monday. Not all will be leaving for the northern states immediately but it was a good time to converse and convey gratitude to Helen Todd for her line dancing skills. We feel like sisters.

The Tuesday morning ladies coffee was made by Carolyn Reece. Pumpkin muffins were made by Wilma Miller, which were enjoyed by all. Marilyn Cromer led the meeting and listed the month's activities. Paula Bannister announced that the book club would be meeting at her home at 7 p.m., April 11.

Also, the Ladies Lunch Out will have their luncheon at Michael's at the Spring Lake Golf Course on April 16.

Hosting will be Doris True and Paula Bannister. Carol Noel told that a new resident in the park, John Witters has been in the hospital and was sent a card.

The Tropical Harbor Bowling Team met Monday, March 25. There were 46 bowlers and guests gathered at Beef O'Brady's in Lake Placid for their end-of-the-year party. The following were recognized: ladies high game was Shelly Bushman with 203; men's high game was Jim Bannister with 257; ladies high series was Mary Ann Grieshop with 541; men's high series was Tom Walton with 708; ladies high average was a tie between Mary Ann Grieshop and Shelly Bushman at 155; men's high average was Tom Walton with 188; most improved lady was Mary Ann Grieshop with 15 pins and the most improved man was Jim Angevine with 10 pins.

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LP Rotary honors speech contest winners



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Lorraine Hutchins (from left), director Lake Placid Noon Rotary and assistant branch manager at Seacoast National Bank, presents checks to Maria Gonzalez and Jessie Sanders, Rotary Speech Contest winners. The Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club heard speeches from Maria and Jessie, students from Lake Placid High School, on March 28. Their speeches had a time limit of between five and seven minutes. Both students received a check for \$100. Second-place winners were Travis Baxter and Rachel Yungbluth. Contestants wrote speeches with facts, statistics, stories, examples and quotations. Material had to be original in content and be about applying the current Rotary theme 'Peace Through Service'. Contestants could be from any public, private or home high school. Maria and Jessie will advance to the next level and compete to win up to \$250. If they win, they have the opportunity to go to district level and win up to \$1,000.

Avon Park Founders Garden Club

AVON PARK — The March meeting of the Avon Park Founders Garden Club was held at the home of Rosie Longanecker. Plans for the booth at the Avon Park Springtime on the Mall Festival were finalized.

Anita Helbig brought the group up to date on the Yard Tour to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. There will be two club members at each home on the tour. There are five yards being visited. It was decided to have tickets available at Donaldson Park from 9-11 a.m. A brochure with a map is to be given as each ticket is sold. The price of the ticket is \$5.

Evelyn Delk brought information on yellow flowering trees in our area. There are several types of trees bearing yellow flowers, some flowering now and some at a later time. She also showed pictures of each tree. She told the club about the tree on the Mall across from the Jacaranda Hotel. It is a bombax tree, part of the kapok family. The tree was loaded with its orange flowers that could be seen from a distance.

Rosie Longanecker told some interesting facts about growing/planting amaryllis bulbs. These bulbs do not like to be planted too deeply. You can make a depression in the soil, place the bulb on a paper plate and cover the plate and bulb with soil, leaving the top of the bulb exposed. This will make the roots grow out instead of down. Roots that grow straight down pull the bulb deeper into the soil and the bulb will not produce.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m., April 11, with a program on flower arranging by Jimmy's Flower Shop.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting should call 452-1927 for the location.

Meals on Wheels - Avon Park

AVON PARK — Meals on Wheels of Avon Park recently held their annual meeting and elected the following officers and board members for 2013-2014: Donald Sliwicki, president; Doris Miller, vice-president; Terry Gooch, secretary; Mary Lee Lillpop, corresponding Secretary; Donna Vinson, treasurer; and Forest Hilton, Pastor Dion Henry, Kari McGrath, Lester Roberts, Al Dumbleton, Paul Devlin, Richard Reinhart and Pat Borst as board members.

Meals on Wheels of Avon Park volunteers deliver hot

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and nutritious meals to the many individuals in Avon Park who, for various reasons, do not eat one such meal a day. These unfortunate individuals are required to pay for these meals but most are unable to afford the full price. Being a non-profit organization, we rely on individuals and business organizations in the local community to help finance these meals through their generous donations. You may send your donations to Meals on Wheels Avon Park, P.O. Box 1643, Avon Park, FL 33826-1643.

TOPS FL 632

LAKE PLACID — The TOPS FL 632 club meets every Monday at the Woman's Clubhouse on Main Street in Lake Placid. Weigh-in is between 3-3:45 p.m. followed by about 10 minutes of chair exercises led by Joan Dunn before the meeting is called to order by leader Judy O'Boyle at 4 p.m.

Before the meeting started, Judy asked anyone if they wanted to talk about anything. There were some problems and questions and some great suggestions.

Donna Raaf gave roll call with 37 members weighing in. Kathy Barber was best loser of the week.

June Elam won the travel gift by losing four weeks in a row and she received a pedometer. Good job, June, and a hard one. Faye Nutt's name was drawn for the chance to be the lucky loser and winner of the next travel gift.

This meeting was very special as the group honored the people who have worked hard on their commitment of being less fluff and Judy did the honors to award these special people.

For the year 2012, the KOPS who never fell out of their leeway were Joan Dunn, Barbara Huff, Jean Trahan and Beverly Dittmar. In

Division 2, Kathy Barber lost the most and took first place and Patty Hynes was the second place winner. Alternate was Lori Barber.

Division 3 first place was Marylou Lilja and second place was Jerry Gage. In the Men's Division Ervin Edson took first place. Debbie Ludington was awarded for being the Chapter's Program Leader. June Elam awarded Judy O'Boyle with a dozen roses for being one great leader.

Patty Hynes installed officers for the 2013-2014 year and they are as follows: Leader - Judy O'Boyle; Co-leader - June Elam; Secretary - Putt Crandall, winner and Donna Raaf, Summer; Treasurer - Jean Ottaway; Assistant - Carolyn Michael; Weight Recorders - Laverda Alvis and Karen Goodwin.

Call Judy at (863) 260-0831.

TOPS FL 487

SEBRING — The meeting was called to order by leader Judy Phillips, and 15 TOPS and 8 KOPS gave their pledges. Song leader Judy Alger led the group in several songs. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Yes-yeses for the week are keep a food diary, drink lots of water, exercise. The 25-cent contest had 23 in and 12 winners, each receiving \$.50.

Jenna Meisner removed a layer of paper from the attendance box, finding more to unwrap. Roll call for the week wasn't very good, but the club members are hoping that they will do better next week.

There was a tie for the best loser of the week between Shirley Slabaugh, and Judy Phillips. Seven members of our group will be attending SRD.

A new contest was started today, this will be a short one only three weeks long.

The officers for the new year were installed, they are leader Judy Phillips, co-leader Leslie Maschue, secretary Sharon Flaherty, treasurer Shirley Slabaugh, assistant treasurer Bette Gillett, weight recorder Carolyn Patterson, and assistant weight recorder Carol D'Armitt.

The meeting was closed with the closing hands circle. TOPS 487 meets on Wednesday morning at Whispering Pines Baptist Church at 9 am to start the weigh-in, and the meeting to follow.

If you would like more information about the meeting, please call 382-7716, or 283-3255

Woman's Club learns about literacy program



Courtesy photo

The GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club March 21 meeting was hosted by the Education Department. The program was given by Lake Placid Middle School Principal Julia Burnett (pictured third from left) speaking about the importance of the literacy program at the school. Katie LaBlanc (pictured second from left) was awarded \$100 from the club's book sales for achieving the literacy award from the middle school. Also pictured from left Lourdes Barajas (co-chair) and Sally Kinsey (chairman) far right. Literacy and scholarship are special projects of the GFWCFL.

Howerton, Picking honored by Elks



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Harold Picking celebrated his 91st birthday at the Sebring Elks 1529. Friends at the Elks wished him Happy Birthday and shared his cake. They also congratulated him on shooting less than his age. On his birthday he shot a 90 at the Sebring Golf Club and complained about three bad holes. The next day he made up for it and shot a 83.

Sebring Elks 1529 proudly awarded a Lifetime Membership to Claude Howerton. To achieve this goal, a person must be a member of the Elks for 30 years and be in the current Lodge for 10 years. Howerton was the Sebring Exalted Ruler 27 years ago and again this past year. The community of Highlands County and the Sebring Elks have been the better because of his involvement. Presenting Howerton with the Lifetime card is Trustee Heide Stover.

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CELEBRATIONS

Julietta Ardekani

Chelsey Wall and Justin Ardekani, of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Julietta Ann at 3:47 p.m., on March 8, 2013, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Julietta weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 18.25 inches in length.

Timothy Bailes

Jessica and Timothy Bailes, of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Timothy Andrew, at 6:14 p.m., on March 12, 2013, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Timothy weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Linda Bailes of Sebring.

Thomas Eures

NaKisha and Scotty Eures, of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Thomas Littleton, at 9:08 p.m., on March 25, 2013, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Thomas weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Carolyn and Thomas Burrow.

Paternal grandparents are Joyce Eures, Billy Eures and Charlotte Shuemaker.

Adalynn Hernandez

Juri and David Hernandez, of Wauchula, announce the birth of a daughter, Adalynn, at 8:17 a.m., on March 20, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Adalynn weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Juana and Jesus Hernandez of Wauchula.

Paternal grandparents are Fidel and Teodora Hernandez of Wauchula.

Olivia Heston

Sara Heston of Avon Park and John Heston of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Grace at 6:30 p.m., on March 18, 2013 at Florida Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Olivia weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20.25 inches in length. She was welcomed home by her sisters, Sophia and Amelia.

Maternal grandparents are Patty and Mike Roberts and George Molinaro of Sebring.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Michele Heston of Avon Park.

Paternal great-grandparents are Justine and Paul Devlin and Louise Heston Stiles.

Francisco Jimenez

Carolina Bustos and Francisco Jimenez, of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Francisco Daniel, at 9 p.m., on March 5, 2013, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Francisco weighed 7



Births

pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Keira Johnston

Ashley Mills and Jack Johnston Jr., of Wauchula, announce the birth of a daughter, Keira Leigh, at 2:06 p.m., on Feb. 25, 2013, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Keira weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Richard Mills and Caroline Vanskoik of Arcadia.

Paternal grandparents are Selina and Jack Johnston Sr. of Wauchula.

Jillian Kogelschatz

Rebekah and Rick Kogelschatz, of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Jillian Paige, at 8:30 a.m., on March 6, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Jillian weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Scott and Cyndy Stanley of Sebring.

Paternal grandparents are the late Richard and Shirley Kogelschatz, formerly of Avon Park.

Vincent Latella

Candice and Robert Latella, of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Vincent Antonio, at 2:09 p.m. on Feb. 22, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Vincent weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are David and Cheryl Goodyear of Hustonville, Ky.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sharon Latella of Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Aubree Mulligan

Kelsey and Justin Mulligan, of Lake Placid, announce the birth of a daughter, Aubree Lynn, at 8:34 a.m., on Feb. 26, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Aubree weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 18 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are James Dyer of Sebring and Suzzette Riley of Nicholasville, Ky.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Ray Mulligan of Angier, N.C. and Gina G. Wells of Lake Placid.

Sean Rutigliano

Corey and Joe Rutigliano,

of Sebring, announce the birth of a son, Sean, at 9:55 a.m., on March 5, 2013, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Sean weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Candy and Carl Morehouse of Avon Park.

Paternal grandparents are Nadine and Joe Rutigliano of Sebring.

Eilish Sboto

Dena-Marie and Matthew Sboto, of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Eilish Mary, at 7:27 a.m., on March 16, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Eilish weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Becky Dusek of Mastic Beach, N.Y. and Frank Dusek of Fort Salonga, N.Y.

Reagan Southard

Becca and Casey Southard, of Avon Park, announce the birth of a daughter, Reagan Elizabeth, at 2:59 p.m., on March 4, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Reagan weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Dan and Beth Hershner of Hamilton, Ohio.

Paternal grandparents are Rudy and Brenda Southard of Hamilton, Ohio.

Makayla Timm

Sarah and Bernie Timm, of Venus, announce the birth of a daughter, Makayla Grace, at 7:34 p.m., on March 20, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Makayla weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and meas-

ured 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Connie Baker.

Paternal grandparents are Jack and Ann Turner of Sebring.

Eva Toy

Kate and Justin Toy, of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Eva Elizabeth, at 4:40 p.m., on March 19, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Eva weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19.75 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Sandra Johnson of Gainesville.

Paternal grandparents Karen Walker of Lakeland, Steve and Debi Toy of Auburndale.

Oona Tubbs

Jennifer Noaker-Tubbs and Paul Tubbs announce the birth of a daughter, Oona Marie, at 11:07 p.m., on March 5, 2013, at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Oona weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Kathy Ruggiero and John Noaker.

Paternal grandparents are Michael Tubbs and Penny McFee.

Lydia Vickler

Lacy and Joshua Vickler, of Sebring, announce the birth of a daughter, Lydia Grace, at 7:59 a.m., on March 15, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Lydia weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 17.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Randall and Ramona Severn of Avon Park.

Paternal grandparents are Henry and Mary Vickler of Palm Beach Gardens.



Rebecca Jean Beam and Rocky Lee Hatfield are engaged to be married.

Hatfield-Beam

Rebecca Jean Beam and Rocky Lee Hatfield are engaged to be married.

The bride-elect is a resident of Bartow and is the daughter of Charlie and Melba Beam of Bartow.

The groom-elect is a resident of Frostproof and is the son of Jackie Hatfield of Frostproof and the late Edward "Rocky" Hatfield.

The bride-elect is a 2010 graduate of Bartow High

Engagement

School, current student of Hillsborough Community College to become a veterinary technician. She is employed at My Pet's Animal Hospital.

The groom-elect is a 2005 Bentford High School graduate and is employed by Citrusuco.

A wedding is planned for Aug. 17, 2013.

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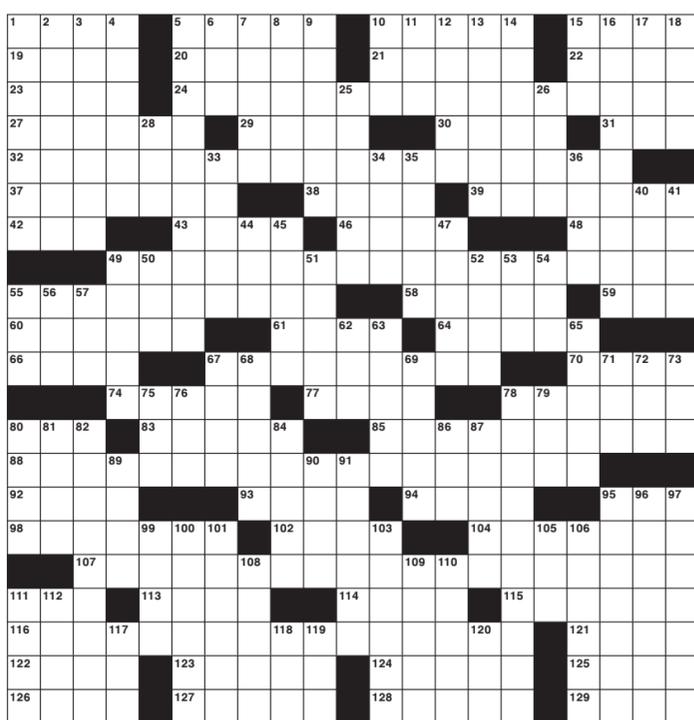
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Woman's big breasts are no big deal to her boyfriend

Dear Abby: Before we met, my girlfriend got large breast implants. I think they're a terrible turn-off, but I don't know how to tell her. Should I try to overlook this because I love her, or can I tell her the truth about why our love life is sometimes not so hot? I have known her long enough that the next step is marriage – or nothing.



Dear Abby

or more of her implants may need to be replaced, and she might opt for smaller ones.

She walks around the house bare-chested and obviously thinks I find her breasts a big turn-on. I have faked it for five years. What should I do?

– Not That Excited in Colorado

Dear Not That Excited: Your letter is a lesson about the danger of "faking it." Level with your girlfriend, but without using the words "terrible" and "turn-off." Tell her you love her, but while many men find large breasts to be a turn-on, you actually prefer smaller ones – to the degree that it sometimes affects your sexual performance.

Explain that if she thinks her breasts are what have kept you interested, it's not the case. At some point, one

I have felt this way for a few years. I feel unable to settle down and start living or feel comfortable in my life until I work this out. The thought of not being around my family in the long term is unbearable. The thought of leaving my partner is equally painful. I have tried in vain to find an answer and feel overwhelmed. Help!

– Trans-Pacific Reader

Dear Trans-Pacific: I don't know your financial situation, but why must this be an "either/or" situation? You're happily settled in a beautiful country and enjoying a loving relationship. I assume you also have a well-paying job.

Your dilemma might be solved by visiting your parents more often, particularly since their health is still good. If that changes, you could return to the United States for a more extended period. Until the laws in the United States regarding same-sex marriage change, that's what you will have to do unless you're willing to sacrifice your relationship.

Dear Abby: Is it proper to tip your tattoo artist or

piercer? They provide a service, just as a hairdresser would. I have never seen this addressed before. Your input would be helpful.

– Curious in Upstate New York

Dear Curious: Tattoos and piercings are considered works of art, and it's not unusual for a customer to present the artist with a gratuity commensurate with the degree of satisfaction the person feels with the results, the time it took to create it and the intricacy of the design. In lieu of money, sometimes gifts such as art books, spiritual artifacts or jewelry are given to the artist.

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Sizzling tips for searing meat

Cooking meat well is something that takes practice. There's a knack to getting that perfect golden color on a chicken breast and to making those dark grill marks appear on a steak. While a nice color on a piece of meat looks nice, more importantly, that color basically translates to flavor.

A good sear is required to form that beautiful crust on a roast, and searing should be the first step when preparing meat for a one-pot meal, including a braised dish.

When you sear a piece of meat, the sugars in the meat are caramelized. The result is delicious and that sear on the meat also helps to keep the moisture inside.

The good news is that searing meat is easy as pie and it involves a few universal steps which you're about to discover.

How to get a perfect sear on pork or red meat

– Take the meat out of the refrigerator and bring it to room temperature before cooking it. Don't leave it out more than an hour.

– With a paper towel, pat the meat dry to remove any moisture from the surface. That moisture can interfere with the searing process.

– Drizzle the surface of the meat with a small amount of regular olive oil (don't use extra virgin for cooking) or melted coconut oil and season with pepper and sea salt. Give the meat a nice little massage so that the surface is evenly coated.

– In a dutch oven or oven-safe pan, heat your butter, ghee or coconut oil to medium high. When a drop of water sizzles when it hits the surface of the pan, you're ready to add your meat.

– Put your meat in the pan, fattest side down.

– Don't make the mistake of flipping your meat too soon. That's what makes it stick to the pan. Leave the surface of the meat on the hot pan until the meat is nice and deeply colored, and it doesn't stick when you move it. Sear all sides of the meat, including the ends and sides if you're dealing with a roast.

– For a beef or pork roast: when the crust has formed, go ahead and add your liquid or any other ingredients you add to your recipe.

– For a steak: searing a steak properly may cook it enough for your preference if you like a rare steak. Leave it in the pan a little longer if you like it cooked more, or finish it in the oven at 400 degrees.

– For pork chops: searing alone probably won't cook the meat thoroughly. Finish in the oven at 400 degrees or keep it in the pan until it's done.

How to get a perfect sear on a chicken breast

– Wash your chicken breast and pat it dry. Drizzle a bit of

melted coconut oil or regular olive oil on the chicken



Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

and season with pepper and sea salt.

– Follow the same directions as above, with regards to heating the oil in the pan.

– When the pan is hot, put the breast in and keep the surface of the chicken in contact with the pan until it's nice and brown. Do not flip it before it's ready! When a crust has developed and the meat no longer sticks, flip it over.

– The searing process won't necessarily cook the chicken through, so if you need to give it more time in the pan, turn the pan to low and add a little bit of liquid before covering the pan. That heat will continue cooking the meat without burning it or drying it out. You could also finish it in the oven at 400 degrees.

Practice makes perfect! Before you get cooking, let's talk about the pan you're using.

Nonstick and teflon pans are toxic. Do not use them. If you heat them too high, the fumes could actually kill a small bird in your kitchen. Use a stainless skillet, preferably one with a copper bottom for best heat conduction. Cast iron will work too.

Do you have any additional tips for getting the perfect sear on a piece of meat? Let us know on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/savingdinner/>.

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The Band Perry delivers fresh 2nd album

By MICHAEL MCCALL
 Associated Press

Like film director Tim Burton, the Band Perry puts an entertaining spin on the darker aspects of life and love. With their second album "Pioneer," singer Kimberly Perry and her brothers Neil and Reid continue to blend sinister and innocent in deliciously fresh ways.

The trio's new work highlights just how well-developed they've become as songwriters — they're responsible for nine of the 12 songs — and how inven-

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tive they can be with arrangements. They bring out the best in veteran producer Dann Huff, who does his best work here since helping Keith Urban create his distinctive sound.

Like Urban, The Band Perry use banjos and other string instruments to create a down-to-earth foundation on songs like the No. 1 country hit "Better Dig Two."

They also like juxtaposing acoustic and electric elements, which adds texture to catchy tunes like the anthemic "I'm a Keeper" and the Cheap Trick-like "Night Gone Wasted" — both co-written with another family group, The Henningsens.

Throughout, Kimberly Perry wields her smoky voice like a skilled actress, inhabiting each song to bring the lyrics alive. "Pioneer" is an artistic tour de force that furthers the potential shown on group's award-winning 2010 debut.

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Chef's Corner
Tim Spain

Jazz up your spaghetti

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter holiday. I got to play some golf, enjoyed a great dinner with Robbie's family and then when for a boat ride around Lake Isis.

I'll bet its safe to say that just about everyone reading this knows how to make spaghetti with marinara sauce. I think that was the first thing I learned to make after toast and eggs.

It is so easy to just go and get a jar of tomato sauce and some dried pasta and in 15 minutes you can have a meal. But what if you just made your own pasta sauce in about the same amount of time? This is very easy to do and you and your dining companions will certainly appreciate it being a cooked-from-scratch dish.

You could add just about any protein you want to this dish like chicken, beef, tofu or shrimp. Make it with some grouper and it will be delightful.

Now you have to choose your pasta. I choose my pasta based on what kind of texture it will add to the dish. If I were going to add grilled chicken to this dish I would probably choose a pasta that is bigger than the size of the pieces of chicken likeorkscrew or rotini pasta.

The next time you are shopping for pasta why don't you try the fresh pasta that you can get in the vegetable section of your local markets? It is excellent and I think it has a much better texture when cooked than dried pasta. Cheers, Chef.

Homemade pasta sauce

- 12 ounce dry fettuccini pasta
- 1-1/2 quart boiling water
- 1-1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 3/8 each bay leaf
- 1-1/2 tbsp olive/canola oil
- 25/75 blend
- 1/8 tsp black ground pepper
- 1-7/8 quart fresh tomatoes, diced to half-inch pieces
- 1-1/8 cup yellow onions, diced to one-eighth inch pieces
- 1-1/2 tsp fresh chopped basil
- 2 tbsp olive/canola oil 25/75 blend
- 3/4 cup cold water

Add salt and bay leaves to boiling water. Add pasta and stir until water comes back to a boil so the pasta doesn't stick. Cook for 12 - 15 minutes, until pasta is al dente. Drain in a colander. Transfer to a large bowl and toss in oil. Transfer to a hotel pan and hold hot for service.

Heat oil in a large rondo or skillet. Add onion then stir while cooking until onion is translucent. Add tomatoes, water and basil. Stir and let simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and add salt and pepper. Transfer to a hot holding pan for a steam well. Mix pasta with sauce and serve.

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Smashed Potato Bar

- Yield: 4 servings
- 2 pounds Florida potatoes, washed and quartered
- 1/2 cup milk, warmed
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt or light sour cream
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Place potatoes into a soup pot and add water until they are completely covered. Lightly salt water and place over medium high heat. Cook potatoes for 15 to 25 minutes until they are soft, but not falling apart. Carefully drain the water and return them to the pot they were cooked in.

Kids Can: Use a potato masher to achieve desired texture, being careful not to work the potatoes too much.

Kids Can: Add milk, butter and yogurt to mashed potatoes. Stir ingredients to combine. Taste mashed potatoes and season them with salt and pepper. Add any extra flavorings or toppings and serve warm.

Potato Bar Toppings

- Low fat yogurt or low fat sour cream
- Chives/scallions
- Cheese
- Bacon bits
- Fresh herbs
- Sun-dried tomatoes
- Lemon

Chef Justin's Tips

- Use a combination of purple, yellow and red potatoes to make multi-colored mashed potatoes.
- Leave the skin on the potatoes for extra nutrients.
- Don't over-mash the potatoes; overworking can cause them to become gummy.

Potato and Green Bean Salad

- Yield: 10 servings
- 1/2 pound Florida green beans, washed, ends trimmed and cut into thirds
- 2 pounds Florida potatoes, washed, peeled and diced large
- 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 lemons, juiced
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 bell peppers, seeded and diced small
- 1 cup fresh parsley, chopped fine
- 1 red onion, diced small
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

Kids Can: Snap the ends off the beans and break them into thirds.

Fill medium-sized mixing bowl half-way with ice and water; set aside.

Fill large sized stock pot 3/4 full with lightly salted water. Bring to rolling boil over medium-high heat. Add green beans to boiling water and let cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Using a hand strainer, remove green beans from boiling water and place into the ice water to stop them from cooking. After the green beans have cooled down, remove them from the ice water and set aside.

Carefully add cut potatoes to same boiling water greens beans were cooked in. Cook potatoes in boiling water for around 15 minutes, depending on size. Once tender, drain and rinse with cold water.

Kids Can: In large mixing bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice and olive oil. Stir the mayonnaise mixture to combine. Add all of the rest of the ingredients to the bowl and lightly stir to combine all flavors. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Keep potato salad cold in the refrigerator and stir before serving on favorite greens.



Super Spuds

Florida potatoes are a good source of potassium (for your muscles and growth), vitamin B6 (to help fight illness and help your nerves function), and fiber (for digestion). Most of the nutrients are right under the skin — leave the skin on whenever possible.

Pass the potatoes, please

FAMILY FEATURES

French fries are one of a kid's favorite things to eat. But there's a whole lot more that can be made from delicious, nutritious potatoes.

"I love the versatility of Florida potatoes," said Chef Justin Timineri, Executive Chef and Culinary Ambassador, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "There are so many different kinds of potatoes that can be flavored in just about any way you like. Get the kids into the kitchen with you and experiment with making potato dishes the whole family will enjoy."

You can find more recipes that will have the kids saying, "Pass the potatoes, please!" at <http://bit.ly/flpotato>.



Chef Justin Timineri



Homemade Potato Chips

- Yield: 4 servings
- 4 medium Florida fingerling potatoes, unpeeled (mixed colors)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Pan release spray
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- Additional seasonings (see below)

Special equipment needed: French mandolin

Preheat oven to 425°F.

Rinse and dry potatoes. Slice potatoes as thin as possible with a mandolin.

Place sliced potatoes in medium sized mixing bowl and rinse several times with warm water. Lightly squeeze and dry potatoes.

Kids Can: Place sliced potatoes back in a dry mixing bowl and add olive oil. Toss potatoes to make sure they are evenly coated with the oil, using a little more oil if needed.

Lightly spray a cookie sheet with pan release spray. Lay sliced potatoes in a single layer on cookie sheet. Place cookie sheet in oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

Remove cookie sheet from oven and let cool slightly. Use a thin spatula to remove potato chips from cookie sheet into a mixing bowl.

Kids Can: While they are still warm, season chips with their choice of seasoning.

Potato Chip Seasonings

- Garlic-Parmesan
- Fresh herbs
- Your favorite dried spice mix (Greek, Cajun, BBQ)

Roasted Campfire Pockets

- Yield: 4 servings
- 20 Florida fingerling potatoes, sliced thin
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 2 bell peppers, sliced
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh herbs, chopped
- thyme, fine (basil, oregano, rosemary)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, or an oven at 375°F. In medium sized mixing bowl

combine potatoes, onion, bell peppers, mushrooms, herbs and olive oil. Stir ingredients to combine and season lightly with salt and pepper.

Make 4 12 x 12-inch squares of aluminum foil and lay them out to be stuffed. Place a chicken breast in the middle of each foil square, and lightly season with salt and pepper. Evenly distribute vegetable mixture on top of each chicken breast. Fold each packet so that a tight seal is formed and all the food is contained.

Grill packets, or bake them in the oven, for 20 to 30 minutes until internal temperature of chicken reaches 165°F. Remove packets from heat and let cool slightly. Open packets carefully as hot steam may rush out.

Kids Can: Help slice veggies and stuff their pockets with their favorites.

