



THE THRILL OF THE HUNT

Flashlight Egg Hunt to help Humane Society build new animal facilities

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SEBRING — Conditions in the Humane Society of Highlands County's dog and cat facilities are horrific, its president Judy Spiegel stated flatly.

"They are falling down. Literally," she said.

Because of the urgency, the society has already contracted for plans of a new facility. Once the plans are ready, the society will seek construction bids. Spiegel said until the bids are received there is no way of knowing exactly what the cost will be, but it may be in much more than \$100,000.

The Humane Society here in Highlands County is not associated with the national Humane organization and receives no funding from it. The society exists entirely on donations.

It knows, however, that in difficult financial times many individuals, families, and businesses do not have spare funds to share. Which is why it has created two of the coun-

ty's fun events — The Halloween Trail and Saturday's Flash Light Egg Hunt.

For a small donation — \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate — animal lovers can have a good time while doing a good deed.

They can even benefit by finding

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While there's no actual cash inside any of the eggs, coupons worth more than \$30,000 in money and prizes are waiting to be found

AP council OKs probe of ethics flap

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AVON PARK — City Council approved the scope of an investigation into conflicting complaints between Councilor Garrett Anderson and City Manager Julian Deleon Monday night. Each man accuses the other of misuse of office.

Council also approved hiring Al Green, of Paragon Information Services LLC, to conduct the investigation.

Anderson was allowed to vote regarding the investigation's scope, because, City Attorney Gerald Buhr said, the issue

did not involve possible financial gain.

Anderson's was the only vote against the scope of the investigation.

He abstained from voting for Smith's contract. That vote was 4 to 0.

Anderson did initiate debate before the votes. He said two items should be removed from the investigation — the question if "Anderson is the one who committed misuse of office" by asking Kenneth Long to pay for electrical damages to equipment at Anderson's Arms, through a false claim on Long's insurance.

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Anderson



Deleon

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Tax Collector may start handling tourist tax money



Zwayer

By **BARRY FOSTER**
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — While the debate rages around whether the Highlands County tourist tax should be raised, or whether such a tax should even be assessed at all, it now appears the method of collecting the levy could change.

Highlands County Tax Collector Eric Zwayer confirmed that he now is looking at

taking on that task. Currently it is the state of Florida that takes in and hands out the local tax on stays of six months or less.

"It has been on my radar for some time but I wanted to get the driver's license operation going smoothly first," he said.

Zwayer said local administration of driver's licenses proved to be somewhat of a challenge.

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It's good to be green

Avon Park residents recycle 42 tons of material per month

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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AVON PARK — City Manager Julian Deleon updated the city council regarding the recycling program and a staff sanitation rate analysis.

City residents now recycle approximately 42 tons of material per month, Deleon said. That is slightly more than 18 percent of the total garbage collection weight.

"Based on this preliminary

review, staff found that each customer class for residential customer versus commercial customer is appropriately paying their equitable share to fund the city's solid waste collection system," Deleon said.

The city does have the highest residential rate in the county, Deleon added, even though the monthly fee was reduced from \$20 to \$18 in 2011-2012, and staff is recommending another reduction to \$16 in 2013-2014.

Sebring charges \$12.75 per month; Lake Placid \$15; and the county \$10.83

Commercial Dumpster rates, on the other hand, are the lowest in the county — ranging from \$78 to \$329 depending on volume. In Sebring, the rates range from \$113 to \$450; in Lake Placid from \$110 to \$440.

Deleon said the solid

waste sanitation budget is in good shape, with an unaudited reserve of \$1.6 million. This means, he told council, the city can buy a needed front-end loader commercial truck for cash, eliminating

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Three Avon Park teens jailed for robbery

Trio allegedly attacked man in church parking lot on Sunday

News-Sun staff
AVON PARK — Three Avon Park teenagers were arrested Sunday and charged with robbing a man as he rode his bicycle through a church parking lot.

According to a press release from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, deputies were called to the area of North Butler Avenue and West Main Street regarding a robbery. The victim Martin Ruiz, 59, was found to have suffered head injuries in the incident.

Through a translator, he related that two or three black males attacked him around 8:45 p.m. and stole personal items from him as he rode his bicycle through the parking

lot of Union Church. They reportedly knocked him off his bike, then hit and kicked him as he was lying on the ground before stealing his wallet, which contained both U.S. currency and Mexican pesos.

According to HCSO reports, a short time later while responding to a disturbance in the area of Bill Head Street and North Prospect Street, deputies found three subjects matching the description of the robbery suspects standing in the front

yard of 23 N. Prospect Ave. They were Jalen Williams, 16, of that address; Ratcliffe McLean, 16, of 902 S. Palmer Ave.; and Deondre Lewis, 18, of 9 Pepper Tree St.

All three were charged with robbery with a weapon. In addition, McLean has been charged with trespassing, two counts of larceny and violation of probation. All three suspects are being held with no bond.

It was the second similar crime in

Avon Park over the weekend. At around 11 a.m. Saturday, deputies were called to a robbery in the area of Verona Avenue and Pleasant Street. Victim Jeronimo Huerto, 56, received a head injury during the attack by two unknown black males.

Huerto told deputies he was walking on Pleasant Street when he was approached by the suspects and forced into a carport of a nearby residence, where he was pistol whipped and robbed of his wallet.

Suspects in the incident are described as young black males in their teens to mid- twenties. Both were wearing white shirts and dark shorts, and they fled the scene on bicycles. Those subjects have not been identified.

Both incidents remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit and Det. Nathan Coogan at 863-402-7341. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or online at www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com



The graduating Florida Leadership Academy Class includes Highlands County Sheriff's Sergeants Mike Delaney and Chris Myers. Courtesy photo

HCSO's Delaney, Myers in Florida Leadership Academy Class

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute recently announced the graduation of 34 first-line supervisors from the Florida Leadership Academy. This seminar was held over four months, one week at a time, at the Cape Coral Police Department with the goal to prepare supervisors in criminal justice organizations for leadership with the exemplary character and integrity.

Highlands County Sheriff's Sergeants Mike Delaney and Chris Myers participated in

the program and graduated with the class on April 12. Delaney is a member of the Uniform Patrol Division and Myers supervises school resource deputies.

Since the beginning of the Leadership Academy, Sheriff Susan Benton has ensured that every sergeant within the Highlands County Sheriff's Office attends this program. There are only a couple of the newest sergeants that have yet to complete the program. Following the sworn supervisors, the sheriff plans to send all of the civilian supervisors.

The Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute was established in 1990 by the Florida Legislature to meet the need for education and training of criminal justice professionals. Graduates of this most recent school represented 14 different criminal justice agencies from around the state.

Benton applauded the sergeants' accomplishments and praised the work of the Institute.

"Our front line supervisors are critical in accomplishing the office vision and mission.

All members know who their immediate supervisor is and work according to those expectations. If our supervisors are not on the same page, adhere to policy and procedure, hold members accountable, while providing extraordinary leadership we will fail our community and the success of the individual member. I commend our latest graduates and praise all of our supervisors who have so diligently completed this course in service to our citizens," she said.

Community Briefs

Women's Club sponsors Dessert Card Party

SEBRING — The monthly Dessert Card Party at the Women's Club will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Participants may bring a lunch, with beverages and desserts provided as part of the \$3 admission. All sorts of card and board games may be played with the winner at each table receiving a monetary prize.

The general public, both men and women, are encouraged to join the fun. Call for reservations. Contact Pat Lemire at 385-7787 or Ellen Losse at 385-6294 to reserve a table.

'Happy Tree' is theme for Art Uncorked

SEBRING — Art Uncorked is an art experience in a social setting, with wine and friends, with nature themes planned for April.

Thursday, artist Linda Kegley leads the class through her "Happy Tree" painting during the class at 6 p.m. Have fun at this step-by-step painting process and leave with one complete project.

Space is limited. To register, call 385-5312 or visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday

SEBRING — Local law enforcement agencies are again, proud to participate with the Drug Enforcement Administration and its national and community partners, which include Drug Free Highlands, for the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday for citizens who want to dispose of unwanted and unused or expired prescription drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. According to the Center for Disease Control, a pharmaceutical drug-related death occurs every 24 minutes. Approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time, according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

To date, the combined efforts of the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed over 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of medication

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Shooting death in AP probed

News-Sun staff
AVON PARK — Highlands County Sheriff's Office detectives are investigating the Sunday night death of a man in Avon Park Lakes.

According to a press release from the HCSO, deputies responded to a shooting call at 10 p.m. Sunday at 2713 Nautilus Drive. Upon their arrival they found Matthew Billings, 28, deceased at the scene.

No other details were available. The HCSO said detectives are continuing the death investigation and t Medical Examiner for District 10 has been contacted and will be working to determine a cause and manner of death.

Anyone with information regarding this death investigation is requested to call the HCSO Criminal Investigations Unit and Detective Roger St. Laurent at 863-402-7447. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or go online to www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com/. Anonymity is guaranteed.

Man stabbed during fight in Highway Park liquor store

News-Sun staff
LAKE PLACID — Highlands and DeSoto county sheriff's deputies are investigating the events surrounding a stabbing in Lake Placid on Sunday.

According to a press release from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, deputies responded to a battery complaint at Highway Park Liquor Store, 101 Vision St. where they spoke to victim Ernest Bristol, 41, who told them he was "jumped by several subjects inside the store," the release said.

It was soon learned that a second victim was on the way to the hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the same incident. Deputies went to Florida Hospital Lake Placid and found 31-year-old Alonzo Miller Davis receiving treatment for stab wounds.

Davis was subsequently transferred to Lakeland Regional Medical Center for treatment of his non-life threatening injuries.

Based on an alert sent by the HCSO, a vehicle matching the description of the one the suspects were in

was stopped in DeSoto County and five people in the car were detained. They told DeSoto County deputies that a vehicle came up behind them and shots were fired at their vehicle on State Road 70 in Highlands County.

All identified parties involved are from DeSoto County.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit and Det. Nathan Coogan at 863-402-7341. Anyone with information who wants to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward is asked to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS (8477) or at www.heartlandcrimestoppers.com/. Anonymity is guaranteed.



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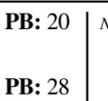
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Veterans Beach boat ramp re-opens

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SEBRING – The completion of the Veterans Beach boat ramp channel dredging project has been completed, city officials announced Tuesday morning.

The maintenance and improvement project wrapped up early this week after two weeks of work in Lake Jackson at the site.

Lower levels of the lake have made it a challenge for boats to enter at the Veteran's ramp, calling for some dredging to be done in the area. The channel had not been updated or maintained in more than two decades.

Originally constructed in the late 1980s, the channel has long since become overfilled and inadequate for boaters.

Approximately 1,700 cubic yards of fill had accumulated in the channel through the years and have recently been removed

through the dredging project.

"The project to remove the accumulated fill from the Veteran's Beach Boat Channel is now complete. The boat ramp is now open," city officials stated via e-mail Tuesday.

The beach, as well as the boat ramp, are ready for use and open to the public. Veterans Beach was able to remain open the entire length of the project due to precise planning of the engineering company.

Boaters, skiers and other water vehicles are now welcome to use the ramp at Veteran's Beach at their leisure.

City officials did announce that the boat ramp will close again temporarily in early May for the installation of sheet piling around the ramp.

Dates for the sheet piling project will be announced as the city makes them available.



Courtesy photo
Susie Bishop (from left), Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District executive director, is with first place Camille Shattler, Lake Placid Christian School; second place Gabe Smoak, LPCS; tied for third place Robin Shattler, LPCS and Madison Koukos, LPCS; and Dr. John Causey, chairman of district board of supervisors.

Shattler wins Soil and Water Conservation District speech contest

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Do you know where your water "sheds"?

Where does your water shed? While many consumers don't really think about where their water sheds, there are several young people in our county that know all about the importance of our watershed since they competed in a recent speech contest. "Where does your water shed?" was the topic of the 2013 Youth Speech Contest sponsored by the Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District that took place April 16 at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agriculture Center.

The contest was open to any student enrolled in grades 6-12 in Highlands County and there were a total of eight contestants competing for a prize of money as well as the opportunity for the first place winner to advance to the Area 4 contest to be held Thursday in Belle Glade.

Contestants were judged on content, composition, and delivery of their speeches. The first-place winner was Camille Shattler, a student at Lake Placid Christian School; second place was earned by Gabe Smoak, a student at Lake Placid Christian School; and there was an even tie for third-

place winners Robin Shattler and Madison Koukos, who both attend Lake Placid Christian School. Other participants included Avon Park High School students Wyatt Bennett and Emily Little, and LPCS students Aliyah McLean and Bethany McLean.

The Highlands Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors continues to endorse this event every year as another opportunity to promote conservation of our natural resources in Highlands County while enabling students to develop their public speaking skills

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State to help pro baseball teams move

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — Florida legislators have agreed to pitch in millions more in state money to help pro baseball teams — even in cases where a team wants to move from one Florida town to another.

State legislators working on a final round of budget negotiations agreed Monday evening to spend \$3.3 million a year starting in 2015 to help cities and counties to spruce up or build new ballparks.

A key element in the proposal would call for the state to help pay for the cost of a new stadium that would be used by two Major League Baseball teams.

This incentive is aimed at helping pay for a proposed stadium that would be used by the Houston Astros and the Toronto Blue Jays in Palm Beach Gardens. The Astros currently train in Kissimmee while the Blue Jays train in Dunedin.

AP to allow council members to attend meetings remotely

Also, Buhr says Macklin, Perry can't be union reps

News-Sun staff reports
AVON PARK — In a 3-2 vote Monday night, the city council approved a first reading of an ordinance allowing a councilor to participate at a council meeting via telephone or other electronic medium.

The council must have a quorum present in council chambers for a member to participate from a distance.

A member may only participate from afar under an "extraordinary circumstance" — for example like

being in the hospital. Mayor Sharon Schuler and Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray voted against the proposed ordinance.

In other business, Brian Koji, the city's labor attorney, advised the council that Tammy Macklin and Sally Perry, currently president and vice-president of the city's ASFSCME local, may no longer represent city employees on behalf of the union, because they no longer work for the city.

Bax to speak at Sebring Historical Society luncheon

Special to the News-Sun
Timothy Bax, a native of East Africa, will speak to the Sebring Historical Society membership Saturday at the Jack Stroup (Sebring) Civic Center at noon.

The covered-dish luncheon is open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and \$2 each which includes table service and beverage.

Bax is an author, philanthropist and former special operations officer who has spent his life working with the indigenous people of rural Africa.

His goal was to assist in keeping stability in regions threatened by political and social conflict.

He currently trains persons in jungle warfare and survival techniques from a facil-

ity in Puerto Rico.

In addition to those activities, Bax is currently working with a group that is conducting long-term medical and environmental research in subtropical and tropical diseases in an effort to identify new ingredients to develop new antibiotics to treat drug-resistant diseases.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Public deserves an apology from the press

If there was good news coming out of the bombing of the Boston Marathon, it was how quickly the alleged bombers were identified and caught.

For once, a collection of law enforcement agencies from every level of government worked together, pooling resources, experience and local knowledge, bringing a rapid resolution to what began as an anonymous act.

We wish our colleagues in the national media — particularly newscasters on cable news shows — had behaved with the same sense of community service. Instead, televised media coverage was disappointing, even reckless at times.

It made our head hurt watching the endless speculation by newscasters who did little more than gossip on air. The saturation coverage meant rumors overwhelmed the facts in the rush to tell the story, and those rumors were repeated over and over again in the 24-hour news cycle the news networks now have to fill.

Too many reporters from all media were overly impatient. They relentlessly pressed officials for answers long before anything specific could be verified. Reports were continuously filled with words like “maybe,” “possibly” and “if.”

Too many times, it seemed as though newscasters were simply looking at a Twitter or Facebook feed, reading what people had posted, and then passing it off as fact with no verification.

It's bad enough when the public does that — which happens entirely too often. Those who call themselves journalists, however,

should hold themselves to a higher standard.

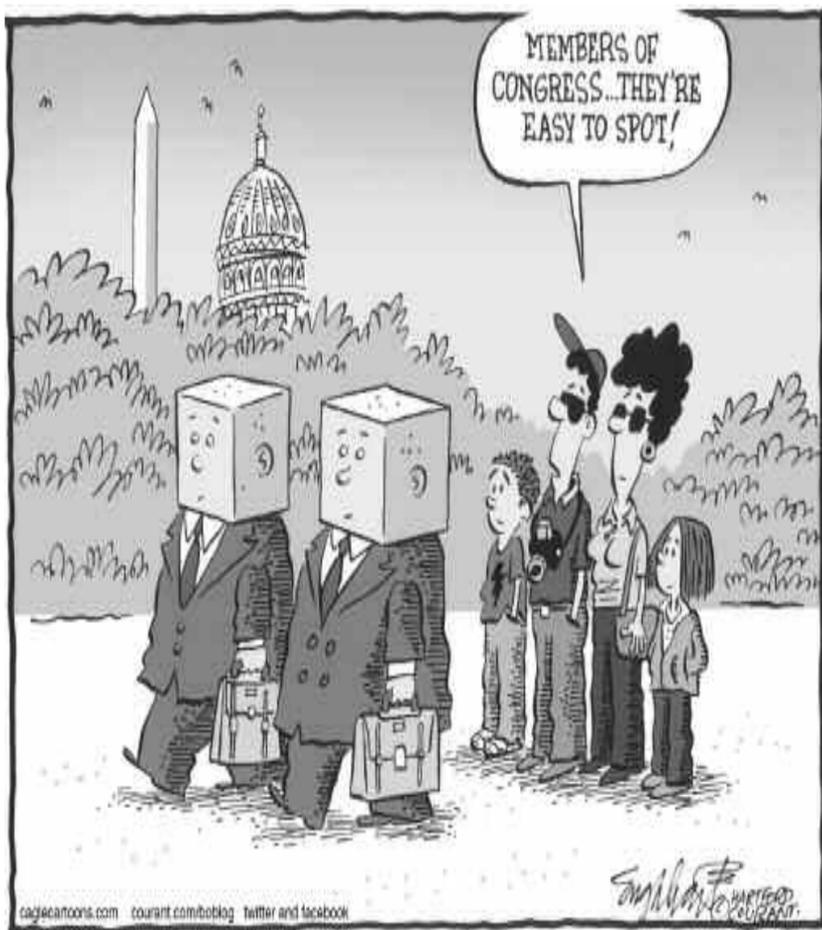
Of course, there were individual journalists who behaved professionally, doing their job with care, but overall newscasters and their producers failed the public.

CNN's Wolf Blitzer, for one, repeatedly warned against speculating and proceeded to blatantly speculate.

Think of the early, and false, over-confident reports that a man was in custody and had confessed. That story was based on unconfirmed “unnamed sources.”

As a news organization, the News-Sun is ashamed by our colleagues' performances. Not only did the press fail the people, in many ways, they made the situation worse, while ignoring other significant national and world events.

It is in times of emergency that accurate reports are essential, as is a calm voice. The national media for the most part failed in both regards.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Oversight

Editor:

Is there really any oversight being done in the Highlands County government and its bureaucratic committees? I don't think so.

The Tourist Development Council has 14 people overseeing the process, and it appears none of them knew for years how much money was being spent on designated areas by the voting public. The state intervened and the audit proved it to be correct, no one knew. Really great accounting and they got top pay also.

Now they want to just change everything to make it appear they are OK.

The Kenilworth storage building purchased by the county went unused for almost four years before someone let them know it was just a shell of a building. One commissioner was quoted that they were advised the building ready to use. I believe it was a cover up for paying way too much for the building. But still there was no oversight on it being used as it was purchased for.

The asphalt plant that was supposed to pay for itself, plus even make the county a profit certainly appeared to have little or no oversight. They had to borrow money because the methane gas was not able to be used. That was kept quiet for some time, until the cost became out of control.

Fuel was being stolen or just plain missing because the key security was so lax, it was discovered the locks were not even locked. Seems that no one knew just who had keys and who did not.

People were taking long, long lunch breaks and reporting standard times on the pay sheet. Certain ones working on others vehicles on county property and time and getting overtime to do the county work they were supposed to do.

Well, the papers will not allow any more samples in this letter.

To the person who sent me the anonymous letter wondering what my motive was and stating I should leave the county, well my motive to get some integrity in the decision making. Contact me at claggwe@comcast.net

*William E. Clagg
Lake Placid*

Display a pinwheel

Editor:

As we recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, I invite you to become a part of the Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign, a national movement to change the way we approach prevention in our community.

You may have noticed displays of Pinwheels popping up around our community this month. Communities across Florida and across the nation are creating similar displays as part of Pinwheels for Prevention, a national movement to change the way we approach the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The pinwheels symbolize the happy healthy childhoods all children deserve. They also remind us of our ongoing responsibility to ensure every child has an equal opportunity for healthy growth and development.

You can learn about healthy child development and how you can help prevent child abuse and neglect in our community by following us on Facebook (Pinwheels for Protection - Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties) or calling (863) 519-8900, ext. 214.

Whether our local children will achieve their full potential as healthy, productive members of this community depends largely on all of us. Learn more about the needs of children and families in our community, get involved in their lives and speak on their behalf. Together we can build a bright and prosperous future - one child at a time.

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Purse found and returned

Editor:

I would like to thank the honest person who found my purse at the McDonald's on US 27 on April 1, 2013. I was very relieved when the manager told me it had been turned in. I deeply appreciate your honesty. Thank you.

*M. Mackie
Sebring*

Many help Amvets benefit

Editor:

The Sons of Amvets Post 21 want to thank all the people for their generous donations to the Landstahl Hospital Benefit Ride. It was a huge success.

The businesses are: ABC Fine Wine and Spirits; Bernie Little Distributors; Alan Jay; Coz's Sports Bar; Bill Jarrett Ford; Cody's Roadhouse; Doc 633; Everglades Seasonings; Golden Corral; Heartland Quilting Guild; Highlands Independent Bank; The Vietnam Vets John and Linda C.; Bob and Cindy; Lowe's Home Improvement; Mae Lee Deli; Outback Steakhouse; Office Depot; Papa John's Pizza; Red Lobster; Sonny's Barbecue; Sun 'n Lake Golf Course; Country Club of Sebring; Walmart; Village Inn; Wild Turkey Tavern; King Equipment; Home Depot; Oishii Burger; Hibachi Grill; Edward Jones; Family Restaurant; Pair-a-dice Cycle Works; Fred's Bar; Florida Hospital; Super Wines & Liquor; Love Bugs - 24/7; Men's Auxiliary VFW 4300; Jackson Creek Estates; Lake Placid American Legion Post 25, their Sons, Auxiliary and Riders; Amvets Post 21 and Auxiliary; Billy Smith; Gregg Williams and U.S. Military Vets.

Sons of Amvets Post 21

That's America to me ... and Frank

I listened to a Frank Sinatra tune this week — “The House I Live In” — and enjoyed a renewed desire to fight on.

Sinatra performed the patriotic song in an 11-minute movie short that was made in 1945, shortly after the conclusion of the war.

In the short, Sinatra steps out of a recording studio into an alley, where he confronts a group of kids chasing a smaller boy. He learns that the smaller boy was being picked on by the others because of his religion.

Sinatra explains to the kids that it is un-American to dwell on what makes us different. Rather, we must celebrate the many unique characteristics we have in common — the characteristics that make us very strong as a nation.

To illustrate his point, Sinatra sings “The House I Live In”:

What is America to me?

A name, a map, or a flag I see.

A certain word, democracy.

What is America to me?

More than just a

democracy, America

is a representative republic. It was designed to put the power in the people's hands — people like Sinatra's Italian-born father, who understood how lucky he was to be American when, for many years, his birth country had been run by the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.

The howdy and the handshake,

The air and feeling free.

And the right to speak my mind out,

That's America to me.

The howdy and the handshake speak of a civility and friendliness that we are losing in modern America. Our government has expanded considerably and the sense of feeling free is not so great as it once was. Though people are still able to “speak their minds,” they run the risk of coming under assault for the ideas they speak.

Take Dr. Ben Carson, a renowned neurosurgeon who had been director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital for 36 years. His commonsense thoughts on the highly charged issues of the day so agitate some on the left that he was recently forced out as commencement speaker at the university his work made famous.

*The things I see about me,
The big things and the small.*

*The little corner newsstand,
And the house a mile tall.*

It's hard to imagine now, but envy had never been a big part of the American spirit. America was a place people came to rise on their own merits. Most of our early immigrants were too proud to take handouts — all they wanted was the opportunity to work and prosper and make a better life for their children.

Sinatra's father couldn't read or write. He became a fireman and eventually a pub owner and lived a good life. But look at the remarkable life his son went on to live — a life and career that could be possible only in America.

*The words of old Abe
Lincoln,*

Of Jefferson and Paine.

Of Washington

and Jackson,

And the tasks that still remain.

The American Constitution went into effect on March 4, 1789 — 156 years before Sinatra recorded “The House I Live In.”

Most Americans were still very much

aware of the unique ideals upon which the country was founded — most realized that, despite America's many imperfections that still needed to be worked out, it was a blessing to be an American citizen.

It was a blessing to have God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In 2013, I dare say, most Americans have little understanding of the ideas and principles that make our country exceptional, and far too many are eager to give up our freedoms in exchange for the promise of free government stuff.

A house that we call freedom,

A home of liberty.

And it belongs to fighting people,

That's America to me.

That's America to me, too. And we better fight harder if we hope to maintain the principles and blessings that have made our country great.

Tom Purcell, author of “Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood” and “Comical Sense: A Lone Humorist Takes on a World Gone Nutty!” is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist and is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc. Send comments to Tom at Purcell@caglecartoons.com.



Guest Column

Tom Purcell

Funeral held for boy, 8, killed by marathon bomb

Associated Press
BOSTON — The youngest victim of the Boston Marathon bombing, 8-year-old Martin Richard, was buried Tuesday and is now at peace, his family said.

A private funeral Mass was held in the morning for Martin, followed by his burial. Only immediate family members attended.

"The outpouring of love and support over the last week has been tremendous," the Richards' statement said. "This has been the most difficult week of our lives and we appreciate that our friends and family have given us space to grieve and heal."

The family, from Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, said it would hold a public memorial service

in the coming weeks to celebrate Martin's life.

The boy was among three people killed when two bombs exploded at the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15. His mother and 6-year-old sister were among the more than 260 others wounded.

Krystle Campbell, 29, of Medford, and Lu Lingzi, a 23-year-old Boston University graduate student from China, also died in the attack. On Monday, Campbell's funeral was at St. Joseph Church in Medford, Mass., and a memorial for Lu took place on Boston University's campus hours later.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology police Officer Sean Collier was fatally shot three days after the bombing.

The staff recommendation is to stop processing the additional non-city assigned garbage cans

Julian Deleon
Avon Park city manager

AP's single-stream recycling program collecting big numbers

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the cost of financing and keeping the sanitation fund debt free.

The city offers an additional, free cardboard recycling service for commercial customers that could add another 12 tons of recycled material with more capacity.

The council was told,

however, that some residents resist recycling, using non-city cans for what garbage does not fit in the assigned city can. "The staff recommendation," Deleon said, "is to stop processing the additional non-city assigned garbage cans."

Additional city carts may be acquired from the city for additional \$16 a month.



News-Sun file photo
Avon Park City Manager Julian Deleon (above) and City Councilman Garrett Anderson are at the center of a dispute over ethics that will be turned over to a private investigator.

Council approves hiring investigator

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through a false claim on Long's insurance.

"This was strictly business to business; it had nothing to do with my position as a councilor. The issue is between me and Long," Anderson said.

He also said the question of whether or not he engaged in unpermitted electrical work was irrelevant.

Buhr replied that because Long formally complained to the city about a sitting councilor allegedly trying to cheat, and that issue appeared to lead directly to Anderson allegedly making unpermitted electrical repairs, the issues are relevant.

"A councilor can't flaunt the laws of the city," Buhr said.

"I don't believe the city can investigate a private business," Anderson said.

"You can file an injunction, but you won't get it," Buhr replied.

The conversation became heated when Anderson requested the city's investigation expand to include

I don't believe the city can investigate a private business.

Garrett Anderson
Avon Park city councilman

You can apply for an injunction, but you won't get it.

Gerald Buhr
Avon Park city attorney, responding to Anderson

staff's fear of Deleon.

"In my opinion," Anderson said, "everything has to do with Deleon's character. Everyone is afraid of Deleon; city hall is not a healthy place."

Deleon responded immediately, "I've cut 103 jobs down to 50, I've taken hundreds of bullets," he began before Mayor Sharon Schuler interrupted their exchange.

"We should be looking into

facts," she said. "We can't have the city manager accused of what he has been. If it is true (that he has abused his office), he can't remain.

"We keep getting involved and involved and it gets out of hand. We need to get this shadow off of our city."

Stopped after the meeting, Anderson declined comment at the advice of his lawyer.

Green will be reviewing documents, conducting interviews, securing physical evidence and preparing a written report within 60 days.

His hourly rate is \$75; his hourly travel rate from his office is \$37.50; he is reimbursed \$.55 a mile.

He anticipates the investigation to take about 30 hours, all things being even.

Green's resume states he joined the Polk County Sheriff's Office in 1978. After an 11-year career as a deputy, detective and special agent, he taught at the Polk Community College Police Academy, leaving in 1989 to form a private investigation office in Bartow.

Community Briefs

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from circulation.

Drop-off locations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday are Sebring Police Department, 307 N. Ridgewood Drive; Lake Placid Police Department, 8 N. Oak Ave.; Highlands County Sheriff's Office North Sub Station, 304 W. Pleasant St., Avon Park; and Highlands County Sheriff's Office Sub Station, Liberty Star Plaza, 7177 S. George Blvd., Sebring.

For those unable to attend and dispose of medications on Saturday, permanent drop boxes are available at the Lake Placid and Sebring police departments. Medications may be disposed of from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

For more information on Operation Medicine Cabinet or drop box locations, contact Drug Free Highlands at 382-2138 or any of the local law enforcement offices.

Adopt-a-Leader Prayer Luncheon is May 2

SEBRING — As part of National Day of Prayer, Highlands University Preparatory School will host the Adopt-Leader Prayer Luncheon again this year. This event will be at noon Thursday, May 2 at the school, 1160 Persimmon Ave.

It is an opportunity for the community to exercise the freedom to gather and pray for the nation and local officials.

The program will include speaker Penny Ogg, special music, and lunch catered by Mae Lee's Deli.

Tickets are \$12 and are available in the UPrep school office or call 385-3850 to reserve a ticket at the door. The public is invited.

Lake Wales Ridge WEA management plan hearings scheduled

SEBRING — The Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife and Environmental Area 10-year draft management plan is the topic of public meetings in Sebring and Bartow, hosted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Each property purchased with public funds must have an individualized plan that ensures the area is managed for the intended purposes when it was bought.

A meeting on May 1 at the Highlands County Government Center, 600 S. Commerce Ave., begins at 7 p.m. Another meeting, on May 2 at the Polk County Commission Chambers, 330 W. Church St. in Bartow, also starts at 7 p.m.

After staff presentations, the public is encouraged to comment and ask questions about the specifics in the draft plan.

"The Lake Wales Ridge Wildlife and Environmental Area was purchased to ensure the conservation of fish and wildlife resources, other natural and cultural

resources, and for fish- and wildlife-based public recreation. The draft plan specifies how we intend to do that," said Rebecca Shelton, FWC land conservation biologist.

Shelton added that hunting and fishing regulations are not part of management plan discussions; they will be addressed through a separate public process.

To obtain a copy of the draft land management prospectus for Lake Wales Ridge WEA, call Shelton at (850) 487-9982 or David Alden at (850) 487-9588, or e-mail Rebecca.Shelton@MyFWC.com/.

For background and more information on management plans and their goals, visit MyFWC.com/Conservation and select "Terrestrial Programs."

SFSC offers Child Development classes

AVON PARK — South Florida State College's

Corporate and Community Education Department is offering child care classes during the Summer Term 2013.

Introduction to Child Care is a 40-hour class that covers child care facility rules and regulations, health, safety, and nutrition, identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect, child growth and development, behavioral observation and screening, special needs appropriate practices. This class will meet from 5:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 1 through July 10, on the SFSC Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park. The class, which will include six manuals, costs \$199.99. The course number (CRN) is 30532.

Completion of both the FCCPC I and II courses are key to earning a Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC). FCCPC I and II address eight core areas of knowledge and skill associated with delivery of

quality education to pre-school children and builds upon the content of the state-mandated training courses previously completed by the caregiver.

SFSC is offering the FCCPC II course in English. This class meets from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, May 8 through July 31, on the Highlands Campus, 600 W. College Drive. The class costs \$300, and the course number (CRN) is 30269.

Register in Building B at the Highlands Campus or any SFSC campus or center. For more information on child development classes, e-mail Debbie Gutierrez at gutierdd@southflorida.edu or call 784-7032.

Correction

SEBRING — The Sebring Elks 1529 will have Don and Allen providing music from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday. Buffet is \$12. To only dance, it is \$3. For more information, call 471-3557.

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Obituaries

WILLIAM RENTEL
William "Bill" Rentel, 76, of Sebring, Fla., passed

away Wednesday, April 17, 2013, in Sebring. He was born July 9, 1936, to Ernest F. and Anna D. (Horner) Rentel in Queens, N.Y., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1998, coming from Hermann, Mo. He was the owner, operator and sales representative of a toy manufacturer and a member of the "Toy Knights of America". He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a 50-year Mason and a member of the Lions Club, Spring Lake Men's Association and Spring Lake Independent District Association. He was a member of Grace Bible Church and volunteered at Highlands Regional Medical Center; HALLO and Fred Wild Elementary School. His favorite place was home with his wife, children and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marsenna Lovell Rentel of Sebring; children, William Ralph (Jackie) Rental Jr. of Tennessee, Cynthia Ann (Grant) Middlestead of Pennsylvania, Janet Suzanne (Anthony) Lavin of California, and Stacy Frederick Rentel of California; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Ronald Ernest Rentel.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Grace Bible Church, Sebring, with Pastor Dustin Woods officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Fred Wild Elementary School in memory of Mr. Bill Rentel, 3550 Youth Care Lane, Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

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Tax Collector may start processing tourism tax

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He noted the early days of processing the permit applications were a bit rocky.

"It was like Murphy's Law — what could go wrong did go wrong. But it has all settled down now and is running fairly smoothly," he said.

Zwayer's office also now is handling the dispersal of birth certificates, which makes the driver's license dispensing a more one-stop operation.

He said his goal is to begin collecting the tourist tax beginning at the start of the 2014 calendar year.

"I have been in touch with tax collectors in other counties that do it," Zwayer said. "Each of them does it a bit differently."

After conducting preliminary research, Zwayer commenced setting up preliminary timelines, establishing the process, auditing and enforcement elements in an effort to set up a methodology that makes sense both in terms of costs and in terms of service.

"At 3 percent of the total, we are only looking at about \$9,000 a year to the tax collector's office. That is based on the Tourist Development Commission's current figures," he said.

However, with local enforcement, Zwayer believes that the collection could increase — when all who those who should be paying the tax are assessed for it.

"It won't be a money generator for the county but it

could be self-sustaining and it would be good for the county as a whole," he said.

Zwayer contended that by making certain of compliance that all entities that should be collecting a remitting the two percent assessment, it would create "a level playing field" between competitors.

"In other words, people who are collecting the tax won't be competing with those who are not," he said.

There has been discussion about raising the assessment

It won't be a money generator for the county but it could be self-sustaining and it would be good for the county as a whole.

Eric Zwayer
Highlands County tax collector

on all lodging for those in the county for six months or less. The increase from 2 to 3 percent could generate an extra \$150,000 per year if current tourist numbers remain strong. However, some citizens have called the motion by Avon Park city councilman Terry Heston into question — asking if his suggestion to raise the tax reflects the opinion of the sitting council, or was just an idea Heston had independently.

"He is supposed to repre-

sent the city council as the voting member from Avon Park isn't he?" asked former Avon Park Mayor Tom Macklin. "I have not seen anywhere that this came before the council and they either voted on it or gave their approval by consensus."

However, when the question was put before council, Avon Park attorney Gerald Buhr said once appointed, Heston could make motions and voted as he wished. Buhr said if the council had a problem with his votes or actions, they could replace him on the Tourist Development Council with somebody else.

The tourist tax discussion was to have come up before the Highlands County Board of County Commission for a discussion this past Tuesday night. However, that was called off after recommendations by the Tourist Development Commission were deemed to be incomplete.

While the TDC board included a recommendation to raise the tax as well as a new schedule on how to spend the money, they neglected to say how they intended to disperse money already collected in the TDC coffers.

Because the Highlands County commission's night meeting had been dedicated to a discussion on the recommendations, it was called off on the strength of the shortfall. There is no indication on when that issue will next be brought before county commissioners.

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Teachers bill now includes parent trigger provision

Associated Press — TALLAHASSEE — The Senate's budget panel has cleared a bill making minor changes to Florida's teacher evaluation system but tacked on a provision from the contentious "parent trigger" bill at the last minute.

The Appropriations committee Tuesday cleared the bill (SB 980) with an amendment that ensures students won't get assigned to an ineffective teacher for two years in a row. A teacher's ineffectiveness is based on performance evaluations.

That amendment was part of this year's parent trigger bill. It gives parents a vote in turnaround options for failing schools that include private charter schools. It passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Teachers unions recently sued the state over evaluations that grade some Florida teachers on subjects and students they don't teach.

Scott forces limit to student fees

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott is using a novel way to get universities to freeze fees charged to students.

The governor refused to go along with granting state approval to bonding for two schools until the universities agreed to keep down costs for students.

Scott said that Florida International University will freeze a student fee as a condition for approval for a new parking garage on campus.

Scott told the Cabinet that FIU agreed to a six-year freeze in its transportation access fee paid by every student, even those walking or riding bikes to classes.

The Cabinet also approved bonding authority to build a new dormitory at Florida State University, after the school said it won't require freshmen to live in dorms and won't require dorm residents to buy meal plans.

Gulf Coast bill clears panel

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Senate's budget panel has advanced to the floor a measure that creates a nonprofit board to manage money from settlements from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

The Appropriations committee on Tuesday cleared the bill (SB 1024) with only one 'no' vote from Sen. Arthenia Joyner.

But representatives from Gulf Coast counties expressed concerns that the state would wrest control of the money through the nonprofit Triumph Gulf Coast board.

Bill sponsor Nancy Detert says the board would safeguard any funds recovered by Attorney General Pam Bondi. She sued BP and Halliburton last week before the statute of limitations expired on the 2010 disaster's third anniversary.



A good light is key if you want to be able to find the prize-filled eggs at the Humane Society's Flashlight Egg Hunt. News-Sun file photo

Egg Hunt key fundraiser for Humane Society renovation

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prize-holding eggs. The hunt occurs after dark, by flashlight (be sure to bring one). It is not an event for young children, but for teens and adults.

Volunteers hide 12,000 plastic eggs over a mile long trail through the woods. Prize coupons are hidden in the eggs. One egg is worth \$2,500; another \$1,000, thanks to donations by Dr. Daniel Parnassa M.D. and Bob Rhoades, respectively. Two thousand of the eggs contain prizes totaling more than \$30,000, all donations from local businesses and residents.

But, Spiegel said, the after dark hunt is only part of the fun — The Egg Games begin at 4 p.m.

For example, in the Egg Drop a participant drops a raw egg to a partner 30 feet below. The object is to catch the egg without breaking it. In the Egg Toss, partners play catch with a raw egg, while they move further and further apart. Spiegel recommends practicing at home; contest winners receive \$200 or two tickets good for any Disney park.

But that's not all.

DJ J Money provides musical entertainment and delicious food like pulled pork sandwiches, grilled

brauts, hot dogs and hamburgers are for sale, and Dairy Queen ice cream donated by the original Dairy Queen.

"It's going to a wonderful event," Spiegel said. "Free parking is available at the Sebring Raceway. A shuttle bus will transport participants to the event for \$1 round trip.

"We encourage people to get here early to get the most fun for your ticket." It's a great date, and fun for a group.

There is still time to sponsor an egg. The deadline isn't until Friday. Call Spiegel at 214-6508.

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Stocks briefly drop, recover, on fake White House bomb tweet

AP Twitter account hacked

By STEVE ROTHWELL

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market briefly dropped, then recovered, after the Associated Press' Twitter account was hacked and a fake tweet about an attack on the White House was posted.

The AP released the following statement at 1:12 p.m.: "The @AP twitter account has been hacked. The tweet about an attack on the White House is false. We will advise more as soon as possible."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 150 points after the fake Twitter posting, then quickly recovered.

Other markets also reacted to the fake posting.

The price of crude oil fell, then rose back.

The yield on the benchmark U.S. government bond, the 10-year Treasury note, briefly dropped as traders shifted money into low-risk investments.

The turmoil lasted for about five minutes.

By about 1:13 p.m., stocks, bonds and crude oil were all trading about where they were before the fake tweet was posted.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09001194GCS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PLAINTIFF,
vs.
HAROLD L. JETMORE, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on May 16, 2013, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:

LOT 3, BLOCK 1, CIRCLE TERRACE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1, 2 AND 6 OF LAKE VERONA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
DATED: April 18, 2013.

By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk of the Court

Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33486
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Office of the Court Administrator at 863-534-4686, 255 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

April 24; May 1, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 12-988-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JULIE DISTEFANO and IDA DISTEFANO, PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation, and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on April 18, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 15, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:

EXHIBIT "A"
The South one half of Lot 5, Block 217, Placid Lakes Section Twenty, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 31, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Property address: 104 Anna Maria Court NE, Lake Placid, FL 33852
Tax ID No.: C-14-37-29-200-2170-0050

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

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
April 24; May 1, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 282009CA001356XXAMX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIZATION TRUST 2006-A11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-K UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 1, 2006
Plaintiff,
vs.
FILEMON ARREGUIN AGUILAR; ALVINA ARREGUIN; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282009CA001356XXAMX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIZATION TRUST 2006-A11, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-K UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 1, 2006 is Plaintiff and FILEMON ARREGUIN AGUILAR; ALVINA ARREGUIN; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 a.m., on the 16th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, LOT 5 AND LOT 6, IN BLOCK 5, OF HIGHLAND PARK SUB-DIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 24-1, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

April 24; May 1, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2011-CA-000714

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF DOREEN L. CORCORAN A/K/A COREEN LYNN CORCORAN; PATRICIA CLINGER, DECEASED, ET AL.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF PATRICIA CLINGER, DECEASED, AND DOREEN L. CORCORAN A/K/A DOREEN LYNN CORCORAN, DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST PATRICIA CLINGER, DECEASED, AND DOREEN L. CORCORAN A/K/A DOREEN LYNN CORCORAN, DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED
Current residence unknown, but whose last known address was:
4802 QUEEN PALM DR., SEBRING, FL 33870

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

LOTS 4, 5 AND 6, BLOCK 1, SEBRING VILLAS, FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 83, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before May 28, 2013 or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, 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 petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 15th day of April, 2013.

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

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000099

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL JAY CHILDERS, et al.
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 28, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 28-2012-CA000099 of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, Bob Germaine, the Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the courthouse located at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Highlands, Florida 33870 at 11:00 A.M. CST on the 8th day of May, 2013 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

TOGETHER WITH THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE WEST 20 FEET OF CONTIGUOUS CLOSED ROAD VACATED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1044, PAGE 675, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 11th day of April, 2013.

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2013-CA-000126

JAMES B NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST RICHARD L. BRANSCOMBE A/K/A RICHARD LEE BRANSCOMBE, DECEASED

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

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

THE NORTHEASTERLY HALF OF LOTS 9, 10 AND 11, BLOCK 191, WOODLAWN TERRACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 96, (TRANSCRIPT BOOK 1, PAGE 1), PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. SAID NORTHEASTERLY HALF OF SAID LOTS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF BELLEVUE AVENUE AND THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF EVANSTON STREET THE SAME BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 191; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LOT 11, 75 FEET; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL TO BELLEVUE AVENUE 150 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9 OF SAID BLOCK 191; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9 TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF BELLEVUE AVENUE; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF BELLEVUE AVENUE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LOTS LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on the Florida Default Law Group, P.L., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 4919 Memorial Highway, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33634, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the News-Sun. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 19th day of April, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
April 24; May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2009-CA-000366
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
SACCO, JEFFREY, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001146 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC. is the Plaintiff and JAMES C. DAVIS, JR.; KARRON K. DAVIS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 9, BLOCK A, KAYWOOD ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
A/K/A 17 N MARYLAND AVENUE, AVON PARK, FL 33825

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale
WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Court on April 19, 2013.

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

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

April 24; May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001146
DIVISION:
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES C. DAVIS, JR., et al, Defendant(s).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013 and entered in Case No. 28-2012-CA-001146 of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC. is the Plaintiff and JAMES C. DAVIS, JR.; KARRON K. DAVIS; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE AT 11:00 AM, on the 16th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

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CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001146
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April 24; May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-001146
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vs.
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April 24; May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-68

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY C. HESS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARY C. HESS, deceased, whose date of death was October 31, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is 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

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April 22, 2013

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Contact Rob Roberts for details at Wauchula State Bank 863-471-1972. The sale will be held on Friday May 3, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Wauchula State Bank parking lot located at 1385 US 27 S. Sebring, Fl. 33870

April 24; May 1, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale of the contents of self-storage unit(s) in default of contract per F.S. 83.801-809. Units will be sold by sealed bid at 10:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013, at Highlands Self Storage Inc. 7825 S. George Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted. Any vehicle within units sold for parts only.

UNIT #19
UNIT #21

April 17, 24, 2013

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Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICES

The following legal notices are from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the font, size, and leading as per their specifications.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000001TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that AARON JAMES W, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 1818
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2009
Tax ID: S-21-34-29-010-1023-0190

Description of Property: LOTS 19 AND 20 BLOCK 1023 HIGHLANDS VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 91 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed: ANTHONY L. BROWN, MICHAEL PARKER, LARRY PARKER; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 15th day of May, 2013.

Dated this 8th day of March, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk

April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000002TDS CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that AARON JAMES W, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No.: 1820
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2009
Tax ID: S-21-34-29-010-1023-0240

Description of Property: LOTS 24 AND 25 BLOCK 1023 HIGHLANDS VIEW SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 91 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed: ANTHONY L. BROWN, MICHAEL PARKER, LARRY PARKER; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 15th day of May, 2013.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is April 17, 2013.

Personal Representative: /s/ W. Roy Wilkes Elder & Disability Law Firm 202 Dal Hall Boulevard Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ W. Roy Wilkes Attorney for W. Roy Wilkes Florida Bar Number: 0608475 202 Dal Hall Boulevard Lake Placid, Florida 33852 Telephone: (863)699-2222 Fax: (863)382-7715 E-Mail: www@wilkeslawfirm.com

April 17, 24, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 11-534 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNA MARIE DECASTRO Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ANNA MARIE DECASTRO, deceased, whose date of death was November 6, 2010, 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.

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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 April 17, 2013.

Personal Representative: /s/ Michael A. Rider 13 N. Oak Avenue Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Michael A. Rider MICHAEL A. RIDER Florida Bar Number: 175661 13 N Oak Avenue Lake Placid, FL 33852 Telephone: (863)465-1111 Fax: (863)465-8100 E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com

April 17, 24, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-121

IN RE: ESTATE OF WALTER KATZ Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WALTER KATZ, deceased, whose date of death was December 24, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is 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 April 24, 2013.

Personal Representative:

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/s/ Joseph Bonett 404 Bottlebrush Avenue Lake Placid, Florida 33852

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ W. Roy Wilkes Attorney for Joseph Bonett Florida Bar Number: 0608475 202 Dal Hall Boulevard Lake Placid, Florida 33852 Telephone: (863)699-2222 Fax: (863)465-1857 E-Mail: www@wilkeslawfirm.com

April 24; May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. PC-13-170 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF SANDRA LYNN OWENS Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION (Testate)

The administration of the estate of SANDRA LYNN OWENS, deceased, File Number PC-13-170 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 other persons are required to file with this court: (a) All claims against the estate WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION

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OF THIS NOTICE and (b) any objection by an interested person to whom this notice is served that challenges the qualifications of the personal representative, venue or jurisdiction of the court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THE objecting person.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Publication of this notice has begun on April 24, 2013.

Personal Representative: /s/ Melanie Lynn Stalvey 4831 Stalvey Oaks Drive Plant City, Florida 33563

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ David H. Galloway Florida Bar No. 259535 506 North Alexander Street Plant City, Florida 33563 Telephone: 813-754-3438

April 24; May 1, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number PC 13-133 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANDREW BETTS JACKSON. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

The administration of the estate of ANDREW BETTS JACKSON, deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2013, and whose social security number is 263-60-5149, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.

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The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the estate 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 PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 17, 2013.

Personal Representative IDA JACKSON 4080 Lakeview Drive Sebring, Florida 33870

JAMES J. PRATT, Florida Bar No. 373303 Attorney for Petitioner 500 N. Westshore Blvd, Suite 800 Tampa, Florida 33609 Telephone: (813) 373-7800

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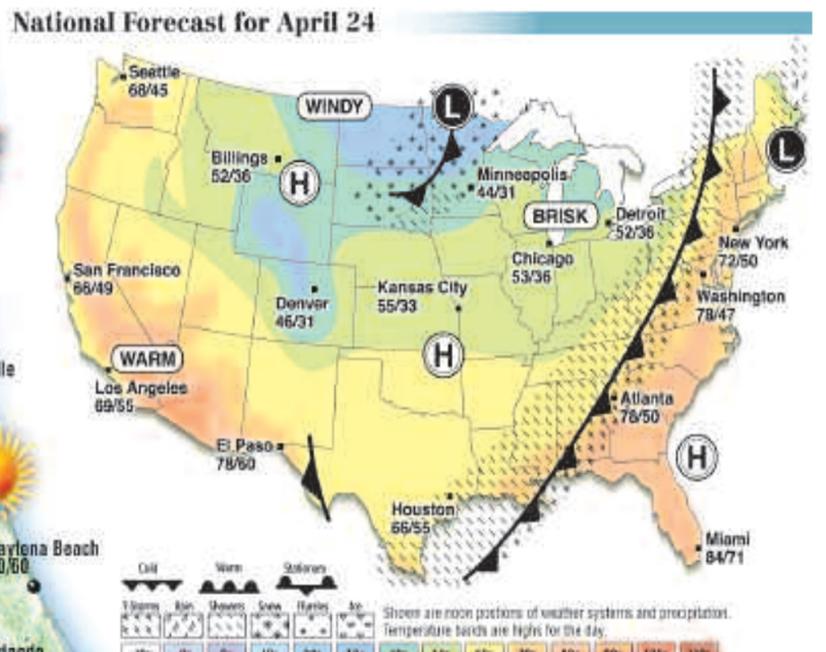
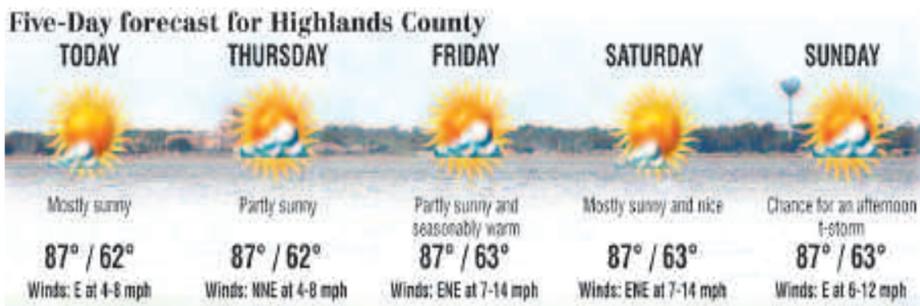
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Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	83°
Low Friday	64°
High Saturday	86°
Low Saturday	61°
High Sunday	88°
Low Sunday	63°
High Monday	82°
Low Monday	65°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	39%
Expected air temperature	85°
Makes it feel like	85°

Barometer

Saturday	30.06
Sunday	29.90
Monday	29.98

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	2.60"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	5.11"
Year to date	0.82"

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny today. A moonlit sky tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Friday, partly sunny and warm. Saturday, nice with sunshine and patchy clouds. Sunday, chance for an afternoon thunderstorm.



Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	2:03 a.m.
Low	7:23 a.m.
High	1:22 p.m.
Low	6:26 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	0:08 a.m.
Low	1:43 a.m.
High	0:44 p.m.
Low	2:01 a.m.

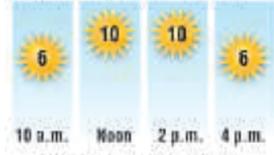
Lake Levels

Readings at 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.30
Lake Okechobee	13.57
Normal	14.31

UV Index Today

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



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Farm Report

Mostly sunny today. Winds east-southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 8-12 hours of sunshine with relative humidity 75% early, 40% in the afternoon and good drying conditions.

Weather History

On April 24, 1968, a series of tornadoes moving from Louisiana to Alabama took more than 300 lives and leveled many communities.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Thursday
Rise	6:54 a.m.	6:54 a.m.
Sunset	7:54 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Moonrise	7:00 p.m.	8:04 p.m.
Moonset	5:51 a.m.	6:30 a.m.



Water Restrictions

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Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	87/63c	87/64c	89/65c
Clearwater	85/65c	85/67c	86/67c
Deer Springs	84/62c	82/67c	84/70c
Daytona Beach	85/61c	83/61c	81/62c
H. Laud. Bch	83/72c	83/73c	83/73c
Fort Myers	87/64c	87/64c	88/65c
Gainesville	85/56c	86/57c	85/53c
Italywood	85/69c	83/69c	85/71c
Homestead AFB	83/69c	83/68c	82/72c
Jacksonville	82/57c	84/59c	80/58c
Key West	84/70c	84/74c	84/74c

National Summary

Rain and a few thunderstorms will move from the Ohio Valley into the interior mid-Atlantic and Northeast today as a cold front advances eastward. Farther south along the front, showers and thunderstorms will move across the Southeast and Gulf Coast states, although a warm, sunny day is in store for Florida. Another brisk, cold day is on the way for the northern Plains, where there will be a few rain and snow showers. The chill will lessen a bit across the central Plains, but temperatures will remain below average.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	69/50c	70/40c	70/44c
Atlanta	78/50c	72/50c	73/53c
Baltimore	70/47c	67/42c	68/40c
Birmingham	71/40c	72/47c	73/50c
Boston	64/40c	68/42c	68/42c
Charlotte	75/55c	70/45c	73/50c
Cheyenne	48/27c	61/36c	65/40c
Chicago	63/36c	64/35c	62/45c
Cleveland	47/35c	59/34c	60/45c
Columbus	53/36c	56/34c	66/48c
Dallas	64/50c	70/57c	78/66c
Denver	48/31c	67/40c	70/41c
Detroit	62/36c	63/35c	60/45c
Harrisburg	74/38c	60/37c	60/42c
Honolulu	85/70c	84/75c	85/71c
Houston	69/52c	73/62c	81/67c
Indianapolis	52/38c	57/34c	63/48c
Jackson, MS	86/51c	74/50c	83/60c
Kansas City	55/33c	64/47c	62/46c
Langhams	57/38c	60/32c	64/51c
Little Rock	63/45c	70/51c	73/63c

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	90/74c	90/75c	82/72c
Almas	75/50c	79/61c	81/61c
Berlin	75/63c	78/64c	80/66c
Berlin	66/52c	66/52c	77/55c
Bermuda	71/68c	73/67c	72/65c
Calgary	64/35c	60/35c	63/40c
Dublin	55/43c	51/35c	48/35c
Edmonton	49/32c	53/36c	54/38c
Frankfurt	61/60c	60/60c	61/71c
Gamna	71/44c	75/45c	77/54c
Havana	87/65c	87/65c	89/68c
Hong Kong	83/75c	82/73c	77/72c
Jakarta	74/54c	77/59c	79/61c
Johannesburg	67/46c	70/49c	72/48c
Kiev	66/45c	68/45c	69/50c

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DaSilva decides on Dade

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – Ability, passion and dedication for the game of softball has paid off for Sebring senior Tayla DaSilva – in offering her a college education.

She took Miami-Dade College up on their offer Friday, April 19, when she signed to join the Lady Sharks.

“I had offers from Thomas University and Hillsborough,” DaSilva said. “And then last summer I was at a Rising Stars tournament in Miami. Dad watched me for a game and made an offer right after.”

While mulling her choices,

it really wasn't too difficult for the solid-hitting infielder for Dade.

“They have such a strong softball program,” she said. “They're currently third in state and ninth in the nation. They also have a very, very good academic program.”

And of course, there were a couple of other benefits that factored in.

“It's close to the beach and the food around there is amazing,” she explained.

And though those are certainly important factors for a soon-to-be college freshman, they go only so far with DaSilva.

“I'm there for one reason

and one reason only, to get my education and pursue my dreams as a college athlete,” she said. “I will need to continue to get stronger and improve my mentality and physical play to compete at the college level.”

“It has always been my dream and as long as I say positive and work as hard as I can, I do not doubt being able to do it.”

That sort of steely-eyed determination seems quite befitting for this new Shark.

That determination extends into the classroom as well, as DaSilva plans on getting her AA degree and continuing

See **DASILVA**, Page B3



Tayla DaSilva signed to become a Miami-Dade Shark Friday. With her on her big day were dad Scott with niece Kensley, sister Taryn, mom Brenda, Blue Streak head coach Joe Sinness and assistant Larry Johnson.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Red Devils take District opener

By DAN HOEHNE

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BABSON PARK – Dark clouds and cool, intermittent rains delayed the start of Monday's District 10-4A Tournament opener.

But the skies soon cleared to reveal a setting sun along the shores of Crooked Lake at the Webber International

Avon Park

15

Mulberry

3

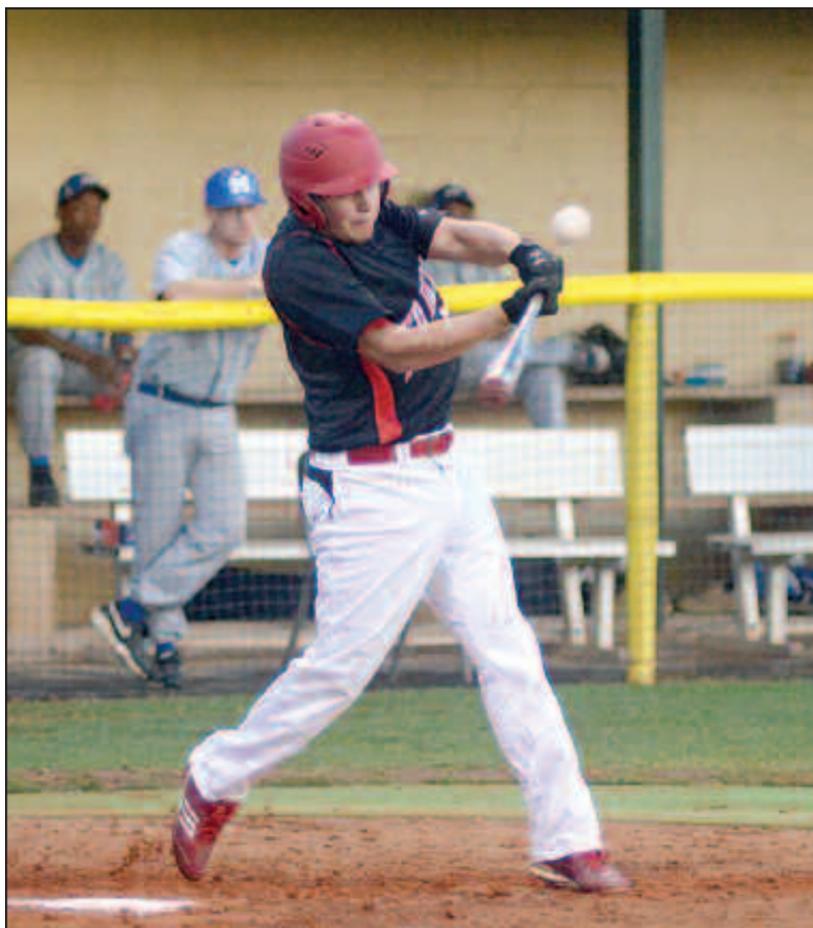
University baseball field as Avon Park moved along with a 15-3, mercy-rule win over Mulberry.

Having swept the Panthers during the regular season, by 9-5 and 17-5 scores, there was the danger of the Devils taking the game too lightly and get caught in the old adage of not being able to beat a team three times in a row.

Something head coach Whit Cornell was all too wary of.

“You never know, this is high school baseball and anything can happen on a given night,” he said in the moments leading up to the contest. “We just need to throw strikes, not give them extra base runners and we need to put the ball in play.”

And his words almost seemed startlingly prophetic as an error in the top of the first paved the way for the Panthers to open the



Mason Jahna laced an RBI double to right-center in a three-run second inning for Avon Park in the Devils 15-3 win in Monday's District 10-4A Tournament opener.

News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

scoring and take a 1-0 lead on a Dustin Caldwell RBI single.

But the Devils answered right back in the bottom of the first when Tyrone Perry lead things off with a double to deep right field and

would come in on a Josh Gomez single through the left side to tie it up.

The defense held behind the pitching of Colton Brock in the second and the offense got back to it, plating three runs in the bottom

of the inning to begin stretching the lead out.

Mulberry did scratch for two in the top of the third, with Caldwell adding both to his RBI total on the

See **AP**, Page B3

Sites to be settled for college football playoff

By RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — With the how and when of college football playoffs determined, it's time to lock in the where.

The conference commissioners in charge of putting together the four-team playoff system that will start after the 2014 regular season will meet starting Tuesday in Pasadena, Calif.

At the top of their agenda: Pick three more bowls to be used in the semifinal rotation and decide on a site for the first national championship game.

The Rose, Sugar and Orange bowls are already part of the six-bowl semifinal rotation.

“It will be another big step,” BCS executive director Bill Hancock said recently.

True, though all signs point toward these big steps being foregone conclusions.

The Fiesta, Cotton and Chick-fil-A bowls are the overwhelming favorites to be chosen for the playoff rotation, and have been for a while.

So much so that only one other bowl — the Holiday Bowl in San Diego — even put in a bid to be part of the system that will replace the Bowl Championship Series.

“I was a little surprised we didn't get more,” Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said.

Hancock said there was plenty of interest even though it didn't result in bids.

“I talked to 10 or 12 bowls about it,” he said. “I think for various reasons people decid-

ed, many of the bowls decided, they'd rather go in a different direction.

Some wanted to stick with their conference contracts, others couldn't meet specs for 55,000 seat stadiums.

“We're not disappointed with the numbers. We have good options and there are terrific stadiums.”

Bowlsby conceded the appearance of three bowls having the inside track to the playoff rotation might have deterred others from bidding.

Even Holiday Bowl organizers acknowledge they are a big underdog.

“We know it's a tough competition,” Holiday Bowl executive director Bruce Binkowski said. “But we felt it was incumbent upon us to make a bid.

“It's tough to beat out the incumbents.”

As for the site of the first national championship game, which will be played Jan. 12, 2015, the front-runner is Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, home of not only the Dallas Cowboys but the Cotton Bowl.

It's not quite a done deal. Tampa also put in a bid that is being considered.

But it'll be hard to pass up playing the first national title game of the playoff era in the Dallas Cowboys' state-of-the-art football palace.

“We're anxiously awaiting their decision and hope that, if given the opportunity, want to make that, want the venue to be appropriate to the first college championship under the new system,” Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

See **COLLEGE**, Page B3

Shelton runs to State

By ALEX COYNE

News-Sun correspondent

Four Lake Placid athletes competed in the Class 2A Track Regional Finals in Jacksonville on Thursday, April 18.

Despite persevering and putting forth great efforts after the long drive up to the northeast corner of the state, only one, Dalton Shelton, made the move forward to the State Finals this Saturday and a return trip to Jacksonville.

Opting to compete in just one event, the long-distance standout ran the 3,200-meter run at regionals, and did incredibly well – setting a new personal record and becoming the Regional Champion with a time of 9:54.59.

This will be Shelton's second appearance at the FHSAA State Finals, as he

made it to the Cross Country State Finals his sophomore year.

“It really helped that I am only running in the two mile this year, not both the mile and two mile,” Shelton stated.

Focusing on only the two mile this year certainly was a successful tactic.

“I am shooting for first at state,” he explained, before adding with a chuckle. “If you're not first, you're last!”

“He is right there in the running to be top in the state,” head coach Scott Morgan stated. “And he is only a junior.”

Shelton will proudly represent Lake Placid in the State Finals on Saturday to end what has been a very successful season for the junior Dragon.



Courtesy photo

Lake Placid's Dalton Shelton took the 3,200-meter Regional title with a personal best, qualifying him for this weekend's FHSAA 2A State Finals in Jacksonville.

Ed tosses it up with Hall of Famer Nork



Courtesy photo

Stan Nork, a member of the Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame, and his wife Cindy were featured guests on Ed Lynch's “Sports Talk” show on Saturday, April 20. “Sports Talk” airs each Saturday, immediately following the Noon News on WWTN 730-AM. Scheduled guests for the April 27 broadcast are senior golfers Hazel Dobbs and Toni Fletcher, along with perfect-game bowler Thomas Watson.

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 z-clinched conference

Sunday's Games

Boston 3, Florida 0
 N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 1
 Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2
 Calgary 4, Minnesota 1
 Colorado 5, St. Louis 3
 Columbus 4, San Jose 3
 Anaheim 3, Edmonton 1
 Los Angeles 4, Dallas 3, OT

Monday's Games

Winnipeg 2, Buffalo 1
 Pittsburgh 3, Ottawa 1
 Detroit 4, Phoenix 0
 Anaheim 3, Edmonton 0
 Vancouver 3, Chicago 1

Tuesday's Games

Montreal at New Jersey, late
 Winnipeg at Washington, late
 N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, late
 Buffalo at Pittsburgh, late
 Boston at Philadelphia, late
 N.Y. Rangers at Florida, late
 Colorado at St. Louis, late
 Calgary at Nashville, late
 Los Angeles at Minnesota, late
 Dallas at San Jose, late

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	13	6	.684	—
Baltimore	11	8	.579	2
New York	10	8	.556	2.5
Tampa Bay	9	10	.474	4
Toronto	8	12	.400	5.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	10	7	.588	—
Minnesota	8	7	.533	1
Detroit	9	9	.500	1.5
Cleveland	8	10	.444	2.5
Chicago	7	12	.368	4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	6	.684	—
Oakland	12	8	.600	1.5
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	5.5
Seattle	8	13	.381	6
Houston	5	14	.263	8

Sunday's Games

Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Kansas City 4, Boston 2, 1st game
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Baltimore 4
 Tampa Bay 8, Oakland 1
 Cleveland 5, Houston 4
 Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 3
 Texas 11, Seattle 3
 L.A. Angels 4, Detroit 3, 13 innings
 Kansas City 5, Boston 4, 10 innings, 2nd game

Monday's Games

Boston 9, Oakland 6
 Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
 Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2
 Seattle 7, Houston 1
 Miami at Minnesota, ppd., rain
 Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6

Tuesday's Games

Miami at Minnesota, late
 Oakland at Boston, late
 Kansas City at Detroit, late
 Toronto at Baltimore, late
 N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, late
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, late
 Miami at Minnesota, late
 Seattle at Houston, late
 Texas at L.A. Angels, late

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Morrow 0-2) at Baltimore (Undecided), 12:35 p.m.
 Cleveland (Kluber 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 1-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (J.Saunders 1-2) at Houston (Harrell 1-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Anderson 1-3) at Boston (Lester 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Mendoza 0-1) at Detroit (Verlander 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Petitite 3-0) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 2-1), 7:10 p.m.
 Texas (Darvish 3-1) at L.A. Angels (Williams 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	13	5	.722	—
New York	9	8	.529	3.5
Washington	10	9	.526	3.5
Philadelphia	9	11	.450	5
Miami	4	15	.211	9.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	12	8	.600	—
St. Louis	11	8	.579	.5
Milwaukee	10	8	.556	1
Pittsburgh	10	9	.526	1.5
Chicago	5	13	.278	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	13	5	.722	—
San Francisco	13	7	.650	1
Arizona	10	9	.526	3.5
Los Angeles	8	10	.444	5
San Diego	5	14	.263	8.5

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2
 St. Louis 3, Washington 2
 Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 13 innings
 Miami at Minnesota, ppd., rain
 Atlanta at Colorado, ppd., snow
 Milwaukee 7, San Diego 1
 San Francisco 5, Arizona 4

Tuesday's Games

Miami at Minnesota, late
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, late
 St. Louis at Washington, late
 Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, late
 L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, late
 Miami at Minnesota, late
 Atlanta at Colorado, late
 Milwaukee at San Diego, late
 Arizona at San Francisco, late

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 1-3) at Cincinnati (Latos 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
 St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-1) at Washington (Strasburg 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Hudson 2-1) at Colorado (Chatwood 0-0), 3:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Kennedy 1-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 3-0), 3:45 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 2-0) at Philadelphia (Halladay 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Estrada 2-0) at San Diego (Volquez 0-3), 10:10 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Jake Arrieta to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Alex Burnett from Norfolk.
 BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned RHP Allen Webster to Pawtucket (IL).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Reinstated RHP Matt Albers from the restricted list. Designated RHP Fernando Nieve for assignment.
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Optioned LHP Dallas Keuchel to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled LHP Brett Oberholzer from Oklahoma City.
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned LHP Will Smith from Omaha (PCL).
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Placed RHP Tommy Hanson on the bereavement list.
 Recalled RHP David Carpenter from Salt Lake (PCL).
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Sent 2B Adam Rosales to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Traded OF Casper Wells to Oakland for cash considerations.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Anthony Ortega on a minor league contract.
 NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP D.J. Mitchell on a minor league contract and assigned him to extended spring training.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

FRIDAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Webber, if necessary, 7 p.m.



Lake Placid

FRIDAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Webber, if necessary, 7 p.m.
 SATURDAY: Track at FHSAA 2A State Finals, Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Track at Region 2-3A Meet, Leto High School, Noon
 FRIDAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Lake Gibson, if necessary, 7 p.m.



SFSC

FRIDAY: Baseball at Polk State, 6 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

YMCA Flag Football

SEBRING – The Highlands County Family YMCA is now taking registrations for our YMCA/Eagles Youth Flag Football Program for ages 5-14. We are also taking registrations for our Cheerleading Program ages 5-16. Any questions please call 382-9622.

Miracle League 5K

LAKE PLACID – Heartland National Bank presents The Miracle League for Highlands County 2013 5K-10K Run Walk Team Challenge Saturday, May 18, at DeVane Circle Park in Lake Placid. Entry fees - Early student \$15; early team member \$20; early individual \$25; day of race \$30 (day of race, registration closes promptly at 7 a.m.) Race starts at 7:30 a.m. sharp. First 150 registered entrants guaranteed a Dri-fit T-shirt. Send entry name, gender, race you're doing, team name, address, phone number, age, shirt size and e-mail. Any lack of information will not be acceptable. Make check out to Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, 18 North Oak Avenue, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Awards for each race - 5K and 10K. Team awards will be presented for Most Creative Team and Team with Most Finishes. Proceeds from this new event will directly benefit the Miracle League for Highlands County as \$200 plus \$3 of each paid entry (more than 150) will be donated to this wonderful organization. Sponsored by Cohan Radio Group; CORA Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine; Delray Plants (sponsors of Miracle League shirts); Eastside Christian Church; Howard fertilizer and chemical; The Journal; Lake Placid Health Care Center; Wheeler Farms Inc.; Winn Dixie; and Party Dog Entertainment. For more information, contact Niki Gregor, event chair at 386-1300 or nregor@heartlandnb.com.

Sunrise Rotary Golf

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

SHS athletic posters

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

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Bowling for Grads

LAKE PLACID — "Bowling for Grads" will be at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 20. Cost \$15 per person, or \$40 for a team of four, (includes three games and shoes) at Coz's Sports Bar and Bowl, located at 800 U.S. 27 South in Lake Placid; phone number is 699-0925. This is a nine-pin no-tap bowling fundraiser, with 50/50s, raffles, silent auction, prizes and door prizes. Please send your information with check payable for number of entries, payable to Lake Placid Project Graduation and mail to: Project Graduation, P.O. Box 415, Lake Placid, FL 33862 or leave at Coz's bowling desk or bring at time of event. The information needed is Name, contact phone number, number of bowlers x \$15 = amount of check or Team of 4 = \$40. If you have any questions, contact Donna Stanley at (863) 441-4897 or Connie Miller at (863) 464-0515. Come out and support your Class of 2013 with a night of bowling, fun and prizes! Project Graduation is a celebration honoring the graduates the night of their graduation with a night of fun in a drug- and alcohol-free environment. *The school is neither endorsing or sponsoring this event nor approving or endorsing the views of the organization sponsoring the event. The school does not require you to attend or participate in this event.

Home run for Habitat 5K

SEBRING — Home run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday, June 1, at Highlands Hammock State Park. Check-in starts at 7 a.m.; race starts promptly at 8 a.m. Entry fee \$15 through May 24; \$20 after and until Race Day, June 1 (checks if mailed and cash on day of race). Shirt sizes can only be guaranteed for pre-registered participants. Age groups - eight and under; 9-13; 14-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70-70-plus. Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity and mail information (names, gender, race day age, address, phone number, e-mail address, event you're entering and T-shirt size) and check to: Highlands County Habitat for Humanity, 159 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring.

AP wins, Bulldogs on deck

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night, closing the gap to 4-3. But it wouldn't stay there long.

Three more were added by the Devils in the bottom of the frame, pushing it to 7-3, before the bats exploded in the fourth for eight runs to put this one away.

The win moved Avon Park to the tournament semifinal Tuesday against the top seeded DeSoto Bulldogs, who have beaten the Devils twice this season.

Back on March 5, starting pitcher Donovan Day stymied the Avon Park bats, allowing just two hits and striking out nine at DeSoto.

One month later, on Friday, April 5, Garrett Anderson was nearly as effective, allowing four hits and striking out eight in a 7-2 Bulldog win at Head Field.

A win would get Cornell's crew to the tournament final and assure a spot in the Class 4A State Playoffs, and with the offense seemingly back to its high-scoring ways, and with that three-game adage in mind, perhaps the Devils are due.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Josh Gomez throws across the infield on the run to retire a Mulberry batter in Avon Park's 15-3 win Monday night.

ACC schools agree to grant TV rights to league

By AARON BEARD
Associated Press

The Atlantic Coast Conference will retain the media rights of any school that chooses to leave the conference before 2027, essentially locking its schools into the league through the length of its current television deal.

The league said Monday that presidents of 15 current and soon-to-be member schools have agreed to and signed the deal, which is effective immediately and could slam the brakes on years of realignment around college athletics.

"In my opinion, any potential realignment of the Atlantic Coast Conference ended with this vote," Miami athletic director Blake James said. "Today was a great day for the league and for all the members of the league."

The decision applies to eventual new arrivals Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Notre Dame and Louisville.

Maryland, who has announced plans to leave for the Big Ten in 2014, wasn't included.

Awarding control of those TV rights — and, more importantly, the money that comes with them — to the league means that a school would have to leave its TV rights behind if it chose to go elsewhere.

Those rights would stay with the ACC, meaning the departing school wouldn't bring any added TV value to a new league's broadcast package and make it a less-desirable target for realignment purposes.

In short, if a school left, the ACC would still get the money that school generated through its television package, James said.

"The ACC gets that money," James said. "What we've done is everyone has given their rights to the conference outlets, for all media outlets, until 2027. Virtually you end any type of realignment involving the ACC, is how I look at it."

At the very least, the league has erected a taller fence to protect itself in the event of another wave of change.

The ACC is the fourth major conference to approve a grant of TV rights, joining the Big 12, Big Ten and Pac-12.

The Big 12 made a similar move last year after the departures of Texas A&M, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado.

It was widely regarded as a way to provide long-term stability to the 10-team league.

"This announcement further highlights the continued solidarity and commitment by our member institutions," ACC commissioner John Swofford said in a statement. "The Council of Presidents has shown tremendous leadership in insuring the ACC is extremely well-positioned with unlimited potential."

The move, first reported by The ACC Sports Journal, would be a promising sign of stability for the ACC, which had been besieged by rumors that some of its highest-profile members might consider following Maryland out the door and jumping leagues.

"I would describe it as a great strategic move by the league and its members to solidify our future," James said.

While its existing TV deal with ESPN runs through the 2026-27 season, the sides are updating that agreement due to expansion and the league is researching the creation of an ACC TV channel.

Duke men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski said the decision "secures the ACC's future, and thus Duke's, for years to come."

"It is one of the great days in the history of our conference as it shows the highest level of commitment — not by words, but by actions," Krzyzewski said in a statement.

Bubba Cunningham, the athletic director at North Carolina, said the grant of

rights "should put (conference) realignment on the shelf."

"These are strong and definitive moves by the ACC and its member schools to further announce our desire to stay together and position ourselves among the top conferences in the country," Cunningham said in a statement. "We look forward to continued talks with the ACC and ESPN on how to best strengthen and position our multi-media package."

The league will add Pittsburgh and Syracuse in all sports this summer, while Notre Dame will join in all league sports except football.

Louisville will replace Maryland in 2014.

"The added resources coming to the ACC schools will have a significant impact on the success of our athletic programs," Florida State president Eric J. Barron said in a statement. "We are also very pleased that we will be moving forward on the next phase of developing an ACC network. The vote of the ACC presidents will ensure that the conference will strengthen its position of leadership among Division I athletics."

The league had also twice raised its exit fee during recent waves of realignment, first to \$20 million in September 2011 when it announced the additions of Pitt and Syracuse from the Big East.

A year later, when the league said it would add Notre Dame, the league said it had increased the fees to three times the league's annual operation budget — which amounted to more than \$52.2 million when Maryland announced two months later that it planned to leave.

The ACC is currently suing Maryland for payment of that exit fee.

AP Sports Writer Joedy McCreary in Raleigh, N.C., and Tim Reynolds in Miami contributed to this report.

DaSilva to Dade

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into a Veterinary major.

And though she has a focused eye toward her future, she is definitely aware of what got her to this point.

"I am so thankful for my parents, my coaches and most of all my teammates, who are all pretty much family," DaSilva said. "Without them pushing me and being there when I needed them, I wouldn't be where I'm at."

Which is on the cusp of being a Miami-Dade Shark — who will certainly be well fed.



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE
Tayla DaSilva goes from being a Sebring Blue Streak to a Miami-Dade Shark.

College football considers options

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"It'd be a great opportunity for us and one that we would give it everything that we have as an organization to be the best. I'm anxiously awaiting that decision Wednesday."

The new postseason system will also get a name this week.

"It will be simple," Hancock said. "It will not be cutesy. And it will be descriptive. I've seen too

many people make mistakes by trying to be cutesy."

Also on the agenda will be the selection committee that will pick the final four.

The commissioners want a panel similar to the one that picks the field for the NCAA basketball tournament, composed of athletic directors and conference commissioners. They have also talked about having a former media member or two on the committee.

That won't be finished

this week, but Hancock hopes when the commissioners leave southern California, the selection committee will be the only major part of the new postseason plan still hanging.

"I know the commissioners are very interested in moving the needle on it," he said. "I'm sure it will get a fair amount of discussion."

AP Sports Writer Schuyler Dixon in Dallas contributed to this report.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions — and maybe a few actual answers



Getty Images for NASCAR-STREETER LECKA
Penske wants his teams (and his barber) to continue working in the gray area.

Is John Middlebrook sharpening his ax?

The grinder is humming. Let's review: Middlebrook is NASCAR's "chief appellate officer," a \$1-a-year gig that many figured came with nothing more than that heady title and a rubber stamp. He's the last line of appeals for a penalized team. If NASCAR's handpicked, three-person appeals board upholds a NASCAR penalty, a team can pay some more "court costs" and go to Middlebrook for a last-ditch try. It worked last year for Rick Hendrick's No. 48 team.

Will it work for Roger Penske's two teams?

It's a try, if necessary. Penske, at the IndyCar race in Long Beach last week, talked about teams working in the "gray area" of the rules, and how two people can view the gray in differing shades. He also said his team will "get a chance to have an unbiased panel look at it." As Roger should know, the panel is only deemed "unbiased" if it rules FOR you.

Speaking of Long Beach ...

That's right, A.J. Foyt's team is back in the Victory Lane. Foyt's new driver, Takuma Sato, won the Long Beach Grand Prix and gave A.J. his first win in 11 years. A.J., however, was in Texas awaiting back surgery (imagine A.J. with an ailing back!). Maybe it was the pain or maybe just A.J. being A.J. when he gushed about Sato: "We've had a lot of drivers, but none of them wanted to win. This boy wants to win." Among A.J.'s previous drivers — son Larry Foyt and grandson A.J. Foyt IV. Yep, Mr. Warmth endures.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



KYLE BUSCH VS. KANSAS SPEEDWAY: These two don't get along. Busch's average finish is 22.4 and he has three DNFs. Sunday Busch crashed and parked.

GODWIN KELLY GIVES HIS TAKE: "Every driver has a track where they struggle, but Kansas is getting to be a downright Busch bully."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Toyota Owners 400
SITE: Richmond, Va.
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (5p.m., noon and 2:30 p.m.); qualifying (5:35 p.m.). Saturday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 7 p.m., green flag at 7:44 p.m.)
TRACK: Richmond International Raceway (.75-mile, oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 400 laps, 300 miles
NATIONWIDE: ToyotaCare 250
SITE: Richmond, Va.
SCHEDULE: Friday, race (ESPN2, 7 p.m.)
TRACK: Richmond International Raceway (.75-mile, oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 250 laps, 187.5 miles

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



AP/STEVE SHEPPARD
The Officially Licensed Look of Tony Stewart so far in 2013.

Are the Penske folks fooling themselves heading into their appeal?

GODSPEAK: Anything can happen in a court of law, but this is the NASCAR appellate system, and the penalties that go in usually don't come out. **KEN'S CALL:** NASCAR can't afford to lose this one, so I'm guessing it won't. Appeal denied. I think.

Can Tony Stewart recover from his horrible start, or is this a long-term problem?

GODSPEAK: Don't worry about Stewart. He gets hot with the summer weather — or a Joey Logano block. **KEN'S CALL:** Aren't the Stewart-Haas cars supposed to be using Hendrick equipment? The delivery truck must've misplaced the horsepower.

ONLINE EXTRAS

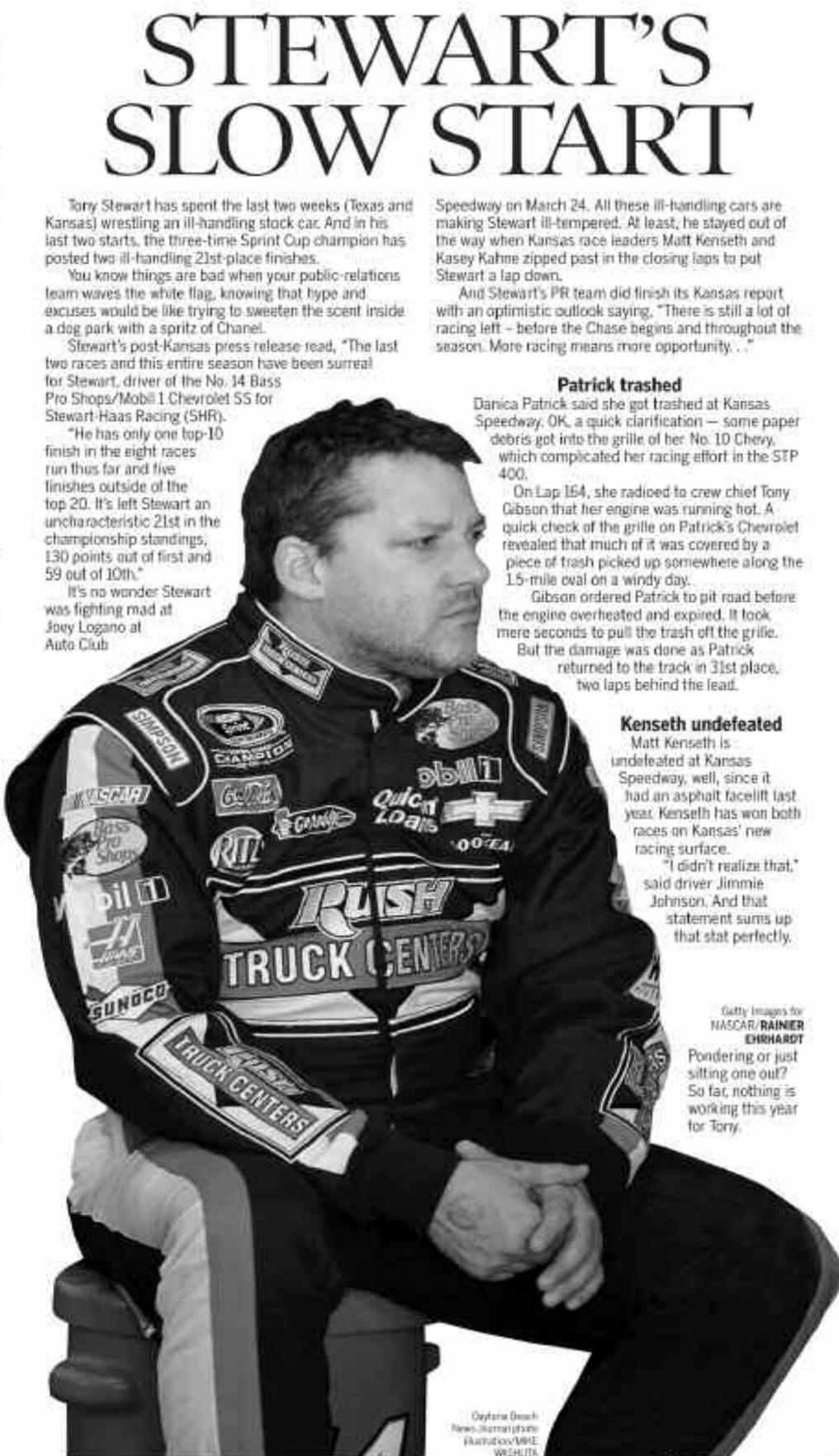
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SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

(after Kansas, race 8 of 36)

Rank	Driver	Points
1.	Jimmie Johnson	—
2.	Kasey Kahne	-37
3.	Brad Keselowski	-38
4.	Greg Biffle	-47
5.	Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-48
6.	Carl Edwards	-49
7.	Kyle Busch	-54
8.	Matt Kenseth	-59
9.	Clint Bowyer	-64
10.	Paul Menard	-71
11.	Jamie McMurray	-84
12.	Kevin Harvick	-87
13.	Aric Almirola	-89
14.	Martin Truex Jr.	-107
15.	Jeff Gordon	-109
16.	Mark Martin	-110
17.	Ryan Newman	-111
18.	R. Stenhouse Jr.	-115
19.	Marcos Ambrose	-118
20.	Joey Logano	-124
21.	Tony Stewart	-130
22.	Kurt Busch	-131
23.	Jeff Burton	-133
24.	Casey Mears	-142
25.	Danica Patrick	-157
26.	Denny Hamlin	-166
27.	Juan Montoya	-169



STEWART'S SLOW START

Tony Stewart has spent the last two weeks (Texas and Kansas) wrestling an ill-handling stock car. And in his last two starts, the three-time Sprint Cup champion has posted two ill-handling 21st-place finishes.

You know things are bad when your public-relations team waves the white flag, knowing that type and excuses would be like trying to sweeten the scent inside a dog park with a spritz of Chanel.

Stewart's post-Kansas press release read, "The last two races and this entire season have been surreal for Stewart, driver of the No. 14 Bass Pro Shops/Mobil 1 Chevrolet SS for Stewart-Haas Racing (SHR).

"He has only one top-10 finish in the eight races run thus far and five finishes outside of the top 20. It's left Stewart an uncharacteristic 21st in the championship standings, 130 points out of first and 59 out of 10th."

It's no wonder Stewart was fighting mad at Joey Logano at Auto Club

Speedway on March 24. All these ill-handling cars are making Stewart ill-tempered. At least, he stayed out of the way when Kansas race leaders Matt Kenseth and Kasey Kahne zipped past in the closing laps to put Stewart a lap down.

And Stewart's PR team did finish its Kansas report with an optimistic outlook saying, "There is still a lot of racing left — before the Chase begins and throughout the season. More racing means more opportunity..."

Patrick trashed

Danica Patrick said she got trashed at Kansas Speedway. OK, a quick clarification — some paper debris got into the grille of her No. 10 Chevy, which complicated her racing effort in the STP 400.

On Lap 164, she radioed to crew chief Tony Gibson that her engine was running hot. A quick check of the grille on Patrick's Chevrolet revealed that much of it was covered by a piece of trash picked up somewhere along the 1.5-mile oval on a windy day.

Gibson ordered Patrick to pit road before the engine overheated and expired. It took mere seconds to pull the trash off the grille.

But the damage was done as Patrick returned to the track in 31st place, two laps behind the lead.

Kenseth undefeated

Matt Kenseth is undefeated at Kansas Speedway, well, since it had an asphalt facelift last year. Kenseth has won both races on Kansas' new racing surface.

"I didn't realize that," said driver Jimmie Johnson. And that statement sums up that stat perfectly.

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Pondering or just sitting one out? So far, nothing is working this year for Tony.

GODWIN'S RICHMOND PICKS



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WINNER: Kevin Harvick
REST OF THE TOP FIVE: Brad Keselowski, Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Carl Edwards
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Jeff Burton

DARK HORSE: Kurt Busch
FIRST ONE OUT: Michael McDowell
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: You see several new faces emerge in the lead pack, led by a hard-charging, race-win-hungry Harvick.



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

Rank	Driver	Notes
1	Jimmie Johnson	Won't let Penske borrow appeal playbook
2	Matt Kenseth	Mr. Hunch likes him again this week
3	Kyle Busch	Hot streaks don't survive big crashes
4	Brad Keselowski	Overdue for a quiet week
5	Kasey Kahne	Adam Scott is your sister's new favorite
6	Greg Biffle	19th at Kansas was season's worst
7	Carl Edwards	Pop. of hometown (Columbia, Mo.) 108,500
8	Martin Truex	NAPA clerk finally found the horsepower
9	Clint Bowyer	Finishes 11th at Richmond this week
10	Jamie McMurray	"Steady" is a huge stride for him

KANSAS REWIND

Following the race, some "crash talking"

You have heard of trash talking. At Kansas Speedway after Sunday's STP 400 the drivers were "crash talking." Here's a sampling:

KYLE BUSCH, NO. 18 TOYOTA, 38TH

What happened that took you out of the race?
"Spun twice on our own. Just don't know what to do with Kansas."

Is there a lack of grip on the surface?

"Yeah, absolutely no grip for me anyways. But, you know, you're running third and doing line, car a little tight and you spin out. I don't know what to do with that, and then we're back in traffic all day.

Traffic is way worse. Just trying to get back up to the front and making some gains, but car just snaps out from you every corner."

JOEY LOGANO, NO. 22 FORD, 39TH

What happened?

"I watched the No. 18. He was spinning out, and I saw it the whole time. I saw he got loose and thought, 'OK, he's gonna come back across,' and he didn't. It looked like he was gonna stay up there because he kind of slapped the wall with the right side after he hit it the first time, so I'm like, 'Well right, I'm gonna gun it and get by him here.'

and as soon as I committed to that I saw him start coming back down. At that point you're just lined up to him and hit him a ton. It's just unfortunate for the AAA guys. They deserve better than that. We were working hard on getting our car better."

How are the conditions out there?

"This track is just so narrow right now. You can't move around. We were tight for the most part, trying to free it up, and then we put left sides on there and got really loose. I was trying to hold on for what we had, and I think there were a lot of guys around us that did the same thing and were really loose. We weren't having a good day as it

was, but you don't want to end up in the garage like this."

ELLIOTT SADLER, NO. 81 TOYOTA, 40TH

What happened that took you out of the race?

"We just got a little loose getting into Turn 3. The car was kind of darting around a little bit, and I was just kind fighting the steering of it some. Just came around on me too quick — just ended a lot shorter than I wanted to. Need to thank all the guys for their hard work and ALERT for coming on board. Not the day that they wanted to have here today."

Celebrations

Engagement



Addison Barnett and Savannah Taylor

Taylor-Barnett

Savannah Lee Taylor of Fort Meade is engaged to be married to Addison Melburn Barnett, also of Fort Meade.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Beverly Taylor of Sebring. The groom-elect is the son of Connally and Tina Barnett of Fort Meade.

The couple are planning a June 9, 2013 wedding.

Emerson Rae Eures

Births

Aaron and Katherine Eures of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Emerson Rae, at 7:39 p.m. on Feb. 24, 2013 at Winter Haven Regency.

Emerson weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ralph and Pat Dorn of Culpeper, Va. and Laura and Greg Rose of Sebring, Fla.

Paternal grandparents are Tim Eures of Sebring and Cindy Eures of Sebring.

Great-grandparents are Mariena Webb of Sebring, Helma and George Banister of St. Petersburg, Marlene Eures of Sebring and Patricia Crawford of

Sebring.

Sebastian Hernandez

Margarita Perez and Yasiel Hernandez of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Sebastian Yasiel Rangel, at 11:05 p.m. on April 17, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Sebastian weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Rebecca Perez and Roberto Martinez Perez.

Paternal grandparents are Juana Lopez and Omar Hernandez.

CELEBRATIONS GUIDELINES

The *News-Sun* publishes announcements about births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries on Wednesdays.

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Kopta

Army Pvt. Jacob Kopta has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayo-

Military News

net training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Kopta is the son of Jason Kopta of Avon Park.

He is a 2012 graduate of Avon Park High School.

Television

Pat Summitt's life chronicled in film 'Pat XO'

Will air on ESPN July 9

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pat Summitt smiled, laughed and shook her head at times.

The Hall of Fame coach, who has early onset dementia, was part of the audience watching a screening of a documentary about her career. "Pat XO."

"It's a wonderful film and they did a great job with it," Summitt told The Associated Press. "It was really incredible to see all those people share their stories."

The show is part of ESPN Films' Nine for IX documentary series. It debuted at the Tribeca Film Festival on Sunday and will air July 9.

Summitt's son, Tyler, was the lead storyteller, spending time with his mother on a couch in their home going through a scrapbook of her life. The film starts from Summitt's earliest days and goes through her retirement last April.

The 60-year-old former Tennessee coach acknowledged in her recently released book that at times she may not remember all the milestones of her career. This project will provide a reminder.

To tell Summitt's story, the filmmakers sent cameras to those who knew her best and had them record testimonials.

Former players Tamika Catchings, Chamique Holdsclaw, Michelle Marciniak and Candace Parker all told stories of their mentor. Longtime friends and rival coaches, including Connecticut's Geno Auriemma, also talk about Summitt.

"It was an honor to be a part of this film," Catchings wrote in an email. "For all that Pat has done and continues to do, it's a blessing to give back to her and celebrate the great things she has done on and off the court."

Catchings called the filming technique — using a camera to self-record her thoughts — "kind of a weird but neat concept."

"It's not hard to talk about someone who has helped mold me into the woman I am today," she said.

Marciniak and her parents recalled the famous story of a pregnant Summitt breaking water as she was paying a recruiting visit to their home. Summitt left the recruiting trip early and wouldn't let the plane land anywhere but Tennessee.

In one the most poignant moments, Summitt was talking to Tyler about having to step down from coaching last year. She called it the right thing to do.



Pat Summitt's hall-of-fame coaching career was cut short by early onset dementia.

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Clubs & Organizations

'Green' plants used for Founders Garden Club's arrangements

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Founders Garden Club held its April meeting at the home of Martha Williams. The program was presented by Pam Mooney from the Lake Placid Ridge Florist Shop and Jo Barnes from the Avon Park Ridge Florist Shop.

They presented several floral arrangements prepared by Nell Roberts from the Sebring Ridge Florist, using "green" plants. Plants in the arrangements all came from Roberts' yard.

Counting all of them as they were named, there were more than 32 "green" plants used, including an Irish rose.

Evelyn Delk received one of the arrangements.

During the business meeting that was called to order by President Betty Hannah, committee reports were given. Anita Helbig reported on the Yard Tour held on April 6.

The tour was very successful and those who attended are looking forward to next year's tour. Yards in the tour included the homes of Bill and Doris Hawthorne, Bryan and Corey Ackers, Terry and Dale O'Leary, Glenn and Debra Tower, and Gary and Coye Mann.

The club will be sponsoring two girls to go to Camp Wekiva. Fran Beers visited the camp during its open house and told the group about the set up of the camp and the activities that are available to the campers.

Betty Scott reported that



Evelyn Delk, member of the Avon Park Founders Garden Club, with the floral arrangement she received from Jo Barnes and Pam Mooney from Ridge Florist.

there are a limited amount of caladium bulbs still available.

Betty Hannah reminded the group about the District IX meeting on Wednesday, May 1 in Fort Myers.

It was moved and accepted that the club would pay the registration fee for two members to attend the meeting.

There will also be an infor-

mation sharing and planning meeting for officers and committee heads on Tuesday, May 14 in Fort Myers.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the next year.

The recommendation was that the current officers continue in their positions.

There being no other nominations made, the slate of

officers was approved. The officers for the 2013-14 year are: president, Betty Hannah; vice-president, Anita Helbig; secretary, Pam Johnson; and treasurer, Martha Williams.

The next meeting will be the installation luncheon planned for Thursday, May 9 at Florida Hospital Heartland Division.

VFW Post 4300, Home Depot join forces

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Sebring VFW Post 4300 has long been serving the veterans' needs and giving to the community, but thanks to the staff at Home Depot Sebring they have a new paint job as well.

This year when the Post went non smoking so all the members could enjoy Post 4300 on Lake Jackson it left a big problem for the Post — to clean up the nicotine left behind.

The VFW's first priority is its veterans and the programs of giving, which leaves little money for improvement. The clean up on nicotine and a paint job was an expense the Post was not prepared for.

True to the nature of Home Depot, they look out for the veterans all year with the 10 percent discount on sales to veterans as their way of saying thanks for the sacrifices as a military person. When they heard the Post needed help they jumped right in. Happy to hear the Post had gone non-smoking and knowing what a difference a good paint job would mean, Assistant Manager Ruth



Sebring VFW Post 4300 members and Home Depot team up to paint the Post after it became a non-smoking facility. Helping with the project were (back row) J.D. Baxter, Patti Willis, Billy Wernersbach, Ruth Knox, Robbie Adams, as well as (front row) Mike Norris, Dave Watkin and Darlene Watkin.

Knox set to work to make it happen.

Knox secured 16 gallons of paint as a donation from Home Depot and went even further by bringing along herself and Patti Willis, J.D. Baxter, Johnathan Adams, Robbie Rack and Patti's husband, Billy Wernersbach, to help.

In just one day, the Home Depot crew, along with Darlene and Dave Watkin, first vice Mike Norris, Gloria Williams, and Annie and Bob Ulmer, worked

together to give a three-color facelift to the whole lounge and dance area.

Chairman Darlene Watkin said, "It is just incredible that this wonderful chain and its employees believe in giving back to the community they do business in and especially helping fill the needs of a wonderful veterans organization such as the VFW. Working as good neighbors in any community makes that community strong."



Courtesy photo
Susie Escobar was named Teacher of the Month by the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club. She was presented her honor during the April Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Escobar named Teacher of the Month in LP

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Susie Escobar was awarded Teacher of the Month for the month of April at the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce luncheon held on April 10 at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center by the Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club. Escobar has been a resident of Lake Placid with her husband, Omar, since 1985. She has three adult sons, Derrall, Daniel and David who grew up in Lake Placid and one grandson, Logan.

Escobar graduated from Delta State University in Mississippi. After getting her bachelor's degree in education, she set out on an adventure by moving to Florida to teach at Belle Glade Christian School. She has been teaching at Lakeview Christian School for 20 years. She enjoys teaching fifth grade.

Her favorite subject to teach is history. She says, "I love helping students understand how the past relates to the present and to the future. We tie current

world events in with world history and Bible study."

She also uses the classics, films and books and the daily news headlines to help students visualize and understand different times and places.

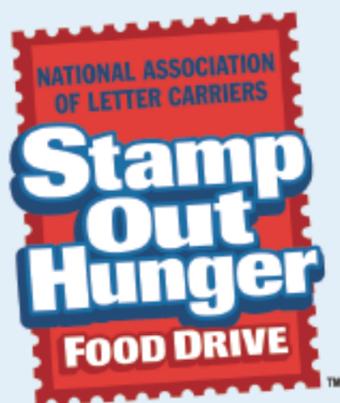
"I try to help students understand the 'why' behind the lesson: we talk about the practical reasons for the things we do, so that they will become enthusiastic and eager to learn. When they love learning, they strive to do their best and hopefully this will carry through as they move forward," she said. "I hope that when my students leave fifth grade they have become more responsible and are prepared for the next step — middle school!"

Besides her classroom responsibilities, Escobar takes the leadership in coordinating and arranging a school-wide musical each year. Students in all of the classes participate. This year, the Lakeview students did a musical that revealed the true meaning of Christmas.

Lake Placid Garden Club has hands-on meeting



Courtesy photo
On March 28, 14 Lake Placid Garden Club members and guests met at member Sharon Diaz's home for a plant study and a hands-on demonstration on making a rosemary topiary. Eight members stayed for the demonstration — Sharon Diaz (left), Marilyn Glasson, Carol Knopf, Alice Stahr, Marcia Price, Marsha Browning, Mary Flummer and demonstrator Sue Grady. All are encouraged to bring their creations to the club meeting in January.



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Clubs & Organizations

Forty and Eight still at work despite change

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – The Forty and Eight, in spite of their recent divorce from the American Legion, is still an up and going organization.

The local Voiture 899 and Cabane are meeting at 6 p.m. each second Tuesday of the month at the Moose Lodge in Avon Park.

Any veterans wanting to help, plus other veterans, are welcome to attend the meetings.

In addition to the assistance of several needy veterans in the past months, the Cabana has just completed the distribution of a number of lap robes crafted by

Alyce Cole and assisted by Grace Jackson.

The team located the vets who were being cared for at The Palms here in Sebring and presented them with the warmers.

They were assisted at the Palms by Nancy Hawk, director of Health Care.

The Forty and Eight are still few in number but full of ambition to help local veterans in need.

Members are financing the efforts by the returns of the second Sunday of the month dinners at the Moose Lodge directly across the street from Post 69 Legion Post.



Courtesy photo
40/8 Cabane members Alyce Cole, Nancy Hawk, and Grace Jackson visit with veteran Harold McCulley. The group helps several needy veterans in the area as well as distributes lap robes to area veterans such as McCulley.

'Santa' Schultz named Lake Placid Elk of the Month

Courtesy photo
Lake Placid Elks Lodge's Elk of the Month for April is not just the lodge's honorary Santa Clause but has a warm, friendly and positive nature. Tom Schultz is co-chairman of the new member investigation, chairman of the Elks National Foundation (ENF), as well as volunteers for Friday night fish fry and part of the breakfast crew.



Goin' Postal donates to Honor Flights

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — Goin' Postal Sebring presented a check to Sebring Sunrise Rotary Club on Thursday morning for \$348 to help support the Honor Flight Program.

Co-owner Gale Decker said Goin' Postal has an ongoing used book sale with all proceeds going to the honor flights.

"We have a large selection of both hardback and paperback books to choose from and we encourage everyone to come in and help support our honored veterans. Our World War II veterans are part of our nation's greatest generation and we, at Goin' Postal, are extremely proud to a part of a program that honors their service to our country. We want to help as many of our World War II veterans visit their memorial in Washington D.C as possible," Decker said.

On May 4, Sebring Sunrise Rotary Club, in partnership with the other six other Highlands County Rotary clubs and the Hardee County club, is sending 37 veterans and their guardians to Washington D.C. to visit their World War II memorial. The veterans will depart from the Agri-Civic Center on George Boulevard around 4:45 a.m. to Fort Myers where they will board a plane for Washington, returning late that same evening.

Goin' Postal also participates in several other veteran and military related programs. They collect cash donations and toiletries for the Fisher House, which offers free lodging for the families of wounded active military and veterans while they are in the hospital. Decker said there are now three Fisher Houses in Florida – one at James Haley Medical Center, one at Bay Pines Medical Center and the other in West Palm Beach.

Additionally, Goin' Postal participates in the national Cell Phones for Soldiers program where they collect used cell phones and ship them to a company that resells them or uses them for parts. The money is then used to purchase pre-paid calling cards for members of our nation's military. Being a pack and ship store, Decker said the program works really well because they include the calling cards, free of charge, in any package that they ship

to a member of the armed forces stationed in a war zone.

Year to date, Goin' Postal has contributed a total of \$1,540 to the Honor Flight Program, thanks to their valued and caring customers. Additional information on any of these valued programs can be found at Honorflight.org, Fisherhouse.org or cell-phonesforsoldiers.com, or call Goin' Postal at 386-4646.



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Gale Decker, co-owner of Goin' Postal Sebring, presents a check to Kim Heintz, member of Sebring the Sunrise Rotary Club and Honor Flight chairman for the club.

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Clubs & Organizations

LP Woman's Club presents scholarship to Severance

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID — The GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club is pleased to announce that Elisabeth (Ellie) Severance is the recipient of a \$3K GFWC Florida scholarship.

The statewide Woman's Club program offered 10 such opportunities to senior girls graduating from a Florida public high school and women who needed continuing education or training for work. Severance's application was one of 10 chosen from 210 submitted to the federation.

Severance has been accepted to Florida Gulf Coast University where she will pursue a bachelor's in Resort and Hospitality Management.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, was marshall for the 2012 baccalaureate and graduation, listed on the South Florida State College's President's List and the LPHS Principal's 4.0 Honor Roll.

Severance holds many extracurricular and community interests. At present, she is a dance assistant at Amy's School of Dance and responsible for updating the First

Presbyterian Church's website and compiling visual media. She has worked at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center, been the LPHS track team statistician, a tutor and a teacher's aid.

On April 13, Severance and her proud parents attended the GFWC Florida Federation of Women's Clubs 118th Annual Convention in Orlando.

During Saturday night's banquet, the 10 scholarship winners were honored and tens of thousands of dollars was presented to GFWC FL charities.

Friends & Neighbors

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID — Monday morning coffee was made and hosted by Ruth Ann and Don Walls. They served doughnuts, which they and Peggy Sue Teague furnished. We also were blessed with homemade cinnamon rolls made by Pat Loritz in honor of her son's birthday, Brent Loritz. Peggy Sue Teague introduced Jorge from the blood mobile to let donors know that he was in the park.

Peggy Sue Teague announced the names of the birthday people this week so we sang Happy Birthday to Art Schoening and Brent Loritz, as Ruth Ann Walls played the piano. Carol Noel, our Sunshine person, stated that Ralph Chamberlain, Richard Gingrich, Mary Grote and Betty Beaupre need our prayers and visits. Joan Rau announced that the Memorial luncheon for Rem Hunnewell will take place at 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 17.

Brenda Knoche introduced our guest Ingra Gardner, the executive director of Nu-Hope Elder Care Services. Brenda Knoche then told about all the projects that we Nu-Hope Ladies have carried on during the year and thanks to the participating residents in the park, we raised this money for Nu-Hope. Brenda then presented Ingra Gardner with a check of \$1,700.

Emily Snyder asked people to please come out and play shuffleboard. If you don't know how, they would gladly teach you. They need more players especially since so many people have gone north.

Derek and Marysue Willeke's family surprised Derek with a visit for his 75th birthday party. Family attending were: from Lima, Ohio area, son, Scott; daughter, Tracie and son-in-law Brian Schick; granddaughter, Jenna Willeke. From Shelby Township, Mich. were son and daughter-in-law Lance

and Carolyn; and from Iola, granddaughter Kali. Also surprising him was a good friend from Lake Worth, Art Kenny.

Thursday, April 11, the Red Hatters with guests had the pleasure of visiting the "Center for Great Apes Sanctuary" in Wauchula. It was truly an amazing place to visit. The Chimpanzees and Orangutans all live in a beautiful tropical forest surrounding on 120 acres of land. It was such a pleasure to watch them in their natural surroundings. We were given a special tour which was so informative by a volunteer who happens to be a resident of Tropical Harbor. The Center for Great Apes is a private non-profit 501(C)3 Sanctuary that is not open to the public. Visit www.Centerforgreatapes.org for information about the center and the 45 resident apes.

The Harbor Lites Book Club had its last meeting Thursday evening. All members received their summer reading list for 2013. The list includes 21 books which should keep us busy reading this summer. The book for our first meeting this fall is, "Defending Jacob" by William Landay. Donna Skultety and Kendall Kilbride are getting married next week, so a wedding cake in their honor was served.

April 14 was the Military Soup and Sandwich dinner. More than 100 came and enjoyed the Reuben sandwiches and homemade soups. On behalf of the committee, they want to thank everyone for your continued support.

Evelyn Guiney's thoughts after a special weekend - Relay For Life is near and dear to my heart. This year I was lucky enough to walk for Tropical Harbor also in the Lake Placid Relay and this weekend the Dr. Phillips' Relay in Orlando. My grandson, Kyle Marman, has been a team captain for several years as his brother, Colin, was until he went to college at Auburn. My

daughter, Janet Marman, has been an adult sponsor for many years. The Dr. Phillips Relay has raised more than a million dollars in the 10 years they've participated in the Relay. I am grateful to Jim and Carole Gray for providing transportation to and from Orlando.

We were sorry to read about Wyatt's death. At our National Night Out we all enjoyed the presence of this big Bloodhound, Senior K-9. He won all our hearts.

Tuesday morning Ladies Coffee was made by Marilyn Cromer. We were also welcome to help ourselves to doughnuts and brownies. We sang Happy Birthday to Jean Chittenden, Marilyn Christensen and Marilyn Cromer. We had guests this morning, Bonnie Allen from Missouri and Marge Perry's daughter, Diann Jesson, from North Carolina. Marilyn called our attention to the carry-in dinner on Thursday, April 25. May is coming up and so is Mother's Day dinner on Sunday, May 12.

The Ladies Lunch out was held at Michael's at Spring Lake Golf Resort. The hostesses were Paula Bannister and Doris True. Some 40 women came to enjoy the day. Most brought their decorated birdhouses. It was amazing to see how pretty the houses were decorated and it was hard to pick a winner. Sandy Rybacki and Barbara Sweed won the honors.

The Remsen Hunnewell Memorial service and lunch was at 1 p.m., Wednesday. Everyone offered Marge Perry their condolences. We met Marge Perry's daughter, Diann Jesson and grandson, Joseph Jesson; Rem's sons, Donald Hunnewell and Remsen Hunnewell Jr. Friends from Tropical Harbor were present. Ruth Pilgun gave a reading and said Grace. Jean Rau invited everyone to come and eat. The Memorial Committee set a lovely table for the luncheon.

"Think of five things you are grateful for today ... Now, how do you feel?"

TOPS FL Club 487

SEBRING — The meeting was called to order by leader Judy Phillips, with 16 TOPS and seven KOPS giving their pledges. A new song, directed by Carolyn Patterson, to the tune of "Ruben, Rachel," was sung. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Yes-yes's for the week are water, exercise, a new one - I will lose faster, without fast food and another DIET - Did I eat today?

The 25-cent contest had 23 members in and 15 receiving 40 cents. The 10-cent contest was won by Marge Kingston, who received \$2.40. The gift box is now being held by Carolee Kent, three more weeks to go. Maryann Turkett removed one layer of paper, finding more to unwrap.

Roll call had the chapter gaining 18 pounds, losing 10 pounds, for a new gain of eight pounds. The program for the week was from the members who

Snapshots

recently attended SRD. They discussed the things that impressed them, some of the things that gave them inspiration, the new charms were passed out.

TOPS 487 meets on Wednesday morning at Whispering Pines Baptist Church. Weigh-in starts at 9 a.m., with the meeting following. If you would like more information about the meeting, call the church at 382-6265.

TOPS FL Club 632

LAKE PLACID — The TOPS Club meets every Monday at the Woman's Clubhouse on Main Street in Lake Placid. Weigh in is between 3-3:45 p.m., chair exercises are at 3:45 p.m. and the meeting is at 4 p.m. For more information contact Judy O'Boyle at 260-0831.

The meeting started with Ethel Emanuel leading the TOPS song, which is a very active little ditty, and the "Hokey Pokey".

Bernice Lambert gave

the program on the Good, Bad and Ugly, where you have to be honest with yourself by writing down not only food intake but how you're feeling. O'Boyle suggested members start a stress diary along with the food journal, as it had been a stressful week.

Karen Goodwin gave roll call. It was another week of a net loss.

The chapter, out of 15 weeks since Jan. 4, has only gained five of those weeks. Lori Roulette was best loser.

The travel gift was lost and Faye Nutt is going to try for four weeks to lose.

The yes-yeses this week are chicken and keep a food and emotions journal. The no-no is cake.

The ladies who attended the SRD conference in Punta Gorda gave a brief report with hats and banners displayed.

Joan Dunn, Barbara Huff and Beverly Dittmar received their KOPS in Black rewards and the meeting was concluded with "Hand in Hand."

Lake Placid Elks welcome new members



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Lake Placid Elks Lodge wishes to welcome aboard new members to the lodge - Ralph Musal (from left), Nicolas Reed, and Raymond Rongley.

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Rum plays up — and ignores — its Caribbean roots

Associated Press

MIAMI — When you're talking about rum, how much does the Caribbean really matter?

For the rum world, it's a more serious question than it sounds, and the answer exposes a schism in the industry, a divide between massive producers who value uniformity in a global market and smaller players and connoisseurs who prefer nuanced production that reflects the time and place a rum is made.

A walk down the rum aisle of a liquor store sees this played out. While major companies like Pernod Ricard might acknowledge that its Malibu is a "Caribbean rum" and has notes of coconut flavor, you won't find specifics beyond that. Likewise, Diageo's Captain Morgan doesn't indicate which island port its jaunty pirate logo calls home.

That's because the largest liquor companies have realized it's not critical to promote their rums' origins in their global branding, says Arun Sharma, professor of marketing at the University of Miami School of Business Administration. That allows them flexibility to produce their spirits where they need to meet demand on the mass market.

"The brand is more important than where it's produced," Sharma said.

At Bacardi, which sells more than 18 million cases of rum worldwide each year, consistency and quality are paramount, even as it expands its offerings of flavored, spiced and premium rums.

"Our marketing approach and advertising hasn't really focused on the Caribbean. ... It's a lifestyle. It's a way of life," said Bacardi brand master David Cid.

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Rum usually calls to mind images like Cadet Biene draining a barrel of Barbancourt Rum into a bucket outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti. But a lot of rum, such as Richland (far right) is produced outside the Caribbean in places like Georgia.

Except that rums can vary greatly based on where and how they are produced, something aficionados have long known and smaller producers have begun promoting as a way to distinguish themselves. Cuba and Puerto Rico have lighter, more delicate rums; Jamaica veers to the full-bodied, darker liquors; and Haiti is known for the cognac-like flavor of its Rhum Barbancourt.

Blue Chair Bay Rum, which country music star Kenny Chesney is launching this spring, is a good example. Chesney chose a distiller in Barbados specifically to infuse the spirit with an authenticity he sought to represent his love for the island lifestyle, says CEO Mark Montgomery.

And as rum sales grow, you can expect to see more of that. Fueled by a cocktail revival on the food scene — as well as prominent billing on TV shows like "Mad Men" — liquors captured more than a third of the alcoholic beverage market last year, including sales of 25.5 million cases of rum in the U.S. alone, a 2.5 percent jump over the year before. Flavored and spiced rums account for more than half of that total.

"Every island in the Caribbean, every country in Central and South America

makes 'the best rum in the world.' There's a lot of pride in rum," says Robert A. Burr, organizer of the Miami Rum Renaissance Festival that opens to industry professionals and the public this weekend.

"Every country has some sort of different history, equipment, preference. But now we're in much more of a global world where it's easier to try other people's rum."

Of course, that information isn't always obvious. Rum can be tricky for drinkers to figure out because it can be produced anywhere, unlike Scotch whisky that by definition comes from in Scotland, says Bernhard Schafer, a professional spirits judge participating in the Miami rum festival.

At a pre-festival tasting this week, rums from Ireland, Colorado, the Philippines, Florida and New Zealand mingled with offerings from Barbados, St. Barths and Panama. Aside from noting the country of origin, none of the labels referenced the Caribbean. And the rum from Panama — called Ron de Jeremy, a play on the Spanish word for rum — had a different association in mind ... A portrait of adult film star Ron Jeremy is on the label.

The growing variety of rums in the marketplace should assuage the fears of anyone who's been avoiding rum since, perhaps, an ill-advised bender in college, said Rob V.

The brand is more important than where it's produced.

Arun Sharma professor of marketing, University of Miami



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Entertainment

Streisand feted by Clinton, Minnelli and friends

By JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer
NEW YORK — “Ever since I can remember,” Barbra Streisand told a crowd at Lincoln Center Monday night, “people have been calling me bossy and opinionated.”

She continued: “Maybe that’s because I am. Three cheers for bossy women!” The crowd roared.

Of course, the crowd — which included the singer’s friends, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, was roaring at pretty much anything connected to her all evening, as the legend of song and screen was honored for her film career with the 40th annual Chaplin Award from the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

The Streisand fans especially loved the film highlights, which covered everything from “Funny Girl” and “The Way We Were” to “The Owl and the Pussycat,” “What’s Up, Doc?” and “Meet the Fockers.”

And then there was “Yentl” — the first Hollywood movie to be directed, produced, written and starred in by a woman, as the crowd was reminded. Streisand spoke of how

Every great person is driven. But if that person has massive talent, big brains and a bigger heart, you want to go along for the ride.

Bill Clinton
former president

hard it was to get funding to make the film. Producers, it seemed, weren’t as passionate as she was about the tale of a Jewish girl in Eastern Europe who so longed to study the Talmud that she disguised herself as a boy. It was only when Streisand agreed to turn the movie into a musical — and most importantly, sing in it herself — that she was able to go ahead with the project.

“It’s funny how things always come back to music,” she said. “How it saves me.”

Streisand, who turns 71 this week, is one of the few entertainers to have won Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony awards. Although she is perhaps most loved for her beautiful singing voice, she told the audience that as a

young child, what she wanted most was to be an actress. But nobody really wanted “a 15-year-old Medea,” she noted. “Thank God I was given a good voice,” she said, explaining how her singing opened the doors to acting.

For the awards gala, which raised \$2 million for the film society — twice the previous high amount for the annual event — Streisand was serenaded by Wynton Marsalis on trumpet, by Liza Minnelli, and by Tony Bennett, who closed the show with the song, “Smile,” fittingly a Charlie Chaplin song. Also appearing onstage to praise their friend and colleague were Michael Douglas, Catherine Deneuve (last year’s honoree), Amy Irving, Blythe Danner, George Segal, Ben Stiller, Pierce Brosnan and Kris Kristofferson.

It was Bill Clinton, though, who got the last word — before Streisand, that is — praising the singer as driven, in the best way.

“Every great person is driven,” the former president said. “But if that person has massive talent, big brains and a bigger heart, you want to go along for the ride.”

Woodstock singer Havens, 72, dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Richie Havens, the folk singer and guitarist who was the first performer at Woodstock, died Monday. He was 72.

Havens died of a heart attack in New Jersey, his family said in a statement. He was born in Brooklyn.

Havens was known for his crafty guitar work and cover songs, including his well-

received cover of Bob Dylan’s “Just Like a Woman.” His performance at the three-day 1969 Woodstock Festival, where headliners included Jimi Hendrix, was a turning point in his career. He was the first act to hit the stage, performing for nearly three hours. His performance of “Freedom” — based from the spiritual “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child” — became an anthem.

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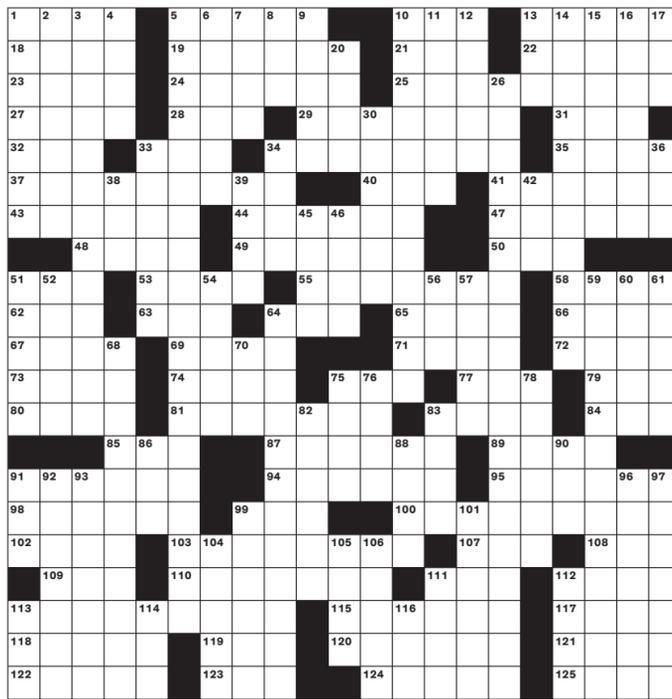
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Is your bedroom a junk yard?

Are you still trying to sleep in the midst of a junk yard? You know exactly what I am talking about. Your bedroom.

Over time it has become the graveyard for things that have no home. It is time for you to purge these things from your bedroom. I want your bedroom to be a haven for you each evening when you put your head on your pillow.

Clutter in your room is not conducive to peaceful rest. If you are still having a hard time tossing out this stuff, then go to our website and check out all the messages from your sisters. They have shared with us their UFOs from your bedroom: Ugly, funny and old items that were stealing their peace.

There is probably a pretty good chance that you will identify with at least one of those UFOs. If you do, then go toss it now. Just one item. You can do it.

Some of you have been obsessing about our zones. Quit. If you try to do too much too fast you will get tired and burn out. Our goal is to set up routines and stick to them. Not a spotless house.

This will be the result of our goal. Zone 4 is our master bedrooms, bath and closet. If you don’t have a bath, consider yourself lucky.

I want you to ask yourself a few questions about this room in your home.

1. Do you sleep here?
2. Do you want the room to be restful and inviting?
3. Do you want to get up in the night and not bump into things.
4. Do you have trouble closing your drawers?
5. Can you find the clothes you are looking for?
6. Do things fall off the closet shelf and hit you?
7. Are you afraid to look under the bed?
8. Are clothes piled on the ceiling on the chair in the corner?
9. Is your cedar chest filled with stuff you will never wear again?
10. Can you walk between the bed and the wall?
11. Do you have to crawl into bed from the foot of the bed?
12. Is stuff piled so high on the dressers and nightstands that you forgot what



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Leanne Ely

they look like?

13. Are the cobwebs becoming moth collectors?
14. Are the dust bunnies reproducing in the corners and under the bed?
15. Can you see out your bedroom windows?
16. Can you close your closet door?
17. Have the spiders decided to winter over behind your bed?
18. If you open the drapes does the room fog up from the dust in them?
19. Do you know what color your carpet really is?

Now that you have asked yourself these questions, I can hear you saying, where do I start?

First I want you to realize that this is an on-going process. You may or you may not get the whole room cleaned. That is not our objective. We are focusing on our bedroom this week and anything you do in this room will be an improvement over the way it was last week.

Each month we put this room first in our minds.

All I am asking is that you do a little bit each day; 15 minutes, 30 minutes, I don’t care. You can even do the 27 Fling Boogie. Just do something every day.

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Kitties vs. puppies: Some games take points to win, others just take fans

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It’s a Super Bowl matchup for the ages: cats vs. dogs.

The Puppy Bowl, a fixture on Animal Planet during the Super Bowl for nearly a decade, will have new competition next year from the Kitten Bowl, the Hallmark Channel announced this month.

“We would like to own the day,” said Bill Abbott, president and CEO of Crown Media Family Networks, which is home to the Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movie Channel.

“Copycats,” chided Animal Planet in a statement.

Battle for supreme cuteness to take to the air Super Bowl Sunday

Win or lose in the ratings, all the animals stand to benefit. Hallmark will use between 50 and 100 kittens from animal shelters around the country, and Abbott vowed to place each one in a home.

Animal Planet placed every dog and cat on this year’s show — 63 puppies and 21 kittens. (Cats serve as halftime entertainment for the two-hour Puppy Bowl.)

The annual Puppy Bowl has a football theme, with the dogs scoring “touch-

downs” if they cross a goal line with a chew toy.

Kittens in the Kitten Bowl will compete on an agility course set up with hurdles, scratchers, tunnels, hoops and weave poles. Laser pointers and toys on strings will be used to entice the kittens.

Judges will look at each kitten’s ability to cuddle and win the hearts of viewers.

The show is part of Hallmark’s Pet Project Initiative and will be done with a partner, the American

Humane Association.

Is the showdown between puppies and kitties on different cable channels likely to answer the age-old question about which one is the most popular?

Well, there are cat people and there are dog people. And then there are people like Ana Bustilloz at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles.

This year, a record 12.4 million people watched during the 12-hour Puppy Bowl X broadcast. By comparison, the Super Bowl was watched by 108.4 million people to become the third most watched show in TV history.

Aggressive girls put teen boy in state

Dear Abby: My son is a tall, strikingly handsome teenager, although somewhat shy. Our problem is that his looks attract the wrong kind of attention from aggressive girls, and it’s getting worse every year.

He and his 14-year-old sister went out to eat after school yesterday, and when they returned it was obvious my son was upset and his sister was furious. She said a group of college girls at a table next to them were teasing and taunting my son with blatantly sexual propositions. They went so far as to touch him suggestively as they got up to leave.

I’m sure they got the physical response from him they wanted; he is only 17, after all. But he was clearly angry, embarrassed and ashamed. He said he felt trapped and didn’t know what to do.

The sexual harassment of

young men is often laughed off with a wink and a nudge, but it isn’t funny. It can be as painful and damaging to men as to women. Furthermore, my son is a minor, and I suspect the college girls were adults, if the beer on the table was any indication.

I am trying to raise my son to respect women and to be a decent man, husband and father someday, but frankly, I’m at a loss as to how to help him handle this type of sexual aggressiveness from girls. Do you or any of your readers have any suggestions?

— Shocked Mom in Tennessee

Dear Mom: I can see why your son and daughter were upset. He was not only sexually harassed by those young women, but when they put their hands on him, he was assaulted. When the teasing escalated, he and his sister



Dear Abby

should have changed tables or left the restaurant.

If your son’s father is in the picture, he should discuss the incident with your son. If that’s not possible, another adult male should help him understand that his arousal was normal and nothing to be ashamed of. I am sure my male readers will also want to weigh in on your letter because what happened to your son was outrageous.

Dear Abby: I recently bought a used car for myself. It is exotic, and my wife and

I really like it. She’s upset with me, however, because I won’t let her drive it unless I’m in the car. I bought it with the intent for us to enjoy it, but I am also concerned with keeping it in good shape.

Because my wife is unhappy, I am undecided about whether to keep the car and stick to my guns, or sell it and live life simply and unfettered. We share everything, but the car is one thing that needs careful attention. Can you give me some advice?

— Doesn’t Want it Dented in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Dear Doesn’t Want it Dented: Let’s be honest. On one hand, you say you bought the car for yourself, and on the other, you say you bought it for both of you to enjoy. You can’t have it both ways, so which is it?

I think the time has come to confess to your wife that

even though you said the car was for both of you, it’s really your baby. Then make it up to her by buying her that special something she has always wished for.

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Barbra Streisand

an uncommon icon

It was 50 years ago when then 20-year-old Barbra Streisand hit the charts for the first time with what was aptly named "The Barbra Streisand Album." Half a century later, the multi-faceted star has become an icon, a testament to the power of chutzpah, candor and commitment. Mix passion, boldness and originality — with a dash of perfectionism and a hint of that quintessential "Funny Girl" spirit — and you get Streisand, a singer/actress/director/film-producer/writer and, above all, woman, whose achievements transcend time and the masses.

— Karen Mawdsley, McClatchy-Tribune Information Services

- actress
- singer
- director
- writer
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Barbara Joan Streisand started as an underdog in Brooklyn. Her birth father died when she was 16 months old. Her mom said she was too thin. Her stepdad said she was ugly. Her mother wanted her to become a secretary — to resist, she grew her fingernails long — but the highly driven youngster wanted to become a singer.

At 18, she won a talent contest at a Greenwich Village club, where she developed a gay following (and dropped the middle "a" from her name to make it more distinctive). The boys loved the young woman with the imperfect face, unloving family and throbbingly emotional voice. The buzz brought Broadway impresarios and songwriters such as Harold Arlen and Cole Porter to check her out.

She signed with Columbia Records in 1962 and snared the Grammy for album of the year for her debut, "The Barbra Streisand Album." A year later, at 21, she became an overnight sensation in the Broadway musical "Funny Girl." It told the story of burlesque queen Fanny Brice, a comedienne with prominent Yiddish flavor in an era of ethnic humor. Right away, this role

"I arrived in Hollywood without having my nose fixed, my teeth capped, or my name changed. That is very gratifying to me."

— Barbra Streisand

endeared Streisand, who never hid her religion, her ethnic nose or her Brooklyn accent, to Jewish people.

Like the Beatles, she had an amazing run of success in the 1960s, releasing 13 albums in seven years, and being awarded a Tony as Broadway's star of the decade. She grabbed an Oscar in 1968 as best actress for her first film, "Funny Girl." Star turns in the comedy "The Owl and the Pussycat" and the movie version of "Hello Dolly" followed. She also had top-rated TV specials —

including a '67 concert at Central Park where she developed her famous stage fright after forgetting the words to a few songs.

In 1969 she got her feet wet in politics, performing at a rally/fundraiser for New York Mayor John Lindsay, a Republican seeking his second term. But she became a staunch supporter of the Democrats, starting with George McGovern's 1972 presidential bid and perhaps peaking as the most famous FOB (Friend of Bill Clinton) who stayed at the White House.

She may have finally conquered her stage fright, but Streisand won't find it so easy to shake her reputation as a control freak. Call her meticulous — or call her the B-word — but she is known in Hollywood as a megalomaniac.

Christopher Andersen's recent book "Barbra: The Way She Is" paints Streisand as fiercely insistent upon creative control over all her projects, often clashing with directors and fellow actors and demanding more close-up shots of herself. "She was downright rude," an assistant director on "Funny Girl" told Andersen.

Many of these iconic images of Streisand converged in the 1983 film "Yentl," for which she became the first woman since the silent-movie era to write, direct, produce and star in a film. The reality check: How plausible was it for a 41-year-old to play a teen girl who dresses like a boy in order to study at a Jewish school?

After 1996's "The Mirror Has Two Faces" — her third and last picture as a director — she took a pause from active filming, until returning to the silver screen as the sex therapist mother in Ben Stiller's "Fockers" films (2004 and a sequel in 2010). And this past fall she had a starring role in "Guilt Trip," a mother/son road trip movie, co-starring Seth Rogen.

As for that impossibly famous voice, since the late 1960s she has shied away from performing concerts, conducting only a few extended tours — 1994, 2006 and the current Barbra Live tour that started in the fall in North America and continues in Europe and the Middle East in June.

Yes, she is a diva's diva.

— Jon Bream, Star Tribune, Minneapolis

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'Memories'

1940s "A Star Is Born"



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1943

Streisand's father, a high school English teacher, dies and family falls onto hard times. Mother remarries Louis Kind



1950s "As Time Goes By"



Streisand's half-sister, Rosalind, is born.

1952

Attends Bais Yakov School in Brooklyn and sings in the school choir.

1959

Graduates at the age of 16, fourth in her class.

Attends Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn and begins traveling to New York City for acting classes.

1960s "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows"

1960

Moves to New York City. Embarks on a career as a cabaret singer. Changes name from Barbara to Barbra

1961

Makes her TV debut on "The Jack Paar Show"



1963

Releases first album, "The Barbra Streisand Album" which wins two Grammy Awards

1964

Marries fellow actor Elliott Gould

Signs with Columbia Records. Makes Broadway debut in "I Can Get It for You Wholesale" winning the New York Drama Critics Award and receives a Tony nomination for her performance



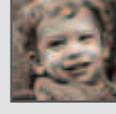
"My Name is Barbra" is the first of several CBS television special and receives five Emmys

1965

Stars in the Broadway musical "Funny Girl"



1966



Gives birth to Jason Emanuel Gould

Appears on the cover of "Time" and "Life" magazines

1968

Wins Academy Award and Golden Globe for performance in film version "Funny Girl"

1970s "Don't Rain On My Parade"

1972

Starts her own production company, Barwood Films

1971

Divorces Elliott Gould

Through the 70s Streisand wins three AGVA Georgie Awards, one People's Choice Award, three Grammys, four Henrietta World Film Favorite awards, one Academy Award and two Golden Globe Awards

1973



"The Way We Were" (from the movie of the same name) is Streisand's first No. 1 single; she continues to have a string of hits including: "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" with Neil Diamond, "No More Tears (Enough is Enough)" with Donna Summer and "The Main Event"

1977

"Evergreen" from the movie "A Star Is Born" wins Academy Award for Best Original Song



1980s "All the Things You Are"

1980

"Guilty" is released, Streisand's best-selling album written and produced by Barry Gibb of the Bee Gees

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1983

Makes directorial debut with "Yentl" garnering five Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe Awards (Best Director and Best Picture) plus a Top 10 soundtrack



1990s "Come Rain or Come Shine"

1992

Awarded Grammy Legend Award

1991

Directs "Prince of Tides," receiving seven Academy Award nominations and a nomination from the Directors Guild of America

1994



Returned to the concert stage after 27-years: tour generates over \$10 million for charity. Awarded Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award

1996

Directs "The Mirror Has Two Faces"

1998

Marries actor James Brolin



2000s "You're the Top"

2000



Wins Golden Globe Cecil B. DeMille Award for Lifetime Achievement

2006

Inducted into Grammy Hall of Fame. "Meet the Fockers" is released

2010s "Happy Days Are Here Again"

2012

"Barbra Live" is her sixth concert tour

2013

"The Barbra Streisand Album" turns 50

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What's Cooking

Sweet Celebrations



FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or an everyday moment, ice cream treats are always welcome on the menu. These sweet recipes are sure to make any occasion a little more fun.

Fried Ice Cream Sticks: Developed by innovative baking master and Blue Bunny ice cream flavor creator Chef Duff Goldman, this recipe really takes the cake. These bite-sized desserts are frozen and fried ice cream deliciousness on a stick.

Fruit Salsa Sundaes: Warm glazed fruit with a subtle hint of cumin give ice cream banana splits a new flair.

Cool Party Cubes: Kids of all ages will love this fun way to eat birthday cake — any day of the year.

Find more sweet ways to celebrate everyday moments or special occasions at www.BlueBunny.com.

Cool Party Cubes

Prep Time: 30 minutes, at least 1 hour freeze time
Makes: 4 servings

- 2 squares (2 ounces) white chocolate baking squares
- 1/2 cup prepared vanilla frosting
- 4 Blue Bunny Premium Birthday Party Ice Cream Sandwiches
- 2 medium firm kiwi, peeled
- 1 3/4 cups halved small strawberries (or large strawberries cut into chunks)
- 3/4 cup fresh blueberries
- 3 tablespoons peach preserves (pineapple, mango or apricot could be substituted)

Grate or shred white chocolate with box grater onto large plate. Thinly spread frosting on one side of one ice cream sandwich, keeping remaining sandwiches in freezer. Press frosting side into white chocolate, spread frosting on unfrosted side; turn and press into white chocolate.

Return to freezer; repeat with remaining ice cream sandwiches. Freeze at least 1 hour, until solid. (May be kept covered in freezer overnight.)

Thirty minutes before serving, cut kiwi into thick slices, cutting slices into quarters. Place in medium bowl along with other fruit. Heat preserves in microwave-safe bowl, just until melted (20 seconds in a 1250 watt microwave), breaking up large pieces of fruit. Pour over fruit and toss to coat; chill 15 to 20 minutes.

Remove prepared ice cream sandwiches from freezer, cut each into bite-size squares; arrange with glazed fruit in 4 dessert bowls or plates.

Fruit Salsa Sundaes

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Makes: 4 servings

- 1 cup fresh pineapple chunks
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 6 medium fresh strawberries, diced
- 1 large kiwi, peeled and diced
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
- 4 small firm bananas, cut in half lengthwise
- 8 1/3 cups Blue Bunny Sweet Freedom Banana Split Ice Cream
- Fat free whipped topping, optional
- Chocolate sprinkles, optional
- 4 maraschino cherries, optional

In medium skillet over medium-low heat, cook pineapple and brown sugar just until pineapple is softened, 5 minutes. Add strawberries, kiwi and cumin; cook several minutes until fruit is heated through.

Arrange 2 banana halves in each of 4 dessert bowls; top each with 2 scoops ice cream. Spoon glazed fruits equally over ice cream. Garnish with whipped topping, chocolate sprinkles and a maraschino cherry, if desired. Serve immediately.

Fried Ice Cream Sticks

Prep Time: 10 minutes, at least 3 hours freeze time
Cook Time: 30 seconds to 1 minute each
Makes: 8 servings

- 8 1/2-cup scoops Blue Bunny Premium Caramel Fudge Brownie Sundae Ice Cream
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- Vegetable oil, for frying
- 8 lollipop sticks
- Butterscotch, chocolate or caramel sauce, optional
- Whipped cream, optional

Place ice cream scoops on a baking sheet lined with wax paper and freeze for at least 2 hours.

In soup bowl or other medium-sized bowl, beat eggs and sugar with a fork until well blended. Place panko crumbs in another soup bowl or medium-sized bowl.

Dip the ice cream scoops into egg mixture, then roll in the panko bread crumbs, coating completely. Freeze 1 hour.

Heat oil in a deep-fat fryer to 375°F. Fry ice cream scoops, one at a time, until golden brown; 30 seconds to 1 minute. Remove from oil and insert a lollipop stick.

Top with a drizzle of butterscotch, chocolate or caramel sauce and a dollop of whipped cream, if desired. Serve immediately.

When is ice cream more than ice cream?

When it helps make wishes come true. Wells Enterprises, Inc., maker of Blue Bunny ice cream, is helping Make-A-Wish grant 100 wishes to 100 kids with life-threatening medical conditions in honor of the company's 100th birthday.

Wish granting events are taking place across the country throughout 2013, each celebrated and captured on www.100Years100Wishes.com. While there, join the celebration and lend support to the 100 wish kids by signing the Wish Card. The collection of signatures and messages will be delivered to all 100 wish kids in October 2013 in celebration of Wells' 100th birthday on October 24.