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A MOTHER'S ADVICE:

'DO NOT GIVE IN, DO NOT GIVE UP'

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SEBRING

A parent's job is a lifetime commitment. If they are fortunate, their children will live a full, healthy life of laughter and smiles with maybe a few hard-learned lessons, plus a handful of mistakes and misadventures mixed in.

But some parents are dealt a different set of cards from day one, making that laughter and those smiles even more cherished.

From the day she gave birth to her daughter, Kenna, until today, Jennifer Stephens has had to sacrifice nearly everything to be a mother to an ailing young daughter. And she doesn't regret a single minute of it.

"There's just something so amazing about special children," Stephens says of 4-year-old Kenna.

Special needs parents like Stephens often begin to feel lost and alone in the fight to raise children who suffer from special and rare diseases and conditions like Kenna, who was diagnosed recently with an unspecified form of mitochondrial disease, which is caused by failures of the mitochondria (compartments present in all cells of the human body with the exception of red blood cells).

"We are still waiting on an exact diagnosis on Kenna. What we do know is that she has a mitochondrial disease, (doctors) just haven't pinpointed her exact type," Stephens said.

According to umdf.org, mitochondria are responsible for creating more than 90 percent of the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth. Mitochondrial disease affects cells of the brain,

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Courtesy photo
Kayne Stephens, 12, helps his little sister across a creek.

Feel proud, you are a chosen one. You were chosen to love and care for the most special of human kind. Embrace it and let it change your life for the better.

Jennifer Stephens



Courtesy photo
Kenna Stephens, 4, has been diagnosed with a rare mitochondrial disease.

Kenna just wants to be a princess

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Jennifer Stephens' young daughter, Kenna, 4, has suffered from a wide range of health ailments since shortly after her birth.

After two and a half years of testing and out-of-state visits to specialists in Boston, doctors finally discovered that Kenna suffers from mitochondrial disease.

Though mentally delayed by more than a year compared to other kids her age, Kenna has become more and more active physically as well as vocally through her many therapy appointments. She is now speaking in full sentences, a huge step



Courtesy photo
Kenna Stephens loves Disney princesses and wants to go to Disney World with her mom.

up from just a year ago, and can even identify and remember places she's seen and visited.

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Search causes lockdown at APHS

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — A sighting of three suspicious men near campus caused Avon Park High School to go into lockdown Thursday morning.

The lockdown was a precautionary measure taken to protect the campus, the Highlands County Sheriff's Office said.

A post to the HCSO Facebook page read: "We were investigating a suspicious persons incident in the area of the school and the lockdown was precautionary only. There was an EMS call at the school at the same time which was unrelated to the lockdown or the suspicious persons incident."

According to scanner traffic, students spotted three black males carrying what they described as long guns near the campus and.

APHS Principal Tealy Williams was unable to be reached for comment following the incident, but an employee of the front office, who declined to give her name, told the News-Sun the students were having a regular day.

"There's nothing going on here, it's a normal day. Students are still FCAT testing. Everything's fine," she said.

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Time to clean out the shed and garage

County collecting household hazardous waste Saturday

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — It's that time of year again. The Highlands County Recycling Department will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Skipper Road Landfill area from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

For nearly a quarter century, the county's Recycling Department has provided a household hazardous waste roundup which allows for proper and safe disposal of various chemicals —

especially old paint cans — commonly found around the home. Also accepted during this collection will be electronic waste (or e-waste) such as computers, monitors, cell phones, keyboards, TV's, VCR's and other end of life electronics.

Established in 1990, the idea has been to col-

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Gather up your unused paint and other household chemicals and bring them to the Skipper Road landfill on Saturday.



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Sebring City Councilman Scott Stanley holds the tree while others plant it during the Earth Day Tree Planting Ceremony in Centennial Park.

Sebring's Centennial Park dedicated

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency, in conjunction with the city of Sebring, held a Sebring Centennial Park Dedication and Tree Planting Ceremony on April 22, Earth Day, in the park at Lakeview and South Ridgewood Drive.

The property was purchased by the Sebring CRA, and the park was funded by the Sebring CRA as part of its Downtown Sebring redevelopment initiatives. This project helps the CRA accomplish its 20-year, seven-segment redevelopment plan and addresses the topic of beautification, to beautify the dri-

ver's approach to downtown on the Parkway to create an aesthetically appealing experience.

International Mother Earth Day is a celebration of the Earth and its ecosystems, which provide all of its inhabitants with life and sustenance. Observed each year on April 22, this day is a call to action as it acknowledges our collective responsibility "to promote harmony with nature and the Earth" in order to "achieve a just balance among the economic, social, and environmental needs of present and future generations" of humanity. Arbor Day encourages people to appreciate, plant and care for trees the last Friday of April.

Community Briefs

Tickets still available for Art on the Waterfront

SEBRING — Time is running out to purchase tickets for Art on the Waterfront Goes Cinco de Mayo.

One of Highlands Art League's most successful events, held at the Art Village beach on the shores of beautiful Lake Jackson, will be a perfect way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo ... and support the most active artist and art-related groups in South Central Florida.

Join the party for music, buffet, cash bar featuring mojitos and margaritas, as well as a live auction with artwork, water sports equipment, trips, Art Uncorked private party, and more.

Tickets are limited, so call 385-5312 or buy online at www.highland-sartleague.org.

Big Red Bus visits LP Elks

LAKE PLACID — It's time for the Big Red Bus to visit the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. It will be in the parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

The Elks Lodge is behind Winn Dixie on County Road 621. T-shirts will be given out as supply lasts.

YMCA hosts Healthy Kids Day

SEBRING — More than 1,900 YMCA's across the country are taking part in Healthy Kids Day, holding free community events that are open to all kids and families. These events will be filled with fun, active games and educational opportunities.

The Highlands County Family YMCA will open its doors from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be special membership rates and buy-one-get-one-half off punch cards as well as the Masons Child ID Program and various health vendors. For kids, there will be a big slide, bounce house, kids zumba classes, gymnastics

demos, dance-offs, and hoola hoop contest. There will also be live music and a DJ.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 382-9622.

Morano to speak at Democratic Women's Club

SEBRING — On Saturday, at 9:30 a.m., the Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County will have its monthly meeting, beginning with a continental breakfast. Alison Morano, vice chair of the Florida Democratic Party, will be presenting.

In addition, during this meeting, Dave McCarthy, Democratic Executive Committee chair, will be awarded an honorary membership to the Democratic Women's Club.

All Democrats are encouraged to attend. The event will be at the Democratic Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (next to Ruby Tuesdays). For more information, call 385 7447.

Masonic District offers child IDs

SEBRING — Masonic District 25 will be doing child ID for children up through 18 years of age from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday at Sebring YMCA, 100 YMCA Lane. This is free of charge. Get a CD with your child's pictures, voice, fingerprints, emergency information and DNA.

For more information, call Ross Canright at 452-0346.

Walker Memorial Academy plans yard sale

AVON PARK — The yearbook class at Walker Memorial Academy is collecting items for its yard sale from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

Unwanted items to donate can be dropped off at Walker Memorial Academy, 1525 W. Avon Blvd. For more information, call 453-3131, ext 0.



Image courtesy of the U.S. Air Force.

Col. Robert Valin is serving in Afghanistan with the U.S. Air Force's 455th Expeditionary Wing. The Massachusetts native has logged nearly 6,500 flying hours as a fighter and commercial jet pilot.

Boston strong

U.S. Air Force Col. Robert Valin was an airline pilot on Sept. 11, 2001. He once lived in Khobar Towers, the Saudi housing complex that was bombed by terrorists on June 25, 1996. His family also lived in Newtown, Conn., just around the corner from Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"The ties to these tragedies have always kind of been there," Col. Valin told *The Unknown Soldiers*.

On April 15, the Massachusetts airman was watching live coverage of the Boston Marathon from Afghanistan, eight and a half hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

"I had actually watched a little bit of the marathon on TV for 20 to 30 minutes before the (attack) happened," Valin said. "The following morning, I learned more about what had happened."

Valin, who grew up in Lexington and Belmont, Mass., and plans to eventually retire in Charlestown, experienced an "ugly feeling" while seeing his beloved city under siege from thousands of miles away. But he was also filled with appreciation.

"There's the pride in



Boston, Bostonians and the people of New England," he said.

Valin has been serving his country in uniform since the Reagan administration. With nearly 6,500 flying hours in F-16 and A-10 fighter jets and commercial planes, he's navigated the skies under almost every circumstance. But ever since arriving in Afghanistan, the brave men and women under his command have consistently inspired him.

"Some folks come out here and kind of expect that all the leaders will be very inspiring kinds of people and the vast majority are just that," the Colonel said. "But the opposite also happens ... the leaders are themselves inspired by the soldiers, sailors, airmen and

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Animal Control sets new date for livestock auction

By BARRY FOSTER

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Following a less than successful first attempt at a sale, officials at Highlands County Animal Control say they will try again to hold an auction to divest themselves of some of the livestock at their Airport Road location.

The gavel will fall at 11 a.m. Tuesday as more than 120 chickens and at least three horses will be put out for bid.

The chickens, both hens and roosters, will come from trapping efforts in the Highway Park neighborhood south of Lake Placid. Residents of the area say the place is overrun with the fowl, which have taken up residence just about anywhere there is to roost and have been causing damage to homes and vehicles there as well.

Reportedly, they are descendants of chickens used for fighting that either escaped or were turned loose.

Highlands County Animal Control Director Darryl Scott has estimated there still could be more than 300 chickens in the area and said trapping efforts will continue there.

While the chickens are not necessarily good for eating, animal control workers say they are prolific egg layers, with as many as three dozen eggs per day collected in the containment area. Those eggs currently are thrown away inasmuch as they have not been inspected and cannot be given away for human consumption under county statutes.

Those wishing to bid on the animals will be required to stop into the office before the auction begins. Workers will obtain residents' name, address and telephone number then will issue each bidder a card with their individual number. Scott himself will do the auctioneering.

In addition to the chickens,

there will be three horses put up for sale. Scott described two as quarter horses, with one identified as a paso fino mare.

While dogs and cats will not be part of the auction, workers say they continue to be available for adoption. Reportedly, the animal control facility is close to capacity with the house pets.

Those wanting additional information may call Animal Control at 655-6475.



Scott

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SFSC student Emilia Pereira (left), pictured with Dean of Student Services Annie Alexander-Harvey, was honored with the Joseph E. Johnston/Bette L. McDearman Student Services Award.

SFSC students, instructors honored on Awards Day

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK – South Florida State College students were honored for academic excellence and community service during the college's recent annual Awards Day ceremony in the SFSC University Center, Highlands Campus.

Each year, faculty honor students who exhibit talent and exemplary quality that go beyond academic standards.

SFSC honor student Emilia Pereira was honored with the Joseph E. Johnston/Bette L. McDearman Student Services Award for exhibiting great ethics and character, exceptional academic achievement, outstanding involvement in professional, social, and cultural activities and programs, and for her contribution to the campus, community, and state service projects.

Pereira graduates from SFSC in December with an Associate in Arts degree in fine arts and plans to attend either Florida Gulf Coast University or the University of South Florida to pursue a bachelor's degree in fine

arts. Pereira is involved with Phi Theta Kappa, the Honors Program, MOFAC intern, Art Club president, and the 2013 Newman Service Fellow recipient.

"When she called my name it took me completely by surprise," Pereira said. "I'm honored and thankful the faculty and staff saw me fit to receive this award."

"In all my interactions with Pereira she does everything to a very high standard of excellence, she's someone I can count on, and exceeds each task assigned to her," said Mollie Doctrow, MOFAC curator. "Her great attitude toward her peers and instructors cannot go unnoticed, as she is an exceptional person and a role model."

Students presented 2012-2013 Outstanding Instructor Awards to Sandra "Carol" Pinzon, adjunct instructor, Adult Education (part time); Dr. Brian E. Deery, professor, Psychology (full time, Division of Arts and Sciences); Melanie Jackson, adjunct instructor, director, eLearning (part time, Division of Arts and Sciences); Adam Martin,

instructor, Business (full time, Division of Applied Sciences and Technologies); Dr. Robert Flores, adjunct instructor, director, Remodeling Renovation and Maintenance (part time, Division of Applied Sciences and Technologies).

UFO discussion landing at Chateau Elan in May

News-Sun staff
SEBRING — A serious dialogue about UFOs is coming to Chateau Elan Hotel and Convention Center May 10-12.

According to Paola Harris, one of the organizers, the event is the second annual UFO symposium presented by 2013 StarworksUSA, which is based in Mount Dora.

"It brings leading women and men in UFO research, documentation and related information. The study of ufology or exopolitics deals with policy and sociological issues around the UFO question," Harris said.

Canadian UFO researcher Grant Cameron will discuss

presidential involvement in the "UFO cover-up" and researchers from the Mutual UFO Network will present and discuss statistics of abductions and contacts.



Cameron

Harris quotes another speaker, the former Canadian defense minister Paul Hellyer, "We're still maintaining the fantasy that the (incident at) Roswell was a weather balloon and it's a lie. The U.S. Air Force still claims that it didn't happen, but there were witnesses of all kinds who say it did ... I am sure (Roswell) is incredi-

ble and that they have probably developed spaceships and exotic fuels."

Hellyer believes a very small group, including members of the oil industry, are "keeping the existence of the exotic fuels and technology a secret for financial advantage."

Bruline Bikar, Chateau Elan's sales manager, says the hotel is 100 percent booked May 10-12. Fifty walk-in tickets are still available. The cost for the two-day meeting is \$125, but Harris said participants have access to the guest speakers.

For more information about the symposium, go to www.starworksusa.com/.

Suspects in two deaths remain in custody

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — As of 10 a.m. Thursday morning, Nicholas Fox, the driver of a car that crossed the U.S. 27 median and killed Sebring's Peggy Sue Roaf, 52, on March 28 of last year, is still in custody in Broward County's main jail.

The crash occurred when Fox, accused of reckless driving, lost control of his

SUV under high speed, literally flying over the median and landing on top of Roaf's compact Ford, killing her instantly.

"Fox has been charged here, and will come here for trial," said Steve Houchin, assistant state attorney. There are other outstanding warrants from other Florida counties, which is delaying Fox's removal to Highlands County, he said.

Also, Sandra Michelle Jackson, 25, and Kyle Rupert, 22, remain in the Highlands County Jail. Each has a bond of \$310,000. The couple are accused of neglect leading to their infant son starving to death in July of last year.

At the time, Sheriff Susan Benton said, "This one of the worst neglect cases I have seen in many years."

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Legislature sends ethics bill to Gov. Scott

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Florida Commission on Ethics would have more authority to collect fines and lawmakers would be banned from lobbying any state agency for two years after leaving office under a wide-ranging ethics bill that was sent to Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday.

The bill also would prohibit lawmakers from voting on any bills that could directly affect their personal finances and it would keep them from taking government jobs while in office.

"This bill will raise the ethical standard for all elected officials in the state of Florida," House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, said after the House unanimously approved it.

The bill (SB 2) was a priority for Senate President Don Gaetz and was the first passed by the Senate on the legislative session's opening day last month. The House made changes Wednesday and sent it back to the Senate, which unanimously approved it. Gaetz said it was his proudest moment as a senator.

The Commission on Ethics currently has little power to collect fines against elected officials.

It has written off \$1 million in fines over the past decade, calling them essentially uncollectable.

Under the bill, the commission could garnish wages. The legislation would also extend from four years to 20 years the amount of time for the commission to collect fines following an offense.

The commission could also take complaints from the governor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and state and U.S. attorneys.

The commission would also post officials' financial disclosure forms online.

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Cuban abuses getting worse

The State Department's latest report on human-rights practices effectively puts the lie to the idea that the piecemeal and illusory changes in Cuba under Gen. Raul Castro represent a genuine political opening toward greater freedom.

If anything, things are getting worse. The report, which covers 2012, says the independent Cuban Commission on Human Rights and Reconciliation counted 6,602 short-term detentions during the year, compared with 4,123 in 2011. In March 2012, the same commission recorded a 30-year record high of 1,158 short-term detentions in a single month just before the visit of Pope Benedict XVI.

Among the many abuses cited by the 2012 report are the prison sentences handed out to members of the Unisn

Patriotica de Cuba, the estimated 3,000 citizens held under the charge of "potential dangerousness," state-orchestrated assaults against the Damas de Blanco (Ladies in White), the suspicious death of dissident Oswaldo Paya and so on.

As in any dictatorship, telling the truth is a crime: Independent journalist Calixto Ramsn Martnez Arias, the first to report on the cholera outbreak in Cuba, was jailed in September for the crime of desacato (insulting speech) and remained there until last week.

The regime is willing to undertake some meek economic reforms to keep people employed. It has even dared to relax its travel requirements to allow more Cubans to leave the country if they can get a passport.

Both of these are short-term survival measures, designed as escape valves for growing internal pressure. But when it comes to free speech, political activity and freedom of association — the building blocks of a free society — the report is a depressing chronicle of human-rights abuses and a valuable reminder that repression is the Castro regime's only response to those who demand a genuinely free Cuba. Fundamental reform? Not a chance.

An editorial from the Miami Herald.

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Boston bombing: Was Twitter for the birds or revolutionary?

When James French became the last person to be executed in 1966 under Oklahoma's death penalty law, he uttered these famous last words (no joke) that quickly belong to the ages: "Hey fellas," he shouted to reporters there to witness his electrocution. "How about this for a headline for tomorrow's paper? 'French Fries!'"

Shortly after that, French became toast. The way some critics of the social media Twitter dismiss its journalistic role during and immediately after the Boston Marathon bombing almost seem like famous last words. In fact, the Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath left Twitter a force to be reckoned with — far more of a perceived threat to television news than to print or online newspapers, and magazines. Broadcasters better harness and use its potential or they're in big trouble.

The use of Twitter in the Boston Marathon tragedy started within seconds of the bombs exploding.

According to the website Mashable, a map created by an enterprising Syracuse University professor and his students found some 200 Tweets were sent from the bomb scene over the blast's first hours. But that was only the beginning.

Why is Twitter being underestimated by many professional media types as a truly formidable player in news the future? Once upon a time, a reporter who could express a viewpoint, or give information in 140 characters would be an editor's dream. But whether it's wisecracks, links to posts or developments during a crisis, Tweets quickly communicate information tidbits sent out as fast as it takes to type.

But there's another reason. It was once predicted that weblogs would create a series of citizen journalists who researched, reported, investigated, and wrote pieces equivalent to newspaper reports. That largely has not happened. Today, most "blogs" are glorified extended op-ed pages, often written by unabashed partisans, but they differ from newspaper op-ed pieces in one respect: many blog posts would never be run in a daily newspaper because the tepid quality of writing, thought and argument. Many left and right blog posts read as if they're regurgitated left and right talk show host rants.

In reality, blogs haven't created "citizen journalists" — but Twitter has. They are citizen journalists who — unlike newspaper and broadcast reporters,



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Joe Gandelman

and even less than bloggers — don't have to worry if they get it wrong. And errors were made: much of the breaking news tweets on the nights police battled the terrorist suspects was based on things picked up on a police scanner, sometimes misheard. The New York Post ran a SCREAMING HEADLINE based on wrong suspect identification and — no surprise — Rupert Murdoch in effect stood by it. Police warned Tweeters not to give away police positions or detail their movements, but it often did no good.

The Twitter star became twitter.com/newsbreaker. The get-it-fast-and-right media star became NBC's Pete Williams. Over the years, print newspapers were battered by the impact of television evening news, supermarket tabloid scoops, the Internet and the recession — but there are signs they are now adapting and surviving. Twitter will seriously batter broadcast news because it's faster, and more dramatic and happening in real time (accurate or not) — and in future crises many people will turn to it. Twitter is an opportunity for television news not to merely feel threatened, but to learn from the experience and grow because of it.

The bad news: Twitter has no verifiers. The good news: It was indispensable during Boston Marathon hell week. The unbelievable news: Rep. Anthony Weiner is back on Twitter. All of this shows you the cultural ecstasy — and agony — of the 140-character instant-info phenomenon.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

An invitation to learn more about Common Core

Editor:

An invite to all educators in Highlands County, and school board members for a presentation on Common Core May 7 at 6 p.m. at Homer's Smorgasbord, presented by the Highlands Tea Party and presented by Dr. Karen Effrem. Dr. Karen Effrem is the president of Education Liberty Watch, a conservative education advocacy group with a national footprint in Maple Grove, Minn.

Dr. Effram is a pediatrician, researcher, and conference speaker who received her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University and her pediatric training from the University of Minnesota. She and her husband, Paul, have three children and live in the Minneapolis metro area.

Common Core will affect every child in Florida and across the country as this gets implemented in Florida next year and later across the country as Washington takes over the education system completely. The children will have no choice and neither will the parents. Our children have been indoctrinated and dumbed down slowly and covertly over several decades now, but the gloves are off and the Progressives are making no pretense of hiding what they are doing.

This is a very serious issue and one that affects everyone. Not even privately schooled or home-schooled students will escape this if they plan on going back into the public system either at the high school or college level as they will not be able to pass the entry exams.

The federal government requires the state to maintain a database on every child from preK to workforce and encouraged collection of more than 400 data points to track everything about

your child and their family? The federal government is not allowed to maintain a national database?

They are evading this by requiring the states to collect the data, then forward it to the federal government to be used by other agencies, private foundations. HB 878 Florida CC math teaches an experimental geometry method created by a Soviet mathematician, in the 1950's, and was abandoned in K-12 because it failed?

A world-renowned math expert who worked on CC stated that CC fails to meet the stated goal of improved US K-12 mathematics achievement.

John Nelson
Sebring

Bouquet

Kokomo another big success thanks to many

Editor:

Thank you to everyone who made Ridge Area Arc's "Escape to Kokomo" a fun, successful event. Kokomo was held at the Island View Restaurant at Sun 'N Lake on Saturday, April 20. Guests enjoyed Cheeseburgers in Paradise, margaritas and dancing to the music of GrooVus.

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Hospice volunteers treated to tram tour of Hammock



Courtesy photo

Cornerstone Hospice celebrated its dedicated volunteers with a day of fun at Highlands Hammock State Park. Volunteers enjoyed a tram tour with Ranger Carla Sherwin, picnic lunch under a pavillion and a CCC-era Living History presentation by Florida Park Service volunteer Darrel Smith.

Obituaries

MATTHEW STOKES BILLINGS

Matthew Stokes Billings, 28, of Avon Park, died Sunday night, April 21, 2013 at his home. He was native of Ft. Lauderdale, moving here in 1995.

He worked as a plumber with his father. He was an avid motorcycle rider and vice president of the Warlocks, Sebring Chapter. He enjoyed life and all that there was to offer. He valued family, friends, loyalty and respect. He was a Christian.

He is survived by his parents, Jim Whipkey and Sandra Billings, Avon Park; paternal grandparents, Bob and Donna Whipkey, Winter

Haven and four uncles and their families.

A funeral will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 11 a.m. at New Covenant Worship Center with Pastor Jason Hollingsworth officiating. Interment will be at

Lakeview Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Morning Star of Highlands County or New Covenant Worship Center.

The family requests those coming to the services refrain from wearing fragrances. Arrangements with Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

Fountain Funeral Home
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Billings

VICTORIA WALKER GRANT

Victoria Walker Grant, 61, passed away Friday, April 19, 2013. She had been a life-long resident of Sebring, Florida. Visitation will be on Friday, April 26, 2013 from 5-7 p.m., at Bountiful Blessings Church of God, 820 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Sebring.

A Memorial service will

be on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at Bountiful Blessings Church of God, 820 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Sebring, at 11 a.m. Interment will take place at Lakeside Cemetery, Sebring, FL. Arrangements entrusted to:

Swann Mortuary
500 Lemon Street
Sebring, Florida 33870
863-382-0737

EDWARD JAMES O'BERRY, SR.

Edward James O'Berry, Sr. passed away on April 24, 2013. Ed was born in Sebring on July 10, 1931 to parents Arthur O'Berry and Serena Albritton (nee Rigdon).

Ed was a life-long resident of Sebring. Ed served his county in the U.S. Air Force as a Bomb Disposal Specialist during the Korean War. Ed was an honest man who raised a family with great integrity and hard work.

Ed treasured his family above all else, especially his wife, children and grandchildren. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Ed retired from the construction and trucking industries in 2005.

Ed is survived by his wife

of 47 years, Carolyn; daughters, Debbie, Cindy, April and Jodi; sons, Jimmy and Edward Jr.; grandchildren, Billie Craver, Serena Rushlo, Jackson Rushlo, Shaylan Beatty, Cody Beatty, Sean O'Berry, Kayla O'Berry, Kacey O'Berry, Katie Story, Austin Story and Grace O'Berry; and brother Arthur "Binky" O'Berry.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, April 26, 2013, from 6-8 p.m. at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, April 27,

2013. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870.

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O'Berry

Coast Guard: Spark from cleaning caused explosion

Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Firefighters on Thursday extinguished a huge blaze that erupted hours earlier when two fuel barges exploded, leaving three people with critical burns and forcing the evacuation of crew from a nearby cruise ship.

The cause of the explosions remained under investigation, but investigators believe it was likely from a spark caused by a crew cleaning the barges, Coast Guard Lt. Mike Clausen said.

Firefighters from Mobile and Coast Guard officials responded to the pair of Wednesday night explosions involving the gas barges in the Mobile River east of downtown. More explosions followed over the next few hours.

Authorities say three people were brought to the University of South Alabama Medical Center for burn-related injuries. The three remained in critical condition Thursday morning, hospital spokesman Bob Lowry said.

Across the river, workers were evacuated from the Carnival Triumph, the cruise ship that became disabled in the Gulf of Mexico in February before it was towed to Mobile's port for repairs.

Alan Waugh, who lives at the Fort Conde Inn across the river from the scene, saw the blasts and said throngs of Carnival employees and others were clustered on streets leading toward the river as authorities evacuated the shipyard.

US says Syria used chemical weapons

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence has concluded "with some degree of varying confidence" that the Syrian government has twice used chemical weapons in its fierce civil war, the White House and other top administration officials said Thursday.

However, officials also said more definitive proof was needed and the U.S. was not ready to escalate its involvement in Syria. That response appeared to be an effort to bide time, given President Barack Obama's repeated public assertions that Syria's use of chemical weapons, or the transfer of its stockpiles to a terrorist group, would cross a "red line."

The White House disclosed the new intelligence Thursday in letters to two senators, and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, traveling in Abu Dhabi, also discussed it with reporters.

"Our intelligence community does assess, with varying degrees of confidence, that the Syrian regime has used chemical

weapons on a small scale in Syria, specifically, the chemical agent sarin," the White House said in its letter, which was signed by Obama's legislative director, Miguel Rodriguez.

Shortly after the letters was made public, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Capitol Hill that there were two instances of chemical weapons use.

Hagel said the use of chemical weapons "violates every convention of warfare."

It was not immediately clear what quantity of weapons might have been used, or when or what casualties might have resulted.

Obama has said the use of chemical weapons would be a "game-changer" in the U.S. position on intervening in the Syrian civil war, and the letter to Congress reiterated that the use or transfer of such weapons in Syria was a "red line for the United States." However, the letter also suggested a broad U.S. response was not imminent.

Senate passes bill that could expand state's early voting

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Senate passed an elections bill Wednesday that would let elections supervisors expand early voting days and sites in an effort to avoid the long lines that left Florida open to criticism last November.

The bill, in part, would undo some of the changes the Republican-led Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott made to elections laws two years ago, when they cut early voting days from 14 to eight days and prohibited voting on the Sunday before Election Day. It passed 26-13.

The bill (HB 7013) would require at least eight days of early voting, but would leave it up to elections officials if they wanted to have as many as 14 days, including the Sunday before Election Day when many black churches have organized "souls to the polls" voter drives.

It allows early-voting polling places at more kinds of sites, like fairgrounds, civic centers, community centers and convention centers.

"None of us like to have our state be the butt of jokes on late night TV," said Republican Sen. Jack Latvala of Palm Harbor, who chairs the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee.

But Democrats opposed the bill, saying it didn't go far enough.

"When it comes to elections, we could just do so much more and that's the

stance we took — not to be satisfied with what was going on," Senate Democratic Leader Chris Smith said after the vote.

He said there should be 14 days of early voting statewide instead of leaving the number of days up to the discretion of individual supervisors. He also was against restrictions on ballot collectors. The bill would prevent paid ballot collectors from possessing more than two ballots other than their own or their relatives. He said that hurts voters in senior living centers who rely on people to pick up their ballots.

The bill also would require a maximum 75-word ballot summary on constitutional amendments proposed by lawmakers. That limit could be exceeded if the state Supreme Court rejects the language and it has to be revised. The Legislature last year loaded up the ballot with anti-abortion, pro-church, tax cut and other questions designed to bring out conservative voters. The ballot length added to the problem with long lines.

The bill also would move primary elections up two weeks, so they are held 10 weeks before the general election, and would allow military personnel returning home from combat zones or deployed in areas where they're ready to enter combat zones to register to vote up to the Friday before an election.

County to collect hazardous waste on Saturday

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lect hazardous waste twice a year — once in the spring and once in the fall — in an effort to keep those types of materials from being dumped illegally or otherwise disposed of in an unsafe manner. Instead, the county has hired a special vendor that collects and removes the items from the county and destroy them in an approved process.

Over the decades, the county has collected hundreds of tons of hazardous waste. Records indicate that in the past five years, the county has collected nearly 150 tons of e-waste alone.

This year, the collection will be done in connection with the Massachusetts-based Clean Harbors Environmental group. Officials from the local office in Bartow are slated to be in the county Friday for what was termed a "shed clean-out." That is where items turned in since the last hazardous waste roundup will be categorized and hauled off, with the semi-annual collection to be held mid-day Saturday.

Although e-waste is being collected, organizers said this event will not be for such

things as refrigerators, stoves or any type of what are referred to as "white goods." Those with questions as to what will be acceptable for the clean up may call the Highlands County Recycling Department at 655-6400.

The household hazardous waste collection will be held at the hazardous waste storage site at 6000 Skipper Road. Those unfamiliar with the area may follow the signs.

Officials emphasized that this weekend's collection is for residents only. Businesses should contact the Highlands County Recycling Department for their disposal options.

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Today, a couple of stints later and recovering nicely, P.O. continues to entertain and play his hand-built guitars at the regular Tuesday night jam session in the "Cracker Shack" he built just for that purpose.

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If you experience any of these symptoms, call 9-1-1, and ask to be taken to Florida Hospital. For more information, please visit www.FHHeartland.org

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Kenna hoping to go to Disney World

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Fire trucks and sirens make her smile bright enough to light up a room and hugs from her big brothers — Kayne, 12, and 11-year-old Jarek — are often more comforting than a fluffy teddy bear.

Doctor visits, weekly appointments with specialists and therapists, trips to Boston and the ever dreaded emergency room trips for various reasons have become commonplace. Stephens and her family have little time to enjoy one another in a relaxed, family-friendly setting outside of their living room.

Kenna's fascination with Disney princesses, like almost all other little girls, has grown to the point where she asks her

mom daily for one thing — a trip to Disney World. But the family has no time — or extra funds — to do anything the children have longed to do.

"She's really wanting to go there (Disney). They all do. The boys, too. It's just going to be close to impossible to do. I want to take them more than anything. I know I will eventually. It will happen," Stephens said.

This is where local mother and founder of Sebring Macaroni Kid website, Maribel Saunders, comes in. Saunders heard about Kenna and felt compelled to help.

"As a mommy, I do not know how Jennifer does it," Saunders said.

Saunders has created the "Kenna's Family Disney Trip" fundraiser that she

hopes will help get the family to Disney.

"I have set up an account at a local TD Bank. The account's title is 'Kenna's Family Disney Trip.' There are coin machines at TD banks so you may be able to bring in your loose change and help this little girl go to Disney," Saunders said.

Anybody wishing to donate may make checks payable to her Kenna's Family Disney Trip and mail to Maribel Saunders, 74 Tower St., Lake Placid, Fla., 33852.

Courtesy photo
Kenna and
Jennifer Stephens



Special needs kids bring challenges, rewards

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heart, liver, skeletal muscles, kidney and the endocrine and respiratory systems.

That means Kenna's body is unable to function properly.

"Her intestines are basically paralyzed," Stephens explained. A feeding tube is permanently placed in Kenna's stomach to help with food and digestion.

Kenna has become a case study for a third copy of ataxia ocular motor apraxia type 1, a condition that makes her motor skills severely delayed, causing her body to be unable to eliminate waste on its own.

Kenna's body is unable to perform simple tasks that so many people take for granted. Things such as walking, speaking and sometimes even digestion become huge tasks for the mother and daughter.

A slew of doctors, specialists and therapists are all on speed dial and on first-name basis with Stephens. Although she is thankful for the help, it has not always been easy getting the help they need.

"Doctors are not God. All that they can do is give you a diagnosis based on what they think is wrong with your child based on the symptoms and tests run. Do not take what your doctor says to heart," Stephens said. "You have the right to explore a second, third, even a fourth opinion until you are confident that you have



Courtesy photo
Four-year-old Kenna Stephens has a feeding tube permanently attached to her stomach, but that doesn't stop her from catching a quick nap now and then.

You have the right to explore a second, third, even a fourth opinion until you are confident that you have met the right doctor for your child.

Jennifer Stephens

met the right doctor for your child."

After hitting a brick wall with treatment and diagnosis in Florida, Stephens began frequenting a specialist in

Boston last fall. Finding a specialist and a team she has grown to fully trust helps, but the recent diagnosis still does not fully explain a number of things that are taking place within her daughter's body. Research has become Stephen's newest past time. She spends hours on end trying to fill in the information gaps.

"We are living in a generation and world of technology. Take full advantage of it. Learn your child's diagnosis inside and out. Know your child's medications inside and out. Keep a list of side effects and study up on interactions. Familiarize yourself with alternative

treatments — holistic, therapeutic, etc. I've found that some of these help tremendously," Stephens said.

Though Kenna's diagnosis may mean that her life expectancy is short, Stephens takes everything day by day, cherishing her daughter's continued progress, however little it may be.

"Do not give in, do not give up. No one knows how your child's story is to begin and end and how the chapters in between will play out other than the great author of

Don't live every day thinking that any day could be his or her last.. Stay positive, even if it's the hardest thing to do some days.

Jennifer Stephens

life," Stephens said. "Don't be afraid of him or her.

Don't live every day thinking that any day could be his or her last. Stay positive, even if it's the hardest thing to do some days. Your child is only as good, positive and happy as you are. Never give up, because you are most definitely not alone."

Stephens has begun forming support groups and meeting up with other special needs parent in the Tampa Bay and Heartland area. She is currently organizing a march for mitochondrial disease awareness in Tampa.

Though the mother of three

has an overflowing plate, nothing has ever stopped her from doing her duty as a parent.

"There will be days that you don't want to get out of bed, that you can barely stand the thought of walking into another doctor's office, barely stand to look at another med, but push through," Stephens said.

"Feel proud, you are a chosen one. You were chosen to love and care for the most special of human kind. Embrace it and let it change your life for the better. I promise, no matter the outcome, you will be grateful to have had every single moment with that child."

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Pilot affected by attacks is hoping to prevent others

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Marines doing the job."

After two months in the war zone, Valin marveled at the heroism he's already witnessed.

"There's nothing more inspiring than seeing everything from an airman going outside the wire to someone manning a tower to a surgeon sewing up horrible wounds to a maintenance technician miraculously fixing an airplane that didn't look fixable," he said. "As you see more and more of these things around you, you're swamped with inspiration."

As director of staff for the Air Force's 455th Expeditionary Wing, Valin and his fellow airmen have wide-ranging, far-reaching responsibilities that tangibly impact the war and its ultimate outcome.

"We have airmen responsible for not only defending the airspace here at (our base) ... they actually get out into Afghanistan and frankly the whole area around (the base) to meet the people and get to know the local and national police and the Afghan army," Valin said. While the Colonel admit-

ted it's tough on everyone to be apart from their loved ones, he and his fellow service members are embracing the opportunity to make history.

"Having the chance to serve is very gratifying," he said.

As horrifying images from the Boston bombings filled television and computer screens on his base, Valin and his colleagues, especially those from New England, watched intensely as an unprecedented manhunt for two suspected terrorists unfolded before the world's eyes.

"We used to live very close to the Watertown line," Valin said of the town engulfed by police as they hunted the younger suspect. "The wing commander and I were actually walking down that exact same street a couple years ago on our way to a Red Sox game."

Like his fellow Bostonians, Valin felt a sense of relief and enormous gratitude to Boston's police, firefighters and first responders as news of the younger suspect's capture spread through his Afghanistan base. "I lived in Khobar Towers.

I was at the top of the World Trade Center with my son a month before 9/11. I was flying 757s for United Airlines at the time of the attacks," he said. "From that, I've seen and learned to see the resilience of people."

As he works to prevent further terrorist attacks and to improve the lives of Afghans, Col. Robert Valin wears his Boston Red Sox gear with patriotism and pride. While grieving for the families affected by the attacks on his city, his faith in Boston's ability to overcome tragedy is unflinching.

"I also know the people," he said. "And they're strong people."

To find out more about Tom Sileo, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

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SFSC Art Club honors Stephens with tree planting on campus



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South Florida State College Art Club members gathered to honor Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr., SFSC president, and celebrate Earth Day during a tree planting ceremony April 22 on the Highlands Campus. SFSC art students planted a blue butterfly bush symbolizing 'Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow' to honor Stephens' years of devoted service to the college and the SFSC Art Club. 'Yesterday, you took on the responsibility of guiding the lives of students who trusted you, though today you are leaving us, tomorrow we will remember the devotion you gave,' said Emilia Pereira, SFSC art club president. Stephens retires from SFSC on June 30.

Oil spill judge asks lawyers: What is gross negligence?

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The judge who will allocate responsibility for the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill has told lawyers to give him their views about whether a series of negligent acts can add up to gross negligence.

The Justice Department and private plaintiffs' attorneys contend that BP PLC acted with gross negligence before the blowout on April 20, 2010. If U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier agrees, BP's civil penalties could soar.

The blowout triggered an explosion that killed 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and spilled millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf. Barbier ultimately

could decide how much more money BP, cement contractor Halliburton and rig owner Transocean Ltd. owe for their roles in the catastrophe.

The judge, who heard eight weeks of testimony, set June 21 as the deadline for post-trial briefs, listing six questions about gross negligence that he wants answered. Lawyers must also submit proposed findings and conclusions then.

BP has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and other criminal charges and agreed to pay \$4 billion in criminal penalties.

The company says it has racked up a total of more than \$24 billion in spill-related expenses, including

cleanup costs and compensation for businesses and individuals.

But the company still faces billions more in civil claims by the federal government and Gulf Coast states under the Clean Water Act, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and other environmental regulations.

Halliburton lawyers said Monday they are seeking a settlement.

Barbier asked the standard for finding gross negligence or willful misconduct under each law, and whether gross negligence must be traced to at least one act or can be based on "an accumulation or a series of negligent acts or omissions."

State House OKs bill aimed at athletics group

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — Florida's main governing body for high school athletics would have its power reined in under a bill that cleared the state House by a wide margin Wednesday night in a state rich with gifted athletes.

Debate revolved around whether the proposed changes to the Florida High School Athletic Association would set off a system of "free agency" allowing students to change schools at will.

Rep. Larry Metz, the bill's lead sponsor, insisted that it wouldn't. He said it would "free the kids up to do things that they should be able to do in the first place."

Opponents disagreed, with Rep. Kevin Rader warning that the bill would allow students to "shop schools to get to the right coach or to get to the right team they want to play on."

"It doesn't even smell good," the Delray Beach Democrat said of the bill.

The measure passed the House by an 89-26 vote after a lengthy debate, but the game isn't over yet.

Similar legislation is being considered by the state Senate with less than a week and a half left in Florida's 60-day legislative session and a multitude of other issues still pressing for attention.

The FHSAA-related bill (HB 1279) would create a presumption of eligibility for students who comply with transfer deadlines and meet requirements for academic performance and conduct.

But the FHSAA would retain authority to prevent



recruiting of high school athletes, Metz said.

The stakes regarding student eligibility are high in a state known as a high school football hotbed that has an abundance of talented athletes in other sports as well.

Metz, R-Yalaha, has said his measure is meant to set some "checks and balances" in eligibility investigations and rulings by the FHSAA.

The bill would put time limits on eligibility investigations and would allow judges to hear students' appeals of eligibility rulings by the athletic governing body.

An investigation would have to be completed within 90 days of its onset. The intent is to make sure that investigations don't drag on so long that a student's eligibility expires.

Also, investigators would have to notify parents that they can accompany their children to any interviews as part of the investigation. The bill also would require investigators to possess the same license as private investigators.

The bill's critics said it amounted to an unjustified legislative overreach.

Of the approximately 263,000 Florida students who participated in high school athletics last year, only a few dozen were ruled

ineligible, they said. And many of those students were sidelined due to academic reasons.

"Sports is about rules," said House Democratic Leader Perry Thurston, D-Fort Lauderdale. "We all know the rules, and we all have to abide by the same rules."

Opponents said the bill was being pushed by disgruntled parents wanting to make it easier for their children to transfer to any school they want.

Supporters countered that the bill is needed to rein in a mindset at FHSAA that they said has resulted in overzealous investigations.

Rep. Manny Diaz Jr., R-Hialeah, said the organization has displayed a "gotcha" mentality with "a presumption of guilt with kids."

Supporters said bill is aimed at making sure that students can transfer if their schools don't offer the sports they want to play.

Diaz said that sports represent the most effective dropout prevention effort in schools.

"So we're going to allow a group of people sitting on their 'high and mighty throne' to dictate who can or cannot participate in an activity just because it's not available at their school?" he said.

Rep. Larry Lee Jr., D-Port St. Lucie, traced his success as an adult to his football days in high school.

"There was an incident that happened during my senior year that could have ruled me ineligible," he said. "And had I been ruled ineligible, I never would have gone to college."

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION:
 CASE NO.: 12-383-GCS
 U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANCO OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-F11 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-F11, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOSEPH CRUZ AKA JOSEPH P. CRUZ, UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 12th day of April, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12-383-GCS, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANCO OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION, 2008-F11 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-F11 is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH CRUZ AKA JOSEPH P. CRUZ and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 17th day of July, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 PARCEL 58, OF HIGHLANDS HOMES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 54, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

Dated this 12th day of April, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Darren Whidden
 Deputy Clerk
 April

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 12-857 GCS
 SECTION NO.
 MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION FKA MIDFLORIDA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
 v.
 RICHARD HAROLD JORDAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD HAROLD JORDAN; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment entered on April 18, 2013 in this case in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the real property described as:
 LEGAL: Lots 1 and 2, Block 88, SHEET 1 OF LAKE WOOD TERRACES, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 2, Page 50, in the Public Record of Highlands County, Florida, and 1/2 contiguous closed Wilson Avenue.
 ADDRESS: 3408 Golfview Rd, Sebring, FL 33875
 will be sold at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, on 17th day of MAY, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Highlands County Courthouse, 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870.

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

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

DATE: April 19, 2013
 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.
 "IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 863-534-4690 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 711."
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION:
 CASE NO.: 12000198GCS
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 TUYANNE MAH LEE MCFARLANE; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 12th day of April, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12000198GCS, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff and TUYANNE MAH LEE MCFARLANE and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 15th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 LOT 34, BLOCK 147, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 10, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 (voice), (863) 534-7777 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2013.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk Of The Circuit Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 April 19, 26, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 2012-CA-893 GCS
 MERCANTIL COMMERCIALBANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 809 LAKE JACKSON, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013, entered in Case No. 2012-CA-893 GCS, in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein MERCANTIL COMMERCIALBANK, N.A., a national banking association is the Plaintiff, and 809 LAKE JACKSON, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; MAJESTIC COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation; 543 LAKE JACKSON, LLC, a Florida limited liability company; MVP BUILDERS, INC., a Florida corporation; CITY OF SEBRING, a Florida municipal corporation; JOE W. POSADA, JR., and DOROTHY B. POSADA, individually and as CO-TRUSTEES, UTD 5/28/08, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on May 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., in the Highlands County Courthouse, Basement of Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, the following described property situated in Highlands County, as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
 SEE COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "A" and EXHIBIT "A-1" and COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "B" and EXHIBIT "B-1"

ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031(2)(f), FLORIDA STATUTES, 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.
 DATED This 18th day of April, 2013.
 BOB GERMAINE, CLERK OF COURT, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

(SEAL)
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT "A"
 April; May, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. 12705GCA
 PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JOHN P. KLOET, SR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN P. KLOET, SR.; MAURICE JOHN KLOET; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MAURICE JOHN KLOET; ANTHONY WAYNE KLOET; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANTHONY WAYNE KLOET; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO.; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, WHETHER UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: Edward Prat Unknown Spouse of Edward Prat
 Residence Unknown Residence Unknown
 Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under or against Carol Thigpen, deceased, whether said Unknown Parties claim as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, trustees or other claimants
 Location Unknown
 If living; if dead, all unknown parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the above named defendant(s), whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.
 NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 Lot 13, Block 63, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SECTION THREE, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 6, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
 A/K/A
 333 Renault Ave
 Sebring, FL 33872
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on May 17, 2013.
 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.
 Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 19th day of April, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 April 26; May 3, 2013

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 12000514CCS
 LINKSIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 EDWARD G. BROWN, ET AL, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Orders of Final Judgment as to Counts II and III entered in this cause, in the COUNTY Court of Highlands County, I will sell the real property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 As to Count II - LEAL
 Unit 2C, Week 2 of LINKSIDE VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 690, beginning at Page 486, of the Public Records of HIGHLANDS County, Florida.
 As to Count III - RAUM
 Unit 2C, Week 10 of LINKSIDE VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 690, beginning at Page 486, of the Public Records of HIGHLANDS County, Florida.
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, in the Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 a.m., on May 30, 2013.
 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.
 "In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending notice no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the bottom of the notice or call the Court Administrator at 1-863-534-4686 (voice); 1-863-534-7777 (TTY); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) via Florida Relay Service."
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
 BY: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 Deputy Clerk
 DATED: APRIL 19, 2013.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 13-170 GCS
 WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-FR1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FR1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Edward Prat, Unknown Spouse of Edward Prat, Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under or against Carol Thigpen, deceased, whether said Unknown Parties claim as spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, trustees or other claimants, Leeanne Mounce, Unknown Tenant #1 and Unknown Tenant #2; 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. 28-2012-CA-000624 in the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005-KS10 was the Plaintiff and TRACY A. GONZALEZ AKA TRACY A. PEDERSEN, ET AL., the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Jury Assembly Room, Basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 on the 17th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:
 THE WEST HALF OF LOT 13031, AND ALL OF LOT 13032, AND LOT 13033 OF, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT NO. 41, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 88, RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF 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.
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863) 534-4686 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
 Clerk, Circuit Court
 /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 April 26; May 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001337
 DIVISION:
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-WF1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 GRACEMARIE SNELLEN, et al, Defendants).
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001337 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-WF1, is the Plaintiff and Gracemarie Snellen, Joseph M. Snellen, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 9th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 43 AND EAST 1/2 OF LOT 44, RAAB AND WINTERS' SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 51 EAST WOLF STREET, 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 60 days after the sale.
 Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of April, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001337
 DIVISION:
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2007-WF1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 GRACEMARIE SNELLEN, et al, Defendants).
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2013, and entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-001337 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation Trust 2007-WF1, is the Plaintiff and Gracemarie Snellen, Joseph M. Snellen, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the Jury Assembly Room in the basement, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Highlands County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 9th day of May, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
 LOT 43 AND EAST 1/2 OF LOT 44, RAAB AND WINTERS' SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 A/K/A 51 EAST WOLF STREET, 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 60 days after the sale.
 Dated in Highlands County, Florida this 15th day of April, 2013.
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 12000514CCS
 LINKSIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
 vs.
 EDWARD G. BROWN, ET AL, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Orders of Final Judgment as to Counts II and III entered in this cause, in the COUNTY Court of Highlands County, I will sell the real property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:
 As to Count II - LEAL
 Unit 2C, Week 2 of LINKSIDE VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 690, beginning at Page 486, of the Public Records of HIGHLANDS County, Florida.
 As to Count III - RAUM
 Unit 2C, Week 10 of LINKSIDE VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 690, beginning at Page 486, of the Public Records of HIGHLANDS County, Florida.
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, in the Jury Assembly Room, Sebring, Florida 33870, at 11:00 a.m., on May 30, 2013.
 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.
 "In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending notice no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the bottom of the notice or call the Court Administrator at 1-863-534-4686 (voice); 1-863-534-7777 (TTY); 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) via Florida Relay Service."
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
 BY: /s/ Lisa Tantillo
 Deputy Clerk
 DATED: APRIL 19, 2013.

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 12000514CCS
 LINKSIDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
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 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Court
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 Deputy Clerk
 DATED: APRIL 19, 2013.

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Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 of Florida Relay Service 711. To file response please contact Highlands County Clerk of Court, 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870-3867. Tel: (863) 402-6591; Fax: (863) 402-6664.

April 19, 26, 2013

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

CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000343

M & T BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ROMMEL TUASON A/K/A ROMMEL C. TUASON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROMMEL TUASON A/K/A ROMMEL C. TUASON; CHASE BANK USA, N.A.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

Lot 8, Block 39, PLACID LAKES SECTION NINETEEN, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 14, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

A/K/A 786 Seneca Dr NW Lake Placid, FL 33852 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M., on May 17, 2013.

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.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 19th day of April, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

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

April 26, May 3, 2013

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

CASE NO.: 28-2012-CA-000803 Division

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, vs. PAUL BLANCHETTE, TRACY BLANCHETTE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. F/K/A CAPITAL ONE BANK, CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 17, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

LOT 187, SYLVAN SHORES ESTATES SECTION D, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 13, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 1601 ELM TER, LAKE PLACID, FL 33852; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 16, 2013 at 11 a.m.

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

Dated this 19th day of April, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court ROBERT W. GERMAINE

By: /s/ Toni Kopp Deputy Clerk

April 26, May 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. PC-13-125

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOYLE C. BROWN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DOYLE C. BROWN, deceased, whose date of death was February 23, 2013, and whose Probate File Number PC-13-125, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the mailing address of which is 590 S. 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 THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE 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 26, 2013.

Personal Representative: CYPRESS TRUST COMPANY

By: /s/ Mary Lou Kalisz

MARY LOU KALISZ, Vice President Post Office Box 1611

Winter Haven, Florida 33882-1611

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Charles R. Chilton Florida Bar No. 117861 Sharit, Bunn & Chilton, P.A. 99 Sixth Street, S.W. Winter Haven, Florida 33880 Telephone: (863)293-5000

April 26, May 3, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO. PC 13-147

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRY W. HUMMEL, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HARRY W. HUMMEL, JR., deceased, whose date of death was February 13, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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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 served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is April 19, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Harry W. Hummel, III
8321 W. Behrend Dr., Peoria, AZ 85382
Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, P.A.
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.
SEBRING, FL 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-0112
Fax: (863) 385-1284
Email: cmales@cmablespa.net
/s/ Clifford M. Ables III
FLORIDA BAR NO. 178379

April 19, 26, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 12000836GCAXMX
Division:

M & T BANK
Plaintiff,
Vs.
RONALD BURLESON; JUDITH BURLESON;
THE FOUNTAINHEAD HOMEOWNER'S
ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 A.M. in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on May 17, 2013, the following described property:

THAT CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM PARCEL MADE UP OF UNIT 500, AN THE UNDIVIDED 1/73 INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE COVENANTS, TERMS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM OF THE FOUNTAINHEAD, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 287, PAGE 386 THROUGH 431, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK 2134, PAGE 687

Property Address: 2131 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, APT. 500, SEBRING, FL 33870
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on April 19, 2013.

CLERK:
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk Of Court
(COURT SEAL)
April 26; May 3, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

You are hereby notified that Wauchula State Bank will sell the vehicle described below "As Is" to the highest bidder for cash, free of prior liens, to satisfy legal obligations.

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April 26; May 1, 20

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Partly sunny	Mostly sunny and comfortable	Chance for an afternoon t-storm	Variable clouds, t-storms possible	A t-storm possible in the afternoon
87° / 63°	85° / 62°	85° / 62°	86° / 63°	86° / 63°
Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph	Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: E at 4-8 mph

Almanac

Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	88°
Low Sunday	63°
High Monday	82°
Low Monday	65°
High Tuesday	80°
Low Tuesday	63°
High Wednesday	87°
Low Wednesday	54°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	42%
Expected air temperature	87°
Makes it feel like	88°

Barometer

Monday	29.98
Tuesday	30.09
Wednesday	30.13

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	5.11"
Year to date	8.02"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

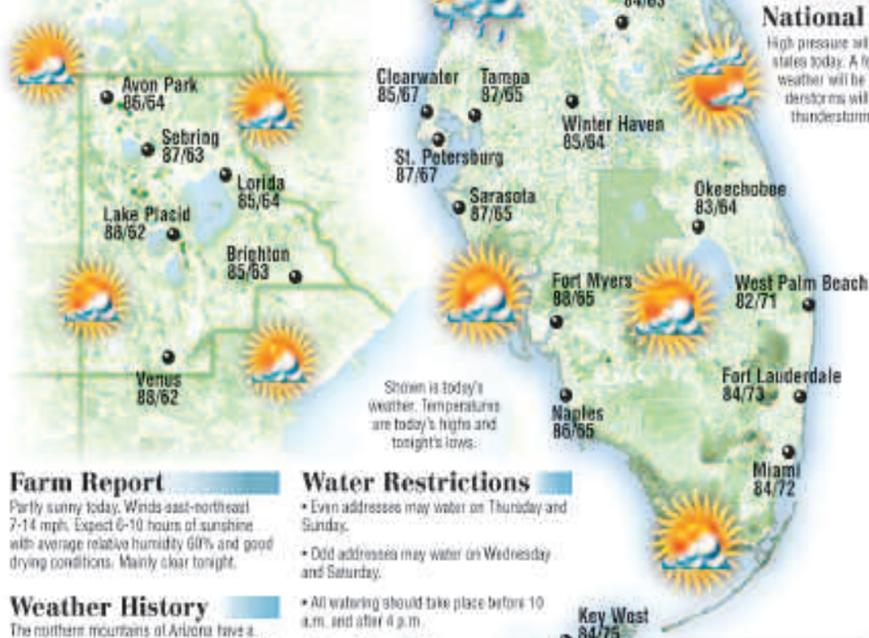
High	2:50 a.m.
Low	0:19 a.m.
High	2:23 p.m.
Low	9:58 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	9:42 p.m.
Low	3:16 a.m.
High	10:21 p.m.
Low	3:34 p.m.

Regional Summary

Partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny and comfortable tomorrow. Sunday: sunshine mixing with some clouds with a thunderstorm possible in the afternoon.



Farm Report

Partly sunny today. Winds east-northeast 7-14 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 60% and good drying conditions. Mainly clear tonight.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

The northern mountains of Arizona have a cooler climate than the southern deserts. Still, a 6-inch snowfall in Flagstaff, Ariz., on April 26, 1963, was rare.

Sun and Moon

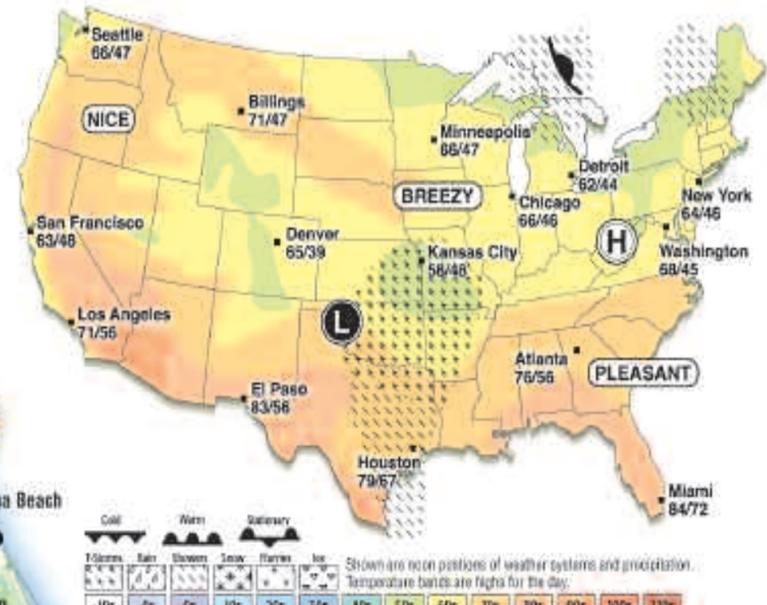
	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:53 a.m.	6:52 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.	7:56 p.m.
Moonrise	8:10 p.m.	10:15 p.m.
Moonset	7:25 a.m.	8:20 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
	Apr 25	May 2	May 9	May 18

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Cape Coral	88/65pc	87/64pc	87/65pc
Clearwater	85/67pc	85/67pc	85/68pc
Orlando	84/70pc	82/68pc	82/68pc
Daytona Beach	79/52pc	79/52pc	80/51pc
St. Land. Bch.	84/73pc	83/72pc	83/73pc
Fort Myers	88/65pc	87/64pc	85/65pc
Gainesville	82/54pc	82/57pc	82/60pc
Hollywood	84/71pc	84/70pc	84/70pc
Homestead AFB	83/69pc	83/71pc	82/70pc
Jacksonville	76/54pc	78/53pc	80/50pc
Key West	84/75pc	84/75pc	84/75pc

National Forecast for April 26



National Summary

High pressure will bring bright sunshine and blue skies from the Ohio Valley into the mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states today. A few rain and snow showers will occur across far northern New England. Sunny and seasonable weather will be found across the Southeast from Alabama and Georgia north to the Carolinas. Showers and thunderstorms will fire across the central Plains from northern Texas into eastern Kansas and Missouri. A few of these thunderstorms will produce large hail and damaging gusts of wind.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	74/50s	75/50s	75/50s
Atlanta	76/50pc	69/50sh	71/57s
Baltimore	69/41s	69/44s	70/44s
Birmingham	78/53pc	74/53sh	76/53s
Boston	59/43pc	63/45pc	67/47pc
Charlotte	72/50s	69/52pc	63/52pc
Chicago	69/37pc	67/42s	73/40s
Cleveland	59/43pc	66/43pc	66/46pc
Columbus	64/43pc	70/43pc	66/53s
Dallas	77/65f	80/55pc	82/61pc
Denver	65/39pc	75/45s	77/45s
Detroit	62/44pc	68/46pc	68/46pc
Hammond	64/39s	73/44pc	69/40s
Houston	85/70s	84/68s	87/68pc
Indianapolis	64/42pc	65/40pc	68/49pc
Jackson, MS	78/57pc	77/67f	80/53s
Kansas City	59/48pc	66/49pc	74/52pc
Lexington	65/45pc	66/52pc	68/52f
Little Rock	69/57f	74/57f	77/59pc

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	81/74pc	81/75pc	80/75pc
Adrian	81/60s	81/52s	78/59s
Bahia	80/67s	84/70s	83/69s
Beirut	72/49sh	65/40s	61/47s
Bermuda	72/66f	71/63f	68/61s
Calgary	66/39pc	64/30s	52/29s
Dublin	59/35sh	59/35pc	59/34sh
Edmonton	52/33sh	59/30pc	46/29pc
Frankfurt	79/68pc	80/68pc	79/70s
Geneva	54/57f	54/47f	53/48f
Havana	87/66s	88/66s	87/64s
Hong Kong	79/71f	80/74f	82/75f
Jerusalem	81/62s	85/63s	86/63s
Johannesburg	71/48s	71/48s	71/50s
Kiev	65/36s	61/36s	70/30pc

SFSC SUCCESS STORY
ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS

Allison Whitaker
SFSC Dental Assisting graduate, 2011

Allison Whitaker always liked the idea of working in the medical field, but she was especially interested in dentistry. South Florida State College's Dental Assisting program made it possible for her to embark on the rewarding occupation of helping patients every day. In one year of study at SFSC, Allison got a solid education in every aspect of dental assisting through classroom instruction, hands-on practice in a state-of-the-art dental laboratory, and real-world experiences in local dentists' offices. In June 2011, just one day after graduating with her occupational certificate in dental assisting, Allison started her first job as a dental assistant for Affordable Dentures in Avon Park.

APPLY TODAY

Whether you have a passion for dental assisting, dental hygiene, emergency medical services, radiography, or nursing, SFSC's allied health programs will prepare you for a career you'll love.

For more information about SFSC programs, call 453-6661, 773-2252, 465-5300, or 494-7500.

View SFSC's Schedules of Classes at www.southflorida.edu.

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News-Sun

Friday, April 26, 2013



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Laine Daum came through with the game-tying hit in the sixth inning Tuesday in Lake Placid's 3-2 win.

Dragons edge Bulldogs, reach final

By ALEX COYNE

News-Sun correspondent

The Lake Placid baseball team travelled to Webber University Tuesday night to battle Frostproof in the District 10-4A Semifinals.

The Dragons came out on top, 3-2, which earned them a spot in both the District Championship and a guaranteed first round Regional game for the first time since 2006.

Tyler Carr pitched the

whole game for the Dragons, scattering five hits, walking one and striking out eight.

"Tyler pitched very well for us." Head coach Dan Coomes stated, "Tyler got his sixth win of the season."

It was a late comeback for the Dragons.

After taking a 1-0 lead in the second on a Rufino Gutierrez sacrifice fly to score Carr, both pitchers locked in through the middle innings.

Frostproof tied it up in the fifth on a hit by pitch, sacri-

fice bunt, stolen base and wild pitch.

The Bulldogs then took the lead in the top of the sixth on a triple and single.

But Laine Daum hit the game-tying RBI in the bottom of the sixth.

Cody Lambert came on as a pinch-runner for the Dragon catcher and both Carr and Jacob Cram hit smashes that couldn't be handled, bringing Lambert in with the go-ahead run.

Which Carr made hold up as he worked around a one-out single and two-out walk

to get a game-ending grounder to shortstop Heath Harris for a fielder's choice third out.

The Dragons traveled back to Webber University Thursday night to compete against the DeSoto Bulldogs for the District Championship.

Desoto overcame Avon Park 5-2 to earn a spot in the finals with the Dragons.

See Sunday's News-Sun for a recap of the contest.

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

Test takes talents to Ursuline

By ALEX COYNE

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID – Last week, Lake Placid shortstop, Taylor Test, accepted a scholarship from Ursuline College located in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

Since playing in the Dixie Youth Softball League starting in sixth grade, Test knew that she wanted to allow softball to help her pursue an education.

It was her Shocker travel team that allowed her to get the exposure that she needed in order to get a scholarship.

"I've played for the Shockers for four years. They have taught me the ins and outs of the game," Test stated. "Without their help, I wouldn't have had

'It was so beautiful, especially when it was snowing.'

TAYLOR TEST

coaches looking at me this summer.

It was at the Rising Stars tournament in Davie that sparked the recruiting process between Taylor and the Arrow's assistant coach, Maggie Boda.

From there on, Test was in contact with the coaching staff and made a visit in late January that made up her mind.

"It was so beautiful,

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News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

From left: Gary Demarest, Taylor Tubbs and Blake Fort, along with Brian Dixon (below), will be representing Sebring at the Class 3A State Finals with their outstanding performances at Wednesday's Region 2-3A meet in Tampa.

Four Streaks head to State

By DAN HOEHNE

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And then there were four.

The winnowing down process that is the state series of postseason track and field meets took its final swaths Wednesday amid the Region 2-3A meet at Leto High School in Tampa.

And of the 14 Blue Streaks that had reached this stage through qualifying at districts, four were left standing with reservations for the FHSAA State Finals next weekend in Jacksonville.

Two reached in the field events, with Gary Demarest

and Blake Fort putting forth qualifying efforts in the discus and pole vault, respectively, while Brian Dixon took the next step in the 200-meter dash and Taylor Tubbs topped the field in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs.

Riding a wave of confidence from meet after meet of personal bests, Demarest's continuing hard work saw him do it again.

Seeded at a throw distance of 146-feet, 10.5-inches, his most recent personal best at districts, Demarest added nearly another eight feet to his throw Wednesday.

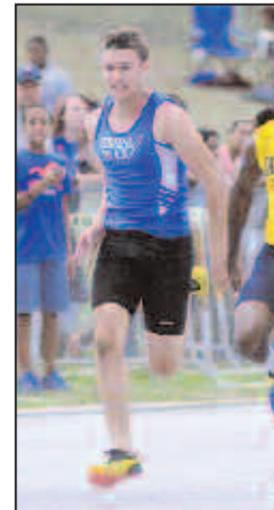
"Yes, another personal best," he said. "I got 154-feet, 9-inches, won the Region and am going to State. I'm feeling real good."

"I know the top throws going in are in the 160s, 170s," he added. "But I've got over a week, so I should be able to get into the 160s."

Fort came in seeded at the 8-foot, 6-inches she cleared at the district meet at George Jenkins, and though she duplicated that mark again, she could not quite clear the 9-foot she was hoping for.

It was still good enough

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News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Lake Placid shortstop Taylor Test is heading for Ohio as she signed to attend Ursuline College on a softball scholarship.

Setting the Hook

This past week has been an incredible time to be bass fishing on Lake Istokpoga.

I had the opportunity to get out over the weekend and although we faced some ever-changing high winds, the bass were at least cooperating.

On all three trips, I felt our best chance to catch a real wallhanger was pitching and flipping into the many nooks and crannies in the bulrushes and reeds that seem to encompass the 27,000 acre impoundment.

And on all three trips, flipping meant learning a brand new technique for my enthusiastic partners.

Learning "how to flip" is actually the easy part.

Using a longer than nor-



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

mal baitcasting rod, typically 7 1/2' to 8' in length, coupled with a free-spool baitcasting reel and Trilene 25lb Big Game line with a screw-on worm weight and plastic "critter" bait, the technique is relatively simple.

With 4'-6' of line out, all that's required is engaging the free spool to allow for an

under-hand cast, or using your left hand to pull off a few feet of line and releasing the line as you "flip" the line forward.

It's actually much easier than casting, and in most cases, eliminates the nasty backlashes that inevitably happen to even the most experience fisherman while making conventional casts.

In my experience, most people can master this technique within minutes and they're happily on their way to flipping and pitchin' their baits into every likely looking ambush point a bass may use.

But the "real" learning process is setting the hook.

Many of the folks I've taught how to flip want to

know "when will I know if I have a hit", or "what does I hit feel like"?

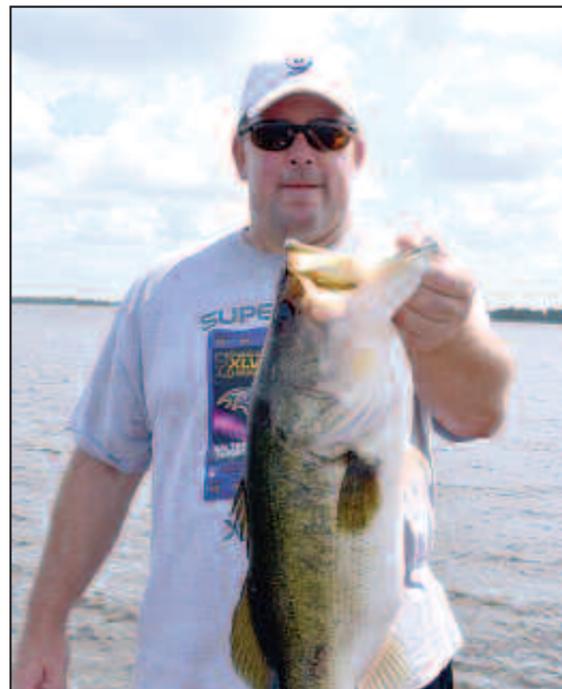
Because not every situation is the same, it's kind of hard to answer that question. Often, you'll feel a distinct "tap" or in some cases "two taps".

Depending on the quality (sensitivity) of your rod, this can be almost a negligible vibration, or it can be very profound.

Other times, if you watch your line where it meets the water, you'll see it "jump" or begin moving in a different direction.

This seems to happen most often and although the fish could be running with

See BASS, Page B4



Sam Wilkins shows off this 6 1/2-pound bass he caught last weekend while out with Don Norton.

Courtesy photo

THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(x-if necessary)
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 2, Milwaukee 0

Miami 110, Milwaukee 87
Tuesday: Miami 98, Milwaukee 86
Thursday: Miami at Milwaukee, late
Sunday: Miami at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: Milwaukee at Miami, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: Miami at Milwaukee, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Milwaukee at Miami, TBA

New York 2, Boston 0

New York 85, Boston 78
Tuesday: New York 87, Boston 71
Friday: New York at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday: New York at Boston, 1 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 1: Boston at New York, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: New York at Boston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Boston at New York, TBA

Indiana 2, Atlanta 0

Indiana 107, Atlanta 90
Wednesday: Indiana 113, Atlanta 98
Saturday: Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Monday: Indiana at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 1: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: Indiana at Atlanta, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA

Brooklyn 1, Chicago 1

Brooklyn 106, Chicago 89
Monday: Chicago 90, Brooklyn 82
Thursday: Brooklyn at Chicago, late
Saturday: Brooklyn at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Monday: Chicago at Brooklyn, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: Brooklyn at Chicago, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Chicago at Brooklyn, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City 2, Houston 0

Oklahoma City 120, Houston 91
Wednesday: Oklahoma City 105, Houston 102
Saturday: Oklahoma City at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Monday: Oklahoma City at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 1: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA

San Antonio 2, L.A. Lakers 0

San Antonio 91, L.A. Lakers 79
Wednesday: San Antonio 102, L.A. Lakers 91
Friday: San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday: San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA

Denver 1, Golden State 1

Denver 97, Golden State 95
Tuesday: Golden State 131, Denver 117
Friday: Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday: Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 30: Golden State at Denver, TBA
x-Thursday, May 2: Denver at Golden State, TBA
x-Saturday, May 4: Golden State at Denver, TBA

L.A. Clippers 2, Memphis 0

L.A. Clippers 112, Memphis 91
Monday: L.A. Clippers 93, Memphis 91
Thursday: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, late
Saturday: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 4:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 30: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x-Friday, May 3: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Pittsburgh	35	11	0	70	155	113
x-N.Y. Islanders	24	16	6	54	137	135
N.Y. Rangers	24	18	4	52	122	109
New Jersey	18	18	10	46	109	123
Philadelphia	21	22	3	45	129	139

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	27	13	5	59	125	102
x-Montreal	27	14	5	59	141	123
x-Toronto	25	16	5	55	140	129
Ottawa	23	16	6	52	109	99
Buffalo	20	21	6	46	123	142

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Washington	26	18	2	54	145	126
Winnipeg	24	20	3	51	126	140
Carolina	19	24	3	41	122	148
Tampa Bay	18	24	4	40	145	143
Florida	14	26	6	34	107	164

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Chicago	35	6	5	75	151	98
x-St. Louis	27	17	2	56	122	113
Detroit	22	16	8	52	116	113
Columbus	22	17	7	51	114	117
Nashville	16	21	9	41	108	131

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	26	13	7	59	124	111
Minnesota	25	18	3	53	118	120
Calgary	19	23	4	42	126	153
Edmonton	17	22	7	41	112	131
Colorado	15	24	7	37	110	145

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Anaheim	29	11	6	64	134	112
x-Los Angeles	26	16	5	57	130	116
x-San Jose	25	15	7	57	122	113
Dallas	22	20	4	48	129	136
Phoenix	20	18	8	48	116	123

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 2
Detroit 3, Los Angeles 1
Chicago 4, Edmonton 1
Phoenix 2, San Jose 1

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 2



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m. NASCAR – ToyotaCare 250, Qual. ESPN2

SATURDAY

3 p.m. NHRA – O'Reilly Spring Nationals ESPN2

7 p.m. NASCAR – Toyota Owners 400. FOX

BOXING

SATURDAY

8:30 p.m. Sergio Martinez vs. Martin Murray HBO

9 p.m. Danny Garcia vs. Zab Judah. SHOW

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SATURDAY

Noon Arkansas at Georgia. SUN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

FRIDAY

5 p.m. Georgia at Florida ESPN2

GOLF

FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Ballentine's Championship. GOLF

12:30 p.m. PGA – Legends of Golf GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Zurich Classic of New Orleans. GOLF

6:30 p.m. LPGA – North Texas Shootout GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Ballentine's Championship. GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – Legends of Golf CBS

1 p.m. PGA – Zurich Classic of New Orleans. GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Zurich Classic of New Orleans. CBS

3 p.m. LPGA – North Texas Shootout GOLF

MLB

FRIDAY

7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Miami. WGN

8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox SUN

SATURDAY

1 p.m. Regional – Atlanta at Detroit, Cincinnati at Washington or Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets. FOX

NBA PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY

8 p.m. New York at Boston ESPN

10:30 p.m. San Antonio at L.A. Lakers ESPN

SATURDAY

2 p.m. Brooklyn at Chicago TNT

4:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Memphis TNT

7 p.m. Indiana at Atlanta ESPN

9:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Houston ESPN

NFL

FRIDAY

6:30 p.m. 2013 NFL Draft ESPN

8 p.m. 2013 NFL Draft ESPN2

SATURDAY

Noon 2013 NFL Draft ESPN

NHL

SATURDAY

3 p.m. New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers NBC

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

Times, games, channels all subject to change

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	7	.667	—
Baltimore	12	9	.571	2
New York	11	9	.550	2.5
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	4
Toronto	9	13	.409	5.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	10	8	.556	—
Minnesota	9	8	.529	.5
Detroit	10	9	.526	.5
Cleveland	8	11	.421	2.5
Chicago	8	12	.400	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	14	7	.667	—
Oakland	13	9	.591	1.5
Los Angeles	8	12	.400	5.5
Seattle	8	15	.348	7
Houston	7	14	.333	7

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 6, Baltimore 5, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 3, Cleveland 2
Houston 10, Seattle 3
Boston 6, Oakland 5
Detroit 7, Kansas City 5
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 0
Texas 11, L.A. Angels 3

Thursday's Games

Kansas City at Detroit, late
Houston at Boston, late
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, late
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, late

Texas at Minnesota, late

Ottawa at Washington, late
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late

Friday's Games

Atlanta at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chi White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	15	6	.714	—
New York	10	9	.526	4
Washington	10	11	.476	5
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	6.5
Miami	5	16	.238	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	13	8	.619	—
Cincinnati	13	9	.591	.5
Pittsburgh	12	9	.571	1
Milwaukee	11	9	.550	1.5
Chicago	6	14	.300	6.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	14	7	.667	—
San Francisco	13	9	.591	1.5
Arizona	12	9	.571	2
Los Angeles	9	11	.450	4.5
San Diego	6	15	.286	8

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati 1, Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 4, Washington 2
Colorado 6, Atlanta 5, 12 innings
Arizona 3, San Francisco 2, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3
N.Y. Mets 7, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings
San Diego 2, Milwaukee 1

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, late
L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets, late
Cincinnati at Washington, late
Chicago Cubs at Miami, late
Colorado at Arizona, late

Friday's Games

Atlanta at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Lake Placid

TODAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Webber, vs. DeSoto, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY: Track at FHSAA 2A State Finals, Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Baseball at District Tournament, Lake Gibson, vs. Winter Haven, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 3: Track at FHSAA 3A State Finals, Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

DAY: Teams and games

DAY: Teams and games



SFSC

FRIDAY, May 3: Softball at FCCAA State Tournament, Pensacola, vs. Gulf Coast State, Noon

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.



Golf Hammock

Last Monday, April 22, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am Points at Golf Hammock Country Club.

In A group Johnny McEachrean came in first place with plus 2 and Jim Gulick was in second place with minus 1.

Rod Bently scored plus 7 to take the lead in B group and Jerry DeArmitt in second place with plus 1.

Joe Hyzny came in first place in C group with plus 4 and Pat Dell was even for second place.

Paul Brown scored plus 2 for first place in D group while Jim Daigneault was at plus 1.

In E group Mike Dickens scored plus 5 for first place Bob Morrison in second with plus 4 and in third place wa Terry Yandle at even.

In F group Earl Bittaker scored plus 5 for first place while Billy Parr came in second place with plus 4 and Jimmy Black in third place at even.

In G group Bill Alesi came in first with plus 5 and there was a tie for second place between Ken Granger and Karl Mellor at plus 2.

Jay Shepard shot a plus 3 for first place in H group and Sal Sbotto in second place with plus 1.

Bill Young and Ralph Pickering tied for first place in I group at plus 6.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will play at Golf Hammock beginning at 7:45 a.m.

For more information, call Pete at 382-1280.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, April 18, with Doyan Eades, John and Gloria Huggett, Don Boulton and Beth Schuenke scoring a 52 for first place.

A two-way tie, with scores of 54,

were settled to put the team of Dick Denhart, Helene Mellon, Orville and Eva Huffman and Jow Swartz in second, while Ken Rowen, Charlotte Mathew and Larry and Chris Heathe were third.

John Byron, Shelly Byron, Sue Ruffo and Norm Grubs took fourth with a 55.

Closest to the hole for the ladies was Joanne McGill, getting to 7-feet, 11-inches from No. 8.

For the men, John Huggett hit to 12-feet, 9-inches from No. 2 and Ken Rowen hit to a remarkable 1-foot, 5-inches from No. 4.

The Men's League played on Wednesday, April 17, with Dick Denhart, Bill Fowler, Jack McGinnis and Bill Welch taking first with a 44.

Just one back, at 45, was the team of Bill Hintz, Ward Shaw, Joe Swartz, John Ruffo and Bull Brouhle.

Closest to the pin saw Fred Neer get to 29-feet of No. 2, Swartz to 14-feet, 3-inches from No. 4 and Bill Fowler to 5-feet, 2-inches from No. 8.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a One Best Ball Even, Two Best Ball Odd event on Wednesday, April 17.

Jack Marceau, Frank Fisher, Jack Hoerner and Wayne Wood came out on top with a -24, while three teams tied with a -22, with a matching of cards settling the final placings.

Today's Tip

MASTER STROKES

BY PHIL FRANK WITH THE ANGLE GOLF INSTRUCTION

'Ground Under Repair' Relief

In the spring, you're more likely to come across course maintenance and improvements, commonly known as "ground under repair." When your ball rests in an area so marked, you may do the following, without penalty: Drop the ball within one club-length of the area, no closer to the hole, and to a position where the area has no effect on either your stance or swing. Note that if your ball is lying in a ground-under-repair area and your swing is clear, you may opt to play the ball as it lies.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke

teamed up to score a -16 for second.

Alice Bitzer, Handan Schneider and Ellie Shaw combined for a -13 for third, and Bitzer had closest to the pin on the day, getting to within 7-feet, 4-inches at No. 11.

River Greens

The Morrison Group played on Thursday, April 18.

Harold Plagens, Joe Graf, Butch Smith and Cliff Aubin teamed up for a first-place -17, with Lefty St. Pierre, Jim Anderson, Tom Morway and Gil Heier tying for second at -13 with David Kelly, Bob Streeter, Roman Belobradich and Bill Meuntford.

A Ladies Pro-Am was played on Thursday, April 18, with the team of Babe McDonald, Anne Kelly, Carol Roy and Helen Ochala taking first with +6.

In second, at +5 1/2, were Pat Gower, Laura Smutnick, Betty LeBlanc and Jody Ethun.

Individually, Ethun scored a +6 1/2 for first, with Kelly second at +6.

A Men's Pro-Am was played on Wednesday, April 17.

Ron Jensen, Terry Lewis and Gary Riddle were first at +15, with Don Ethun, Cecil Lemons, Tom Morway and John Smutnick second at +14 1/2.

Individually, Smutnick won A Flight with +5 1/2, and Cliff Aubin and Lemons tied for the lead in B Flight at +4 1/2.

Joe Graf and Tim Thomas tied in C Flight at +3 1/2 and Gary Riddle scored a whopping +10 to win D Flight.

The Morrison Group took to the fairways Tuesday, April 16, and saw Jim Anderson and Don McDonald take first with a +18.

David Kelly and Harold Plagens were next at +11, Russ Rudd and a draw were third at +10 and Keith Kincer and Tom Morway were fourth at +7.

SpringLake

The Spring Lake Ladies League played a Four person Team - 3 Best ball event on Wednesday, April 24.

The winning team with a Net 173 was Pearl Bradford, Marilyn Redenbarger, Rita Jaskowski and a Blind.

Coming in second with a Net 184 was Terri Swisher, Dotti Blackwell, Jean Donahue and Wanda Baker.

On Tuesday, April 23, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association held a Two Man Team Net Score contest, flighted, on the Panther Creek golf course.

Winners of Flight A were Ken Kirby and Bob Hinde with a combined net score of 139 strokes - 5 under par.

Second place went to Jon Brower and Larry Miesner with a net score of 143.

The B Flight was won by Vern Hoffman and Gale Monda with a combined net of 138 - 6 strokes under par.

Second place was awarded to Will David and Dale Stevens - one stroke back at 139 net strokes.

First place in the C Flight went to the team of Joe Troia and Jim Foote - with a 10 under par net score of 134 strokes.

Ron Brochu and Dan Porter took second place with 142 net strokes.

Track finals will feature four Blue Streaks

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for a tie for third and an invite to Jacksonville.

"This will be my third trip to state," Fort said. "I got eighth last year and I'm shooting for 9-feet, or even 9-feet-6, which hopefully would get me a medal."

Onto the track, Dixon was competing in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes and came within an eyelash of qualifying in both.

After reaching the finals in the 100, Dixon ran a 10.88, which put him in seventh, but was just one-tenth of one second out of fourth in the tightly-packed finale.

He then came back and ran the third-best time in the preliminaries of the 200 and wound up qualifying by taking fourth in 22:05 in the final heat.

And then there was Tubbs, also competing in two events, who took home two firsts and sends her to state in fine fashion.

In the mile-run, where she

has rarely been seriously pushed this season, she did feel a bit more pressure from Catherine Blaney of Belleview, who shaved nearly seven seconds off her seed time.

But Tubbs took three seconds off her already top seed time and won by five seconds in 5:03.69.

The expected competition with Nikita Shah of Wiregrass didn't pan out as Shah, also competing in multiple distance events, pulled out of this one early.

"She started but stopped pretty quickly," Tubbs said. "With her other races, I think she had run one earlier, I just don't think she was feeling it."

The 800 provided more of a challenge for the Florida-bound senior, as she found herself in a three-way, mad-dash finish.

"We were right together into the last stretch and I had to outprint the other two over the last 100," Tubbs

said. She actually had just the third-highest time coming into the event, but the last-minute push won it by more than two seconds in 2:15.18.

This fantastic four could well have been added to, with a number of Streaks very nearly qualifying.

Byron Cobb found himself tied for fourth in the boys pole vault, but fell just short in a tie-breaking vault-off.

Eric Foster set a new personal best in the mile, finishing in 4:29.72 and was in contention into the final stretch, but just couldn't quite keep up the pace and took sixth, barely more than one second out of fourth.

And in the high jump, Shalontay Rose matched her seed height of 5-feet, but wasn't able to up the ante when two more inches could have moved her along.

Great efforts all around for the Sebring contingent, on this high stage of tough competition.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Three of Sebring's state qualifiers show off their expertise as Gary Demarest wields his discus, Taylor Tubbs races into the scene as Blake Fort gets her pole vault bent into shape Thursday morning at Firemen's Field.

Making it all the more of an accomplishment for those that came through and continue on to the FHSAA Finals.

The Class 3A meet gets underway Friday, May 3, at the University of North Florida's Hodges Stadium in Jacksonville, where medals

are the obvious goal. Although just making it to state is an accomplishment that renders the rest just icing on the cake.

Gator 5K race results

- Overall Male:**
Shawn Brown 20:58
- Overall Female:**
Regan Davenport 23:30
- Male 20 and Under**
Zachary Durastanti 25:36
Michael Divitto 27:57
Zander Durastanti 30:35
- Female 20 and Under**
Kimber Harris 29:09
Brittany Whittington 39:11
- Male 21 - 30**
Rayon Williams 21:30
Damyran Byrd 22:39
Harold Campbell 24:44

- Eric Marshall 27:12
Micah Scanga 31:01
- Female 21-30**
Hilary Fiocca 26:40
Lauren Hrnclirik 29:53
Tammy Needham 31:06
Erin Gercken 36:53
- Male 31-40**
Bert Cox 22:29:25
Joshua Vidder 30:10
- Female 31-40**
Corien Peavy 27:59

- Heather Mellow 33:02
Amy Reed 34:43
Andrea Wilhelm 36:36
- Male 41-50**
Ken Bazzel 22:29:79
Dave Bazzel 27:16
- Female 41-50**
Paula Lunt 27:20
Vicki Musselman 27:28
Kathy Santiago 27:32
Karin Doty 29:37
Jennifer Sarzynski 33:01

- Tammy Jackson 34:55
Judy Gerber 43:06
- Male 51-60**
Keith Carlton 25:47
Randy Servern 27:55
John Gose 35:51

- Nelson Pacheco 44:05
- Female 51-60**
Martie Brooker 35:50
Ann Frakes 39:36
Shirley Whittsett 42:59

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Devils done in by DeSoto

By DAN HOEHNE

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BABSON PARK – The third time was not the charm for Avon Park, as they fell to DeSoto in the District 10-4A semifinals by a 5-2 score Tuesday.

“We just beat ourselves,” head coach Whit Cornell said afterward. “We’re an aggressive team and we didn’t play aggressively and dug ourselves a hole.”

That hole was three first-inning runs courtesy of two errors, two walks and a hit batter as Red Devil starter Gio Gomez struggled with his control and didn’t get the best defensive support behind him.

Gomez would only walk two more batters the rest of the way, but of the five runs the southpaw allowed on the day, just one was earned.

Avon Park scratched for one in the top of the third when Cody Pearlman reached on a dropped third strike, moved to third on a Tyrone Perry single and scored when Luis Martinez grounded out to second.

The Bulldogs added to the lead with their one earned run in the bottom of the fourth on three straight one-out hits – a double from Austin Lambert and two singles from Cory Omar and Eli Adams.

An important, albeit ugly, run came across in the fifth for the Devils.

After Stevie Flowers was hit by a pitch to lead it off, he moved to second on a passed ball and to third when Pearlman was thrown out on



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Torri Pringle goes all out to make this diving catch Tuesday, but despite such efforts, Avon Park came up short against DeSoto in the District 10-4A Tournament semifinal.

a dropped third strike.

Another dropped third strike out sent Flowers to third and another passed ball sent him scampering across the plate.

But DeSoto capitalized on some Avon Park mistakes in the sixth to get that run back.

A hit batter, an error and a wild pitch got a runner to third.

Then a pop fly on the infield, ruled an out on the infield fly rule, wasn’t handled and the alert runner came in safely from third.

In the top of the seventh, however, the Devils built up a little drama with their last three outs.

Their last one out, actually, as after the first two batters failed to reach, Flowers was again hit by a pitch and Pearlman drew a walk to put two on and bring Perry to the plate representing the tying run.

But, all too aware of Perry’s potent bat, the Bulldogs made the logical move and intentionally walked him.

Starting pitcher Garrett Anderson then finished off his complete-game effort when he retired the next batter to seal the win.

“It’s tough, and it’s been a tough year,” Cornell said afterward. “But this is a great group of players and I’m proud of them.”

A tough year in the sense that, despite a 17-9 overall record, the Devils struggled to stay consistent in their district contests.

“We’ll continue to work hard and we’ve got a lot of good players coming back and some good younger players coming up,” Cornell said. “Avon Park has a strong baseball program and we’ll keep that going for years to come.”

Streaks surge through semifinals

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE GIBSON – The Sebring varsity baseball team traveled to Lake Streaks throughout the night.

They made this long drive worth the while, as they stormed over Kathleen by a score of 5-0 thus advancing them to the championship game on Thursday.

Leading this effort was senior Garrett DeRoss who, prior to this game, had twelve innings under his belt for the season without surrendering an earned run.

Tuesday night, he added seven more innings to his senior career and still maintained that zero ERA.

“He threw a four-hit shutout, that is hard to do,” said Sebring head coach Buck Rapp. “He only walked one guy, and that is the difference; he only went 3-0 on a batter one time.”

“I’m proud of him; he’s been great the whole season. I was expecting five innings, and he took the whole game because his pitch count stayed low.”

“He’s a bulldog, he did a great job for us and he’ll have to go again next

week.”

Of course, DeRoss did not go it alone; as he had the strong support of his fellow Streaks throughout the night.

“They played great defense behind him,” said Rapp.

Offensively, the Blue Streaks rallied for four innings against the efforts of Kathleen southpaw Alex Matthers.

After a scoreless first inning, Sebring saw two runs in the top of the second as a fielder’s choice put DeRoss on first before pinch runner Brendan Doty made his way to home to put the first run on the board.

Shortly after, Ty Little brought Jimmy Peck’s single across the plate to make the score 2-0 in Sebring’s favor.

In the fourth, a wild pitch allowed Peck to tack on another run for Sebring.

Kathleen sent another pitcher to the mound in the top of the fifth in attempts to stifle the rally.

Sebring answered back to this pitching change with two more runs, the first a repeat performance of a DeRoss fielder’s choice followed by a shot from Peck

to put two men on base.

Matthew Portis found a gap in center field to bring in pinch-runner Doty to earn an RBI single.

Another wild pitch allowed for Peck to cross the plate one more time, putting the score now at 5-0.

This would be the last runs for either side of the field for the night, clinching Sebring a shot for the championship as well as a seed in the Regional playoffs.

“It was a great team effort,” said Rapp. “We made some mistakes offensively, we did not capitalize on a few things but I’ll take the W.”

“That is two years in a row that we make the post-season and I’m proud of this group of kids.”

“These seniors now have got something to build on for these younger kids.”

The championship game was held Thursday night as Sebring took on top-seed Winter Haven.

“I’m extremely proud of the guys,” Rapp said. “We have had our ups and downs this season, but we’re still playing and that is all you want to do: Play as long as you can.”

Bass fishing sees some big hauls

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your bait in any direction, inevitably, they’ll create slack in your line.

But here’s where challenge really takes place.

I have seen more big fish lost during the “set-up or hook set” than any other time.

What often happens is the angler isn’t really sure if he had a hit, or just snagged onto some grass or a reed.

In lifting the rod trip, they’re often shocked when a bass comes leaping out of the water, shaking its head and tossing the bait free.

The reason? They never set the hook!

I typically warn people to be prepared for this to happen, as it almost always does.

So the question becomes, how can I avoid losing a fish once they’ve taken the bait.

The answer is as simple as the technique.

You have to firmly set the hook.

This means lowering your rod tip, reeling in any excess line so there is little to no slack and rearing back with the rod to set the hook firmly in the bass’s jaw.

Once you’ve set the hook properly, even a big bass will have a tough time throwing the hook, regardless how many times he jumps.

The advice I freely offer to everyone is the same advice my father gave me, “when in doubt, set the hook”!

Yeah, there will be times that you look foolish, jerking your bait through the air or

snagging onto a reed or underwater vegetation.

But I promise you, if you always set the hook, you will catch and land more fish than you can imagine.

Sam Wilkins, a fisherman from Jacksonville who joined me Friday learned the hard way, as many people do.

I showed him how to flip, and within minutes, he was covering every tiny little hiding spot in the reeds, and suddenly, as we were talking, he lifted his rod tip only to find a huge bass exploding from the surface and spitting his Yum Dinger right back at him.

That was one of the largest bass I’d ever seen, and the whole episode lasted less than 3 seconds.

But the fish was gone, and Sam realized he’d never set the hook.

A hard lesson to learn, but Sam did learn the lesson and finished the day with a nice 6 1/2 pounder, a couple of 4 pounders and a fat 3 1/2 pounder.

We caught nine or 10 bass before the wind got so bad we finally called it quits.

The conditions early Saturday morning were perfect.

From 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., a total of 12 bass were brought into the boat, most in the 3-5 lb range.

Then the wind changed from almost a calm, balmy southern breeze, to a stiff 10-15 mph wind out of the north.

Only one more bass was caught from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Sunday I had the opportu-

nity to fish with a new resident of Florida, Debra Doud.

Originally from Minnesota, Debra is a Cardiologist with Florida Hospital who had fished quite a bit when she was younger for bluegills and walleye and she was anxious after reading a few of my columns to try her hand at flipping for bass.

The 7 1/2’ rod must have seemed like a telephone pole to the 5’ Debra, but she too mastered the art of flipping in short order, and although the bass seemed to prefer my offerings over hers, she was still able to tangle with a hefty 2 pounder.

The day started with strong north winds, blowing us off my primary spots, but by noon the winds lifted and the lake turned to glass.

We ended the day around 2 p.m. with 8 or 9 bass, a little too much sun, and a fun day on the water.

Welcome to Florida Deb! I hope to take another trip with you soon.

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Test all set for Ursuline

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especially when it was snowing,” Test exclaimed. “The team made me feel right at home and I can’t wait to start my journey with them.”

Test plans to major in

Pre-veterinary medicine and minor in Psychology.

With a tough major and minor, Test plans to have no distractions at college, even overlooking the fact that her parents will be across the country.

“It is definitely going to be a big challenge, but Carly and Ashlie, two girls that I play travel with, are going as well. We can be there for each other when we feel homesick,” Test said confidently.

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Meet at the Picnic Lake

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Bring water, snacks sun

protection, and wear good shoes, no flip flops.

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

Healthy Living

Good calcium supplements for better bone strength

Dear Pharmacist: I'm concerned about my bone density because I was told I have osteopenia. Are all calcium supplements the same? Do you have other recommendations?

— A.F., New York

Answer: Osteopenia, or lower-than-normal bone density, is frequently found in post-menopausal women but can affect men and women of all ages. Over the past few years, some questionable research suggested a connection between calcium supplements and atherosclerosis. But last November, Harvard researchers presented research showing no connection between calcium supplements and coronary artery calcification. If your doctor suggests calcium supplements for you, here's some information:

Calcium carbonate

The least expensive form of calcium to manufacture, calcium carbonate is also called bone meal or dolomite. This requires lots of stomach acid to digest, so very little calcium goes to your bones where needed. Because it stays in the gut, you will find this compound also sold as Tums and Rolaids, two products used to neutralize acid (not for bone growth).



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

Calcium citrate

The easiest form of calcium to find, calcium citrate is absorbed about as well as calcium carbonate but requires less stomach acid to digest, so it can be taken with or without food. But be careful, as this type of calcium can sometimes cause headaches. There's a bunch of brands for this.

Tricalcium phosphate

Easy to absorb, this is a combination of calcium and phosphorous which your bones (and body) need as well. Nature Made makes adult gummies with this type of calcium.

Calcium aspartate or calcium gluconate

These intelligent forms of calcium offer your body aspartate or gluconate which is used in other metabolic pathways to produce energy. Sometimes this bioavailable form of calcium is combined with vitamin D, magnesium and/or zinc.

Calcium collagen chelate

Minerals that are ingested as chelates, or organic salts offer good absorption and that means less tummy upset. Life Extension and Swanson brands both make this.

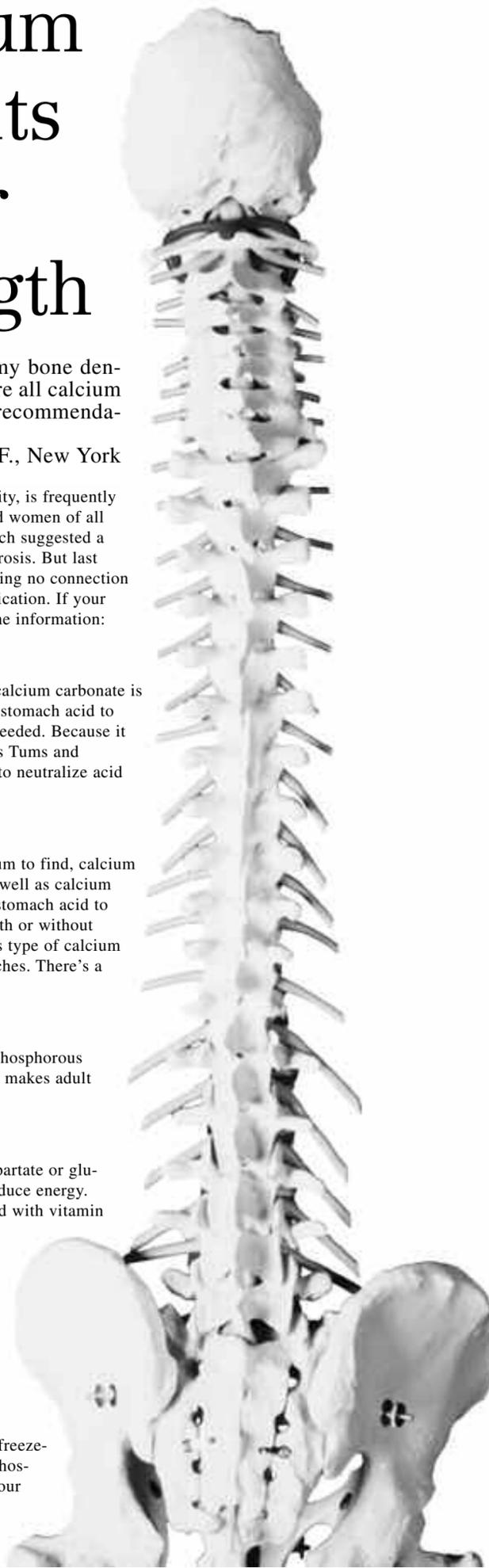
Calcium as microcrystalline hydroxyapatite (MCHC)

This easily absorbed form of calcium is derived from freeze-dried calf bone. This provides other bone-builders like phosphorous, magnesium, zinc, and chromium that nourish your bones. Solaray and Xymogen brands both make this.

For people who don't drink milk, Hawaiian Spirulina tablets (a blue-green algae) may help. It actually contains 300 percent more calcium than whole milk, plus other minerals. Remember, minerals like calcium are best absorbed when taken in combination with other minerals like strontium, magnesium, and vitamin D.

Other important factors in bone health include adequate levels of vitamin K2 which is involved in clotting. And strontium. It has a two-fold effect on osteoporosis meaning it prevents bone breakdown while also stimulating new bone growth. Medications only work one side of that equation.

A 2004 study in New England Journal of Medicine concluded that strontium reduces risk of non-vertebral fractures by 41 percent over three years, and increases bone mineral density by about 14 percent. Eliminated processed and refined foods is a must.



Suzy Cohen is a registered pharmacist and the author of 'The 24-Hour Pharmacist' and 'Real Solutions.' For more information, visit www.DearPharmacist.com. This information is not intended to treat, diagnose or cure your condition.

Legislators negotiating Medicaid compromise

MIAMI (AP) — Florida House and Senate leaders are negotiating a deal that would use state and federal dollars to offer health coverage thousands of uninsured Floridians under President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, according to a person close to the talks.

The state would use federal funds to cover more vulnerable populations, including pregnant women and the disabled, and would pony up state funds to offer more limited health coverage to about 300,000 childless adults and roughly 57,000 adult parents, giving the latter group a set amount to purchase private insurance. House leaders have argued that childless adults, who are mostly men, are more expensive to cover.

Even if the House and Senate strike a deal, it would still need approval from federal health officials. The person requested anonymity because the person is not

authorized to speak publicly about the talks.

If federal health officials do not agree, the person familiar with the negotiations said the bill would include a back-up plan that would automatically kick in and use state funds to provide health insurance for the pregnant women, disabled and others perceived as being more vulnerable among the uninsured.

The person said the state has already had discussion with the feds about the potential compromise.

The potential compromise is a huge step between the House and Senate, which have been far apart on Medicaid expansion with less than two weeks left in the Legislative session. House Speaker Will Weatherford and many House Republicans

have been adamantly opposed to any proposal that would accept federal money tied to Obama's Affordable Care Act.

A plan by Sen. Joe Negron was approved by the Senate's budget panel Monday and has gained rare support from diverse group including the business community, labor advocates and health care providers.

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Religion

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — Rev. Jefferson Cox's sermon Sunday will be based on the gospel reading of John 13:31-35.

Sharon Palmer will be the Bible study leader on May 2 and 9. Rev. Cox will lead on May 16, 23 and 30.

Agape dinner/Communion service at 5 p.m. Sunday. This is an opportunity to experience Lutheran worship service and fellowship in an informal setting while also enjoying a meal. All are welcome.

Council meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

Memorial Day service and picnic, open to whole community, is planned for 10 a.m. Monday, May 27. More details to follow.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Fifth Sunday in Easter, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "A Common Table Prayer." The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Call 471-2663 or visit www.christlutheranavon-park.org.

Christian Science Church

SEBRING — The lesson sermon on Sunday morning is titled "Probation After Death." The keynote is from Romans 8:6, "... to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

The church is at 154 N. Franklin St.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "The Fall of Babylon: Part 3" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is the Gospel of John.

Church of Buttonwood Bay

SEBRING — The Church of Buttonwood Bay meets in the recreation hall. Pastor Cecil Hess will preach Sunday on the subject "Help Wanted: Priests, Peace Makers, and Perfectionists."

The service is non-denominational and open to all. Buttonwood Bay is four

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miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Call 382-1737 for information.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. Amy Manierre will be the guest speaker Sunday and will deliver the sermon, "The We is Us," from Ezekiel 37:1-14.

The church is 1.7 miles west of U.S. 27 on County Road 634 (Hammock Road). Call 471-1999 or visit sebringemmanuelucc.com on the Internet.

Faith Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Cole's series "From Resurrection to Pentecost" continues with his sermon this Sunday "Baptism Without Water" from Acts 2:1-13.

Sunday evening, Pastor Bill will be preaching "An Unbreakable Contract" from Joshua 24.

National Day of Prayer is observed on Thursday, May 2. Special music, message and prayer will be held on the lawn of Highlands County Courthouse in Sebring at 11 a.m. Some chairs will be available, but to ensure your comfort, please bring a lawn chair.

For further information about activities of the Faith Baptist, please call the church office at 465-0060 or visit www.faithbaptistchurchlp.com. The church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS

SEBRING — Sunday morning, the church celebrates the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Rev. Robert Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "The Mission." Adult Sunday school class is studying "Blessed Are the Peacemakers"... Practicing Ministry of Reconciliation

Royale Fun Fair will be Friday, May 3. There will be snacks and light array of food forte. The King will be having his royal variety of games for all to play, some to included are bean bag toss, perhaps a duck pond (if the ducks can be rounded up) and face painting. The Royale Fun Fair

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Religion

Lake Josephine Ladies helping 'Little Dresses for Africa' Mission

Group already sent more than 80 dresses

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The "Little Dresses for Africa" Mission's goal is to supply 1.6 million dresses to the Third World needy, and the dresses and pants are all made out of pillow cases.

The motto is "We send hope to the hopeless, one dress at a time."

A group of dedicated ladies from the Lake Josephine RV Park, including Mission Outreach Director Emily Snider, Pattie Cripe, Marilyn Swife, Janene Biffignami, Diana Fowler, Frances Kay Wells, and Mary Torrence took on this project to do their small part to help the needy in more than 26 African countries and another nine other countries.



Courtesy photo
A group of ladies from Lake Josephine RV Park are helping with 'Little Dresses for Africa'. The group includes Mission outreach director Emily Snider, Pattie Cripe, Marilyn Swife, Janene Biffignami, Diana Fowler, Frances Kay Wells and Mary Torrence.

A Sunday night fellowship with the church and the RV park was held April 21 and more than 80 dresses were

dedicated to the project with more to come.

The mission address and home base is Little Dresses

for Africa, 24614 Curtis Drive, Brownstone, MI 48134 or go to online to "Little Dresses for Africa".

Don't crawl in there in the first place

An old, country doctor once went way out in the boondocks to deliver a baby. It was so far away from everyone and everything that the house did not even have electricity.

When the doctor arrived, no one was home, except for the laboring mother and her 5-year-old son. The doctor instructed the boy to hold a lantern up high so that the physician could see what he was doing as he helped the woman deliver her baby. The child did just exactly as he was told.

The mother pushed and pushed, and after some time, the doctor lifted the newborn by the feet and spanked him on the bottom to help him take his first breath. The doctor then asked the 5-year-old boy what he thought of his new, little brother. "Spank him again," replied the little boy. "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place."

Often, because of a decision we make or an action we take, we find ourselves in serious trouble. It is during these times that I wonder if God looks at us and thinks, "They shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place." However, to keep us from crawling into places we do not need to be, God gave us an instruction manual that leads us toward what is right and steers us away from what is wrong. That instruction manual is the Bible, God's holy word.

The Bible not only teaches us how to live a joyful life, it also teaches us how to avoid trouble, as well. In many passages of the Bible, one will find individual instructions or entire lists of things from which we must keep away in order to live the greatest life possible.

Consider Paul's warning in Galatians 5:19-21. He

writes to a group of Christians, "Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealous, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Not only will staying away from "things like these" help one's life here, it can also help one to have life in the hereafter.

Kevin's Komments by Kevin Patterson is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway. Visit www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.



Kevin's Komments

Kevin Patterson

Lorida church plans car wash, dinner

LORIDA — A fundraiser car wash and pulled pork dinners will be available at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lorida Church of God of Prophecy on U.S. 98. Donations accepted for car wash and dinners are \$5, which include sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw and tea. There will also be some baked goods and jams and jellies.

First Presbyterian plans food giveaway

LAKE PLACID — A free food giveaway is scheduled at 9 a.m., until the food runs out, Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. The church is at 118 N. Oak Avenue.

This event is a part of a combined effort of the First Baptist Church Hope Ministries, the First Presbyterian Church Grace Ministries and the Heartland Food Bank.

Spokesman Mark Fortier said, "We will have meats, cereals, canned goods and produce. The only requirement is that recipients are Highlands County residents." Recipients will remain in their vehicles and follow signs for food pickup on Bellevue Street.

First Baptist presents Bluegrass Night

SEBRING — In an effort to bring the community some variety this spring, First Baptist Church of Sebring will present Bluegrass Night at 6 p.m.

Snapshots

Sunday. Performances will be by Back Porch Revival and Soul Shine Express. As an added treat, Dr. Allen Higginbotham (interim pastor) and Jacob Hinds will play. Join in for a free night of fun and fellowship.

The church is at 200 E. Center Ave. Call the church office at 385-5154 for more information.

Neiman to speak at Sunridge Baptist

SEBRING — Sunridge Baptist Church will have a special Sunday morning service. With more than 20 years and counting, firefighter and paramedic Tommy Neiman has always had a burden to share God's powerful presence at emergency scenes. That burden resulted in "Sirens for the Cross", a ministry that has encouraged thousands of emergency workers worldwide!

Don't miss this time of special appreciation for emergency workers and the powerful Christ-centered testimony of Neiman, regional director, Fellowship of Christian Firefighters International featured on "The 700 Club" and the "At Home, Live!" who will be speaking at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Sunridge Baptist Church. The church is at 3704 Valerie Blvd., across the street from Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center. Visitors, including emergency workers and guests

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Religion

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will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Beth Moore Bible study classes are open to all. Call 385-7848. Wednesdays meeting at 1 p.m., this week studying Week 2; and, Saturdays meeting at 9 a.m., this week studying Week 1.

First Baptist Church, Avon Park

AVON PARK — Associate Pastor Rev. Charlie Parish will preach on Sunday the sermon titled “Our Purpose in Life.”

The church is at 100 N. Lake Ave. For more information call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net.

First Christian Church

AVON PARK — Community groups meeting here: AA Big Book Group, Tuesday evenings; Caregivers Support Group,

Wednesday afternoons; and Brownie Troop, twice a month.

In May the contemporary worship will be moved to Sunday evenings.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor (behind the Wells Fargo Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarq-mail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — The pastor’s sermon is titled “We Are More Than Conquerors” taken from Romans 8:37. Assisting pastor during the Communion service will be Elders Emeritus Bob and Betty Harcourt.

Deacons for the day are Marla Null, Gretchen Ames, Diane Thibodeau and Franny Goff. The Joyful Noise Chime Choir will be chiming

“Michael Row the Boat Ashore.”

The greater for Sunday is Gretchen Ames. There will also be the dedication of baby Giovanni Negron, born June 13, 2012, son of Daniel Sr. and Raquel Negron. Witnesses for the baby are Rebecca Rivera, Linda Ellis and Sandra Laufer. Grandparents are Rafael Maria Rivera and siblings of Giovanni are Daniel Jr. and Andre.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson’s sermon is titled “Apostasy” based on II Thessalonians 2:1-4.

Guest pianist will be Mary Ann Fleagle. Special music will be provided by Bob and Maxine Johnson.

The adult class has been viewing a video series titled “The Life and Ministry of the Messiah” sponsored by Focus on the Family. The lessons are filmed on loca-

tion and narrated by Ray Vander Lann. This new series is titled “Fire on the Mountain - Not by Bread Alone” filmed in the Sinai. Matt Sbotto teaches the youth class and they are studying the book of Ephesians.

There will be no Family Gathering this week.

On Wednesday, Johnson will lead the Bible study group from the book “What is the Christian’s Worldview?”

Members are asked to observe National Day of Prayer either at home or at the Sebring courthouse ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. Thursday. Bring a own lawn chair.

The World Witness Dinner will be Friday, May 3 in Winter Haven at the Park View Hotel. Reception begins at 6:45 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be Rev. Erik Meberg, missionary to Turkey.

On Saturday, May 4 there will be a Church Work Day from 8 a.m. until noon.

Projects both indoors and outdoors will be done. Bring any supplies or equipment needed for the tasks you plan to do.

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrange Street). For questions, call 453-3242 or check the website at avonparkchurch.com.

First Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Rev. Darrell Peer’s sermon Sunday will be “Be Prepared.”

There will be a Session meeting at 4 p.m. Monday in the conference room.

The church is at 319 Poinsettia Ave. Call 385-0107 with any questions.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message “Pray for Reverence” with scripture reading from

Matthew 6:9.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. Tickets are on sale now for this event.

The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com. Call the church office for information at 385-5184.

Grace Pointe Ministries

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Ministries is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills Association Clubhouse.

The home Bible study series continues “Messiah: Shadow To Image”. Call (863) 658-2534 for direction.

Sunday morning’s sermon series continues with “The Next 50 Days. From Resurrection to Pentecost and Beyond.” Expectations of what the Lord is going to do and what He is going to restore.

For more about the church

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ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

◆ **Bethany Baptist Church (GARBC)** We are located at the corner of SR17 and C-17A (truck route) in Avon Park. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for coffee and doughnuts, followed with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10:30 a.m., and evening worship service is at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, the Word of Life teen ministry and the Catylist class (20'+) begin at 6:30 PM. The adult Bible and Prayer Time begins at 7 p.m. For more information go to www.bethanybaptistap.com or call the church office at 863-452-1136.

◆ **Faith Missionary Baptist Church**, off State Road 17 North of Sebring at 1708 LaGrange Ave. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Service, 7 p.m. Deaf interpretation available. Ken Lambert, Pastor. Phone 386-5055.

◆ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

◆ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Sunday – Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:45 a.m.; Youth 445, 4:45 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday – Wednesday Night Supper, 5:15 p.m.; Children’s Choir, 6 p.m.; Youth Activities, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

◆ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) “Where the old fashion gospel is preached.” Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

◆ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**,

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

◆ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Parrish office/ mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049, 385-6762 (Spanish); fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcatho.com; website, www.stcatho.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcatho.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., fjose@stcatho.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severe. WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: - 4 p.m.; Sunday - 8 and 10 a.m., 12 p.m.

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◆ **St. James Catholic Church**, 3380 Placidview Drive, Lake Placid, 465-3215. Father Michael J. Cannon. Mass schedule: Summer (May 1 to Oct. 31) - Saturday Vigil, 4 p.m.; Sunday 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; Weekdays, 9 a.m. December thru Easter - Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Weekdays 9 a.m.; and Holy Days 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., first Saturday at 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

◆ **Cornerstone Christian Church**, (Saxon Hall) 1850 US 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825. Love Christ - Love People. Bill Raymond, Preaching Minister. Jon Carter, Music Minister. Sunday, 9 a.m. Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship; Communion available each week. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Home Fellowship Group. For more information call 453-8929 or 449-0203.

◆ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852 (two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621), 465-7065. Ray Culpepper, senior pastor. Sunday: Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Celebration with the Lord’s Supper each week 10:15 a.m. Thelma Hall, organist; and Pat Hjort, pianist. Wednesday: Praise and Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; “Building God’s Kingdom for Everyone.” “Jesus Christ, the Way, Truth and Life!” “Alive and Worth the Drive!”

◆ **Sebring Christian Church**, 4514 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Tod Schwingel, Preacher; Josh Knabel (812-618-7118), Youth Pastor. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Youth Service, 6 p.m.; Evening service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night meals, 5:30 p.m. followed by classes at 6:30 p.m. Changing Seasons, a men’s grief support group, meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Alzheimers Caregivers Support Group meets at 11 p.m. Thursdays. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Phone 382-6676.

◆ **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 510 Poinsettia Avenue, (corner of Poinsettia and Eucalyptus), Sebring, FL 33870. Phone: 385-0358 or 385-3435. The Rev. Ronald Norton, Pastor; Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Praise Breakfast, 10 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children’s Church, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Praise and Worship, 6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p.m.; Midweek Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

◆ **The Alliance Church of Sebring**, 4451 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Call 382-1343. Rev. Steve Hagen, pastor. Sunday services: Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service meets at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. (off site); Wednesday Prayer Gathering meets at 6 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

◆ **Christian Science Church**, 154 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, ‘Science and Health with Key to the

Scriptures’ by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

◆ **First Church of the Nazarene of Avon Park**, P.O. Box 1118., Avon Park, FL 33825-1118. 707 W. Main St. Randall Rupert, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7 p.m. with special services for children and adults. Special services once a month for seniors (Prime Time) and Ladies ministries. If you need any more information, call 453-4851.

◆ **First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Placid**, 512 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Morning worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service, 7 p.m. Classes for adult children and youth. Call 465-6916. Pastor Tim Taylor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

◆ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Tom Schwankweiler, Pastor. Phone 453-6052.

Religion

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and services, go to www.gracepointecog@comcast.net.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon Sunday will be "The Ultimate Daylight Savings Time" with Scripture from Joshua 10:1-15.

The service will include special by Allen Warchak and reading by Valerie Ingler.

The church is at 2705 Alternate Route 17 South (behind Publix); phone number is 314-9693.

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Bishop W.C. Holden of the New Life Assembly Church will preach at the 10:45 a.m. service. The choir from his church will present special music. Pre-service music by the Worship Band.

At the 8:30 a.m. service, Rev. Jerry R. McCauley will preach on the subject "We All Need Friends," with a Scripture lesson from Acts 3 and 4.

Fellowship and refreshments in Rob Reynolds Hall from 9:15-10:40 a.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. behind the Tower. For information, call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — Sunday's Bible study lesson, "Standing Firm In Hope," is taken from II Thessalonians 2. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the worship service message.

The 6 p.m. service will be the "end of the month sing" followed by fellowship time.

The Wednesday inter-active Bible study will be in the book of John.

Parkway Free Will Baptist is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. For information, call 382-3552.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "The Church is for Whom?" Biblical reference is from Acts 11:1-18.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — This Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on "Having a Stunt Double." For more information, call 385-1597.

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in the community, are welcome to attend "First Responders Sunday."

Adopt-a-Leader Prayer luncheon set

SEBRING — As part of National Day of Prayer, Highlands University Preparatory School will host the Adopt-Leader Prayer Luncheon again this year. This event is an opportunity for the community to exercise our freedom to gather and pray for our nation and local officials.

The program will include speaker Penny Ogg, special music and a delicious lunch catered by Mae Lee's Deli. Tickets are \$12 and available in the UPrep school office or call 385-3850.

It will be held at noon Thursday, May 2 at 1160 Persimmon Ave.

May Friendship Day is May 3

SEBRING — Church Women United will celebrate "May Friendship Day" on Friday, May 3 at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, I.U.S. 98, Spring Lake.

The worship service and friendship luncheon will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All church women of the area are invited. Bring a friend. The "Least Coin" offering will be taken.

Crossroads to have barbecue

SEBRING — Crossroads Fellowship, 605 State Road 66, will have a barbecue dinner from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 3. Pick up or delivery will be available.

Pork or chicken dinners are \$8.50, rib dinners are \$9.50, and combination plates of pork and rib or

chicken and rib dinners are \$9. Add a rib for an additional \$1.50.

All dinners will be served with potato salad, baked beans and a roll. Call 655-0212.

Church of Buttonwood Bay donates to groups

SEBRING — The Church of Buttonwood Bay recently donated \$14,000 that was distributed between seven local service agencies — NuHope Elder Care, Potter House, Heartland Horses for Handicapped, Meals on Wheels, The Salvation Army, Good Shepherd Hospice, and New Testament Mission.

The church is a non-denominational Christian church, which not only meets weekly for worship, but also strives to serve the needs of county residents. Rev. Cecil D. Hess is pastor.

PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

◆ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church**, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

◆ **St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Episcopal Church**, 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Thursday: Holy Communion with healing service, 9 a.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

◆ **The Church of the Way EFCA**, 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way — A place for you. Office Phone: 471-6140, Church Cell Phone: 273-3674. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

GRACE BRETHREN

◆ **Grace Brethren Church**, 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebringgrace.org.

INDEPENDENT

◆ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

◆ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries**, (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

◆ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Tuesday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Tuesday of

month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Come grow with us. Phone 385-0797.

◆ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park — LCMS**, 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School past the four-way stop sign. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at (863) 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

◆ **Faith Lutheran Church — LCMS**, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Reverend Robert Reinhardt, Pastor. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Sunday Traditional Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes, 9:15 a.m. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Faith of Faith.

◆ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches**, 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

◆ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Luke Willitz at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlifesebring.com.

◆ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA**, 324 E. Main St., at Memorial Drive, Avon Park. Pastor Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday worship at 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. Fragrance Free Service Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Open Communion celebrated at all services. "God's Work, Our Hands."

◆ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS**, 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 10 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Preschool, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at: www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

◆ **Bible Fellowship Church**, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children, ages 4 yrs through 5th grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfsebring.com. Church

office 385-1024.

◆ **Calvary Church**, 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

◆ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctmforme.com

◆ **Crossroads of Life**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852; Tel. 863-655-9163. The place of your Divine appointment. We expect our supernatural God to transform our lives through His power and grace. Come, learn of His plan and destiny for you. With His plan we receive His provision along with His perfect timing and opportunity. What you have longed for, but have been missing, can now be received. The direction you have been thirsty for will suddenly quench your parched soul. Come to experience what you have been missing for so long — empowerment in every area of life. We teach, train and send forth to win souls. You don't speak English — no problem. We have a Spanish interpreter. We look forward to fellowship and worship with you at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Pastors Gil and Rosa Benton (Faith Never Fails).

◆ **Grace Bible Church**, 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Dustin Woods, lead pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

◆ **Highlands Community Church**, a casual contemporary church, meets at 3005 New Life Way. Coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. Nursery and Kid's World classes. Small groups meet throughout the week. Church phone is 402-1684; Pastor Bruce A. Linhart.

◆ **The Lord's Sentinel Fellowship Church**, 148 E. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid (at Lake Placid Christian School), Pastor Juanita Folsom. Sunday morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Sentinel School of Theology, 7 p.m.; Church service, Tuesday, 7 p.m. More information at www.juanitafolsoministries.com.

◆ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nights and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.wearunion.org.

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

PRESBYTERIAN

◆ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.;

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 a.m. Monday-Friday.

n **First Presbyterian Church ARP**, 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

n **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Email: faith@htn.net, Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Youth Group (middle school and high school age), 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes.

◆ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP**, www.fpcp.com, 117 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday Traditional Worship, 9 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:10 a.m. Wednesday evenings: Adult small group Bible Study 7 p.m. (Nursery available), Youth Group — 6-12th grades) 7 p.m., nursery and children's ministry, 7 p.m. Family Biblical Counseling available by appointment.

◆ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA)**, 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

◆ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avon-parksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Frank Gonzalez. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Associate Pastor is Ryan Amos. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

◆ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church**, 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Nathan Madrid.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

n **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin,

Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

◆ **The Salvation Army — Center for Worship**. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmysebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

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

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

◆ **Memorial United Methodist Church**, 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. Rev. John A. Bryant, pastor. Rev. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Rev. Jerry McCauley, visitation pastor. Sunday worship services: Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Youth Fellowship, 5 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. We are a congregation that wants to know Christ and make Him known. Check out our church website at www.memorialumc.com or call the church office at 465-2422. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to Grade 5, 465-0313.

◆ **St. John United Methodist Church**, 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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Diversions

'Pain & Gain' drowns in gimmicks & style

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

There's a siege mentality about Michael Bay's movies, as though viewers are the enemy holed up in a bunker and he's the guy ordering heavy-metal music around-the-clock to wear down our morale and force us to surrender. Bay's true-crime caper "Pain & Gain" lacks the visual-effects mayhem and sci-fi cacophony of his "Transformers" blockbusters, yet the movie uses all the shock and awe and noise and bluster the director has in his utterly unsubtle arsenal.

Unlike Bay's usual action nonsense, there's a story, screenplay, characters and wry mix of suspense and pitiable comedy to be had in the tale of three Florida bodybuilders who blunder through kidnapping schemes like the Three Stooges on steroids.

All but the faintest flashes of humanity and pathos are flattened by the cinematic cyclone that is Michael Bay. He drowns "Pain & Gain" in gimmick and style which, rather than gussying things up, dresses them down to make the movie even more ugly and sordid than it is on paper.

That these three guys, played by Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson and Anthony Mackie, are boobs and imbeciles, we get it from their actions. That what they do is reprehensible, that's clear to see. That the world as they view it is twisted and coarse, another given.

So why can't Bay set aside a few visual tricks and give us an occasional breather from the overload on screen? "Pain & Gain" is a two-hour onslaught of dizzy, drunken cuts, hot bodies in empty poses, shifting perspectives (with a babble of alternating character voice-overs to accompany) and often sickening images.

Example: Bay puts all of his technical know-how into a remarkably constructed shot of Tony Shalhoub, as the body-

builders' first victim, spewing spit as he's Tasered. It's done in agonizing slow-motion and extreme close-up, huge bubbles of saliva erupting from Shalhoub's mouth.

An impressive bit of technical work that's just disgusting and unpleasant to watch. Despite the sheen of Bay's imagery, everything about "Pain & Gain" looks filthy and diseased.

Likewise Wahlberg, so boyishly charming as another stunted man-child in last summer's "Ted," shows nothing but grubbiness as Daniel Lugo, the dimwitted mastermind of this plot carried out around Miami in the mid-1990s.

An ignoramus awash in envy toward the rich people he trains at a gym, Lugo enlists disciple Adrian Doorbal (Mackie) and born-again ex-con Paul Drake (Johnson) to kidnap self-made millionaire Victor Kershaw (Shalhoub) and torture him to extort everything he's got.

The dumbfounding farce of how these guys screw things up should be entertainment enough all on its own.

Some of that still comes through in the screenplay by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, though most of the comedy is smothered by the dazzle Bay can't resist.

Johnson comes off best among the three bad guys, clearly relishing his beta-stooge role as Curly to Wahlberg's Moe that frees him up for some goofy, unmanly hijinks.

Shalhoub rises above the chaos with razor ferocity to show yet again that he's one of Hollywood's finest character actors.

Ed Harris adds the movie's only notes of grace and class as a detective on the case, while Rebel Wilson has scene-stealing moments that feel wonderfully improvised as Doorbal's kooky wife.

But those few highlights are incinerated in the bonfires Bay sets on-screen.



Movie Review 'Pain & Gain'

Rating: R (bloody violence, crude sexual content, nudity, language and drug use)
Running time: 129 minutes
Review: ★★ (of 4)



Dwayne Johnson stars as Paul Drake Dwayne Johnson and is joined by Mark Wahlberg (bottom photo, center) as Daniel Lugo and Anthony Mackie (bottom photo, right) as Adrian Doorbal in 'Pain and Gain,' directed by Michael Bay from Paramount Pictures.

'Sweet Caroline' sales up

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales for Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" are up by 597 percent a week after the tune became a source of comfort following the explosions at the Boston Marathon.

Nielsen SoundScan said Wednesday the song sold 19,000 tracks this week. It sold 2,800 tracks the previous week and 1.75 million tracks to date.

The crowd-pleasing song is a staple of Boston Red Sox games.

Diamond released "Sweet Caroline" in 1969. It is addressed to Caroline Kennedy.

Amazon's most well-read city: Alexandria, Va.

NEW YORK (AP) — Alexandria, Va., and Knoxville, Tenn., are cities for readers, if not always the kinds of books your parents wanted you to read.

Alexandria and Knoxville ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on Amazon.com's annual list of U.S. cities buying the most books, newspapers and magazines per capita from the online retailer.

E L James' erotic "Fifty Shades of Grey" trilogy was a big hit in both places, especially in Knoxville, which advanced from No. 12 last year.

The list released Wednesday includes cities with populations of 100,000 or more. Alexandria topped the list last year.

Miami was No. 3. Next were Cambridge, Mass.; Orlando; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Berkeley, Calif.; and Cincinnati.

Woman who married young wants do-over on teen years

Dear Abby: "Jake" and I have been married more than 20 years. I married before I was 18, and I'm not even 40 yet. Jake is seven years my senior. We have had our ups and downs, and although the last five years have been fine, I want more out of life than sitting home watching TV or hanging out with him.

We have two children. One is away at college and the other starting high school. When I talk to my husband about wanting to do things, he says I should have done them when I was younger. But I married him before I was even an adult.

Is it wrong to want to go out and do things I never got to do when I was a teenager? It makes me question whether or not I want to be married to him anymore. I still love him, but I have changed.

Jake insists we don't need counseling and I just need to get over it and accept that this is my life. What if I don't want to regret what I have never had a chance to do?

— Wants More Out West

Dear Wants More: I'm sorry, but you can't relive your lost teenage years.

I wish you had been more specific about what it is you want to do. If it's go out and have some fun, perhaps some of your girlfriends would like to go with you. Instead of sitting home, you



Dear Abby

and Jake could socialize with other couples. If you're into sports, why not join a women's sports team? If you're not, how about a book club? You don't have to sit around and vegetate.

You also didn't mention whether you completed high school. If you didn't receive a diploma, you would be well-served to work on earning your GED, which could widen your horizons and opportunities considerably.

Dear Abby: I have two daughters, 11 and 14. They fight over many things, but what gets to me is the way they fight over what television shows to watch.

My younger daughter has nightmares if she watches even mildly dramatic cop/lawyer-type shows. However, my older daughter loves them.

At home, I'd have one kid watch TV in one room and the other in the other room. However, when they're at the sitter's house, which has only one TV, they call me at night and fight over the

phone over who watches what. They both accuse me of favoring the other.

How do I deal with this fairly without upsetting them? And how do I keep my younger daughter from having nightmares?

— Doing My Best in Kentucky

Dear Doing: Because your younger daughter has nightmares after viewing shows that create anxiety, she shouldn't be forced to do it. When they are at their sitter's, they should alternate days when each has control of the remote control. When your older girl has it, the younger one should be encouraged to read a book of her choosing and/or listen to music. When the younger one gets to do the choosing, the older one should do the same.

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'The Million Second Quiz'

NBC planning to air 12-day, 24/7 quiz show

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC says it's planning a 12-day-long, around-the-clock competition show to air this fall.

The network said Wednesday that the trivia-based game show, "The Million Second Quiz," will air live in prime time from a specially built studio in the heart of Manhattan. This hourglass-shaped complex will also serve as the living quarters of the four finalists.

When the 12 days — or 1 million seconds — draw to a close, the winner could claim a cash prize of as much as \$10 million.

Viewers will be able to play along in real time and sync to the prime-time broadcast.

NBC's president of alternative and late night programming calls the show "a game, a social experiment and a live interactive event." The network didn't announce a premiere date.

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— Eve Andrews

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Forecast: Mostly fun with scattered screams of delight

Weather not an excuse to play indoors



Family Features

Parents often keep a running list of rainy day activities, crafts and games to keep kids indoors when the forecast is soggy. But if your kids have never dodged rain drops, built a snowman or enjoyed a lazy summer afternoon outside, they're missing out on something wonderful.

Weather was cited as the biggest barrier to getting kids outdoors by 61 percent of parents recently surveyed by the National Wildlife Federation.

But the outdoor activities kids love, such as running, jumping, climbing, playing games with friends and taking nature walks, are a great strategy for keeping children healthy and happy.

"Children are safe to play outside in most kinds of weather barring the

extremes," said Lindsay Legendre, manager of the National Wildlife Federation's Be Out There movement. "Regular outdoor play is so important to kids' healthy development and a little rain shouldn't stop them from being out there. Parents might enjoy puddle jumping again themselves."

Bring on the rain

Rain can sometimes be blamed for causing children to catch colds or flu, particularly when their hair or feet get wet. However, rain cannot make you sick. Dress children in waterproof hats, boots and raincoats to keep kids from getting too soggy. If storm conditions develop, get out of any body of water and seek shelter in a nearby building.

Prepare for mud and splashes in advance by keeping a heavy mat and dry towels by the front door.

How hot is too hot?

When temperatures climb, make sure to have plenty of water available and take precautions, such as applying sunscreen and wearing loose clothing that is light in color. Try to schedule outdoor time during the early morning and evening, which are often the coolest part of the day.

Allergies

In many areas, seasonal allergies are another challenge for parents to contend with in regard to outdoor play.

Experts say, in addition to any allergy medications recommended by your pediatrician, there are steps you can take to help allergic kids enjoy the outdoors. Encourage kids to go outside in the early morning and evening when pollen counts are lower.

Cool shades or sunglasses can prevent allergens from entering their eyes. Have them shower and wash their hair once they come back in.

"Kids should get at least 60 minutes of exercise every day, and it's great if they can do so outside for the fresh air and more room to play," said Dr. Jennifer Shu, a pediatrician and author of *Heading Home with Your Newborn*.

For more tips and advice on getting kids outside, visit www.BeOutThere.org/Weather and www.BeOutThere.org. For more National Wildlife Federation news, visit: www.nwf.org/news.



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