

DIRTY HANDS & OPEN HEARTS



Volunteers get put to work for Day of Caring

News-Sun photos by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
 Scott Wilson (left) of the Alan Jay Automotive Network rolls on a fresh coat of paint Wednesday morning during the annual United Way Day of Caring at the Highlands Art League, while around the corner, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners employees (from left) Erin Gercken, April Hartseil and Helen McKinney tidy up the future Boys and Girls Club Emporium building.

Nearly 400 turn out to help local organizations

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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 SEBRING — United Way volunteers take spring cleaning to a whole other level during their annual Day of Caring duties. Hundreds of volunteers rolled up their sleeves and got to work at various places throughout the county Wednesday morning. The United Way partners with numerous businesses throughout the Heartland — businesses that each year

lend a helping hand back to the United Way. Highlands Regional Medical Center, the City of Sebring, Alan Jay Automotive Network, Highlands County Board of County Commission, Publix and many other businesses joined together with fellow co-workers to revitalize some of the area's most well-known establishments. The Day of Caring brought out

nearly 400 volunteers to serve and give back as a vital part of the upkeep of many community non-profit organizations. HCBC employees took on a huge task Wednesday as they got down and dirty at 435 Pomegranate in downtown Sebring. The long-vacant building is being renovated to serve as the new location for the Boys and Girls

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Trucks galore on tap at first Heartland Tailgate Extravaganza

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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 SEBRING — A brand new event is taking over Downtown Sebring this weekend as the Heartland Tailgate Extravaganza kicks off 5 p.m. today with a full night of trucks, food and music. "About a year ago I started thinking about having an event that is totally different from anything we've ever seen in this county. Then it hit me, trucks. Trucks are everywhere around here and they are such a big part of our

life here in the Heartland," coordinator Lora Todd said. After much coordinating and brainstorming with former major league pitcher and big truck aficionado Gabe White, Todd created the event that will have its first run downtown over the next couple of days. White was instrumental in Todd's planning and creation of the Extravaganza. "This is a brand new event," Todd said. "We have trucks of all colors, shapes,

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Courtesy photo
 Monster truck 'Gunslinger' will be on display in downtown Sebring today and Saturday as part of the Heartland Tailgate Extravaganza.

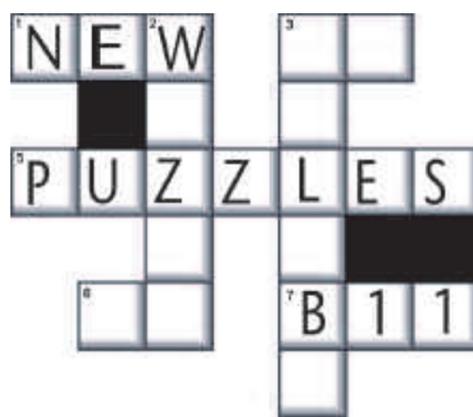
Man saves woman from submerged car

By BARRY FOSTER
 News-Sun correspondent
 SEBRING — Quick work by a Lake Placid man Wednesday saved the life of an elderly motorist. Reportedly, 89-year-old Anna Vanheck was on Miller Road near the Henscratch area when she lost control of her car during a driving rain storm. The auto crashed through a fence and slid into a

small body of water known as Clark's Pond. Ronnie Hathaway III was driving past when he spotted the car in the water. He was just getting off work from the family business — Hathaway Land Service. "I could see the tail light just above the lily pads," he said. Hathaway then ran around the edge of the water calling

out to see if anyone was in the car. "I was yelling 'Is anybody in there?'" he said. "That's when she stuck her hand up where I could see it." The 25-year-old Lake Placid man then dove in the water and swam to the largely-submerged car. "She had the window down

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Marlie Westervelt is accused of bilking her employer of \$480,000 in false checks \$500,000 in credit card charges and \$164,000 in false payroll

State: Woman stole nearly \$1 million

By SCOTT DRESSEL
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 SEBRING — The office manager of a Sebring medical practice was in the Highlands County Jail on Tuesday charged with several felonies after investigators say she embezzled nearly \$1 million from the business. Marlie Joann Westervelt, 56, of Sebring, was charged with four counts of grand theft of more than \$100,000, forgery, scheme to defraud, uttering a forgery, fraudulent use of a credit card, making false entries on the books of a corporation and two counts of money laundering for what investigators called an

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"ongoing systematic course of conduct" at the Sebring Heart Center, stealing \$936,121.61 from January of 2008 to August of 2012. According to a state's attorney affidavit, Westervelt issued unauthorized checks in the amount of \$196,010.98 — the bulk of that a \$110,000 check listed as a distribution to one of the doctors and

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Rained out
 Cullen Lovett (left) and the Blue Streaks were rained out of their playoff opener on Wednesday, as were the Green Dragons. See Sunday's News-Sun for results of the games, which were rescheduled for Thursday night.

Forecast

Rainy.
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Online

This week's question: Should the legislature pass a bill that would streamline the death penalty process?



Yes 86% No 14%
 Total votes: 171

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Chickens sell quickly at Animal Control auction

By **BARRY FOSTER**

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — More than a dozen people turned out Tuesday morning at Highlands County Animal Control, spending nearly \$500 on livestock being held at the Haywood Taylor Boulevard location.

Workers at the site said they divested themselves of

more than 140 chickens, including roosters, hens and peeps. Animal Control Director Darryl Scott, who also served as auctioneer, divided the fowl into lots.

The largest involved 18 roosters and 13 hens, while the smallest group was a single rooster and three hens.

“We didn’t count the peeps — they went with their

mamas,” Scott said.

The event ran just over an hour, starting promptly at 11 a.m. and finishing shortly after noon.

“We actually had a couple of bidding wars that went on and that drove the prices up,” he said.

“We made enough money to pay back our feed bill for the chickens.”

The chickens had been rounded up in the Highway Park community over the past several weeks in a clean-up effort that is ongoing. Animal Control officials said as many as two to three chickens continue to be trapped and brought in each day.

That means yet another auction will be held, probably within a month or so.

“It’ll probably be a few weeks anyway. When we get up around 100 chickens, we’ll go again,” Scott said.

While bidders snapped up the chickens — as well as an albino ferret and a dwarf hamster — they showed no interest in the three horses that went up on the auction block. The two quarter horses and a paso fino mare remain

in county custody. If they are not taken by the time the next auction is held, they will be put out to bid again.

Although it may be a bit before the next auction is held, officials remind residents there are plenty of dogs and cats that can be adopted at any time during regular office hours.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

Joseph Oros and his neighbor Carol DeWitt work together to keep area feral cats sheltered, fed and spayed or neutered.

Neighbors create an oasis for displaced cats and a friendship

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**

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SEBRING — Joseph Oros started out preferring dogs to cats. That opinion began to change when he developed a rat problem and got a cat.

Later, when he adopted a cat named Lucy, he fell in love.

The retired Oros noticed a parade of feral cats crossed his large property all the time. “For five years there have been no sales (in the neighborhood),” Oros said. “Forty homes are in foreclosure. Many cats had just been left behind.”

A man of multiple talents, including carpentry, he went to work building a cat feeding station and several “Kitty

Kondominiums.” He calls his complex “Kitty Land.”

The shelters have carpeted floors and rainproof roofs and are built out of single panels of plywood. Roofs overhang the entrances to keep the compartments dry. They look like library tables from a distance.

Each “kondominium” is set in its own lushly green garden. In the afternoon, the shade is a relief and the cats tend to nap.

What makes this story dif-

ferent is what happened next.

A thick cluster of bamboo and saw palmetto separated Oros’ property from his neighbor, Carol DeWitt.

Separated by landscape, they did not know each other at all. One day Oros could hear someone softly calling a cat, which is how he and

DeWitt met. DeWitt said she was moved when she heard what Oros was doing, and asked if she could help.

They cleared out the bamboo and palmetto, providing easy access for both humans

and cats. When more shelters were needed, Oros built them on DeWitt’s property.

Now both share the expenses of keeping the cats fed, dry and snipped.

Rewards come in two ways — Oros and DeWitt know the joy of watching healthy cats play in a safe environment, and they’ve gone from being strangers to friends in the process.

“Actually, we’re more like family than friends,” DeWitt said.

Forty homes are in foreclosure. Many cats had just been left behind.

Joseph Oros

Three indicted on tax fraud charges

News-Sun staff

FORT MYERS — United States Attorney Robert E. O’Neill announces the unsealing of an eight count indictment charging Desmond Holden, Kinjonah Coston, and Octavis Jones with conspiracy to prepare fraudulent tax returns, theft of public money and aggravated identity theft.

This case was originally investigated by Det. Barbara Hair of the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office and was subsequently turned over to the Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation division.

Holden and Coston, both of Lake Placid, were arrested in Highlands County by IRS Special Agents accompanied by HCSO deputies. Jones

Investigation started by HCSO, turned over to IRS

turned himself in.

If convicted, each faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison for each of the conspiracy and theft of public money offenses and a consecutive minimum sentence of two years’ imprisonment for each aggravated identity charge.

The indictment also notifies the defendants that the United States intends to forfeit all assets, which are alleged to be traceable to proceeds of the offenses.

According to the indictment, Holden, Coston and Jones participated in a scheme to fraudulently obtain federal income tax refunds by preparing and filing false tax returns.

They filed these returns in the names of people whose identities they had stolen by obtaining the victims’ Social Security numbers and other identifiers. The defendants would then direct the money from the fraudulent refunds to be deposited onto debit cards or money orders, which they would then convert to their personal use.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent.

Community Briefs

Tickets available for Lincoln Day Dinner

SEBRING — Kathy Rapp has been elected as chairperson of the Highlands County Republican Executive Committee replacing John Drozinski, who resigned for health reasons.

Rapp hopes to lead and build upon the visions of the last two chairmen — Drozinski and Andy Tuck.

Rapp was born and raised in Highlands County. She graduated from Sebring High School and the University of Florida with a degree in Occupational Therapy. She served as a therapist in the Highlands County schools and in private practice. She later developed her own business in Mary Kay Cosmetics and was promoted to the position senior sales director.

She has been married for 42 years to husband Gary, who has taught and coached multiple generations of students and athletes at Sebring High School. They have two sons, Travis (Holly) and Brian (Allison), a daughter Christie Pena (Mike), and six grandchildren.

The Lincoln Day Dinner is the Republican Executive Committees biggest fundraiser and will be held Saturday, May 18 at the Island View Restaurant (Sun ’N Lake) at 5:30 p.m. This year’s guest speaker is Representative Marti Coley, who is the current Speaker Pro Tempore of the Florida House of Representatives.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Olivia Scott at 381-6993.

VFW 4300 having a Kentucky Derby Day

SEBRING — Join the Sebring Post 4300 on Saturday for some Derby fun. Take all the excitement, buzz and fanfare of the Super Bowl and condense it into a few minutes of energy where fans hang onto every hoofbeat, racing at top speed for one and one quarter mile and you’ve got the Kentucky Derby.

The VFW is bringing the energy, hat contest, mint juleps and anticipation on a small scale. The activity begins at 3 p.m. and climaxes with Bob’s famous meat loaf dinner and music. There will be a prize for the best southern belle hat.

The Salvation Army distributes commodities

SEBRING — The Salvation Army will have commodities distribution from 9 a.m. to noon today at 3135 Kenilworth Blvd.

Clients in vehicles with 2013 Commodities cards may use the drop off lane for their distribution.

Clients without 2013 Commodities cards must come inside to certify for the year. Receive a new card and the distribution for the month.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Call 385-7548.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Gov. Scott needs to show universities some real love

Like an on-again, off-again romance, Gov. Rick Scott has been hot and cold in his interaction with state universities.

His behavior has been especially erratic as it relates to university funding. Last year, he vetoed the so-called pre-eminence bill that would have given the University of Florida more flexibility in tuition and other areas while also signing a budget with \$300 million in cuts to the state university system.

That same budget anticipated 15 percent tuition increases at state universities to blunt the impact of cuts. ...

This year, Scott has fallen back in love with the state university system — especially UF and its economic benefits. The governor recently signed a measure into law that would do much the same things as the pre-eminence

bill — sans the tuition authority — and provides additional money for UF to try to move into the top-10 public universities and establish fully online undergraduate programs.

Yet Scott continues to oppose even a modest 6 percent university tuition hike in the House's budget. He's also pressuring universities to hold down student fees, making it a condition for universities seeking bonding authority for construction projects.

Scott might say he's been consistent in his opposition to higher costs for students and the debt it creates for them. ...

The Cabinet, which Scott leads, must give final approval to issue bonds to

finance construction projects. So Scott has been able to hold building projects hostage at Florida State and Florida International universities, extracting a promise from FIU to keep a transportation fee in check.

Florida universities have gone through several years of funding cuts even as their tuition and fees were kept among the lowest in the nation. If Scott is going to show a newfound love for the economic benefits of universities, he must accept that there's a cost to achieving those benefits that must come from the state if not students.

Money might not buy love, but it would be a start to showing the governor's recent romance with UF and other state universities is not just a fling.

An editorial from the Gainesville Sun.

TODAY'S LETTERS

Will commission use integrity or deception?

Editor:

All the responses I got from my last letter either agreed with me or encouraged me to keep the pressure on about the Tourist Development Council, except one. It was from a commissioner who requested I remove his name from my email list. That indicates to me that he does not want to listen to any citizen who does not agree with him.

The truth of the matter is that in November 2002 the politicians put a request on the ballot to authorize a tourist tax of 2 percent with distribution to be set at percentages for each category to receive the tax money to bring tourists to the county. It has been well established that the distribution was not being done correctly. In fact, it showed on the audit they did not really know where all the money went and there was a substantial balance.

The only thing that can be done now is to reset the balance and enforce the percentages as they were voted in. No changes or removal in the administrative percentage of 29 percent. In other words do what is ethical with full integrity. The alternative is to let the voters revote on the tourist tax.

Ten people on the TDC are ones who will benefit the most by using the money any way they choose.

They appear not to care what the citizens prefer or want. They act like the tourist tax money is their money and they are doing the citizens a favor just giving them some of it.

They, the commissioners, will make the decision and that decision will decide if they use integrity or deception.

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Memorial Library and Museum is a travesty

Editor:

The George W. Bush Memorial Library and Museum, what a travesty! We already have memorials to those eight disastrous years Bush wasted in the White House, the almost 5,000 headstones marking the graves of those honored dead who died because of the lies told by Bush.

Is there a plaque in this "library" stating why he went AWOL (that's desertion from the military) from the Texas National Guard during a time of war? Does that plaque list the names of those whose homes were foreclosed because of his stupid actions permitting banks, real estate and mortgage companies to run wild with no government oversight? Does that plaque show that when Governor of Texas he cut taxes and bankrupted Texas by billions of dollars? Does that plaque show that he set the record for most executions by any governor in American history? Does that plaque state that he set the all-time record for most days on vacation by any president in U.S. history? Does that plaque state that he cut

unemployment benefits for more out of work Americans than any president in U.S. history? Does that plaque state that he set the record for the least amount of press conferences than any president? Does that plaque state that he created the largest government department bureaucracy in the history of the United States? Does that plaque state that he set the all-time record for biggest annual budget spending increases, more than any president in U.S. history? Does that plaque state that he withdrew the United States from the World Court of Law? Does that plaque state that when he entered office with the strongest economy in U.S. history and in less than two years turned every single economic category straight down? Does that plaque state that Bush announced the end of major combat operations in Iraq on May 1, 2003 under a banner reading "Mission Accomplished" meanwhile our soldiers are dying there today! Does that plaque state "Brownie, you're doing a heckuva a job"?

As I said: The George W. Bush Memorial Library and Museum, what a travesty!

Sandy Oleesky
Sebring

Field, stadium enhancements is another spending spree

Editor:

That's it ... I've had it with baseball (at least at the Major League level) as the Florida State Legislature has decided to spend upward of \$3 million a year (starting in 2015) to help some towns here in the state enhance their playing fields and stadiums so that at least two major league teams will have better facilities. Folks, that \$3 million is going to come right out of our pockets.

The people of Tampa got burned by the Glazer family when the taxpayers ended up paying for Raymond James Stadium when the Glazers apparently have all the money in the world. Now we are expected to pay for major league teams that give out player contracts that stagger your imagination. Longoria of the Tampa Rays, \$10 mil-

lion a year ... Pujols of the Angels, \$24 million ... Rodriguez of the Yankees, \$27 million (and he is home by the pool until at least July but still gets paid) and Kevin Yukalis, who was brought to the Yankees for one year to replace Rodriguez at the tune of \$12 million.

Folks, with owners shelling out this kind of money for players, how can they justify asking or needing money from the state for better venues? Our legislators need their heads examined.

I suggest that the people in Tallahassee go to a game in either Tampa or Miami and pay upwards of \$80 for a grandstand seat and buy one of those \$8 hotdogs and then vote with a clear head on spending our money on people who apparently have a bottomless pit of money.

Spring training lasts about six to eight weeks a year, how much do you think that helps a community on a yearly basis? Folks, don't let them get away with another stupid spending spree.

Hal Graves
Sebring

Bouquet

Parents, businesses help with SAC

Editor:

On behalf of our staff and students we would like to thank our Kindergarten Learning Center School Advisory Council members who have served during the 2012-2013 school year. The SAC members attended meetings throughout the school year and participated in discussions ranging from school safety to budget decisions.

We would like to wholeheartedly thank Chauncy Charlery, Clinton Culverhouse, Sherrie Daniels, and Bonnie Revell. Our business partners for this year have been Kim Heintz and Sandy Marcum from Highlands Independent Bank and Billy Perez of Precision Pest Management.

Once again we would like to express our deepest appreciation to each individual for their time spent serving as members of the Kindergarten Learning Center School Advisory Council.

Rick Kogelschatz
KLC SAC co-chairperson

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The Boston Bombers and the Theory of Relative Laziness

My working theory—you could call it a philosophy, or a free-standing reason of how the world works—is what I call the Theory of Relative Laziness.

It goes like this: Never attribute anything to conspiracy, coordination or planning when laziness could explain it. Call it Occam's Armchair.

While perusing the weirder corners of the Internet the other day I stumbled upon the Flat Earth Society's website. They believe—and claim to have plenty of evidence—that the world is not a sphere, it's flat. Why? According to their site it's because the world looks flat. The first question in their FAQs is, "Is this a joke?" The answer: "No." What about the moon landing and space travel, they're asked? It's been faked.

What's more lazy? Fifty years of an international conspiracy to commit massive (not to mention expensive) fraud to needlessly trick the world into believing our planet is shaped like a basketball? Or some dude looking at the ground beneath him and saying, "It looks flat."

I find it comforting to think of just how lazy the Boston Marathon bombers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev were. Yes, they went through all the trouble of learning how to make a bomb, constructing said bomb and walking to the finish line of the most prestigious street race in the world with moderately heavy backpacks.

But that was basically it. No attempts to hide their identity. No going through all the trouble of writing a manifesto to explain or indicate the goal of causing the senseless deaths of onlookers. Not even a declarative sentence, actually. No saving up money before the event so they could skip town. No trying to get rid of evidence. No attempts to change their identity. No backup plan. No thoughts on maybe not terrorizing your hometown where you've gone to school and people recognize you because your picture is in their yearbook.

There are reports the duo were preparing to carry out other attacks; the pitiful half-hearted assertion of slacker terrorists everywhere.

Yes they were cruel, callous and malicious—but thankfully they were also lazy.

This event has inspired a menagerie of conspiracy



Guest Column
Tina Dupuy

theories that I put into two categories: the false-reports-are-true theories and our-preexisting-assumptions-are-even-more-valid theories.

There are hypotheses that incorporate since-corrected errors that ended up in

the news media: A Saudi national, a "dark-skinned man," or anything mentioned in the Murdoch-owned New York Post. The idea is that these were the truth and the corrections are the cover-ups.

According to my Theory of Relative Laziness when you have journalists not doing their due diligence coupled with a denial of new information (meaning you get to stop reading and think you're right) both can be attributed to simple laziness.

Within seconds of the bombs going off a popular conspiracy sham artist (I'm not naming) tweeted out something to the effect of "The government did this, the government always does this so they can take away our civil rights." (Civil rights mean your right to stockpile weapons and ammunition. A "right" that's not being threatened even in the wake of people with arsenals making threats.) No investigation, no pausing for the victims, no evidence pondered, he knew — the government did it.

Conservatives will tell you government can't do anything well. Liberals will tell you government is flawed but it's the best we've got. Nowhere on the political spectrum or in any evidence-based reality is the U.S. government hyper-competent and perfect at accomplishing their objectives. Never.

But it's the laziest punditry there is: Everything went off as planned, everyone is in on it and I'm the only one brave enough to say anything.

It's apparently also pretty lucrative. Little overhead, low production costs, no need to employ a fact-checker (or copy-editors).

A lot of the world can be explained by the simple fact that someone isn't putting in a full effort and isn't interested in doing their job. See every column I've ever written about Congress.

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All items will run on a first-come basis as space permits, although more timely ones could be moved up.

We believe your viewpoints are just as important as any community leader or government official, so consider this a personal invitation to get your two cents in.

Day of Prayer



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Brooker Revell, 6, bows his head with his grandma Martie Brooker on Thursday morning during the National Day of Prayer event in Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Jeri Slaybaugh of Sebring said she felt led by God to attend the National Day of Prayer Thursday morning in Sebring.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Wally Randall sings 'God Bless the USA' during Thursday's ceremony.



A large crowd bows attends the National Day of Prayer event despite cloudy skies and a rainy weather forecast on the Highlands County Courthouse lawn in Sebring.

Tailgate Extravaganza revs up today

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and sizes. It's just a big variety of trucks that will be here. One of the highlights is the famous monster truck "Gunslinger" will be here throughout the event. The driver, Scott Hartsock, will be here signing autographs all weekend."

Other things on the Extravaganza itinerary include mud trucks, food vendors, live music and children's activities.

Two mud trucks from out of county — "Obelicious" and "Big Sexy" — will make appearances at the

Tailgate.

Dozens of show trucks will line the Circle to give everyone an opportunity to check out some of the fancy paint jobs and gear that they have to offer.

"We will have lots of food vendors. There'll be barbecuing going on because you can't have an event like this without barbecue, you know," Todd said.

The Shannon Reed Band will provide musical entertainment from 6-10 p.m. tonight. Truck registration will also be held this evening; vendors will be

open and ready to serve the public.

The opening ceremonies will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday. The truck show will kick off shortly following the opening ceremonies. The Ransom Band will provide live music from 12-4 p.m.

Trophies will be handed out to winners beginning at 4 p.m.

A cornhole tournament will be taking place throughout the event. All the money raised from the tournament will benefit Friends of Highlands Hammock

Foundation.

The Heartland Tailgate Extravaganza will be from 5-10 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Street closures will be in effect throughout the Tailgate Party Extravaganza.

"It's just going to be good, old-fashioned fun. It's a family event and children are welcome to come out. The Children's Museum will be open so it's just going to be a very nice and fun event," Todd said.

For more information, contact Todd at 381-6467.

Woman charged with theft, forgery, fraud

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signed by another, who claimed she had "never signed a \$110,000 check in her life."

That money was converted into a bank cashier's check made out to Swaine, Harris PA Trust Account and used to buy a home on Greenwood Terrace. That resulted in one of the money laundering counts.

An additional \$86,010.98 in checks were made out to "cash" or Westervelt, the affidavit said.

Westervelt is also accused of writing checks to pay for family members.

Additionally, investigators said, Westervelt racked up \$498,532 of personal charges on four different credit cards and used company money to pay

the bills. She should have had access to only one credit card for the business and was only allowed to make business transactions with it, the owners told investigators.

In February of 2012, one of the doctors asked Westervelt for a personal loan of \$25,000. Westervelt made the loan with what she claimed were personal funds, but instead used office funds.

When the doctor paid back the loan, Westervelt kept that money, the affidavit said, accounting for the other money laundering charge.

Additionally, in her role as office manager Westervelt used fraudulent time cards and other methods to increase her salary as well as that of another family member who worked at the Heart Center. That total was more

than \$164,000.

Brian Haas of the State's Attorney's Office would not comment when asked if any other family members were under investigation, but did say that the amount of money Westervelt is accused of taking is "significant."

"It's a very serious case," he said.

The scheme came to light, the affidavit said, when Westervelt, who had been office manager for 12 years, "complained that there wasn't enough money in the checkbook to cover bills" to another employee, which sparked an audit.

Westervelt's bond was set at \$84,000, but she was subject to a Nebbia hearing, where she will have to prove that the money used for bail comes from legitimate sources, before she can be released.



News-Sun photo by CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
Individuals representing businesses, local Heartland Workforce centers and government officials from all over the state meet April 30 and May 1, for an informational and brainstorming symposium at Chateau Elan.

Group brainstorms about improving state economy

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Specialists in local economic and job development programs and organizations gathered at the Chateau Elan for an informational and brainstorming session earlier this week.

Participants came from all over the state, including workforce professionals and government officials.

A report on Florida's current state of economic development by McCallum Sweeney Consulting and Avalanche Consulting said, "Florida is not on most companies' radar as a viable business location ... it's seen as a great vacation place, but not as a place to do business." It adds that hurricanes remain a real concern for many companies.

Beyond simply not knowing about Florida's opportunities, the report said many businesses have found local permitting processes complicated enough to kill any deal. The recommendation is for elected officials to modernize taxes, streamline the permitting process and establish liaisons with other state agencies for a smoother process.

The McCallum report said "K-12 education and availability of a more highly skilled workforce are two

There are plenty of jobs. The problem is the employers and job seekers aren't meeting in the same place.

Steve Carr
Polk County
Workforce Board

areas that need the most improvement ... specifically more investment in workforce training."

Locally, Highlands County businesses, the school district and South Florida State College are already collaborating on new programs regarding this issue.

The symposium also focused on several successful initiatives.

In Polk County, the local workforce created the Race to Place program, a short-term, intensive outreach campaign. "There are plenty of jobs," said Steve Carr, with the Polk County Workforce Board. "The problem is the employers and job seekers aren't meeting in the same place. We need to get open job notices and job seekers into the Employ Florida Market Place data system."

From an entirely different perspective, Crystal Stiles, economic development project manager for Florida Power & Light, presented a new economic development incentive called Powering Florida. The program, which is already live online, offers two sets of services — a one-stop shop for site selectors, and a market research center for local economic development organizations. For the first time, Stiles said, three-dimensional information is available in one place at no cost.

Jack Richie, Highlands County Commission chairman, was very impressed by what he heard. "It was an incredible meeting," he said. "The information was extremely valuable. There are a lot of things I would hope we could do here. The power company's incentives are incredible, a great tool."

Roger Hood, executive director of the Heartland Workforce, was thrilled with the participation and variety of ideas.

He said the session showed a new seriousness of purpose. For example, Gov. Rick Scott had planned to attend, but at the last minute could not. Hood said the governor still spoke to the group via telephone for 30 minutes.

Obituaries

THOMAS BRAGG

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, Fla., for Thomas Caswell Bragg of Avon Park, Fla. Thomas was born Oct. 9, 1946. He passed away, to be with the Lord, during the early morning hours of May 1, 2013, after a long battle with cancer.

Thomas has spent the past 28 years providing service for the community of Avon Park as the owner of Tom's Cycle.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Bragg; children, Michael Bragg, Laura Johnston, Georgia Varner, and Thomas Bragg Jr.; and six grandkids. He is also survived by seven sisters, and three brothers.

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Community Briefs

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JoMamma's Coffee, Tea & Thee grand opening set

SEBRING — Take mom to JoMamma's Coffee, 113 W. Center Ave., for their grand opening today and Saturday with breakfast, lunch, full coffee menu ad baked goods all under \$6.50. Enjoy free samples, students receive \$1 off specialty coffee or sandwich with ID.

The store will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For information, email jommammascoffee@yahoo.com.

Prime-1 to perform

SEBRING — Prime-1 is a fairly new reggae, clypose, and R&B band who's no stranger to the bright lights. Individually the group members has preformed for a-list artists such as Grammy Award winner Shaka Khuan, and the renown gospel singer who has received countless awards and honors, Cece Winans, just to name a few.

This eight-part band was created when band leader "Chilli" Willie Hood and lead vocalists Johnny Neville Coke, aka "Jonney Culture", realized there was no group in Central Florida that covered all dance genres of music, from R&B, reggae, calypso, funk, step, down to pop.

Prime-1 is looking forward to recording their first album in June.

Prime-1 will preform at Highlands Inn at 8 p.m. today. Dinner and a show will be \$18.

Improve speaking and leadership skills

SEBRING — Looking to improve your speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career?

The Heartland Talk of the Town Toastmasters in Sebring is only one among more than 13,500 Toastmasters clubs with 280,000 members in 116 countries. Since 1924, more than 4 million people around the world have become more confident speakers and leaders because of their participation in Toastmasters.

Membership in Toastmasters is one of the greatest investments you can make in yourself. At less than \$10 a month, it is also one of the most cost-effective skill-building tools available anywhere. A Toastmasters' meeting is a learn-by-doing workshop in which participants hone speaking and leadership skills in a no-pressure atmosphere.

Visitors are always welcome to attend a meeting of the Heartland Talk of the Town Toastmasters club the first and third Tuesday every month from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Grace Brethren Church Community Room 101, 3626 Thunderbird Road.

For more information, contact Erin Hess at 273-1437 or Linda Udall or 386-6495. Visit www.toastmasters.org on the Web.

Bake sale benefits Project Graduation

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid High School Project Graduation 2013 will sell baked goods, food and drinks from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Winn Dixie in Lake Placid.

Proceeds benefit Project Graduation, a celebration honoring the graduates the night of their graduation with a night of fun in a drug and alcohol free environment.

WOTM Road Kill Game is Saturday

SEBRING — The Women of the Moose Lodge 2259 will host the Road Kill Game at 3 p.m. Saturday in the social quarters. Snacks will be served.

Road Kill is a game where you receive three cards attached to a board. The caller will call cards from a deck and when you get one card you holler weaving, second card is swerving and third card would be Road Kill. You then would go to a board where pictures of animals are placed with a type of meat under each one. You pick the animal and receive the cut of meat that has been written down and placed under the animal.

Your winnings are picked up at the end of the games.

Fifteen games are played; the cost is \$1 for three games. Door prizes are also available from a free ticket drawing. Members and qualified guests are invited. Food and entertainment begins at 5:30 p.m.

Ballroom Dancers plan May Dance

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will sponsor a May Day dance Saturday at the fellowship hall, Eastside Christian Church. Uptown Country, the "little big band", will provide the music. There will be prizes and refreshments; hours are from 6:30-9 p.m. Soda and water available.

Fellowship hall is 1.8 mile

east on County Road 621 off U.S. 27.

Audubon's last meeting of the year is Saturday

SEBRING — Plans are set to hold the final meeting of the year at noon Saturday at Sebring Christian Church fellowship hall, 4514 Hammock Road. Bring a bag lunch. Desserts and refreshments will be provided.

The guest speaker will be a ranger from the Highlands Hammock State Park.

For any questions, call Lois Krebs at 699-5592.

AmVets host karaoke Saturday

SEBRING — AmVets Post 21, 2027 U.S. 27 South, will have Karaoke with Mega Soundz from 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Pizza will be available.

For more information, call 385-0234.

Walker Academy inducts NHS members

AVON PARK — Walker Memorial Academy will induct new members into the National Honor Society at

12:45 p.m. today during a ceremony in the gym, 1525 W. Avon Blvd.

Lake Placid DeMolay to hold car wash

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Chapter of DeMolay will hold a fundraising car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Bank of America, corner of U.S. 27 South and Dal Hall Boulevard. All donations will go to help members attend a statewide conclave this summer.

DeMolay is a Masonic youth organization for young men ages 12-21 and is designed to assist them in developing civic awareness, personal responsibility and leadership skills vitally needed in today's society.

DeMolay combines this serious mission with fun, sports, competition and social events that helps build bonds of friendship among its members.

There are more than 1,000 DeMolay chapters, sponsored by local Masonic lodges worldwide. For additional information on the car wash or the DeMolay chapter, call Ashton Abela at 699-2779 or Jim McQuigg at 465-8185.



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

'Be mindful of how you act...it's OK to set yourself apart,' Daija Barrett said Saturday, while mentoring a group of young people in Sebring.

Pearls Program uses AP graduate as mentor to youth

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — Young girls were given a boost of confidence recently during a mentioning program at Wings of Faith Church in Sebring.

The program put a face on the importance of perseverance, hard work and following your dreams. The "Pearls Process" is a program that was put together by the single women congregation members to uplift and empower the younger generations. The attendees were addressed by a special guest — Avon Park High School graduate and soon-to-be college graduate Daija Barrett.

Barrett is a journalism major who is currently interning in Orlando as a television sports anchor. Barrett spoke to the group of 20 young girls about the importance of finishing school and continuing their education following high school. Barrett also touched on topics that are vital to growing young girls in America, such as self image, confidence, peer pressure, and dreams. "I am who I say I am," Barrett said. "Self image is important, because they need to learn who they are and to be who they say they are. They have to learn about handling things

like a young woman, professionally and with dignity. In this society it's the opposite; there are not enough young ladies. All they see is what's splashed across reality TV."

Barrett knows the pressure of growing up in a small community where it is sometimes easy to succumb to one's environment.

They need to learn who they are and to be who they say they are. They have to learn about handling things like a young woman, professionally and with dignity.

Daija Barrett

"Me coming from little old Avon Park, no one expected much of me. People don't expect you to go off to college and learn and become a better person and that's why I tell these girls 'You can be whatever you want to be,'" Barrett said.

During her address to the young ladies, Barrett described the girls as a bag of peanut M&M's. People come in all different shapes and colors and sizes, she stated to the girls.

"Inside there is a nut. That nut is a dream. You have to know your self-worth and protect your dreams," Barrett said.

The girls were given a pearl during the program that coordinators hope will serve as a reminder of the day and keep the girls grounded during periods of struggle or irritation.

The pearl stands for beauty, dignity and the process of growing from a small grain of sand into a perfect pearl.



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Kani Binns listens with a smile Saturday morning as former Avon Park resident Daija Barrett shares some positive words of encouragement at Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center in Sebring.

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Fortunately, he was taken to Florida Hospital Heartland, equipped with two state-of-the-art cath labs and the area's only Certified Chest Pain and Primary Stroke Center.

In fact, the Florida Hospital Heart & Vascular Center is one of the nation's fastest at stopping heart attacks. From the point a patient enters their hospital doors until the time the artery is open, their "Door-to-Balloon" time is just 43 minutes, beating the national standard of 90 minutes and placing them in the upper 5-10% of hospitals in the country. Because of that kind of speed, P.O. was assured of receiving quick attention from the region's recognized leader in cardiovascular care.

P.O. also benefitted from two interventional cardiologists, Dr. Roger Wittum and Dr. Phillip Jones, with more than 60 years of experience who have performed more than 2,000 heart interventions in Sebring in the past 4 1/2 years. They are also the only Level One hospital in Florida that features Rotoblator, a minimally invasive, catheter-based procedure that pulverizes plaque.

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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For men include: sudden pressure, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest, fainting, sweating and shortness of breath and/or rapid heartbeat.

For women include: shortness of breath, dizziness, fatigue, pain below the left shoulder blade, pain or tingling in the jaw, elbow, arm, or throat, and/or nausea or vomiting.

The symptoms of a stroke include: sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, sudden trouble speaking or understanding conversation, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination, and/or sudden severe headache with no known cause.

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

"I've been in good health all my life and had nothing serious. So when I had my heart attack, it was all new to me. Thanks to Dr. Wittum, I can still play my music and enjoy my life!"

*- P.O. Goff
Florida Hospital Heart &
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Sue Kimmell, Mike McMillan and Clell Ford tidy up and make repairs Wednesday morning at the site of the Boys and Girls Club future Emporium building. The three volunteers were a few of the many United Way Day of Caring workers who lent a hand throughout the county.

Day of Caring draws hundreds of helpers

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Club Emporium. Since its opening last spring, the Emporium has quickly outgrown its space on Circle Drive. The Boys and Girls Club acquired the new space two weeks ago and have begun cleaning up the unused space.

Emporium manager Levon Stukes was grateful for the help from volunteers.

"I'm going to work them as long as I have them here," Stukes said with a chuckle. "Right now they are just doing basic clean up: vacuuming, wiping down windows and counters, sorting through old things. Later on we will install some shelves and get a few of the offices set up. The more I can get done while they are here, the less things I have to do by myself."

Rookie Day of Caring volunteer April Hartseil was busy cleaning up garbage and wiping down doors Wednesday morning.

"This is my first year ever volunteering. I've been working with code enforcement for 13 years and I've never done one (Day of Caring) ... I just thought 'OK, this is my year.' So here I am," Hartseil said. Just a few streets over, Alan Jay employees were putting in some serious work at the Highlands Art League, painting, pruning, cutting and chopping.

New coats of paint on the HAL's Yellow House were being applied, weeds around the property were being pulled, new benches were being installed outside the buildings in addition to a general cleaning.

Two volunteers — Joel



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR

Longtime United Way Day of Caring volunteer Joel Timmons traces out a board for cutting Wednesday morning at the Highlands Art League.

Timmons and David Rivers — are no stranger to the Day of Caring.

"We've been doing this about 17 years," Timmons said.

"It's been about 17, 18 years, yeah. We've been doing it for as long as I can remember," Rivera said.





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 Carol J. Emery (from left); Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert, dean, Arts and Sciences; Cheryl John, developmental mathematics instructor, Carol J. Emery Endowed Chair in Mathematics recipient; and Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr., SFSC president

SFSC President's Gala honors Stephens as he preps to retire

Special to the News-Sun
 AVON PARK – The South Florida State College Foundation, Inc. held its 29th Annual Meeting and President's Gala April 27 at the Hotel Jacaranda.

The Gala celebrated Dr. Norm Stephens' 11th year as South Florida State College's president, as he will retire from the college on June 30. During his tenure, the college remodeled and renovated the SFSC Theatre for the Performing Arts, and constructed the Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr. Health and Science Education Center and Dental Education facility; achieved national recognition, when it became a finalist for the aspen prize twice; and transitioned to a four-year baccalaureate degree-granting institution.

According to Don Appelquist, executive director, SFSC Foundation Inc., "Our college Foundation's Gala is always fun, but this year it was particularly enjoyable and a spectacular success. That we were devoting the proceeds to an

endowment named in honor of our retiring president, Dr. Norm Stephens, no doubt helped to account for the large turnout. The camaraderie was engaging, the gourmet meal delightful, and the program most entertaining. Everyone seemed to have a great time."

Developmental mathematics instructor Cheryl John was the 2013 recipient of the Carol J. Emery Endowed Chair in Mathematics.

"Cheryl's Endowed Chair project is related to her current efforts to redesign developmental mathematics courses," said Dr. Kimberly Batty-Herbert, dean, Arts and Sciences.

"The state has interest in redefining the way in which colleges provide remediation to students who need to advance their college readiness in math, reading, and writing."

"Following her summer redesign of both levels of developmental mathematics, she will visit another institution of higher education that has experienced success in this area," Dr. Batty-Herbert

said. "Cheryl will then construct and conduct multiple workshops for her fellow developmental faculty members sharing best practices and redesign strategies. In this way Cheryl will positively impact the entire academic foundations department, not just mathematics."

John will receive a \$5,000 endowment awarded over a period of two years. Selection of the honoree is highly competitive within the department and is jointly made by a selection committee. The selection must then be certified by Stephens.

"I am appreciative of this award," John said. "Developmental mathematics is important, and I am happy to help shape these courses at South Florida State College."

"These teaching chairs, math as well as nursing and dental education, allow us to recognize and reward excellence in teaching by SFSC

faculty," Appelquist said. "We are working to fund teaching chairs in as many disciplines as possible at SFSC."

The evening started off with a silent auction of items from local individuals and businesses with musical interlude by Doug Andrews, dean, SFSC Cultural Programs. During the meeting, the board elected and welcomed two new directors for three-year terms, Paul Seusy and Tim Texley.

The proceeds from the evening's auction, ticket sales, and associated pledges approximately totaled \$59,000 towards the Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Each year, the SFSC Foundation Inc. conducts its annual meeting during the banquet and raises money for student scholarships. Last year the foundation awarded more than \$425,000 in scholarships.

Sebring wildland firefighter rides for fallen heroes

Special to the News-Sun
 SEBRING – The Florida Forest Service is proud to announce that Forest Area Supervisor (wildland firefighter) Tim Elder will participate in the 2013 Brotherhood (bicycle) Ride today. Elder rode this event last year for two fallen Florida Forest Service wildland firefighters, Josh Burch and Brett Fulton.

Elder trains for this event by bicycling year round throughout Highlands County. His favorite road to ride is County Road 17 near the Florida Forest Service Station in Highlands County.

Elder has improved his health and lifestyle through cycling and other activities that also keep in the physical condition required of his job.

His passion for health has lead to several triathlons, but his favorite event was last year's Brotherhood Ride.

"Last year, there was an outpouring of support by the communities and other

agencies when as we rode through a county," Elder said. "We were escorted by supporting fire and law enforcement agencies at the state, county and local level. This is a positive way to show my support for our fallen and let their families know that they are not and never will be forgotten. I am proud to apart of this event"

The 2013 Ride will be dedicated to five police officers and one firefighter from Florida, one police officer from Virginia and one fire chief from Tennessee, who died in the line of duty in 2012.

They will honor them by riding through the state of Florida and onto Tennessee in nine days, covering more than 700 miles. The ride begins today in Brooksville and ends May 11 in Decaturville, Tenn.

For more information and to monitor Elder on his ride go to www.brotherhoodride.com or like them on facebook at www.facebook.com/brotherhoodride.

Bill seeks to prevent identity theft

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — It will be illegal to possess without permission other people's personal information like social security numbers and credit cards if Gov. Rick Scott signs a bill that passed the Legislature.

The House unanimously passed the bill (HB 691) on Thursday. The Senate unanimously passed it two

weeks ago.

The measure would make it a first-degree misdemeanor to possess other people's Social Security numbers, driver's licenses, medical records, passports, bank account numbers, credit cards and Medicaid or food assistance account numbers unless they have authorization.

Diamond Steppers perform



News-Sun photo by BRIANA WASHINGTON
 The Diamond Steppers perform in front of parents and students Tuesday evening during Avon Park High School's Night of Stars, an evening set aside for incoming freshmen and students to learn more about the school's organizations.

Hero pulls woman from pond after crash

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 and one leg out but she was stuck," Hathaway said. "I was able to ease the door open and get her out."

The two then made their way to shore and sat and talked until the ambulance arrived.

Apparently, it was not a moment too soon. He said as the two got back on land they heard a "pop." As they turned around they saw the vehicle sink to the bottom of the pond.

Hathaway said Vanheek did not appear to be seriously injured in the mishap.

"She went a good long way off the road but I didn't see a scratch on her," he said.

By the time Highlands

County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived at the scene, the car had sunk all the way up to the roof.

Mark Schrader, HCSO chief deputy, credited Hathaway with saving the woman's life.

"With his swift response to the emergency, Ronald Hathaway disregarded his own safety, went to the aid of this woman and ultimately saved her from serious injury or possibly even death," he said.

When asked about saving Vanheek's life, Hathaway gave the credit to a higher power.

"The good Lord just put me in the right place at the right time I guess," he said.



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1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 12-857 GCS SECTION NO.

MIDFLORIDA CREDIT UNION F/K/A 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."

April 26; May 3, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2012-CA-000151-XX-AX-MX

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, vs.

DARWIN AVELAR; KAYLAN AVELAR A/K/A KAYLAN M. AVELAR

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to 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:

LOT 7, BLOCK 298, PLACID LAKES SECTION 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK 2078 AND PAGE 403.

Property Address: 1450 Jersey Street NE, Lake Placid, FL 33852

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

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
/s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk of Court
(COURT SEAL)
April 26; May 3, 2013

1050 Legals

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 BURLERSON; JUDITH BURLERSON; 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

1050 Legals

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
April 26; May 3, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 127056GCA

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 DISOLVED 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 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
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

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 13-259-GC Division:

FEATHER CLUB INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Limited Liability Company Plaintiff, vs.

ARMEN M. DERIMENHIAN DER KASPAR Defendant

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Armen M. Derimenhian Der Kaspar, Defendant, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendant, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in legal proceeding filed against you for an Action to Quiet Title. The action involves real property in Highlands County, Florida, more fully described as follows:

Lot 8, Block 346, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, Unit 16, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 4 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

The action was instituted in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida, and is styled FEATHER CLUB INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Limited Liability Company vs. ISABEL DEIR KASPAR DE DEGUERMANDJIAN.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Spiro J. Verras, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 31640 US Highway 19 N, Suite 4, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684, not less than 28 nor more than 60 days after the first publication of the notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Spiro J. Verras, Esq., or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest, which will be binding upon you.

DATED: April 10, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Bob Germaine
Clerk of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE No.: 13-259-GC Division:

FEATHER CLUB INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Limited Liability Company Plaintiff, vs.

ISABEL DEIR KASPAR DE DEGUERMANDJIAN Defendant,

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Isabel Deir Kaspar De Deguermandjian, Defendant, and to all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendant, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that you have been designated as defendant in legal proceeding filed against you for an Action to Quiet Title. The action involves real property in Highlands County, Florida, more fully described as follows:

Lot 8, Block 346, Sun 'n Lake Estates of Sebring, Unit 16, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10, Page 4 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

The action was instituted in the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida, and is styled FEATHER CLUB INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Limited Liability Company vs. ISABEL DEIR KASPAR DE DEGUERMANDJIAN.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Spiro J. Verras, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 31640 US Highway 19 N, Suite 4, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684, not less than 28 nor more than 60 days after the first publication of the notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Spiro J. Verras, Esq., or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest, which will be binding upon you.

DATED: April 10, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
Bob Germaine
Clerk of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 3, 10, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 29-2009-CA-001527

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSMP5 2004-4 Plaintiff, vs.

HENRY T. WILLIAMS; TERRY S. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HENRY T. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TERRY S. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; AVON PARK LAKES ASSOCIATION; CITIFINANCIAL EQUITY SERVICES, INC.; EAST COAST RECOVERY, INC.; LWN FUNDING LLC, AS ASSIGNOR OF HOUSEHOLD - ROOMS TO GO; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 24, 2010, in this cause, I will sell the property situated in HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, described as:

LOTS 13392 TO 13396, BOTH INCLUSIVE, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 42, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 89, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

a/k/a 1731 W BATAVIA RD, AVON PARK, FL 33825-8348

at public sale on May 23, 2013, at eleven o'clock a.m., in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870-3867, to the highest bidder for cash, except as prescribed in paragraph 4, in accordance with section 45.031, 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 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 24th 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 any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice, please contact the Court Administration Office at (863) 534-4690. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

May 3, 10, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 28-2012-CA-000624

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005-KS10, PLAINTIFF, vs.

TRACY A. GONZALEZ AKA TRACY A. PEDERSEN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

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 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2005-KS10 was the Plaintiff and TRACY A. GONZALEZ AKA TRACY A. PEDERSEN, ET AL., the Defendant(s). 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 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 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

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-000598 Division:

MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff, vs.

DANIELLE MARIE CONNERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIELLE CONNERS; HIGHLANDS COUNTY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; GERRARD SERVICES, INC.; COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 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 18, 2013, in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

UNIT 11-A, THE MANORS; COMMENCE AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 7, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LAKE AVENUE, (SAID POINT BEING 25.00 FEET WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF LAKE AVENUE); THENCE RUN WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 7, FOR A DISTANCE OF 194.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 02" EAST A DISTANCE OF 310.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 0 DEGREES 02" EAST A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET; THENCE WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 02" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 35 FEET; THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL LYING AND BEING IN LOT 1, BLOCK 7, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as 1452 N MELROSE DR., AVON PARK, FL 33825 including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on May 23, 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 24th day of April, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
May 3, 10, 2013

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 28-2011-CA-000088 SEC.: Civil

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, v.

OLIVER SCOTT BOND; LISA KAY BOND; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; INTERNATIONAL PORTFOLIO, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 26, 2012, entered in Civil Case No. 28-2011-CA-000088 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 23rd day of May, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, Courthouse Basement, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

A PORTION OF BLOCK 42, OF THE REPLAT OF BLOCKS 41 THROUGH 44 OF DESOTO CITY, AS PER PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 74 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 42 AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 7TH STREET SOUTH WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LAKE FRONT DRIVE; THENCE ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LAKE FRONT DRIVE AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT AND CONCAVE TO THE EAST AND HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 826.59 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 09 DEGREES 23'27" AND A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 18 DEGREES 07'57" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 135.48 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE AND STILL ALONG SAID CURVE AND HAVING FOR ITS ELEMENTS A RADIUS OF 826.59 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03 DEGREES 08'34" AND A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 24 DEGREES 23'58" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 45.34 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 58'15" EAST STILL ALONG SAID RIGHT

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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.

April 26, May 3, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY CIVIL 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 OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 282013CA000168GCAJMX Division:

Bank of America, N.A. Plaintiff vs. CAROL SHAWWER A/K/A CAROL L. SHAWWER; DANIEL SHAWWER A/K/A DANIEL M. SHAWWER. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL SHAWWER A/K/A DANIEL M. SHAWWER 851 TED A CROZIER SR BLVD APT 1308 CLARKSVILLE, TN 37043

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL SHAWWER A/K/A DANIEL M. SHAWWER 3212 MONZA DRIVE SEBRING, FL 33872

DANIEL SHAWWER A/K/A DANIEL M. SHAWWER 851 TED A CROZIER SR BLVD APT 1308 CLARKSVILLE, TN 37043

DANIEL SHAWWER A/K/A DANIEL M. SHAWWER 3212 MONZA DRIVE SEBRING, FL 33872

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 36, BLOCK 261, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING UNIT 13, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 3212 Monza Drive, Sebring, FL 33872 Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Udren Law Offices, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 4651 Sheridan Street Suite 460, Hollywood, FL 33021 on or before June 5, 2013, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The News-Sun and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You have 30 calendar days after the first publication of this Notice to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book). This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to 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 impaired call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 26th day of April, 2013.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court by: By: /s/ Toni Kopp As Deputy Clerk May 3, 10, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: GC-12-000678

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, vs. LORETTA GEORGE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORETTA GEORGE; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

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LOTS 6547 AND 6548, AVON PARK LAKES UNIT 20, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 19th day of March, 2013.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (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.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
May 3, 10, 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

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For the City of Avon park
Saturday, May 11, 2013
FL Lic # AB1898-AU2567
April 26, May 3, 10, 2013

Notice is hereby given that Downtown Mini Storage LLC will sell at public auction at 195 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825 at 1:00 P.M. Saturday 11th May 2013 to the highest bidder.

Items held for Juatevin Hicks, mirror, dresser, full size bed

Items held for Ashley Wiley, air conditioner, 3 tvs, dining set, couch, childs bike, carpet, lamp, dresser, car seat, coffee table, beds, dvd, clothing, bedding.
May 1, 3, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST
HEARING NO. 1724

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 14th day of May, 2013, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a variance to allow the height of an accessory structure (storage shed) to be 16" (inches) higher than the house, within the area described as follows: An approximate 0.49 acre parcel located on Sebring Lakes Boulevard on the west side of Grand Concourse in Sebring Lakes; the address being 4650 Sebring Lakes Blvd., Sebring, FL; and legally described as follows: Lots 109, 110, 111, and 112, Block 31, of Sebring Lakes, Unit 2C, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 10 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Any person or persons interested or affected by this change are invited to attend this hearing. You may submit comments in writing to the attention of Linda Conrad, Zoning Supervisor, P.O. Box 1926, Sebring, Florida 33871-1926, or you may call (863) 402-6638, for further information. Please reference the above hearing number when calling or writing.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS MAY APPEAR AND BE HEARD AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED ABOVE. ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THIS COMMITTEE/GROUP, IN PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT HE OR SHE WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THAT, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, HE OR SHE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE UPON THE BASIS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY STATUS. THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY INVOLVES EVERY ASPECT OF THE BOARD'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING ONE'S ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TREATMENT IN ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. ANYONE REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OR SECTION 286.26, FLORIDA STATUTES, SHOULD CONTACT MRS. MELISSA BRUNS, ADA COORDINATOR AT 863-402-6509 (VOICE), VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 711, OR BY E-MAIL: MBRUNS@COJCC.ORG. REQUEST FOR CART OR INTERPRETER SERVICES SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT COORDINATION OF THE SERVICE.

ONE OR MORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
ONE OR MORE LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
Rick Ingler, Chairman
April 28, May 3, 2013

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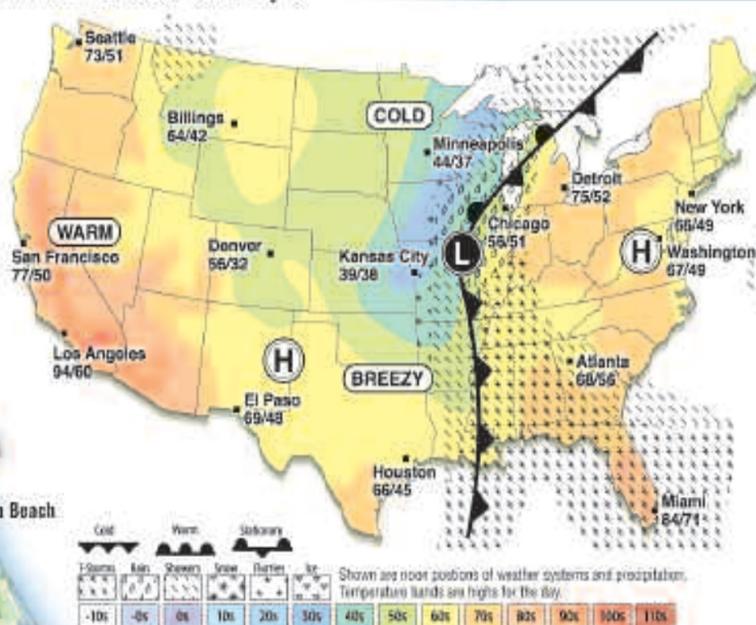
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A couple of showers and a 1-storm	Mostly cloudy, a couple of 1-storms	Partly sunny, a 1-storm possible	An afternoon shower possible	Partly sunny
83° / 66°	84° / 65°	83° / 58°	83° / 58°	83° / 59°
Winds: SE at 6-12 mph	Winds: NE at 6-12 mph	Winds: WNW at 6-12 mph	Winds: W at 10-20 mph	Winds: WSW at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for May 3



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archibald Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday 86°
Low Sunday 59°
High Monday 86°
Low Monday 61°
High Tuesday 86°
Low Tuesday 62°
High Wednesday 81°
Low Wednesday 64°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today
Relative humidity 78%
Expected air temperature 90°
Makes it feel like 85°

Barameter
Monday 29.97
Tuesday 29.92
Wednesday 29.89

Precipitation
Monday 0.26"
Tuesday 1.01"
Wednesday 1.39"
Month to date 1.33"
Year to date 10.68"

Tides
Readings at St. Petersburg
High 11:13 a.m.
Low 3:56 a.m.
High 9:56 p.m.
Low 4:13 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach
High 3:52 a.m.
Low 9:58 a.m.
High 4:29 p.m.
Low 10:26 p.m.

Lake Levels
Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday
Lake Jackson 79.36'
Lake Okechobee 13.40'
Normal 14.51'

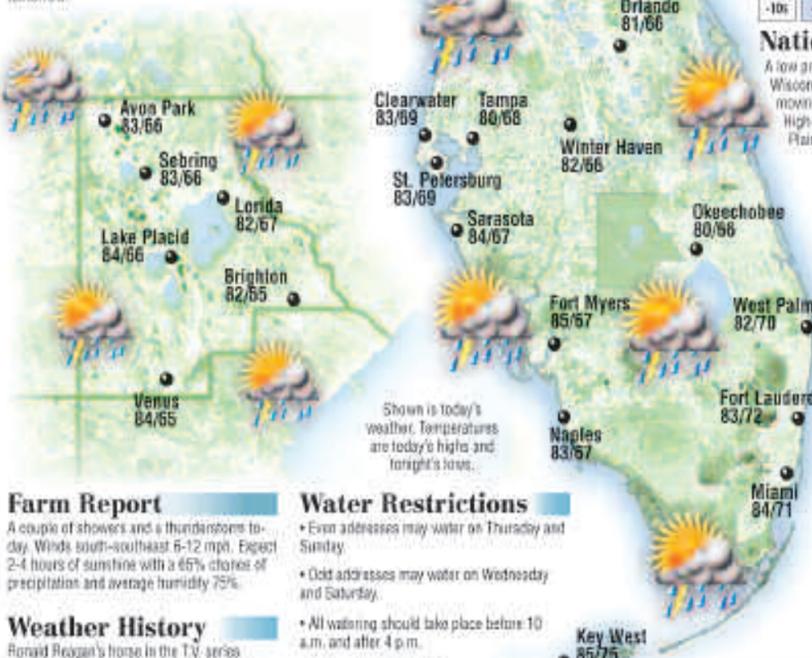
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Regional Summary

Intervals of clouds and sunshine today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. A shower or thunderstorm this evening. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tomorrow.



Farm Report

A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today. Winds south-southeast 6-12 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with a 65% chance of precipitation and average humidity 75%.

Weather History

Ronald Reagan's horse in the TV series "Death Valley Days," Birdie the Sailor, was struck and killed by lightning on May 3, 1962, at Kanab, Utah.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	7:59 p.m.	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise	2:35 a.m.	3:14 a.m.
Moonset	2:27 p.m.	3:24 p.m.



Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Dade Coll.	84/60	86/67	82/61pc	Miami	84/71	87/71	86/66pc
Clearwater	83/69	83/68	78/66pc	Okechobee	80/66	82/63	85/56
Orlando	81/66	82/67	83/59pc	Pembroke Pines	84/69	85/69	86/54pc
St. Augustine	76/68	75/67	78/59pc	St. Petersburg	83/69	83/68	78/66pc
Sarasota	84/67	84/67	78/62pc	Tallahassee	75/62	74/67	79/57pc
Tampa	82/68	81/67	78/64pc	W. Palm Bch.	82/70	84/70	84/53pc
Winter Haven	82/66	83/66	82/58pc	Key West	85/75	85/75	83/70pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, p-partially cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sl-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-ice.

National Summary

A low pressure system will develop in eastern Missouri today, bringing rain showers all the way to Minnesota and Wisconsin. South of the storm's center, rain and thunderstorms will extend to the Gulf Coast, where another slow-moving storm has been bringing flooding thunderstorms. These storms will continue from Louisiana to Florida. High pressure will still hold on in the Northeast, making it a nice and pleasant day over the region. The northern Plains will be on the cold side.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	67/43s	72/46s	74/50pc	Los Angeles	94/60s	78/58s	74/57pc
Atlanta	68/56c	63/52t	75/51t	Louisville	74/57t	62/51t	65/54sh
Baltimore	68/44s	70/46s	70/48s	Memphis	61/40t	59/43t	59/47c
Birmingham	69/40t	64/45t	69/41c	Minneapolis	46/44t	55/47t	57/44c
Boston	56/44s	61/48s	64/47c	Mississippi	84/37t	89/40t	80/45c
Charlotte	79/50pc	69/52pc	63/56pc	Nashville	68/50t	58/45t	63/41c
Cheyenne	53/28s	60/27c	67/31pc	New Orleans	69/50t	72/54pc	74/53pc
Chicago	66/51t	64/51t	64/48c	New York City	68/48s	68/50s	70/52s
Cleveland	74/51s	73/50pc	69/51pc	Omaha	63/30pc	63/31s	66/32pc
Columbus	76/54s	73/53pc	70/54pc	Oklahoma City	67/39c	60/43pc	66/47pc
Dallas	65/39s	70/46pc	70/51pc	Philadelphia	67/47t	73/49t	74/49s
Denver	56/32s	54/31s	61/36pc	Phoenix	91/65s	94/70s	95/72s
Detroit	75/52s	71/49pc	70/45pc	Pittsburgh	78/50t	78/50t	74/53t
Harrisburg	69/43s	71/43s	74/43s	Portland, ME	58/38s	62/38s	64/41s
Honolulu	86/89s	86/89sh	85/89sh	Portland, OR	79/50s	83/52s	84/54s
Houston	66/45s	75/51s	76/54pc	Raleigh	71/49pc	69/51pc	69/54pc
Indianapolis	72/55t	63/50t	62/52sh	Rochester	74/48s	73/49s	70/49s
Jackson, MS	62/42t	66/45c	67/44pc	St. Louis	58/43t	56/45sh	60/50t
Kansas City	39/36s	49/45s	60/48c	San Francisco	77/50s	70/51s	65/53pc
Lexington	74/54c	66/51t	63/51sh	Seattle	73/51s	78/54s	63/56s
Little Rock	65/38t	59/40c	64/40c	Wash., DC	67/48s	68/47s	70/47s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.	City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	99/71pc	91/72s	91/70s	London	61/40pc	58/41pc	64/44pc
Athens	83/63pc	25/63s	28/65s	Moscow	73/52s	75/54s	75/54pc
Bahia	82/70pc	84/55pc	80/68s	Mumbai	69/41c	59/51t	60/41pc
Berlin	64/47c	69/47s	69/47t	Nice	70/55t	70/55pc	70/55s
Buenos Aires	66/41sh	69/44s	71/45s	Ottawa	72/47t	74/48s	76/48pc
Calgary	59/16pc	63/43pc	73/45pc	Qatar	68/45s	70/46s	72/48pc
Dublin	54/31t	53/40pc	55/43pc	Rio de Janeiro	69/72t	67/44t	68/71pc
Edmonton	62/35pc	67/42pc	73/40s	Seoul	66/47pc	68/48s	68/48s
Fredericton	79/73t	81/73t	82/73pc	Singapore	90/78t	90/78t	90/77t
Geneva	63/48t	64/45sh	67/44pc	Sydney	74/55s	75/54pc	70/56pc
Hawaii	86/60t	86/65pc	84/65s	Toronto	70/46s	68/43s	67/42t
Hong Kong	79/71t	79/74t	81/75t	Vancouver	65/52t	69/52s	72/51s
Jerusalem	83/63pc	83/63c	82/59s	Vienna	72/51sh	72/55pc	67/55c
Johannesburg	70/47s	68/42s	65/42s	Warsaw	69/46t	63/45pc	69/47pc
Katmandu	74/59pc	82/53pc	71/49pc	Winnipeg	61/29pc	55/27pc	63/45pc

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Lake Placid's Dalton Shelton, left, and Bishop Kenny's David Yarborough battle over the final steps of the 3,200-meter run at the Class 2A FHSAA State Finals Saturday, April 27.

Dragon Shelton stellar at State

By ALEX COYNE

News-Sun correspondent

As most kids were spending their night in dress shoes at the Lake Placid Prom last Saturday, April 27, Green Dragon junior Dalton Shelton was spending his Saturday night a little differently – with his running shoes on.

Shelton ran in the Class 2A FHSAA Track State Finals last Saturday night and came away with a medal for his effort and sacrifice.

He was the only Green Dragon track participant to make it to the state competition this year, and he represented Lake Placid well.

Shelton finished fifth in the two-mile run, setting a new personal record for himself at 9:43:81.

His previous personal best

was set when he won the regional race to qualify for the state finals the week before with a time of 9:54:59.

Shelton finished neck-and-neck with the fourth-place runner, David Yarborough of Bishop Kenny, who ran a 9:43:80, falling short by one one-hundredth of a second on a leaning finish.

"Fifth in the state is a great accomplishment and should make the Green Dragon community very proud," head coach Scott Morgan stated about Shelton's performance.

"I'm satisfied and pretty happy about it," Shelton said. "And I'll definitely be back next year."

The finals were located at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Bassmaster 100 Best Bass Lakes

For bass fishing enthusiasts, there is no better magazine out there than BASSMASTER magazine.

As a life-member since the early 1970's, I receive a magazine every month and I've saved every issue.

From time to time I've gone back to re-read articles, check on the early days of many pro's and, just from a nostalgic point of view, looked at the evolution of lures, equipment and boats.

BASSMASTER magazine made its early debut back in the late 60's when an insurance salesman, Ray Scott came up with the idea of professional bass fishing tournaments.

It has evolved over the years into a very sophisticated teaching magazine, combining facts and how-to-articles, with updates on the many tournaments, pros and hottest baits and lakes around the country.

It also provides a humorous side to bass fishing with Don Wirth's "Harry and Charlie" stories, as well as my personal favorite, "A Day On The Lake", which chronicles a seven-hour fishing trip on an unknown lake with a different professional bass fisherman at different times of the year.

Understanding how they fish a lake for the first time, their successes and failures, what lures they select and ultimately, how well they do on a lake they've never fished before makes for a very interesting story.

Every year BASSMASTER magazine takes on the incredible challenge of researching and ranking the 100 best bass lakes in the United States.

They start by asking every state's Department of Natural Resources (In some cases, the wildlife agency) to provide catch rates, population studies and stocking schedules for all the fisheries they manage.

From there, they send the list to B.A.S.S. Nation



Fishin' Around...

Don Norton

presidents and conservation officers to rank each of these bodies of water based on the tournaments they've held.

Then, they have a panel of Elite Series Pros, outdoor writers and industry professionals finalize the lakes list and rankings.

This year, however, they added sending the list to 3,500 B.A.S.S. members throughout the U.S.

These anglers were asked which fisheries should be deleted and which lakes should be added to the lists, and then to rank the lakes in their respective region.

I was one of the 3,500 B.A.S.S. members given the opportunity to participate.

Receiving information from all of these sources makes the list pretty solid, and although like many fishermen, I have my own bias's, I believe the list represents a fair and impartial listing of the Top 100 Bass Lakes in the U.S.

Number 1 was Lake St. Clair, an incredible fishery located between the province of Ontario and the state of Michigan.

This body of water is nothing short of a small-mouth bass factory.

What's amazing is the largemouth bass has been mostly untouched.

The lake encompasses 430 square miles and is also loaded with toothy predators like the northern pike.

Florida lakes making the list were Lake Okeechobee, ranking 8th; Rodman Reservoir at 14; the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes at 22; Lake

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Local riders shine at Area E

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

Highlands County 4-H'ers Morgan Gibbs, Julia Mack and Micaela Buchanan loaded up their trailers and made their way over to the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa last weekend to compete in the Area E horse show.

Now, to shed a little light on the subject, Florida is divided into six different areas.

Highlands County happens to fall into Area E, along with eleven other counties including the likes of DeSoto, Hardee and Okeechobee.

The Areas host their own horse shows, limiting each rider to a maximum of five classes to participate in with one of those classes being a showmanship class.

Horse-and-rider teams can compete in the Hunter, Western, Saddle Seat and/or Speed Event divisions based on their preference but, again, they are limited to four riding classes and one in-hand class.

From these classes, the riders earn points depending on their placing in the class and

the number of other riders in the class.

So, winning first place in a class of 15 riders would grant the winner 10 points, but another rider may place fourth in a class of 50 riders for the same amount of points.

All of these points are added up in the hopes that the team of horse and rider qualify for the State horse show in the summer.

If that were not pressure enough, there is also the fact that, unlike other sports, a rider's success is based on a judge who is comparing them to countless other riders and each judge has different preferences.

And of course, the rider is communicating with an animal generally about ten times their size.

At one time, the rider must maintain perfect equitation (proper body position), be conscious of other horses around her own that might be hazardous, control their own horse to make their movements proper to division expectations, perhaps even

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Courtesy photo

Micaela Buchanan was one of two area riders to qualify for state at last weekend's Area E horse show in Tampa.

Waving good-bye to Wrigley Field?



MCT photo

Though it is more likely a negotiating ploy, Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts has acknowledged that the team may have to leave Wrigley Field.

It would be considered near sacrilege in many corners.

Certainly, a few years ago, my traditionalist sense would have abhorred the notion.

But the latest gauntlet thrown down by Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts actually has me seeing the team leaving Wrigley Field as a viable option.

The "Friendly Confines", built in 1914 and home to the team since 1916, is the second oldest stadium in Major League Baseball, behind Boston's venerable Fenway Park.

Some falling concrete a few years back started the views toward major renovations, which the new owner wants to do on a much larger scale – including a hotel and office building across the street and a massive video board along the back of the left-field bleachers.

Amazingly, Ricketts plan



And Another Thing...

Dan Hoehne

has been to foot the bill for the estimated \$500 million total cost, with the knowledge of the big new revenue streams this would bring to the team.

Thus far, it's been approved by the mayor and area alderman, but there's another element apparently holding up the works – owners of the "rooftop bleachers" across Waveland Ave.

When I was a kid watching Cub games on TV, they would often turn the camera toward those buildings to see

a resident looking out his or her window and watching the game, or the random couple of people that made their way up the roof to watch.

From there it grew to the point that people they could profit from this vantage point, putting up bleachers and charging people to come watch the games from just beyond Wrigley Field.

A definite kudos to their entrepreneurial spirit, even if it is somewhat akin to bootlegging a movie.

For years this went on as another quaint aspect of Cubs baseball, until someone realized, hey, these people are profiting off the team and the team gets nothing for it.

Negotiations paved the way to a 20-year deal that nets the Cubs 17-percent of the rooftop profits.

And now it's those people, with the clear view of the

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THE SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Miami 4, Milwaukee 0

Miami 110, Milwaukee 87
Miami 98, Milwaukee 86
Miami 104, Milwaukee 91
Sunday: Miami 88, Milwaukee 77

New York 3, Boston 2

New York 85, Boston 78
New York 87, Boston 71
New York 90, Boston 76
Sunday: Boston 97, New York 90, OT
Wednesday: Boston 92, New York 86
x-Friday, May 3: New York at Boston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Boston at New York, TBA

Indiana 3, Atlanta 2

Indiana 107, Atlanta 90
Indiana 113, Atlanta 98
Saturday: Atlanta 90, Indiana 69
Monday: Atlanta 102, Indiana 91
Wednesday: Indiana 106, Atlanta 83
x-Friday, May 3: Indiana at Atlanta, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Atlanta at Indiana, TBA

Chicago 3, Brooklyn 2

Brooklyn 106, Chicago 89
Chicago 90, Brooklyn 82
Chicago 79, Brooklyn 76
Saturday: Chicago 142, Brooklyn 134, 30T
Monday: Brooklyn 110, Chicago 91
Thursday: Brooklyn at Chicago, late
x-Saturday, May 4: Chicago at Brooklyn, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City 3, Houston 2

Oklahoma City 120, Houston 91
Oklahoma City 105, Houston 102
Saturday: Oklahoma City 104, Houston 101
Monday: Houston 105, Oklahoma City 103
Wednesday: Houston 107, Oklahoma City 100
x-Friday, May 3: Oklahoma City at Houston, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Houston at Oklahoma City, TBA

San Antonio 4, L.A. Lakers 0

San Antonio 91, L.A. Lakers 79
San Antonio 102, L.A. Lakers 91
San Antonio 120, L.A. Lakers 89
Sunday: San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 82

Golden State 3, Denver 2

Denver 97, Golden State 95
Golden State 131, Denver 117
Golden State 110, Denver 108
Sunday: Golden State 115, Denver 101
Tuesday: Denver 107, Golden State 100
Thursday: Denver at Golden State, late
x-Saturday, May 4: Golden State at Denver, TBA

Memphis 3, L.A. Clippers 2

L.A. Clippers 112, Memphis 91
L.A. Clippers 93, Memphis 91
Memphis 94, L.A. Clippers 82
Saturday: Memphis 104, L.A. Clippers 83
Tuesday: Memphis 103, L.A. Clippers 93
Friday, May 3: L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBA
x-Sunday, May 5: Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA

NHL Playoffs

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh 1, New York Islanders 0

Wednesday: Pittsburgh 5, NY Islanders 0
Friday: NY Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 5: Pittsburgh at NY Islanders Noon
Tuesday, May 7: Pittsburgh at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 9: NY Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 11: Pittsburgh at NY Islanders, TBD
x-Sunday, May 12: NY Islanders at Pittsburgh, TBD

Ottawa vs. Montreal

Thursday: Ottawa at Montreal, late
Friday: Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Sunday, May 5: Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7: Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 9: Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 11: Montreal at Ottawa, TBD
x-Sunday, May 12: Ottawa at Montreal, TBD

New York Rangers vs. Washington

Thursday: NY Rangers at Washington, late
Saturday: NY Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 6: Washington at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8: Washington at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 10: NY Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 12: Washington at NY Rangers, TBD
x-Monday, May 13: NY Rangers at Washington, TBD

Boston 1, Toronto 0

Wednesday: Boston 4, Toronto 1
Saturday: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 6: Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 8: Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, May 10: Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 12: Boston at Toronto, TBD
x-Monday, May 13: Toronto at Boston, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Chicago 1, Minnesota 0

Tuesday: Chicago 2, Minnesota 1, OT
Friday: Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 5: Chicago at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7 Chicago at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 9: Minnesota at Chicago, TBD
x-Saturday, May 11: Chicago at Minnesota, TBD
x-Sunday, May 12: Minnesota at Chicago, TBD

Anaheim 1, Detroit 0

Tuesday: Anaheim 3, Detroit 1
Thursday: Detroit at Anaheim, late
Saturday: Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 6: Anaheim at Detroit, 8 p.m.



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

FRIDAY

Noon NASCAR – Aaron's 312, Qualifying ... ESPN2

SATURDAY

3 p.m. NHRA – Aaron's 312 ESPN

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SATURDAY

Noon Vanderbilt at South Carolina SUN

1 p.m. Florida at LSU ESPN2

3:15 p.m. Mississippi at Auburn SUN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

SATURDAY

7:30 p.m. Tennessee at Missouri ESPN

GOLF

FRIDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo China Open. GOLF

12:30 p.m. LPGA – Kingsmill Championship GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Wells Fargo Championship GOLF

7:30 p.m. PGA – Insuperity Championship GOLF

SATURDAY

9 a.m. EuroPGA – Volvo China Open. GOLF

1 p.m. PGA – Wells Fargo Championship GOLF

3 p.m. PGA – Wells Fargo Championship CBS

3 p.m. LPGA – Kingsmill Championship GOLF

6:30 p.m. PGA – Insuperity Championship GOLF

MLB

FRIDAY

8:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Colorado SUN

SATURDAY

4 p.m. Washington at Pittsburgh, Baltimore at L.A. . . Angels or St. Louis at Milwaukee. FOX

7 p.m. Chicago White Sox at Kansas City WGN

8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Colorado SUN

NBA PLAYOFFS

FRIDAY

7 p.m. New York at Boston, if necessary. ESPN

9:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Memphis, if necessary. . ESPN

SATURDAY

7 p.m. Chicago at Brooklyn. TNT

9:30 p.m. Golden State at Denver, if necessary. TNT

NHL PLAYOFFS

SATURDAY

12:30 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Washington. NBC

Times, games, channels all subject to change

x-Wednesday, May 8: Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
x-Friday, May 10: Anaheim at Detroit, TBD
x-Sunday, May 12: Detroit at Anaheim, TBD

San Jose 1, Vancouver 0
Wednesday: San Jose 3, Vancouver 1
Friday: San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday, May 5: Vancouver at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7: Vancouver at San Jose, 10 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 9: San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 11: Vancouver at San Jose, TBD
x-Monday, May 13: San Jose at Vancouver, TBD

St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0
Tuesday: St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 1, OT
Thursday: Los Angeles at St. Louis, late
Saturday: St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Monday, May 6: St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 8: Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBD
x-Friday, May 10: St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBD
x-Monday, May 13: Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBD

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	8	.704	—
New York	17	10	.630	2
Baltimore	16	12	.571	3.5
Tampa Bay	12	15	.444	7
Toronto	10	18	.357	9.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	15	10	.600	—
Detroit	15	11	.577	.5
Minnesota	12	12	.500	2.5
Cleveland	12	13	.480	3
Chicago	11	15	.423	4.5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	10	.630	—
Oakland	16	13	.552	2
Seattle	13	17	.433	5.5
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	7
Houston	8	20	.286	9.5

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota 6, Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 5, Oakland 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, Houston 4
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 0
Boston 10, Toronto 1
Chicago White Sox 5, Texas 2
Kansas City 9, Tampa Bay 8
Seattle 8, Baltimore 3

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay at Kansas City, late
Boston at Toronto, late
Chicago White Sox at Texas, late
Detroit at Houston, late
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, late

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Boston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	17	10	.630	—
Washington	14	14	.500	3.5
Philadelphia	12	16	.429	5.5
New York	11	15	.423	5.5
Miami	8	20	.286	9.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	16	11	.593	—
Pittsburgh	16	12	.571	.5
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	1.5
Cincinnati	15	14	.517	2
Chicago	11	16	.407	5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	17	11	.607	—
San Francisco	16	12	.571	1
Arizona	15	13	.536	2
Los Angeles	13	14	.481	3.5
San Diego	10	17	.370	6.5

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 6
Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 0
Washington 2, Atlanta 0
Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego 2
San Francisco 9, Arizona 6
Colorado 7, L.A. Dodgers 3

Thursday's Games

San Diego at Chicago Cubs, late
Miami at Philadelphia, late
Washington at Atlanta, late
St. Louis at Milwaukee, late

Friday's Games

Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Transactions

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Traded FB Anthony Sherman to Kansas City for CB Javier Arenas.
CHICAGO BEARS—Agreed to terms with OT Jordan Mills and DE Cornelius Washington on four-year contracts.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB Jordan Campbell, CB Oterio McCalebb and K Quinn Sharp.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Announced the retirement of CB Al Harris.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Agreed to terms with WRs Frankie Hammond Jr. and Rico Richardson, LB/DEs Josh Martin and Ridge Wilson, OLs A.J. Hawkins and Colin Kelly, DE Rob Lohr, DL Brad Madison, LB Darin Drakeford, QB Tyler Bray, DB Otha Foster, TE Demetrius Harris and S Brad McDougald.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Sebring

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



SFSC

TODAY: Softball at FCCAA State Tournament, Pensacola, vs. Gulf Coast State, Noon

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Sebring Elks Golf Tourney

SEBRING – The Sebring Elks Lodge No. 1529 monthly golf outing will be held at Golf Hammock Golf and Country Club on Monday, May 6, beginning at 8 a.m.

Cost is \$27, which includes golf, cart, lunch and prize fund.

To sign up, contact Jack McLaughlin at jacknjudy33872@gmail.com or leave a message on 863 471-3295.

Check in not later than 7:40 a.m. by the Pro Shop.

Blue Streak Golf

SEBRING – The 30th Annual Blue Streak Golf Classic will tee off Saturday, May 18, on both the North and South courses of Highlands Ridge.

The four-person scramble format has an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, and the \$65 entry fee includes one mulligan, lunch, beverages, prizes, cart, greens fees, range balls and a lot of fun.

Each team members tee shot must be used at least twice, ladies shoot from the ladies tees, all ties are determined by a match of cards and professionals are not eligible for Hole In One prizes.

Among those prizes are a \$10,000 Hole in One prize, a chance to win a 50-foot putt for \$5,000, \$25-\$100 gift certificates in the Closest to the Pin contest, and additional prizes on all par 3s.

Other door prizes include a 50-inch widescreen TV and BBQ grill.

Sebring Firemen Inc. are the major sponsor, so come out, join in the fun and support Sebring High School Athletics.

Panther Softball Camp

AVON PARK – The 2013 SFSC Panther Softball Camp will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, May 28-29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day for players aged 6-18.

Cost of the camp is \$45, with registration and check-in at 8 a.m.

Pre-registration is not necessary and walk-ups are accepted.

The SFSC Panther Camps are designed to provide quality softball instruction, with emphasis on fundamentals and improvement in all areas of the game.

Each day, campers will have the opportunity to improve their skills and softball knowledge with the help of Panther head coach Carlos Falla, assistant coach Heather Barnes and members of the Lady Panther softball team.

To register, go to www.southflorida.edu/athletics/softball and print out the Admissions Application form.

Mail the form as indicated, or bring it to the camp.

For further information, call Coach Falla at the following campus phone numbers at extension 7038 – Avon Park/Sebring, (863) 784-7038; Lake Placid, (863) 465-5300; DeSoto, (863) 494-7500; Hardee, (863) 773-2252.

Coach Falla can also be reached via email at fallac@southflorida.edu.

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.

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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.

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Make checks payable to Sebring Sunrise Rotary, P.O. Box 1363, Sebring, FL 33871.

Please enter by Tuesday, May 28.

Home run for Habitat 5K

SEBRING — Home run for Habitat 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday, June 1, at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Check-in starts at 7 a.m.; race starts promptly at 8 a.m.

Entry fee \$15 through May 24; \$20 after and until Race Day, June 1 (checks if mailed and cash on day of race).

Shirt sizes can only be guaranteed for pre-registered participants.

Age groups - eight and under; 9-13; 14-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; and 70-70-plus.

Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity and mail information (names, gender, race day age, address, phone number, e

Bass fishing shows six top Florida lakes

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Istokpoga at 47; the Florida Everglades at 52; Lake Seminole at 60; and Lake Tarpon at 69.
Florida had 7 lakes on the list, while Texas had 9 and California had 6.
Most of the states had at least 1 lake making the list.
I've had the opportunity to fish about 1/4th of the 100 lakes on the list and 6 out of 7 of the Florida lakes listed.
The only one I haven't fished is Lake Seminole.
So for many of you who are still working on your

"bucket list", the 2013 list of the 100 BEST Bass lakes in the United States could help you identify future lakes to fish.
I've been in southern California this week so my opportunity to report on the bass fishing is non-existent, however I have a couple of guide trips scheduled for May 4 and 5 and I'll be covering them in my next column.
Finally, I read this in the May 2013 issue of BASSMASTER Magazine, and I thought it was appropriate for many of us, "My biggest

worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it". -Koos Brandt
Don Norton is a professional tournament bass fisherman, bass fishing guide, and custom rod builder. He lives in the Golf Hammock area of Sebring with his wife Lexie, and is the owner of a custom rod building company appropriately named "The American Fisherman". He can be reached at 863-273-4998 or 216-339-6571 or by email at donorton13@gmail.com. His website address is theamericanfisherman.com.



Photo courtesy of city-data.com
Lake Istokpoga cracked Bassmaster's top 100, one of six Florida lakes to do so, ranking as the 47th best bass fishing lake in the nation.



Photo courtesy of kentuckyderby.com
Itsmyluckyday has had its odds drop off some for Saturday's Kentucky Derby, but could prove dangerous to the rest of the field.

Itsmyluckyday cedes spotlight at Kentucky Derby

By MIKE FARRELL
Associated Press
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — In the Kentucky Derby conversation dominated by Orb, Verrazano and Goldencents, Itsmyluckyday has become a forgotten horse.
That could be a mistake on Saturday in the 1 1/4-mile Run for the Roses.
Barely a month ago, Itsmyluckyday was the 8-5 favorite for the Florida Derby.
He ran a big race there, finishing second to Orb.
But the loss dropped Itsmyluckyday's profile, and that's just fine with trainer Eddie Plesa Jr.
"It's a good thing," he said. "I don't mind at all."
Because the Florida Derby was not the ultimate goal.
"As much as we would have liked to have won it, as much as we were disappointed we didn't win it, the true objective is the race coming up Saturday," he said Wednesday.

Itsmyluckyday has run only twice since the end of January.
After winning the Holy Bull Stakes at Gulfstream Park on Jan. 26, Itsmyluckyday didn't run again until the Florida Derby on March 30.
"We did it by design to have a bigger, stronger horse coming into this Saturday," Plesa said. "It's worked with him physically. Whether he wins or doesn't win the race, he's coming into the race exactly like I would have wanted."
Plesa estimates Itsmyluckyday was only about 95 percent ready for the Florida Derby.
"When you're running against a horse like Orb, you have to be 100 percent fit," Plesa said. "He beat us. There is no question he was the best horse that day. Saturday is another day, and I'm anxious for it."
Itsmyluckyday, who has a 5-2-1 record in 10 starts, first

got Plesa thinking about Kentucky after winning the Gulfstream Park Derby on New Year's Day.
"At that point, it enters your mind," the trainer said. "I always knew he was a nice horse. I always knew he was stakes caliber. Did I think he was this good? I didn't go that far with the thought. You always hope."
Sometimes it takes more than hope. Sound advice helps.
Plesa, 64, still relies on his 85-year-old dad, former trainer and jockey Eddie Plesa Sr., who will be watching from his home in Florida.
"He's pretty healthy for his age," Plesa said. "He's of the generation where you didn't get a lot of 'I love yous' and hugs and kisses. He says he wants to hang on and follow this and live with this ride. He enjoys it. I talk to him three or four times a day. Even at this age, he still has a tremendous sense of what's happening in a horse race."



MCT photo
Goldencents with rider Jonny Garcia works out on Wednesday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, in preparation for the Kentucky Derby.

Show paves way for two spots at state

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while maneuvering a given pattern all while trying to read the judge and ride to their liking in order to earn the ribbon.
Simply put, there is a reason riders often ask, "Equestrian sports... Have you got what it takes?"
Highlands County is pretty well-known at the Area E horse show for bringing in fierce competition.
This was definitely the case as Buchanan, Gibbs and Mack laced up their boots and cinched their saddles last weekend.
All three girls fought the above odds, and in the end Buchanan of Sebring

Middle School and Gibbs of Lake Placid High School would have enough points to qualify for the State horse show.
Both girls train at the Cracker Barrell Saddle Club.
Gibbs and her horse Dexter, won the Senior Hunter Hack, too eighth in the Senior Hunter Showmanship, third in Senior Equitation Over Fences, another third in Senior equitation on the flat, and eighth in Senior Hunter under saddle.
Buchanan and her horse Termite took second in both Junior Working Hunter and Junior Hunter Hack.
"My favorite event was

Hunter Hack and Equ over fences because I love to jump," Gibbs said. "And we had a amazing go in Hunter Hack with no mistakes. I would like to thank my trainer Karen Moon for all the hard work she has put in with me over the years."
Now begins the training process for a few short months until making another trip back to Tampa, where horse and rider will be able to tweak anything that went wrong and enhance the things that went right.
Then they will be set to endure the same setting as they compete against the qualifiers from the five other area competitions.

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Golf Hammock

Last Monday the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am points at Golf Hammock Country Club.

In A group Rod Bently scored plus 4 to take first place and Jim Gulick in second place with plus 2.

Pat Dell came in first place in B group with plus 3 in B group and there was a tie for second place Between Mike Anselm and Jack Schell at even.

Paul Brown scored a huge plus 7 for first place in C group and a tie for second and third place between Terry Yandle and Bill Alesi at even.

In D group Jack Stafford came in with plus 5 for first place and Jimmy Black in second place at minus 1.

Joe Hamilton scored plus 8 to take the lead in E group and Jerry Patterson with plus 4 came in second place.

In F group Greg Brewer scored plus 8 for first place and Wayne Schultz had plus 6 for second place.

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 April 25.

Winning first place was the team of Ken Rowen, Norm Grubbs, John and Gloria Huggett with 51. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Doyan and Donna Eades, Don Boulton, Joanne McGill and Margaret Schultz; Orville and Eva Huffman, Joe Swartz, John and Sue Ruffo with 54 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 8, Joanne McGill, 9-feet-2.5. (Men), No. 2, Art Schmeltz, 8-feet-6; and No. 4,

Doyan Eades, 15-feet-6.

Placid Lakes The Men's Association played a Low Net Even Holes event Wednesday, April 24.

The winners were: First place, Ed Bartusch with 29; second place, Lane Capp with 30; and third place, Russ Isaacs with 31.

Closest to the pin: No. 11, John Goble, 8-feet-3.

The Ladies Association played a Low Net Even Holes event Tuesday, April 23.

The winners were: First place, Barb Moriarity with 29; Carol Olsen with 31; and Narola Rosenberg with 32.

Closest to the pin: No. 11, Joan Sniffen, 14-feet-7.

River Greens

A Men's Day Pro-Am Points event was played on Saturday, April 27.

Ken Brunswick, Harold Plagens, Larry Roy and Don McDonald teamed up to total +41 to win the event, while Cecil Lemons, Cliff Aubin, Keith Kincer and Fred Evans totale +26 for second.

Getting closest to the pin were Jim Anderson who got to 13-feet, 7-inches from No. 3 and to 11-feet, 7-inches on No. 5.

Today's Tip MASTER STROKES... How many times have you hit a ball nice and straight... Left Is Right... By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School...

Russ Rudd hit to 4-feet, 9 1/2-inches at No. 12 and Plagens got to 8-feet, 5-inches from No. 17.

The Morrison Group took to the course on Thursday, April 25 and saw Fred Evans and Don McDonald take first, and a three-way tie for second between the duos of Gil Heier and Jim Anderson, Larry Roy and Romy Febre, Cliff Aubin and Keith Kincer.

A Ladies Pro-Am was played on Thursday, April 25 with Fran Neil, Mary Beth Carby, Carol Roy and Helen

Ochala totaling +4 1/2 for the team win.

Individually, Pat Kincer won with +7, Carby was next with +5 1/2 and Lucy Roberts and Nancy Long each came in at +2 1/2.

A Men's Pro-Am was played on Wednesday, April 24.

Tim Thomas, Butch Smith, Larry Roy and Jim Cercy totaled +5 for first, with Jim Anderson, Cliff Aubin, Al Farrell and Gil Heier next at +1 1/2.

Romy Febre won A Flight with +7, Tim Thomas took B Flight at +3 1/2 and C Flight was claimed by Keith Kincer with +4.

The Morrison Group played on Tuesday, April 23, and saw a close race to the finish.

Larry Roy, Tim Thomas, Don McDonald and Harold Plagens score of -25 edged out the -23 brought in by David Kelly, Butch Smith, Roman Belobradich and Lefty St. Pierre.

A Limited Member Pro-Am was played on Monday, April 22.

Dennis and Sherry Delisle were joined by Mike Lueth to score a +3 /12 for the team win.

Kay Lemek won individually with +2 1/2, with Bea Sherman and Lueth second at +2.

The Golfettes had an outing on

Tuesday, April 16, and saw Helen Ochala and Joanne Merkle join forces to score a 133 for the win.

Pat Kincer and Jody Ethun tied at 137 with Lucy Roberts and Bev Rudd.

Betty Wallace and Laur Smutnick turned in a 141 for fourth and Carole McClay and Dee Paul came in with a 145 for fifth.

SpringLake

On Tuesday, April 30, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association held an Individual Net Points tournament on the Panther Creek golf course. There were 4 Flights in this event and points were calculated by hole including hole handicap.

Pat Jaskowski and Gary Behrendt tied for first place in the A Flight with 43 points each, Pat with 7 net birdies (28 pts), 5 pars (10), and 5 bogeys (5) and Gary with net 1 eagle (6 pts), 3 birdies (12), 11 pars (22) and 3 bogeys (3).

Joe Austin placed third with 36 net points, taking a tie-breaker over Charlie Keniston.

In the B Flight, Will David placed first with 47 points.

Joe Troia and Vern Hoffman tied for second place at 42 net points.

Gale Monda had a hot round with one net eagle, 9 birdies, 6 pars and one bogey for 55 net points to lead C Flight.

Leon Van took second place with 38 points and Richie Eastep came in third with 35 points.

In D Flight, Ron Brochu took first place with 49 points that included 2 net eagles and 4 net birdies.

Ed Clay took second place with 43 net points and Larry Colclasure got third place with 42 points.

Cubs have suitors if neighbors balk on renovations

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field from across the street that are squawking because of the fear the big video board might obstruct some of their view.

Residents of the Wrigleyville neighborhood have also long been resistant to elevating the number of night games, which they've relented on somewhat, but still leaves the team well-short of the number of more profitable night games the rest of baseball has.

In recent weeks, when these grumblings again arose, suburban Rosemont Mayor Brad Stephens chimed in that there is a 25-acre parcel of land that the Cubs could have, should negotiations fall through.

Ricketts avoided that topic at the time, but just yesterday made mention of leaving Wrigley as an option.

I grew up just over 20 miles from Wrigley Field and it has always been a favorite destination, with probably more than 100 visits throughout my life.

What never ceases to amaze me is that, as many times as I've been there before, that moment when you take the step out and get that first look at the field, the chill that comes over me.

Whether looking in from the bleachers, out from the mezzanine or down from the upper deck - getting that initial glimpse from the inside of Wrigley Field never gets old.

And yes, the park itself is a big drawing point for many fans for just that reason.

But I am a fan of the team first, and if its' neighbors vow to prevent them from making improvements that will bring in more money to

make the team better - well then I say move.

I am as, if not more, nostalgic about Wrigley as anyone, but I also cannot stand the fact that a group of essential freeloaders are having this much sway.

To those neighborhood residents, who likely moved there because of where it is - would you rather have some more night games, or no games at all?

How enthused would you be about living in Wrigleyville if Wrigley Field was vacant?

To the rooftop owners - would you rather have your view of the games slightly obstructed, or have a fully clear view of the field with no games to watch?

To Tom Ricketts - if the renovations you want to pay for out of your own pocket to help better the team over-

all are blocked, move the team.

Build a replica stadium with a nearby hotel and giant video boards to help build up your revenue streams.

Sure, I would miss trips to Wrigley to see my favorite team play.

But I'd revel in seeing my favorite team win a World Series, wherever they hap-

pen to be.

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Healthy Living

House OKs medical malpractice legislation

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida lawmakers finished work Wednesday on legislation making changes to medical malpractice rules, with its critics complaining to the end that the results will hurt victims making malpractice claims.

The measure (SB 1792) cleared the House on a 77-38 vote and now heads to Gov. Rick Scott for his consideration. The bill passed the Senate last month.

The bill had an influential backer in Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, and its House manager was his son, Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach.

The legislation requires that expert witnesses who are called against a defendant doctor practice the exact same kind of medicine and not just be in similar fields.

Rep. Cynthia A. Stafford, a Miami Democrat, said that section would hurt defendants because it would "unduly restrict the pool of experts who will be available to testify."

The bill also would allow — but does not require — any health care provider called as a witness to breach patient confidentiality and give the defendant's attorneys information about a patient's treatment.

That provision applies to the informal fact-finding period before a lawsuit is filed. After a lawsuit is filed, the state's court rules apply that limit who attorneys can talk to and what they can ask.



Guest Column
Dr. Diana Carr

The back is made up of small stacked bones called vertebrae. The solid portions of the vertebrae are separated by cartilaginous discs that act as cushions or shock absorbers. This makes up the anterior or "front" column. Behind this, each vertebra has a bony ring surrounding and protecting the spinal cord.

The vertebra hook together through small joints, two for each level, called facets. This design makes the lower back vulnerable in twisting especially if you are lifting. The nerves exit through small holes between vertebrae called foramina. If the muscles are irritated and spasm, they pull the vertebra closer together and narrow the holes.

Do any of these situations describe you? You forgot and didn't lift with your legs. You stayed bent a little too long working in the yard. You slept wrong. Now your back hurts. If you do not have any weakness or radiating pain, there are several things you can try. As with all joint and ligament injuries, ice works well immediately after the injury. If you have muscle spasm, heat either from a heating pad or hot shower will help relax the muscles. Resting in a recliner with your knees flexed or on your side with your knees flexed is often helpful. You still want to stay active as resting all the time will lead to stiffness.

You tried that, now what. Back pain is the fifth most common reason for visits to your doctor and accounts for 26.3 percent of the healthcare dollar, according to the AAOS. If they do not interfere with your other medicines, anti-inflammatories, such as Ibuprofen

and Naproxen, as well as muscle relaxants have good clinical evidence that they are helpful in recovering from back pain.

Acupuncture has a fair level of clinical evidence supporting its usefulness. There are varying levels of experience and training among acupuncturists. We are fortunate in Sebring to have Mrs. J. Lee who has several years of training and many years of experience. Lumbar supports, while popular, are of little value if the evidence is looked at scientifically.

If you have a history of osteoporosis, your doctor may order x-rays to check for vertebral fractures. MRI is recommended only for those whose pain lasts for more than a month. It is most useful for those who have a positive history for cancer risk, have focal findings or have a history suggestive of spinal stenosis (narrowing of the ring surrounding the spinal column).

Radiating symptoms are often, but not always, associated

with "pinching" of a specific nerve. A piece of the disc "shock absorber" may break loose and compress the nerve. This is most common at the two lowest levels of the back and causes pain radiating down the back of the leg to the foot. Many of these cases will get better with non-surgical management.

At one year, a third of all people with back injuries will still have pain. The best way to avoid this is prevention. Some of the things, besides proper lifting, that you can do are losing weight, stop smoking and begin regular exercising. Several studies have shown that not only will increasing your cardiovascular fitness help prevent back pain, but that it will also help those with chronic back pain.

In spite of your best efforts you still have back pain, what treatments are there? That is for another column.

Dr. Diana D. Carr treats patients at The Hand & Shoulder Specialists offering specialty care close to home with a concentration on healing shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand problems. She is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. For more information, visit <http://hand-shoulder-specialist.com> or call 382-7777. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.



Excitement builds over new sleep drug

Dear Pharmacist: I can't sleep well and have taken Ambien for years. What else do you recommend?

— F.T., Bradenton

Answer: If you can't sleep on Ambien, I'd try something different. Another novel sleep drug is coming to the market called "Suvorexant" and so far, I like it. The Food and Drug Administration is evaluating it right now.

Merck & Co. is manufacturing the new drug, which supposedly does not induce memory loss, daytime fatigue or attention difficulties, all common side effects with benzodiazepines and Z drugs, which dominate the multi-billion dollar insomnia market. You know them by names like Ambien, Lunest, Sonata, Xanax, Valium and Halcion.

The drugs increase GABA levels, a neurotransmitter that induces sleep. Tickle those GABA receptors, and you will fall asleep, and likely have cognitive problems, full-body muscle relaxation, daytime fatigue and bizarre



Dear Pharmacist
Suzy Cohen

hypnotic events. Anything's possible.

Suvorexant doesn't affect GABA at all, it reduces a hormone called orexin (a.k.a. hypocretin). This drug doesn't induce sleep, rather it turns off the switch that keeps you awake.

Interestingly, elevated orexin are common in those prone to panic attacks (Nature Medicine, 2010), but that is not Suvorexant's focus, it's marketed as a prescription sleep aid and will do very well. There are well-designed unbiased clinical trials to show orexin blockers improve sleep (and

reduce panic). If you have sleep deprivation, it increases risk of depression, heart disease and infection, so sleep any way you can.

Orexins keep you awake. If orexin levels suddenly drop, so do you, meaning you go to sleep! People with narcolepsy have swinging orexin levels. Contrarily, if orexin is high, you might feel panicky, anxious, wired or have insomnia. That's where Suvorexant works; it reduces orexin, and remember orexin keeps you awake. It's categorized as a "dual orexin receptor antagonist" or a "DORA blocker" for short. Dual because it blocks both OX1 and OX2 receptor sites.

How do you feel if you wake at 4 a.m. on your sleep medication? Researchers compared conventional GABA blockers to DORA blockers to find out. Monkeys given popular GABA blockers were much foggier, confused and slower to respond as compared to

monkeys given a DORA blocker. We're not monkeys, though the point is made.

Is Suvorexant the next best amazing sleep drug? Time will tell. So far, headache is the most commonly reported side effect. Always use the lowest effective dose and for short-terms. Never combine sleep drugs with sedatives or alcohol. Clean your bedroom, turn off lights and implement healthier sleep hygiene practices; go to my website to read about natural remedies if those interest you.

One theoretical concern is narcolepsy. If you reduce orexin levels you will go to sleep. That's the point of the drug. Fortunately, late-stage clinical trials have not reported this side effect. More adverse reactions may trickle after the medication is launched. Sleep aids are for short-term use, they are not a forever thing.

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

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Woman disfigured in lye attack reveals new face

BOSTON (AP) — A Vermont woman revealed her new face Wednesday, six years after her ex-husband disfigured her by dousing her with industrial-strength lye, and said she went through "what some may call hell" but has found a way to be happy.

Carmen Blandin Tarleton of Thetford had face transplant surgery at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital in February and spoke publicly for the first time Wednesday.

"I'm now in a better place, mentally and emotionally, than I ever could have imagined six years ago," Tarleton said. "I want to share my experience with others, so they may find that strength inside themselves to escape their own pain."

In 2007, the 44-year-old

mother of two was attacked by her now ex-husband Herbert Rodgers, who believed she was seeing another man. Police say he went to the house looking for that man, then went into a fury directed toward Tarleton, striking her with a bat and pouring lye from a squeeze bottle onto her face.

When police arrived, Tarleton was trying to crawl into a shower to wash away the chemical, which had already distorted her face. In 2009, Rodgers pleaded guilty to maiming Tarleton in exchange for a prison sentence of at least 30 years.

The hospital said that during the face transplant surgery, more than 30 surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses worked for more than 15 hours.



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A husband was trying to convince his wife that women talk more than men. To prove his point, he showed her a study indicating that men on the average use only 15,000 words per day, while women on the average use about 30,000 words per day.



**Kevin's
Komments**
Kevin Patterson

standing outside, wishing to see You.' But He answered and said to them, 'My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.'" Those who want to belong to the spiritual family of Christ must do more than just listen to God's will

as found in the Bible, they must obey it!

What do you think would happen to me if my wife told me to take out the garbage, and I said, "I hear you, Sweetie," and then did nothing about it? I shudder to even think about it! Yet God is no different. To listen to His words and say, "I hear you, God," and then do nothing about it, should cause one to shudder with the eternal consequences that would follow.

Listening is absolutely vital in any relationship. Nevertheless, actions also must follow to keep that relationship alive and well. To have and hold a relationship with God, remember the words of Jesus in Luke 11:28, "...blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

Kevin's Komments by Kevin Patterson is presented by the Sebring Parkway church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Find them on the internet at www.sebringcoc.com, or e-mail sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com.

The wife pondered the information momentarily and then explained to her husband that the reason women use twice as many words as men is because they have to repeat everything they say. Her husband calmly replied, "What?"

Jesus stated in Matthew 11:15 and many other New Testament verses, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." This was His way of saying, "Everyone, listen!" Why do you think Jesus said this so many times? Perhaps, it was because we often do not do a very good job of listening (and I am not talking about men only!). When Jesus taught His Father's will to the people around Him, He did not want them to miss one, important word. Listening is absolutely necessary if we desire eternal life. Still, listening alone is not enough.

One day Jesus' mother and brothers came to see Him but, because of a crowd, were unable to get to Him. Luke 8:20-21 reads, "And it was reported to Him, 'Your mother and Your brothers are

Healthy Living



Sharing medical data with your doctor can be as easy as handing over your phone or tablet

Smartphones becoming new way for patients to carry medical records

ST. PAUL, Minn (AP) — Hospitals and clinics are replacing paper files with sophisticated electronic health records. And although some systems can't share information with each other, which could be a serious problem in an emergency, smartphones are starting to bridge that electronic gap.

That capability is already available to Medicare patients and veterans. The Medicare Blue Button and a similar Veterans Affairs medical program allow patients to download three years of their medical history into a simple text file on their smartphones or personal computers.

Sharing that data with a health care provider can then be as simple as handing over your smartphone, Minnesota Public Radio reported Wednesday.

It's not just Medicare patients and veterans who can get access to their computerized medical records.

Farzad Mostashari, coordinator for

health information technology at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, experienced firsthand how useful smartphone technology can be when illness suddenly strikes, as it did when his 76-year-old father visited him last Thanksgiving weekend.

"My dad comes downstairs and he has acute pain in his eye where he had cataract surgery. And I said, 'What's the matter, what's the story?'" recalled Mostashari, who lives in Bethesda, Md. "And he said, 'Well, I think they put the wrong lens in my eye. I'd gone back to the doctor and ...'"

Mostashari's father didn't remember exactly what had happened at his last doctor's visit, but the information was in his medical file. The problem was his father lives in Boston and his doctor's office was closed for the weekend. But that wasn't a problem for Mostashari. He put his expertise to work by signing up his dad for the Medicare Blue Button.

He was then able to download a file that included names, phone numbers and addresses of physicians as well as diagnoses, lab tests, imaging studies, and medications.

He then took his father to a local doctor, and his dad was able to hand over his iPhone and say, "here's my history."

The federal health care overhaul is designed to encourage patients to be more involved in managing their own health. But there are also privacy and data security risks.

Deven McGraw, director of the Health Privacy Project at the Center for Democracy and Technology in Washington, said doctors and health plans must abide by federal privacy and security rules. But those rules don't extend to smartphones. She said consumers need to check how apps will use their personal data and find out if their device allows them to remotely delete their data if it's stolen.

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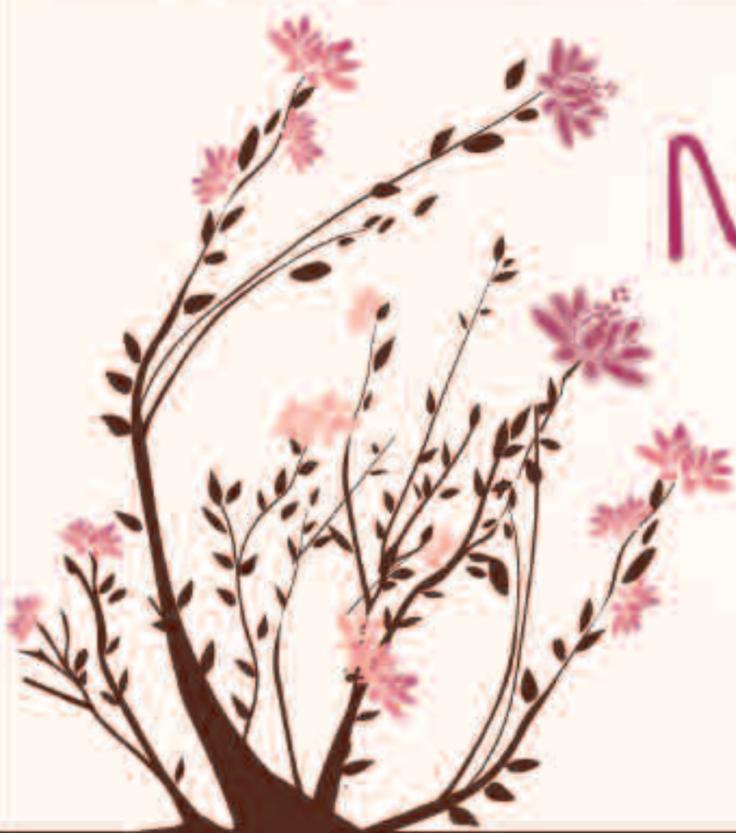
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Religion

Atonement Lutheran Church - ELCA

SEBRING — This Sixth Sunday in Easter, Rev. Jefferson Cox's sermon will be based on the gospel reading of John 14:23-29.

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

At 6 p.m. Tuesday will be the Council meeting in fellowship hall.

On Monday, May 27, will be a "Memorial Day Salute to the Veterans" picnic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Memorial program and free food, fun and games for all ages. More details to follow.

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sixth Sunday in Easter, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "God's Mission Overcomes All Boundaries." The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east of the Avon Park High

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School past the four-way stop sign. For more information, call 471-2663 or search online at christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "The Fall of Babylon: Part 4" 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 for worship. Pastor Cecil Hess is preaching on "The Bible and Our Birthdays." The service is non-denominational and open to all. Location is U.S. 27, four miles south of Highlands Regional Medical Center. For more information, call 382-1737.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Tom Schneider will preach Sunday morning's sermon, "The Second Coming." Everyone is welcome.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Rev. George Miller will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "The Size of an (Orange) Seed," with Scripture from Psalm 67.

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

Faith Baptist Church of Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Sunday Bible study has several classes to choose from. The pastor continues his series "From Resurrection to Pentecost" with Sunday's sermon, "What Must We

Do?", from Acts 2:14-48. Sunday evening, a new series, "Unpacking the Great Commandment," will begin with a sermon titled "God's Love Language" from John 14:15-21.

Call 465-0060 or check out the website at www.faithbaptistchurchlp.com. The church is at 660 Holmes Ave.

Faith Lutheran

SEBRING — Sunday, the church celebrates the sixth Sunday of Easter. Rev. Robert Reinhardt will deliver his sermon, "Wellness". Alexis Ebey will be baptized at the morning service.

Adult Sunday school class is studying "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" ... Practicing Ministry of Reconciliation.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — Pastor Ron's sermon is titled "If God Is

For Us" taken from Romans 8:31-36.

Assisting the pastor during the Communion service will be Elders Diane Beidler and Sharron Campbell.

Deacons for the day are Carol Chandler, Franny Goff, Effie Simmons and Roger Sands.

The greeter for Sunday is Gloria Andrick. There will be a baptism for several members who attended the pastor's class and completed the study.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is titled "Victory" based on I John 5:1-5.

The choir's introit will be "We are Standing on Holy Ground"/"This is Holy Ground." The anthem is "For Where Love is, There is God."

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 location and narrated by Ray Vander Lann. This new series is titled "Fire on the Mountain - Their Blood Cried Out" filmed in Serabit al Khadim. Matt Sbotto teaches the youth class and they are studying the book of Ephesians.

Members are asked to bring non-perishable items for the Church Service Center. There will be an Agape Luncheon immediately after worship service. Will Barron, short-term missionary candidate to Spain, will be the guest speaker. The Family Gathering will meet at 6 p.m.

On Wednesday, Johnson will lead the Bible study group from the book "What is the Christian's Worldview?"

The church is at 215 E. Circle St., with two entrances on Lagrange Street. For questions, call

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

ANGLICAN

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

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

♦ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; 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 Altvater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

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

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

♦ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. Allen Higginbotham, Interim Pastor; Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults; and Dixie Kreulen, preschool director. Group Bible Studies, 9:15 a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Buatista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Call 385-4704. Website www.fbsebring.com

♦ **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@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. School Office/Mailing, Principal Dr. Anna V. Adam, 747 S. Franklin St., Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7300; fax, 385-7310; email school@stcath.com. School office hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Clergy: Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com or 385-0049; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Caviedes, 385-3993; Assistant 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.

(Spanish), 5 p.m. (Holy Family Youth Center), every third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (French Mass). Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday at 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 7:15-7:45 a.m. first Friday, 2:30-3:15 p.m. Saturday and 9-9:45 a.m. Sunday. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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

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

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

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

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453-3242 or check the website at avon-parkchurch.com.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Sunday's sermon by the Rev. Darrell A. Peer is "The Only God."

Miriam Circle meets Monday morning; Ruth Circle meets Tuesday morning; youth group, adult Bible study, Vision Committee meeting and choir practice are on Wednesday.

The Women's Ministries Spring Luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, May 11, at Michael's Restaurant in Spring Lake. Reservations are required.

The church is at 319

Poinsettia Ave. Contact the church at 385-0107.

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message "Pray for the Kingdom" with Scripture taken from Matthew 6:10. Communion will be served.

Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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 meets at

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200 Lark Ave., at Sebring Hills Clubhouse.

Tuesday home Bible study continues with "Messiah: Shadow To Image." Call (863) 658-2534 for location and other information.

Sunday Worship Experience 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. Visit for a special service on Mother's Day,

"What the Spirit Says."

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon Sunday will be "The Keys to Heaven and Hell" with Scripture from Matthew 16:13-20.

The service will include Ralph Sylvester playing a trombone solo, "Jesus, My All in All;" Allen Warchak singing "Room at the Cross;" and Beverly Knuske

singing "I Don't Know About Tomorrow."

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor John Bryant will preach "In the Sweet By 'n By" on Sunday, using passages in Revelation 21.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. behind the Tower. The phone number is 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — Sunday morning's Bible lesson, "A Living Hope," is taken from I Peter 1:3-12. Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the message during the worship

service.

The Wednesday evening service will be a time of praise, prayer and Bible study in the book of I John.

The church is at 3413 Sebring Parkway. For further information, call 382-3552.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — On Sunday morning, the Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr.'s message will be "Who Lives with You?" Biblical reference is from John 14:23-29.

Sebring Church of the Brethren

SEBRING — Sunday morning, the pastor will preach on "Bring Light Into Life."

For more information, call 385-1597.

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 concretion 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 christ-lutheranavonpark.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 Faily 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 Pre-school, 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.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

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

♦ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.**, on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. 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 problema. 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

♦ **Faith Center West Ministry**, "Restoring Lives, Families & Communities." In the Banyan Plaza at 2349 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870. Pastors Leroy and JoAnn Taylor the public to worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. for Praise & Worship and on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for Bible study and prayer. Children classes are available for all services. Ministries for youth, men and women are held throughout the month. Please attend these Spirit-filled services. "Moving Forward in Unity". Church office, 385-1800 or 655-2748.

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

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

♦ **Union Church**, 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Contemporary worship service is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Tiger Gullett. Sunday traditional worship service is at 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Nursery and children's church on Saturday nightes and 9 and 10:45 a.m. Sundays. Breakfast and lunch menus at Solid Grounds. Senior Pastor is Bill Breylinger. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.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.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

PRESBYTERIAN

♦ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)**, 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; 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 Presbyteria 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.fpcpl.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 Sstudy 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: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Frank Gonzalez. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Associate Pastor is Ryan Amos. Website is www.discov-erjesus.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.fumcap.org.

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

Religion

Author to speak at Crossroads Fellowship

SEBRING — Join Crossroads Fellowship at 10 a.m. Sunday for Dr. Dale Fife, author of "The Secret Place," "The Hidden Kingdom" and other books.

Fife has served the Body of Christ for more than 45 years as a caring pastor, insightful teacher and gifted musician and best selling author. His wisdom, maturity and genuine spiritual concern for others have caused many to regard him as a "spiritual father" in the Lord. His insightful teaching has inspired and blessed thousands around the world.

Crossroads Fellowship is at 605 State Road 66.

St John UMC hosts benefit spaghetti dinner

SEBRING — St. John United Methodist Church will host a benefit spaghetti dinner for the Serrano Family on Saturday, May 18 at 3214 Grand Prix Drive (just behind Walmart). Serving times are 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and may be reserved by calling the church office at 382-1736. Limited walk-ins and take-outs will be available.

Faith Lutheran hosts workshop on charitable giving

SEBRING — Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Lakeview Drive, will have a workshop from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 16 on "Charitable Giving: How to Make a Difference by Giving Back." How can

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you use your time, talents and treasures to make a profound impact on the organizations you care about most?

Live out your values today and into the future. Find out how.

Gain a better understanding of the:

- Roles values play.
- Importance of a giving strategy.

- Financial tools that can enhance your giving and offer other advantages.

A complimentary lunch/refreshments will be served after the workshop.

Call the church at 385-3232 or email faithlutheransebring@comcast.net and reserve a spot. This workshop will be presented by Michael Noel, MBA, FIC.

Napier, Smallridge share story of forgiveness

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Jeff Taylor invites the community to come hear award-winning speaker Renee Napier, whose daughter, Meagan, was killed by a drunk driver in 2002. Napier has made it her life's mission to prevent more unnecessary deaths like Meagan's. She lobbied to have her daughter's killer, Eric Smallridge, released from prison early to join her in her presentations.

Hear Renee Napier and Eric Smallridge share their amazing story of forgiveness and love. They will be speaking at the Sunday worship service at First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes. The church is at the corner of Kemper and Cleveland avenues in Placid Lakes.

Class warfare is not a new concept

Consider This ...

Larry Overfield

ed by Islam. It was used in the United States by Christians who misinterpreted the biblical Scriptures; later it was reinforced by Darwin's theory.

The "Origin of Species" was published on Nov. 24, 1859.

In December of 1860, South Carolina announced its secession from the Union. Six states quickly followed and on Feb. 4, 1861 formed the Confederate States of America. The Civil War was the result. This war was because of slavery, not states' rights. Alexander Stephens, vice president of the Confederate government, stated in his Cornerstone Speech of March 21, 1861, "Our new government is founded upon ... its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rest upon the great truth, that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery-subordination to the superior race-is his natural and normal condition."

Moving to present day, we can look back on history and see that many have used

class warfare to advance their ideals and politics. It is still being done today by all classes of people and all political parties in all nations of the earth. Class warfare is a means of manipulation and control; it is a strategy that will continue as long as people want what others have.

Wanting something better for ourselves, or seeking to better my life is not a vice, nor sinful in anyway. It is the means we use that makes the idea corrupt. If I want a power or government to take from those who have what I don't and distribute that to me through some law or force, that perverts the American dream. Our government was designed by our founders to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, so pursue it by your own talents and abilities.

Advocates of class warfare are taking from society and returning only what will enhance their opportunities to continue to prey on our community. There is a form

of life that does the same thing known as the fresh water leech. This leech spends its day under rocks or leaves in a stream or lake bottom. Once the leech attaches itself, it releases an enzyme that does two things: first, it numbs the area, that is it masks the action; second, it is an anti-coagulant that helps the blood to flow freely. Supporters and recipients of class warfare suck the life out of our nation just like the leech.

In the New Testament of the Bible, the book of Philippians 4:11-13, Paul tells us that he has learned to be content in whatever situation he finds himself. Yet he reminds us that he can do all things in Christ who strengthens him. Go and do likewise.

Larry Overfield is retired from Progress Energy and lives in Sebring. He has led a ministry at the Highlands County Jail and with area motorcyclists. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.

Bishops who filed suit against Alabama law feel vindicated

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Episcopal, Roman Catholic and United Methodist bishops who filed a federal lawsuit two years ago trying to stop enforcement of Alabama's immigration law say they feel vindicated.

"Our concern was primarily the infringement on the obligation of the church to take care of people regardless of their status," said retired Episcopal Bishop Henry N. Parsley, who still lives in Birmingham. "I feel like our concerns have been upheld by the court process."

On Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Alabama's appeal of a ruling by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which had blocked key sections of the law that the bishops had opposed. The bishops opposed a section of the law that outlawed "transporting unlawfully present aliens" or "harboring" them, along with a section that outlawed having a contract with illegal immigrants.

The bishops said that ministries to immigrants would be harmed by those provisions and that church employees and volunteers could have been subjected to prosecution.

The lawsuit by the coalition of bishops was dismissed by U.S. Judge Sharon Blackburn.

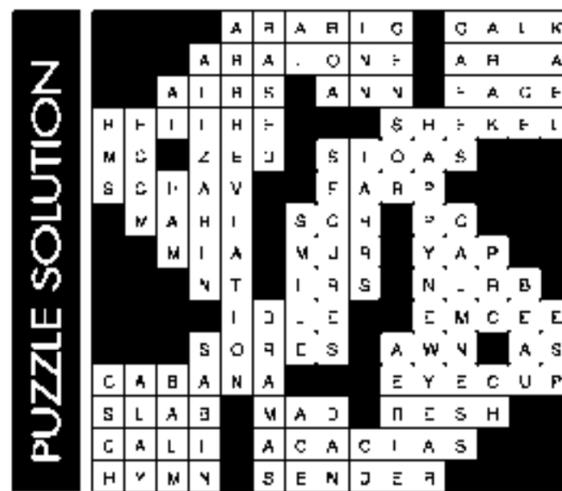
Ohio bishop: Gay teacher's firing based on marriage

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Roman Catholic bishop in central Ohio says the firing of a gay teacher at a Columbus Catholic school was based not on her sexual orientation but on the need to maintain the institution's marriage values.

Bishop Frederick Campbell told The Columbus Dispatch that Carla Hale was fired in March because she violated the church's moral teaching through what he described as a "quasi-spousal

relationship" with a woman. He said an extramarital affair by a heterosexual couple would go against the same teaching.

Hale said she was fired from Bishop Watterson High School after her mother's published obituary included the name of Hale's partner.



Terrorism in the Bible?

Lately there have been a lot of terror attacks. Sixteen terror attacks were thwarted in New York City alone, before the terrorists could finish their evil work. But do you know that we should not be surprised at this?

Hi, my name is Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum from The Church of the Way and I'd like a word with you.

Just listen to Luke 21:26, "People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world..." (NIV).

Jesus had been telling the disciples what the many signs of the end of the age will be. Jesus was sitting with the disciples on the Mount of Olives and shared dozens of end-time signs with them.

And then Jesus said, "At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:27-28).

Jesus also warns us how not to prepare for his coming. "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come



Guest Column

Reinhold Buxbaum

on all those who live on the face of the whole earth." (Luke 21:34-35).

Jesus is telling us not to wash away the worries of this life with alcohol, but rather "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:36).

The "escape?" Yes, the escape is the rapture of all the believers before the wrath of God is poured out on the world for seven years. A time the Bible calls "The Tribulation."

Are you getting ready for the "Escape?"

Yes, the stage is set for our rapture.

Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor of The Church of the Way. He teaches 'An Evening in Bible Prophecy' at Homer's Restaurant on Monday. No purchase necessary.



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Dear Abby

Job offer has too many strings

Dear Abby: I'm 29 and for 10 years I have been struggling with controlling parents. They have cut two of my sisters out of their lives because they live closer to their spouses' parents.

My husband and I are full-time students, ex-military and taking advantage of the G.I. Bill. We're looking for jobs, but my parents have threatened not to speak to me if we take jobs closer to his parents. I'm trying to be fair to both sets of parents, but we can't stay unemployed because of this issue. We have a family to support.

I tried reasoning with them, but I'm unsure how to proceed. Dad called and offered my husband a job in my hometown. We declined because if we accept, they will expect us to live near them. Please tell me what to do. I don't want my family to fall apart any more than it already has.

— Smothered in the South

Dear Smothered: If you feel smothered now, imagine how it would be if you and your husband were economically dependent on your parents. No part of your lives would be separate from them, and you would be completely under their control. Holding the family together is not your responsibility, and you should not sacrifice your independence in an attempt to do so.

Your parents' emotional blackmail has already driven away two of your sisters and their families. I assume you have relationships with your siblings. I'm advising you to maintain them and live your own lives. With time, your parents may realize they haven't isolated their children; they have isolated only themselves.

Dear Abby: I'm an 18-year-old girl who will be job searching pretty soon. I have never felt the need to wear makeup in my day-to-day life, but now I'm wondering. Is it unprofessional to go into a workplace sans makeup? Will future bosses think I don't look put-together? I wonder if any other girls my age are having the same confusion.

— Ready to Be Out There

Dear Ready: It depends upon what kind of job you'll be searching for. If you plan to work with the public, you should try to look your best at all times. For your interviews, you should be neatly, but conservatively dressed. And as for makeup, you needn't apply it as though you were going on stage, but a touch of color wouldn't hurt.

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At The Movies: 'Iron Man 3'



Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark in 'Iron Man 3.'

Courtesy photo

Latest installment loaded down by heavy metal

By JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

In the galaxy of big-screen superheros — a rather glum lot — Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man is the snappy one.

He's the sarcastic, motor-mouthed, preening, self-referential do-gooder, as opposed to all those self-serious crusaders. No matter how much of a scrap heap of metal-twisting mayhem the franchise piles on (and it's a lot), Downey's sheer charm — his unsentimental, offhand yammering — is the only real super power in Marvel's "Iron Man" trilogy.

"Iron Man 3" follows not just "Iron Man 2" but the box-office busting "The Avengers," in which Tony Stark, a.k.a. Iron Man, joined forces with other superheros. These global blockbusters are more produced than directed, but it's nevertheless particularly fitting that Shane Black here inherits the helm from John Favreau, the director of the previous two.

Black (the "Lethal Weapon" screenwriter) and Downey last teamed up (before Downey's career had been fully resurrected) in the wonderfully zippy, deconstructed LA noir "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang." "Iron Man 3" begins exactly the same, with Stark in a halting voiceover that he restarts and then gives up on, concluding: "Well, you know who I am."

Black's film, more than any other "Iron Man," is stuffed with this self-aware, winking style. This includes loads of references to "The Avengers," an experience from which Stark has developed panic attacks and sleep-depriving nightmares. Though the stated cause is the alien battle that concluded "The Avengers," one suspects it could be Scarlett Johansson's acting that haunts him.

He is pulled into a confrontation with a terrorist named Mandarin (a bearded Ben Kingsley), who, in hijacked broadcast transmissions, takes credit for public explosions that, in a movie such as this, chafe awkwardly in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings. When reporters mob Stark for his response after an explosion puts his friend and bodyguard (Favreau, looking happily unburdened) in the hospital, Stark swears vengeance and brazenly supplies his home address for a fight.

You might think Superman would be the

Stark to Tennessee.

With a damaged suit and grasping at leads on the bombing, Stark has to rebuild himself, which he does with the help of a mop-headed, fatherless boy (an excellent Ty Simpkins). Tennessee isn't an accidental landing spot, but a pre-programmed flight to a location where Stark begins to learn what's behind the bombings.

Downey and Simpkins make a good team playing a kind of mock-Spielbergian pair, and it's the best and most natural part of the movie.

There are good bad guys. Guy Pearce plays Aldrich Killian, an inventor turned military contractor who Stark haphazardly jilted back in his partying years. His connections to the terrorism aren't immediately clear, but his rise comes from a kind of biological enhancement that makes its users nearly indestructible and, when really angry, breathe fire.

Within "Iron Man 3" is a fight between screwball irony and blockbuster bombast. The script, by Black and Drew Pearce, contains the best dialogue of the series. But the wisecracking begins to feel suffocated under the weight of a whole lot of action, more Iron Man suit changes than Beyonce would even dare, and the lumbering machinations of a plot that closes in on a lengthy oil rig finale as if pulled by magnetic force.

This is the first "Iron Man" in 3-D, and the darkening effect is particularly disappointing for what's been a bright-hued franchise. The action scenes, too, are cut too quickly so that your eye often feels like it's racing to catch up. The heavy metal action could never sink the irrepressible Downey, but it weighs down the otherwise light joy of "Iron Man 3."



Movie Review

'Iron Man 3'

Rating: PG-13 (sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence, brief suggestive content)

Running time: 130 minutes

Review: ★★ (of 4)

favorite of journalists everywhere, but I suspect it's Iron Man. Ever since Stark declared his identity at the conclusion of the first "Iron Man," he's unique among his more secretive brethren: He's the superhero who comments.

When helicopter missiles collapse Stark's Malibu estate into the sea, his companion Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow) is separated from him, and his damaged computer operator Jarvis (voiced in formal British by Paul Bettany in a manner not unlike the classic butler Jeeves) rockets

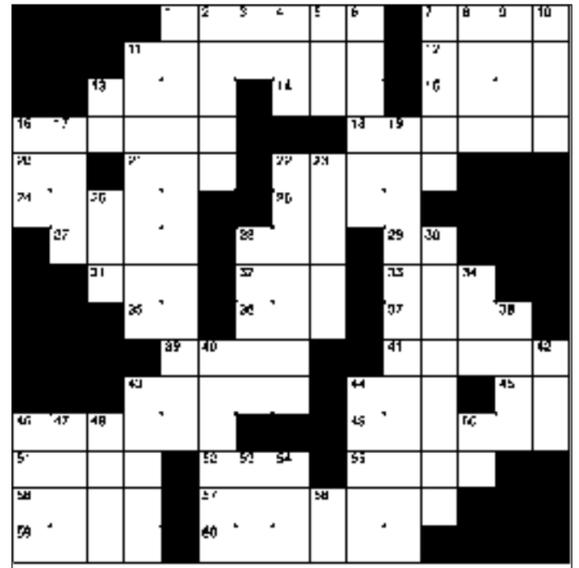
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WORDS

ACID
ACRE
AERATE
ANNUAL
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BONSAI
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BULB
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COMPOST
CONIFER
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CUTTINGS
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HARDPAN
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HYDROPONICS
LATH
LAYERING
NODE
PANICLE
PISTIL
ROOT
ROSETTE
RUNNER
SPHAGNUM
THINNING
TOPSOIL

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Landfill
- 7. Superhero
- 13. Avenger
- 14. Heart's edge
- 15. Sit of 'yy' in a style
- 16. Withdraw from work
- 18. Ancient Brits' coin
- 20. Mergery
- 21. 2nd British letter
- 27. Colonel's G.I. walks
- 28. Kasia's Saturday only
- 29. O.S. Curly's Wylan
- 37. Cher's miss
- 38. Schenck's County Airvet
- 39. Laps
- 31. Actress Larayo
- 32. NYSE for Marjory O.G. Corp.
- 53. Talk radio
- 55. New Testament
- 56. Lay a bet
- 57. Mergery's friend
- 59. Nat. base
- 61. Not a base, but an excuse
- 62. Ash's stars
- 64. Soft state
- 65. Liquid
- 66. Hair-dressing tool
- 69. Eye's bit
- 71. The top of something
- 87. Angel
- 88. 2nd Hebrew letter
- 89. 3rd largest Colorado city
- 93. Gimmie
- 94. A sort of praise to God
- 99. Dispatcher

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Word she's using
- 2. Foreigner's name
- 3. 2nd and 4th
- 4. Topical restriction
- 5. Hospitality
- 6. Usual and expunged
- 7. Social restaurant
- 8. In Astoria's liquor
- 9. Infestation of head lice
- 10. New Yorker ultra-elite party
- 11. An orange-red eyes all the way
- 13. Reddish possum
- 16. Root man's name
- 17. Electronic number counter
- 19. 125' gazelle
- 22. Partners
- 23. Himalayan wild grass
- 25. Dry, no contact
- 26. Lethal creature
- 30. Absence of aggression
- 32. China
- 38. Older Italian's brother
- 40. Plays
- 42. Term for a trap, psychology
- 43. Oral police and detective
- 44. Any combination of a high ability
- 46. Hyperactive concern
- 47. Russian mathematician
- 48. An American's vice
- 50. Venezuelan's last name
- 53. Highest cam
- 54. Most of Japan
- 58. Music storage device

Solution, B10

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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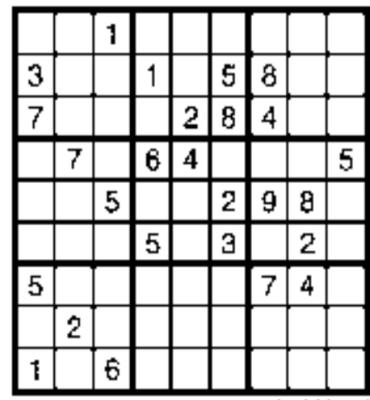
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to gardening. Each number corresponds to a different letter. (Hint: 23 = o)

- A. 14 9 11 16 18 4
Clue: Place for growing
- B. 26 24 23 23 6
Clue: Flower
- C. 15 11 12 4 18
Clue: Cut or trim
- D. 6 12 24 20 25
Clue: Garden material

Answers: A. garden B. bloom C. prune D. mulch

SUDOKU



Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku! This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off. So sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numbers already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you remove, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

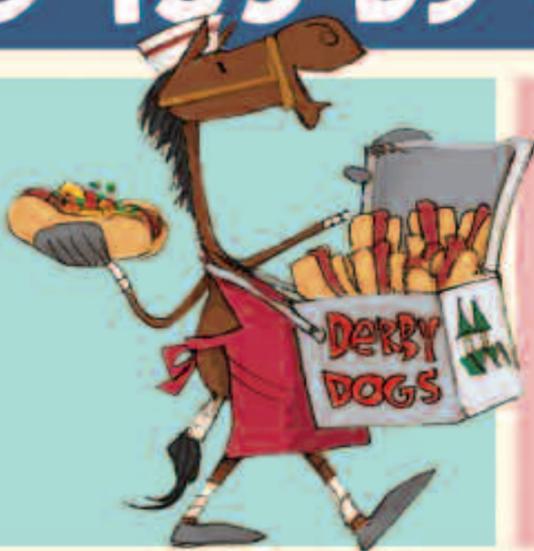
Living

Derby 139 by the numbers

BY CHRIS WARE
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

HUNGRY?

Derby-goers will consume
142,000
hot dogs,
18,000
barbecue sandwiches,
32,400
jumbo shrimp



23
YEARS OLD

age of longest living Kentucky Derby winner: Strike the Gold (1991 Derby winner)



180
tons

trash generated by the crowds attending the Derby

Most wins by a breeder

8

CALUMET FARM

26

Number of Kentucky Derby horses piloted by Bill Shoemaker, the most in history

Smallest field size (1892 and 1905)

3

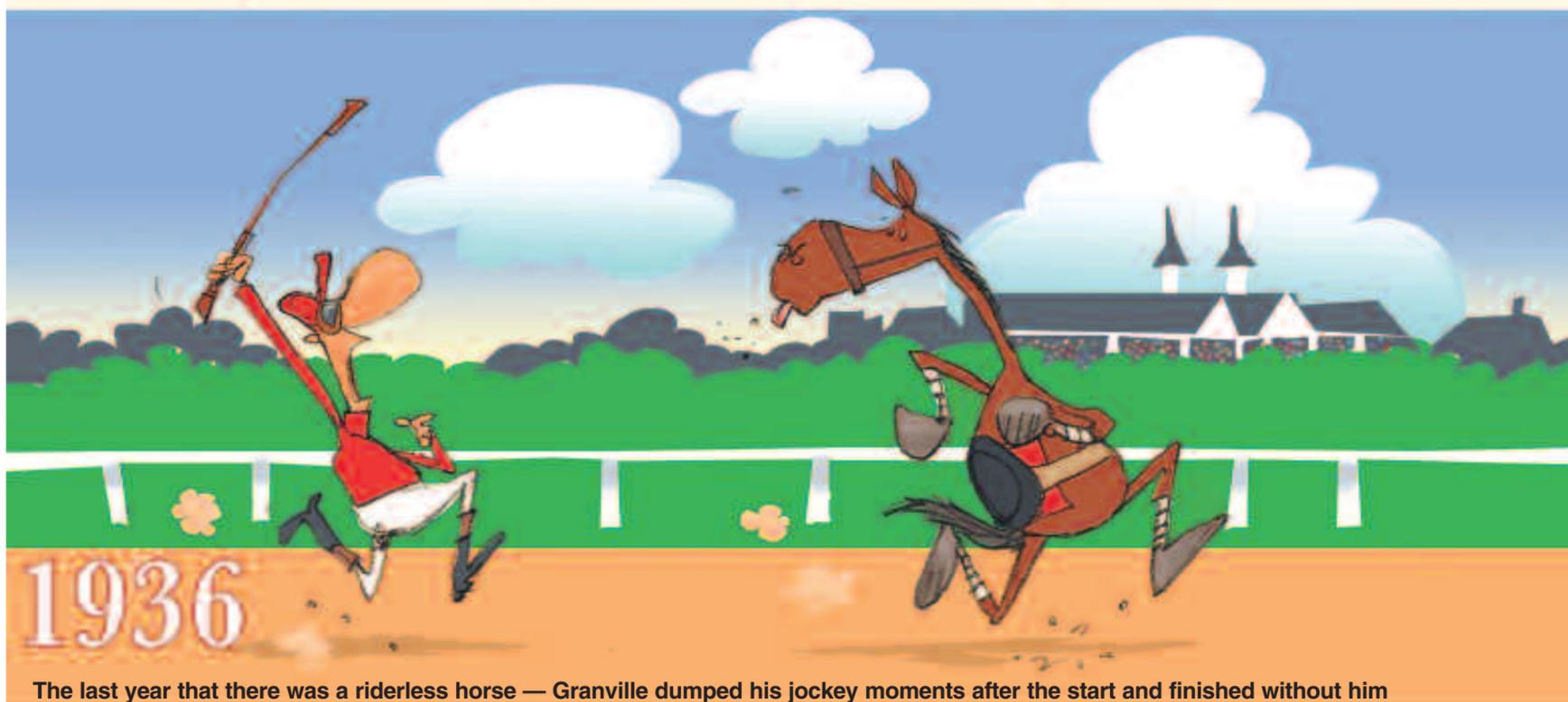
Louisville temperature

73°

average high for May 7

3.5 lbs.

weight of the 14K gold Kentucky Derby Trophy



1936

The last year that there was a riderless horse — Granville dumped his jockey moments after the start and finished without him

Churchill Downs will prepare

120,000

MINT JULEPS

(Kentucky bourbon, simple syrup, crushed ice, powdered sugar and mint)



2,250 lbs.

of locally-grown mint will be used to make the juleps

\$184.90

record win payoff on a \$2 bet: Donerail, 1913

Number of winning horses to go from last to first

8

The most recent to do so is Mine That Bird, 2009

54
years old

age of oldest jockey to win the Derby (Bill Shoemaker riding Ferdinand, 1986)

15
years old

age of youngest jockey to win the Derby (Alonzo "Lonnie" Clayton aboard Azra, 1892)



0 winners from post position No. 17

23

largest field size, 1974

winning horses bred in **KENTUCKY**

105

Oldest owner to win Kentucky Derby

92
years old

Frances Genter with Unbridled, 1990



19

winning horses' names beginning with the letter 'S,' including 2010 winner Super Saver

MOST VICTORIES BY A JOCKEY

5

Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack



2.31 inches

most rain on Derby Day on May 11, 1918 (Exterminator won)

SOURCE: CHURCHILL DOWNS