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Council gives OK to budget

Final reading, public hearing set Sept. 23

By PHIL ATTINGER
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AVON PARK — City council members have approved on first reading a 2013-14 fiscal year budget, with a property tax rate of 30 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value.

A second and final reading with public hearing is set for 6 p.m. Sept. 23 at Avon Park City Council chambers, 123 E. Pine St.

Comparing the \$17.3 million upcoming budget to fiscal year 2011-12, City Manager Julian Deleon told the council it includes a 95 percent drop in property taxes, a 20 percent cut in garbage fees — from \$20 per month to \$16 — and a plan to eliminate the city's debt by December.

Council members made only one change: They eliminated a \$37.50 inspection fee from landlords to have their properties inspected by city officials for safety and sanitary conditions.

The council still wants to continue the inspections, so the loss of the fee means the city will pull a total \$11,776

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NEED A LIGHT?



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

Cars line up Monday morning at U.S. 27 and Northwood Boulevard to enter the highway. Stanley Schmidt of Sebring believes the highway intersection needs a traffic signal to avoid crashes where Northwood Boulevard crosses Frontage Road. State officials plan to study the matter next year. County officials plan to improve traffic signs right away.

Northwood Blvd. subject of U.S. 27 traffic signal debate

By PHIL ATTINGER
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SEBRING — How much traffic control drivers need at U.S. 27 and Northwood Boulevard is up for debate.

Florida Department of Transportation officials say the intersection is safe, but Sebring resident Stanley Schmidt believes the intersection in front of Love Bugg's and the Blue Lagoon Saloon needs a traffic signal.

Schmidt said he's seen several close calls with cars pulling into Northwood from the highway and other cars heading out toward the

highway or either crossing or turning left onto Frontage Road, which parallels U.S. 27.

Northwood leads to Colony Point mobile home park, behind the Frontage Road businesses.

Stop signs at that location state that it's a three-way stop, but traffic coming in from U.S. 27 doesn't stop.

County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete said Tuesday he would have Highlands County's Traffic Operations install additional signs to point that out by today at the latest.

A similar sign at a gasoline sta-

tion on Frontage Road just south of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard warns traffic to yield to incoming traffic from the highway, Gavarrete said.

Since Feb. 25, 2012, the intersection has had 10 traffic crashes, on almost any day of the week at times as early as 7:01 a.m. to 10:14 p.m.

The crashes were split one-third each between the lunch hours of noon to 1 p.m., afternoon rush hours of 3:30-5:30 p.m. and evening hours of 7:45-10:15 p.m.

Ali Hamed, owner and operator

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APYA riot probe will be lengthy

Final report not expected for several months

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK — The investigation into the Aug. 17 riot at the Avon Park Youth Academy is continuing, but state officials say citizens should not expect to see a report on the matter any time soon.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Wansley Walters and Inspector General Robert Munson visited the facility on the grounds of the Avon Park Bombing Range last month in the wake of the melee that damaged nearly every building on the property.

As many as 150 safety service

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LP council discusses pondweed problem

Bastardi warns of 'economic catastrophe'

By ROD LEWIS

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — A large crowd was at Monday's Lake Placid Town Council meeting to discuss the Illinois pondweed problem in Lake June.

Councilman Steve Bastardi used visualization of a boat not being able to move more than 12 or 15 feet without stopping and cleaning the propeller of weeds. He suggested that if the issue was not resolved it would cause an economic catastrophe. He also sug-

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'Lend Me A Tenor' opens tonight at Little Theatre

By ROD LEWIS

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Audiences will be transported to the 1930s in Cleveland, Ohio, when Highlands Little Theatre raises the curtain on its production of "Lend Me a Tenor" tonight.

Alan Grosman, the play's director, says to expect "mistaken identities; slamming doors; sharp, witty, crisp dialogue; and humor that is reminiscent of the Vaudeville theaters."

The libretto was written by Ken Ludwig.

"One thing that makes this play so successful is the skillful way that Ludwig combines the opera world and all of the high emotions with the characters. Everything is very cleverly constructed," Grosman said.

The play centers on Max, played by Trevor Long. Max is the assistant to

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Rod Lewis/News-Sun

Merelli (Bill Farmer, left) and Max (Trevor Long) share a duet in 'Lend Me A Tenor,' which opens tonight at Highlands Little Theatre.

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IDA/EDC membership drive in full swing

By BARRY FOSTER
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Businesses in Highlands County can soon expect a letter, a phone call, a personal visit or other contact from the Highlands County Economic Development Commission. It is part of an aggressive mem-

bership campaign that started before Highlands County Commissioners voted to defund the organization for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioners first denied an increase in the budget for the group, formally known as the Industrial Development Authority/Economic

Development Commission. The board then withdrew IDA/EDC funding altogether for at least the first part of the 2013-2014 budget year, saying they wanted to see some productivity as well as support from the local community for the economic development effort.

Now the IDA/EDC is distributing a packet with an eight-page brochure that outlines the resources of the area as well as offering everything from a \$100 individual membership to a top-level "premier membership" with a

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American Legion plans Sept. 11 ceremony

Event set to begin at 8 a.m. at Lake Placid post

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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LAKE PLACID — American Legion Post 25 will hold a Sept. 11 event today beginning at 8 a.m.

Post Commander Robert Moore emphasized the importance of never forgetting the 3,000 lives that were lost that day 12 years ago.

"I think we are the only one in the entire county doing something to commemorate," said Moore.

The town of Lake Placid will come together to show respect and remember the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001 in a small program.

Beginning at 8 a.m., guests will be served coffee and doughnuts. The Highlands County Sheriff's Office's Honor Guard will present the flag to start off the ceremony.

The Lake Placid Fire Department and Police Department will be in attendance to show support. There will also be a

bagpipe player.

The master of ceremony will be Eileen May of the Lake

Placid Chamber of Commerce and the event's guest speaker will be Dr. Cary Pigman.

"Pigman just got back from a tour in Kuwait. He will be speaking during the ceremony," Moore said.

"The veterans down here are getting pretty old so we want to support them as well as the EMT and first responders. A lot of them lost their lives that day. We can't forget about them."

For more information, contact the post at 465-0975.

In Avon Park today, American Legion Post 69 will hold a brief moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., marking the time the first plane hit the World Trade Center, followed by a "modest" flag retirement ceremony by the Legion Riders. All are invited to attend.

The Highlands County Health Department will be holding a blood drive Sebring site parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at 7205 S. George Blvd.



Ken Lorant of Lake Placid Art League works on his wood carving during the 1st Friday Night event in Lake Placid.

First 1st Friday tour a hit in Lake Placid

By ROD LEWIS

News-Sun correspondent

LAKE PLACID — Friday night was unusual in Lake Placid. The lights were on, businesses were open late into the evening for the first 1st Friday Night The First Friday Night event.

Five not-for-profit businesses promoted the event, which was patterned after the successful Destination Sebring, said organizer Lee Ann Hinskey, vice president of advertising for the Caladium Arts and Crafts Cooperative.

"On the tour, each participant had a card that was stamped by each merchant and then turned in at the last stop of the day," Hinskey said. "The owner of the winning card received a gift basket from the merchants. Other businesses cooperated with the event such as Kelly's Florist, which remained open during the tour hours and had discounted ice-cream. The turnout was good for the first time and we expect it to grow."

The Lake Placid Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-op was ready to greet visitors on the tour. In addition to welcoming the guests at the door, there were instructors in the back room showing their craft.

The Lake Placid Art League also had impressive artists showing their creations. Vice President Ken Lorant was finishing his wood carving of a pig that will adorn a nearby restaurant. Lorant also has a carving of a 6-foot eagle that is showcased in a Lake Placid Restaurant. See if you can find it before the next 1st Friday Tour.

"There are about 10 woodcarvers during the summer, but during the winter the numbers swell to about 45," Lorant said.

Toby The Clown Foundation American Clown Museum and School was another stop on the tour. Their mission is to teach the art of clowning and to spread smiles, love and



Sofia Ramirez gets a face painting from Krikitt the clown as her mother, Michelle Ramirez, shows off their balloon animals during the 1st Friday Night tour in Lake Placid

laughter, but it is interesting to note that the clowns are involved in some pretty serious stuff. The foundation is involved in hospice care, and Saturday night appeared at the Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring for the Kids Racing for Life banquet for children who have cancer or who have had treatments for it within the last year.

The Train Depot Museum is another stop. During the summer, there has been quite a bit of activity at the museum at 12 Park Street. "We have painted everything outside as well as the storage area across the street. Now we are working on the inside," said Historical Society President Richard Gerken.

The building was completed in 1927 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The grand opening will be Oct. 1, and everyone is invited to the quarterly meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The fifth stop on the tour led to the Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center/Mural Art Gallery at 405 W. Interlake Blvd. The Mural Society was formed in 1992 to beautify the town and tell its history. Today there are 40 murals, 45 bird plaques, 17 one-of-a-kind trash cans and more than 27 clown cut outs.

"We try to do one mural a year," said Mural Society President Harriet Porter. "Right now we are looking for our next sponsor."

Porter stated that she was happy with the turnout for the 1st Friday Night tour and looks forward to the next one.

"I feel this evening has been very successful and will invite everyone back next month."

Community Briefs

Blood drive at Health Department

SEBRING — The Florida Department of Health in Highlands County will host a blood drive in the Sebring site parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at 7205 S. George Blvd.

Last year, Florida Blood Services, Community Blood Services of Florida and Florida's Blood Centers merged into OneBlood. They have a new look but it is still the Big Red Bus.

All donors will receive a T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

If you donate blood two times between June 1 and Sept. 30 you will receive a free steak dinner courtesy of Outback Steakhouse. Plus, all donors will be entered to win "Outback for a Year!"

Show up or make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code M334 and bring photo identification.

Pink Army comes to Lunch Club Wednesday

SEBRING — Lunch Club Wednesday, a ladies networking club for all women, is scheduled from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Sebring Elks Lodge. Lunch is \$10.

This month's Rise and Shine speaker is Florida Hospital kicking off the 2013 Pink Army

www.jointhepinkarmy.com The luncheon will also host more than 25 showcases, 25 door prizes and great networking with other women. New members are always welcome and no reservations required.

For more information call Diana Albritton, 381-8170, or visit www.lunchclubwednesday.com or its Facebook page, Lunch Club Wednesday.

Fred Wild Elementary has meetings

SEBRING — Fred Wild Elementary School will hold an important Title I meeting at 2:15 p.m. today in the school's Media Center. Come, see and hear the wonderful things that are happening in the school and learn more about the Title I Program. All parents are encouraged to attend.

School Advisory Council (SAC) will meet afterwards at 2:45 p.m., also in the Media Center. Participants do not need to be a voting member to attend and join in the SAC meeting.

If you are a parent with a

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New app designed to help farmers

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida farmers will soon be able to coordinate their crops with a few swipes of their smartphones.

It's all part of a digital makeover for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

A new program developed by the department in partnership with University of Florida's Automated Weather Network, will provide up-to-the-minute information on key weather variables, including rainfall, temperature, humidity, dew point, wind speed and wind direction. The information is

updated every 15 minutes.

Agriculture secretary Adam Putnam says the app will help farmers make decisions on water use, pesticide spraying and nutrient applications. It also helps farmers determine when to irrigate during a frost or freeze.

"Real-time weather data will also help producers save costs and mitigate their impact on the environment," Putnam said in a news release.

The agency has partnered with agricultural producers to install the weather stations and input data into a test site.

Right now, 79 operations are participating in the pilot program. Producers are eligible to receive funding for one weather station for each 300 acres of the operation. The department provides 75 percent of the cost of each device up to \$5,000, with a total cap of \$25,000 per producer.

An online map of the state aggregates data collected from weather stations on private agricultural lands throughout Florida. It's also available on Android smartphone platforms and an iPhone app will be available in coming months.

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Memories still strong 12 years later

Twelve years ago today, our world changed when ordinary airliners were turned into weapons of mass destruction and aimed at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and either the Capitol or White House.

The North Tower burned for less than an hour, the South Tower for 102 minutes. When the buildings collapsed, it took only 12 seconds and killed 2,819 men, women and children.

One hundred and twenty-five people died at the Pentagon. Forty passengers died on United Flight 93 as it crashed into an open field in Pennsylvania when they fought against the hijackers.

Of the nearly 3,000 bodies at the trade center, only 289 were found intact; 1,717 families received no remains at all. An estimated 3,051

children lost a parent.

Twenty percent of Americans knew someone hurt or killed.

While the towers burned, they could be seen from 20 miles away on that brilliantly clear morning. After the collapse, fires burned for 99 days. More than 1.5 million tons of debris was removed once the fires burned out.

The attacks on the WTC caused enormous financial damage. The stock market closed for six days, the Dow Jones average falling more than 680 points when it reopened. New York City lost 146,100 jobs and saw economic losses of \$105 bil-

lion in the month following the attack. There were repercussions throughout the country. States like Florida that rely on tourism were hurt as people decided not to travel.

The attack brought out the best and the worst in us.

Some people tried to cheat money from victims and the state. Many, many more, however, opened their hearts and by 2002, private donations came to \$1.4 billion. Others took action: Peace Corps applications increased 40 percent in 2002 and CIA applications rose 50 percent.

It also taught us important lessons. For example, the NYC emergency operations center was vulnerable, located in the WTC complex. It was destroyed soon after the initial attack.

In the last 12 years, we have begun wars in two different countries and set new

policies meant to protect us from anything so horrible ever happening again.

Whether the policy choices are wise, or the wars will bring security, remains to be seen.

The important thing to remember is that America continues to recover from the awful wounds. It is our duty to be sure the framework that gave us the strength to survive remains to guide us in the future.

The hardest task confronting us is rising above the pain and fear. We cannot blame all Muslims for the hateful acts of some among them. Instead of focusing on retribution and adding more hatred into the world, we should remember those innocent souls who were murdered. Let us live some of life for them. Let us be open to the beauties of life. Let us reach out when we can.

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No accountability in school accountability

Standardized testing can close your public school, hold your kid back a year or now get a teacher fired—all in the name of accountability. But standardized testing's sheen of fairness got tarnished last week, proving



Guest Column
Jason Stanford

that despite all the promises, there is no accountability in accountability.

In Atlanta, a jury acquitted Tamara Cotman on a charge of influencing a witness. As an administrator with oversight over 21 schools, Cotman handed out a memo titled "Go To Hell" to 10 principals with instructions on how to obstruct the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Head, meet desk. Three-dozen public school administrators and teachers still face racketeering charges related to a widespread conspiracy to boost test scores to keep their jobs and collect bonuses.

Texas finished an audit of how it missed the massive "scrubbing" scandal in El Paso. School officials prevented students from taking the 10th grade accountability test "through means of transfer, deportation, and inappropriate retention and promotion to avoid enforcement action under the federal No Child Left Behind Act," according to the state auditor.

This was such an obvious scandal that people in El Paso started calling these kids "los desaparecidos," or the disappeared. But when the Texas Education Agency was asked to investigate, they didn't see any cheating. Turns out, they didn't look. The audit found that the TEA investigators never even left their desks in Austin, much less traveled to El Paso. They relied on self-reported information from El Paso school officials and did not contact those who lodged the complaints, which is like investigating a murder by asking the suspect if he has any evidence while ignoring the body, any witnesses and the smoking gun.

Officials aren't looking all that hard to find cheating because they want to believe the lies. The gospel of high-stakes testing requires a belief in scores that resurrect failing schools. When El Paso Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia supposedly performed this miracle, Rick Perry's administration gave him \$56,000 in bonuses and held him up as an example of what was possible. The FBI later investigated, and now Garcia sits in prison, though you can't say he's not still an example.

Dr. Beverly L. Hall, the former superintendent in Atlanta who masterminded

the cheating schemes, was the 2009 American Association of School Administrators superintendent of the year. Education Sec. Arne Duncan even hosted her at the White House as an example of success in raising test

scores, and in 2010 Pres. Barack Obama put her on the National Board for Education Sciences.

When the Atlanta indictments tore down the façade, Sec. Duncan said, "I think this is very isolated" and called it "an easy one to fix." Neither of those statements is close to accurate.

In May, The General Accounting Office found confirmed cases of test cheating in 33 states in the last two years alone. The GAO recommended states adopt security measures, but it turns out the worst offenders had already adopted most of the best practices. Cheating is not an aberration. It's inevitable when you link the scores to job security. Because No Child Left Behind offers zero incentives to catch cheating, prosecutors will only be able to focus on the worst offenders.

Michael J. Feuer, dean of the graduate school of education and human development at the George Washington University and president-elect of the National Academy of Education, says that it is "morally and politically bankrupt" to say that cheating is the inevitable consequence of high-stakes testing. He thinks testing can "expose inequalities in the allocation of educational resources."

Hogwash. We don't need test scores to show which schools get more money, though a recent study confirmed that the lower the funding, the lower the scores. To figure out which schools are getting less money, all we need to do is read state budgets.

Standardized testing was supposed to usher in an era of accountability in education, forcing schools to get their acts together and the scores up. But until we hold policymakers and budget writers accountable as well, we're asking schools to perform miracles. And if we don't have the guts to look behind the curtain, we're the ones to blame for all this cheating.

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Competition in this instance is not good

Editor:

I read the News-Sun article "Positive Medical gets the green light from the county." I found a couple things disturbing. First that the county EMS inspects Positive. I am not familiar with Florida law, but where I came from the state was the entity that inspected and approved licensure for ambulances. At least the state is not in "competition" with an ambulance services since most are either private entity or county run.

The second thing that bothered me is that very word "competition". No government agency should compete against a private entity!

The third thing that bothered me is the fact that the county commissioners actually have the power to limit private enterprise in a way that would inhibit growth. Although I do appreciate that they increased the amount of ambulances allowed, (a very right thing to do; kudos to Don Elwell for that) limiting growth of private enterprise should not even be within the power of the commission. Don't we want to promote the growth of private enterprise?

It's been proven time and again that government generally cannot run anything as efficiently as a private enterprise. They do not have to "be better" because they have no competition. If they become inefficient all they have to do is raise the mill levy to compensate, or in a case like this (if the wrong people were in office), limit the "competition's" growth. A private enterprise must get better and give better service or it will fail. They have to be more efficient or lose money.

I am a former driver-engineer/ EMT-Intermediate from a small town fire department in Kansas so I can appreciate well run government services and from what I understand we have an excellent county EMS system. But there should be no interference or competition from the county.

We should learn to appreciate and

promote the growth of well run award winning private services like Positive Medical if we want our county to thrive.

Joe Schirck III
Retired Firefighter
Sebring

Tea Party to learn about Common Core

Editor:

Parents, teachers, school board members, please join us Wednesday 6 p.m. Sept. 18 at Homer's Smorgasbord as we present Randy Osborne, Florida state lobbyist and founder of Florida Stop Common Core. The meeting is scheduled on this night so it would not interfere with the regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Hear the side of Common Core the proponents do not want you to hear.

A storm is brewing in Florida over Common Core. Randy Osborne is a political consultant for Victory 360, lobbyist for Acclaim Strategies and Eagle Forum, director for Education Research Heartland, and Eagle Forum.

You are a parent ... Local and state governments will not be the only ones forfeiting power to the federal government. Parents will lose the right to oversee their child's development, making the government the primary parental figure.

You are a taxpayer ... How much is Common Core going to cost taxpayers? \$1,024,163,000 is one estimate. Are the taxpayers of Florida willing to pay for another intrusive government program destined to fail?

You are a business owner ... Though Common Core proponents claim that, by implementing the standards, students will graduate better equipped to compete in the global marketplace, research reveals that the standards are academically of lower quality than current state standards. And have never been tested, your children are guinea pigs. What kind of workforce will we have?

You are a teacher ... Teachers will be

given a "cookie-cutter" set of directives, then expected to make each child come out with the same philosophy and academic experience, despite the fact each child is unique. The stringent requirements of Common Core and its test-based standards will make it extremely difficult for teachers to adapt to their classroom needs and, in the end, will make many students good test-takers instead of thoughtfully educated individuals.

Many specialists in education around the country say Common Core is more about money than it is about educating your children. Look at the who's who in promoting Common Core most vigorously – Bill Gates of Microsoft, Former Governor Jeb Bush and his FEE organization, and Pearson of Pearson Random House Publishers, who also owns the rights to FCAT. They all are projected to make millions off this program and your children, while actually giving them lower education standards than what are available in many states including Florida.

John Nelson
Chair
The Highlands Tea Party

Bouquet

Rehab Consultants staff a huge help

Editor:

I am writing this letter to highly commend Rehab Consultants of Central Florida. Jim Armstrong, Mary Jones, and the entire staff were all instrumental in getting me back to normal after my recent back problems. A special thank you to Jim and Mary.

The professionalism and caring attitude of this group of people was very unexpected and very refreshing, given the hustle and bustle of today's world.

Again, thank you all. I would highly recommend Rehab Consultants of Central Florida to anyone needing any type of rehab.

Scott L. Fettingter
Sebring



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

Stanley Schmidt of Sebring points out the intersection where traffic comes off U.S. 27 onto Northwood Boulevard and Frontage Road for local businesses, including Love Bugg's gasoline station and car wash. He said he's often seen near misses from cars not stopping for incoming traffic at the three-way stop on Frontage Road.

FDOT to evaluate traffic at busy Sebring intersection

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of Love Bugg's gas station and car wash said those are the times — especially in the morning — when his station gets the busiest.

Wednesday's traffic bore that out, as several motorists ducked off U.S. 27 into his parking lot. A near miss between a sedan and truck that morning underscored Schmidt's concern.

Traffic Operations installed a stop sign for out-bound traffic at Northwood Road and Frontage Road on June 20, Gavarrete said.

Schmidt said people were and are still running the sign.

Capt. Jeff Barfield with Highlands County Sheriff's Office doesn't have exact statistics on citations at that location. It's covered by officers from the county, the City of Sebring and Florida Highway Patrol.

However, he said drivers tend not to notice any new traffic control device for at least a couple of weeks after it's installed.

"Generally, once (drivers) become acquainted with it, they comply," Barfield said.

He also said daylight crashes tend to be more likely, despite the late-night hours of Blue Lagoon Saloon at the same intersection, because traffic volume is less.

Schmidt still wants to see a traffic signal, and has asked FDOT to look into it.

He also asked FDOT Traffic Studies Analysis Specialist Tanya King to meet with him, Barfield, Hamed and County Commissioner Don Elwell at the intersection on Monday morning.

King said she couldn't say much about the situation, other than FDOT would look at traffic counts during peak winter visitor season early next year.

"We try to do counts during peak traffic," said Robin Stublen, communication specialist with FDOT District 1 in Bartow.

Stublen said FDOT would cover all time variables — how many crashes have occurred there, at what times of the day and under what circumstances, and note how long it takes motorists to enter U.S. 27.

Elwell said part of the county's long-term plans included having a light at Tanglewood Drive, but not at Northwood.

"I don't know if the long-term solution would be a stop light," Elwell said.

Desire for traffic signals on U.S. 27 is nothing new. When Lowe's Home Improvement was built at Thunderbird Road, Gavarrete submitted news coverage and statistics of wrecks at that location to convince FDOT officials to install a light there before the store opened.

He knows FDOT has done studies on Northwood before, and didn't find enough traffic volume to justify a signal.

"That's why we put a stop sign up," Gavarrete said.

AP Community Child Development Center earns NAEYC accreditation

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK — Avon Park Community Child Development Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) — the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Velma Lumpkin (retired) and Antoinette Shaw, executive director. "NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible."

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, Avon Park Community Child Development Center went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors

to ensure that the program meets each of the ten program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC — approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs.

"The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood

programs," said Jerlean E. Daniel, Ph.D, executive director of NAEYC. "Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that Avon Park Community Child Development Center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education."

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. In September 2006, the Association revised program standards and criteria to introduce a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs.

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iPad video could be key in George Zimmerman case

LAKE MARY (AP) — Police investigating a domestic dispute between George Zimmerman and his estranged wife say video from Shellie Zimmerman's iPad may be crucial evidence in determining whether any charges are filed.

Lake Mary Police Department spokesman Zach Hudson said Tuesday that the iPad captured video of the dispute, but the mobile

device was in pieces and needed to be examined in a lab. Shellie Zimmerman called 911 on Monday, saying her estranged husband was threatening her and her father with a gun.

She later changed her story and decided against pressing charges.

No gun was found. Zimmerman's attorney says his client did nothing wrong.



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disability who requires reasonable accommodations in order to attend a school meeting, or if you need a translator, call the school at 471-5400 no later than three days before the meeting.

African Violet Society meets Thursday

SEBRING – Did you know that African Violets have many cousins? They are members of the Gesneriad Family. Come to the Thursday meeting of the Highlands African Violet Society to meet some of them, episcias and sinningias.

Many plants need to be repotted before being taken home, so bring your “digging fingers.” Soil and pots will be provided. Also, bring along friends or neighbors who might be interested in learning about African violets. Guests are always welcome.

The HAVS meet at 2:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, September through May, in the Activities Room at Highlands Ridge (Fairway Vista Drive, off Powerline Road). For directions or information, call 385-5765 or email Shirley.b@juno.com.

Highlands Tea Party to wave flags

SEBRING – The Highlands Tea Party will be having a flag waving on Wednesday to commemorate the Sept. 11 attacks anniversary. The flag wave will be from 10 a.m. until



The ribbon was cut Monday morning for the new office at Sevigny Associates Eye Care across from Lake Jackson in Sebring. On hand with the staff was Dr. Mark Sevigny and Sebring Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Nyhan. Sevigny and Dr. Robyn Russell will be seeing patients from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday at the office at 363 US 27 South. Call 385-7070.

Courtesy photo

noon at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Bayview Street in Sebring (across from Aldi). Call 699-0743 for details.

Hibiscus Garden Club meets

AVON PARK – The Hibiscus Garden Club of Avon Park will have the first fall meeting of 2013-14 Sept. 12 in the home of Nina Seibold.

LP Garden Club meets today

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Garden Club

will hold its first meeting of 2013-2014 season today at the Lake Placid Woman’s Club, 10 N. Main St.

Socializing will begin at 11:30 a.m. with optional catered lunch at noon. Guest speakers will be “Crittter Camp/Camp Wekiva” recipients. Anyone interested in attending or joining should call 465-6106.

Women of Moose serve spaghetti

SEBRING – The Women Of The Moose - Sebring Chapter 873 of Moose Lodge 2259 on U.S. 98 are

having a spaghetti dinner from 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Karaoke by Jewells will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner and karaoke will be offered by the women on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

All chapter members attending the bi-monthly meetings will receive a certificate for a free dinner on any WOTM night.

Meeting postponed

SEBRING – Florida’s Heartland REDI Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Sept. 16 has been postponed.

Obituaries

RUTH ROGERS

Ruth Charlotte Perdue McKay Rogers passed away Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013, in Winchester, Va. She was born Sept. 13, 1921 in Salisbury, Md., to R. Cepha and Laura Perdue of Pocomoke City, Md. Ruth married S. Kermit McKay on March 28, 1939; he passed away April 7, 1997. She married Frances C. Rogers on Feb. 5, 2000; he passed away Jan. 16, 2011. Ruth resided at Placid Lakes from 2005 until 2011.

She is survived by an only child, Kay McKay Ward Rongley (Raymond) of Fairfax, Va.; grandson, Albert N. Ward IV (Cindy) of Lovettsville, Va.; grandson, Scott K. Ward (Heather) of Potomac Falls, Va.; granddaughter, Elizabeth K. Wiseman (David) of Lovettsville, Va.; great-granddaughters, Krystal, Kayleigh, Charlotte, and Laura Ward; great-grand-

sons, Brooks, Austin, and Landon Ward; nephew, Jack Justice (Mary Ann), daughter Cathy J. Lard and son Raymond Justice of Salisbury, Md.; nephew, Carlton Justice of Wattsville, Va. and family; and niece, Beverly J. Parks of Wattsville, Va. and family.

Ruth graduated from Pocomoke High School and Salisbury Business School. She was employed at Birds Eye, Pocomoke City, and NASA travel agent at Wallops Island, Va. She was a long-time member of



Rogers

Bethany Methodist Church of Pocomoke City; Bethany Ladies Club, Soroptimist Club, DAR Chapter Gen. Levin Winder, Elks Ladies Club, and Lake Placid Ladies Club.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. in Bethany United Methodist Church, 205 Market St, Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Death notice

Elaine M. Thomas, 80, of Sebring, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

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EDC steps up push for new members

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price tag of \$25,000. Each of the nine membership levels come with ascending benefits, such as member listings, hot links from the EDC web page, investor logos and tables at IDA/EDC functions, among other things.

“We will be adding some additional benefits over and above what we have listed in the package,” said IDA/EDC Executive Director Stephen Weeks.

“We are fleshing out those details just now.”

Reportedly, mailers have already started going out, starting with locations in the south end of the county and working their way northward in phases.

Members of the IDA and EDC boards also have been given packets to take to potential members on all levels.

“That’s part of their jobs, to get out and promote the IDA/EDC, let businesses know we are here to help them, to reach out to local businesses who know other businesses and individuals that we might recruit,” Weeks said.

“I had a woman hand me a letter as I left the commission meeting saying nobody has ever reached out to her. We plan to address that.”

In addition, outreach meetings are being scheduled with each of the three local chambers of commerce and the Highlands County Tourist Development Commission to see how those organizations can work together with the EDC to help in the promotion of business development in the county.

“If we can work in consort to increase the business community, then everyone will benefit,” Weeks said.

Additionally, some of the IDA/EDC success stories also have been targeted, such as E-Stone, Amerikan Howard Fertilizer and Cross Country/Agero.

“Cross Country already has taken a membership and a sponsorship for our banquet which is coming up in October,” Weeks said.

The annual banquet also will take on a new face. It will serve as an open house on the IDA/EDC effort and will be more focused on having fun.

“You’re not going to be getting a speech. We have been speechified. This time it is going to be more entertainment oriented. I think people want to go out and have a good time,” he said.

“This is going to be a coming out party to re-engage the business community.”

Weeks said that anybody who wants more information about the membership drive, membership levels, the annual banquet or other information may call him at the IDA/EDC office at 453-2818 or contact him through www.highlandsedc.com/.

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(From left) Andy Basso (Bellhop), Tammy Pollard (Julia), Pete Pollard (Saunders), Amanda Mercer (Diana), Erika Weaver (Maggie), Bill Farmer (Tito Merelli), Jillian Febres (Maria), and Trevor Long (Max) star in Highlands Little Theatre's production of 'Lend Me a Tenor,' which opens tonight.

HLT's production of 'Lend Me a Tenor' takes stage tonight

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Saunders (Pete Pollard), who is the general manager of the Cleveland Opera Company. The play opens with Max and Saunders waiting for the great Italian tenor, Tito Merelli (Bill Farmer). Everything seems well enough until Saunders utters the notorious words, "Nothing could go wrong now."

Then it does. Merelli's wife Maria, played by Jillian Febres, finds Maggie (Erika Weaver) hiding in Merelli's closet wanting an autograph. She leaves and writes a note to that effect. Merelli becomes suicidal, but accidentally takes a double dose of his medicine to help him relax. When it

is time to go to the theater, however, Merelli can't be awakened.

Saunders arrives, and a plan is hatched for him to save his career and skin. He convinces Max to dress up like Othello (complete in black face) and to sing in Merelli's place. Max reluctantly agrees.

What happens next is like a roller coaster ride. Both Merelli and Max are dressed identically and have black face make-up on, so the mistaken identities, confusion and quick wit comes very quickly.

As if the plot is not thick enough already, Maggie becomes emboldened to make advances on Merelli and Diana (Amanda Mercer) also makes

advances to try and further her career.

Does Diana succeed in furthering her career? Does Maggie get to be with the one she idolizes? What about Maria, Merelli's wife? Does Saunders save his career? Does Max convince Maggie that he is the one she should be with? To find the answer to these questions and more, you will have to see the play.

Lend Me A Tenor rounds out HLT's summer of comedies and runs thorough Sept. 22.

For a complete list of show times, go to <http://www.highlandslittletheatre.org/> or call 382-2525.

Avon Park budget approved on first reading

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from two fund accounts that cover that program, Deleon said.

The cost of the program would have to come out of a proposed \$267,000 contingency fund, he said.

Landlords who spoke Monday said they would appreciate not having to pay an inspection fee on every property they own.

Mayor Sharon Schuler said she didn't have a problem with losing the fee, as long as the inspection program stays in place.

"When people say (they) don't have water or other safe living conditions, you can't inspect if you can't see it from the street," Schuler said.

Avon Park's expected 2013-14 property tax revenue would be \$63,830, which Deleon said the city can afford thanks to reduced expenses, a workforce reduced from 103 to less than 50 employees, areas annexed into the city limits for water and sewer service and a reduction in the law enforcement contract with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office of \$553,000 since last year.

Overall, the city would have \$4.94 million in revenue in the coming fiscal year with a total general fund budget of \$9.88 million.

Deleon said city would have a revised general fund contingency of \$255,000 — still more than 2011's budget of \$148,000 — and more than two and a half months of operating revenue in reserves: \$3 million.

He also said the utility fund is budgeted to bring in

\$300,000 for the 2013-14 budget, but actual revenue for the current year is expected to exceed \$400,000.

He is proposing that the city acquire two more utilities: Brentwood Mobile Home Park wastewater system and Banyan Woods wastewater system — along with all their customers.

Deleon said he has budgeted \$150,000 in city funds for water and sewer expansion, as well as an application in for a \$2.2 million State Revolving Fund for utility expansion, of which the city would only pay a 15 percent match.

The city's infrastructure fund has \$150,000 budgeted for roads, \$300,000 for improvements in south Avon Park neighborhoods and funds to purchase one extra public safety vehicle.

By budgeting \$1.41 million to pay off a bond issue, Deleon said he expects the

city to save \$50,000 in interest and make the city debt free by the end of December.

Deleon said the city manager's budget would be \$238,370, down from \$309,000 two years ago.

The general services budget is \$115,000, down from \$197,000 in 2011, he said.

The city council asked Deleon to increase the code enforcement budget to convert a part-time officer to a full-time position, which he said would cost an extra \$14,500.

Deleon still expressed concern about the fire department budget of \$1.37 million, up from the \$1.29 million two years ago.

He attributed most of the increase to pensions, which went up from \$178,000 to \$344,000.

A meeting with the law enforcement pension board has been tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m. Oct. 14.

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Kids Race for Life holds annual event in Sebring

Charity benefits kids who are fighting against cancer

By **ROD LEWIS**
News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING – Nothing brings a smile to a person's face like the sound of children's laughter. A healthy, happy child can increase the quality of life to those that are around them.

Those joyful shouts and laughter can be quickly quenched when the child becomes ill. When diagnosed with cancer, a child's life will change very quickly and may never be the same. For one weekend, however, children can get away from the sterile environment, the doctors, and the hospital, and have a weekend of fun at the Kenilworth Lodge. This year, that event took place from Sept. 6-8.

Zoeller Ministries have sponsored 22 Kids Race For Life events in the past 15 years for children with cancer. Founder Stephen Zoeller said, "If a child in the family has cancer, the whole family has cancer because it effects everyone."

The ministry raises money for the event all year long and provides the weekend free of charge. The only requirement, according to Zoeller, is that the child must be in treatment or had treatment within the year. The entire family is invited to the event.

Zoeller said, "We had an attendance of 237 this year; more registered but could not make it. This is the first year a member of the staff could not make it because of health."

The ministry is located in Fort Myers, but families from all over the state come for the event.

The highlights of the weekend included a pizza/pool party Friday night, many events throughout the weekend, a banquet, and arguably the most exciting part of the weekend is a ride in a real race or track car on the Sebring International Raceway.

Zoeller said, "It takes about \$30,000 to make this weekend happen. We provide the family with a paid motel room, meals, the banquet, an event T-shirt, autograph book, race and pit passes, and toys and trinkets."

There are many other expenses that are involved with the weekend, but both Zoeller and his wife Stephanie state in a letter that, "These families are going through one of the most devastating events that a family could face, having a child dying from or fighting cancer. The cost of medical expenses devastates many families and they end up with marital problems, financial problems that includes losing their cars and in some cases homes ... In many cases, it (the weekend) is the only fun time or 'vacation' these families get all year long."

Motivational speaker and author Jim Collins was the speaker at the banquet. He stressed that the audience, "Say the same thing about you that God does." To make his point, he passed out cards that he called "spiritual vitamins." Each "vitamin" included a Biblical scripture and an affirmation such as, "My attitude is one of rejoicing and being glad, and God fills my life with prosperity and success."

When he concluded his speech, he challenged the attendees, not just the children, to read the affirmations for 30 days. He suggested they will see a difference in their lives. He also provided

copies of his book, "Beyond Positive Thinking Success & Motivation in the Scriptures".

There are many needs involved with what the ministry does. There is a need for event staff, photographers, and maintenance as well as financial support. For a complete list of how to help, view the webpage at <http://www.racerev.com/WeNeed.htm>.

For at least one weekend in Sebring, the sound of a child's laughter can be heard and a smile brought to an adult's face.



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Stephen Zoeller is founder of Zoeller Ministries, the host of 22 Kids Race for Life events held in the past 15 years for children with cancer.

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APYA riot probe won't be done quickly

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units — including law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services from Highlands, Polk and Hardee counties as well as the Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission — were called to the scene after an altercation following a pick-up basketball game erupted into a full-blown riot.

Several administration workers and residents of the academy were injured during the fighting. Sixty-four of the 138 juveniles in the facility were temporarily transferred out to incarceration facilities in Polk County pending charges and further investigation.

So far, only one APYA resident has been charged.

Munson now says that it will be “several months and perhaps longer” before even preliminary findings on the incident may be issued.

“It depends on a lot of things. We are working in concert with local law enforcement officials. Because of the criminal nature of it, they really are the lead agency,” he said. “Ours is more of an administrative investigation to see if policies were followed or if procedures were violated, things like that.”

The facility, which is operated by G4S, a private company, is in Polk

County, putting the criminal investigation under the umbrella of the Polk County Sheriff’s Office.

In short, that means that DJJ investigators will wait until criminal investigations have been finished, so that things may be done in an orderly manner.

The work already is underway, with DJJ investigators taking statements and other information from some of the G4S employees that were at the site when the incident took place.

But there still is quite a bit of work to be done. Investigators must review all of the radio transmissions and 911 calls as well as the interviews and other evidence.

Despite the fact there are four to six investigators working the case, the inspector general said it will be “a time-consuming operation.”

“The time frame for something like this depends on how many interviews we have to do and how long law enforcement takes. As I said, we are working together on this,” he said.

“There were a lot of people involved and we must do our investigation methodically. It is just not going to happen overnight.”

More than 30 of the r residents could be charged in the incident

Town Council discusses pondweed

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gested that if a visitor to the area would put a boat in Lake June, they would not come back.

Bastardi suggested that the town define the issue as one of great importance and to ask the state for help with the issue. Councilwoman Debra Worley explained that the lake has recently been treated and that it will take some time to see the results.

Worley suggested that the core issue is not the weed itself, but the nutrients that are feeding the weed.

“I believe that we have 100% on this issue and that I don’t see any reason why anyone would be against taking action on this issue,” Mayor John Holbrook said

and assured the crowd that something would be written up.

Worley gave an update on the watershed committee. She explained that any water that is created within the town limits that impacts a body of water is the town’s responsibility. There was some confusion as to what watershed actually is defined as. The confusion was caused by watershed being used as a geographical term as opposed to water runoff.

Bob Harris, from the audience, suggested that there are many other issues that need to be addressed, not just water runoff. Ray Royce made a motion to further the positions held by Worley, with some changes to be made and then brought

before the council again at a later date.

In other business: — The budget ordinance was discussed, and the final hearing will be held on Sept. 16. The millage rate will be 3.65. The first reading of the ordinance was carried unanimously.

— John Kamassa reminded the council that a grant that was given to the town by the state for sidewalks is not a general grant, but one for the school area. Bastardi questioned whether the city is responsible for the sidewalks on county property. There was some discussion about wording of “local agency” and whether that term would be Highlands County or Lake Placid.

— Adam Hess, Lake

Placid fire chief, gave an update on the fire protection services at Lake Placid. Bastardi asked the council to have a county administrator come to a meeting and discuss the fire inspections in Lake Placid.

— The Town approved a waiver of notice with the county regarding the impact fee so that the county could put the funds on the next fiscal year.

— Dr. Elton Gissendanner, a local veterinarian, spoke from the audience and discussed two issues. The first one was feral cats and the need for the cats to be neutered. The other issue was the view of Lake Clay. He argued that the lake has a beautiful view and that it should be preserved.

Girl, 12, found dead at abandoned cement plant

LAKELAND (AP) — Authorities say the body of a 12-year-old girl has been found at an abandoned cement business in Lakeland.

The Ledger of Lakeland reports Rebecca Ann Sedwick’s parents reported the girl missing when she didn’t return home by 7 p.m. Monday. Her body was found on the ground outside the business early Tuesday morning.

Polk County Sheriff’s deputies say the girl’s mother thought she got on the school bus, but she apparently never did. And she left her school books at home.

No further details were immediately available.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Please take notice that public hearings will be held at 6:00pm on the 17th day of September, 2013, and at 6:00pm on the 1st day of October, 2013, at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. After the second hearing, Ordinance No. 1364 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading. A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk. Any person may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance is entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-79 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING BY AMENDING THE REGULATION OF IDENTIFICATION SIGNS IN COMMERCIAL ZONES BY CORRECTING THE ERROR CREATED IN CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interest person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

THE CITY OF SEBRING DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE UPON THE BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S DISABILITY STATUS. THIS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY INVOLVES EVERY ASPECT OF THE CITY'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING ONE'S ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION IN, EMPLOYMENT OF, OR TREATMENT IN, ITS PROGRAMS AND/OR ACTIVITIES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSON WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT KATHY HALEY, CITY CLERK, AT 368 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870, TELEPHONE (863) 471-5100, NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS PRIOR TO THE PROCEEDING. IF HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, PLEASE CALL THE CLERK THROUGH FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE: (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, OR VOICE (V) 1-800-955-8770, VIA FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE.

Robert S. Swaine
Swaine & Harris, P.A.
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Sebring, FL 33870
City Attorney

Kathy Haley
Kathy Haley, CMC, City Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 13-300

IN RE: ESTATE OF JON BRUCE WHITELAW Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Jon Bruce Whitelaw, deceased, File Number PC 13-300, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was March 28, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$4,500.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name and Address
Thomas John Whitelaw
3823 Vista Blanca
San Clemente, CA 92672

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 4, 2013.

Person Giving Notice:
Thomas John Whitelaw
3823 Vista Blanca
San Clemente, CA 42672

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 08-1407-GCS

J. LOIS WILSON f/k/a/ J. LOIS NAVIK Plaintiff,
vs.
MELVIN RADTKE, NANCY RADTKE, JOHN S. HAILE and WAUCHULA STATE BANK Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of that certain Final Judgment made and entered in the Circuit Court of Highlands County Florida in the above entitled cause on August 19, 2013, Case No. 08-1407-GCS wherein J. LOIS WILSON f/k/a/ J. LOIS NAVIK, is Plaintiff and MELVIN RADTKE, NANCY RADTKE, JOHN S. HAILE and WAUCHULA STATE BANK is Defendant.

Robert W. Germaine, Clerk of the above Court, will between and during the legal hours of sale, to-wit, at 11:00 A.M. September 24, 2013, the same being the day set by the Order, offer for sale and sell at public outcry for cash in hand to the highest and best bidder at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, that certain property more particularly described as follows:

The property involved is that certain lot, parcel or piece of land, situate, lying and being in Polk County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein.

PARCEL ID# C-07-34-29-040-0030-0000

Said property will be sold to satisfy the Final Judgment above referred to and all sums mentioned therein.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT OF FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, IF ANY, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER SIXTY (60) DAYS, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENTS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding and within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice. If you are hearing impaired call 1.800.955.8771; if you are voice impaired call 1.800.955.8770.

DATED this 27th day of August, 2013.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk (SEAL)

Personal Representative:
/s/ Gail Gonzalez

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Exhibit "A" AND

Together with all personal property located upon said real property, including all equipment, accounts, name, receivables, park models, and mobile homes located upon the subject property as identified by VIN Numbers below:

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1L9R35020J1013916

September 11, 18, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: PC 13-369

IN RE: ESTATE OF EVELYN M. ABER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE

The administration of the estate of EVELYN M. ABER, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court, WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE 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 persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is September 11, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Gail Gonzalez

/s/ Michael M. Disler
Attorney for Personal Representative
MICHAEL M. DISLER, Esquire
mikedisler@yahoo.com
329 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Florida Bar No. 606782
Tel: (863) 385-5139

September 11, 18, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 11-886-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH E. CALHOUN, JR., CHRISTINE R. CALHOUN, BILLY JOE CALHOUN, and MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Amended Final Judgment (the "Amended Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on September 3, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on October 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:

EXHIBIT "A"

A portion of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 17, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida and being also a Portion of Government Lot 9, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the NW Corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17; thence North 89 degrees 19'19" East along the North Line of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17 a distance of 220.95 feet. Thence South 0 degrees 27'14" East a distance of 678.04 feet to a point on the South Line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17, thence South 89 degrees 14'32" West along the South Line of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17 a distance of 221.10 feet to the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17, thence North 0 degrees 26'29" West along the West line of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 17 a distance of 678.35' to the Point of Beginning.

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

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
September 11, 18, 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. 2010CA000038

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOSEPH NANCE AND DREMINDA NANCE, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 27, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2010CA000038 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH J. NANCE; DREMINDA J. NANCE; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as The Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 430 S. COMMERCER AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870 AT 11:00 A.M. on October 1, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 29, HEIRINGS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 27, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 28th day of August, 2013.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, (863) 534-4680, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; Notice of Foreclosure Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 711. 12-01553

September 4, 11, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 282012CA1104

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
SHIRLEY M. WORKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD R. WORKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHIRLEY M. WORKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE RICHARD D. WORKS; RICHARD D. WORKS; DONALD R. WORKS; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale dated the 27th day of August, 2013, and entered in Case No. 282012CA1104, of the Circuit Court of the 10TH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC. is the Plaintiff and SHIRLEY M. WORKS, UNKNOWN TENANT, RICHARD D. WORKS and DONALD R. WORKS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 430 SOUTH COMMERCER AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 1st day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2 AND 3, BLOCK 3, MARTHA ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 42, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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

Dated this 28th day of August, 2013.

Robert W. Germaine
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp

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September 4, 11, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 13000474CA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DONALD J. SMITH, DECEASED, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DONALD J. SMITH, and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DONALD J. SMITH whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

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

LOTS 12380, 12381, 12382, 12383, AVON PARK LAKES, UNIT 39, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 82, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TRIPP SCOTT, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 110 S.E. 6th Street, 15th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, on or before October 15, 2013, (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action) and file this 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 or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Highlands County, Florida, this 4th day of September, 2013.

BOB GERMAINE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ Toni Kopp

TRIPP SCOTT, P.A.
ATTN: FORECLOSURE DEPARTMENT
110 S.E. 6TH STREET 15TH FLOOR
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
foreclosures@trippscott.com

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.

File #: 11-009981
September 11, 18, 2013

BREED & NUNNALLEE, P.A.
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By: /s/ Thomas L. Nunnallee
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September 4, 11, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 10000400GCS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE BANK ALT 2006-AR2 Plaintiff,
vs.
JIMMY LEE HATAWAY, LAKE PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, 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 August 27, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida described as:

CONDOMINIUM PARCEL KNOWN AS UNIT 3-B, BUILDING 3 OF LAKE PARK VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM PHASE II, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1478, PAGE 1233, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 2825 LAKE JUNE BLVD #3B, 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 October 15, 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 28th day of August, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
September 4, 11, 2013

PARCEL I:
A portion of the South 290 feet, as measured at right angles, of the North 570 feet, as measured at right angles, of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, lying between the East right of way line of Highway No. 17 and Lake Bonnet, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, and the East right of way line of Highway No. 17; thence run South along the East right of way line of Highway No. 17, 570.07 feet to a point; thence run East parallel to the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, 417 feet to a point of beginning; thence run North parallel to the East right of way line of Highway No. 17, 160 feet to a point; thence run East parallel to the North line of said Section 7, 506.15 feet to a point; thence continue East on the same course 103 feet, more or less, to Lake Bonnet, thence along the shore line of Lake Bonnet 160 feet, more or less, to a point that is 570 feet as measured at right angles, south of the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, thence West, parallel to the North line of said Section 7, 116 feet, more or less, to a point; thence continue West along the same course 506.15 feet to the point of beginning.

Also including an easement of 15 feet from the South survey line beginning at a point of the East side of State Highway 17 and being 570 feet South of the North line of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, and parallel thereto and continuing 417 feet to a point and being on the North side of said survey line.

AND

PARCEL II:
That part of the fractional NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, more specifically described as follows:

The East 187.00 feet of the West 417.00 feet of the South 175.00 feet of the South 290.00 feet of the North 570.00 feet of the fractional NE 1/4 of said Section 7, lying East of State Road 17 right of way, in Highlands County, Florida, further described as Lots "J" and "K" of Kinyon's unrecorded subdivision, less: Easement for road along 15 feet thereof, and easement of use of existing canal along north edge in favor of owners of land bordering on said canal, all also known as Camp-N-Comfort located between Sebring and Avon Park, Florida, on Highway No. 17, together with all improvements thereon.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 12-1026-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
VICTORIA L. SPARKS, individually, CHERYL F. SPARKS, individually, and GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Second Amended Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on September 3, 2013, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described in the attached Exhibit "A" at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on October 9, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.:

EXHIBIT "A"

The North 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, less 25 feet off the North side for Road right-of-way and less 25 feet off the East side for Road right-of-way, in Section 24, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida. Address: 135 Rancho Drive, Sebring, Florida 33876

Real Property Tax ID Number:
C-24-35-29-A00-003H-0000
-and-
Lot 17, GOLF HAMMOCK, UNIT 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 30, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. Address: 4210 Bogey Blvd, Sebring, Florida 33872

Real Property Tax ID Number:
C-34-34-28-010-0000-0170

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

BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Priscilla Michalak
Deputy Clerk
September 11, 18, 2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-379 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF JULIAN A. SAPP Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JULIAN A. SAPP, deceased, whose date of death was July 16, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 11, 2013.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Julia Ann McClelland

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

September 11, 18, 2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-378

IN RE: ESTATE OF ARTHUR THEGET Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ARTHUR THEGET, deceased, whose date of death was May 11, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative:
/s/ Kristi L. Schmidt
13317 Abion Circle
Thornton, Colorado 80241

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

September 11, 18, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice of Public Sale of the contents of self-storage unit(s) in default of contract per F.S. 83:801-809. Units will be sold by sealed bid at 10:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013, at Highlands Self Storage Inc. 7825 S. George Blvd. Sebring, FL 33872. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted. Any vehicle within units sold for parts only.
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The City of Sebring is seeking vendors who would like to bid on mowing & picking up debris for vacant lots through Code Enforcement. Vendors would be asked to maintain minimum standards for liability, auto, & worker's compensation insurance. Interested vendors should contact the Sebring Police Department, Vicki Hicks 471-5107 or Purchasing Department, Kirk Zimmerman 471-5110 for specifications.

Kirk Zimmerman
Purchasing Agent
City of Sebring
September 11, 13, 15, 2013

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 13000109TDS
CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that SCOTT DURBAN CROSS COUNTRY AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 11328
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-20-36-30-030-0120-0060

Description of Property:
LOT 6 BLOCK 12 HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECTION C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGE 69 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in which assessed:
MARY DANNER;
All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 16th day of October, 2013.
Dated this 13th day of August, 2013.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
Signature: /s/ Misty Blackburn
MISTY BLACKBURN, Deputy Clerk
September 11, 18, 25; October 2, 2013

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
An afternoon thunderstorm	A thunderstorm in the afternoon	Clouds and sun, a t-storm in spots	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	An afternoon t-storm in the area
91° / 72°	90° / 73°	92° / 73°	92° / 74°	91° / 73°
Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph	Winds: ESE at 4-8 mph	Winds: SSW at 3-6 mph	Winds: SE at 3-6 mph	Winds: E at 6-12 mph



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Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	94°
Low Friday	73°
High Saturday	91°
Low Saturday	68°
High Sunday	91°
Low Sunday	70°
High Monday	92°
Low Monday	71°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	53%
Expected air temperature	91°
Makes it feel like	99°

Barometer

Saturday	29.88
Sunday	29.87
Monday	29.91

Precipitation

Saturday	0.03"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.70"
Year to date	53.62"

Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	5:39 a.m.
Low	1:35 p.m.
High	8:32 p.m.
Low	11:54 p.m.

Readings at Palm Beach

High	1:04 a.m.
Low	7:03 a.m.
High	1:52 p.m.
Low	7:36 p.m.

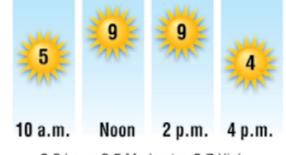
Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	15.51'
Normal	14.51'

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Regional Summary

Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm during the afternoon. A thunderstorm in spots during the evening; otherwise, patchy clouds tonight. A thunderstorm tomorrow afternoon.



Farm Report

A shower or thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds east 7-14 mph. Expect 4-8 hours of sunshine with a 60% chance of precipitation and average relative humidity 65%.

Weather History

North winds brought an early taste of autumn to the East Coast on Sept. 11, 1917. Temperatures dropped to as low as 25 degrees at Culvers Lake, N.J.

Sun and Moon

Today		Thursday	
Sunrise	7:10 a.m.	Sunrise	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	7:35 p.m.	Sunset	7:33 p.m.
Moonrise	1:00 p.m.	Moonrise	1:59 p.m.
Moonset	none	Moonset	12:05 a.m.



Water Restrictions

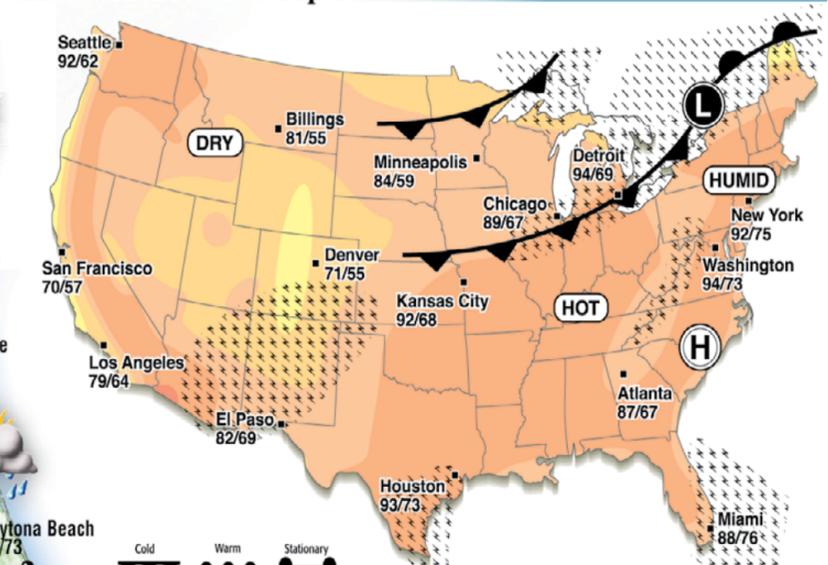
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Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	90/73/t	89/73/t	91/74/t
Clearwater	91/76/t	90/75/t	91/76/t
Coral Springs	89/75/t	87/75/t	89/77/pc
Daytona Beach	88/73/t	88/72/t	91/73/pc
Fl. Laud. Bch	88/76/t	87/78/t	89/78/pc
Fort Myers	90/73/t	89/73/t	91/75/t
Gainesville	89/69/t	89/71/t	92/71/pc
Hollywood	89/75/t	87/75/t	90/76/pc
Homestead AFB	87/75/t	86/75/t	88/76/pc
Jacksonville	87/70/t	88/69/t	92/71/s
Key West	86/78/pc	87/81/t	88/81/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

National Forecast for September 11



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U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	79/62/t	72/62/t	75/61/t
Atlanta	87/67/s	89/70/t	86/65/t
Baltimore	94/71/t	91/66/t	77/54/pc
Birmingham	90/67/s	91/69/s	89/64/t
Boston	93/71/pc	87/66/t	73/54/c
Charlotte	90/65/pc	89/66/t	86/61/t
Cheyenne	65/51/t	63/49/t	67/48/t
Chicago	89/67/t	81/56/s	70/50/pc
Cleveland	90/69/t	79/58/t	65/49/c
Columbus	91/70/t	83/59/t	69/50/pc
Dallas	96/74/s	96/75/s	95/73/s
Denver	71/55/t	68/54/t	73/55/t
Detroit	94/69/t	81/54/pc	66/47/pc
Harrisburg	92/69/pc	88/62/t	73/50/pc
Honolulu	89/74/s	88/74/s	89/73/s
Houston	93/73/t	95/73/t	94/73/pc
Indianapolis	91/70/pc	86/58/s	73/51/s
Jackson, MS	93/67/s	93/67/s	93/66/pc
Kansas City	92/68/pc	86/60/t	79/58/pc
Lexington	90/69/t	87/60/pc	75/50/s
Little Rock	94/73/s	94/71/s	88/65/t

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	90/77/t	90/77/t	90/77/t
Athens	90/70/s	91/72/s	91/72/s
Beirut	88/78/s	90/77/s	92/78/s
Berlin	63/46/sh	64/52/c	63/52/sh
Bermuda	82/77/t	82/76/sh	83/76/pc
Calgary	76/49/s	79/50/s	78/46/pc
Dublin	62/55/sh	66/54/c	57/45/c
Edmonton	74/47/s	82/48/s	78/41/s
Freepport	87/78/t	86/77/t	87/78/pc
Geneva	62/47/sh	62/41/sh	67/44/pc
Havana	82/71/t	89/71/t	89/72/t
Hong Kong	89/81/s	89/81/s	88/80/sh
Jerusalem	86/66/s	89/69/s	90/69/s
Johannesburg	78/54/s	75/51/s	75/48/pc
Kiev	73/54/pc	70/55/sh	70/57/c

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Courtesy photo

Kendall Griffin enjoying one of the added perks of her trip to play golf in China, a visit to The Great Wall.

Kendall Griffin's excellent adventure

By DAN HOEHNE

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To call Kendall Griffin's recent trip the experience of a lifetime is a bit of a misnomer, as well as somewhat an understatement.

She is, after all, merely 14-years old and the realities of where her talents can take her could well make her trip to China the first of many such international experiences.

Then again, at just 14-years old, to be invited for an all-expenses paid trip to play golf in a tournament in China was only the first part of what was a remarkable experience — or an

amazing combination of things that make it unforgettable — most of which had little to do with golf.

Consider, her trip just a few weeks earlier to watch the Solheim Cup in Denver had been Griffin's first time on a plane.

And here it was, mere weeks later, she was flying to Washington D.C., and then onto Beijing, via a route that took her not east to west to reach the Far East, but up over the top of the globe, crossing over the Arctic Circle to shorten the distance of the 14-hour flight, in a most scenic way.

"It was a daytime flight

so I was able to look out a lot," Griffin said. "I saw a lot of water and a lot of dots of white, icebergs, it was amazing to see."

Landing in Beijing, the start of her celebrity status started to be realized as she was met and driven to her lodgings.

And within a couple of days, while at the driving range, Griffin was greeted by a fellow young phenom, a local, 11-year old singing sensation named Angel who had wanted to meet this heralded, young American golfer.

Griffin was, in fact, just

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Buccaneers aim to clean up undisciplined play

By FRED GOODALL

Associated Press

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are unapologetic for playing what they describe as good, tough, physical football.

They just want to get better at it.

Three members of the team's defense were penalized for hard hits during an 18-17 season-opening loss to the New York Jets, and coach Greg Schiano reiterated Monday that although he wants players to comply with NFL rules he also doesn't want to do anything to discourage them from being aggressive.

The last of the personal fouls, assessed to linebacker Lavonte David for shoving Jets quarterback Geno Smith as the rookie scampered out of bounds after a 10-yard scramble, set up New York's winning field goal.

Schiano insisted, though, that undisciplined play did not cost Tampa Bay the game.

"We've got to play on the edge. That's the way we play," Schiano said a



MCT photo

Bucs coach Greg Schiano likes his teams approach, but knows it needs to be a little sharper.

day after the Bucs were flagged a total of 13 times for 102 yards, including major penalties on safeties Dashon Goldson and Mark Barron for big hits.

"We've got to be smart about it. The strike zone is decreasing in the National Football League, and we've got to make sure we stay within the

rules," Schiano added. "It doesn't mean you can't be as physical, but we have to try to be better that way."

The Bucs set the tone for a long day on their first offensive series, which ended with delay of game penalties on consecutive plays, followed by a

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WEDNESDAY WARM-UP

A midweek report on high school football

FLORIDA PREP STATE POLLS

Class 8A			Class 4A		
1. Manatee (18)	2-0	180 1	3. Pensacola Catholic	2-0	145 2
2. Apopka	2-1	135 2	4. Wakulla	2-0	108 5
3. Plant	1-0-1	131 3	5. Godby (1)	1-1	105 4
4. Oviedo	2-0	120 4	6. Plantation Amer Her	1-1	77 6
5. Miramar	2-0	113 8	7. Merritt Island	2-0	62 10
6. Dr. Phillips	2-0	81 6	8. North Marion	2-0	42 NR
7. Cypress Bay	1-0	67 5	9. Cardinal Gibbons	2-0	40 NR
8. Fort Pierce Central	1-0	54 7	10. Lakewood	1-1	30 9
9. First Coast	2-0	39 9	Others receiving votes: Palm Bay 19, Ponte Vedra 16, Astronaut 12, Bishop Kenny 4, Pasco 1.		
10. South Dade	2-0	38 10	Class 5A		

Others receiving votes: Vero Beach 15, Lake Mary 7, West Orange 5, Deerfield Beach 3, Christopher Columbus Catholic 2.

Class 7A

1. St. Thomas Aquinas (18)	1-0	180 1	1. Trinity Christ-Jax (16)	2-0	178 3
2. Dwyer	2-0	161 3	2. Ocala Trinity Cath. (2)	2-0	159 4
3. East Lake	2-0	141 5	3. Clearwater Cent Cath	1-1	107 1
4. Sickles	2-0	107 6	4. Delray Amer Her	1-1	104 2
5. Lakeland	2-0	94 8	5. Tampa Catholic	1-1	81 NR
6. Kissimmee Osceola	1-1	83 2	Others receiving votes: Cardinal Mooney 34, Fort Meade 23, Frostproof 20, Melbourne Central Catholic 8, First Academy-Orlando 6.		
7. Lincoln	2-1	75 4	Class 2A		
8. Plantation	2-0	71 9	1. University Christ (15)	2-1	173 1
9. Royal Palm Beach	2-0	32 10	2. North Florida Christ (3)	2-0	158 3
10. Fletcher	1-1	25 7	3. Charnagat Catholic	2-0	140 4

Others receiving votes: Fleming Island 17, Port Charlotte 2, Countryside 2.

Class 6A

1. Armwood (8)	2-0	167 2	1. Union County (12)	2-0	165 2
2. Miami Central (10)	1-1	157 1	2. Trenton (1)	2-0	138 3
3. Columbia	2-0	145 4	3. Blountstown	2-0	132 4
4. Jefferson	2-0	139 3	4. Northview (5)	1-1	119 1
5. Mainland	1-1	86 6	5. Lafayette	1-0	102 5
6. Lake Gibson	1-0	63 8	Others receiving votes: Liberty County 24, Chiefland 19, Dixie County 15, Williston 6.		
7. Miami Northwestern	1-1	57 10	Class 1A		
8. Largo	1-1	43 5	1. Miami Jackson (16)	1-0	175 1
9. Heritage	2-0	27 NR	2. West Florida (1)	2-0	154 3
(tie) Venice	1-1	27 7			

Others receiving votes: Hallandale 23, Homestead 20, South Fort Myers 9, Ocala Vanguard 9, Gainesville 6, Citrus 4, Naples 4, Miami Carol City 3, New Smyrna Beach 1.

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DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT (through Preseason)

DISTRICT 11-6A			
Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Lake Gibson	0-0	1-0	36 0
Sebring	0-0	2-0	44 7
Lake Region	0-0	2-0	45 39
Winter Haven	0-0	1-1	38 56

Last Week's Scores

Sebring 17, Okeechobee 0
Lakeland 28, Winter Haven 7
Lake Region 26, Auburndale 21
Bartow at Lake Gibson, ppd.

This Week's Games

Sebring vs. Hardee, 7 p.m.
Winter Haven at George Jenkins, 7 p.m.
Lake Gibson at Kathleen, 7 p.m.
Lake Region at Bartow, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 6-4A

Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Clewiston	0-0	1-0	76 24
Lake Placid	0-0	1-0	28 14
LaBelle	0-0	1-1	55 82
Avon Park	0-0	0-2	19 58

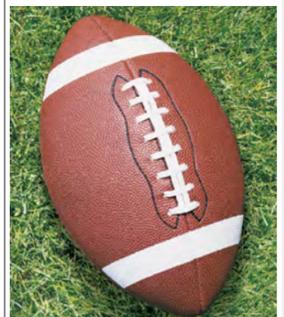
Last Week's Scores

Mulberry 10, Avon Park 7
Lake Placid at Moore Haven, ppd.
Clewiston 13, Immokalee 12
LaBelle 48, Evang. Christ 35

This Week's Games

Avon Park at Fort Meade, 7 p.m.
Lake Placid vs. Cardinal Mooney, 7 p.m.
LaBelle at Lemon Bay, 7 p.m.

Idle: Clewiston



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun

Anne Weber-Callahan dives into the drink Saturday as she and her Lake Placid teammates had a very strong showing in winning the Blackman Invitational.

Dragons dominate Blackman Invite

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING — It may have been Sebring hosting Saturday's 15th Annual Blackman Invitational, but it was Lake Placid that owned the day of relays.

Both the boys (621 points) and girls (607) of the Dragons lair came away with wins, with George Jenkins taking second in both with 469 and 573 points, respectively.

The Lemon Bay boys took third, with the Blue Streaks fourth, while the Lady Streaks edged out their Manta Ray counterparts for third, 408-407.

Lemon Bay and Jenkins took the top two spots in the initial race of the day, the Girls 400 Medley Relay, with the Lake Placid foursome of Robbye Teal, Rachel Shattler, Kasey Williams and Anne Weber-Callahan taking third.

The Dragon boys followed that with a win on their side of the event, with Dalton Lambert, Andrew Brown, Travis Russell and Travis Peoples finishing with a time of 4:12.90, nearly 10 seconds clear of the field.

Hali Pollard, Lydia Heyman, Missy Barajas and Claire LeBlanc took third in the 200 Butterfly Relay for the Lady Dragons, with Alex Miller, Mason Million, Brock Yates and Clay Sapp taking second in the event for the Lake Placid boys.

The Sebring team of Jack

Edgemon, Siddharth Ananthan, Samuel Smith and Evan Reed were close behind for a third-place finish.

The Blue Streaks then placed third in the Mixed 200 Backstroke with a team made up of Gabriella Dion, Evan Reed, Cassidy Hitt and Frederick Tagtmeier.

The Lady Dragons earned their first win in the 400 Freestyle, by another near-10-second margin, as Teal, Shelby Allcorn, LeBlanc and Weber-Callahan finished in 4:10.96, before Peoples, Sapp, Miller and Brown squeaked out a less than one second win over Lakeland on the boys side.

Lake Placid and Sebring went first and second on both sides of the 200 Backstroke relays.

Eden Taylor, Katie Dye, Shattler and Courtney Sapp got the win for the Lady Dragons, with Dion, Hitt, Alex Blackman and Kaitlyn Smith getting the second-place finish for the Lady Streaks.

The Lake Placid boys getting their win were Million, Hilton Teal, Brandon Skeens and Lambert, while Reed, Ananthan, Edgemon and Andrew Johnson took second for the Dragons.

Teal, Allcorn, LeBlanc and Weber-Callahan picked up a second place in the Girls 200 Free, and Sapp, Million, Mariano Zepeda and Russell got a third on the boys side.

The Sebring quartet of Asia

Gilroy, Smith, Ananthan and Dion then added some points with a third-place finish in the Mixed 200 Butterfly.

And then the Dragons picked up wins in both the girls and boys 200 Medley relays.

Teal, Shattler, Williams and Weber-Callahan got the job done for the Lake Placid ladies, while the boys win was had by Lambert, Brown, Russell and Peoples.

The Lady Streaks also got third in the event via the efforts of Dion, Dominique Juliano, Rachel Todd and Clara Simpson.

LeBlanc, Dye, Sapp and Taylor soon took second in the Girls 100 Free, while Lambert, Miller, Zepeda and Million won the Boys 100 Free.

A second Dragon relay team took third on the boys side, with Isaac McLean, Bo Campbell, Clayton Waldron and Luke Feagley doing the honors.

Two more wins for Lake Placid came in the 200 Breaststroke as Williams, Pollard, Allcorn and Shattler won by a little more than three seconds and Jonathan Gervais, Yates, Campbell and Brown got their win by nearly 16 seconds.

A very strong start to the season, which had the Dragons competing at Okeechobee Tuesday, while headed up to Lakeland for a Jenkins hosted meet at the Gandy Pool.

THE SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	87	58	.600	—
Tampa Bay	78	64	.549	7.5
Baltimore	77	66	.538	9
New York	76	68	.528	10.5
Toronto	67	76	.469	19

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	82	62	.569	—
Cleveland	77	66	.538	4.5
Kansas City	75	69	.521	7
Minnesota	62	80	.437	19
Chicago	58	85	.406	23.5

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	83	60	.580	—
Texas	81	62	.566	2
Los Angeles	67	76	.469	16
Seattle	65	79	.451	18.5
Houston	48	96	.333	35.5

Sunday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 3
 N.Y. Mets 2, Cleveland 1
 Chicago White Sox 4, Baltimore 2
 Kansas City 5, Detroit 2
 Toronto 2, Minnesota 0
 Texas 4, L.A. Angels 3
 Oakland 7, Houston 2
 Tampa Bay 4, Seattle 1

Monday's Games
 Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3
 Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
 Minnesota 6, L.A. Angels 3
 Pittsburgh 1, Texas 0
 Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 1
 Houston 6, Seattle 4

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

Wednesday's Games
 Kansas City (Shields 10-9) at Cleveland (Kazmir 8-7), 12:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (A.J. Burnett 7-10) at Texas (Garza 3-3), 2:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 10-9) at Baltimore (Feldman 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (C. Wilson 15-6) at Toronto (Dickey 12-12), 7:07 p.m.
 Boston (Dempster 8-9) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 8-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Ani Sanchez 13-7) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 7-6), 8:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Gray 2-3) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-11), 8:10 p.m.
 Houston (Peacock 4-5) at Seattle (Maurer 4-7), 10:10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
Cabrera, DET	496	96	175	.353
Trout, LAA	530	97	179	.338
Mauer, MIN	445	62	144	.324

HOME RUNS

Davis, BAL	48
Cabrera, DET	43
Encarnacion, TOR	36

RUNS BATTED IN

Cabrera, DET	133
Davis, BAL	124
Encarnacion, TOR	104

RUNS SCORED

Trout, LAA	97
Cabrera, DET	96
Davis, BAL	96

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Cabrera, DET	.446
Trout, LAA	.437
Mauer, MIN	.404

WON-LOST

Scherzer, DET	19-3
Tillman, BAL	16-5
Moore, TB	15-3

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Sanchez, DET	2.61
Darvish, TEX	2.84
Colon, OAK	2.85

STRIKEOUTS

Darvish, TEX	246
Scherzer, DET	215
Sale, CHW	207

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	86	57	.601	—
Washington	74	69	.517	12
Philadelphia	66	77	.462	20
New York	64	78	.451	21.5
Miami	53	89	.373	32.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	83	60	.580	—
Pittsburgh	82	61	.573	1
Cincinnati	82	63	.566	2
Milwaukee	62	80	.437	20.5
Chicago	61	82	.427	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	84	59	.587	—
Arizona	72	71	.503	12
San Diego	65	77	.458	18.5
Colorado	66	79	.455	19
San Francisco	65	79	.451	19.5

Sunday's Games
 N.Y. Mets 2, Cleveland 1
 Washington 6, Miami 4
 Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
 St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 2
 Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 1
 San Francisco 3, Arizona 2, 11 innings
 San Diego 5, Colorado 2
 Cincinnati 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

Monday's Games
 Atlanta 5, Miami 2
 Chicago Cubs 2, Cincinnati 0
 Washington 9, N.Y. Mets 0
 Pittsburgh 1, Texas 0
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Arizona 1
 San Francisco 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings

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

Wednesday's Games
 Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 8-11) at Cincinnati (Leake 12-6), 12:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (A.J. Burnett 7-10) at Texas (Garza 3-3), 2:05 p.m.
 Colorado (Nicasio 8-7) at San Francisco (Petit 3-0), 3:45 p.m.
 San Diego (Stults 8-13) at Philadelphia (Halladay 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Minor 13-6) at Miami (Fernandez 11-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Haren 8-13) at N.Y. Mets (Z. Wheeler 7-4), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Estrada 6-4) at St. Louis



LIVE SPORTS ON TV

BASKETBALL THURSDAY

8 p.m. FIBA Americas Championship ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Texas Christian at Texas Tech. ESPN

GOLF THURSDAY

12:30 p.m. EuroPGA – KLM Open GOLF
 3 p.m. PGA – BMW Championship GOLF
 6:30 p.m. PGA – Nationwide Championship GOLF
 8:30 p.m. LPGA – Evian Championship GOLF

MLB WEDNESDAY

12:30 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati WGN
 7 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay ESPN/SUN
 10 p.m. Arizona at L.A. Dodgers ESPN
THURSDAY
 7 p.m. Boston at Tampa Bay SUN
 7 p.m. Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh WGN

WNBA WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. Phoenix at Chicago. ESPN2
Times, games, channels all subject to change

(Lynn 13-10), 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona (Corbin 13-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 13-5), 10:10 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING

	AB	R	H	BA
C. Johnson, ATL	450	49	148	.329
Cuddyer, COL	440	67	144	.327
Werth, WAS	401	72	130	.324
McCutchen, PIT	525	87	170	.324

HOME RUNS

Alvarez, PIT	32
Goldschmidt, ARI	31
Bruce, CIN	29

RUNS BATTED IN

Goldschmidt, ARI	107
Phillips, CIN	101
Craig, STL	97

RUNS SCORED

Carpenter, STL	112
Choo, CIN	97
Votto, CIN	92

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Votto, CIN	.430
Choo, CIN	.425
McCutchen, PIT	.404

WON-LOST

De La Rosa, COL	16-6
Zimmermann, WAS	16-8
Wainwright, STL	16-9

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Kershaw, LAD	1.92
Fernandez, MIA	2.23
Harvey, NYM	2.27

STRIKEOUTS

Kershaw, LAD	208
Wainwright, STL	195
Harvey, NYM	191

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	18	17
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	21	23

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	21	17
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	16	9
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	31	28
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	2	28

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	9	16
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	27	49
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	10	23

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	28	2
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	49	27
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	28	31
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	17	21

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	33	27
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	36	31
Washington	0	1	0	.000	27	33
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	31	36

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	17	18
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	7	12
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	17	23

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	34	24
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	28	34
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	24	34

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	34	28
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	12	7
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	24	27

Thursday's Game

Denver 49, Baltimore 27

Sunday's Games

New Orleans 23, Atlanta 17
 Chicago 24, Cincinnati 21
 New England 23, Buffalo 21
 Tennessee 16, Pittsburgh 9
 N.Y. Jets 18, Tampa Bay 17
 Kansas City 28, Jacksonville 2
 Seattle 12, Carolina 7
 Miami 23, Cleveland 24
 Detroit 34, Minnesota 10
 Indianapolis 21, Oakland 17
 San Francisco 34, Green Bay 28
 St. Louis 27, Arizona 24



THURSDAY: JV Football vs. Mulberry, 7 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Boys Golf vs. Lake Placid, 4 p.m.; Girls Golf at Lakeland Christian, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY: Football at Fort Meade, 7 p.m.



THURSDAY: JV Football vs. Frostproof, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Frostproof, 6/7:30 p.m.; Swim at Okeechobee, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Golf at Avon Park, 4 p.m.
FRIDAY: Football vs. Cardinal Mooney, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY: Swim at Florida Southern College Classic, 9 a.m.



THURSDAY: JV Football at DeSoto, 7 p.m.; Volleyball at Avon Park, 6/7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Football vs. Hardee, 7 p.m.; Boys Golf at Ida Baker Invitational, 11 a.m.



THURSDAY: Volleyball at Webber International JV, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY: Volleyball at Daytona State College Tri-Match, vs. FSCJ, 1 p.m.; vs. Daytona, 3 p.m.; Baseball at Polk Tournament, vs. Lake Sumter, Noon, vs. Hillsborough, 3 p.m.; Softball hosts Tri-Weekend, vs. Sarasota Quicksilver, 11 a.m.; vs. Future Rebels, 3 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Seminole Football Kickoff

SEBRING – The Highlands Seminole Club is hosting a game watching party Saturday, Sept. 14, at 3 p.m. at the Sebring Beef O' Brady's.

Awesome door prizes, food, fun, and friendship while watching the Noles take on Nevada for the second game of the season.

A pair of game tickets for the FSU vs. Miami game will also be up for grabs.

Come and prepare to have fun. Any questions, call Erin at 386-9194 or visit our Facebook site (Highlands Seminole Club).

STR8 UP seeks help

LAKE PLACID – As STR8 UP Youth Ministry in Lake Placid celebrates its one-year anniversary as a ministry, they are looking for ways to enhance their programs in order to maintain and challenge the influx of teenagers that enter the ministry.

William E. Lewis and Associates have donated the NBA-style fiberglass goals. Bevis Construction and Concrete has once again partnered with the program to provide the labor for this considerable project.

STR8 UP is seeking to raise \$7,500 for 80 yards of concrete. STR8 UP is asking for donations towards the goal – one quarter of a yard of concrete is \$25, half a yard is \$50, and one yard of concrete is \$100.

All donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to STR8 UP Youth Ministry P.O. Box 654 Lake Placid, FL 33862 or PayPal can be used from their website www.str8up.org.

Excel Volleyball Clinics

AVON PARK – South Florida State Volleyball coach Kim Crawford will be offering four clinics for beginner/intermediate boys and girls interested in learning fundamental volleyball skills, loco-motor movements, eye/hand coordination and team building skills.

Each clinic will meet one day for two hours, with a cost of \$50 per clinic. The clinics will meet in the Panther Gym at SFSC on Saturday's Sept. 7 and 21 and Oct. 5 and 12, from 9-11 a.m. each day.

The clinic is perfect for middle-school athletes preparing for the school season. Private, specialized training sessions with Coach Crawford will be available immediately following each clinic, from 11 a.m.-Noon, at \$20 per athlete.

For more information, contact Crawford at (863) 385-2377, or at crawford@xcelvolleyball.net.

Coz Youth Bowling

LAKE PLACID – Coz's Youth Bowling League of Lake Placid, for ages 7 and up, started its' new season on Saturday, Aug. 24.

New Bowlers are welcome with a \$25 sign-up fee which includes a shirt. Bowling is Saturday mornings through Dec. 21, starting at 9 a.m. each day.

Weekly cost is \$11 and includes three games of bowling, shoes and prize fund. Pee Wees, ages 3-6, are also welcome and special rates apply.

All Youth League bowlers are eligible for reduced rate open bowling (some restrictions apply) and free bowling with instruction on Friday's from 4:30-6 p.m. – must be accompanied by an adult.

Come out for instruction and a good time. Call Frank Peterson at 382-9541, or Donna Stanley at 441-4897 for more information.

KOC Golf Tourney

AVON PARK – Knights of Columbus Avon Park Council 14717 will host the 58th annual State Golf Tourney on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29 at Sun 'N Lake Golf Club.

For further details, contact boss33@aol.com, or call 414-7702, or email mcarls8@aol.com

Griffin gets rare opportunity

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one of a very few Americans invited on the trip, and apparently word had spread.

The two were introduced, spent some time on the driving range and soon Griffin and her mom Tracy were off to spend some time at the young local's home.

"It really was like three different trips in one," Tracy said. "We got to see if from the more tourist side, seeing the sights, but then like in that situation, we got to spend time within the culture. There was the golf aspect too, which was almost like the least of it."

There was the golf, of course, which is what brought about the trip, after all, and that was an experience as well.

"It was really cool knowing that in a few weeks, an LPGA event was going to be here on the same course," Kendall said. "And it was all so professionally done, with the way they treated us, took care of us and with all the signage - I almost felt like I was playing in an LPGA event."

And whether it was the different conditions of the course, the still adjusting to the 12-hour time difference or the whirlwind trip had been, but Griffin's game was a bit off.

"There was a lot that was different about the course that I hadn't experienced before," she said. "The rough was a lot different and hard to get out of, and in the bunkers, it wasn't like fluffy sand, but more like small, muddy rocks. The grass on the greens was also different, but I also just wasn't putting well. I shot 83s each day, so at least I was consistent, and the course played long for me, especially the first day when it was very wet. But it was a real neat experience and I liked having this new challenge."

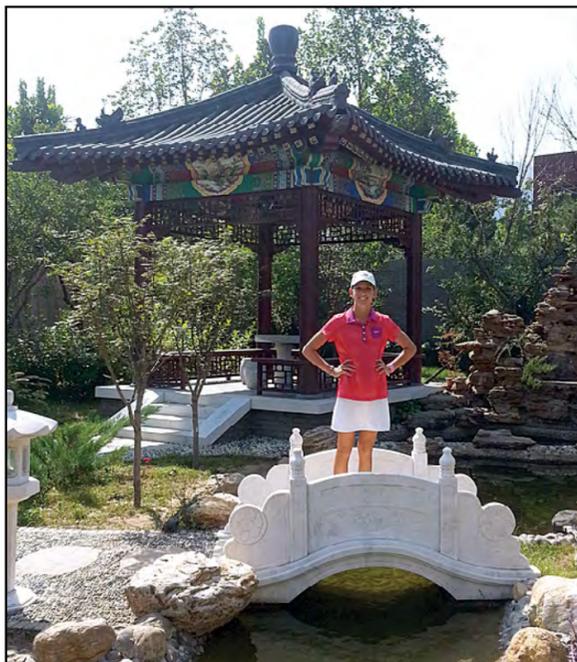
With the golfing complete, the Griffin's had a couple of extra days to see more sights, including a trip into the Forbidden City as well as to the Great Wall of China.

"The first day that we went to The Wall, we got their late and it was closed," Tracy said. "But it was sunny out, and just driving up you could



Courtesy photos

Above: Though her game wasn't quite on, Kendall Griffin sure had an eyeful as she played her rounds at the Pine Valley Resort in Beijing. Below: Visiting the home of a new-found friend, Griffin got a look at some impressive, backyard landscaping.



see the expanse of it. Seeing how it just kept going along the mountains, it was incredible to see."

They made a return trip the following day, which turned out to be foggy and didn't offer quite the same view, but still made for a great experience being able to walk upon the 3,000-mile structure whose origins stretch back to the 7th century BC.

Soon enough, the trip was made back home, more conventionally with an easterly flight with a stopover in San Francisco, and it was a matter

of getting readjusted, now half a day behind the time they had recently become accustomed to.

"She recovered a lot more quickly than I did," Tracy said of Kendall.

An experience that serves as an introduction to many more as her talents take her ever further?

Possibly. But whatever the future holds, her talents already offered her this trip with memories that will last a lifetime. Of that there is no doubt.

Bucs want to keep edge, clean up

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sack, a flag for a false start and a penalty for an illegal formation that the Jets declined.

Part of the problem was a malfunctioning headset in quarterback Josh Freeman's helmet, but the sequence also was a continuation of sloppy play - particularly on offense - from the pre-season.

"There was a communicator issue. But you know what, that needs to be overcome. We have mechanisms in place for that, which we didn't employ efficiently," Schiano said.

"Delay of games, false starts are inexcusable. The physical penalties, those you better be careful. ... Some are very obvious, and you say that's going to be a penalty 10 out of 10 times. Others you look at and you say: 'I'm not so sure.' But it doesn't matter," Schiano added. "I tell our team and tell our coaches, and I tell myself, if the flag is thrown, it's a penalty. It doesn't matter what we think."

David said Sunday that he thought Smith was still inbounds when he hit the

New York quarterback at the Bucs 45.

The penalty moved the ball to the 30, when Nick Folk kicked a 48-yard field goal on the next play.

Teammates didn't fault the second-year linebacker, who had eight tackles, a sack and an interception.

"You can't play cautious," cornerback Leonard Johnson said.

"That's just players playing hard," defensive end Da'Quan Bowers said of the penalties on David, Goldson and Barron. "It's a split-second between hitting somebody in the head and in the chest."

Several players approached David with words of encouragement in the locker room following the game.

Schiano also spoke to the disappointed linebacker.

"The guy's a great player and a great teammate, and he cares. He feels like he made a mistake that cost the game," the coach said.

"As I told him, it's one play. We had plenty of opportunities to win that game. Am I pleased with the play? Is he pleased with the play? No. But he's one

of our finest players. I fully expect Lavonte to rebound. That's the fighter he is. He'll be fine."

Besides cutting down on penalties, the Bucs also need to find a way to get a sputtering offense on track if they want to avoid falling into a deeper holes.

Tampa Bay hosts New Orleans next Sunday and visits New England the following week.

Despite having a rookie in his first pro start at quarterback, the Jets outgained the Bucs 304 yards to 250.

Defensively, New York shut down the run, limiting Doug Martin to 65 yards rushing on 24 carries.

Schiano expects other teams to try to do the same.

"That's going to be the formula to stop our offense. It's not a mystery. We have to throw and catch. We missed open guys and then we dropped some passes," the coach said. "We have to protect better. We had three sacks, we also were hurried. If people are going to do that, you have to be able to throw the ball effectively."

AP NFL website: www.pro32.ap.org

Florida Prep Football Scores

Monday, Sept. 9

Cypress Lake 28, Gateway Charter 0
King's Academy 52, Inlet Grove 0
LaBelle 48, Evangelical Christian 35
Lake Minneola 7, South Lake 3
Lyman 14, Evans 10

Naples 47, Golden Gate 7
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Tavares 39, East Ridge 21
Timber Creek 65, Boone 43
Windermere Prep 28, Ocala Christian Academy 0



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



AP/STEVE HELBER

Clint Bowyer losing his grip ... or taking one for the team?

Would Danny Sullivan be proud?

Big difference. When Danny Sullivan did his big loopy-loop at the 1985 Indianapolis 500, he certainly didn't do it on purpose. When Clint Bowyer went into his slide Saturday night at Richmond, we're guessing it didn't exactly sneak up and catch him off-guard.

What should we call it?

In '85, Danny Sullivan went on to victory, so his slide was quickly dubbed the "Spin to Win." Rhyming took precedence over the fact Sullivan definitely didn't need that spin in order to win. Since Bowyer's spin isn't something NASCAR wants becoming part of the officially licensed lore, don't expect "Spin for a Friend" T-shirts to go on sale soon.

Oh, baby, how close was that?

A tad bit closer than usual, but the streak is alive: NASCAR baby deliveries never (NEVER!) interfere with the racin'. Either through amazing coincidence or the miracles of modern obstetrics, NASCAR babies are usually born on Mondays or Tuesdays, but Jimmie Johnson's second daughter was born last Friday — well, very early Friday, at about 2 a.m. We're guessing they were pushing (so to speak) for a Thursday rollout, but she must've gotten delayed in the tech garage.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



RYAN NEWMAN



CLINT BOWYER

Ryan Newman vs. Clint Bowyer: Bowyer's reportedly self-made late spin jumbled the field and cost Newman a chance to get into the Chase.

Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Bowyer did his job by getting teammate Martin Truex Jr. into the Chase. Still, Bowyer better be wary of Newman."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: GEICO 400
SITE: Joliet, Ill.
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.), qualifying (ESPN2, 5:10 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 2, 11 a.m.). Sunday, race (ESPN, coverage begins at 1 p.m.; green flag at 2:16 p.m.)
TRACK: Chicagoland Speedway (1.5-mile oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 267 laps, 400.5 miles

NATIONWIDE: Dollar General 300
SITE: Joliet, Ill.
SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (ESPN2, 3:30 p.m.)
TRACK: Chicagoland Speedway (1.5-mile oval)
RACE DISTANCE: 200 laps, 300 miles

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ



NASCAR via Getty Images/STREETER LECKA

Slower than what Tony normally drives, but it handles well.

Stewart's gross injury

Tony Stewart's injury was so gruesome, he says looking at the wound area four weeks after the compound fracture makes him feel like he will pass out.

Stewart met with the media at the Stewart-Haas Racing shop on Sept. 3 and didn't pull any punches when describing what happened to him following his crash in a sprint-car event.

The gruesome information provided by the 42-year-old driver was given in drips and drabs. It started with the three-time NASCAR champion saying, "This is definitely the worst injury I've ever had in my life and racing career."

Stewart broke both bones in the lower half of his right leg after crashing Aug. 6 at the half-mile Southern Iowa Speedway in Oskaloosa. Stewart said he came through a cloud of dust and was headed toward another car in the racing lane. He swerved to avoid direct contact, but the front of his car was badly damaged.

"I started unbuckling my helmet and undoing my belts and it just felt weird that I couldn't (move); my right leg felt numb and I thought I must have just banged it against the frame rail or something and it went numb," he said.

When he looked at his leg, he saw it was askew. "My leg was inside my uniform so I really didn't fully understand what the extent of the injury was until after the first surgery," he said.

Stewart said he's squeamish when it comes to medical procedures. He says he looks at the ceiling during a simple blood draw. And yet since his two surgeries, he has been compelled to look at the wound site — with regret.

"I literally have damned near passed out at every doctor visit I've been to so far with the surgeon,"

he said. "I go into it with the attitude that I'm not going to look at my leg, and as soon as they get the wrapping off of it, I'm like, 'I've got to look.'"

"Then I spend the rest of the time sitting there with a wet washcloth on my forehead trying to regain consciousness."

SLAPPED SILLY

You won't be seeing Kelly Heaphy at the race track any time soon. Kelly who? Heaphy was the woman who slapped Truck Series driver Max Papis square on the face after a road race held in Canada two weeks ago. Heaphy has been described as Mike Skeen's girlfriend. Skeen was the driver of the No. 6 Chevy, which had last-lap contact with Papis' Chevy. Heaphy was with Sharp-Gallaher Racing, but not an employee of the team, so basically, she was a race fan. NASCAR has banned Heaphy from attending any NASCAR race until further notice and fined her \$2,500, possibly the first race fan ever penalized by the sanctioning body. "We absolutely do not condone actions such as these from anyone associated with our organization," said team owner Eddie Sharp Jr.

SILLY SEASON

It's getting fast and furious in NASCAR's annual "silly season." The latest veteran (victim?) shown the door is Jeff Burton, who will be moving out of Richard Childress Racing after the 2013 season, reportedly to make room for Ryan Newman. Furniture Row Racing is looking for a replacement for outgoing Kurt Busch and talked to Juan Pablo Montoya, who will depart Ganassi Racing at season's end.

GODWIN'S CHICAGOLAND PICKS



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Winner: Kasey Kahne
Rest of the top five: Greg Biffle, Jimmie Johnson, Kyle Busch, Brad Keselowski
Dark horse: Mark Martin

Disappointment: Martin Truex Jr.
First one out: Danica Patrick
Don't be surprised if: Kahne begins his march to the championship by winning at Chicagoland.

SPEED FREAKS

A couple of questions we just had to ask — ourselves



AP/STEVE HELBER

Still speaking to his crew chief, surprise.

The Chase is here. Who's your pick to win it?

GODSPEAK: I'm sticking with my preseason pick, Kasey Kahne — that is unless Jimmie Johnson comes to life in the playoffs.

KEN'S CALL: Joey Logano, but he won't borrow Kez's Homestead mug to celebrate.

How impressive is Kurt Busch's run to the Chase?

GODSPEAK: Basically, Busch was driving a Richard Childress Racing machine dressed under the Furniture Row Racing banner, which makes his achievement even more amazing.

KEN'S CALL: Pretty darn impressive, but it's not like anyone ever doubted his driving ability.

ONLINE EXTRAS

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SPRINT CUP POINTS STANDINGS

- Matt Kenseth 2,015
- Jimmie Johnson -3
- Kyle Busch -3
- Kevin Harvick -9
- Carl Edwards -9
- Joey Logano -12
- Greg Biffle -12
- Clint Bowyer -15
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. -15
- Kurt Busch -15
- Kasey Kahne -15
- Martin Truex Jr. -15
- Jeff Gordon -1253
- Ryan Newman -1,262
- Jamie McMurray -1,282
- Brad Keselowski -1,283
- Paul Menard -1,305
- Aric Almirola -1,339
- Juan Montoya -1,347
- Ricky Stenhouse -1,359
- Marcos Ambrose -1,365
- Jeff Burton -1,375
- Tony Stewart -1,409
- Casey Mears -1,459
- David Ragan -1,514
- Denny Hamlin -1,518
- Danica Patrick -1,530
- David Gilliland -1,541
- Mark Martin -1,546
- Dave Blaney -1,607
- David Stremme -1,641



WEEKLY DRIVER RANKINGS — BASED ON BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE

KURT BUSCH Absolutely nothing to lose now	JOEY LOGANO Slight blip in "Big Mo" at Richmond	CARL EDWARDS Only Chaser riding a win streak	KYLE BUSCH Could finally be his year. Really.	KEVIN HARVICK Can he get RCR a 7th championship?	MATT KENSETH Inherited points lead, but not here	JIMMIE JOHNSON Time to pull the chute	KASEY KAHNE Suddenly may be Hendrick's best hope	MARTIN TRUEX Spin-cycled his way to the Chase	RYAN NEWMAN Still our favorite non-Chaser
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

RICHMOND REWIND

Those drivers who missed the Chase

A total of 12 drivers made the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship playoffs after the race at Richmond. There were several drivers who could have made the Chase with a win or a better finish at Richmond. Here are some of their comments.

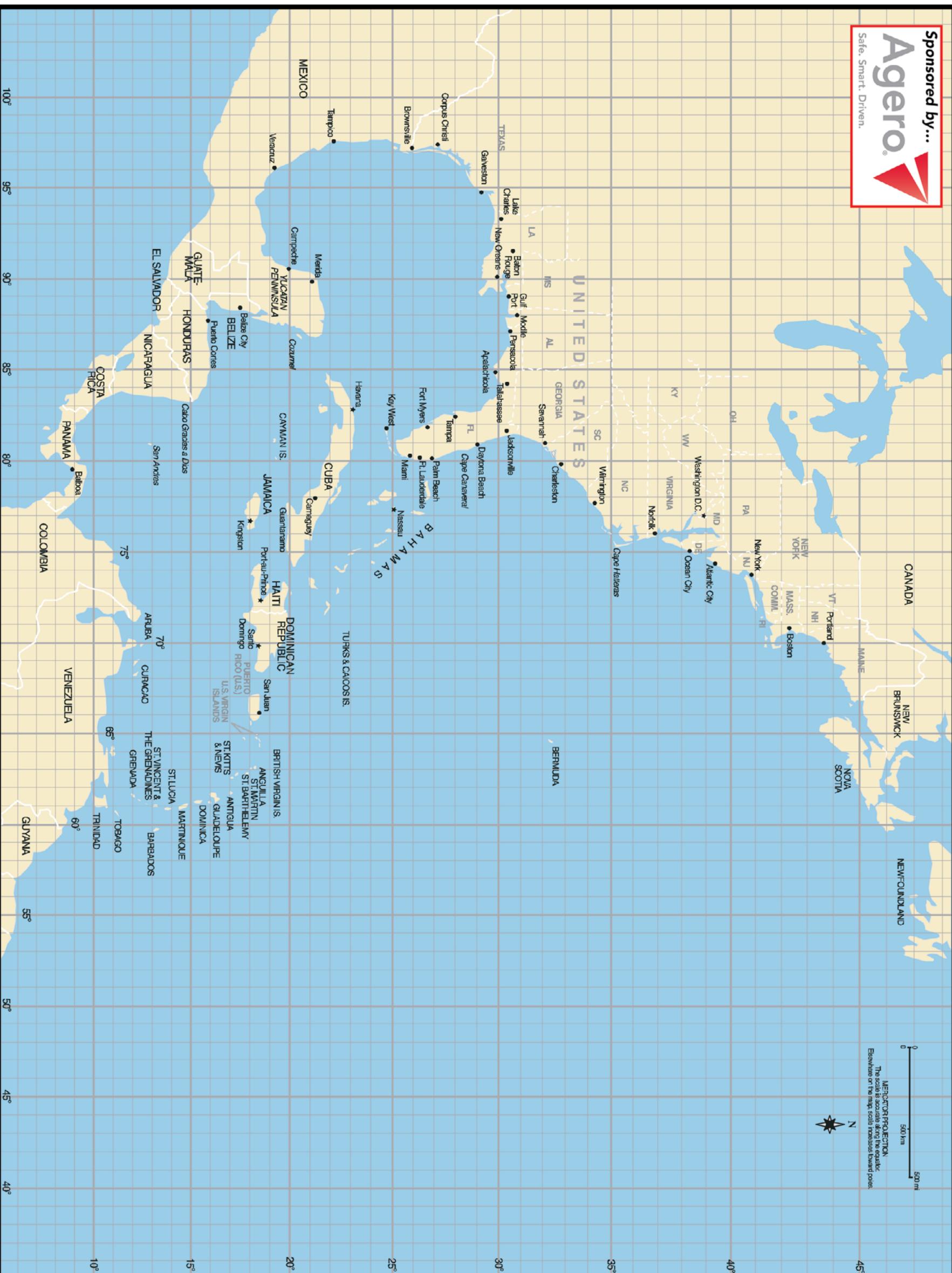
RYAN NEWMAN: "I mean, I told (my crew chief) when we came into this race that we couldn't make up everything we've missed in the first 25. Now, winning would have changed everything, and that last caution definitely hurt us, but

we got killed on pit road, there's no doubt about that. Carl (Edwards) and those guys beat us on four tires. The guys that took two were just doing some strategy, but we should have been able to come off pit road first if we were a championship contending team. We needed a championship contending pit crew, and we didn't have that (during the race)."

JEFF GORDON: "Yeah, it's disappointing to miss it that close. Another great effort and comeback ... Again, we started up

front and the car was good and then we got off and had to fight our way back. Got a lap down, had a loose wheel, so I love the effort this team put in and didn't need to see that last caution. We were in and that last caution ... you know it's going to be wild and crazy out there and a great show for the fans, but unfortunately ... we just couldn't get our line to move. Just didn't make up the spots we needed to. It's unfortunate we didn't make it in. We are going to fight like that all the way to the end of the season."

BRAD KESELOWSKI: "I don't really have any emotions right now. We weren't good enough to make it and we didn't. That is the reality. (Our cars) haven't been good enough and we haven't executed as well as we needed to. We have work to do. At the end of the day, the thing about points is it is the best measuring stick in sports. You know who deserves to be where because the results speak for themselves. We didn't have enough results to get where we needed to be."



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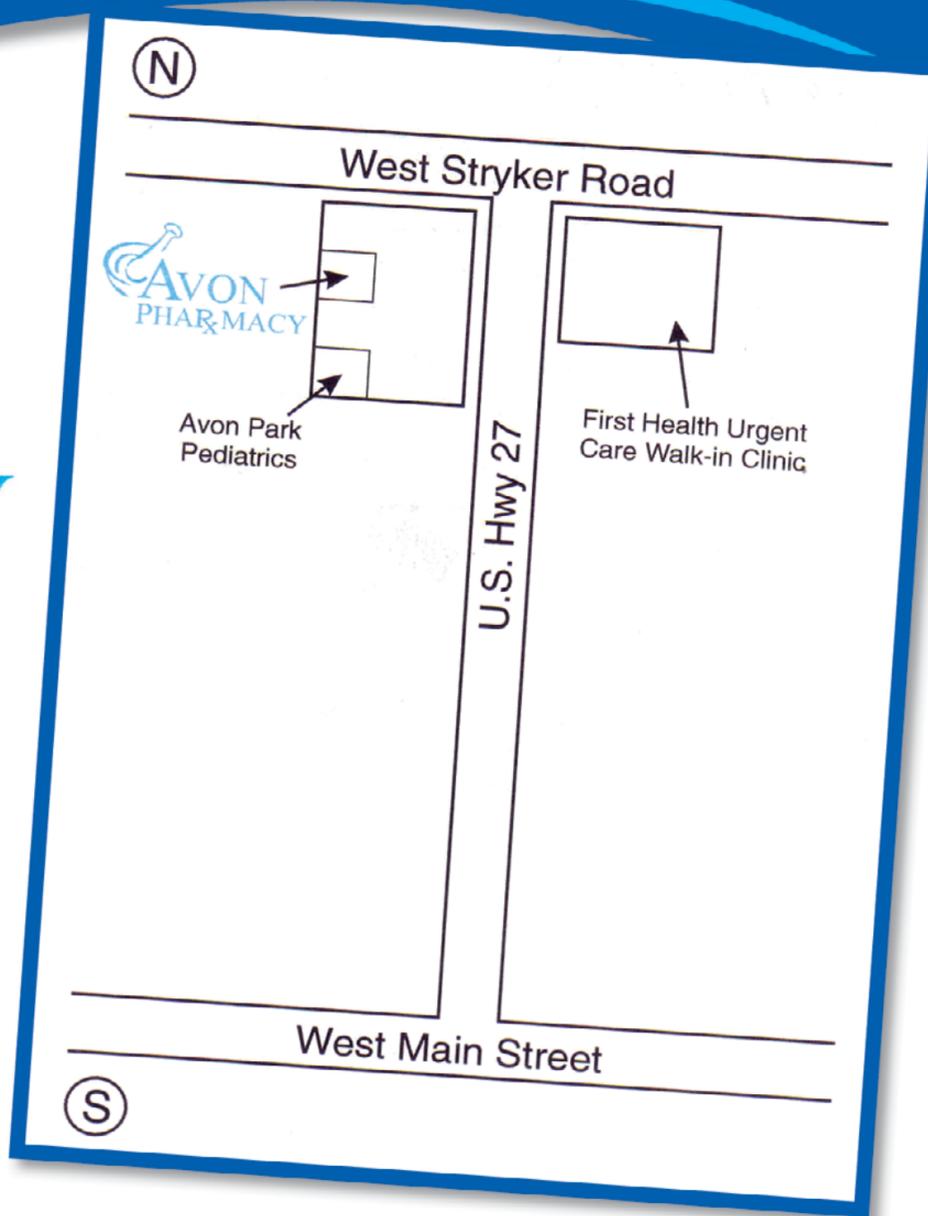
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Legion members travel to Rays vs. Yankees game

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Lake Placid American Legion Post 25 had 34 baseball enthusiasts board a bus for a trip to see the Tampa Bay Rays play the New York Yankees on Aug. 25. There were supporters for both teams and everyone got their money's worth, with the game going several extra innings and the Yankees finally winning 3-2. Extra money generated went to several local charities.



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Friends & Neighbors

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – The Dalton Gang has been very busy with its fall schedule arranging the Sausage Festival in September, pot luck dinner in October, “Goin’ To The Dogs” in November and the big cruise in March. We didn’t forget December! Now comes the Christmas Light Cruise on Dec. 9, a chartered bus trip to Punta Gorda’s Fishermen’s Village, starting at 2 p.m. from the Winn-Dixie parking lot. This excursion includes a great meal at the Oyster Bar Restaurant, and a cruise through Punta Gorda Isles (breathtaking!) to see the spectacular Yule lights. Call 699-0886 for reservations. This trip is back again this year by popular demand.

Not to forget the Christmas Decor Contest; we will have more info on that later. There will be prizes for the best displays in Placid Lakes. Let’s not forget the PJ’s for the needy kids in Lake Placid, sizes 1 to 11 years. Help Mrs. Santa, bring them to the Town Hall, there will be a box on the porch during the off hours. Bonnie is there every day until 1 p.m. Monday-Friday and will make arrangements with Manna Ministries for the PJ distribution at Christmas.

For those of you who asked about ballroom dance lessons, the Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers have made arrangements with the Elks to have free lessons in the lounge from 5:30-6:30 p.m. before their dance. An instructional DVD will be played. The next dance is Sept. 21 with Buddy Canova, and the group will be celebrating their second anniversary. Everyone’s invited.

Tropical Harbor Estates

By Arlene Clouston

LAKE PLACID – Did you labor on Labor Day or take it easy since it is a working man’s holiday? In 1894, Labor Day became the official federal holiday for workers. Here in our park we gathered in the clubhouse at 4 p.m. for a fiesta. Colorful tables were set. We all took our turn getting a walking taco. You’d be surprised how much salad can be put in a small plastic bag. Iced tea and lemonade were also furnished. Later, much later, when we all had room, big, I mean big, ice cream sundaes were served with the toppings we desired. Door prizes were given away. We thank the people that worked preparing all the ingredients

Rotary shipping packages to service members overseas



Courtesy photo

Rotary continues to ship care packages to our men and women overseas. You can help by making a purchase of items to include in the boxes. Call Joan Fisher at 385-3829 or you can make a tax deductible donation to The Rotary Club of Sebring, Charities Inc., P.O. Box 527 Sebring Fl 33871. Alan Jay has provided the cost of shipping 50 boxes to our serving troops.

for the salad for our enjoyable meal.

Our usual Monday morning coffee was set up and hosted by Ann Rissmiller and son, John Rissmiller. Ann made several cakes she served for the coffee. Peggy Sue Teague was the emcee. Peggy Sue read the names of people having birthdays this week and anniversaries but only Marysue Willeke was present. Marilyn Cromer played Happy Birthday on the piano so we sang to Marysue. It was good to see couples coming back – Duane and Joy Dean, Ed and Marilyn Cromer, and Joan and Joe Shannon.

Carol Noel, the Sunshine person, mentioned people on the get well list – Joe Schweiger had surgery; thinking of you cards are for Ann Rissmiller, Bob and Carol Oldham, Sharon Becan and Charlene Flamme.

We are looking forward to meeting new residents in our park – Norman Kilpatrick and Pat Fries, at 225 Bedford St.; Luis and Pamela Redondo at 10 Austin Drive, from Florida; Lewis and Betty Wells at 411 Beaver Run St., from Vermont and Mississippi; and Allen and Kathy Works at 221 Bedford St., from New Jersey and Ohio.

The Red Hatters are going to the Cang Tong Restaurant on Sept. 12. The waiters will be cooking the food at your table. It should be interesting and fun.

Sept. 13 the summer water exercise class will have a pizza party in the screen room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This will take

place after the noodle exercises.

The Singles Group is very active. Call Tom Cairns for information. They had a wonderful carry-in dinner at his home in August. Some additional activities that are planned include dinner out at Hibachi Restaurant, a trip to Bok Tower, dinner at a seafood restaurant in Lake Wales, a tram ride at Highlands Hammock State Park, etc.

“Coins, coins, coins for Relay for Life.” How are you doing? It takes a long time to fill up a plastic water bottle with dimes. I know. When you buy something and pay for it, if you’re due change, ask the cashier to give it to you in dimes. It helps.

Tuesday morning ladies coffee was made by Marilyn Cromer, who also led the meeting. Our month of September is off to a good start with all the activities. We were sorry to hear John Echelberry had passed away. Also, that Milly Verbarb is still in a hospital in Tampa. Please keep these families in your prayers.

The ladies lunch out will be 11:30 a.m. Sept. 17. It will be held at Coz’s Sports Bar and Bowl in Lake Placid. Fran Buero is making the arrangements and will host the luncheon. The men’s luncheon will also be Sept. 17 at JR’s Cafe on the airport runway in Sebring. Bob Clouston is making the arrangements.

“Have a great day and make it a great day for someone else.” – Pastor Richard Norris.

Clubs & Organizations



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Ardis Archer has her ‘Publix’ train bringing in supplies to the local area on one of her modules.

Model Railroad Club sets up display in mall

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Visit the Lakeshore Mall on Sept. 13-15 and Sept. 20-22 for the Sebring Model Railroad Club display. Admission is free. Come in and spend time watching trains run on the HO and N Gauge modular layout. There will be about 40 different trains ranging from the 1930s to the present day passenger trains running over the five scale miles of track during the six days.

Depending on the time of a visit, one may see Florida East Coast, Amtrak, Thomas the Tank, a Publix train and many others. There will also be a Lego train and Lionel trains at times. There will be club members present to answer

questions about trains that are collecting dust. New modules and details have been added, along with a change in the layout.

Limited analysis will be offered on a test track free of charge as time permits.

The “One-of-a-kind Airtrain” will be running. It floats on forced air instead of metal rails. The train was designed and built by the Archer family.

The club usually meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month (except July, August and December) at the church of Christ, 3800 Sebring Parkway, with a membership from all of Highlands County and the surrounding area. Membership is open to all train buffs. One does

not have to build a module, and all members are encouraged to run their trains on the layout.

The club maintains an N-Scale train at the Children’s Museum in Sebring and assisted in setting up a layout at Nu-Hope retirement home in Avon Park.

The group will also set up at Highlands Hammock State Park for the CCC Celebration on Nov. 9 and back at Lakeshore Mall on Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 13-15.

For more information or questions, call Curt Petersen at 382-6967 or Gene Archer at 452-0334. Call to confirm meeting location. Applications for membership will be available starting at \$15 per year.

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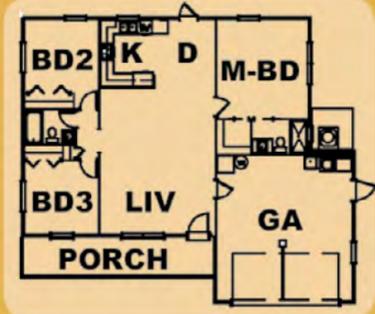
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Clubs & Organizations

Heartland Horses is featured program for Rotary meeting

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – Lynda Paul, executive director, Heartland Horses and Handicapped, Inc. spoke to members of the Rotary Club of Lake Placid last week, sharing information about this popular service.

Paul explained that Heartland Horses and Handicapped, Inc. was founded in 1998.

It is a volunteer-driven, non-profit program that puts riders and horses together in a unique mixture of physical interaction, exercise, education, and fun.

The program was “founded on the belief that experiencing and riding horses in a safe yet challenging environment can significantly improve the lives of individuals who are physically, emotionally, or developmentally challenged.

The hugely successful program, which is free to participants, helps improve motor skills, posture, balance, coordination and strength.”

Participants, Paul said, include children and adults with a diagnosed physical, mental, and/or developmental disability.



Courtesy photo
Hugh ‘Skip’ Dent, president, Rotary Club of Lake Placid, introduces Lynda Paul, executive director of Heartland Horses and Handicapped, Inc. at last week’s meeting of Rotary Club of Lake Placid. HHH is completely free to the participant.

The program receives no government funding or subsidies. Instead, it relies heavily on volunteer help, special event support and supply/financial contributions. Pony rides, beginner riding lessons, birthday parties, horse camps and ride-a-thons are a few of the events sponsored by HHH and its community partners.

The facility is located on

College Drive in Avon Park. Currently using eight horses, HHH serves more than 160 regular clients, which include school-age children and military veterans.

Visit www.heartlandhorses.org or call 452-0006 for more details.

The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets Wednesdays, 6:44 am, at Platters Restaurant.

Rotary gets science lesson

Courtesy photo
Susan Harris was guest speaker at Rotary Club of Lake Placid recently. After many years as a middle school science teacher, she is currently a district instructional technology resource teacher. She works with the teachers at Sebring High and Lake Placid High on incorporating the use of technology into classrooms. Harris, shown with Rotarian Mack Carroll, spoke about her involvement with the Zero G Corporation. Zero Gravity Corporation is an American company based in Arlington, Va., formerly of Fort Lauderdale, which operates weightless flights from United States airports. For more information visit www.gozerog.com. The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets at 6:44 a.m. Wednesdays at Platters Restaurant.



Food

Red hot chili pepper primer

Looking to add some heat to the dinner menu?

So, you want to start spicing things up, but you don’t know where to start. Chances are, you walk through the pepper aisle examining all of the pretty little peppers and wondering what in the world you would do with them if you were to bring them home with you.

There are a hundred or so varieties of chili peppers out there, and they range in flavor and heat from sweet and mild to “are-you-nuts” fiery. Some chilies are used in their fresh form (jalapeño), while others are most often dried or powdered (cayenne).

The heat of peppers is rated on something called the Scoville scale. If you’ve ever eaten an jalapeño, you know that it has a bit of a bite to it. Jalapeños rate about 2500 on the Scoville scale and, to give you an idea of how much hotter chili peppers can get, a habanero pepper rates about 100,000-350,000 on the scale.

Some chili peppers are so extremely hot that they rate 2,000,000 on the Scoville scale. At that level of intensity, it’s no longer about taste – it’s about seeing how much pain you can stand in your mouth before you die! That might be a little extreme, but I’m more about eating for flavor and



Dinner Diva

Leanne Ely

not so much about eating food hot enough to make me sweat.

Where does the heat come from?

Many people think the heat from peppers comes from their meat, but the heat in peppers comes mostly from the compound called capsaicin in their seeds, veins and the pepper parts near the veins.

If you want a less fiery dish, remove and discard the chili pepper seeds and membranes before chopping them. For more heat, include the inner bits.

Nutrition in chili peppers

The capsaicin in chili peppers is a strong antioxidant. In addition to antioxidant properties, chili peppers contain carotene, Vitamin C,

B vitamins, potassium, iron and magnesium.

How to use chili peppers

Once upon a time, the only place you’d see chili peppers used would be in Mexican dishes, but that’s not the case anymore. Roasted chili peppers are delicious in salads. Fabulous in soups, on nachos and in pasta dishes, chilies offer a sweet heat to a variety of meals.

As you experiment with chili peppers, start on the lower end of the Scoville scale and make your way up until you reach the edge of your tolerance level.

PS: Speaking of delicious recipes, have you seen our new and improved Crock Cooker Club? We’ll send you 10 amazing new crock cooker recipes every month, plus if you sign up now you get all the great bonuses! Check it out here! <http://savingdinner.com/s/crock-cooker-club/>

Leanne Ely is a New York Times bestselling author of 'Body Clutter' and the Saving Dinner series. The Dinner Diva syndicated newspaper column appears in 250 newspapers nationwide. Learn how to cook great and save significant money with the Dinner Diva's menus, recipes and shopping lists at www.savingdinner.com.

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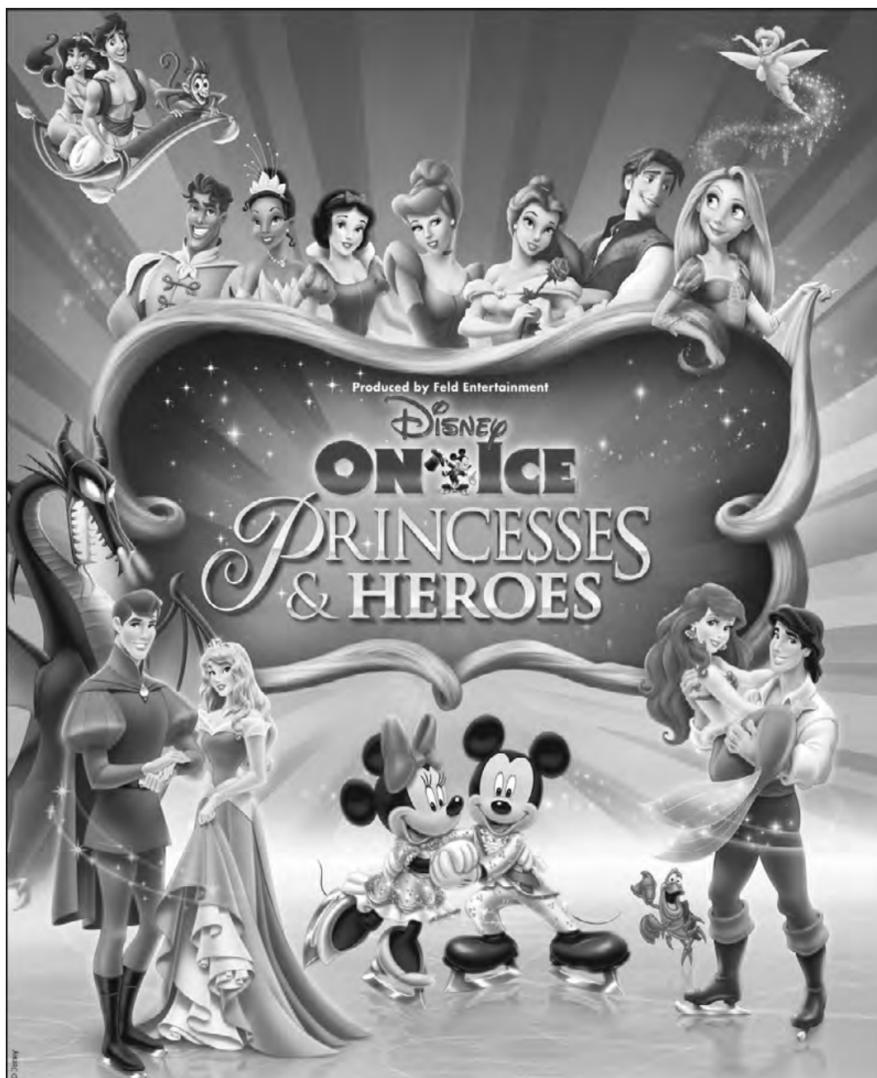
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After years of decline, US births leveling off?

ATLANTA (AP) — After falling four years in a row, U.S. births may finally be leveling off.

The number of babies born last year — a little shy of 4 million — is only a few hundred less than the number in 2011, according to a government report released Friday.

That suggests that lately, fewer couples may be scared away from having children because of the economy or other factors, some experts say. Among the signs of a possible turning point: The birth rate for women in their early 30s inched up for the first time since 2007.

“We may be on level course or potentially even see a rise” in birth

trends in the near future, said Brady Hamilton, a statistician with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Some are a bit more pessimistic. “The decline has slowed down, but it’s still a decline,” said Carol Hogue, an Emory University expert on birth trends.

Falling births is a relatively new phenomenon in this country. Births were on the rise since the late 1990s and hit an all-time high of more than 4.3 million in 2007. The drop that followed was widely attributed to the nation’s flagging economy. Experts believed that many women or couples who were out of work or had other money problems felt they

couldn’t afford to start or add to their family.

The economy officially was in a recession from December 2007 until June 2009. But well into 2011, polls showed most Americans remained gloomy, citing anemic hiring, a depressed housing market and other factors.

The new CDC report is a first glimpse at 2012 birth certificate data from state health departments, but the numbers aren’t expected to change much.

Highlights of the report include:

— The birth rate for all women of childbearing age — 63 births per 1,000 women — was essentially flat from the year before.

— Rates dropped for Hispanic women, 2 percent, and blacks, 1 percent, but less than the previous year. The rate continued to stay the same for whites, rose 4 percent for Asian-American and Pacific Islanders, and fell slightly for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

— Rates fell again for women in their early 20s, down 3 percent from 2011. That’s the lowest mark for women in that age group since 1940, when comprehensive national birth records were first compiled.

— For women in their late 20s, birth rates fell 1 percent. That age group accounts for more than a quarter of all of the nation’s births.



Births

Jaxson Carroll

Elisabeth and Donovan Carroll of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Jaxson Donovan, at 3:17 p.m. on Aug. 30, 2013 at Florida Hospital Heartland.

Jaxson weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Sandi Eidenberger. Paternal grandparents are Marion and Kimberlee Carroll.

Kaylie Cruce

Tollison W. and Shlanda K. Cruce of Fellsmere announce the birth of a daughter, Kaylie Dovie Rose, on Sept. 6, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Kirby Cruce and Ellen Cruce. Paternal grandparents are Bruce Holcomb and Joyce Yates.

Layla Edmondson

Shawn Edmondson and Elizabeth Markley of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Layla Ruth Edmondson, at 11:39 p.m. on Sept. 3, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Layla weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Tangila Markley. Paternal grandparents are Matt and Sherry Edmondson.

Zoey Hill

Robert Hill and Loretta Treat of Lake Placid announce the birth of a daughter, Zoey Pearl Hill, on Sept. 6, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Zoey weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20.7 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Doyle and Donna Treat. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Vicki Hill.

Marquay Rockmore Jr.

Marquay Dashawn Rasheed Rockmore and Keandra Vantasia Bowers of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Marquay Dashawn Rasheed Rockmore Jr. at 5:53 a.m. on Sept. 6, 2013 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Little Marquay weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Donnie Bowers Sr. and Mae H. Robinson. Paternal grandparents are Dwight Hankerson Sr. and Belinda Owens.

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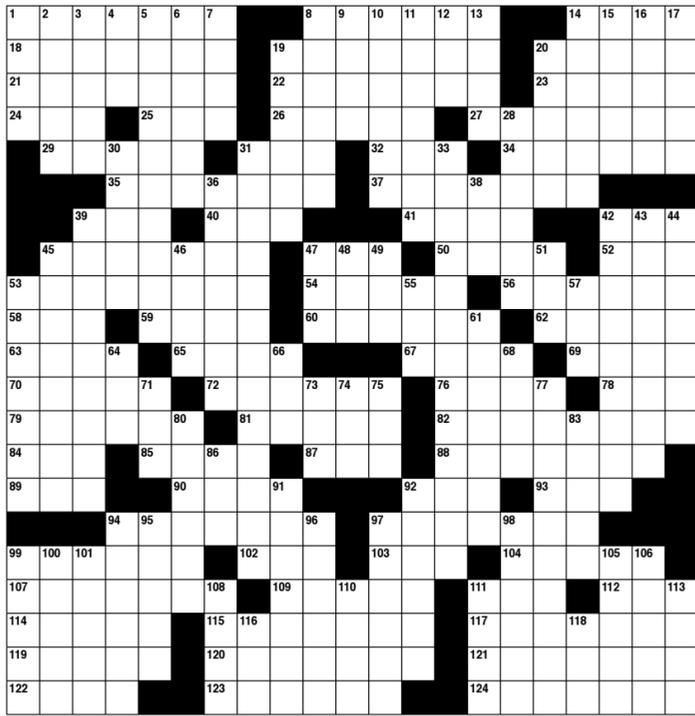
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 94 Hot prospects, say
 97 Home base for many a mission
 99 Like Victorian streets
 102 Honorarium
 103 Nirvana's "Come as You ___"
 104 Paid to play
 107 It has 135° angles
 109 Proust title character
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 119 First film Tarzan
 120 White Russian, e.g.
 121 1918's Battle of the ___ Forest
 122 Formula One units
 123 "The Terminator" co-star
 124 Neighbor of Archie Bunker

DOWN
 1 "I ___ it!" (Skelton catchphrase)
 2 Bond villain ___ Stavro Blofeld
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 5 Stretchiness
 6 Assesses
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 8 Heap
 9 Poet Khayyám
 10 Artillery crewman
 11 Founder of The New York Tribune
 12 Have something
 13 Tiddlywink, e.g.
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Solution on page B7

15 Warren of "Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia"
 16 Free
 17 Rapper who feuded with Ja Rule and Nas
 19 Round figure
 20 Second-tier, among celebs
 28 Women's rooms?
 30 Actress Belafonte
 31 & 33 Skeptic's advice .??. or a "noteworthy" hint to seven Across answers in this puzzle
 36 Colorful songbird
 38 Brazilian greeting
 39 Pop/rock group with a 2002 hit co-written with Mick Jagger
 42 Story coloring?
 43 1980s British band
 44 Big deliveries?
 45 Paganini or Rachmaninoff
 46 "He makes no friend who never made ___": Tennyson
 47 Schooner sail
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 66 Wrap (up)
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 73 Web site heading
 74 Before, in verse
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 83 "U.S.A." is part of one
 86 Ended up?
 91 Acronym for the hearing-impaired
 92 Louis Armstrong instrument
 94 "___ Republic"
 95 Celebratory gesture
 96 Alaska town that is mile 0 of the Iditarod Trail
 97 Does a surfboard stunt
 98 1913 Literature Nobel from India
 99 Douglas Hofstadter's "___, Escher, Bach"
 100 Amtrak bullet train
 101 Sign of approval
 105 Scratching (out)
 106 "Meditation XVII" writer
 108 N.R.A. piece?: Abbr.
 110 Vegas casino with a musical name
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 113 "Terrible" toddler time
 116 Auden's "___ Walked Out One Evening"
 118 Often-partnered conjunction

Winn-Dixie's e-coupons program popular



Savings Diva
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Did you know that one of the many wonderful programs that Winn-Dixie offers for their customers is e-coupons? Last week as I was teaching a class in Winn-Dixie I mentioned that you could download coupons to your Winn-Dixie loyalty card and many attendees were unaware of the program. Winn-Dixie actually rolled out the e-coupons program in February 2013 and since then the program has grown in popularity. E-coupons allow customers to load coupons directly to their personal store loyalty card. The program is a nice tool in reducing your grocery bill and saving money for your family. Save time and money with e-coupons. Best of all you can put the scissors away and Click, Swipe, Save! Many stores nationwide are adding e-coupons to the many ways that you can save money at your favorite stores. Last week I mentioned Publix e-coupons, and drug stores such as CVS and Walgreens are also offering e-coupons. It is simple to get started. Head on over to Winn-Dixie and register your loyalty card to begin adding e-coupons to your card. It is really very simple to use and redeeming the coupons is super easy. Simply pick what coupons you would like and they will be added to your loyalty card (you must have the new loyalty card to use e-coupons and fuel perks at Winn-Dixie). When you scan your rewards card at checkout, it will automatically deduct the coupon when that item is scanned. You can still stack your

manufacturer coupon with Winn-Dixie store coupons, but you will only be able to use (1) manufacturer coupon for the qualifying product. This means either use the e-coupon or the paper manufacturer coupon, but not both. New coupons are available weekly to choose from. Remember that for every \$50 you spend (before coupons) you will earn \$0.05 in fuel perks. That equals \$2 in gas savings (up to 20 gallons). Today I redeemed \$0.25 off per gallon and saved \$5 off my gas. If you do not have the new Winn-Dixie loyalty card that earns fuel perks, simply head to the customer service counter at your local Winn-Dixie store or find the Winn-Dixie Loyalty Card kiosk and sign up. CHECK out www.DivineSavings.com for more information and a national list of stores offering e-coupons. Tanya Senseney has over 16 years experience saving & teaching others how to reduce their monthly grocery budget and give back to the community. Her focus and passion is to teach others how to never go without. In addition to her workshops, Tanya is a syndicated columnist and radio show personality. Tanya travels the country to speak at numerous workshops and events to teach, enlighten and engage audiences large and small on how to shop for FREE. Contact Tanya for more information at Tanya@DivineSavings.com or visit www.DivineSavings.com for more information.

Mom's brief cellphone video has lingering consequences for son

Dear Abby: My 13-year-old son, "Wiley," was playing a game on my cellphone. I stupidly forgot to delete a short video of myself engaged in a sex act with my ex-husband, "Cliff." Wiley didn't confront me or mention it, but given his sudden change in behavior, I'm almost certain he saw it. The next morning I mentioned it and apologized, hoping we could get past the awkwardness, but Wiley wouldn't admit this is what's bothering him. He acted as if he didn't know what I was talking about. Now he's shutting down. He won't talk to me. He's off in his own world as if I'm a stranger, where a few days before we would laugh, share and trust each other. I divorced Cliff because he and my son didn't get along, but in the last six months we have been secretly having an affair and we ultimately want to get back together when Wiley is 18. My son doesn't approve of him and he's angry about it. I'm worried and embarrassed that he saw me doing what I was doing in that few seconds of video, and I don't want to scar him or have him think differently of me. Wiley's father has been no



Dear Abby

help, and I suspect adds fuel to our son's anger during his weekend visitations. I tried therapy for Wiley - it didn't help. Do you have any suggestions? - Mortified in Arizona

Dear Mortified: I'm printing your letter because, once again, it illustrates the danger of putting videos of a sexual nature on cellphones. I can think of few people of any age who don't prefer to think of themselves as products of immaculate conception, and your son is no exception. Because Cliff and Wiley's relationship was so poor the three of you couldn't coexist under one roof, discovering that you are once more intimately involved with your ex must have been traumatic and threatening to Wiley. It might reassure him to know that your seeing Cliff does not mean you will be living

together anytime soon. In the meantime, I recommend that you talk with a therapist to help you cope with the changed relationship you now have with your son. It's a shame that Wiley's father has used this unfortunate incident for his own selfish purposes. Divorced couples must remember that they have to love their child more than they hate each other.

Dear Abby: A year and a half ago, I reconnected with "Paul." We were in grade school together and hadn't seen each other for many years. We have been extremely happy and want to spend our remaining years together. Because of our ages (we're both seniors) and separate families and incomes, we feel marriage is not what we'd like to do. But we would like to move in together. Would it be ridiculous for us to do that without being married? Will the world condemn us? Will our children understand or ostracize us? How do we handle questions about why we have chosen not to marry? - In Love in Louisiana

Dear In Love: Many

older couples do what you are considering because being married would negatively affect their retirement income. If your children like Paul - and his children like you - I doubt you will be ostracized. Most adult children want their parents to be happy. If you're worried about how the community will react to your living arrangement, consider talking to a clergyman about being "married in the eyes of God." As to questions about why you have chosen not to marry, apart from your family, it is nobody's business and you are not obligated to discuss it.

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Cher, Ed Sheeran among 'The Voice' advisers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC says "The Voice" is getting four new advisers, with Cher among them. The network said Monday that coach Blake Shelton picked Cher to work with in the upcoming fifth season. As an adviser, the pop star will help

Shelton groom his chosen contestants as they try to advance in the singing contest. The other coach-adviser pairings include Christina Aguilera and Ed Sheeran; Adam Levine and Ryan Tedder; and CeeLo Green and Miguel.

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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 numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Yahoo tunes into mobile video with new application

Associated Press
 SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Yahoo is auditioning for a bigger role on iPhones and iPads with the release of its first mobile application tailored for watching video on touch-control screens. The app, called Yahoo Screen, is set up to make the experience of sifting through video on smartphones and tablet computers more like channel surfing on a television. Instead of rely-

ing on a TV remote control, users of the Yahoo Screen app unveiled Monday will use their fingers to flip through programs and sort through roughly 20 different channels separated into categories such as celebrities, sports, games and food. The app is available only for Apple Inc.'s iPhone and iPad, but Yahoo Inc. intends to develop a version compatible with the much larger universe of

devices powered by Google Inc.'s Android software. Yahoo Screen is the latest offshoot of company CEO Marissa Mayer's crusade to make Yahoo's services part of their daily routines. Mayer has been emphasizing the need for better mobile applications and more compelling video since Yahoo lured her away from a top executive job at Google Inc. 14 months ago.

What's Cooking



Chef's Corner
Tim Spain

Wing day in the capital

It is now week two of my four weeks in Tallahassee working at Capital Regional Medical Center. I have been working closely with the team and we are moving in the right direction.

We expanded the salad bar area and introduced action stations every day during lunch service. The staff seems to be engaged and is excited about the new look and our grab-and-go items have been a hit with everyone.

We offer a third shift meal here so the overnight staff can have access to a hot meal between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. We have tried to make a positive impact on that meal period because they were being served food that was cooked ahead of time and now we are doing our batch cooking and making some made-to-order burgers and a few other sandwiches.

While up here, I have been speaking with the team back in the Heartland via emails and afternoon calls and they are doing a wonderful job creating customer and patient satisfaction.

Today is wing day here and if its anything like the Heartland on wing day it should be a very busy day at the grill.

We are using the Great Living Menu for patient service and its always fun for me to see this menu being prepared so many different accounts.

This week I have a great recipe that you should enjoy.

Cheers, Chef.

Paprika Chicken

4 chicken thighs, bone-in and skin on

1/8 tsp. ground paprika
< 1/8 oz. rotisserie seasoning

1/4 tsp. dried, crushed thyme leaves

1/2 tsp. low sodium chicken base

1/2 cup boiling water

1/8 oz. all-purpose flour

1/8 oz. melted clarified butter

Season the chicken with the paprika and rotisserie chicken, place in sheet pan and bake at 350 F until internal temperature reaches 165 F. Add the chicken base and thyme leaves to boiling water. Simmer to make a broth.

Make blonde roux mixing clarified butter and flour. Reserve and add to chicken broth with a whisk until well incorporated and a creamy consistency is reached.

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BUILD A BETTER SANDWICH

Makes Great Meal Any Way You Stack It

Weekday lunch breakers rejoice — the sandwich is making a comeback. Kick-start your lunch routine with these easy tips and craveable recipes that are sure to inspire lunch envy:

Prep the Week: Create a shopping list based on your week's menu, and prep your ingredients in advance so creating a delicious sandwich is easy. Have a little fun and experiment. Bet you didn't know that if you put two pieces of bread in the same slot of the toaster, the outside of the bread gets crispy and the inside stays soft and pillowy.

Spread the Love: Spice things up with a Smoked Bacon Ranch or Spicy Chipotle Pepper Hidden Valley Sandwich Spread & Dip — it's a simple addition and guaranteed to be tasty. For more recipes, visit www.hiddenvalley.com/sandwiches.

Nibble Ready: Stock your fridge with quick, grab-and-go snacks and sides. Fresh vegetables are a tasty treat when dipped in Country Herb Ranch or Oven Roasted Garlic Parmesan Hidden Valley Sandwich Spread & Dip. Made with white beans and cream cheese, each tablespoon has one-third the calories of mayonnaise. Cherry tomatoes, broccoli, cauliflower or bell pepper strips also make great dippers.

Leftover Magic: Repurpose boring leftovers into delicious sandwiches to take on-the-go for school and office lunches. Simply add spread and bread. Yesterday's roast chicken is today's tasty Chicken Bacon Club.

FAMILY FEATURES

Returning to a school or work routine is bit-tersweet.

Schedules and agendas don't have to be boring, though, when your lunch routine is anything but. Run-of-the-mill PB&J and turkey and cheese standbys are making way for a new hero: gourmet sandwich creations that inspire envy.

Craveable ingredients, like savory green olives, peppery salami and smoky roasted tomatoes can be lunch staples with these delicious recipes. Skip those weekday blues and mix up your lunch with a layer of excitement.

BLT Boats

Serves 6

1/2 cup Hidden Valley® Smoked Bacon Ranch Sandwich Spread & Dip, divided

2 cups chopped lettuce, 1/2-inch pieces

1 cup seeded and chopped tomato

1 cup chopped, sliced turkey (about 6 ounces)

6 hot dog buns
Crumbled crisp-cooked bacon, optional

In medium mixing bowl, gently stir together sandwich spread, chopped lettuce, tomato and turkey. Fill hot dog buns with mixture. If desired, garnish with bacon.



BLT Boats



Veggie Lovers Sandwich with Roasted Garlic



Fusion Reuben Sandwich



Chicken Bacon Club Sandwiches

Veggie Lovers Sandwich with Roasted Garlic

Serves 2

- 1** sourdough sandwich roll, toasted
- 2** tablespoons Hidden Valley Oven Roasted Garlic Parmesan Sandwich Spread & Dip
- 8** slices of mixed grilled vegetables, such as eggplant, zucchini, yellow squash, red bell pepper, red onions and mushrooms
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese, for garnish, optional**

Spread both sides of sandwich roll with garlic sandwich spread. Top with layers of grilled vegetables and a sprinkle of cheese, if desired.

Fusion Reuben Sandwich

Serves 2

- 2** slices rye bread
- 2** tablespoons Hidden Valley Spicy Chipotle Pepper Sandwich Spread & Dip
- 2** slices (2 ounces) corned beef or pastrami
- 1/4** cup drained sauerkraut
- 2** slices Swiss cheese

Spread one side of each slice of bread with sandwich spread. Top with meat, sauerkraut and cheese. Close sandwich and grill until cheese is melted.



Louisiana-style Muffaletta Sandwiches

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Serves 10

- 1** 16-ounce loaf sweet Italian or French bread, cut in half lengthwise
- 1/2** cup Hidden Valley Oven-Roasted Garlic Parmesan Sandwich Spread & Dip
- 3/4** pound assorted Italian deli meats, such as ham, salami and mortadella
- 1/4** pound sliced provolone cheese
- 1/2** cup sliced green olives
- Lettuce, if desired**

Open loaf of bread and spread sandwich spread on both sides of cut surfaces. Top one side with layers of meat, cheese, olives and lettuce and then close with other side. Slice into 2-inch wide segments for serving.

Chicken Bacon Club Sandwiches

Serves 5

- 2** cups shredded, cooked chicken
- 1/2** cup Hidden Valley Smoked Bacon Ranch Sandwich Spread & Dip
- 10** slices buttermilk sandwich bread, toasted
- 5** leaves lettuce
- 1** large tomato, sliced
- 1** large avocado, sliced

Stir chicken and sandwich spread together. Spread 1/2 cup chicken salad on 5 slices of toast. Top with lettuce, tomato, avocado and remaining toast to create sandwiches.