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County turns down pay raise

By **BARRY FOSTER**
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners Tuesday morning decided to turn down a pay hike. The increase would have been given through a formula based on figures determined but the Florida Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research.

The state's calculations determined that Highlands County's constitutional officers were due a 3.72 percent pay increase. Acceptance of the hike by commissioners would have required a budget amendment that would have taken the additional \$12,879 out of the county's reserve for contingency budget.

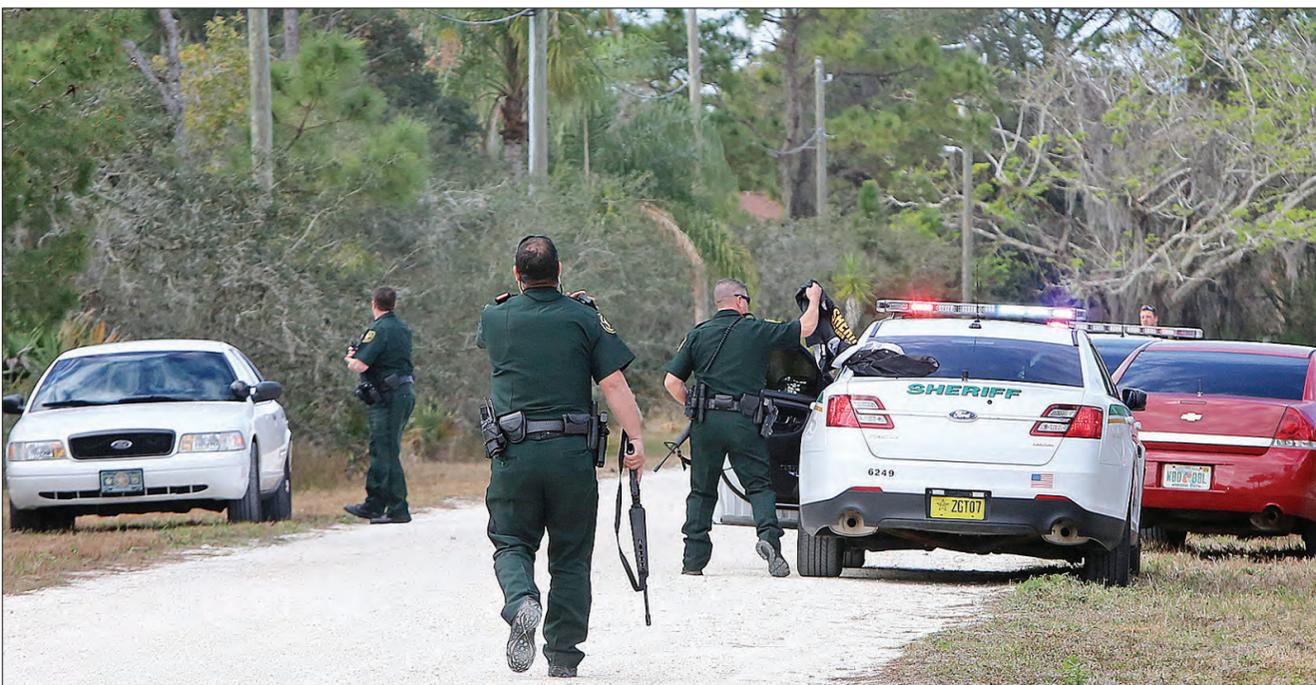
However, the commission agreed that since county workers had received no pay raise, they also would not take one. Commissioners also agreed to give back any raise allocated to them retroactively.

"I blame the state for putting us in this position. They are the ones that made the population estimate because they feel that we are to be paid more based on their formula," commissioner Don Elwell said.

Elwell indicated that although the amount of money was not significant, the raise itself would have been significant inasmuch as the money would have come from the reserve for contingency — the so-called "rainy day fund".

Several commissioners pointed to the fact that county employees had received no raise over the past six budget years and agreed that turning

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Highlands County Sheriff's Office deputies get geared up Tuesday in pursuit of a car thief in Sebring Hills South. Law enforcement chased the suspect from Polk County into Highlands County and apprehended him at a home, inside of a closet.

Deputies assist Polk with chase, arrest

By **PHIL ATTINGER**

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SEBRING — A car stolen from somewhere along Cypress Gardens Boulevard in Winter Haven ended up in Sebring.

So did both Polk County and Highlands County deputies who arrested one person at 325 Swift Ave. and were looking for a second in that area off South Heron Street in Sebring, according to Nell Hays, Highlands

County Sheriff's Office public information officer.

Zachary Aldridge, 29, will be charged in Highlands County with fleeing and eluding law enforcement and several traffic infractions. Further charges may be pending from both Highlands County and Polk County.

That was good news to Donna Wood, public information officer for the Polk County Sheriff's Office, whose deputies asked for

assistance in the chase.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wood didn't have too many details on the stolen car, where it was stolen or who stole it, but she said quick work by both agencies helped track down the car and a suspect.

"If you steal a car in Polk County and you end up going down to Highlands

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Fair helps seniors prepare, prevent disaster

By **PHIL ATTINGER**

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SEBRING — Not all natural disasters are hurricanes, and some disasters are man-made.

So, members of the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Council hope visitors to Tuesday's Elder Fair came away with a better sense of how to prevent becoming the victims of crime, violence, scams, wrecks, disasters or lack of planning.

The fair, held Tuesday morning at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center on George Boulevard, didn't have health vendors or free medical exams. Instead, this fair focused on agencies that provide education and assistance to seniors, and companies that provide help with crime prevention, financial planning and end-of-life legal issues.

Attendance was sparse early in the morning thanks to fog, said Nell Hays, Highlands County Sheriff's Office public information

and crime prevention officer, whose department organized the event. However, residents began to trickle in during the event's second half.

Hays finds that after 14 years of speaking with hundreds of people each year, some people still think something bad won't happen to them.

"It can happen to you," Hays said.

Paul Hinman, retired Highlands County Jail commander and former crime prevention volunteer, said he would get calls from residents he had just educated on crime prevention saying someone had tricked them into giving away money or identification information.

"They forget the old adage: 'If it's too good to be true, it probably is,'" Hinman said.

Seniors are less familiar with online dangers and most seniors come from an era when people didn't lock doors and trusted handshake agreements, he said.

"We grew up in a time

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Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Florida Poison Center representative Bonnie McDougale of Tampa shares a laugh with Lois Lemm on Tuesday during the Elder Fair in Sebring.



Katara Simmons/News-Sun

'Great, just great,' Donald Bond of Sebring said about the Elder Fair on Tuesday in Sebring. Bond attended the event for information as well as a visit with his granddaughter Stephanie Douglas, who is a representative of Peace River Center Victim Services.

Take Stock in Children seeking mentors

By **BARRY FOSTER**

News-Sun correspondent

SEBRING — Members of Highlands County's Take Stock in Children are looking for a few good mentors. A total of 33 to be exact.

"Each middle school gets four new seventh-grade scholarships for students and then there are a number of scholarships awarded at large as well," explained Olivia Scott, who is heading up the program. "There also will be three new 10th-graders included. That will be one for each of the high schools here."

The program is statewide, with the local organization also looking for mentors to serve in Hardee and DeSoto counties.

There's also a new partnership with Ronald McDonald charities, which will underwrite some of the scholarships. That program provides for high school students to be added into the mix.

"They bring dollars to the table and in turn we provide the wrap-around services such as the mentors," Scott said.

There are 11 youngsters already involved in that program. "They joined in the fall," Scott said. "Some of them already have been matched with mentors."

A number of other scholarships

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High **56**
Low **34**

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Honoring King

Katara Simmons/News-Sun
Camar Smith, 3, waves to parade goers Tuesday during the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Sebring. Smith was part of the Mount Zion Missionary Church float, which received third place during the parade entry competition. More pictures on A3.

Free workshop to help reading, writing scores

By PHIL ATTINGER
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LAKE PLACID — A Lakeland school will come down to Lake Placid in February to help teachers work with ways to improve students' reading and writing skills.

A free class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Heartland Educational Consortium, 1096 U.S. 27 N. Check in starts at 8:30 a.m.

Organizers need teachers to sign up. The initial seating capacity of the class was 30 teachers.

"Thirty would be awesome," said Susan Black, spokeswoman for the three McKeel Academy schools, but she said that there is no limit on seats. "We're using a big room."

The McKeel IBIS Workshop, which stands for Innovative Best Instructional Strategies, is a partnership between the Heartland Educational Consortium and McKeel Academy. Black said it came out of a desire

to replicate some of the peer-to-peer professional development training that teachers have had at national conferences.

"We wanted to bring it to schools in our local area," Black said. "To give fellow teachers, our peers, proven strategies to improve student performance."

Black said McKeel Academy of Technology made a proposal to the Florida Department of Education to have a program to pass on best practices to teachers and school administrators. Since McKeel was identified as a high-performing charter school in 2011, it qualified for a \$250,000 Florida Department of Education Instructional Best Practices grant to pass on best practices to teachers and administrators of struggling schools: graded C, D or F.

Since the program was approved, teachers have held workshops in Kissimmee, Riviera Beach, Riverview, Palatka and The Villages.

With the workshop in Lake Placid, teachers hope to reach peers in Highlands, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, and Okeechobee counties.

The free workshops are designed to provide resources, hands-on lessons and a look at the ways classrooms have been using the successful strategies. The focus is on helping teachers boost learning in the areas of reading and writing and on showing new ways to use technology, Black said.

If local teachers can't make this date, other dates are listed at www.mckeeelschools.com/ibis. Questions about the McKeel IBIS Project team can be emailed to ibis@mckeeelschools.com.

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A visit from 'across the pond'



Courtesy photo
Special visitors recently to the Avon Park Depot Museum were (from left) Sheila Speed, Ken Speed and Nora Brown, all originally from the Manchester, England area. They were especially interested in the history of William and Mary King, the first permanent settlers in Avon Park in the 1880s. The Kings were from their native England and lived in Stratford-on-Avon before arriving in Lake Forest, later named Avon Park.

Tickets on sale for Children's Museum Mystery Dinner

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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SEBRING — A night of great food and entertainment await guests at the annual Children's Museum of Highlands County's Mystery Dinner fundraiser.

For the 19th year, the museum will host a night of mystery and laughter put on by the Sleuths of Orlando. This year's show, "The Premier", will feature a cast of characters working to put on their very own production.

Twists, turns and surprises will ensue as guests divulge in the theatrics of the show. Along with the unique entertainment, a delicious dinner will be served to attendees that is sure to satisfy everyone's tastebuds.

Each guest has a choice of three entrees: prime rib, Borsini stuffed chicken, or eggplant parmesan. The meals will be provided by the Chateau Élan restaurant.

Children's Museum director Linda Crowder is looking forward to the establishments biggest fundraiser of the year.

"Everything is going well so far. It will be the same set up as last year pretty much except with a different show. We will be having a fabulous silent auction going on following the dinner and the show. There were some really nice things donated this year from people in the community.

There's lots of fantastic things to bid on," Crowder said.

The Children's Museum of Highlands County will host its 19th annual Mystery Dinner, Show and Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Chateau Élan, 50 Midway Drive, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased by stopping in at the Children's Museum at 219 N. Ridgewood Drive in Sebring or online at <http://childrensmuseumhighlands.com/programsandspecial-events.html>. Tickets are \$75 per person. Corporate tables are \$800 for a table of 10. Alan Jay Automotive Network and the Jarrett Family Foundation are this year's event sponsors.

"We've sold close to 100 tickets already but I'm hoping to get around 175 sold. That's my goal. We the same amount of guests each year and a good, core group of attendees each year. We appreciate everyone. It's looking like it'll be another good one," Crowder said.

For more information about the Children's Museum of Highlands County, ticket information of the Mystery Dinner Fundraiser contact the museum at 385-5437.

Tickets must be reserved by Feb. 1.

6 gay couples sue to overturn Florida marriage ban

By CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer
MIAMI BEACH — Six gay couples have filed a lawsuit in South Florida seeking to overturn Florida's ban on same-sex marriage.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in Miami-Dade Circuit Court on behalf of the couples by Equality Florida Institute Inc. The

lawsuit claims Florida's gay marriage ban violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantees of equal protection and due process.

Similar claims have been made in other states, where judges in many cases have struck down gay marriage bans as discriminatory. Florida attorneys said there are about 40 lawsuits chal-

lenging same-sex marriage bans pending around the country.

Florida voters enshrined a ban on same-sex marriage in the state constitution in 2008. Attorneys for the gay couples say they believe public opinion is different now and that judges are increasingly concluding the laws are unconstitutional.

Community Briefs

AARP offers driver safety class

LAKE PLACID — AARP will offer its Driver Safety Program class from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Complete this class in one day. There will be no driving and no tests, but participants may get a possible discount on their car insurance, good for three years.

The class will be offered at First Baptist Church of Placid Lakes, 116 Cleveland Ave. NE. To register, call Mary Jane Lloyd at 452-0335.



Question: Should there be process for residents to get speed control devices like speed bumps placed in their neighborhoods?

Yes
65.3%

No
34.7%

Total votes: 222

Next question: Should Avon Park pick a street that is not already named after somebody when it names a street after Martin Luther King Jr.?

Poll open through Friday. Make your voice heard at

www.newssun.com

YMCA hosting third Christian Concert

SEBRING — The Highlands County Family YMCA will host its third annual Christian Concert on March 1 at the Champions For Children Circle Theatre from 6-8 p.m.

This year's show will feature The Jayc Harold Band, The Wacaster Family, and Nala Price. Tickets will be available for purchase at YMCA starting Feb. 1 through March 1. For information, call 382-9622.

Women of Moose host karaoke

SEBRING — The Women Of The Moose Sebring Chapter 873 of Moose Lodge 2259 will have a shrimp basket dinner and karaoke with Melva on Thursday. Karaoke with Lora Patton will begin at 6 p.m.

Dinner and karaoke are offered by the women on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Functions such as the dinners and karaoke are ongoing fundraisers with the net profits being used for Moose and local charities.

The lodge is on U.S. 98, east of Sebring.

Democratic Women's Club celebrate women's history

SEBRING — The Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County invites the public on Saturday, Feb. 1 to the Michelle/Hillary Luncheon for a celebration of women's history. (Black

History Month is February and Women's History Month is March).

Planned speakers are Joyce Hamilton Henry, Ph.D., ACLU in Tampa, and Tabitha Frazier, a member of the Hispanic Caucus and an advocate for the Florida environment.

The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Island View Restaurant, Sun 'N Lake. Tickets are on sale for \$28 per person.

Call Velma Lumpkin at 471-2672 or Maria Kaiser at 382-9099 for information.

Relay For Life looking for teams

LAKE PLACID — The American Cancer Society's international fundraising program called Relay For Life is looking for more folks to step forward and help in the effort to raise funds to help those currently fighting cancer and to support research to cure and prevent cancer.

The Lake Placid Relay For Life event will take place April 4.

Cancer touches the life of every family in some way. The American Cancer Society has made great strides in supporting scientists who develop new drugs and therapies, as well as providing support for those struggling with cancer. Until this terrible disease is wiped out, more help is needed.

For more information about the Lake Placid meetings or about its event in general, call Chelsea Levine at 243-0214 or email Cheryl Henderson at cheryl.henderson@lykesranch.com.

The Avon Park event is planned for May 2. The Sebring Relay is set for April 12.

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FLORIDA LOTTO	Jan. 18	1 8 11 19 46 53 x:5	Next jackpot \$2 million
	Jan. 15	13 18 20 28 42 53 x:4	
	Jan. 11	7 13 15 17 51 53 x:5	
FANTASY 5 with ezmatch	Jan. 20	10 13 15 18 34	
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	Jan. 17	2 4 11 17 24	
MEGA MONEY	Jan. 17	3 15 28 32 10	
	Jan. 14	2 5 38 39 3	
	Jan. 10	2 6 14 22 17	
	Jan. 7	13 23 36 42 18	
PLAY 4	Jan. 20 (n)	3 9 7 2	
	Jan. 20 (d)	1 1 6 4	
	Jan. 19 (n)	7 6 8 9	
	Jan. 19 (d)	6 4 1 1	
CASH 3	Jan. 20 (n)	1 3 4	
	Jan. 20 (d)	0 7 7	
	Jan. 19 (n)	0 7 3	
	Jan. 19 (d)	9 2 5	
FLORIDA POWERBALL	Jan. 18	13 14 19 31 38	PB: 25
		Next jackpot \$131 million	
	Jan. 15	7 8 9 24 29	PB: 25
	Jan. 11	10 15 33 48 54	PB: 34
MEGA MILLIONS	Jan. 17	1 10 26 31 51	MB: 11 x4
		Next jackpot \$51 million	
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Curtisa Wooden, 16, of Avon Park High School, sang 'Life Ev'ry Voice and Sing' to open Monday's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day events at Memorial Field in Avon Park. Also called 'The Black National Anthem,' the song speaks of hope and joy after a battle hard won through great struggle.

The Most Wonderful Baby Contest float featuring Giselle Stukes won second place Monday afternoon during the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Sebring. More than 25 entries participated in the annual event to help honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Cities honor civil rights leader



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Louise Holdman, 94, was the Grand Marshall Tuesday during the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in Sebring. Holdman has lived in Sebring since she was four years old. First time as a grand marshall in a parade, Holdman said 'It feels alright.'



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

Akin Thomas-Stukes of TYK Entertainment rides in Monday's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade from Hopewell Academy to Memorial Field.



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The judges panel for the Martin Luther King Jr. parade consisted of Tiffany Green (from left), Stephanie Nellet and Gingerlee Michellindo. According to Michellindo, entries were judged based on theme, complexity and participation.



Phil Attinger/News-Sun

Katelyn Randazzo (from left); Roxanne Jankins, 13, and Salator Jenkins, 12, ride in Monday's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in Avon Park. Their mounts — Dawn, Ray of Hope and Tack-Lee, respectively — provided guided horse rides to festival goers at Memorial Field after the parade.

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Editorial & Opinion

TODAY'S EDITORIAL

Take advantage of what is offered

We thank and congratulate the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council for seeing a community need and filling it. The Elder Fair, held Tuesday morning, provided valuable information, from how to prepare a power of attorney to discovering Change of Pace, a volunteer organization providing support to caregivers of dementia patients.

What we regret is the low participation. Sadly the attendance was not what SALT hoped.

We want elderly individuals to know about this useful annual resource and seek it out next year. Although it began as a health fair, it no longer addresses health issues.

For years the Elder Fair provided an opportunity for older patients to ask questions about health care in general, or healthy living or learn about organizations like hospice. As years passed, several health fairs organized by differ-

ent groups took place throughout the year. As a result, the first health fair disbanded.

Looking to educate elders on issues of safety and financial stability, the SALT council decided to take over the Elder Fair to provide different information.

Nell Hays, of the Highlands County Sheriff's office and the fair coordinator, said the SALT council wants to help keep vulnerable people safe.

When the elderly think about crime, Hays said, they typically visualize a

robbery or mugging; few people think about the banking system, or fraud or identity theft. The fair was organized to help elderly individuals adapt to the world's radical changes. A new crime wave revolutionized by computers, bank friendly regulations and electronic transfers. It is disturbing that cyber thieves and scam artists are so successful so often.

The Elder Fair held Tuesday morning provided the opportunity to learn how to be careful in the cyber age. The council gathered all kinds of experts in one place so people could get answers to questions about crime prevention and safer ways of handling money, as well as how to spot elder abuse and what steps to take when you do.

We strongly urge the elderly among us to take advantage of available services. There are more than you think.

Call Nell Hays at 402-7369 for a list of the fair's providers, and don't miss the next one.

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Winter Olympics: The untold story

Hundreds of millions of people will be following the 2014 Winter Olympics, even though the underwhelming motto ("Hot. Cool. Yours.") sounds less like a paean to athletic excellence than the sort of progression that accompanies a court-ordered paternity suit.

Of course some people will be more keenly interested than others. According to Wikipedia, this 22nd Winter Olympics is on track to be the most expensive Olympics in history, with cost overruns more than quadrupling the original price tag. Perhaps the planners merely underestimated the cost of venues, transportation infrastructure and power supply infrastructure — but political opponents of Russian President Vladimir Putin accuse him and his cronies of embezzling tens of billions of dollars.

An indignant Putin told reporters, "I will hold a televised speech to deny these scurrilous charges just as soon as Bill Gates gets through polishing my shoes."

NBC, of course, has a lot at stake. The network hopes the Olympics will help launch Jimmy Fallon as the new "Tonight Show" host and boost their midseason series. Long-term, the network of "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago PD" hopes the Olympic momentum will catapult next fall's "Chicago Lenin's Tomb Guard" into the Nielsen ratings stratosphere.

Network executives and Olympics fans are mourning the fact that gold medalist skier Lindsey Vonn and other marquee stars have been sidelined by injuries. "How will their compelling personal stories ever be known now?" they ask. ("Well, if they've ever made any phone calls...," offers new Russian resident Edward Snowden.)

Advertisers are hoping for a huge worldwide audience of people watching disciplined athletes stretching the limits of human skill and endurance. Then those viewers are supposed to buy a new SUV for driving around the corner to buy junk food.



Tyrades!
Danny Tyree

Only in Amer — well, only on Planet Earth.

Certainly terrorism is a specter hanging over the Games. Putin dreads hearing those horrible sounds. No, not bombs or guns ... show tunes. He wants to make

Russia a safe and welcoming place for athletes/tourists from all nations — as long as their national dress does not involve looking like a Native American, cowboy, construction worker, motorcycle cop, leather guy...

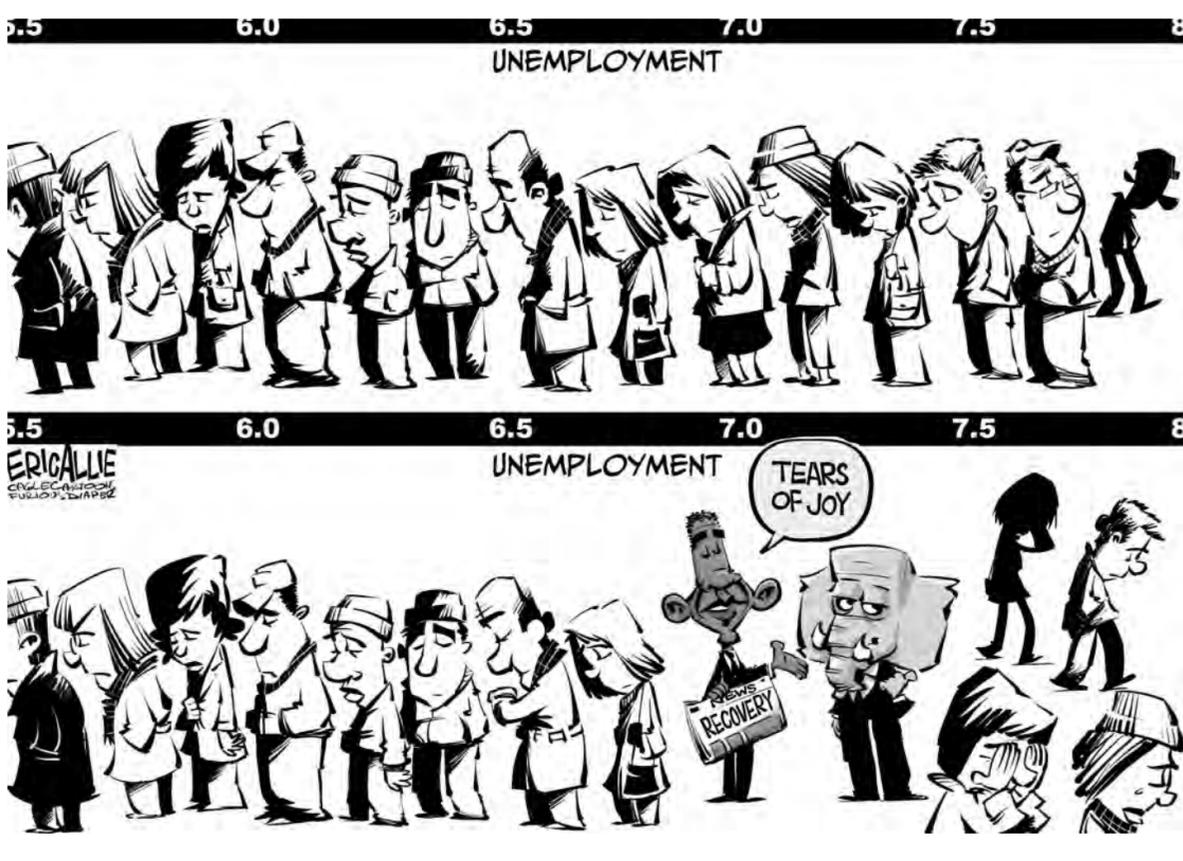
Many chide Putin for certain restrictive policies in Russia, but he's merely trying to uphold the grand tradition of the Russian nesting doll. He likes to see people in a closet inside a closet inside a closet inside...

Rush Limbaugh is concerned that "activist Olympic judges" will start awarding medals of Gold, Silver and Trojan. He also fears the implementation of the "morning after" triple Lutz. ("I sort of regret what I did last night. Let's have a do over of that event.")

Pope Francis sees the Winter Olympics as a way to further his human rights agenda. Did you know that, although three continents have been home to the Winter Olympics, a country in the southern hemisphere has never been selected as host? Pope Francis will apply pressure to spread the wealth a little more. But there is no truth to the rumor that he promised Australia he would petition the Almighty to "throw another capitalist on the barbie."

I'm sure many cheers will be heard during the Games. I just hope they aren't drowned out by President Putin's shouts of, "Hey, Oprah — do you have my vodka swimming pool filled yet?"

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TODAY'S LETTERS

Tone on a downward trend

Editor: The Town Council of Lake Placid voted unanimously to change the ordinance of allowing alcohol beverages not to be sold before 1 p.m. Sundays to allow them to be sold beginning at 7 a.m. Sundays. Even though three of us pastors and a lay person spoke against this change and our Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association was against it, the change happened.

Furthermore, this change removes the ban on alcohol sales within 800 feet of a church or school. This is wrong! There should be more regard than this for schools and places of worship.

This change of ordinance is certainly a step in the wrong direction. The moral tone of our nation is so compromised as it is, and this only adds to the downward trend.

Why the change? Purely economic! The Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce director said, "We were pleasantly surprised when we heard the town was working on removing this ordinance and this (church) distance requirement," he said. "It's positive for the downtown revitalization effort, which is just now getting started."

He also said the committee would like to see more sidewalk cafes in the downtown area and more areas where people can be served wine or beer with their meal. Frankly, right now there are several places in the Lake Placid town and area where people can buy alcohol beverages with their meal. Could people not have waited until 1 p.m. on Sundays?

A question: Has there been a thorough research into other ways to bring business and downtown revitalization to wonderful Lake Placid?

Frankly, this change may very well bring little, if any anything, to further the business climate of our town and

there is no need to begin consuming alcohol beverages at 7 a.m.
Rev. Jerry R. McCauley
Visitation Pastor
Memorial United Methodist Church
Lake Placid

Praying for our leader

Editor: As Christian Americans we are commissioned by God to pray for our government officials, whether we agree with their political ideologies or not. God in His Wisdom has allowed President Obama a second term in office and it is by God's authority alone President Obama will fulfill the purposes that God plans to accomplish for the American people.

In the founding of America, our forefathers were in a constant state of prayer for God's direction in founding America; they prayed at home, in church, in the street on their way to congress and they prayed before session, during session and in the closing of session seeking God's Wisdom. It is our plan in 2014 to ask Americans to join us in prayer for President Obama.

We have a Prayer List based in summary of the grievances found in the Declaration of Independence. These 12 issues are the breakdown of the 25 abuses of King George, which he had committed against the American Colonist during a 10-year period just prior to the American Revolution.

It is not our goal to condemn the President; we want to edify our leader to realize the position God has called him to and that President Obama can change. Only God knows the hearts of men. 1. Unfair Taxes: (Obama Care) 2. Cutting off trade: (Unknown) 3. Abolishing good and helpful laws: (Executive order, NDAA) 4. Making arbitrary laws himself: (Executive order) 5. Creating new government departments with new officials that

harassed the people: (Zars) NSA Cell Phones) (IRS Tea Parties, Conservative Groups) 6. Deprived the colonist of trial by jury: (NDAA) 7. Protecting his own officials that were murderous: (Bengasi) (Fast N Furious) 8. Attempting to establish military rule: (Militarized Local Police, National Civilian Service Corps) 9. Hiring mercenaries to harass and kill the colonist: (Bengizi, Fast n Furious) 10. Capturing and forcing colonist to fight against other colonist or be killed: (Unknown) 11. Fostering domestic uprising in the colonies: (Wall Street, Common core) 12. Disallowing or not hearing any appeals for justice: (Bengizi)

John 3:16 God so loved the world, that he gave His begotten Son, that who so ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17) For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him they might be saved.

Mr. President it is our prayer that you would see the error of your ways, repent, turn your heart back over to God and become the Great Man of God you are called to be. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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Opinions expressed in letters or columns, as well as any other opinion piece are solely the opinion of that author and not necessarily the opinion of the staff or editors of the News-Sun.

All items will run on a first-come basis as space permits, although more timely ones could be moved up. Letters will be edited for good taste, grammar, length and libel, although we try to retain the overall flavor of the writer's style.

Local Florida Hospitals awarded coveted Leapfrog Top Hospital distinctions

Special to the News-Sun
The Leapfrog Group named Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, with locations in Sebring and Lake Placid, and Florida Hospital Wauchula for the second time to its annual list of Top Hospitals. The announcement came at Leapfrog's annual meeting on Dec. 3 in Arlington, Va., which gathered key decision-makers from Leapfrog's network of purchaser members, industry partners, health care stakeholders and national collaborators.

"It is so gratifying to see the fruits of our labor! Our professional clinical staff and dedicated physicians are constantly striving for excellence in everything they do. The end result is better

patient care for a happier patient," stated Florida Hospital CEO Eric Stevens. "The Leapfrog Hospital Survey sets the highest bar for comparing hospitals' performance on the national standards of safety, quality and efficiency that are most relevant to consumers and purchasers of care. The 2013 Top Hospitals list was closely culled from a record number of 1,324 hospitals voluntarily participating in the survey. The medical staff feels proud, inspired, and engaged to see that Florida Hospital Wauchula was one of the 22 rural Top Hospitals in the United States to receive this recognition," said Florida Hospital Vice President for Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Jorge Gonzalez. "The kind of consistent recognition from networks of stakeholders and collaborators like Leap Frog affirms that rural health care delivery is alive and well in our area," said Florida Hospital Vice president and Wauchula Administrator Denise Grimsley. "This hospital staff works day and night every day of the year to respond with quality care. We're glad Leapfrog sees the difference they are making." "The field of hospitals" considered for this year's elite Leapfrog Top Hospital distinction was more competitive than ever. By achieving the Top Hospital accolade, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Florida Hospital

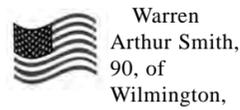
Wauchula have demonstrated exemplary performance across all areas of quality and patient safety that are analyzed on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey. If my family or friends needed care, I'd be comfortable sending them to Florida Hospital," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and Florida Hospital Wauchula were selected as a Top Hospitals out of a record number of 1,324 hospitals participating in The Leapfrog Group's annual survey. The list includes 22 Top Rural Hospitals, 55 Top Urban Hospitals and 13 Top Children's Hospitals. Hospitals reaching this

achievement include academic medical centers, teaching hospitals, children's hospitals, and community hospitals in rural, suburban and urban settings. The selection is based on the results of the Leapfrog Group's annual hospital survey, which measures hospitals' performance on patient safety and quality, focusing on three critical areas of hospital care: how patients fare, resource use, and management structures in place to prevent errors. The results are free to view and posted on a website (www.HospitalSafetyScore.org) open to patients and families, the public, employers and other purchasers of health care.

Obituary

WARREN SMITH



Warren Arthur Smith, 90, of Wilmington, N.C., passed away

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014. Warren was born Aug. 28, 1923 in Windsor, Conn. On Oct. 7, 1943 he married the former Dorothy Jane Damon of Enfield, Conn. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served in Europe during World War II. Until his retirement, Warren was employed for many years as a sales representative for New York Life. Warren lived for many years at Groton Long Point, Conn., then retired to Sebring, Fla. and Plantation Village in Wilmington, N.C. He enjoyed traveling, hiking, camping and sailing. He also enjoyed gardening and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Warren is survived by his four sons, Bradford A. Smith and his wife Donna of North Andover, Mass., Barry W. Smith and his wife Thea of San Jose, Calif., Martin D. Smith and his wife Cheryl of Emerald Isle, N.C., and Kerry R. Smith and his wife Alice of Groton, Mass.; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his brother, Clarence Gouge of Yuma, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 2011.

His life will be celebrated in a private ceremony. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in memory of Warren A. Smith to Lower Cape Fear Hospice Foundation in Wilmington, N.C. or at www.lcfhfoundation.org.

Scott pledges money for springs protection

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott wants to spend \$55 million in the coming year to help the state's beleaguered freshwater springs.

Scott said he would include the money in budget recommendations he will send to state legislators. Legislators set aside \$10 million for springs-related projects.

The governor's plan calls for splitting money between projects designed to restore water quality and projects that would develop alternative sources of water supply.



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Annual Wine Tasting raises funds for Art League

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – The sixth annual International Wine Tasting to benefit the Highlands Art League (HAL) was held on Jan. 11 and raised funds for the organization to implement adult and children's art education programs, as well as bring art exhibits to South Central Florida. More than 200 attendees dined around the world with wine and food from France, Italy, Spain, Germany and California, plus micro-brews and gourmet coffees.

The cuisine was prepared and provided by HAL board members, HAL volunteers and Chef Mac from the Palms of Sebring.

While sampling the wines and foods, guests browsed and bid on silent auction items that included original art, unique gifts and getaway trips. HAL board member Karen Andrews spearheaded the organization's most popular fundraiser of the year, which is sponsored by Lakeside Air Conditioning.

Proceeds will help HAL further its mission "to encourage emerging and evolving artists of all ages and to positively impact our community through the celebration and exploration of the arts."

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to the Highlands Art League or becoming a member can call 385-5312 or visit



Courtesy photo
Sheri Saunders (left) and Cathy Albritton show off their hand-painted wine glasses, courtesy of the Highlands Art League.

www.HighlandsArtLeague.org.

HAL appreciates the volunteers, sponsor and committee members who contributed to making this event a success.

The Highlands Art League's 'Village Where Art Lives' is at the Allen Altwater Cultural Center in Downtown Sebring on the shores of Lake Jackson. The Village consists of four buildings: The Yellow House Gallery & Gift Shop features

studio artists and members' gallery; the Visual Arts Center houses art classes for children and adults; MOTA features curated exhibits, art competitions and receptions; and the Clovelly House that is undergoing final renovations and will house visiting artists, as well as art business classes for high school students. For more information about Highlands Art League, visit www.HighlandsArtLeague.org.

'Starting Your Business' seminar set

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – You've got the idea. Now you need to know how to get on your way.

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"Starting Your Business" is a free seminar presented by the Small Business Development Center at University of South Florida.

It is designed for persons thinking of starting a small business or who have started a business and want to make sure they did it correctly.

It will be held from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29 at

South Florida State College Corporate and Community Education Room T24.

The seminar will be presented by David Noel, Certified Business Analyst with the SBDC.

Seating is limited, so call Noel at 784-7378 to reserve a seat in the seminar or for further information.

5th pilot whale found dead off coast

By LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ
Associated Press
MIAMI — Authorities found a fifth dead pilot whale and two more beached Tuesday on a sandbar off the southwest coast of Florida, even as the U.S. Coast Guard reopened boat traffic in the area.

On Monday, two whales died and two others were euthanized after beaching themselves south of Lover's Key near Fort Myers. The

fifth whale was found dead Tuesday morning about seven miles south near Hickory Pass.

Blair Mase, a regional stranding coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries Service, said necropsies will be performed on the dead whales. She said the two beached whales were listless and appeared thin and dehydrated.

In December, more than 50 pilot whales stranded in Everglades National Park. Several died.

Farther south, officials had been monitoring another two dozen pilot whales off the coast of Collier County, but Mase said those whales were last seen about 2 miles offshore Monday, a sign that they were not in immediate danger. She said the local sheriff's aerial team would monitor their path.

Bok Tower Gardens celebrates 85th anniversary

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE WALES – Bok Tower Gardens commemorates its 85th anniversary with free admission and a special Dedication Day ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 1 with former U.S. Senator Bob Graham. "Your Story Is Our Story" is the theme of the day's event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The National Historic Landmark was dedicated by President Calvin Coolidge on Feb. 1, 1929 as a gift to the American people from Pulitzer Prize-winning author, humanitarian and world peace advocate Edward Bok. Bok's grandmother told him to "make the world a bit better or more beautiful because you have lived in it," which he did throughout his lifetime – and it still guides the Gardens' mission today.

According to Garden's president David Price, Edward Bok's vision to create a garden as a sanctuary for people and wildlife is as important and relevant in today's world as it was 85 years ago. "We're celebrating not only Bok's gift, but also the public that has loved, protected, and supported this place. And we're honored to have special guests in attendance including Bob Graham, former governor and senator of Florida, who will speak during our dedication ceremony at 11 a.m."

One of the Gardens' most popular special events, "Crossing the Moat," gives visitors a rare opportunity to pass through the historic iron gates that surround the Singing Tower for a closer look at the Great Brass Door. Designed by renowned master metal worker Samuel Yellin, the Tower's imposing door weighs approximately 1,100 pounds and features 32 brass panels depicting the Biblical story of creation.

Japanese drummers will perform at 10:15 a.m. to invite all present to the Singing Tower for a ceremony featuring the presentation of the colors by the Lake Wales High School JROTC, followed by the singing of "America the Beautiful" by Amelia Updike, community volunteer and friend of Bok Tower Gardens.

Father Tom Seitz Jr. from the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lake Wales will give the invocation, and the city of Lake Wales will present a proclamation declaring the first week of February as "Bok Tower Gardens Week."

Graham will speak about the rich history and passion of Edward Bok and the historical importance of Bok Tower Gardens to the state of Florida. This will be followed by a major announcement affecting the future of the Gardens.

Dundee Ridge Middle School "Select Choir," directed by Cathy Montero, will perform together with Geert D'hollander on the Singing Tower carillon. Complimentary refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Other Dedication Day activities include:

- Free Pinewood Estate tours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Free greenhouse tours from 1-5 p.m.
- Free conservation tours at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m.
- Family tree planting event at 2 p.m. in honor of Bok's enduring interest in nature
- Distribution of 2,500 longleaf pine seedlings for visitors to plant at home
- "A Look Back" exhibit in the Visitor Center featuring lesser-known facts, stories and photographs from throughout the Gardens' 85-year history.

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Marvin and Jane Bahler of Avon Park chat with Deanne Pieretti of the Handicapped Americans Love of Life (H.A.L.L.O.) about her upcoming fundraiser that includes 10 public officials and a pig. The official who raises the least amount of money via votes will kiss a pig. For more information visit www.halloinc.org.

Vendors hand out vital information to elderly

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where the key was by the back door," said Susan McCool, director of marketing for Statler Financial in Sebring.

In addition to identity theft and scam workshops, staff members also advise clients on local estimates for home repair, she said. What may sound like a good deal to seasonal or new residents from another state may be overpriced in Florida, McCool said.

She said people should also check a contractor to be sure someone won't pull personal information out of a desk drawer or home computer — even when hired to fix that computer.

"Once they're in your home, they're in your home," McCool said.

Nu-Hope Elder Care Services works to prevent situations where a senior might let a friendly person into their home without references, said Laurie Murphy, resource development director. The nonprofit provides home-delivered meals, group dining, transportation, personal care services and short-term caregivers, so a senior's regular caregiver can run errands.

Crime prevention is a part of Nu-Hope's mission, Murphy said, since any financial, physical or emotional loss can impact independence of someone on a

fixed income.

Preventing loss from disaster is one focus of South Florida State College's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), which organizes 416 volunteers to help Nu-Hope, the SALT Council and at least 28 other organizations, said program coordinator Kris Juve.

Lee Ann Curry, RSVP volunteer, said when she worked with the American Red Cross, a lot of clients said "I wish I had" a prepared disaster kit.

"So I came home and put a 'wish I had' list together," Curry said.

She teaches people to build disaster kits from plastic home improvement storage buckets — with air-tight lids to keep items fresh, dry and insect-free. Inside, she has vacuum-sealed items in plastic bags to conserve space and protect against water.

Disaster kits don't have to be expensive, Curry said, showing off a wide-brimmed, fold-up nylon hat she got free from her dermatologist. Most people have the necessary items already at home.

She also recommends sealing documents in plastic for storage in safety deposit boxes. Banks also fall victim to disasters, she said.

Juve said it helps to scan important documents into a computer and save them on a USB flash drive or Internet

server.

Such documents could include end-of-life directives, said Johnnie McAlister, community relations representative for Good Shepherd Hospice. Her organization teaches people to plan for loss of health at any age and to open a dialogue about it with a spouse or with children. It's important that the person charged with carrying out a "do not resuscitate" order agrees with those wishes, she said.

One way to avoid an untimely injury is driver safety, through the American Association of Retired Persons driver safety course. Coordinator Mary Jane Lloyd said there's no written or driving course test. It's just a seminar about safe driving habits, avoiding difficult situations, keeping one's mind and senses alert, and correctly interpreting road signs and pavement markings.

Carl Wile, 80, of Sebring, said he and his wife, Marilyn, took the course last year and it helped them lower auto insurance costs.

The biggest help, he said, was learning to navigate by avoiding left turns, if possible.

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Halliburton manager gets probation in Gulf spill

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A former Halliburton manager apologized to his family and friends Tuesday before a federal judge sentenced him to one year of probation for destroying evidence in the aftermath of BP's massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Anthony Badalamenti, of Katy, Texas, had faced a maximum of one year in prison at his sentencing by U.S. District Judge Jay Zainey. Badalamenti pleaded guilty in October to one misdemeanor count of destruction of evidence.

The 62-year-old also has to perform 100 hours of community service and pay a \$1,000 fine.

Badalamenti was the cementing technology director for Halliburton Energy Services Inc., BP's cement contractor on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig. Prosecutors said he instructed two Halliburton employees to delete data during a post-spill review of the cement job on BP's blown-out Macondo well.

The judge said that the sentence of probation is "very reasonable in this case."

"I still feel that you're a very honorable man," he told Badalamenti. "I have no doubt that you've learned from this mistake."

Badalamenti expressed remorse for causing "undue stress" on his relatives and friends.

"I am truly sorry for what I did," he said.

Tai Park, one of

Badalamenti's lawyers, said his client had believed that the deleted data could be recreated and could be discarded.

"It did not involve any criminal intent. It did not involve any loss, but it did involve a misjudgment," Park told Zainey.

Halliburton cut its own deal with the Justice Department and pleaded guilty in September to a misdemeanor charge related to Badalamenti's conduct. The company agreed to pay a \$200,000 fine and make a \$55 million contribution to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, but the latter payment wasn't a condition of the deal.

Sentencing guidelines had called for Badalamenti to receive a sentence ranging from probation to six months in prison. Zainey, however, wasn't bound by those guidelines.

Four current or former BP employees also have been charged in federal court with spill-related crimes.

On Dec. 18, a jury convicted former BP drilling engineer Kurt Mix of trying to obstruct a federal probe of the spill. Prosecutors said Mix was trying to destroy evidence when he deleted a string of text messages to and from a BP supervisor.

Mix faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. His sentencing is set for March 26.

BP well site leaders Robert Kaluza and Donald

Vidrine pleaded not guilty to manslaughter charges stemming from the deaths of 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon.

Prosecutors claim Kaluza and Vidrine botched a key safety test and disregarded abnormally high pressure readings that were glaring signs of trouble before the April 2010 blowout of BP's Macondo well triggered a deadly explosion.

Former BP executive David Rainey was charged with concealing information from Congress about the amount of oil that was gushing from BP's well before the company sealed it.

Prosecutors said Badalamenti instructed two Halliburton employees to delete data from separate runs of computer simulations on centralizers, which are used to keep the casing centered in the wellbore.

The data could have supported BP's decision to use six centralizers instead of 21 on the Macondo project, but prosecutors said the number of centralizers had little effect on the outcome of the simulations.

Halliburton notified the Justice Department about the deletion of the data, which couldn't be recovered.

Park said "criminal intent" isn't an element of the misdemeanor charge to which his client pleaded guilty.

"He really is a man who has shown a lifetime of integrity," Park said.



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Expo 2014 wraps up another successful show

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The 10th annual U.S. Sport Aviation Expo drew to a close on Sunday afternoon after one of the most successful runs in the event's 10-year history. Abundant sunshine all four days made a pleasing backdrop for the great variety of aircraft that enjoyed an enormous amount of flight time throughout the weekend.

Four aircraft made their debut at the event: RANS Aircraft's S-20 Raven, Tecnam Aircraft's new Sea Sky on floats — the only such model in the U.S., the Zigolo Ultralight Motorglider from AeroMarine LSA, and the Super Petrel LS from Florida Light Sport Aviation.

Sebring Regional Airport Director Mike Willingham called the event the smoothest running ever and offered his appreciation to Expo Director Jana Filip and her husband Gary, who manage the event. "Operationally, everything ran near flawlessly, and that's thanks to Jana and Gary's efforts."

Willingham also lauded the work of the 240 Expo volunteers who oversee the myriad of details necessary to keep an event like the Expo running, and he stated that gate traffic showed a healthy increase over attendance in 2013.

Expo Director Jana Filip also described the event as extremely smooth. "We created a new communication dispatch system for our volunteers to help them accomplish their duties, and that worked extremely well. Everyone pitched in and made the event happen, and we thank them for their efforts."

Willingham and Filip both praised the work of Air Boss, Inc., which managed air traffic operations. "All the pilots spoke very highly of how Air Boss managed air traffic flow and how cooperative they were, and we will



The RANS S-20 Raven, which made its debut at the event, flies over the Expo grounds on Saturday evening.

Photo courtesy of Jim Koenick

definitely be bringing them back next year," Filip said. "George Cline and his team did a great job."

Willingham also was delighted with the performance of the event's Wi-Fi system, calling it "rock solid" throughout the weekend. He praised the efforts of Rapid Systems, which supplied that service.

The Sebring Expo has a reputation among aircraft manufacturers as the event where airplane sales happen, and it lived up to that billing again this year, with many exhibitors reporting multiple sales. Ken Scott of Van's Aircraft said it was the best show ever for Van's Aircraft. "We brought two aircraft to the show and I'm estimating we gave at least 50 demo flights. That's the beauty of this event; they make it easy to get our airplanes out to give demo flights and that

helps sell airplanes."

Bill Canino, President of SportairUSA, also called the event a successful one for his company. "We talked with many serious prospects and have a long list of folks who were willing to give us their information, indicating a serious interest in buying an aircraft. Our list from this event is longer than we gathered at other major air shows last year." Canino also had kind words for the helpfulness of volunteers. "They bend over backwards to help you with anything you need."

Willingham also acknowledged the work of the airport's office staff. "We have a small team of five full-time staffers at the airport, and obviously the Expo offers some challenges to them. I want to thank Marsha Lee, Christine McCann, Vicky Stewart, and Beverly Glarner

for pitching in to help the Expo be successful." Willingham also hinted at a big announcement that Sebring Regional Airport will be making soon about a new major tenant.

Filip also offered her thanks to the many partners and sponsors who contribute to the Expo's success, including aviation partners Flight Design USA, Zenith Aircraft, and Aviators Hot Line. She also recognized the numerous local sponsors who support the event.

She announced the theme for Expo 2015 as "The Next Ten for the Next Gen," referencing that next year will kick off the Expo's next 10-year run and adding that the Expo looks forward to continuing to work with aircraft manufacturers and other aviation companies to get the word out that recreational flying is attainable. "We

want to help the aviation community grow and help more people understand that earning a pilot certificate and owning an aircraft are attainable, affordable goals."

Dates for the 2015 U.S. Sport Aviation Expo are Jan. 15-18. To keep up to date on Expo happenings visit www.sport-aviation-expo.com.



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Feds: Florida man sold deadly toxin to New Jersey agent

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A Florida man faces federal charges after authorities said he sold a deadly toxin to an undercover agent.

Jesse William Korff, 19, of LaBelle, Fla., was arrested over the weekend in Florida. He was charged with smuggling and possessing a toxin — in this case, abrin — for use as a weapon. Abrin is a natural poison found in the seeds of a plant. It is similar to ricin.

Prosecutors said Korff negotiated over the Internet with the undercover agent in New Jersey.

"He allegedly peddled the poison on a virtual black market of illegal and dangerous goods, hidden in the shadow of a secretive computer network favored by cybercriminals," said New Jersey U.S. Attorney Paul J.

Fishman.

Korff received \$1,500 over the Internet from the agent and left the toxin hidden in two candles at a rest stop near Fort Myers, Fla., authorities said. Korff was arrested after the candles were found to contain abrin.

"Had this been an actual sale to a real customer, the consequences could have been tragic," Fishman said.

According to the criminal complaint, Korff maintained a seller's profile on a website called BMR, through which he negotiated the sale of two liquid doses of abrin. He and the buyer agreed on a price of \$2,500 for the two doses. The undercover agent transferred the equivalent of \$1,500 in Bitcoin from a bank account in New Jersey to Korff on Jan. 6.

They agreed the buyer would travel from Canada on

Jan. 15 to pick up the abrin.

Korff sent the agent pictures of the location at a rest stop about 10 miles from Fort Myers.

Korff dropped off a fast food bag at the rest stop, authorities said. An undercover agent collected it and left an additional deposit toward the remaining payment. Korff was under surveillance during the transaction.

Officials said even the smallest doses of abrin are potentially lethal to humans if ingested, inhaled or injected. It typically causes death within 36 to 72 hours of exposure.

Korff is scheduled to appear before a magistrate in Florida on Tuesday afternoon and later be transferred to New Jersey.



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A Polk County Sheriff's Office helicopter helps track down a grand theft auto suspect Tuesday in Sebring.

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School board members, Cox accept raises

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down the raise was "the right thing to do". Apparently, the notion that commissioners might turn down the suggested pay hike is a relatively new idea.

"This provision, that commissioners may give back a portion of their salaries, was not available a few years ago," Elwell said.

The raise actually was enacted in October, and commissioners also agreed to give back any overage

they had received. Some asked that their paychecks be adjusted for the balance of the fiscal year to last year's level with others asking that they be allowed to simply write a check for the overage.

The increase was not limited to county commissioners, it includes members of The School Board of Highlands County as well as the county's constitutional officers.

Whereas the commission's money was to have come from the reserve for

contingency fund, the money for other constitutional officers would be budgeted out of their individual requested and approved budgets for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

According to information provided by Highlands County Superintendent of Schools Wally Cox, both he and school board members accepted the raise as part of the board's salary schedule approved this past December.

One arrested, search continues for second suspect

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County, you can be sure that between the two agencies, we're going to find you and you will go to jail," Wood said.

Polk County deputies had requested help with the chase Tuesday morning, and Highlands County deputies

pursued the car to the Sebring Hills area, Hays said.

Hays said the suspect had left the vehicle off South Heron Street and fled into the house at 325 Swift Ave., Hays said. After several attempts to get the man to come out, Deputy Steve

Worley and K-9 Ozzie went into the home, found Aldridge hiding in a closet. He was arrested without incident or injuries.

Phil Attinger can be reached at phil.attinger@newssun.com or 385-6155, ext. 541 and followed on Twitter @PhilAttinger.



Members of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office search for a suspect Tuesday in Sebring.

Katara Simmons/News-Sun

Matches based on a number of different factors

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were added through the South Florida State College Foundation.

To be a mentor, Scott said, an adult only has to value education and want to help a young person to succeed. Tutoring and counseling are not a necessity of the program.

"You only have to want to spend time with a teenager. It gives them somebody different to bounce things off of to give the kids a different perspective," she said.

Mentors generally are matched on a number of different factors, with Scott doing the matching based on student applications and interviews.

"I can generally get a pretty good idea from those," she said.

Some mentors are based on demographics, others come from a job field and/or other preferences.

"I had one girl who wanted to be a nurse, so I paired her up with a nurse, another was a Gator fan and wanted somebody who also was a Gator fan and that turned out well," she said. "We have people from all walks of life that do this."

The effort is a public/private partnership with the SFSC Foundation raising cash from private donors. Those funds then are leveraged against state money to purchase scholarships.

Take Stock in Children began in the 1990s as a program called "Doorways." The idea was to break the cycle of poverty by taking economically challenged youth and getting them to graduate from high school and move on to higher education.

Scott said the thinking behind the founding of the program was, "Could we get students at the poverty level to graduate from high school if we dangled a college scholarship in front of them?"

The program will commence 90 days after the contracts are signed. That is expected to happen this coming April.



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Gov. Scott will vote against medical marijuana

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott will vote against a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the medical use of marijuana if it makes the 2014 ballot.

Scott said through a spokeswoman Tuesday that he has empathy for people battling difficult diseases, but he's also seen the damage drug abuse can do.

Scott previously has said he is opposed to "illegal use of marijuana" and he's supported Attorney General Pam

Bondi's challenge to keep the proposal off the ballot based on its summary language.

But he's been less specific about the medical marijuana issue.

Scott, though, says he will respect the will of voters if they approve a medical marijuana amendment.

Lawyer John Morgan is leading a petition drive that is approaching the number of signatures needed to put the issue on the ballot.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-266

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANK B. LOWN, JR. 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 FRANK B. LOWN, JR., deceased, has been entered with the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Court, Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was October 7, 2012; that the total value of the estate is less than \$75,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: Katherine Lown, 794 Byrd Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

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 January 15, 2014.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: John K. McClure
Attorney for Katherine A. Lown Florida Bar No. 286958
MCCLURE & LOBOZZO
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Person Giving Notice: Katherine A. Lown
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Bridgewater, NJ 08807

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January 22, 29, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 13000511PCAXMX Division: Cowden

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD L. RYAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Richard L. Ryan, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 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.

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 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 January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Kurt R. Ryan
4707 Autumn Glory Way
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ William F. Sullivan
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Florida Bar No. 109374
Portley and Sullivan
2211 East Sample Road, Suite 204
Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064-7590
Telephone: (954) 781-7600

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Dated this 10th day of January, 2014.

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

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.

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

File 12-07281 JPC

January 22, 29, 2014

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

CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000692GCAX-MX
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, OF LONNIE FAYE WILLIAMS, DECEASED; MICHAEL LOUIS WILLIAMS, HEIR; CHRISTINE WILLIAMS, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF LONNIE FAYE WILLIAMS, DECEASED

Whose residence is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HERBY required to file your answer or written defenses, is any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 6 AND THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 7, BLOCK 1, SAID LOTS LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO (NOW HIGHLANDS) COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 10th day of January, 2014.

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

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

File 156803

January 22, 29, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 2013-CP-000539-PCAXMX Division Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DUDLEY A. PALMER, a/k/a DOUG PALMER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The formal administration of the Estate of DUDLEY A. PALMER a/k/a DOUG PALMER, deceased, File Number 2013-CP-000539-PCAXMX, has commenced in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this Court at the address set forth above WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE AS SET FORTH BELOW OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON SUCH CREDITOR.

All other creditors or persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has not been served must file their claims with this Court at the address set forth above WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE AS SET FORTH BELOW.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS 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 the first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Thomas Zwayer
924 Galaxy Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33876

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ James V. Lobozzo Jr.
James V. Lobozzo Jr., Esq.
Attorney for Thomas Zwayer
5932 Caymus Loop
Windermere, FL 34786

January 22, 29, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-345

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY K. ZWAYER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Mary K. Zwayer, deceased, whose date of death was February 12, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Thomas Zwayer
924 Galaxy Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33876

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ James V. Lobozzo Jr.
James V. Lobozzo Jr., Esq.
Attorney for Thomas Zwayer
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Windermere, FL 34786

January 22, 29, 2014

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172 E. Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
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Fax: (863) 465-5614
E-Mail: wjn@nielander.com

January 22, 29, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-527

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAULINE OSTLUND GREEN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PAULINE OSTLUND GREEN, deceased, whose date of death was September 26, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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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 January 15, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Paula Mae Green
2532 NE 12th Avenue
Pompano Beach, Florida 33264

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ William J. Nielander
Attorney for PAULA MAE GREEN
Florida Bar Number: 0386014
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Lake Placid, FL 33852
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Fax: (863) 465-5614
E-Mail: wjn@nielander.com

January 15, 22, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 13-492 PC

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL G. WETMORE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PAUL G. WETMORE, deceased, whose date of death was August 3, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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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 January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Pamela Matheis
281 Greenfield Road
Winter Haven, Florida 33884

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ James V. Lobozzo Jr.
JAMES V. LOBOZZO, JR., ESQ.
Attorney for Pamela Matheis

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 13000511PCAXMX Division: Cowden

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD L. RYAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Richard L. Ryan, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 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.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Kurt R. Ryan
4707 Autumn Glory Way
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ William F. Sullivan
E-Mail Address: wfs@portleysullivan.com
Florida Bar No. 109374
Portley and Sullivan
2211 East Sample Road, Suite 204
Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064-7590
Telephone: (954) 781-7600

January 22, 29, 2014

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

CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000692GCAX-MX
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, OF LONNIE FAYE WILLIAMS, DECEASED; MICHAEL LOUIS WILLIAMS, HEIR; CHRISTINE WILLIAMS, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF LONNIE FAYE WILLIAMS, DECEASED

Whose residence is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HERBY required to file your answer or written defenses, is any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 6 AND THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 7, BLOCK 1, SAID LOTS LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO (NOW HIGHLANDS) COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

DATED at HIGHLANDS County this 10th day of January, 2014.

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

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

File 156803

January 22, 29, 2014

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

Case No: FC 13-286-FCS

THELMA D. PARKER, Petitioner and HENRY G. PARKER, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION

FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: HENRY G. PARKER
1013 Locuse Dr Apt. C, Conyers, Georgia 30012

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Thelma D. Parker in C/O Laurence A. Steel, whose address is 18 NW 3rd Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475 on or before March 5, 2014, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: none. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office. WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: January 16, 2014
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Cyndi Dassinger
Deputy Clerk

January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-425

IN RE: ESTATE OF ODELL J. ROSE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ODELL J. ROSE, deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court of HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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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 January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Sandra O. Rose Smith
P.O. Box 389
Venus, Florida 33960

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ William J. Nielander
Florida Bar Number: 0386014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-528

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY KAMKA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BETTY KAMKA, deceased, whose date of death was November 24, 2013, and whose social security number is XXX-14-XX38, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ William J. Nielander
Florida Bar Number: 0386014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 13-492 PC

IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL G. WETMORE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PAUL G. WETMORE, deceased, whose date of death was August 3, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Pamela Matheis
281 Greenfield Road
Winter Haven, Florida 33884

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ James V. Lobozzo Jr.
JAMES V. LOBOZZO, JR., ESQ.
Attorney for Pamela Matheis

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 13000511PCAXMX Division: Cowden

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD L. RYAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Richard L. Ryan, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 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.

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative: /s/ Kurt R. Ryan
4707 Autumn Glory Way
Chantilly, Virginia 20151

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ William F. Sullivan
E-Mail Address: wfs@portleysullivan.com
Florida Bar No. 109374
Portley and Sullivan
2211 East Sample Road, Suite 204
Lighthouse Point, Florida 33064-7590
Telephone: (954) 781-7600

January 22, 29, 2014

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

CASE NO. 28-2013-CA-000692GCAX-MX
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, OF LONNIE FAYE WILLIAMS, DECEASED; MICHAEL LOUIS WILLIAMS, HEIR; CHRISTINE WILLIAMS, HEIR; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT; WHETHER DISSOLVED OR PRESENTLY EXISTING, TOGETHER WITH ANY GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, OR TRUSTEES OF SAID DEFENDANT(S) AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, TRUSTEES OF LONNIE FAYE WILLIAMS, DECEASED

Whose residence is/are unknown.

YOU ARE HERBY required to file your answer or written defenses, is any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Drive, Tampa, FL 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

THE EAST 10 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 6 AND THE WEST 100 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 7, BLOCK 1, SAID LOTS LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 58, PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO (NOW HIGHLANDS) COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney, Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 9204 King Palm Dr., Tampa, Florida 33619-1328, telephone (813)915-8660, facsimile (813)915-0559, within thirty days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against

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/s/ Michael M. Disler
329 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael M. Disler
MICHAEL M. DISLER
Attorney for Representative
Florida Bar No. 606782
Email: mikedisler@yahoo.com
329 South Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Phone: 863 385-5139
Fax: 863 385-2566

January 22, 29, 2014

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME STATUTE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute", Chapter 865.09, Florida Statutes will register with the Division of Corporations, Department of State of Florida, upon receipt of proof of the publication of this notice, the fictitious name to-wit:

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That the party/parties interested in said business enterprise is/are as follows:
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Dated at Orlando, Seminole County, Florida, January 21, 2014

January 22, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-530

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED ANDREW COOPER, SR. Division PROBATE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FRED ANDREW COOPER, SR., deceased, whose date of death was November 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., 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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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 January 15, 2014.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Marsha Tapler
1212 J R Dr.
Garner, North Carolina 27529

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

January 15, 22, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 13-463

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY PHILEMON ODHAM, a/k/a BETTY WATERS ODHAM Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The name of the decedent, the designation of the court in which the administration of this estate is pending, and the file number are indicated above. The address of the court is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are indicated below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of death of the decedent is February 24, 2013.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 22, 2014.

Personal Representative:
BETTINA GALAS
303 Pelican Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870

Attorney for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD R. RHOADES, P.A.
Florida Bar No.: 308714
Clifford R. Rhoades, P.A.
2141 Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Florida 33870
(863)385-0346
service@crpalaw.com

January 22, 29, 2014

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The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

The Sebring City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any parts Thereof; and the award; if an award is made, will be made to the most responsible bidder whose bid and qualifications indicate that the award will be in the best interest of the City of Sebring. The council reserves the right to waive irregularities in the bid.

Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Sebring, Florida
January 15, 22, 2014

INVITATION TO BID
CITY OF SEBRING
SEBRING, FLORIDA
The City of Sebring will receive sealed bids in the City Purchasing Department for:

ITB #14-019: 3514 KENILWORTH BLVD, SEBRING, FL 33870
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Bid envelopes must be sealed and marked with the bid number and name as to identify the enclosed bid. Bids must be delivered to the City Of Sebring Purchasing Office Attn: Kirk Zimmerman so as to reach the said office no later than 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 6, 2014, of the official time clock in the purchasing office. Proposals received later than the date and time specified will be rejected. The City will not be responsible for the late delivery of any bids that are incorrectly addressed, delivered in person, by mail, of any other type of delivery service.

The submitting firm will be required to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, rules and ordinances of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to: all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41 CFR Part 60-1, 33 F2 7804); all provisions of the Public Entity Crimes (Fla. Stat. §287.133, et seq, as amended) and the provisions in Fla. Stat. §287.134, et seq, as amended, regarding discrimination.

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Kirk Zimmerman, CPPB
Purchasing Agent
Sebring, Florida
January 22, 24, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCE
Please take notice that Ordinance No. 1371 will be presented to the City Council for adoption upon its second and final reading at the City Council Chambers, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on the 4th day of February, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. 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 VACATING THAT CERTAIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT THE EAST END OF WEST JOSEPHINE STREET IN BETWEEN LOT 9, BLOCK 175 AND LOT 1, BLOCK 55, VALENTIA DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION, LYING IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS SHOWN ON HIGHLANDS COUNTY MAP 90-C, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested 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.

This notice shall be published on January 22, 2014.
/s/ Kathy Haley

1055 Highlands County Legal

Kathy Haley, City Clerk
City of Sebring, Florida
Robert S. Swaine
Swaine & Harris, P.A.
425 South Commerce Ave
Sebring, FL 33870-3702
City Attorney
January 22, 2014

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE PLACID
Utilities Director Hiring Review Committee
The Lake Placid Town Council appointed Utilities Director Hiring Review committee to review Utilities Director Candidate Applications. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 9:00 AM in Town Hall, 311 West Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida.
One or more members of the Town Council may attend and participate in this meeting.
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 Town Clerk (863) 699-3747 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD (863) 534-7777 or Florida Relay Service 1-800-955-8770.
TOWN OF LAKE PLACID
Eva Cooper Havelpeman
Town Clerk
January 22, 2014

1100 Announcements

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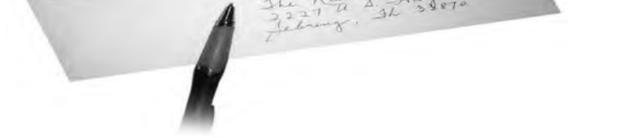
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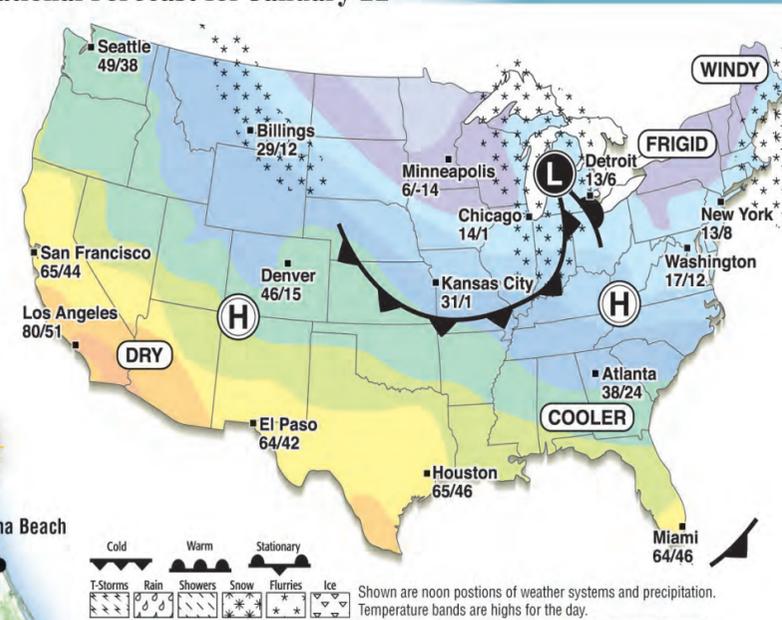
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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and cooler	Mostly sunny and warmer	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy with showers possible
56° / 34°	65° / 39°	63° / 42°	66° / 47°	70° / 52°
Winds: NW at 7-14 mph	Winds: N at 4-8 mph	Winds: N at 7-14 mph	Winds: NW at 6-12 mph	Winds: W at 6-12 mph

National Forecast for January 22



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Friday	66°
Low Friday	29°
High Saturday	63°
Low Saturday	21°
High Sunday	72°
Low Sunday	37°
High Monday	77°
Low Monday	42°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	29%
Expected air temperature	56°
Makes it feel like	57°

Barometer

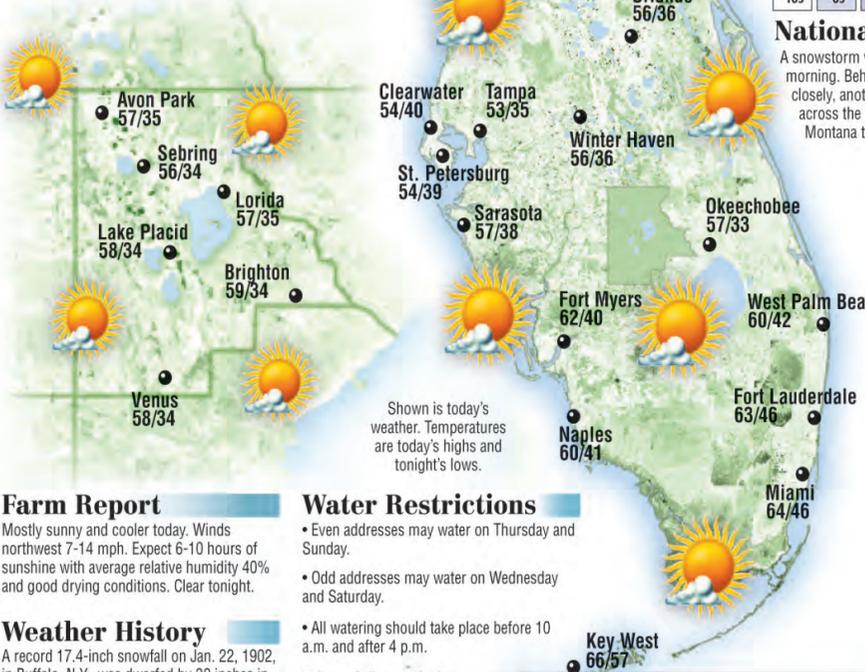
Saturday	30.16
Sunday	30.14
Monday	30.04

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	1.04"
Year to date	1.04"

Regional Summary

Mostly sunny and cooler today. Clear and cold tonight; there can be frost in the normally colder spots. Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow. Friday and Saturday: times of clouds and sun. Sunday: showers possible.



Tides

Readings at St. Petersburg

High	5:17 a.m.
Low	11:26 a.m.
High	5:52 p.m.
Low	none

Readings at Palm Beach

High	12:12 a.m.
Low	5:54 a.m.
High	12:24 p.m.
Low	6:23 p.m.

Lake Levels

Readings as of 7 a.m. yesterday

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.92'
Normal	14.51'

UV Index Today

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



Farm Report

Mostly sunny and cooler today. Winds northwest 7-14 mph. Expect 6-10 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 40% and good drying conditions. Clear tonight.

Weather History

A record 17.4-inch snowfall on Jan. 22, 1902, in Buffalo, N.Y., was dwarfed by 30 inches in Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 8, 1996.

Sun and Moon

Today		Thursday	
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	Sunrise	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	6:01 p.m.	Sunset	6:02 p.m.
Moonrise	11:51 p.m.	Moonrise	none
Moonsset	10:53 a.m.	Moonsset	11:32 a.m.



Water Restrictions

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

Florida Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Cape Coral	61/39/s	67/44/s	66/46/pc
Clearwater	54/40/s	63/43/s	58/45/pc
Coral Springs	62/43/s	70/53/s	70/50/pc
Daytona Beach	53/35/s	61/37/s	56/40/pc
Fl. Laud. Bch	63/46/s	69/55/s	70/53/pc
Fort Myers	62/40/s	68/44/s	66/46/pc
Gainesville	50/25/s	59/29/s	52/29/pc
Hollywood	63/44/s	70/53/s	70/51/pc
Homestead AFB	65/43/s	70/52/s	71/50/pc
Jacksonville	49/26/s	58/30/s	49/27/s
Key West	66/57/s	70/61/s	70/61/pc

National Summary

A snowstorm will be retreating today, but a few snow showers will linger through eastern New England during the morning. Behind the storm comes both wind and bitterly cold air across the Northeast. Following the snowstorm closely, another round of snow will come in the form of a clipper stretching snow from the Upper Midwest and across the Great Lakes and into the Ohio Valley by the afternoon. A streak of light snow is also expected from Montana to western Nebraska.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Albuquerque	54/31/pc	41/21/s	46/26/pc
Atlanta	38/24/s	35/14/s	36/19/s
Baltimore	16/9/pc	22/9/sn	20/14/s
Birmingham	40/25/s	35/13/s	36/21/s
Boston	16/6/sn	20/3/c	18/12/s
Charlotte	32/18/pc	36/11/s	33/16/s
Cheyenne	40/11/s	25/17/pc	50/31/s
Chicago	14/1/sn	7/4/pc	24/20/sf
Cleveland	15/9/sf	16/0/sf	17/14/sf
Columbus	16/5/sf	17/0/pc	18/17/pc
Dallas	60/32/s	38/19/c	43/30/pc
Denver	46/15/s	26/16/sn	53/32/s
Detroit	13/6/sn	13/2/sf	17/14/sf
Harrisburg	14/6/pc	21/2/sn	18/13/s
Honolulu	79/62/sh	78/60/s	79/61/pc
Houston	65/46/s	54/32/r	44/27/i
Indianapolis	20/0/sf	13/3/pc	20/17/s
Jackson, MS	50/32/s	43/19/pc	40/22/pc
Kansas City	31/1/pc	15/8/pc	43/31/s
Lexington	22/7/c	15/2/pc	22/17/s
Little Rock	48/26/s	31/12/s	34/24/s

World Cities

City	Today	Thu.	Fri.
Acapulco	90/72/pc	88/72/pc	89/72/pc
Athens	61/48/pc	61/45/pc	59/54/c
Beirut	70/57/pc	66/54/pc	65/52/s
Berlin	30/23/c	29/22/pc	26/18/pc
Bermuda	70/59/sh	65/62/pc	67/54/sh
Calgary	22/16/sn	41/30/s	53/37/pc
Dublin	46/37/pc	42/38/c	51/42/r
Edmonton	14/13/c	37/27/s	45/22/pc
Freeport	66/55/s	70/59/s	69/59/pc
Geneva	43/37/pc	40/34/sh	37/13/c
Havana	74/54/s	78/58/s	74/58/s
Hong Kong	62/53/s	62/57/pc	66/61/pc
Jerusalem	68/46/pc	60/44/pc	58/46/s
Johannesburg	79/57/pc	79/59/pc	83/59/r
Kiev	19/12/sn	13/5/c	12/1/pc

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Soccer Streaks fly past Eagles

By **BRADY FREDERICKSEN**

The Lakeland Ledger

AUBURNDALE – While Sebring and Poinciana played the early parts of Monday's District 11-3A tournament opener more like a boxing match than a soccer match, the feeling-out period was short-lived.

Sebring scored twice within the span of a minute – once on a Larry Gilchrist blast and again on an Austin Westergom rebound – and used that outburst to propel

them to a 5-0 victory over Poinciana and a date with second-seeded Lake Wales in Tuesday's semifinal round.

"It was a good win, we really kind of needed that," said Sebring coach Keith Bowyer. "Our season's been up and down. We're really trying to peak at the right time. Tomorrow night we know we've got a really tough match."

While the third-seeded Blue Streaks jumped on the Eagles five minutes into the match, Poinciana had a chance soon after they fell behind 2-0, but missed wide-left with an open net.

The goals kept coming in packs in the second half, too.

Gilchrist blasted one in off a rebound in the first minute of action, and Westergom added his second score in the midst of a chaotic

penalty box.

The ball slipped by the Poinciana keeper, and Westergom's tap in slowly rolled into the net for the Blue Streaks' fourth goal.

"Those guys are ones that normally will score for us," Bowyer said. "Those are the ones we want on (tonight), which is a good thing."

Sebring added one last score late in the match when Wesley Koning blasted a shot in the 53rd minute to seal up the win.

Sebring

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Poinciana

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Dan Hoehne/News-Sun files
Larry Gilchrist blasted home two scores in Sebring's Monday district tournament win.

Streaks, Devils strong at Spiegel

By **DAN HOEHNE**

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SEBRING – With postseason drawing ever closer upon the horizon, wrestlers from all over descended upon Sebring Saturday morning for the 20th Annual Spiegel Memorial Invitational.

A total of 18 teams in all

This tournament and the Polk County Tournament next week will get us ready to go.

Blake Germaine
Avon Park head coach

were on hand and took to the mats in the Blue Streak gym in a day-long wrestling marathon.

The prestigious tournament was won by Somerset Academy with 175 points, but Highlands County was represented well as Sebring placed third with 149 points and Avon Park fifth with 123.

The Red Devils placed four wrestlers into the finals in their respective weight classes, three coming away with overall wins for the day.

Dre Neely, in the 113-pound class defeated Belen



Dan Hoehne/News-Sun
Casey Ricker looks to his coaches for advice, but would take care business in winning the 170-pound weight class Saturday during the 20th annual Spiegel Memorial Invitational.

Jesuit's Julian Ramirez by a 7-6 count to take the title, while Christian Suarez had a similarly close match, 7-5, in defeating Joey McKenna of Martin County at 152 pounds.

Delraoy Blake cruised to a 20-7 major decision over Strawberry Crest's Farron Rainford in the 195-pound class and Kenny Egan lost a close 4-2 match to finish second to Lakewood Ranch's Hunter Reed at 106.

"We are seeing where we are at," Avon Park head coach Blake Germaine said. "This tournament and the Polk County tournament next week will get us ready to go."

The Blue Streaks also placed four grapplers into the title matches, though just Casey Ricker was able to come away with a weight-class win.

Ricker, at 170 pounds, handled Haines City's Tyler Wilson 9-4 to take the title.

Finishing second in their respective weight classes for Sebring were Brandon Washburn at 132, Ty Johnson at 182 and Luis Sanchez at 285.

"This is definitely the time you want to get your kids used to IBT tournaments," Sebring head coach Josh Miller. "We've been strictly dual tournaments up to this point and it was good

to get an IBT in and does lead us up to Polk County Tournament next week and there will be 18 teams there."

Bartow's Ryan Chaney finished second in the 160-pound division after dropping a tight 7-5 title match to Jerry Vail of Palm Bay.

"That puts Ryan at 31-9 now and still unranked," Bartow head coach Vince Tolley said. "And he was just a JV kid last year."

Just a sophomore, Ridge Community's Austin Allen also finished second after losing at 10-4 title match in the 138-pound division to

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Broncos-Seahawks Super Bowl pits top 'O,' top 'D'

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

Associated Press

Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos and Richard Sherman's Seattle Seahawks were the NFL's best all season, so it's fitting that they'll meet in the Super Bowl.

Nobody scored as many points or gained as many yards as the Broncos.

Nobody allowed as few points or gave up as few yards as the Seahawks.

And nobody won as many games as those clubs, either.

What a way to finish the season.

When the AFC champion Broncos (15-3) play the NFC champion Seahawks (15-3) on Feb. 2 at what could be a chilly MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., it will be the first Super Bowl since 1991 pitting the league's highest-scoring team in the regular season against the team that was scored on the least, according to STATS.

It's also only the second time in the last 20 Super Bowls that the No. 1 seed in each conference reached the NFL championship game.

"It will be a great matchup," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. "I think it's an extraordinary opportunity to go against a guy that set all the records in the history of the game."

That, of course, would be Manning, the 37-year-old quarterback who is the only four-time NFL MVP — and no one would be surprised if No. 5 arrives the night before the Super Bowl.

He established marks by throwing for 55 touchdowns and 5,477 yards, helping Denver lead the league with 37.9 points and 457.3 yards per game.

Manning is an inescapable pitchman, too, seen Sunday after Sunday during TV commercials.

Hey, there he was selling cars during breaks in the broadcast of the NFC title game.

Expect even more face time now.

Manning's oft-told tale, certain to be repeated a million times in the coming days, includes his comeback from a series of surgical procedures to his neck, attempts to cure problems that led him to

sit out the entire 2011 season.

That also led the Indianapolis Colts to send him packing despite two Super Bowl appearances with that club, including a title in 2007.

"It's certainly well-documented what my journey the past 2 1/2 years has been," said Manning, who could become the first starting QB to lead two

franchises to titles, "but this team's overcome a lot of obstacles this year."

None more serious, perhaps, than coach John

Fox's absence for about a month because of a heart operation.

Other issues included the fax faux pas that precipitated the departure of pass rusher Elvis Dumervil, star linebacker Von Miller's drug-testing suspension and season-ending knee injury, and the losses of a handful of other starters on defense.

"Being in my 16th season, going to my third Super Bowl — I know how hard it is to get there," Manning said.

He threw for 400 yards and two touchdowns in a 26-16 victory over Tom Brady and the New England Patriots in the AFC championship game Sunday.

Manning's offense scored on six consecutive possessions, accounted for more than 500 yards, had zero turnovers and zero sacks.

O! No. 18's opposite number in two weeks, Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson, provides a real contrast as he seeks his — and the Seahawks' — first Super Bowl trophy.

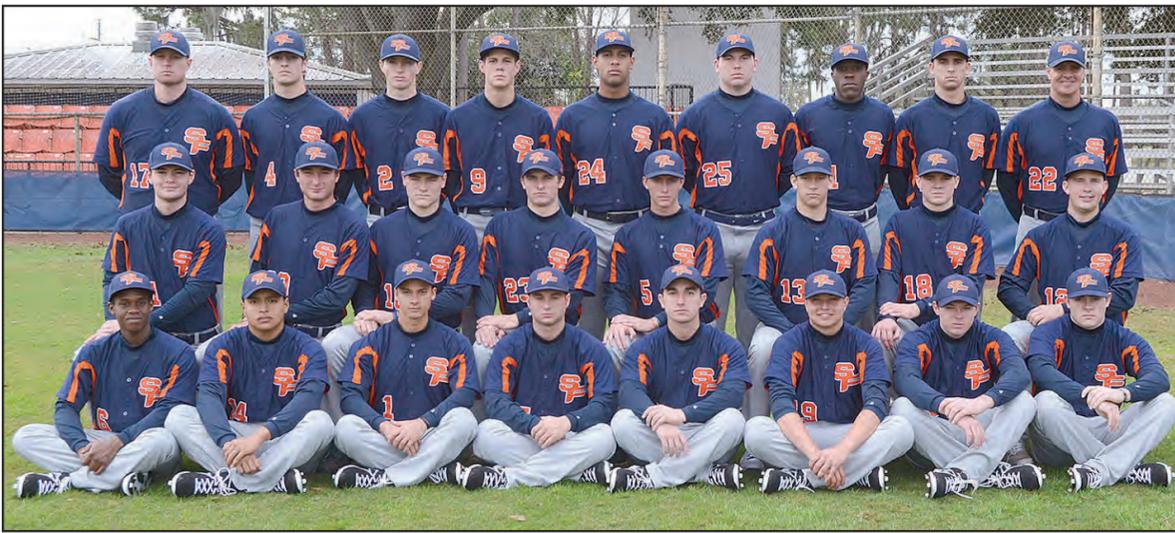
Wilson is 6 inches shorter, 12 years younger, a skilled scrambler in only his second pro season after slipping to the third round of the draft; he's a guy who had to transfer colleges to get playing time and thought about pursuing a baseball career instead.

"Any time you get to the Super Bowl," Wilson said after Seattle beat the San Francisco 49ers 23-17 on Sunday, "it's a special time."

Other members of the Seahawks getting the chance to introduce themselves to a wide audience

I know how hard it is to get there.

Peyton Manning
Bronco quarterback



Lauren Welborn/News-Sun
The 2014 South Florida State College Panthers are ready and anxious to get the season underway.

Panther baseball ready for season

By **LAUREN WELBORN**

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK – A new year, new faces, and the return of some familiar and even some previously injured ones paint a picture of promise for the upcoming Panther baseball season.

With Fall ball over and the first game of the season against Southwest Tennessee Community College in St.

Pete on Friday, Jan. 31, approaching, the South Florida State College boys are more than ready to kick things off with a strong start.

"We are chomping at the bit to get started," said head coach Rick Hitt. "We're excited to get everybody back and get started."

Hitt explained that the Panthers suffered the loss of 10 starters last year, five of

which to injuries.

Four of those injured players have bounced back to rejoin the team this season.

"We are excited to have those guys back on the field."

Among those returners includes the likes of left-handed pitchers Taylor Layner and Justin Tedder, who will add to the diversity of the SFSC pitching staff.

"We feel comfortable with our pitching depth. From that perspective, we are going to be in pretty good shape," said Hitt.

"Defensively we have been very sound throughout the fall. We have done a lot of very good things."

While your defense can keep the opponents at bay, it

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Sunday, Jan. 19

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PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 26

At Honolulu
TBD, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 2

At East Rutherford, N.J.
Denver vs. Seattle, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	20	20	.500	—
Brooklyn	17	22	.436	2.5
New York	15	26	.366	5.5
Boston	14	28	.333	7
Philadelphia	13	28	.317	7.5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	12	.707	—
Atlanta	21	19	.525	7.5
Washington	20	20	.500	8.5
Charlotte	18	25	.419	12
Orlando	11	30	.268	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	33	7	.825	—
Chicago	20	20	.500	13
Detroit	17	24	.415	16.5
Cleveland	15	26	.366	18.5
Milwaukee	7	33	.175	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	32	9	.780	—
Houston	28	15	.651	5
Dallas	25	18	.581	8
Memphis	20	20	.500	11.5
New Orleans	16	24	.400	15.5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	31	10	.756	—
Oklahoma City	31	10	.756	—
Denver	20	20	.500	10.5
Minnesota	19	21	.475	11.5
Utah	14	28	.333	17.5

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	29	14	.674	—
Golden State	26	17	.605	3
Phoenix	23	17	.575	4.5
L.A. Lakers	16	26	.381	12.5
Sacramento	14	25	.359	13

Monday's Games

Dallas 102, Cleveland 97
L.A. Clippers 112, Detroit 103
Washington 107, Philadelphia 99
Charlotte 100, Toronto 95
Brooklyn 103, New York 80
New Orleans 95, Memphis 92
Atlanta 121, Miami 114
Chicago 102, L.A. Lakers 100, OT
Houston 126, Portland 113
Indiana 102, Golden State 94

Tuesday's Games

Orlando at Brooklyn, late
Boston at Miami, late
Portland at Oklahoma City, late
Sacramento at New Orleans, late
Minnesota at Utah, late

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Wake Forest at Virginia Tech SUN
7:30 p.m. Duke at Miami ESPN2
8 p.m. South Carolina at Georgia 38

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Illinois at Ohio State ESPN
7 p.m. Florida at Alabama ESPN2
9 p.m. Colorado at Arizona ESPN2

GOLF

THURSDAY

11:30 a.m. LPGA – Pure Silk Bahamas Classic GOLF
3 p.m. PGA – Farmers Insurance Open GOLF

NBA

WEDNESDAY

8 p.m. Oklahoma City at San Antonio ESPN
10:30 p.m. Indiana at Phoenix ESPN

THURSDAY

8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Miami TNT
10:30 p.m. Denver at Portland TNT

NHL

THURSDAY

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

TENNIS

WEDNESDAY

3 p.m. Australian Open – Quarterfinals ESPN2
9:30 p.m. Australian Open – Women's Semifinals ESPN2

THURSDAY

2 p.m. Australian Open – Men's Semifinal ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	31	15	3	65	141	109
Tampa Bay	29	16	5	63	146	123
Montreal	27	17	5	59	126	120
Toronto	26	20	5	57	145	154
Detroit	21	18	10	52	122	134
Ottawa	21	19	9	51	139	155
Florida	19	23	7	45	116	148
Buffalo	13	27	7	33	86	133

Metropolitan Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	34	13	2	70	157	120
N.Y. Rangers	27	21	3	57	128	128
Philadelphia	25	19	6	56	137	144
Columbus	24	20	4	52	138	135
Washington	22	19	8	52	142	150
New Jersey	20	19	11	51	115	123
Carolina	20	19	9	49	117	137
N.Y. Islanders	20	24	7	47	142	166

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	32	8	11	75	184	139
St. Louis	33	10	5	71	170	108
Colorado	31	12	5	67	142	122
Minnesota	27	19	5	59	125	125
Nashville	22	22	7	51	125	152
Dallas	21	20	8	50	137	152
Winnipeg	22	23	5	49	141	150

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	37	9	5	79	175	126

San Jose	32	12	6	70	161	123
Los Angeles	29	15	6	64	128	103
Vancouver	25	16	9	59	127	127
Phoenix	23	17	9	55	141	149
Calgary	16	27	7	39	111	159
Edmonton	15	30	6	36	131	181

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

Monday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 3, SO
Boston 3, Los Angeles 2
Florida 5, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 4, Detroit 1
Nashville 4, Dallas 1
Toronto 4, Phoenix 2
San Jose 3, Calgary 2

Tuesday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, late
St. Louis at New Jersey, late
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, late
Carolina at Philadelphia, late
Ottawa at Washington, late
Los Angeles at Columbus, late
Minnesota at Dallas, late
Toronto at Colorado, late
Vancouver at Edmonton, late
Winnipeg at Anaheim, late

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



Avon Park

TODAY: Girls Weightlifting at State Qualifier, Charlotte, 2 p.m.
FRIDAY: Boys Basketball at Hardee, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Kathleen, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY: Wrestling at Polk County Invitational, George Jenkins, 10 a.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at Ridge, 6/7:30 p.m.



Lake Placid

TODAY: Girls Weightlifting at State Qualifier, Charlotte, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY: Girls Basketball at Lincoln Park Academy, 7 p.m.; Girls Soccer in Regional Quarterfinal, vs. Academy of the Holy Names, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY: Boys Basketball at Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs. Sebring, 6/7:30 p.m.



Sebring

TODAY: Girls Weightlifting at State Qualifier, Charlotte, 12:30 p.m.
THURSDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Frostproof, Senior Night, 6/7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Boys Basketball vs. Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Basketball at Lake Placid, 6/7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY: Wrestling at Polk County Invitational, George Jenkins, 10 a.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

Eagles looking for coaches

AVON PARK – The Highlands Youth Football and Cheer Organization is accepting applications for football and cheer coaches at all age divisions for the 2014 season.

If you are interested in coaching, you may go to www.highlandseagles.com, click on the Registration tab, and select Coach/Volunteer tab to view requirements and submit application.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cliff Howell at 863-253-7070, or Melissa Lane at 863-381-9325.

AP Softball sign-ups

AVON PARK – AP Softball will be holding registration for girls aged 4-15 on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m.-1p.m. at the girls field on Anoka St.

Need to bring a copy of birth certificate.

Cost is \$60.

For more information, or any questions, call Cindy Bennett at 443-1663.

Hammock Half Marathon/5K

SEBRING – The 6th Annual Hammock Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk is set for Highlands Hammock State Park on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 with a 7:30 a.m. starting time.

Custom long-sleeve Dri-fit for Half Marathon and short-sleeve Dri-fit for the 5K.

This year's Half Marathon will also feature a team relay made up of up to four individuals running 3.0, 3.0, 3.0, and 3.1 mile sections.

Relay entry rates apply to all relay team members and should be submitted together with team name by January 17 in order for proper awards to be ordered.

Those desiring an entry form may contact race director Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or by calling 385-4736 and leaving a message. Entry fee for the 5K is \$20 thru January 17 and \$30 after the 18th thru race day.

Hammock Half Marathon fees are \$35 thru January 17 and \$45 after the 18th.

Race day registration will be from 6:45-7:10 a.m.

The race features custom trophies or plaques for overall, master and grand master champions, trophies for first thru third in 16 male and female age groups in the Half and trophy to first in age groups and medals for 2nd and 3rd in the 5K Run/Walk.

Chip timing will be provided by Central Florida Striders.

"The Half Marathon is made up of two 6.5 mile loops that utilize the trails and portions of the loop road. It is a challenging course, but provides you a chance to see areas of the park that you would not ordinarily see," said a Striders club member.

The proceeds of the race benefit the Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park who provide thousands of dollars of support to the park each year.

Visit friendsofhighlandshammock.org for more information.

AP Rotary Golf Tourney set

AVON PARK – The annual David "Doc" Owen golf tourney hosted by the Rotary Club of Avon Park will be held at Highlands Ridge North golf course on Saturday, Feb. 22, with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start.

This year's tournament will be a four-

person scramble format.

Entry fee is \$60 per person with checks made payable to Rotary Club of Avon Park.

An application and entry form may be obtained by emailing tourney director Chet Brojek at cbrojek@comcast.net or by calling him at 863-712-3524 (cell) or 385-4736 (land line).

The entry fee includes golf, cart, refreshments on the course, prizes and post golf meal in the clubhouse.

There will be 50/50, closest to the pin, putting contest, and other contests, plenty of raffle prizes and a great day of golf.

Proceeds benefit local charities supported by the Avon Park Noon Rotary Club.

Entry will be limited to the first 100 paid participants.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 by contacting Brojek.

GOLS Indoor Soccer

AVON PARK – Registration for GOLS Indoor Soccer League is Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-Noon at First Baptist Church of Avon Park.

Sign-ups will take place in the Family Life Center (old Avon Park Recreation Center across from the tennis courts downtown Avon Park.)

The GOLS Indoor Soccer League is a co-ed league for 13- to 18-year olds.

Registration is \$12 and is limited to the first 40 players to sign up.

Each team plays one game a week at 6:30 p.m. (either Tuesday or Thursday) from Feb. 11 to Apr. 17, concluding with a tournament.

GOLS (Goals Of Life and Soccer) is in its 11th year as a ministry of First Baptist Church of Avon Park.

Indoor soccer is a valuable experience for improving passing and shooting skills.

Participants learn soccer and team skills from certified coaches.

For more information, contact Coach Severn at 452-1250 or Coach Virkler at 385-3235.

Valentine's Tennis Tournament

SEBRING – The 20th Annual Valentine's Tennis Tournament will begin Saturday, Feb. 15, on the Thakkar Tennis Center clay courts in the Country Club of Sebring.

Registrations are being taken by the Highlands County Tennis Association for players of all ages and levels of play for this fun event.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and consolation-round winners of A, B and C divisions.

Registration fee includes fun, competitive matches, T-shirts, morning and lunch refreshments and an evening dinner Sunday at Chicanes.

Registration fee is \$30 for HCTA members, \$40 for non members.

Student registration fee is \$15.

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with your sweetheart, or for those who do not have a mixed doubles partner, the committee will find your match for the event.

Matches begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, with Finals on Sunday, Feb. 16, beginning at 1 p.m.

The awards banquet at Chicanes begins at 6 p.m. Sunday.

To register, or for more information, call Laurie at 452-5899, or Lynda at 471-0389.

Hawks hold off Heat 121-114

By CHARLES ODUM

Associated Press

AT

NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



News-Journal/NIGEL COOK

Underneath that fancy paint job it resembles a "stock" Corvette.

Your opinion of the possible Chase changes NASCAR has floated?

GODSPEAK: The NFL and MLB have expanded playoffs through the years. I don't see this as being different. The more the merrier, right?

KEN'S CALL: I'm afraid to fall in love with it, because it could change again in a year or two.

What would you do to make race wins more desirable?

GODSPEAK: Make the purse money all or nothing. You win the race, you win all the money.

KEN'S CALL: Make everyone except the winner fly commercial to the next race.

Give a stock-car fan a good reason to watch the Rolex 24 this weekend?

GODSPEAK: I'll give you two. It's the only game in town right now, and American nameplates Ford, Chevy and Dodge are going head to head in different classes.

KEN'S CALL: Well, in the non-prototype classes, it's a chance to see actual "stock" cars.

KEY DATES

- Jan. 25:** Start of the Rolex 24 at Daytona, 2:10 p.m.
- Jan. 26:** Conclusion of the Rolex 24 at Daytona, 2:10 p.m.
- Jan. 29:** NASCAR Hall of Fame, 2014 induction, Charlotte, N.C.
- Feb. 14:** First day on the track for Cup Series cars during Daytona Speedweeks (only for teams entered in the Sprint Unlimited).
- Feb. 15:** First day on the track for all Cup Series cars during Daytona Speedweeks.
- Feb. 15:** The Sprint Unlimited
- Feb. 16:** Daytona 500 qualifying
- Feb. 18:** UNOH Battle at the Beach (K&N Pro East, Whelen Modifieds)
- Feb. 20:** Budweiser Duel
- Feb. 21:** NextEra Energy Resources 250
- Feb. 22:** DRIVE4COPD 300
- Feb. 23:** Daytona 500

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2014 SEASON PREVIEW NASCAR kids zoom up the charts



News-Journal/PETER BAUER

Austin Dillon will drive this car in 2014 (you may recognize the number), which means Austin Dillon is destined to feel the spotlight.

Those NASCAR kids we've been hearing about are making a rapid ascent up the stock-car-racing stepladder.

NASCAR has several race-team family roots, which help keep the sport vibrant season after season.

Topping the list is Austin Dillon, whose grandfather goes by the name of Richard Childress. Dillon has put up Nintendo-like gaming numbers after getting his race-car license.

Since 2011, he's won the NASCAR Camping World Trucks and Nationwide Series championships and seven races. He is only the second driver, joining Greg Biffle, to hold those two NASCAR titles.

This year he's breaking new ground and bringing back an old friend. Dillon will compete for NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Rookie of the Year honors driving the No. 3 Chevrolet out of the Childress Racing shop.

The last time the competition number was used was by Dale Earnhardt, who died on the last-lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

Earnhardt's team remained intact. Kevin Harvick was picked to hold the wheel. The car number changed to 29. The No. 3 has not been raced since Earnhardt's death.

Dillon has used the No. 3 throughout his NASCAR career, and his younger brother Ty will race No. 3 in the Nationwide Series this season.

"I'm honored to be in the No. 3," Austin Dillon said while testing at Daytona International Speedway last week. "This is special, and walking into this Cup garage this weekend is pretty cool."

"There are so many heroes in this garage for me, and just being in this garage is going to be pressure. So I don't think there's any — there's some more added with the 3, obviously — because it's coming back for the first time in a long time."

In a hurry-up deal completed last week, Chase Elliott, the 18-year-old son of 1988 Cup Series champ Bill Elliott, will wheel a Nationwide car for JR Motorsports, co-owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Bill Elliott and Earnhardt Sr. were fierce rivals during the 1980s.

The Elliotts tested at Daytona last week. Chase was in the No. 9 Chevy (the number most closely associated with his father,) while his dad was driving the No. 5 machine that Dale Jr. will race at Daytona on Feb. 22.

"It was really neat to go out there and run around with Chase," Elliott said after the test. "He's still got a lot to learn, but he learned a lot during this test."

The list of next-generation drivers is endless. Jeb Burton, son of 2002 Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton, has a full-time Truck Series deal and will battle Ben Kennedy, a great-grandson of NASCAR founder William H.G. France, who built Daytona on a shoestring budget. Kennedy, 22, will be the first member of the France family to race on Daytona's 2.5-mile tri-oval.

And as each year passes, there's another driver with the last name Earnhardt who makes his way into a Truck or Nationwide race. This year Jeffrey Earnhardt, a grandson of Earnhardt Sr., will drive the No. 4 car in Nationwide.

News-Journal file photos

The lineup of NASCAR's youth movement includes, but isn't limited to, left to right, Chase Elliott, Jeffrey Earnhardt, Austin Dillon, Jeb Burton and Ben Kennedy.



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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



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The system changes, but the champ rarely does.

What's to like about rumored changes to NASCAR's points system?

While it doesn't go to the extremes to promote "racing for wins," it nudges the needle in that direction by basically saying, "Win a race, you'll make the Chase," regardless of how you might stink it up everywhere else.

Anything else?

Since the earliest days of the Chase in 2004, a lot of folks were saying that you can't have a true "playoff" system if no one is ever eliminated. By starting with an expanded field of 16 Chase teams, then eliminating four after three Chase races, four more after the next three, and four more after the next three (and leaving four for the final event), you have your eliminations. And as contrived as you might suggest it is, it will undoubtedly bring added attention to the final race and get rid of all the formulas regarding where so-and-so has to finish in order to win the title — in this case, you just need to finish ahead of the other three Chase survivors.

And now, how about the potential downside with these changes?

Let's start with those eliminations. We already had virtual eliminations at different stages of the Chase. If a guy finished 30th or worse in two of the first three Chase races, then only, say, posted one top-10 in the next three, you knew he was done, even if the math gave him the longest of longshot possibilities. Frankly, by the time Homestead's finale arrived, usually only two, sometimes three, drivers had a chance, so instead of eliminating, this actually adds one or two at the end.

What else?

The word "gimmick" is being thrown around a lot. Listen, NASCAR didn't invent gimmicks, but the Boys in the Corner Offices have proven they're not afraid of trying new things. The Chase has changed appearances more than the late-'80s Geoff Bodine.

Can you sum it up?

Never forget this: NASCAR was birthed and designed on the idea of an even playing field for all participants. Some call this "contrived competition," and others have suggested that the playing field isn't always level, but the theory has survived over six decades, and if you can base an entire industry on close racin', why not base a championship points system the same way? We'll see if the fan base views this as going too far.

2014 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 15	Sprint Unlimited, Daytona	FOX Sports 1	April 12	Darlington Raceway	FOX	June 28	Kentucky Speedway	TNT	Sept. 14	Chicagoland Speedway	ESPN
Feb. 16	Daytona 500 qualifying	FOX	April 26	Richmond International Raceway	FOX	July 5	Daytona International Speedway	TNT	Sept. 21	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	ESPN
Feb. 20	Duels, Daytona	FOX Sports 1	May 4	Talladega Superspeedway	FOX	July 13	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	TNT	Sept. 28	Dover International Speedway	ESPN
Feb. 23	Daytona 500	FOX	May 10	Kansas Speedway	FOX	July 27	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	ESPN	Oct. 5	Kansas Speedway	ESPN
March 2	Phoenix International Raceway	FOX	May 17	All-Star Race, Charlotte	FOX Sports 1	Aug. 3	Pocono Raceway	ESPN	Oct. 11	Charlotte Motor Speedway	ABC
March 9	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	FOX	May 25	Charlotte Motor Speedway	FOX	Aug. 10	Watkins Glen International	ESPN	Oct. 19	Talladega Superspeedway	ESPN
March 16	Bristol Motor Speedway	FOX	June 1	Dover International Speedway	FOX	Aug. 17	Michigan International Speedway	ESPN	Oct. 26	Martinsville Speedway	ESPN
March 23	Auto Club Speedway	FOX	June 8	Pocono Raceway	TNT	Aug. 23	Bristol Motor Speedway	ABC	Nov. 2	Texas Motor Speedway	ESPN
March 30	Martinsville Speedway	FOX	June 15	Michigan International Speedway	TNT	Aug. 31	Atlanta Motor Speedway	ESPN	Nov. 9	Phoenix International Raceway	ESPN
April 6	Texas Motor Speedway	FOX	June 22	Sonoma Raceway	TNT	Sept. 6	Richmond International Raceway	ABC	Nov. 16	Homestead-Miami Speedway	ESPN

Almirola will take good financial news and run with it

Smithfield Foods recently announced a three-year extension of its sponsorship of the No. 43, owned by Richard Petty Motorsports and driven by Aric Almirola.

The new deal, according to the company, increases the financial level of the primary sponsorship and presumably increases the chances for Almirola to run up front more often. In a NASCAR conference call last week, Almirola talked about the three-year extension and what it means to his career.

WHAT THE NEW DEAL MEANS

"It's a huge testament to the partnership that we've had. We basically had our rookie season together in Sprint Cup in 2012, and we've grown. As much as I've grown as a driver, they've grown as a sponsor.

We've just continued to grow that partnership and

that relationship to now, and this increased investment in the commitment that they're showing to the race team and to me is going to be substantial for us in our performance on the racetrack, as well.

"It gives us the opportunity to go out and do the testing we need to do and to hire the people we need to hire that we think we need to be competitive."

"JOB SECURITY"

"I'm not worried that if I make one mistake or whatever that they're going to be looking to figure out the next guy that's going to come in and do better. It gives me a lot of confidence knowing that I have Richard Petty Motorsports behind me, and then obviously Smithfield Foods behind me and that they're committed to me and they support me.

"It feels great to not have to be worrying in June or

July where I'm going to get my next paycheck from."

THE BIG PICTURE

"We've become family. I think we say that a lot at Richard Petty Motorsports. But it was a family run business back when it first started over 50 years ago, and it still is that way today. Smithfield Foods, up until this last year was a family run company and still runs like a family run company, and so you put those two companies together, I've felt like the son. I've felt like the adopted son of both companies.

"It's been great just to be a part of such great organizations, and the commitment that they make not only to the race car by putting stickers on the race car, but the commitment they make off the racetrack, as well. . . the giving back that they do in local communities in the race markets."



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Spiegel a big draw

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Jared Dipsiner of Lakewood Ranch.

"I believe this will help me over my next two years of high school wrestling," Allen said.

Ridge Community (64.0) led Polk County teams with a 10th-place finish while Bartow (48) and Haines City tied for 12th and Frostproof (19) finished 18th.

Avon Park and Sebring will be the two non-county teams at the Polk County tournament Friday and Saturday at George Jenkins.

Bill Kemp of the Ledger Media Group contributed to this story.

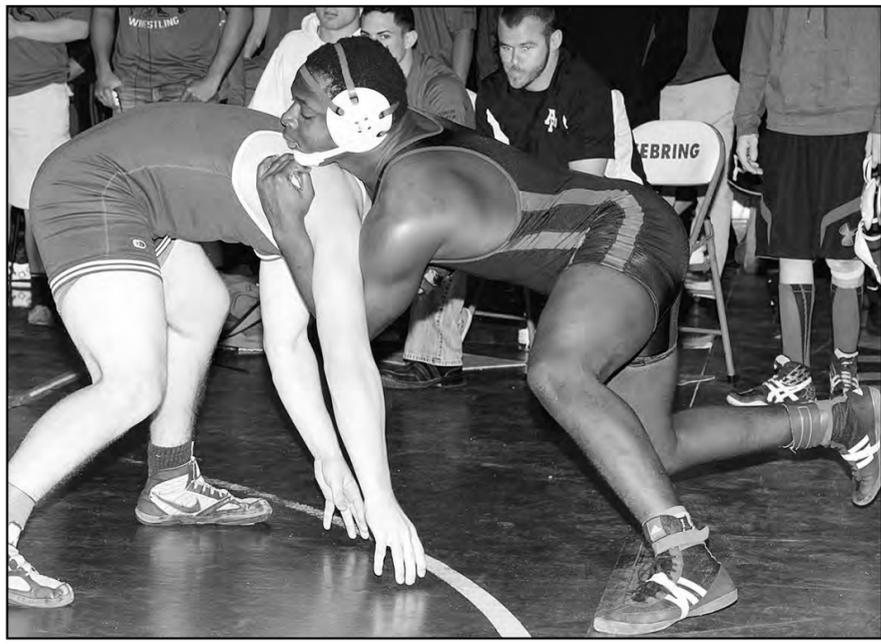
Spiegel Memorial Invitational Team Standings

- Somerset Academy (SA) 175,
- Palm Bay (PB) 174,
- Sebring (S) 149,
- Lakewood Ranch (LR)

- 145.5, 5. Avon Park (AP) 123,
6. Ft. Pierce Central (FPC) 83,
7. Steinbrenner (GS) 80,
8. Strawberry Crest (SC) 80,
9. Belen Jesuit (BJ) 67.5,
10. Ridge Community (RC) 64,
11. Cocoa Beach (CB) 59,
12. Bartow (B) 48,
- tie. Haines City (HC) 48,
14. Sarasota Riverview (SR) 44,
15. Martin County (MC) 43,
16. Immokalee (I) 29.5,
17. Cocoa (C) 29,
18. Frostproof (F) 19.

Championship Final results

- 106: Hunter Reed (LR) def. Kenny Egan (AP) 4-2.
- 113: Dre Neely (AP) def. Julian Ramirez (BJ) 7-6.
- 120: Jordin Chandler (PB) def. Joey Lopez (SA) 8-7.
- 126: Shane Stewart (PB) def. Christopher Watson (CB) pin 1:26.
- 132: T.J. McNamee (SC) def. Brandon Washburn (S) pin 3:44.
- 138: Jared Dipsiner (LR)



Delroy Blake continued his strong season by winning the 195-pound weight class at Saturday's Spiegel Memorial Invitational.

Courtesy photo

- 145: Dylan Perrow (PB) def. William Verastagui (GS) 8-2.
- 152: Christian Suarez (AP) def. Joey McKenna (MC) 7-5.
- 160: Jerry Vail (PB) def. Ryan Chaney (B) 7-5.
- 170: Casey Ricker (S) def. Tyler Wilson (HC) 9-4.
- 182: Raekwon Reggler (SA) def. Ty Johnson (S) win by injury default.
- 195: Delroy Blake (AP) def. Farron Rainford (SC) 20-7 major decision.
- 220: Tyce Nagel (HC) def. Brandon Fuller (S) 3-2.
- 285: Nick Pavlakis (GS) def. Luis Sanchez (S) 9-7.

Alex Barajas 5K Run Results – Saturday, Jan. 18

Special to the News-Sun

Overall Female: Annie Callahan - 27:15

Female Masters: Sue Voltz - 28:25

Female 10 and under

Name	Place	Time
Lindsay Holden	1	31:36
Brooke Walker	2	35:18
Jenna Walker	3	35:27
Haley Barajas	4	38:26
Karina Valadez	5	42:47
Kayleigh Bush	6	44:43
Yailyn Becerra	7	45:49
Taylor Walker	8	45:52
Daniella Barragan	9	45:55
Katie Leal	10	46:59
Morgan Dolay	11	48:03
Angelina Arce	12	49:06
Nicole Martinez	13	49:20
Sarah Sherley	14	51:57

Female 11 to 14

Hannah Edwards	1	31:13
Sara Harris	2	34:02
Kendall Prescott	3	34:07
Madeline Whitney	4	34:27
Kileigh Howell	5	35:37
Kayla Ming	6	42:23
Laura Arce	7	42:46
Lindsey Sapp	8	43:35
Kaitlyn Varady	9	52:16
Briana Gomez	10	53:40
Teje Goldsmith	11	54:04
Kenije Roper	12	54:37
Kasi Lorenzo	13	54:16
Danielle Ricca	13	55:41
Ymani	14	55:34

Female 15 to 18

Leah Moore	1	27:53
Nicole Moore	2	29:52
Chelsea Whitmire	3	31:12
Ashley Townsend	4	32:16
Amber Hucks	5	32:24
Savannah Edwards	6	33:55
Briana Arce	7	47:55
Missy Barajas	8	51:41

Female 19 to 23

Michaela Campbell	1	41:40
Deta Waller	2	41:41
Courtney Pollard	3	52:02
Taylor Bennet	4	52:03
Mana Ramos	5	55:01

Female 24 to 29

Claudia Cendejas	1	28:47
Jennifer Whitaker	2	32:29
Amanda McElroy	3	34:12
Janet Barber	4	34:24
Kayla Bateman	5	35:30
Courtney Conklin	6	36:40

Female 30 to 34

Lauren Falls	7	51:49
Kristine Cole	8	52:03
Deanna Cassels	1	31:11
Kaylie Lindsey	2	32:28
Casey Tumbleston	3	33:42
Jennifer McClelland	4	38:23
Lucretia Roberts	5	38:52
Chastini Manint	6	41:14
Narda Becerra	7	45:53
Vivian Melendez	8	45:56
LaDonna Perry	9	48:56
Joy Paikai	10	51:09
Mandy Baker	11	51:13
Laura Sherley	12	51:57
Michelle Richmond	13	53:09
Janet Ambriz	14	55:55

Female 35 to 39

Tera Ming	1	28:09
Erica Ashley	2	34:03
Marisa Stam	3	38:13
Sandi Holmes	4	38:51
Robin Peterson	5	39:20
Sereana McMillian	6	39:52
Maria Gomez	7	41:40
Hillary Hathaway	8	44:43
Wendy Walker	9	45:46
Mandy Fugate	10	45:47
Betsy Canavari	11	45:54
Elisa Ochoa	12	49:19
Jennifer Lane	13	51:50
Emily Jones	14	52:00
Marianela Gomez	15	53:56
Susan McCarta	16	54:11
Guadalupe Gonzalez	17	54:58

Female 40 to 44

Debbie Seidenzahl	1	28:26
Rosemary Soto	2	30:47
Sophia Martinez	3	30:49
Meredith Ritacco	4	32:51
Irma Arce	5	35:18
Vicki Hicks	6	37:09
Christy Boone	7	38:27
Kristina Reifsnnyder	8	41:15
Kelley Bolliger	9	43:26
Mindy Whitney	10	48:06
Stephanie Dola	11	49:27
Michelle Harris	12	51:10
Donna Varady	13	52:15
Marcy Irwin	14	53:10
Carey Conner	15	53:11
Carla Ball	16	53:12
Gracie Valadez	17	54:10
Dina Capuano	18	54:32

Female 45 to 49

Laura Thompson	1	29:29
Dana O'Rourke	2	31:47
Toni Weaver	3	42:22

Female 50 to 54

Annamarie Grimes	1	34:06
Julie Edwards	2	39:32
Julie Coker	3	39:42
Robin Gonzalez	4	42:18
Kathryn Fantin	5	45:19
Phyllis Beach	6	48:39
Valerie Baker	7	51:14
Amy Montz	8	51:39
Sherri Bennett	9	52:02
Maria Flores	10	53:52

Female 55 to 59

Shirely Whitsitt	1	39:16
Barb Sheasley	2	40:11
Ramonita Pacheco	3	46:40
Kathy Dehart	4	48:06
Teresa Perez	5	51:42
Patricia Carter	6	54:46

Female 65 to 69

Mary Rucker	1	35:31
Victoria Barajas	2	53:55

Female 70 and over

Ginger Keimel	1	50:52
Kaye Wise	2	57:23
Maria Flores	3	63:40

Overall Male: Josh Zahller - 19:46

Male Masters: Victor Ochoa - 22:59

Male 10 and under

Jake Wirick	1	31:34
Walker Holmes	2	33:45
Chase Lane	3	33:46
Lincoln Holmes	4	38:25
Casen Simmons	5	41:00
Chris Winslow	6	43:29
Jack Svendgard	7	46:59
Hunter Lane	9	49:57
Anthony Capuano	10	54:05
Mason Vega	10	49:59
Ryden Umbauch	11	55:38
Connor Svendgard	12	55:39
Humberto Ambriz	13	55:56
Ernesto Ambriz	14	1:03:00

Male 11 to 14

Erskin Toliver	1	26:03
Christian Hernandez	2	26:43
Peyton Ming	3	27:42
Ethan McMillion	4	27:52
Cade Simpson	5	28:40
Dan Leverette	6	29:21
Niquan	7	29:37
Donicer Puglisi	8	31:29
Patric Hely	9	32:37
Dan Leverette	10	34:10
Kaylub	11	37:40

Male 15 to 18

Jayden Lee	12	38:09
Mitchell Coker	13	40:06
Kyler Reihl	14	40:06
Josh Vega	15	41:27
Mason Jacobs	16	44:17
Jhordy Sanchez	17	49:55

Male 19 to 24

Christopher Flores	1	25:16
Joel Lieder	2	28:09
Fernando Rivera	3	30:21
C.J. Wilson	4	32:44
Rafael Ramos	5	33:56
Bladimir Perez	6	41:35
Mark Leverette	7	51:44

Male 25 to 29

Johnathan Simons	1	24:00
Arturo Garcia	2	24:23
Oracio Molina	3	25:29
Rodney Tumbleston	4	33:19

Male 30 to 34

Jesus Garcia	1	23:26
Cory Lindsey	2	31:59
Chris Umbauch	3	32:32
Chad Umbauch	4	33:14
Marcos Molina	5	38:47
Chris Winslow	6	43:28

Male 35 to 39

Jacob McClelland	1	25:21
Jason Holmes	2	35:42

Male 40 to 44

Darryl Wirick	1	31:45
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Brandon Ball	3	53:09

Male 45 to 49

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Chris Beach	2	28:56
Charles Wilson	3	35:49
Nelson Pacheco	4	38:40

Male 65 to 69

Richard Rucker	1	28:28
Rod Matthews	2	30:29

Male 70 and over

Dale Bargar	1	43:09
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SB build-up begins

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include rugged running back Marshawn Lynch — fans tossed packs of his favorite candy, Skittles, onto the field after a 40-yard TD run in the third quarter — and Carroll, a rah-rah sort who was a title-winning college coach at Southern California.

And maybe, just maybe, some of Manning's less-heralded defensive teammates — the ones who clamped down on New England's running game Sunday and limited Brady much of the afternoon — will get their chance to shine, too.

Seattle's defense, led by Sherman, allowed an average of 14.4 points and 273.6 yards, and topped the NFL in take-aways.

On Sunday, the Seahawks forced three turnovers in the fourth quarter alone, including a victory-sealing interception by Malcolm Smith after Sherman stretched his left hand to tip Colin Kaepernick's pass away from receiver Michael Crabtree in the end zone.

"I'm the best corner in the game," said Sherman, an All-Pro. "When you try me with a sorry receiver like Crabtree, that's the result you're going to get."

Seattle's only other trip to the big game ended with a loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2006.

Denver will be playing in its seventh Super Bowl and eyeing a third title, to go with those from 1998 and 1999, when current executive John Elway was the QB.

In addition to Elway, Manning can match his younger brother Eli with a second Super Bowl crown. Eli, a spectator on Sunday in Denver, won two trophies with the New York Giants, whose stadium hosts this year's Super Bowl, the first to be played outdoors at a cold-weather site.

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SFSC sees return of key players

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is the bats that are a key part to a team's success.

"Every year is a different year depending upon what type of team you put together from an offensive perspective," explained Hitt, who has high hopes for the bats in his lineup.

Hitt has made significant effort in carefully selecting who will don the Panther uniform this season, and he commends the efforts of his team in more ways than one.

"We worked really hard on the chemical makeup of the team," he shared. "We have seen a lot of very positive signs."

"We have seen a very good, solid set of attributes from a lot of these players in

terms of buying into the workload, the success we are expected to have both on and off the field."

These factors will play a significant role as the team prepares for quite a busy year.

"The rigors of a 56-game schedule can really take their toll, but the ability to maintain the bond throughout the season is something that I think helps greatly with success no matter how talented you are," said Hitt, praising his team for being able to progress together as one.

Aside from aiming for a winning record as well as both team and personal successes, the Panthers have one main goal for this season.

"When fans come out and

watch our games, they come to watch the type of baseball that we have played here for a long time and the type that they are used to."

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come for, and those fans will have the opportunity to see for themselves at the Panther's play their first home game on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. against Seminole State College.

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RV show motors into Lee Civic Center

Special to the News-Sun

FORT MYERS – Promising outdoor traveling adventure and family fun, the Fort Myers Recreation Vehicle Show motors into the new year at the Lee Civic Center this Jan. 23-26, Chris Morse, president of Florida RV Trade Association-Region One, has announced.

This year's RV extravaganza promises to continue providing attendees the opportunity to see the latest and best camping products available to local RVers and lovers of the great outdoors offered by 14 RV dealers, Morse says. "Attendees can view hundreds of recreation vehicles of all different types, sizes and prices. It also features 80 outdoor and camping supply vendors," he said.

"For many years, the Fort Myers RV Show has been the top RV show in Florida and the Southeast

simply because of the high quality products, outstanding displays and cost-saving prices," Morse explains. "I'm proud to say this emphasis on quality has enabled the show to grow into the largest dealer-sponsored show in Florida and one of the largest RV shows in the Southeast."

The 29th Annual Fort Myers RV Show features 14 dealers from throughout Florida displaying a large selection of new 2014 recreation vehicles of all styles, brands and price ranges, including folding campers, gas and diesel motorhomes, travel trailers, toy haulers, 5th wheels, park models and van campers.

Besides RVs, the show allows attendees the chance to browse 80 outdoor and camping vendors displaying equipment and accessories to help outfit RVers or provide

information on camping throughout the nation. Items include new braking systems, RV insurance, specialized camping equipment and high-tech makeovers for older RVs.

Shipping data based on the latest research done by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) this past November 2013 reveals that wholesale shipments to retailers of all RVs were reported at 21,748. This represents an increase of 5.8 percent over the same period last year. Towable RVs improved 2.4 percent to 18,711 units with motorhomes climbing 32.3 percent to 3,037 units. Year-to-date, total shipments have grown 12.2 percent to 299,451 units through November 2013, the largest total in six years. Shipments of all towable RVs have risen 9.7 percent to 264,019 units, while motorhome shipments have jumped

up 36 percent to 35,432 units, both six-year bests.

With the limping economy still stretching consumers' budgets, RV travel remains an affordable option. PKF's spring 2011 Vacation Cost Comparison Study, the most recent analysis available, shows that RV trips remain the most affordable way for a family to travel because of the significant savings on air, hotel and restaurant costs, which continue to rise. The study showed that a family of four could save 27-59 percent on vacation costs by traveling in an RV, depending on the type of trip taken and RV used. A two-person travel party (the typical empty-nest couple) would save 11-46 percent. With continuing higher fuel prices, more than 80 percent of RV owners say their RV vacations cost less than other forms of vacation.

To combat rising fuel prices, RV manufacturers have improved fuel economy through the use of high-tech composite materials that has reduced the weight of many RVs by as much as 25 percent.

"For the majority of RV buyers, the interest on their purchase is tax deductible since it qualifies as a second home," Morse continues.

The 29th Annual Fort Myers RV Show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday (Jan. 23-26). Admission is \$8 with children under 16 free. Parking is free, courtesy of the RV Trade Association. Thursday's tickets are discounted to \$6 each. To reach the Lee Civic Center, take exit 143 (State Road 78) and go east three miles. Go to www.frvtv.org/rv-shows for more information.

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Chalk Talk

SFSC Community Education offers Girls' Garage Car Care Clinics

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – South Florida State College's Girls' Garage is a fun, interactive car care clinic for women that teaches the basics about car maintenance, driving safety, and communicating with a mechanic. Girls' Garage is offered as a once-a-month series of clinics, beginning in February and held on Saturdays in SFSC's Automotive Service Laboratory, Highlands Campus. Participants may opt to take one, two, or all three clinics. The cost of each clinic is \$20. Girls' Garage is offered through the SFSC Corporate and Community Education Department, and SFSC instructors teach the clinics. In General Maintenance (CRN 21564), learn how to check vital fluids and deter-

mine when they need to be changed. Get comfortable inspecting belts, hoses, air filters, and other maintenance points. This clinic is offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 22. In All About Tires (CRN 21566), learn how to change a tire, recognize worn out tire treads, and what to consider when purchasing new tires. Get tips for staying

safe while waiting for roadside assistance. This clinic is offered from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29. In Your Service Experience (CRN 21568), learn how to effectively communicate with your automotive service technician, and gain an understanding of the multi-point inspection most automotive service facilities perform.

Participants will learn ways to ensure that what you are being sold is what your vehicle actually needs. This clinic meets from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26. To register for the Girls' Garage Car Care Clinics, call 784-7405. For more information about Girls' Garage, call 784-7388 or email communityeducation@southflorida.edu.

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Local students named to Dean's Lists

Ford
 CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Megan Ford of Sebring is among 2,583 students named to the fall 2013 Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University. She has been named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall 2013 session. Students named to the list earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and completed at least 12 degree credit hours during the fall session.

Hipps
 BELOIT, Wis. – Junior Calago Hipps of Avon Park has been named to Beloit College's Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or higher and take a minimum of 3 letter-graded units for the term. Beloit College is a residential, liberal arts college 90 miles northwest of Chicago.

Register for summer

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – Registration for the second spring flex session and summer first and second flex sessions at South Florida State College is gearing up. The final day to register for the second spring flex session is March 2; classes begin on March 3. The final day to register for the summer 12-week term and first summer flex session is May 6; classes begin May 7. The final day to register for the second summer flex session is June 18; classes begin June 19. Students and prospective students are urged to register early. Returning students may register and pay for classes through the college portal, Panther Central, which operates 24 hours a day. New students can apply for admission by visiting the college's website at www.southflorida.edu.

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'TAG for the Cure' is doing it in style

By Neil Simpson

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — On Friday, the Tanglewood Actors Guild (TAG) put on a great show with real style. Now in its ninth year, TAG has staged 16 plays, but Jan. 16 was a show of a different kind, a fashion show.

This was the third amazing style show TAG has produced through the years. All profits from the evening will be donated to the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit. The event was sold out well in advance with all 272 tickets gone in a flash.

Ron Schilffarth and his crew whipped up a delicious dinner of salad, rolls, Salisbury steak, baked potatoes and carrots. That was topped off by a Tanglewood favorite, an éclair dessert.

Nancy Waitkus, chair of TAG, welcomed the crowd, then emcees Dianne Lane and Theresa Reynolds, who also produced the show, took over. They introduced the sponsors, Alan Holmes of Edward Jones and Newsom Eye, represented by Leesa Skipper. Both are long-time supporters of the Tanglewood Actors Guild and the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit.

The evening was a combi-

nation of entertainment and fashion starting with a truly amazing performance by Tanglewood's own Black and White Illusion Dancers; Joan Rulli, Elayne MacDonald, Evie Fosella, Cecilia Sorenson, Rosie Barnes, Elaine Schmidt, Lois Maxon and Lori Eckert. The dancers had the audience howling.

This was followed by fashions from Ideal Golf modeled by Larry Conrad, Lynn Josselyn, Reggie Maxon and Erma Anderson. Alan Simmons, owner of Ideal Golf, reports that he and his parents have enjoyed being a part of TAG for a Cure as giving back to the community has been such a big part of their store's success over the past nine years. This was the third time that Ideal Golf has participated in a Tanglewood Fashion Show.

Jan McMellon sang "That's Life" before a unique fashion segment titled "From My Closet". Each model wore an outfit that tied in with a Tanglewood activity. Vicki Buck started it off in her western wear, doing a line dance to Brandy Clark's "Stripes". She was followed by Stella Sigler in her Sunday church suit and Artie Nichols in his bowling clothes. Marcie Taylor mod-

eled her pickleball outfit while Joan Rulli was decked out for a dance. Rosie Barnes finished the segment in her swimwear, strutting her stuff to "Push It" by Salt n Pepper.

At the conclusion of the intermission the 24 winners of raffle prizes, donated by residents and local businesses, collected their prizes then the emcees, Theresa Reynolds and Dianne Lane, returned to the stage in stunning long gowns from GB's.

One could have heard a pin drop during Don Race's beautiful performance of "Danny Boy" on his harmonica.

Rody Toth, Tom and Joanne Stadler, Janet & Herb Dann, Alan Holmes and Stacy Smith modeled a phenomenal array of fashions from GB's Ladies and Men's Formal Wear. Gini Beth Henderson was in wedding planning for 20 years before opening GB's on the Circle a little under two years ago. She is passionate about meeting and helping people and the opportunity to be a part of the fashion show allowed her to work with many more great locals.

The evening's entertainment was rounded out with Suzanne Schilffarth's soulful rendition of "Swing and



The Black and White Illusion Dancers entertained the crowd during Friday's fashion show at Tanglewood. Courtesy photo

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Before the crew came in to tear down the runway and clean up the hall, Lois Hotchkiss' 50/50 ticket was drawn and she walked away with \$465.

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Linda Mowell shows one of the raffle prizes. She was one of the winners in the large raffle drawing during Friday's fashion show at Tanglewood. Courtesy photo



TAG for the Cure producers and emcees were Theresa Reynolds (left) and Dianne Lane. Courtesy photo

Military Ball set for Feb. 22

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The promoters of this year's eighth annual Benefit Military Ball on Feb. 22 plan to make this year's event a standout winner.

The deadline to purchase tickets is quickly approaching. According to Rick Ingler, president of the Veterans Council, tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets to the event are \$35 per person, with \$10 of the ticket price going toward the benefit. Tickets can be purchased from any veteran organization until Jan. 21. Tickets sales will continue by mail until Feb. 14, by writing Veterans Council, P. O. Box 8201, Sebring, FL 33872. If ordering by mail, please include the ticket price per person and choice of menu option: prime rib, rock cornish hen, or vegetarian lasagna.

Corporate sponsors are encouraged. A sponsor table is \$500, with the sponsor receiving eight Military Ball

tickets and recognition in the ball program. A \$300 level sponsor will receive four Military Ball tickets and recognition in the program. Any \$150 sponsors will receive two tickets to the Military Ball and program recognition, while the \$100 sponsors receive program recognition and one Military Ball admission ticket.

Sponsored by the Veterans Council of Highlands County, Inc., the Military Ball is planned for Feb. 22. According to the planning committee, the festivities are slated to be held at the Island View Restaurant in Sun 'n Lakes, Sebring. Formal or dress blues attire for the evening is strongly encouraged. Semi-formal or unit colors are also acceptable. Veterans and military personnel are encouraged to wear their dress uniforms. While some veterans may not have a dress uniform, they are encouraged to wear their medals.

While the Military Ball is to recognize and support Veterans and Military Personnel, the public is invited to attend and support the Benefit Military Ball.

The ball will begin at 5 p.m. with a social, continuing with the opening ceremony beginning at 5:30. The formal dinner banquet will be served at 6 p.m., along with a military cake cutting ceremony.

Plans call for awards for the Outstanding Veteran Organization, Outstanding Veteran, and Outstanding Non-Veteran, each representing the greatest contributions to education, promoting patriotism and support of the activities of the Veterans Council.

Musical entertainment this year is Bob Weed, a well-known area entertainer, providing dance tunes for all genres. Dancing and music will continue until 0:30 p.m.

There will be a silent auction, paper-bag auction, door

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Friends and Neighbors

Placid Lakes Party Line

By Susie Lee

LAKE PLACID – The Placid Lakes Social Circle will have Sioux Hurley, our consultant for the March 2-9 Caribbean Cruise, at the meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Placid Lakes Country Club. She will have paperwork, forms and pertinent information for the members who have their reservations, and will be available for those who wish to make reservations. Joyce will contact all members. We need a head count for the Country Club. RSVP if you have a message from Joyce; her number is 699-0661. We will discuss the April and May outings.

We have made arrangements with the Country Club to have the Placid Lakes Pioneers meet on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you have roots dating back to the so-called "Tobler Days" of the late 1960s, call the town hall at 465-4888 with your name, address and phone number. We cannot start the club until we have this information. As soon as we do have a listing, we can make arrangements to start group meetings. We chose the club for the meeting place because this is where Placid Lakes began. You can make it happen; this can be a great beginning for a history-making project. Let's hear from you.

With this cold snap, our birds are scrambling for the suet feeders, they like peanut-butter, too. That's if the squirrels allow them first dibs at the peanut butter. Meanwhile, our ducks are a happy bunch in the waterway. It's always a nice feeling to observe nature, even when it's cold. We can learn from that.

Tanglewood

By Neil Simpson

SEBRING – Jan. 13 started out like most Mondays at Tanglewood. Some 400 people gathered in the clubhouse for the week's announcements and to buy

tickets for various upcoming events.

Just as the announcements were about to wrap up, in came Alan and Nancy Holmes followed by four Tanglewood folks riding electric scooters – RAZORS. After a few whirls around the dance floor, Alan explained that the six scooters were a donation to the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit.

The audience was in awe as Alan Holmes' generosity shone through once again. The scooters will be raffled off at the Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Benefit on Feb. 18.

Town and Country MHP

By Janet Day

LAKE PLACID – At the homeowner's meeting of Jan. 6, officers for 2014 were voted in and installed. Ray Young was elected vice president for two years after completing a one-year vacancy term from January 2013. Bette Chapel ran unopposed and will be serving another two-year term as treasurer. Toby Chapel was elected to a two year-term as



Town and Country models Marge Mace (back row, from left), Nancy Brennan, Marion Farezoco, Ruth Lee and Becky Wise; and Connie Lanthrop (front row, from left), Marion Hibbard, Bette Chapel, and Mary Ann Snay.

trustee after filling a one year vacancy term in 2013. Congratulations and thank you to each one of the elected officers for their service. Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Claudette Boisvert, Louise Mattson and Marion Farezoco) for their efforts on our behalf.

President Sims thanked secretary Daphne Ragle for all her work updating the park directory. New Town and Country directories and

copy of the by-laws were distributed to each family. Current rules were distributed to each household with a copy of the January newsletter. Any other set of rules needs to be destroyed.

Park residents Janet Johns, Ruth Lee and Mary Tenant will conduct the annual audit of the treasurer's accounts. Inventory of all HOA properties and equipment will be completed by Toby Chapel and Marion Hibbard. John Haag will be overseeing the park's Neighborhood Watch Program. A meeting with law enforcement officer Nell Hayes will be scheduled soon. Toby Chapel reported the Monday a.m. Coffee Social group is thriving with 27 participants on Jan. 13. A health person is scheduled monthly after regular social time to do blood pressures and/or discuss general health items. Marion Hibbard announced Leisure Acres MHP has invited us to participate in their day trips in response to a request from the floor. Daphne Ragle advised in light of the death of two people within a local mobile home park, we need to be very vigilant and control our speed, whether vehicles, golf carts or bikers.

Welcome to Nancy and Jerry Barber of St. Louis, Mo. as new tenants on Town and Country Boulevard. Jerry recently retired, is an avid softball player and already a member of a local league. The couple has four children and six grandchildren in the St. Louis locale. Welcome also to the last of our snowbirds, the Fortins, Cavells and Bogazycks, who finally tired of the frigid north.

On Thursday, Jan. 16 ladies of the park and several guests were treated to a fashion show, a first for Town and Country. Wendy Johnson, Claudette Boisvert, Louise Mattson and helpers served a lovely lunch prepared by a local restaurant. Bon Worth models included Marg Mace, Ruth Lee, Connie Lanthrop and Becky Sims. Bette Chapel, Marion Farezoco, Nancy Brennan, Mary Ann Snay and Marion Hibbard modeled clothing from the Dress Barn. An antique quilt

donated by Marilyn White was raffled and awarded to one of our visiting ladies. I heard very favorable comments so this affair may become a new tradition for T&C. Thank you to the ladies from the two stores, plus all park ladies who were involved in food preparation, background and planning work, plus our lovely lady models. Park photographer Shirley Lundgren took several photos that will presumably be available for viewing.

A new urgent care facility is available on the south end of Sebring. All-in-One Urgent Care, Inc. is at 211 US 27 North, Sebring in front of Village Fountain Plaza (chamber of commerce). Residents of the park have utilized the facility and were very impressed with the staff and services rendered.

Joyce Glassbrook is recovering well from a recent health procedure. Bud Farmer was again a patient at Highlands Regional but has returned home. Earl Quinn is undergoing ambulatory surgery this week. Calvin Williams will be a patient at St. Petersburg VA for knee surgery. Kay Wolma has been experiencing health problems. Daphne Ragle is sporting an arm sling that we hope is not too serious or lengthy. Our prayers and best wishes to all for better days ahead.

Upcoming events for January include the annual park garage sales on Saturday, Jan. 25, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Several folks have

signed up so there should be a good assortment of items. In addition there will be a bake sale, coffee and donuts and luncheon served at the clubhouse. Parking will be on Cooper Road with golf cart transportation from Cooper Road for those in need. Marion Hibbard will host the pizza party following at 5 p.m. at the clubhouse; cost is \$4. Also, pot luck dinner will be on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Please sign up for events. Water aerobics has commenced on Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Janet Johns will be having movie night on Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all special/ongoing activities.

Scoreboard

Sebring Bridge Club

Jan. 15
North/South
Caroline Duncan and Carol Buhlman- first in A
Elizabeth and John Spokas – second in A
Orin Booth and Richard Russell – third in A
Barbara McNany and Janet Lipe – fourth in A
Pat Sickinger and Arline Hunter – fifth in A
Colleen and John Boyer – second in B
Bruce Ridley and Tom Staples – third in B

East/West
Mary Ellen Anderson and Ruth Harris – first in A
Denis Jutras and Larry Drysdale – second in A
Barbara Schankula and Minnie Benner – third in A
Art Arvey and Mike Hughes – fourth in A
Marcella Vance and John Ruma – fifth in A

Woodhaven Estates

Party Bridge
First – Gerry Drefke
Second – Laurie LaBerge
Third – Jeanne Sisson
Duplicate Bridge:
First – (a tie) Laurie LaBerge and Jeanne Sisson, and Ray Krahn and Margaret Bousfield
Second – Shirley Breckenridge and Nancy Pratt
Third – (a tie) Betty Frizzell and Ken Meyer, and Elwyn Gafner and Gerry Drefke



Alan Holmes, one of the big sponsor of Tanglewood Residents' Cancer Research, prepares to cook for bike readers at one of last year's events. He has agreed to be a sponsor again this year.



Taking the Razor Scooters for a spin outdoors are Tanglewood residents Ron Schilffarth, Jerry Bernstein, Gerry Trull, Glenn Whalen, and Graham Reynolds.

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Officer Tommy Sauls, director of the plant nursery at Avon Park Correctional Institution, speaks with Annette Campbell (center) and Pam Johnson, members of the Avon Park Founders Garden Club, before the meeting earlier this month.

Founders Garden Club hears about APCI Nursery plans

Special to the News-Sun
AVON PARK – The Avon Park Founders Garden Club held its January meeting at the beautifully decorated home of Annette Campbell. Guest speaker was Officer Tommy Sauls, director of the plant nursery at the Avon Park Correctional Institute. Sauls reported on the projects that he is working on with his crew. He told the group that there was much maintenance on the buildings that needed to be done. Shade cloth and ground cover need to be replaced or repaired and new flooring needs to be put in the pot lots. Heaters and flumes in the buildings also need servicing.

Sauls had previously mentioned that he would like to start a hydroponic garden at APCI, however this project is on hold until maintenance issues are addressed. Rosie Longanecker told Sauls that she had information about where he could get the materials needed for the repairs

and she would get this to him.

During the business meeting, committee reports were given. There has not been a Yard of the Month selected for January and members were asked to watch for yards that could be presented with the award.

Anita Helbig told the group that she and Annette Campbell had discussed ways to make the booth at the Avon Park Springtime on the Mall more welcoming. Members were told to start transplanting or growing their plants now so they would be big, healthy plants by the sale. Ideas were given for containers to hold the plants and different ways to display the plants. Betty Scott will order the caladiums.

The Yard Tour was discussed and a chairperson is needed for this event. Members were urged to consider heading this committee and to also be looking for yards to include in the tour,

which will be held in April.

Fran Beers asked members to think of children who would like to attend Camp Wekiva. Applications have to be turned in by May 15. She will download the application forms.

A collection was taken for the Pennies for Pines project of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs. This project provides funding to plant pine trees in deforested areas.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion about a donation to the APCI nursery. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed on the amount and treasurer Martha Williams will send a check.

The next meeting will be Feb. 13 at the home of Pam Johnson with a program being presented by David Austin from the County Extension, who will talk on the various methods of plant propagation. Anyone interested in attending should call 452-1927.

Woman's Club to host card party

SEBRING – The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring's dessert card party will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. Participants may bring a lunch, with beverages and desserts provided as part of the \$3 admission. All sorts of card and board games may be played with the winner at each table receiving a monetary prize.

The general public, both men and women, are encouraged to join the fun. Call for reservations by contacting Ellen Losse at 385-6294 to reserve a table.

Highlands PEO meets today

SEBRING – The Highlands PEO Group will meet for a tea at the home of Ann McCall at 11:30 a.m. today. Active members who are visiting or living in Florida are invited.

PEO was founded 145 years ago at Iowa Wesleyan College. For more information and directions, call 273-9935.

Orchid Society prepares for auction

SEBRING – The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its annual auction on Monday. It will take place at the regular meeting location, Sebring Civic Center (Jack R. Stroupe Center) at 355 W. Center Ave.

Preview starts at 6:30 and the auction starts at 7 p.m.

There will be plants from Hawaii, and several local Florida growers as well as books, pots, planting medium and accessories.

This auction is the major

fundraiser, and proceeds support speakers throughout the year and scholarships.

Cash or checks only. For more information, contact Cindy Barber at (863) 307-2300 or email Cindybarber2@gmail.com

York Rite Mason installation set

SEBRING – Highlands Chapter No. 64 Royal Area Masons and Heartland Council No. 43 Royal And Select Masters will install the officers for 2014 at Sebring Masonic Lodge on Home Avenue at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Jim Keaveny will be installed as Excellent High Priest of Highlands Chapter, and Ron Newton will be installed as Illustrious Master of Heartland Council.

Refreshments will be served upon completion of the installations.

All Master Masons and their ladies/guests are invited to attend.

WAVES 88 plan yard sale

SEBRING – A yard sale will be held at the home of Teddy Quinton, near the Red Beach Restaurant, on Saturday, Feb. 8. Extra tables and trash-to-treasures are needed along with gently previously used items. All proceeds will go to support the activities of the WAVES outreach programs. Contact Elizabeth Waddell for additional information at 414-1354.

From U.S. 27, turn onto U.S. 98 East, turn right at State Road 17 in front of the Red Beach Restaurant. Turn left at the first drive-

way. The yard sale is at the first house on the left.

LP Garden Club plans fashion show

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Garden Club's annual scholarship fund presents "Colors Of Our Life" fashion show and luncheon Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661, 200 County Road 621 East. Doors open at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon.

Tickets are \$25. Models will represent Amber Luise, Bon Worth, Chic Chick Boutique, Dress Barn, Lake Placid Feed and Western Wear, and Sue's Cubby Hole Boutique. There will be an opportunity table, door prizes and entertainment. For tickets call 465-3008

Elvis Wade to visit Legion Post 25

LAKE PLACID – American Legion Post 25 will have a Valentine's Dinner/Dance featuring Elvis Wade on Feb. 15. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., followed by a performance by Elvis Wade at 6:30 p.m. Joining Elvis Wade will be Sandy Posey.

Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner, dance and the show. Advance tickets only, available at the Legion building, U.S. 27 North.

For more information, call 465-0975.

Shrine Club offers Bunco

AVON PARK – The public is invited to play Bunco at the Highlands. See EVENTS, B10

Dows help antique lovers



Courtesy photo

Judy Dow (left) and Jim Dow led the Jan. 11 antique appraisal fundraiser by GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring under the chairmanship of Johnell West. The Dows gave general information regarding the cleaning of antiques and an update on what antique items were currently in demand. They appraised 40 items ranging from a six-inch, 50-year-old baby doll to sports memorabilia. Each item was displayed to those in attendance, background information on the item was discussed, and a price value was given by Jim Dow.

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Rotary Club of Lake Placid president Hugh 'Skip' Dent (left) presents a check to Lake Placid High School senior and Interact president Ashton Abela and Lake Placid High School Principal Toni Stivender.

Rotary Club barbecue benefits schools

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – Every year, the Rotary Club of Lake Placid prepares and sells a barbecue chicken dinner, with proceeds going to the local schools. Schools are awarded funds based on how many dinner tickets they sell.

According to Lake Placid High School Principal Toni Stivender, most recent funds were used to purchase two large park benches for use in the high school commons area. Students are enjoying the improvement to their gathering area. Such improvements help LPHS complete its mission statement: "Recognizing that education is a major component in preparing students to become productive members in a diverse society, the staff at Lake Placid High, in cooperation with our students, parents, and community, is committed to providing an educational setting focused on 'building tomorrow by educating today.'"

According to Laurie Brouwer-Glover, secretary of Lake Placid Elementary School, recent funds were used to help implement the Leader in Me Program, a whole-school transformation model that acts like the operating system of a computer — it improves performance of all other programs. Based on "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People", The Leader in Me produces transformational results such as higher academic achievement, fewer discipline problems, and increased engagement among teachers and parents. Better yet, The Leader in Me equips students with the self-confidence and skills they need to thrive in the 21st century economy.

The next barbecue dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. For more details about the dinner or the Rotary Club of Lake Placid, contact Frank Hartzell at 465-3481 or Nancy Davis at 465-4731. The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets every Wednesday at Platters Restaurant, at 6:44 a.m.

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New to the club



Courtesy photo

Mary Meisenheimer (from left) helps welcome Diane Darden as the newest member of the GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club at the Jan. 16 meeting. Darden's sponsor is Chloe Caulkins. The meeting featured the annual Arts and Crafts show with 18 blue ribbon winners going on to the district competition before the state event in April.

Highlands County American Legion Post 69

AVON PARK – Highlands County American Legion Post 69 held its Oratorical Contest on Jan. 11. The contestants were judged on their speaking abilities by Dr. Kimberly Batty Herbert, Dr. Michael McLeod, Dr. Marcy Jean Everest, Professor Lynn MacNeill and Dr. Bruce Borkosky.

The contestants were all students from Avon Park High School – Sara Heier, Jirah Ligon, Sumintra Williams and Racheal Gaidos.

The Junior ROTC escorted the contestants to the stage to present an eight-to-10-minute and three-to-five-minute speech on the U.S. Constitution.

The winner of the contest was Racheal Gaidos and the runner up was Sara Heier.

Racheal will continue to the next portion of the contest. The District 8 finals are on or about Feb. 2, the area contest is Feb. 23, and the state finals is on March 8.

Lake Placid China Painters

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid China Painters Club met recently to finalize plans for its upcoming events.

The World Organization of China Painters State Convention is slated for Jan. 25-27. China painters from all over Florida, and parts of Georgia and Alabama, attend this huge

Snapshots

FLWOCF Convention. Seminars, paint-a-longs, vendors and teachers are there for the interested, beginner and advanced painters.

A three-day seminar featuring "irises" will be taught by El Dorado, III, teacher Charlene Whitler on Feb. 10-12 at 12 Crepe Myrtle St.

The annual China Painters Tea, held at the Caladium Co-op, is March 9. This is a free event to showcase members' hand-painted china, offer sales and demonstrations. Enjoy a relaxing, interesting afternoon with delicious refreshments from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

The club meets at 10 a.m. every second Thursday at the Placid Lakes Village Hall on Placid Lakes Boulevard. For further information, call 465-0616.

TOPS FL 632

LAKE PLACID – The meeting of TOPS FL 632 was led by co-leader June Elam. More than 30 members were present with a weight loss of 24 3/4 pounds. Larue Willbur was the best loser. Two members rejoined – Elsie Stratton, a traveler from

Michigan, and Barbara Embick.

Patty Hynes gave a questionnaire on which foods would be more healthful while traveling – some from vending machines and some from fast food places.

The Yes Yes's this week are a good salad and broccoli, and the No No is candy.

Betty Kerpan has two more weeks to go for the travel gift, and Mary Anderson's "Don't Spill The Beans" contest is well under way. Winners today were Elaine Orr, Debbie Ludington, Jean Trahan and Linda Hall. For the Alphabet contest, winners were Larue Willbur, Nancy Reed, Bernice Lambert and Linda Haidle. These ladies all lost weight.

Club members share interesting articles. Phyllis Hieronymus read the "230 Pound Psalm." June Elam read the first suggestion to making "2014 Your Best Year Ever", and Putt Crandall read the last article from the News-Sun.

Weigh in is between 3-3:45 p.m. Mondays and the meeting is at 4. The group meets in the Women's Club House, Main Street.

Volunteer of the Year



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Olive Jackson (left) was named Volunteer of the Year by GFWC Lake Placid Woman's Club president Terry Reese. The Jan. 16 meeting had 82 members and six guests attending. Speakers were from Comfort Keepers and SHINE West Florida Area Agency on Aging.

Events planned

Continued from B9

Shrine Club, 2604 State Road 17 South at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$4 per person.

Phone (863) 991-1298 for more information.

Leisure Lakes Homeowners plan sale

LAKE PLACID – The Leisure Lakes Homeowners Association is having its annual garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Donations will be accepted from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Leisure Lakes Volunteer Fire

Department at 3022 Miller Ave., where it meets Lake June Road.

Promenaders host square dance

LAKE PLACID – The Pine Ridge Promenaders will host a square dance Thursday featuring Ed Foote as caller. Jennie Martin will begin cueing rounds at 7 p.m. with the square dance to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The dance will be at Sunshine RV Resort on State Road 70, 1,000 yards east of U.S. 27, south of Lake Placid. Square dance attire is not required.

For more information call 243-1226.

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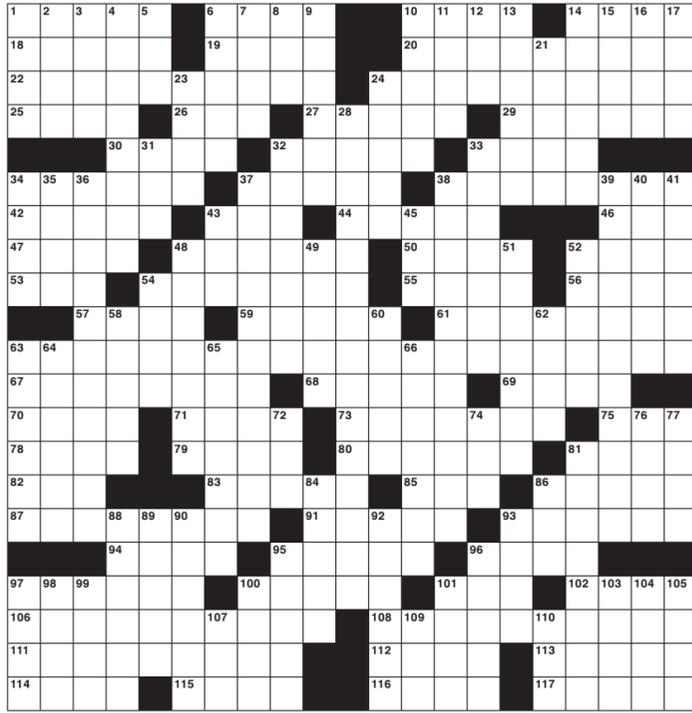
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- 54 Count ___
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Man who doesn't want marriage keeps attracting women who do

Dear Abby: I am a 53-year-old male who is fit, healthy and has a good job. I also have two failed marriages behind me, which have cost me dearly, both emotionally and financially. I have no intention of making that mistake again! I have been on my own for five years, and in that time I have had five relationships – always with women my age (give or take a few years).



Dear Abby

My problem is that women my age seem to have only one agenda: marriage. One very nice lady finally clarified her feelings by saying that at this time in her life, she didn't have time for "just dating" because in a few years she'd be 60.

I understand her dilemma, but I'm not interested in younger women. I try hard to make it clear at the beginning of any relationship that marriage is out of the question, and I don't proceed with the relationship unless the lady wholeheartedly agrees. But somehow I have broken five good hearts, whose only transgression was falling in love with me.

— Nobody's Retirement Husband
Dear N.R.H.: I admire your self-image. You must be doing something right to have the ladies lining up the way they are. However, you may not be as effective a communicator as you think you are if five different women failed to get the message you said you convey. I have several thoughts about your predicament:

If your only fear of marriage is that you would again be cleaned out financially, a strong prenuptial agreement could help you avoid any problem if a third marriage didn't work. However, if variety is what you prefer, then you should restate your message every few months as these relationships blossom. (Or you could move to a monastery and stop dangling yourself in the dating pool.)

Dear Abby: Once a year I type my ZIP code into a website to see who the registered sex offenders are in my area so I can be better informed and protect myself and my family. A photo, attributed to the offender are posted on the site. My jaw

dropped to the floor when I saw a man listed that I work with and see quite often. The picture looked recent.

I haven't said anything to him. I have known this person for five years and thought he was a good guy who respected women. I'd like to think it was a one-time mistake and that he would never do it again. But would he?

Should I tell my teenage daughter who sometimes visits me in the office? Should I tell the other women who work here? If a co-worker knew this kind of information and showed it to me, I'd be grateful to know. What do you think I should do? – Stunned in the City

Dear Stunned: Tell your daughter to keep her distance from this co-worker. But before you drop this bombshell at the office, you should first discuss what you have learned with your employer.

Dear Abby: I hope you can help with this etiquette question. My son and his wife believe that when you finish a good meal, you toss your napkin on the now-empty plate. They say this sends a message that the food was great.

I do not agree. Is placing a grubby napkin on the plate inappropriate behavior or is this legit? – **Not a Napkin-Tossing Dad**

Dear Dad: Your son and his wife need to re-read the chapter on table manners in their etiquette book. When a meal is finished and the plate is empty, diners should place their used napkins on the table beside their dessert plate. It should not be placed on top of a dirty plate. P.S. If they don't own an etiquette book, it appears they could use one.

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Price matching at Walmart

Price matching is a must-have tool in your savings tool box. The simple act of price matching another store's price at Walmart can save you 20 percent or more on many items every week. During the holidays, many consumers price matched the items



Savings Diva Tanya Senseney

at Wal-Mart in order to do all their shopping at one store, but Walmart price matches year round. Walmart recently revised their price match policy for Florida only to stay competitive with the buy one, get one free sales that are the backbone of both Publix and Winn-Dixie's weekly sales. For example: Bread is buy one, get one free for \$2.99 at another store. The same bread is only \$1.99 at Walmart.

Not only will they now price match the BOGO prices in any local store ad, but they will match it at their price. This means saving more money!

You will get the BOGO sale at the \$1.99 price and you can still use manufacturer's coupons on this item. Instead of paying \$1.50 per loaf at the other store, you will pay \$0.98 per loaf by price matching at Walmart. Knowing your store policy is important. You will have a higher success rate by knowing what you can and can't do with coupons and other saving tools at your favorite stores.

Earlier this week, I ran into my friend Bobbie and she mentioned her recent checkout experience with price matching. She wanted

to know what she did wrong, and the answer is nothing. Another local store had Tyson bagged chicken buy one, get one free, but the cashier would not let her get the specific flavor she had picked out and the ad did specify select varieties. Sometimes the ad can be confusing and if the cashier is confused, you may need to ask for a manager.

In this instance, Bobbie did ask for the manager and they happily corrected the issue. About 90 percent of the time, the store goes out of its way to make the customer happy and explain the price-match policy if needed. Savvy Savings Tip: Always have your store ads with you and coupons in case you find yourself at Walmart. Instead of going store to store for the best deal, price match your ads at Walmart and save yourself time, gas and headache.

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Open a can of artichoke hearts

While fresh, buttery artichokes would always be my top pick, when they're not in season, canned artichokes make a fine substitution.

Canned artichokes are a more affordable option than fresh, and they can also taste better (there's nothing more frustrating than getting down to the heart of a fresh artichoke and finding that it is past ripe).

Artichoke hearts have a pleasant, slightly sweet taste and a creamy texture. You can class up a chicken or pasta dish right away with the addition of artichoke hearts.

Not only are artichokes rather elegant and delicious, they're also full of nutritional benefits, such as the following:

- The flavonoids in artichokes might reduce the risk of developing prostate cancer, breast cancer and leukemia.
- Artichokes might help to regenerate liver tissue.
- Artichokes contain more antioxidants than any other vegetable.
- One single artichoke provides you with 25 percent of your daily recommended amount of fiber.

Avoid dangerous BPA by looking for brands that promise to be BPA free. Some brands that have ditched BPAs in their cans include Amy's,



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Eden Foods and Native Forest.

Frozen artichoke hearts (Whole Foods and Trader Joe's is where I get mine) is another good option in artichokes if you like to avoid cans. You can also find jarred artichoke hearts in water at Costco.

Tip for canned artichokes:

- Always rinse the liquid from your canned artichokes before using.
- To completely dry the artichokes, for use on salads or in other applications requiring a more dry texture, after rinsing, drain the hearts upside down on cooling racks.

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Level: Intermediate

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:

What's Cooking



Chef's Corner

Tim Spain

Make your marinara

Today I am in Tampa for a Chef Connect Meeting at Florida Hospital Tampa. All of our executive chefs from this region meet annually to learn what's new from our test kitchen in Atlanta and share best practices with each other. Last year we held it at Florida Hospital Heartland and it was a great success.

Tomorrow I am driving back to Tallahassee to plan for the weekend and do inventory, then on Friday turn around and come back to Sebring to cook for my friend, Tania Bobe Urrhelys, and family. So I think it's safe to say I have got a lot going on this week.

It is so easy for us to just go to the store and buy ready-made marinara sauce and pour it over your favorite pasta. I must say, there are some really good ones on the shelf. However it's not very hard to make your own and who wouldn't like the smell of freshly made marinara sauce in your kitchen. I like to make it in small batches, like service for 12, and jar it up, then keep some in the fridge and give the rest to friends at work.

You might want to spice your marinara up with some crushed red pepper flakes or add some roasted garlic to it and expand the flavors. To me, marinara is just like meatloaf or chili – it's always better the next day. So I hope you take some time to make this recipe with your family and enjoy the aromas and the joy of cooking.

Cheers, Chef.

Marinara Sauce

3/4 tsp. oil, olive/canola oil, 25/75 blend

1 ounce onions, yellow, fresh, diced, 1/8-inch

3/4 tsp. garlic cloves, peeled, fresh, minced

1/8 can No.10 tomatoes, crushed, canned, including liquids

1 ounce tomato puree, canned

3/8 tsp. oregano, fresh, chopped

1-1/8 tsp. basil, fresh, chopped

1/4 tsp. salt, kosher

1/4 tsp. spice, pepper, black, cracked

In a large saucepan, sauté the onions in the oil until golden. Add the garlic and sauté over medium heat for 3 minutes.

Add the tomato products and turn the heat down to simmer for 30 minutes.

Stir in the herbs and salt and pepper, and remove from heat.

Serve right away or place it in your fridge and let it get cold then reheat for more flavor.

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Tips for getting the most out of your cookware

Family Features

In the last several years, kitchen activity has increased as families bypass the drive-through to cook at home more often. According to a recent survey from DuPont, maker of the most popular nonstick coating for cookware, more than two-thirds of home cooks choose nonstick pots and pans because they help families cook convenient and healthy meals that are easy to clean up.

“You don't need a lot of equipment to cook a simple and healthy meal at home. With a chef knife and a large, high quality, nonstick skillet you can

cook a lot of really great recipes,” said Janice Newell Bissex, M.S., R.D., author of the new family cookbook “No Whine with Dinner” and co-founder of www.MealMakeoverMoms.com.

As families try out new recipes and pick fresh ingredients for their

home-cooked meals, it's a good idea to understand what cookware to look for when it's time to buy something new.

Browning Food

Can you really brown food in a nonstick pan? Yes.

- You don't need high heat to brown in a nonstick pan — use medium heat. You'll get the same results; it will just take a little longer.
- Augment the browning of your main ingredient simply by adding a sweetener, such as wine, juice, vinegar, syrup or honey.

Types of nonstick coatings

Not all nonstick cookware coatings are equal. According to the Cookware Manufacturers Association (CMA), most quality nonstick cookware has a PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) finish. PTFE, developed by DuPont 70 years ago, is used as a nonstick coating that is both durable and high-temperature resistant. Brands such as DuPont Teflon nonstick coatings have been developed with a variety of coatings which are reinforced to resist scratching and can come in up to three-coat finishes — which means greater durability and a longer life for your pan.

Consumers also may be familiar with pans that advertise as ceramic finishes and claim they are natural or organic. Both ceramic and PTFE-based coatings start from minerals that are used to create a synthetic coating. PTFE coatings comply with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations for their intended use. In lab tests, which simulated cooking in a home kitchen, traditional nonstick coatings lasted up to seven times longer than ceramic finishes.

Buying a new pan

Buying something new for your kitchen — even a pot or pan — is exciting, and since you'll likely be using it for a long time, you want to make the right choice. Use these tips when shopping for nonstick cookware:

- Think about what piece or pieces you will really use most. Start there and build. You can buy a single pot or pan or a full set, depending on your needs.

- Check out all the new types of pans available, as manufacturers are

constantly innovating. For example, there are new nonstick pans for grilling, stainless steel pans with nonstick coatings, as well as new colors to add flair to your kitchen.

- Next, make sure you're getting high quality nonstick and not a cheap imitation. Look for a pan that carries the Teflon(r) brand logo, so you know you'll get the durability you expect.

- Finally, if you use cookware in the oven as well as on the stove, choose a handle that can take the heat, such as metal, and check the manufacturer's guidelines for maximum temperatures.



Using nonstick cookware

While there are few rules to using nonstick coated pots and pans, just like anything else in your kitchen, you can achieve the best results when you use proven techniques.

When trying out new recipes, or simply revisiting an old favorite, it's best to use medium or low heat. Then add food and lower the heat to cook at an even temperature.

Because food releases so easily when you use cookware with nonstick coatings, you don't need to use oil or fat when you cook unless you want to. And with recent improvements you also can use metal utensils on many high-quality nonstick-coated pots and pans without worry of scratching.

DuPont research also shows that cleaning up after cooking remains a top concern in the kitchen. With nonstick pans, cleanup is easy. Simply wash with hot, soapy water after each use; a sponge or dishcloth is usually all it takes to get the surface thoroughly clean.

Many nonstick pans also are dishwasher-safe. Check the manufacturer's guidelines before using a dishwasher. Cookware also should be stored carefully to prevent unnecessary wear and tear.