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Pacers tie up East finals once again

The Indiana Pacers used a balanced offensive attack to knock off the Miami Heat in Game 4 and even the Eastern Conference finals at two games each.

Sports B1

Honor Flight trip of lifetime

For a Villages couple, an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., was full of surprises and gratitude.

Local C1

Business in The Villages

Winn-Dixie parent buys Villages' Sweetbay stores

By DAVID R. CORDER
DAILY SUN SENIOR WRITER

THE VILLAGES – Sweetbay and Winn-Dixie, two grocers with an established presence in The Villages, just became sister companies.

Maudlin, S.C.-based Bi-Lo Holdings LLC, Winn-Dixie's parent company, acquired Sweetbay, Harveys and Reid's grocery operations Monday for \$265 million in cash from Brussels, Belgium-based Delhaize Group.

The acquisition would include the Sweetbay store in Lake Sumter Landing and

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Bi-Lo will acquire:
72 Sweetbay stores,
10 prior locations,
72 Harveys stores,
11 Reid's stores for
a total of 165 stores
that employ about
10,000 workers.
Bi-Lo Holding is
the ninth-largest
supermarket chain
in the country.

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You're talking, we're listening

It's been a little more than two weeks since I invited you to come along on a yearlong health care journey.

The idea is to follow the progress of The Villages Health as it opens innovative primary care centers throughout the community.

We'll soon turn our attention to the October opening of the USF Health Specialty Care Clinic in the old Wellness Center building. Then we'll explore insurance and Medicare options.

I'm thoroughly enjoying the trip and hope you are, too.

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DAILY SUN

Florida bans texting while driving

'This is going to save lives'



Wilfredo Lee / The Associated Press

Gov. Rick Scott signed the texting-while-driving bill into law Tuesday at a Miami high school, noting that the 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day are known as the deadliest days on the road for teenagers.

By MICHAEL SALERNO / DAILY SUN STAFF WRITER

Gov. Rick Scott signed a law Tuesday that makes Florida the 41st state in the nation to ban texting while driving. "This is going to save lives," he said. The law goes into effect in October.

Why is this law needed?

Texting has become the top driving distraction for many people. Lady Lake Police Chief Chris McKinstry said it's "more dangerous than drinking and driving." Lake County Sheriff Gary Borders added that "we want them to focus on the roads and the vehicles around them so we have safer roadways."

How does Florida's law compare to laws in other states?

Texting while driving is banned in 41 states and the District of Columbia. Novice

drivers are banned from texting in Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas. There are no bans in Montana, Arizona or South Carolina.

What does the law say?

The law prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while manually typing, reading or sending text on a cellphone.

How will it be enforced?

Texting while driving is a secondary offense, meaning motorists must be cited for something else before they

can be cited for texting. "But not wearing seat belts was a secondary offense at one time, and now it's a primary offense" said Sumter County Sheriff's Lt. Bobby Caruthers. "So maybe that will change."

Is any texting allowed?

Only if you're completely stopped, reporting an emergency, receiving navigation information or getting emergency alerts. Law enforcement, fire and medical service personnel can text and drive while performing official duties.

How much is the fine?

\$30 for the first offense and \$60 for a second offense committed within five years.

What about points to my driver's license?

Penalties after the first offense are three points. If a violation results in a crash, six points are added. Offenses in

a school zone carry an additional two points. In Florida, licenses are suspended when 12 points are accumulated in 12 months.

Does the law apply to golf carts?

Sumter County Sheriff's Lt. Nehemiah Wolfe, who serves the sheriff's office's Villages Annex, believes it should. "I would think it would apply to all motor vehicles," he said.

Can I still talk and drive?

Yes, however, the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles doesn't recommend it.

How do you break the habit?

Marion County Sheriff Chris Blair said residents may initially be issued warnings. But the increased risks of a crash should be enough to make anyone take the pledge to not text and drive.

National focus



Cliff Owen

Contestants in the Scripps National Spelling Bee take the preliminary test on Tuesday.

Spelling bee opens with first-ever vocabulary test

The 86th edition of the Scripps National Spelling Bee took on new meaning – or rather, lots of meanings – when organizers decreed that the youngsters need to prove they know more than just how to spell.

A real test: The 281 competitors took a 45-minute computer test Tuesday that probed their knowledge of both spelling and vocabulary, with the results to be combined with today's onstage round to determine who advances to the semifinals Thursday.

Pop quiz: "I think everybody wasn't expecting it, because it was something you weren't thinking they were going to put in," said 12-year-old Mary Elizabeth Horton from West Melbourne. "But it definitely changes everything."

—The Associated Press

Florida focus

Law keeps tax in place to pay for Everglades restoration

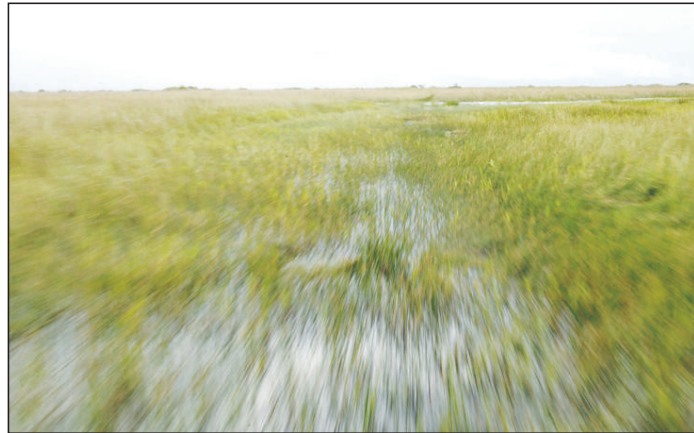
Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill Tuesday that will keep in place a tax on northern Everglades farmers and put it toward an \$880 million, long-term water-quality improvement plan for the River of Grass.

A treasure: "The Everglades are very important to our state, very important to our country and the world. It's a national, international treasure. We have to make sure that we increase the flow of water and the quality of the water," Scott said after

signing the bill at Florida Atlantic University Pine Jog Environmental Education Center in West Palm Beach.

Restoration: The new law will maintain an existing tax on farmers until the mid-2030s, although it calls for the tax rate to decrease in the mid-2020s. The money will be used for water quality restoration projects that are part of an \$880 million plan Scott negotiated with the federal government.

—The Associated Press



Inside today's Daily Sun

McCain hears pleas from Syrian rebels

Sen. John McCain slipped into Syria for a surprise visit and met with leaders of Syria's opposition forces.

World A10

CSX train explodes outside Baltimore

A freight train crashed and derailed Tuesday, causing an explosion that rattled homes at least a half-mile away.

Nation A14

More US moms supporting families

A new survey says working moms are now the main breadwinner in 40 percent of households.

Nation A11



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Washington

House chairman subpoenas State Department documents on Benghazi talking points

By DONNA CASSATA
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee issued subpoenas on Tuesday for State Department documents related to the widely debunked talking points about the cause of the deadly attack

on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, last year.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., is pressing for material from 10 current and former department officials, including several who had worked for former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. He gave the department until June 7 to comply.

“The State Department has

not lived up to the administration’s broad and unambiguous promises of cooperation with Congress. Therefore, I am left with no alternative but to compel the State Department to produce relevant documents through a subpoena,” Issa said in a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry.

The intelligence community’s

talking points compiled for members of Congress suggested the Sept. 11 attack that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans stemmed from protests over an anti-Islamic video rather than an assault by extremists. Five days after the attack, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice relied on the talking points in a

series of interviews on the Sunday talk shows.

Republicans have accused the Obama administration of trying to mislead the American people about an act of terrorism in the heat of the presidential campaign. The White House says Rice reflected the best information available while facts were still being gathered.

Rice described the attack as a “horrific incident where some mob was hijacked, ultimately, by a handful of extremists.”

In response to the subpoenas, State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell said the department remains committed to working with Congress, will assess the latest request and decide its next steps.

CROOM, from A1

You’ve sent us more than 300 calls and emails, the majority of which contain excellent questions for our library of future story ideas.

Many of you want to know more about the primary care centers, their doctors and the requirements to sign up.

You’ve asked about the relationship with USF Health, the Specialty Care Clinic and the doctors who will staff it. You want to know how they’ll work alongside primary care doctors and access your medical records.

You want to know which Medicare and insurance plans will be accepted.

There have also been questions about The Villages Regional Hospital’s \$50-million expansion, wait times in the emergency room and the role of the hospital’s urgent care center.

Obviously, we can’t answer each question personally, largely because we don’t know of all of the answers yet.

This whole concept is a work in progress, and there are some things in the insurance world that companies can’t discuss until open enrollment period.

But we want you to know that we’ve taken your comments seriously and will do our best to answer your questions in plenty of time to sign up. In addition to our newspaper coverage, we’re covering this journey on our Channel 2 news show and on AM-640 WVLG.

The Villages Health team is also planning town hall meetings in the near future to take your questions directly.

This week, we’ve taken a short break from primary care coverage to plan out future stories. We’ve interviewed every Villages Health doctor, and they’ve given us quite an education. We think you’ll enjoy reading about their innovative ideas in upcoming stories.

In this Sunday’s newspaper, you’ll read about the hospital’s emergency room/urgent care plans and improvements that are under way before the snowbirds return.

Next week, we’ll return to primary care and learn how the doctors involved with the initiative see health care improvements coming down the pike.

As we’ve said before, this journey wouldn’t be possible without you. Your questions are important and are setting the stage for future articles.

So please stay tuned, because we’ve got a busy and great year ahead.

If you have a health care question you’d like to have answered in future stories, please email it to larry.croom@thevillagesmedia.com. You can also send your question to the Daily Sun, 1100 Main Street, The Villages, FL 32159, Attn.: Larry Croom. Or call him at (352) 753-1119, ext. 9366.

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