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New post in AP raises questions

Maria Sutherland is now assistant city manager

By ED BALDRIDGE
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AVON PARK — Avon Park City Manager Bruce Behrens appointed Maria Sutherland as assistant city manger effective Nov. 1, raising questions from council and the public about what that means exactly Monday night during a special meeting.

Council questioned both of Behrens' appointments last week during a discussion focusing around a possible safety director.

Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray made it clear last week that she was not happy with Behrens' move.

"You've only been here 29 days. You really have not had the time to know what we want and what the citizens of Avon Park want," Gray said. "I think that before you make any appointments, you should see what the city wants. That's what we hired you for. I think the city manager should evaluate every situation before he makes an appointment. Are you even out of your probation period yet?"

"No ma'am, I am on probation for six months," Behrens responded.

"Until that time frame, I don't think any more appointments should be made," Gray said.

"If council wants to make that vote now, that is fine with me. If that is how you really feel,"

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News-Sun photo by ED BALDRIDGE

New Assistant City Manager Maria Sutherland explains an ongoing application for a grant to council on Monday night. Sutherland officially became assistant city manager on Nov. 1, but will continue her overall duties as project manager.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Lake Placid Town Council may have to close down the sports fields and playground at Lake June Park due to lack of funding.

When play ball becomes go home

Recreation budget battle coming to a head in Lake Placid

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — Town council member Steve Bastardi pulled no punches Monday night at the council's regular meeting.

In fact, he took to the offensive with verbal uppercuts and jabs, prepared to shut down the Lake June ball fields.

Bastardi has been raising the issue of the under-funded town park for months. He is incensed that no progress has been made with the recreational budget.

"I won't stand for it," he said forcefully, adding, "this is an ongoing problem. The recreation budget is a financial train wreck. It's time we started treating taxpayer money like a precious commodity, less like a renewable resource.

"It's the first month of the 2010-2011 fiscal year," he said, "and we're already spending money we don't have. We are on a road that is not sustainable. What do we do?"

At the heart of the issue are the county's cutbacks in its recreational budget.

Because each of Highland's County municipalities have parks that serve county residents as well as city taxpayers, the county has traditionally reimbursed the cities a portion of what they

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Veterans to be honored at several ceremonies

Special to the News-Sun

A Veterans Day ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday on the Highlands County Courthouse lawn, sponsored by the County Veterans Services Office, Highlands County Veterans Advisory Board and the Veterans Council of Highlands County Inc.

Joseph A. Dionne, county veteran services officer, will open the ceremony. Deacon James McGarry of St. Catherine's Catholic Church will give the Invocation. Betsy Waddell is scheduled to explain the purpose of the event, with Harry Marsh welcoming the guests. Patriotic songs will be under the direction of Gary Filip and Marti Capodiferro.

Diane Hilliard of the Community Based VA Outpatient Clinic will introduce the guest speaker, U.S. Navy Master at Arms Petty Officer Second Class Sarah Carter from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The color guard from the Lake Placid JROTC will be in charge of posting the colors and the VFW 4300 will end the ceremony with a Firing Salute. "Taps" will be played by David Flowers, director of facility manage-

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Reception held for outgoing commissioners

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SEBRING — The County Commission took a short break during its regular meeting on Tuesday morning to honor outgoing board members with a reception.

Chairman Don Bates and Commissioner Edgar Stokes will officially leave office at midnight on Nov. 15, but Commissioner Guy Maxcy's term ended at midnight Tuesday.

Maxcy resigned in order to run for tax collector in the spring, and his resignation took effect officially on Tuesday.

"Thank you guys for the opportunity to serve," Maxcy said during the meeting.

Bates and Stokes also took the podium for a brief farewell speech during the meeting, and all congratulated Maxcy on his work.

Additionally, former County Commissioner Audrey Vickers asked for five minutes during the meeting to thank Maxcy for his service.

"I was here when Guy Maxcy was elected and sworn in November of 1992," said Vickers. "Guy wouldn't go to commission school without me, and I was a veteran of just two years of county commission myself. So, we loaded up the brand new county administrator and headed to Tallahassee together for school," Vickers explained.

"We had no idea at the time that Mr. Maxcy would served for 18 years, and survive. And secondly, that he would be the first Highlands County Commissioner to be elected as president of Florida County Commissioners. I appreciate the way he has always treated county employees and department heads with respect. Sometimes we forget that our family includes the guys in the ditches and on the mowers, and Guy always treated employees with respect. Guy, we are going to miss you, and thank you again," Vickers said.

"I thoroughly enjoyed serving with you guys. This is a great county, enjoy it," Maxcy said. "It has been a good team over the years. You guys are my heroes, and I think you very much."

The commission took a break at that point to enjoy a small reception for all three outgoing commissioners.

Although the reception was held on Tuesday, Bates and Stokes will make the transition out of office during the next county meeting on Nov. 16.

News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS

Several gathered in the lobby of the government center on Tuesday for a reception for the outing county commissioners.

Police Blotter

The News-Sun would like to remind the readers that the names listed below reflect those who have been charged with a crime, but they are all innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. If anyone listed here is acquitted or has charges dropped, they can bring in proof of such decision or mail a copy to the paper and the News-Sun will be happy to report that information. The News-Sun is at 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Sunday, Nov. 7:

♦ Mariana Alomar, 24, of Sebring, was charged with damaging property, criminal mischief.

♦ Adrian Lamar Hawthorne, 31, of Lake Placid, was charged with possession of drug equipment and/or use; trafficking cocaine, 28 grams less than 150 kilograms; possession of cocaine; attempted arson, willful damage of structure; aggravated assault with weapon, no intent to kill.

♦ Marvin Lamonte Lawton, 34, of Avon Park, pick-up order, charged with failing to pay child support, contempt of court, three counts.

♦ John Benjamin Mason, 55, of Marion, Ind., was charged on a Grant County warrant for furnishing alcohol to a minor; Grant County warrant for contributing to the delinquency of a minor; Grant County warrant for maintaining a common nuisance.

♦ Tammy Lynn McClelland, 46, of Avon Park, pick-up order, charged for failing to pay child support, contempt of court.

♦ Dennis Eugene Mitchell, 26, of Sebring, was charged for domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

♦ Brittney Rose Newsome, 22, of Avon Park, was charged with battery, touch or strike.

♦ Bernave Ordonez-Lopez, 20, of Clinton, N.C., was charged with operating motor vehicle without valid license.

♦ Rosa Isela Reyna, 27, of Sebring, was charged with domestic violence or battery, causing bodily harm.

♦ Shundra Bouna Rockmore, 33, of Sebring, was charged with disorderly conduct; and resisting arrest without violence.

♦ Rajiva Jaconne Sholtz, 19, of Lake Placid, was charged with trafficking cocaine, 28 grams less than 150 kilograms; possession of cocaine; and possession of drug equipment and/or use.

♦ Loretta Lynn Yarbrough, 43, of Sebring, was charged with larceny, petit theft, second degree, first offense.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Saturday, Nov. 6:

♦ Gaspar Dominguez-Rosas, 25, of Frostproof, was charged with operating vehicle without valid license.

♦ Mary Douglass Holmes, 56, of Sebring, was charged with larceny or grand theft; forgery of check, two counts; and scheme to defraud.

♦ Glen Allen Kegler, 42, of Avon Park, was charged with domestic violence or aggravated battery, person using a deadly weapon.

♦ Jesus Leonides-Ramire, 30, of Avon Park, was charged with operating motor vehicle without valid license.

♦ Jenna Leigh Pontius, 22, of Sebring, was charged with battery, touch or strike.

♦ Lui Tica Scarborough, 38, of Lake Placid, was charged with domestic violence or battery, touch or strike.

♦ Ronald Williams, 38, of Sebring, was charged with driving while license suspended, first offense.

The following people were booked into the Highlands County Jail on Friday, Nov. 5:

♦ Elifaite Bertrand, 27, of Lantana, was charged with contempt of court for failing to pay child support payments.

♦ Waddy Anthony Laboy De Jongh, 18, of Sebring, was charged with possession of marijuana, not more than 20 grams; and possession of liquor by person under 21 years of age.

♦ Charles Anthony Oldham, 27, of Lakeland, was charged with knowingly driving while license suspended, first offense; and resisting officer, obstruction without violence.

♦ Trinidy Chaple Salter, 33, of Lorida, was charged with grand theft of motor vehicle.

♦ Norma Simon-Ayodoro, 29, of Lake Placid, was charged with larceny, petit theft, first degree.

♦ Michael Dean Walton, 47, of Venus, was charged with possession of harmful new legend drug without prescription; domestic violence or battery, touch or strike; stalking, credible threat; and domestic battery by strangulation.

Lake Placid looking for new auditor

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — Town council members unanimously decided to seek a new auditor at their Monday night regular meeting.

Council member Debra Worley raised the issue, pulling the item off the consent agenda for discussion.

Worley is concerned that Wicks Brown & Williams has been the town's auditor for too long — approximately 14 years.

"We need new eyes and to be serious about looking into new areas," she said, referring to reviewing the budget.

She is also upset that the accounting firm's results typically arrive after deadlines the town is supposed to meet by state mandate.

"They said the conclusions are late because the town is so small (its work is done last)." said Worley. "But we should be ready on time."

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Courtesy photo

Volunteers for the LakeWatch program were honored at a barbecue on Sunday.

County's LakeWatch volunteers honored at barbecue

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County Lakes Association's annual LakeWatch Volunteer Barbecue was held on Sunday at Windy Point County Park. The event was sponsored by Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District, Alan Jay Automotive Group, Burke Marine Construction and the Highlands County Homeowners Association.

A crew from the University of Florida LakeWatch Program, headed by Dan Willis, traveled from Gainesville to attend the event. Each LakeWatch volunteer was given an informational packet for the lake they sample. There were also displays, brochures and booklets available with information concerning area lakes. In addition, Willis passed out one, five- and 10-year service awards to the volunteers.

The university staff was there to answer concerns or questions the volunteer samplers had about the local lakes. One of the main concerns was aquatic weed control.

Willis explained to the volunteers that a cut in funding at the university threatened to stop the sampling on nearly half of the lakes, but rather than lose the years of accumulated data on half of the lakes currently being sampled, it was decided to reduce the frequency of the sampling.

The reduced sampling would still maintain the years of continuous data that has been gathered. He also stated that until the current funding problems are resolved, no new lakes will be added to the program.

The information gathered by LakeWatch is made available to the Highlands County Lake Management Program and other environmental agencies. A history of the lake conditions is a valuable tool to maintain healthy lakes. Recently elected County Commissioner Jack Richie was on hand to thank the volunteers for their valuable service to the County. Richie has been involved with the LakeWatch Program for many years.

For information on LakeWatch or to volunteer to sample a lake for the program call the University at 1-800-525-3928 (1-800-LAKE-WATCH). For local information call John Ruggerio at 465-7855.

Wellness event rescheduled for Thursday

By SAMANTHA GHOLAR
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AVON PARK — The community wellness event hosted by Healthy Living, located at 1016 U.S. 27 South, has been rescheduled for Thursday.

The event was canceled on Oct. 25 due to the absence of a technician. However, the manager of the center, Betty Wells, has announced that the event will be held this week.

"We are happy to re-offer the services to the community. We had a lot of people show up and call for appointments, and had to turn everyone away, but we've rescheduled and we gladly take all those people back," said Wells.

The nutritional blood analysis event is an unique service and technicians are inviting residents to come and be a part of the event.

The testing service uses blood analysis to demonstrate how certain illnesses, eating habits and physical activity can all affect the body and blood. Blood is examined on a high-powered microscope and displayed on a video monitor for clients to see.

The individual blood analysis is $49.95. The technicians and facility are also offering free pH balance testing with no purchase necessary. For appointments or more information, call 452-5793.

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Lottery Center

Florida Lotto

Nov. 6	3	14	24	30	33	38	x:4
Next jackpot $12 million							
Nov. 3	15	29	38	47	50	51	x:3
Oct. 30	10	24	30	36	41	44	x:4

Fantasy 5 with ezmatch

Nov. 8	4	7	15	32	35	
Nov. 7	1	7	29	32	34	
Nov. 6	2	7	10	25	33	
Nov. 5	3	17	23	25	26	

Play 4

Nov. 8 (n)	3	1	2	6	
Nov. 8 (d)	9	8	2	0	
Nov. 7 (n)	4	9	5	7	
Nov. 7 (d)	6	7	5	2	

Mega Money

Nov. 5	5	29	32	39	Mega Ball	11
Nov. 2	20	21	32	44	Mega Ball	17
Oct. 29	21	22	30	34	Mega Ball	2
Oct. 26	13	26	31	34	Mega Ball	20

Cash 3

Nov. 8 (n)	1	3	6
Nov. 8 (d)	3	0	3
Nov. 7 (n)	6	0	0
Nov. 7 (d)	7	0	1

Florida Powerball Powerplay

Nov. 6	7	12	23	34	38	PB: 33	PP: 4		
Next jackpot $20 million									
Nov. 3	34	38	39	45	50	PB: 32	PP: 2		
Oct. 30	1	7	27	36	49	PB: 39	PP: 5		

Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day: (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing.
PB: Power Ball PP: Power Play

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LPPD wants cameras in stores

Hoping to record alcohol sales to minors

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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LAKE PLACID — Police Chief Phil Williams approached the town council Monday night asking if an amendment could be added to the town's ordinance on underage drinking.

Williams wants to mandate that every store selling packaged liquor, beer or wine have a working video recording system set up so all sales are captured on tape.

Williams said the main reason to take this step is because it is very hard to prove and prosecute cases involving underage drinkers. This will make it possible to identify adults who buy alcohol for teenagers and teenagers who put themselves at risk.

The police would conduct surprise checks the video equipment on a regular basis to make sure everything is in running order, but would use a search warrant when examining tape for a particular individual.

Bars and restaurants would not be involved, Williams said.

The council was generally in favor of the idea, although Ray Royce worried about the legal costs involved, especially if there was a challenge to the ordinance.

"It's something to think about," Royce said." If the convenience stores are within city limits, maybe it's worth it."

Williams said the sheriff's office should be contacted about the idea, so this kind of surveillance could be countywide.

No vote was taken Monday night.

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5 kids die in Citra house fire

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CITRA — Neighbors said Tuesday they punched out windows as they desperately tried to save the victims of a voracious house fire that shot 20-foot flames through the roof, killing five children in central Florida.

Dennis Flood heard screaming Monday night and ran from his nearby trailer to see the wood-frame home engulfed in flames. The children's mother, 31-year-old Krista Jordan, and grandmother were frantic, yelling that the children were still inside. Flames towered over some of the trees in this rural area about 15 miles north of Ocala.

"The mom was on the ground bleeding and she was shouting, 'Get my babies out, get my babies out,"' said Flood.

Before fire officials arrived, neighbors R.J. and Angela Stroud frantically punched out windows amid billowing smoke, hoping the children's voices would guide them. But they said they never heard from them.

Together they pulled out the children's aunt, 21-year-old Kyla Cole, who was found unconscious in her bedroom, R.J. Stroud said.

"We laid her on the ground, she was breathing. We thought plastic might be melted to her face, but that was actually her skin melted," he said. "We busted more windows to try to get the kids out, but the smoke was so bad we couldn't get the kids out."

In the home stretch

News-Sun photo by SCOTT DRESSEL

Karin Tallent of Lake Placid can still smile as she runs on 59th Street at the southern edge of Central Park during the 25th mile of the New York City Marathon on Sunday. She completed her first marathon in 4 hours, 57 minutes and 39 seconds. Melissa Fiorito of Avon Park finished in 5:32:58 and Natalie Terreros of Sebring finished in 6:08:44. More than 45,000 runners competed in the race, which traveled through all five boroughs of New York City.

Full Saturday planned on Circle

Heartland Idol, car show planned

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY
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SEBRING — Diana Walker, founder and organizer of the Heartland Idol, announced the talent competition's final schedule Monday night.

Bad weather and a crowded calendar caused problems for the show.

Now a day-long event is planned on the Circle for Saturday woven into the first afternoon classic car show. The will have a little something for everyone, from gorgeous classic cars, to art work, to music, to eating contests, to strolls around downtown.

The car shows have been held in the evening, but with days getting darker earlier it was decided to shift the Saturday festivities to the afternoon.

In addition, local artists have been invited to take part, with seven or eight already committed.

The goal is to draw people downtown at lunchtime when stores and restaurants are open for family fun.

The car show opens Friday night, then continues Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. It is a free event.

The Idol competition will be setting up as the auto show closes down.

Between the semifinals at 3 p.m. and the finals at 7 p.m., several events are planned.

There will be a Senior Idol for singers 50 or older. The field is limited to the first 10 to sign up only.

An Oreo cookie eating contest for those 17 and younger — in two age divisions — comes next. Again, the number of participants is limited.

Beef O'Brady's is running a "Nuclear Chicken Wing Contest" — deemed too fiery for the young, contestant must be 18 or older. There will be age categories made up of the first six people to sign up.

Local artists who want to take part in the event should call Gene Brenner at 446-3874. Proud classic car owners wanting to show off should call Bud Whitlock at 471-1900.

Veterans Day activities planned around the county Thursday

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ment for Highlands County. The benediction will be offered by Cantor Cathy Blumenthal of Temple Israel of Highlands County.

Patriotism is on the rise, as is evidenced by the number of events scheduled for Veterans Day. South Florida Community College is scheduling a ceremony on the Avon Park campus at 11 a.m. by the flagpole.

Veterans will be honored with music and speeches at Cracker Trail Elementary School at 9 a.m.. All grade levels will sing and short speeches will be given by various students. The Sebring VFW 4300 will also be performing the 21-gun salute and "Taps." Please contact the school office at 471-5777 if you are a veteran or are currently in the service and would like to attend the program.

The Military Sea Services Museum will hold a barbecue on Saturday at the museum on Kenilworth Boulevard. The Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Sebring at the Lakeshore Mall on Nov. 18-21. It will be free to the public..

The JROTC units from all three high schools will be conducting ceremonies for the teachers and administrators in their schools who are veterans.

Although there will be no parade this year, plans are under way for a Veterans Day Parade next year, sponsored by the Veteran Services Office.

According to Mark Tharp, owner of the Golden Corral in Lake Placid, the Annual Military Appreciation Night is planned for Monday, Nov. 15, from 5-9 p.m., and all Highlands County veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to dine at the newly renovated restaurant at no charge.

Also, to honor Veterans Day, all park visitors will receive free park admission at Highlands Hammock State Park from 8 a.m. to sundown. Honor fees are also waived at Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park.

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Editorial & Opinion

Today's Editorial

We owe our veterans a nation that lives up to the ideals they fought for

Tomorrow is Veteran's Day. We extend our gratitude and respect to all the men and women who left their civilian lives to serve and protect us over the years.

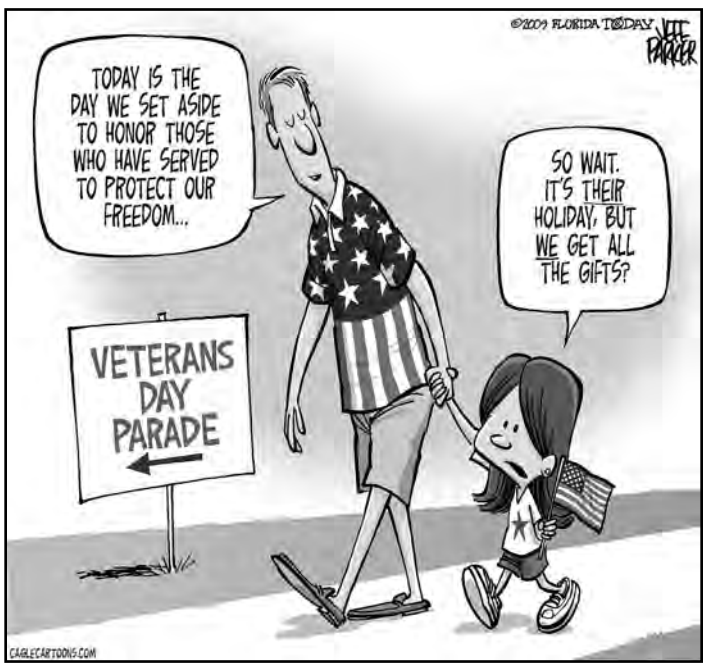
Because they are still living with uncertainty, worry, danger and separation we extend special prayers to those families whose loved ones are currently deployed in war zones.

We are delighted the amendment passed to increase the Homestead Exception for deployed military members. It is the least we can do.

The question then becomes — what is the most we can do?

Well, we've been discussing an idea here in the newsroom. It involves a possible way for we the people to regain a measure of power in our political process, and sharply reduce the amount of money spent on seeking office.

We feel the huge sums it now takes to win an election, from county tax collector to President of the United States, seriously undermines political independence and threatens our stability.



We owe it to our military to fight and protect democracy as diligently here at home, as they fight for it overseas.

The day after the election a morning cable news show solicited comments from its viewers. A woman e-mailed to ask why political parties were necessary. Couldn't we do away with them, she wanted to know. Let every candidate run for him or herself and explain their own ideas and priorities.

At first the idea sounded preposterous, but after thinking on it for a while we decided it was worth discussing.

A history buff among us explained that political parties were invented in an age when communication was difficult, especially over long distances. A party structure helped the political process then by providing a corps of volunteers, funding and a communications network.

Now, however, said our history buff — who also stays virtually cutting edge — technology allows individuals, even by themselves, to be heard by millions. That means from a technology standpoint, political parties are no longer necessary.

If candidates ran on their own records and ideas, and did not have to ally themselves with a platform chosen by others; if candidates only received financial support from local contributors; and if candidates owed their only allegiance to their constituents, the connection between governed and governing would be closer, less complicated and more successful.

On the local level each candidate running on his or her own experience and ideas has worked well.

Think of the non-partisan elections we hold — the school board, for example. Generic candidates, as opposed to branded candidates, can be freer to express their true thoughts and ideas, while at the same time being more accountable to voters because they are seen as individuals, not party members.

We also disagree with the Supreme Court when it says paid political advertising is a matter of free speech.

Of course, content cannot be censored, but paying to run the same political ad over and over again is hardly the same thing as risking one's freedom to speak truth to power.

Selling a candidate, after all, is more about memorable slogans than it is accurate information.

Without political parties, it would be much harder to raise millions of dollars, and almost impossible to hide them. It means no more giant slush funds of mixed money to create advertising directed by absentee movers and shakers, more interested in party power than any individual candidate.

Granted, legislatures will have to learn a new way of doing business without the parties to set agendas and move the process, but without biased direction, the focus would be on the policy or idea, not on how a party responds to it.

We have to find a middle ground and start solving problems. This might be a way to do that.

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Real troop support

Guest Column
Tom Purcell

Ah, Veterans Day is upon us. What better time to show our support for our men and women in uniform?

But have we really been supporting them?

Sure, we thank them when we see them at the airport.

We attend parades and Veterans Day events to show our appreciation.

And with good reason.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, nearly 42 million American men and women have served during wartime.

Nearly 1.2 million died while serving. Nearly 1.5 million were wounded.

Since 9/11, more than 5,200 have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Nearly 36,000 have been wounded — many have debilitating injuries that have changed their lives forever.

We may debate the rightness or wrongness of various engagements, but we know that freedom comes at a steep price — and we honor those who have secured it for us.

But are we really supporting the troops?

During the peak of World War II, American defense spending was 42 percent of our gross domestic product.

Everyone — those who served as well as those who stayed home — needed to unite and sacrifice.

Today, defense spending is around 3 percent of GDP. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have required little or no sacrifice from most.

We haven't paid higher taxes to fund the wars — our government continues to borrow the money for that.

We haven't needed to buy war bonds or work long hours at a factory to produce tanks and planes.

We haven't given up vacations, new cars, gasoline, meat, sugar and the hundreds of other items that were rationed during World War II.

Most haven't done so for a simple reason: Our support of the troops has not been a matter of need, but a matter of choice.

Aside from our goodwill and appreciation, the fact is this: Many have chosen to not support the troops much at all.

As you read this, thousands of soldiers are serving in hostile conditions. Some will be badly wounded — some won't make it home.

They don't want our pity, to be sure. They are trained warriors. They volunteered to serve.

But they could use a little support — and we don't have to sacrifice much to provide it.

"There are many small things people can do that can make a world of difference," says Jerry Newberry, director of communications for the Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Today's Letters

Obstructionist Party is back

Editor:

They're backkkkk.

The "Obstructionist Party" is back in Florida and Washington all set to continue the dirty work of the disastrous Bush administration. Their actions will be tantamount to shoving a steel spike into the gears of the Obama administration and try to derail any and all of his programs. Especially his health care program because it's, "gasp," for poor people. A program that will bring medical assistance to millions of families who do not have health insurance. How dare he do such a thing?

They will once again try to destroy Social Security as Bush did by trying to cut its funding. Anyone who voted for the "Obstructionist Party" and collects money from Social Security and uses Medicare is a first class hypocrite.

They will want those tax cuts for the wealthy to remain. I do realize that all those Floridians who voted for them are multimillionaires and hate to pay taxes. Right. So how would they obtain the money needed to run the government? Simple. Borrow, borrow, borrow because "we ain't gonna pay it back." Your children, grandchildren and their grandchildren will work to pay off just the interest while we enjoy the fruits of that future labor today.

The main program they'll push is called gridlock, no matter what President Obama or any Democrat proposes that would be good for the people, they'll be against it. Come to think of it they already are, but this time, unfortunately, it will be with a House majority.

Aside from the outright lies and distortions put out by the "Obstructionist Party" (Rick Scott was perfect example) in the run up to the election was the total absence of that "Good Ole Boy" from down Texas way, George Bush. Now we saw President Obama and former President Bill Clinton out there pushing for the Democrats, but not Bush. That's strange since George is still the titular head of his party. Why wasn't he out there stumping for his buddies? Because he would have been the "Kiss of Death" for any candidate. Even members of his own party want nothing to do with him, which says a lot for the time he wasted in the White House.

Hopefully their evil plans will fail and we wont be known as the "Bangladesh of America", formerly the United States of America.

Sandy Oleesky
Sebring

Better ways to spend taxpayers money

Editor:

I sincerely hope Highlands County commissioners think twice about spending money to appeal the Department of Community Affairs decision to deny approval of the Blue Head Ranch, Lake Placid Groves, and Lake Placid North and South subdivisions. One has to only look around at the hundreds of already approved vacant lots and empty and foreclosed homes to see this expansion is folly.

Sure jobs are important to the area, but building more homes won't solve our economic woes. Instead, commissioners could focus on hometown projects that could enhance the beauty and livibility of our community.

How about getting funds to clean up the closed gas stations along Highway 27 and replacing them with businesses? How about getting funds to fix the deteriorating roads in the Placid Lakes area leading to the already approved but yet unbuilt subdivisions? How about getting grants to people, especially those who live on waterfront properties, to have their septic systems inspected to ensure future water quality?

I'm sure there are other issues that could be addressed to eliminate urban blight and enhance the future viability of the area. Spending some time and money on what would benefit the people already living here would be money better spent than the cost of on appeal that benefits a corporate few.

Janell Schmidt
Lake Placid

Opposed to septic bill

Editor:

I am opposed to the implementation of SB 550 (Septic System Inspection Program) because I see it as an arbitrary one-size-fits-all law, and that in many cases is probably unnecessary. What I mainly object to is the same inspection standard and time frequency thereof being applied to all 2.5 million septic systems throughout the state of Florida.

My septic system is oversized based on the number of occupants (myself and wife) for our three bedroom home. Further, we are mindful of what not to dispose of into our septic system (e.g., hazardous waste, bleach, chemicals, cooking grease and oils, non biodegradable items, etc.) to mitigate

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

$2 billion in BS

Candid Thoughts

Peter Funt

Vice President Joe Biden flew to Texas on Saturday to attend the wedding of his press secretary, Elizabeth Alexander, at the First United Methodist Church in the small community of Cleburne. According to unidentified sources, the vice president's trip is costing American taxpayers over $75 million dollars, due to increased security and accommodations for Biden's staff. "Such expenditures, particularly when the nation's economy is suffering, are outrageous and another example of how the current administration is out of touch with the wishes of the American people," stated Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.).

Only the first sentence in the above paragraph is true. Yet, as far-fetched as the rest may seem, it makes a lot more sense than last week's even loonier story that was accepted at face value, by Bachmann along with Mike Huckabee, Rush Limbaugh and bloggers who jumped at the chance to criticize the administration. The erroneous report: that president Obama's 10-day trip to India and three other Asian countries will cost U.S. taxpayers $2 billion (that's billion, with a "b").

In case you missed it: The Press Trust of India news agency reported last week that, according to an unidentified official in the Indian government, Obama's visit will cost $200 million a day. The item was picked up and linked by the conservative website the Drudge Report, then repeated on Fox News Channel by former governor Mike Huckabee. A day later, Rep. Bachmann appeared on CNN and declared: "The president of the United States will be taking a trip over to India that is expected to cost the taxpayers $200 million a day. He's taking 2,000 people with him. He'll be renting out over 870 rooms in India...This is the kind of over-the-top spending (that voters oppose)."

The day after that, Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and Michael Savage all delivered extended radio rants about the $2 billion trip. Only then did other media catch up and make clear that the figures are wildly untrue; that a trip of similar length by President Clinton cost roughly $43 million, total, and Obama's trip would likely add up to about the same.

The lesson here goes beyond the fact that zealots across the political spectrum, especially on the right, will jump at any chance to use shreds of half-truths and even complete falsehoods to build a case of public opinion against their opponents. This was also a laboratory example of the way in which unchecked and unsubstantiated stories can go viral on the Internet and global television, giving a half-truth its own half life of many months or even years.

Drudge, Limbaugh – and perhaps Bachmann – know very well, without research, that the 10-day presidential trip couldn't possibly cost $2 billion. They said what they did knowing it was false, while also resting assured that as long as it existed somewhere in print, even on the website of an Indian news agency, it could be repeated without risk. That's why, when later confronted with the facts, Bachmann insisted she was only stating what had appeared in "the press."

Indeed, the primary function of Drudge Report – and some would argue Daily Kos on the left – is to be a digital bulletin board for material that can then be cited as having "been published."

Meanwhile, it's been noted that although $200 million a day is bizarrely out of the question, 200 million Rupees (the Indian currency) converts to a far more reasonable sum of about $4.5 million.

Daily tab for a presidential journey: 200 million Rupees. Maintaining some semblance of truth and honesty in the digital age: priceless.

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fouling and premature failure of the system.

When our system was 6 years old we dutifully had our septic tank pumped out. To our surprise there was virtually no sludge accumulation or other problems. So unless there is some obvious problem (back up, soggy soil, odor, etc.) with our septic system in the future, I feel a five-year inspection frequency for our particular system is unwarranted.

Further, what about part-time residents (e.g., snow birds) that only use their septic systems three to four months out of the year. Or, homeowners with over-sized septic systems, which never get used to capacity? It's logical to assume their systems would be less overused and less prone to failure. Why should they have to incur unnecessary inspections and pump out costs?

Considering the cost of the inspections to so many homeowners that are now struggling financially, plus all the variables I stated above, I feel the implementation of SB 550 should be delayed and given more consideration concerning its application to all 2.5 million septic systems, especially when soil permeability/percolation types and system usage, etc., vary so differently from site to site. Lastly, I feel once a homeowner's septic system is inspected and passed without reservation (whether at the time of construction or subsequent inspection), I feel a 10-year inspection/pump out frequency (or greater) would be more than adequate.

William Darnall
Lake Placid

Election night party was better than expected

Editor:

We at the Cohan Radio Group would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make the election night party on the Circle in downtown Sebring such a wonderful success. When it was first suggested, we had no idea it would turn out to be so popular.

The folks from Heartland Idol were wonderful both with the entertainment for the evening as well as the great food they served up from the now-famous "Idol Cafe." We had invited all the local political parties and the local non-affiliated groups. Our thanks to those who attended and our invitation remains for those who didn't to come out the next time we do this for the community.

A special thanks to our sponsors, the Alan Jay Automotive Network and Highlands Regional Medical Center, who made our broadcast of the elections results possible and to Frames and Images for the use of their wi-fi network to connect our computer to the Florida Division of Elections for statewide results.

This was just another event in our ongoing commitment to the community as the area's local radio network.

Peter Coughlin
Cohan Radio Group
President

Troop support that makes a real difference

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(VFW).

Such as assisting the family of a service member who has been deployed.

"Family members go through a long period of wondering, worrying and waiting," says Newberry. "But they still need to deal with the car breaking down, a child getting sick, a death in the family. If you know of such families, reach out to them."

Or write an e-mail. The troops — particularly those recuperating in military hospitals — love receiving e-mails (www.ourmilitary.mil), letters and care packages.

Donate time. Your local Veterans Affairs office, VFW and other legitimate organizations are in need of volunteers.

Organize a toy drive for children of deployed soldiers. Support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Provide gift cards to troops through aafes.com.

Donate money. You can give to a variety of needed services for military members — or support the Red Cross to provide basic necessities to service members in military hospitals.

Just go to vfw.org and click on "Donate" or "Troop Support."

Hey, Veterans Day is upon us. What better time to offer real support to our men and women in uniform?

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Recreation funding becoming major issue in Lake Placid

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spend to maintain the parks.

In the past, the county has paid back 50 percent of what was spent. This year it is supposed to be 38 percent.

Complicating things, the county has allotted a lump sum for recreation, but has yet to decide how to divide the money between the cities.

The county, for example, is talking about designating $114,000 to Lake Placid, not the $163,000 it had promised earlier.

Another complication is the fact that park user fees, which were supposed to help make up the financial shortfall by bringing in approximately $22,500, are not yet in place.

Bastardi expressed angry disappointment that recreation director John Komaso had characterized his department as being in good shape in his latest report.

He found fault with Komaso for not raising a red flag and for including the $22,500 in user fees in his budget when there was no fee structure in place nor a way to collect them.

"I meant what I said," said Bastardi, "We need to solve this problem. It's embarrassing. It's a joke to me. I can't stand it."

Town council member Debra Worley said she agreed with Bastardi, especially regarding the delay in setting up user fees. She cautioned, however, that the county

'The recreation budget is a financial train wreck. It's time we started treating taxpayer money like a precious commodity, less like a renewable resource.'

STEVE BASTARDI
council member

commission was in a unique situation, facing a turnover of four of the five commissioners. She urged patience until the new commission was settled in, pointing out it probably wouldn't be ready for business until December.

Bastardi said action was needed immediately. He was tired of wait and see.

"We have no choice but to close the park immediately, or set a date certain," he said. Offer the park to the county, he added, and "if it refuses, sell off what we can't maintain."

Council member Ray Royce, while acknowledging the problems, warned against rash and premature action. "We could do a lot more harm, cutting off our nose to spite our face," he said. "It's premature to talk about closing."

At least half a dozen citizens rose to speak in favor of keeping the park open. The parks added value to the town the people said. Their concern was increased fees could mean some users will be priced out of the park.

"The benefits outweigh the costs," said James Oxner. "If it comes to reworking the budget and cutbacks, come to us, we'll find a way. It's worth it."

"We do care," said Randy Harris. "We're here tonight. I don't know who should provide recreation if the town doesn't."

The suggestion was made to put a countywide non ad valorem assessment in place, with a compensatory lowering of the ad valorem tax.

Worley strongly urged the audience to lobby the commission and to show up at meetings in person to plead the town's case.

For the time being, the council — excepting Bastardi — decided to give the new county commission members time to take their seats, and then bring the issue to them. Komaso was also directed to have a fee structure and collection system in place by Nov. 22, retroactive to October 1.

The possibility of closing the Lake June ball fields remains.

AP manager shuffle raises questions

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Behrens said.

Behrens was referring to the responsibilities outlined in the city charter, which allows him to make appointments as he sees fit to do accomplish policy outlined by city council.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr read the relevant portions of the charter on Monday, and agreed that Behrens had the authority to make any appointments he deemed necessary outside of the city attorney and the city clerk position.

"She is already doing the job, and her job description is almost exactly what the assistant city manger does for the city of Tallahassee," Behrens said after the special meeting.

"She is capable, having served as interim and then city manager before I came on board, and she definitely can do the job," Behrens said.

Behrens did agree that, as per the city charter, the city clerk actually has the authority in the absence of a city manager, and that Sutherland's duties and salary would not change with her title change.

In reference to her appointment, former Avon Park Mayor Tom Macklin asked council if the Sutherland had been formally removed as city manger.

"I want to make sure that everything that you all have done on behalf of us has been done the way it needs to have been done. When I say this, I know you are going to look at me like I'm crazy. Unless I missed something, or Mrs. Sutherland has tendered her resignation as city manager, it is my speculation that we still have two full-time (city managers)," Macklin said.

"At the time that you hired Mr. Behrens, I am not aware of either the city council removing her from the city manager role or restoring her to the project manager, I am not aware of her tendering her resignation," Macklin added.

City Attorney Gerald Buhr agreed with Macklin.

"Your point is well taken with the formality of that. She did make it clear on the record that she would step down when a city manager was found," Buhr said.

"I know that the city council took specific steps to make her city manager, something needs to happen to change her title," Macklin said, referring again to the city charter and its clear procedures.

"Good point," Buhr responded.

"I agree that she acquiesced on the record, but I think it would be a good idea if she gave us something more formal," Buhr said.

"What if I don't want to?" Sutherland joked from the audience before clarifying what the council needed to clear the air.

"Do you want a letter of resignation, is that what you want?" Sutherland asked.

Buhr agreed that a resignation would be appropriate.

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The City of Avon Park has hired two new employees.

Natania Patterson is a part-time accounting specialist under the direction of the finance director. Patterson is a Highlands County native. She graduated from Warner University with a bachelor's degree in business administration concentrating in accounting and obtained her master's degree in business administration from Warner University.

Yarima Cuencas is the full-time utility customer service clerk, also under the direction of the finance director. She graduated from Avon Park High School and lives in Avon Park. She will be processing payments, billing and customer service. She is currently working on her associate's degree from Penn Foster College.

Stopping for a chat

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Jeff Roth with Children and Family Services chats with Tax Collector Eric Zwayer during a reception fro outgoing commissioners on Tuesday.

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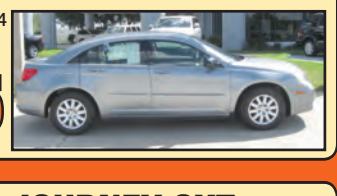

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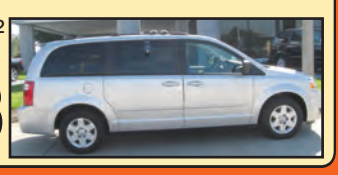

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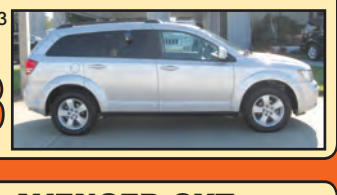

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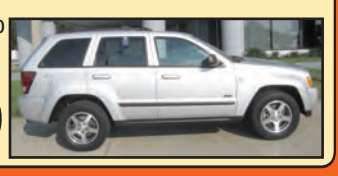

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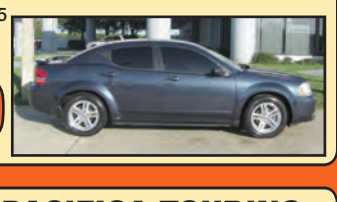

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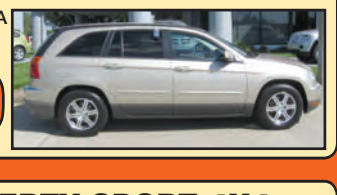

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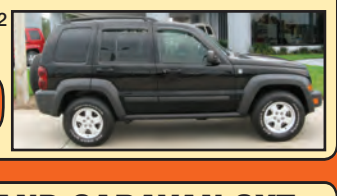

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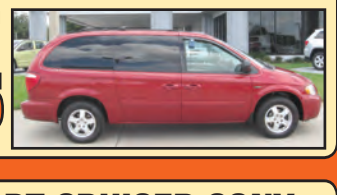

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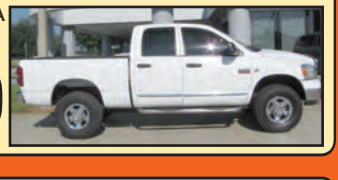

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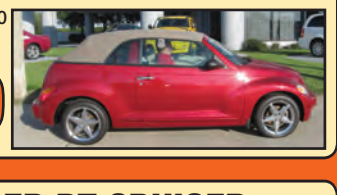

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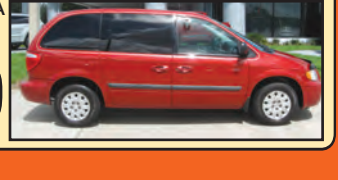

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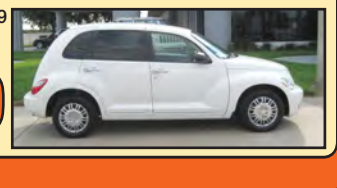

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By Jason Delong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Roadshow is coming to **Sebring**. Roadshow experts are in town examining antiques, collectibles, gold and silver.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they will be focusing on gold and silver coins made before 1964, military items, toys and trains, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

"U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date."

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The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewelry box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that's gold. If a guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow experts hope to see include old toys and train sets. Archie Davis, roadshow toy expert spoke about some of the top toys getting great offers. "Old tin windup toys from the late 1800's through the 1960's are in great demand now." said Davis, "Especially those that are character related. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, the Flintstones or any character toys are sought. Old Buddy L toys from the 1920's to 1960's are in demand." Basically any toys made before 1965 are wanted. Train sets made by Lionel, American Flyer, Marklin and others have the potential to fetch high prices. Davis also stressed, "Toys with boxes and in mint condition bring sensational prices. Most of the toys that come to the Roadshow are not in perfect shape but can still bring good prices from collectors."

When expert Tom Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer "Old coins and paper currency. For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated with collecting coins. I would go through the change in my parents grocery store looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for $300.00. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that any U.S. coins made before 1964 are most sought after by collectors. Coins made before 1964 are 90% silver and valuable because of the silver content or could be worth even more if one happens to be a rare date. "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, which are valuable from one coin to an entire truckload. See you at the Roadshow." said Fuller.

Above • A Gentleman sits with Mike Delong with anticipation as the Roadshow Expert examines his collectibles.

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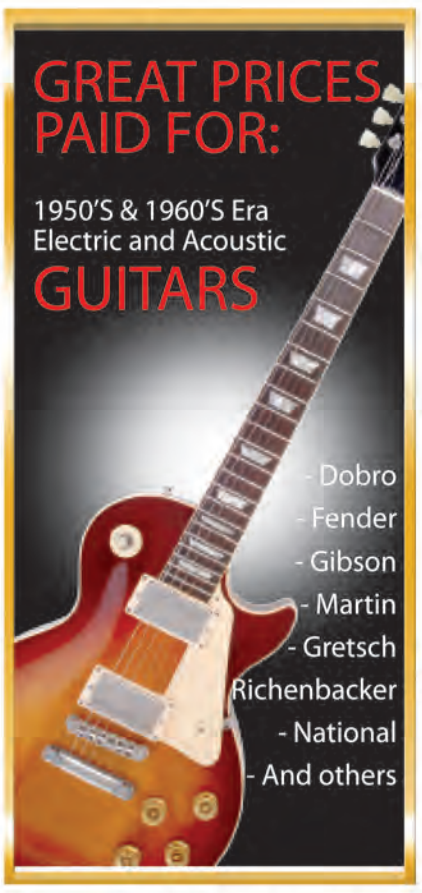

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Community Briefs

Library information now available on Facebook

The Heartland Library Cooperative is now available on Facebook. Patrons will have access to the online card catalog system, online book clubs, library events, and other useful information held throughout the library cooperative.

Facebook classes are also offered at your local library, however to attend patrons must have a functional e-mail address prior to class. For more information call Lake Placid Memorial Library at 699-3705, Sebring Public Library at 402-6716 or Avon Park Public Library at 452-3803, or log on to *www.facebook.com/myhlc*.

Salvation Army taking applications

LAKE PLACID — The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program will be accepting applications from 12:30-4 p.m. today at the Nu-Hope Lunch Site, 449 Interlake Blvd.

Angel Tree serves children 12 years old and under only. All applicants must bring the following: picture identification ID, proof of residency in Highlands County (utility bill, lease); Social Security card for everyone in household; birth certificates for all children; proof of legal guardianship (if not parent); proof of all income for all members of the house including Food Stamps, pay stubs, TANF, TCA, pension, Social Security Income and SSI; all current monthly bills; two suggested gifts that your child would like; clothing and shoe sizes.

Events planned at lodges, posts

AVON PARK

The Combat Veterans Memorial VFW Post 9853 Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. today. The Men's Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. Post meeting is at 7 p.m. The post will host a flag raising at 11 a.m. Thursday in honor of Veterans Day. For more information and menu selection, call 452-9853.

The American Legion Post 69 will host karaoke by Megasounz today. For more information or times of events, call 453-4553.

LAKE PLACID

The Lake Placid Moose 2374 will host karaoke by BobKat from 5:30-8:30 p.m. today. Music by Franke from 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information or times of events, call the lodge 465-0131.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars 3880 will host music with Now and Then at 5:30 p.m. today.

SEBRING

AMVETS Post 21 at 2029 U.S. 27 S. will serve free hot dogs for all veterans on Veterans Day, Thursday.

Crown Pointe has open house

SEBRING — Crown Pointe Assisted Living and Memory Care Residence is having an open house from 2-4 p.m. today. The facility is at 5005 Sun 'N Lake Blvd.

Fall Fuel-Up set for Flywheelers Park

FORT MEADE — It's show season for the Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club at the Flywheeler Park, 7000 Avon park Cut-Off Road. The park is between U.S. 98 and U.S. 27.

The 15th Annual Fall Fuel-Up will be held today through Saturday. The show offers many family-oriented activities, such as a gigantic flea market, parades, old-time village, tractor pulls, tractor and engine exhibits, entertainment, homemade ice cream and all kinds of good food. Admission is $7; children under 12 are free.

For more information, call (863) 285-9121 and for golf cart rental, call (800) 385-1385.

Lunch Club Wednesday meets

SEBRING — Lunch Club Wednesday will meet today at Sebring Elks Lodge with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. and program starting at noon complete with lunch. Reservations are not required, but everyone is required to purchase a $10 lunch ticket.

This month's "Rise and Shine" speaker and member is Yolanda Ayala with Perfect Weigh, a new weight loss center and medical spa. Attendees will learn some of the latest make-up looks for Christmas 2010 and some essential make-up tips to make everyone look and feel their personal best.

Ayala has been a make-up artist for 14 years. She started her career in New York City and received her certification from "Last Looks" Academy. She has worked with some of the most recognizable make-up lines in the business, i.e. Chanel, Lancome and Dior as a senior make up artist in charge of instructions, bridal/special events make up and runway shows for major fashion designers, photo shoots and commercials.

Ayala

She moved from New York to Miami where she has worked with some of the biggest Spanish personalities in Spanish television as well as Latin magazines and modeling agencies.

Ayala is married to Dr. Juan Ros, a local anesthesiologist for Highlands Regional Medical Center and who is the inspiration of Perfect Weigh.

Lunch Club Wednesday members are business women, students, retirees, lobbyists, entrepreneurs and more. New members are always welcomed.

For more information contact Diana Albritton, LCW founder, at 381-8170 or *albrittoninsurance@earthlink.net*

PEO Group meets Thursday

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands P.E.O. Group will meet Thursday at the home of Nancy Reed in Lake Placid. It is the first meeting of the winter season and is open to all active members of a P.E.O. chapter. This group is celebrating 31 years in Highlands County and provides a winter meeting place to members who are living here or visting.

Any woman who is a member P.E.O. of a chapter may attend by calling Ann McCall at 471-23414.

Heartland Amputee Group meets

SEBRING — The Heartland Amputee Group has reached out to people who live with amputations with its lecture series and support group meetings for many seasons. The group's main purpose is to give support, encouragement and exchange information and news regarding living with an amputation. This information can be very helpful and educational.

Meetings are every second Thursday of the month during season (October through March). The next meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday at the office of H.A.L.L.O., 112 Medical Center Ave. Guest speaker is Tony Vaccarino, BRITE health educator with Florida Hospital Heartland Division. Vaccarino will stress how important it is to be "Covering Your Concerns Regarding Your Mental Awareness." Refreshments will be served.

For any other information about the group, or to be on the mailing list for notification of the meetings and guest speakers, call 385-1196, e-mail *halloinc@embarqmail.com* or write to HALLO, P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872.

Big Red Bus heads to Affinity

SEBRING — Affinity Health Professionals will host the Big Red Bus from 2-5 p.m. Thursday. All donors will receive a T-shirt and a free massage and consultation courtesy of Dr. John Pepper's office.

Sebring Country Estates hold meet

SEBRING — The Sebring Country Estates Civic Association Inc. will hold its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the clubhouse, 3240 Grand Prix Drive (behind Walmart). The meeting is open to residents and guests of Sebring Country Estates and Grand Prix Heights subdivisions and is held every second Thursday of the month.

New members are invited and welcome to come and share in the association's mission to preserve our neighborhood and to find ways of improving it. Come as a guest to find out the benefits of being a member. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

The annual $10 per person membership dues are payable at the meeting, at ladies cards every Thursday at 12:30 p.m., or at the carry-in dinner held every fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The club is also available for rentals to the public for any upcoming special events.

Hibiscus Garden Club meets Thursday

AVON PARK — Hibiscus Garden Club of Avon Park meets Thursday in the home of Kim Pascoe. The program will be reports from Wekiva campers Steven and Eli.

Obituaries

Josie Bell

Josie Mae Bell, 72, of Lake Placid died Nov. 7, 2010. Born in Leary, Ga., she came to Lake Placid in 1974. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her sons Willie Bell and Willie R. Bell Jr.; a daughter, Miran Bell; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Saturday with a funeral service at 5 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Chandler Funeral Home, Lake Placid.

Lee Geiger

Lee J. Geiger, 79, of Sebring died Nov. 6, 2010. Born in Fond-du-Lac, Wis., he had been a resident of Sebring since 1996. He was a truck mechanic and a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Ft. Deposit, Ala.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Kim D. and Daniel J.; daughter, Robin L. Hammond; brother, Jack; sisters, Joyce Bauer and Ethelyn Mathis; and 14 grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Hope Hospice, 4840 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872. Arrangements were entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring Condolences may be expressed at *www.stephensonnelsonfh.com*.

William M. Hillborn Jr.

William M. Hillborn Jr., 82, of Sebring and Lincolnshire, Ill. died Sept. 15, 2010. A funeral servie will be held at St. Agnes Church, Sebring, at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Ann Lampton

Ann Fogle Lampton, 93, of Sebring died Nov. 7, 2010. Born in Zanesville, Ohio, she had been a resident of Sebring since 2000. She was a homemaker, and a member of St. John United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith A. Barnhart; sons, James D. Fogle and William Thomas Fogle; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Research in her memory. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring. Condolences may be expressed at *www.stephensonnelsonfh.com*.

Dorothy Langstine

Dorothy Jean Langstine, 83, of Avon Park died Nov. 7, 2010. Born in Elmira, N.Y., she moved to Avon Park in 1984. She was a school tax collector, and a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Thomas H.; sons, Thomas M., James E. and Lawrence R.; brother, Howard Coddington; sister, Elinor Gough; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice. Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Avon Park, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at *stephensonnelsonfh.com*.

Bohdan Podubynsky

Bohdan Podubynsky, 80, of Lake Placid died Nov. 6, 2010. Born in Dubriwka, Polland, he came to Lake Placid in 2000. He was a truck driver. He was a Christian and a member of First Assembly of God in Lake Placid.

He is survived by his sons, Bill, George, and Bob; daughters, Janice Hwang and Joanne Gathings; a brother, Walter; a sister, Zoria Malachowsky; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Assembly of God in Lake Placid with a burial to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Lake Placid Christian School in Lake Placid. Arrangements entrusted to Chandler Funeral Home, Lake Placid.

James Taveniere

James "Coach" Taveniere, 81, of Sebring died Nov. 5, 2010. Born in Englewood, N.J., he served as a United States Marine during the Korean Conflict where he was awarded three service medals. After his discharge, he moved to Sebring and began his career with the Highlands County School System. His love of education extended more than 38 years with the majority of his time being spent at Sebring High School. He taught mainly science-related classes and finished his career as an assistant principal.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Miriam; a daughter, Linda; sons, Gary, Wade, Craig and David; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life was held Nov. 9 at Bible Fellowship Church, Sebring, with Dr. Eugene Bengtson officiating. The family suggests memorials to Good Shepherd Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at *www.morrisfuneralchapel.com*. Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring, was in charge of arrangements.

MCT photo

Booms were used to try to keep the oil out of the marshes in Louisiana following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Spill panel: No evidence of saving $ over safety

By SETH BORENSTEIN and DINA CAPPIELLO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The BP oil rig explosion and spill wasn't about anyone purposely trading money for safety, investigators on a special presidential commission said Monday. Instead it was more about seemingly acceptable risks adding up to disaster.

Investigators at the commission's hearing outlined more than a dozen decisions that at the time seemed questionable but also explainable. It was how those cascaded and crashed together that fueled catastrophe.

Yet there was no evidence of a conscious decision on the BP rig to do things on the cheap at the expense of safety, investigators stressed several times. Likewise, representatives of the companies involved in the disaster denied that corners were cut because of cost.

Critics — including a top academic, a congressman and people on the Gulf Coast — are balking at what they see as something close a free pass for BP's history of cost cutting. In the first nonpolitical and independent investigation of the disaster, commission officials say they aren't excusing BP at all, but pointing out there was no clear single decision that came down solely to money.

"Anytime you are talking about a million and a half dollars a day, money enters in. All I am saying is human beings did not sit there and sell safety down the river for dollars on the rig that night," said commission chief attorney Fred H. Bartlit Jr.

That doesn't mean that a general culture of cost cutting wasn't an issue, added commission co-chairman Bob Graham, the former Florida senator and governor. Graham wrapped up the day by saying he was worried that there was "a compulsion to get this rig completed in that April 19-April 20 timetable."

And panel co-chairman William K. Reilly said in an interview after the hearing that BP does deserve a good share of blame: "A lot of the key decisions were in fact made by BP." He said that while it might look as if the commission wasn't concerned about the culture of cost cutting at BP, it will address that broader corporate problem in the future. Monday was more about what immediately led to the disaster.

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> **FRED H. BARTLIT JR.**
> commission attorney

Halliburton Co., which had the crucial job of cementing the well, was on the hotseat as much as BP on Monday, clashing more often with investigators than the oil company. And the commission still hasn't dealt with the blowout preventer, a key instrument, because it is still being examined. No written report was issued on Monday.

Bartlit, the panel's chief investigator, revealed in a letter last month that testing on cement mixtures similar to those used in the well showed that the formula was unstable before the blowout, but BP and Halliburton used it anyway. Bartlit said the companies should have reconsidered the type of cement used in the well. Cement is an essential barrier to preventing blowouts.

Led by commission investigators, BP Vice President Mark Bly said Halliburton officials were slow about testing and results. Several times during the hearing, BP and commission investigators found themselves agreeing on blaming Halliburton.

So far, the inquiry into the April 20 rig explosion — which killed 11 workers and dumped 172 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico — is echoing investigations into past technological disasters, such as space shuttle explosions. If there is one large problem, it is the way that all sorts of small decisions become a cascade of failures that short-circuit normal safety features.

Not everyone agrees. One of the nation's top technological disaster academics said the spill commission — appointed by President Barack Obama — was a "cover-up" from the White House. Charles Perrow, a Yale University professor who wrote the disaster sociology classic "Normal Accidents" said the investigation was overlooking BP's track record of disasters that have come after cost cutting.

"There's a long history of dollars versus safety at this organization," Perrow said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. He referred specifically to BP's 2005 Texas City oil refinery explosion in which federal officials cited a culture of cost-cutting at the expense of safety. In 2006, BP's lack of leak detection caused a massive pipeline spill, the largest on Alaska's North Slope to date.

Reilly, chief of the federal Environmental Protection Agency under President George H.W. Bush, told the AP he went into the investigation expecting to conclude that safety was traded for dollars but didn't find that to be so. Instead, what investigators found was "a series of first challenging situations" and some choices that could go either way compounded by "hard to explain decisions."

"And they add up to a disaster," Reilly said.

The commission often found itself agreeing with BP more than clashing, with members noting the company's own investigation and saying they agreed about 90 percent of the time. That allowed more of the focus to shift to Halliburton.

The commission came up with 13 preliminary temporary conclusions. Like BP, it found that the oil and gas traveled up the center of the pipe in the well, rather than up the sides — a finding that was disputed by Halliburton on Monday. The company has been criticized by the panel's investigators for pumping faulty cement and having tests in hand that showed it would fail. If the blowout started in the space between the pipe and the underground rock, Halliburton's cement would be less of a factor.

Another question is why the blowout preventer — the last defense against a runaway well — failed to block the flow of oil and gas. Bartlit said the team would await a forensic analysis before drawing conclusions. The blowout preventer is now protected evidence in a federal court case.

Bartlit and commission members said their investigation was hampered by the lack of subpoena power. A bill giving them such power is on hold in the Senate.

University of California at Berkeley engineering professor Bob Bea, an expert in both offshore oil rigs and technological disasters, said in general he agreed with the spill commission's findings.

Daniel Becnel, a Louisiana lawyer suing BP and others, called the commission's finding "absolutely absurd." He also took issue with Bartlit's endorsement of BP's view of events.

Sex, drugs more common in hyper-texting teens

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — Teens who text 120 times a day or more — and there seems to be a lot of them — are more likely to have had sex or used alcohol and drugs than kids who don't send as many messages, according to provocative new research.

The study's authors aren't suggesting that "hyper-texting" leads to sex, drinking or drugs, but say it's startling to see an apparent link between excessive messaging and that kind of risky behavior.

The study concludes that a significant number of teens are very susceptible to peer pressure and also have permissive or absent parents, said Dr. Scott Frank, the study's lead author.

"If parents are monitoring their kids' texting and social networking, they're probably monitoring other activities as well," said Frank, an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Frank was scheduled to present the study Tuesday at a meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver.

The study was done at 20 public high schools in the Cleveland area last year, and is based on confidential paper surveys of more than 4,200 students.

It found that about one in five students were hyper-texters and about one in nine are hyper-networkers — those who spend three or more hours a day on Facebook and other social networking websites.

About one in 25 fall into both categories.

Hyper-texting and hyper-networking were more common among girls, minorities, kids whose parents have less education and students from a single-mother household, the study found.

Frank's study is billed as one of the first studies to look at texting and social networking and whether they are linked to actual sexual intercourse or to other risky behaviors.

"This study demonstrates that it's a legitimate question to explore," said Douglas Gentile, who runs the Media Research Lab at Iowa State University.

The study found those who text at least 120 times a day are nearly three-and-a-half times more likely to have had sex than their peers who don't text that much. Hyper-texters were also more likely to have been in a physical fight, binge drink, use illegal drugs or take medication without a prescription.

Compared to the heavy texters, the hyper-networkers were not as likely to have had sex, but more likely to have been involved in other risky behaviors like drinking or fighting.

A Kaiser Family Foundation study found that about half of children ages 8 to 18 send text messages on a cell phone in a typical day. The texters estimated they average 118 texts per day. That study also found that only 14 percent of kids said their parents set rules limiting texting.

Other studies have tied teen texting to risky or lewd behavior. A Pew Research Center study found that about one-third of 16- and 17-year-olds send texts while driving. And an Associated Press-MTV poll found that about one-quarter of teenagers have "sexted" — shared sexually explicit photos, videos and chat by cell phone or online.

The latest survey did not ask what students texted or what they discussed on social networks.

One suburban Cleveland student said her texts involve non-sexual small talk with friends, homework assignments and student council bake sales.

"I text with my mother about what time I need picked up," said Tiara Freeman-Sargeant, a 14-year-old Shaker Heights High School freshman. She said she sends and receives about 250 texts a day.

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Elizabeth Smart on kidnapping: 'It was just indescribable fear'

Tells jury about rape after 'marriage' to man who held her captive for eight months

By JENNIFER DOBNER
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Elizabeth Smart remembers not being able to make out the threat, only the feel of a cold knife at her neck.

As the then-14-year-old lay in bed alongside her baby sister, the man repeated: "Don't make a sound. Get out of bed and come with me, or I will kill you and your family." She was his hostage, he told her.

"I was shocked. I thought I was having a nightmare. It was just indescribable fear," Smart, now 23, told jurors Monday on the first day of testimony in the federal trial of Brian David Mitchell, the man accused of kidnapping her in June 2002.

Smart was due back on the witness stand on Tuesday.

That night eight years ago, they fled up the hills above her home, with Smart in her red pajamas and tennis shoes, and the knife to her back.

Her younger sister — a baby blanket wrapped around her head and neck — rushed to their mother, telling of the kidnapping.

"It was utter terror," their mother, Lois Smart, testified earlier Monday. "It was the worst feeling, knowing that I didn't know where my child was. I was helpless."

Nine months later, motorists spotted Elizabeth Smart walking in a Salt Lake City suburb with Mitchell.

His attorneys did not dispute the facts of the abduction. But during opening statements, they said the prosecution's allegation that he was a calculating person who planned the kidnapping was wrong.

Known as a homeless street preacher named "Immanuel," Mitchell was influenced by a worsening mental illness and religious beliefs that made him think he was doing what God wanted, his attorneys said.

Mitchell, who has a long graying beard to the middle of his chest and hair to the middle of his back, was again removed from the courtroom Monday for singing hymns, so he's watching and listening from a holding cell.

'I begged him not to. I did everything I could to stop him. I pleaded with him not to touch me, but it didn't work.'

ELIZABETH SMART

Smart's mother testified that she and her children ran into Mitchell downtown and that she offered him a job doing handyman work at the family's home. One of her sons encouraged her to give him money, she said.

"He looked like a clean-cut, well-kept man that was down on his luck," she said. "I gave him $5."

Later, the family hired Mitchell to help fix a leaky roof, Lois Smart said. It was the only job he did for the family.

"I do remember having a conversation with him, hoping that he would do more work. He seemed fine," she said.

Elizabeth Smart described how Mitchell came into her bedroom. She had left a kitchen window open because her mother had burned potatoes for dinner.

"I remember him saying that I have a knife to your neck, don't make a sound, get out of bed and come with me or I will kill you and your family," she said.

Smart said she got up and he grabbed her arm, and took her into a closet. He stopped her when she reached for slippers and told her to wear tennis shoes.

After leaving the house, Smart said, they hiked three to five hours up a dry streambed and over a mountain to a campsite. As they made their way, the man shed the stocking he used to cover his face. And she remembered him as the carpenter.

"The name Immanuel just came to me," Smart said.

At the campsite, Mitchell's now-estranged wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee, embraced Smart, took her into a tent, sat her down on a bucket and washed her feet.

MCT photo
Elizabeth Smart was just 14 when she was kidnapped in 2002. Now 23, she testified in the trial of the man accused of the abduction on Monday.

Barzee also told her to take off her pajamas and underwear and put on a robe or "she would have the defendant come in and rip them off," she said.

Smart said Mitchell entered the tent wearing a similar robe and married them by twisting lines from a Mormon religious rites into a marriage ceremony, known a sealing.

"He said, 'What I seal on this earth will be sealed to me in the hereafter and I take you to be my wife,"' she said, adding that she screamed and he threatened to put duct tape across her mouth.

"He proceeded to fight me to the ground and force the robes up," Smart said quietly, pausing, "where he raped me."

"I begged him not to. I did everything I could to stop him. I pleaded with him not to touch me, but it didn't work."

Mitchell shackled her ankle to a heavy metal cable, which was attached to a cable strung between two trees, making it impossible for her to flee, she said. She was tethered for about six weeks, despite promising Mitchell that she would not run away.

Lois Smart said she was awakened by daughter Mary Katherine, who was 9 at the time and slept with Elizabeth. With the baby blanket wrapped around her head, she looked like "a scared rabbit," her mother said.

"She said a man has taken Elizabeth with a gun and that we won't find her. He took her either for ransom or hostage," Lois Smart recalled Mary Katherine, now 18, saying.

Lois Smart said she went to the kitchen and immediately noticed the window was open and the screen was cut in a U-shape.

"My heart sank," she said. Then, she yelled to her husband, Ed: "Call 911. She's gone."'

The morning after the kidnapping, Smart said she cried and Mitchell explained to her that he had been planning the abduction since first meeting the family. "He said that I was very lucky, that I had been called by God to be his wife," she said.

Then, she said, she decided to try to survive. "No matter what it took, I was going to live," she said.

Elizabeth Smart is serving a French mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but plans to resume her music studies at Brigham Young University next year.

Mitchell, 57, faces life in prison if he is convicted of kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor across state lines with the intent to engage in criminal sexual activity. He is accused of taking Smart to California.

A parallel state case, where he is charged with aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault, stalled after he was twice deemed incompetent to stand trial. A state judge declined to order forced psychiatric treatment.

Mitchell, however, was ruled competent for a federal trial.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09-000461-GCS
SECTION
AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC.,
Plaintiff,
v.
DELBRA D. PERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DELBRA D. PERRY; TENANT #1; TENANT #2; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, AND UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN-NAMED DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose on the following real property in Highlands County, Florida:
Lot 6, in Block 1 of HATCHELL'S SUBDIVISION, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Transcript Book, Page 19, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Highlands County, Florida, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to the Complaint, if any, to Gregory A. Sanoba, Esq., 422 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33801, within 30 days of first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATE: October 26, 2010.
BOB GERMAINE
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
November 10, 17, 2010422 SOUTH FLORIDA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 2009-CA-000634
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU TRUST SERIES 2007-HE1 TRUST,
Plaintiff,
v.
JOSE A. DOMINGUEZ and DENISE L. DOMINGUEZ, husband and wife, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION - PROPERTY
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OR CREDITORS OF EVELYN W. RAPER, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for reformation of deeds, declaratory judgment, determination of heirs, and to foreclose a mortgage on real property in Highlands County, Florida which is legally described as follows:
The North half of the North 434.91 feet of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, less the westerly 33 feet for road right of way, and the North half of the North 434.91 feet of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, lying and being in Highlands County, Florida, having parcel identification number C-09-35-31-A00-0023-0010.
Together with the mobile home thereon, having VIN#FT35724FL1849A and VIN#FT35724FL1849B, which is permanently affixed to the above described lands ans as such is deemed a fixture and a part of the real estate.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's Attorney, Laura S. Bauman, Esquire, whose address is Adams and Reese LLP, 1515 Ringling Boulevard, Suite 700, Sarasota, Florida 34236 within thirty (30) days after first publication of the notice and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Second Amended Complaint.
DATED on November 4, 2010.
BOB GERMAINE
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
Deputy Clerk
November 10, 17, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 28-2010-CA-001109
FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACQUISITION, LLC,
Plantiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JULIA W. BAUSERMAN, DECEASED., et al,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JULIA W. BAUSERMAN, DECEASED
Last Known Address: 203 S. Camphor Loop, Avon Park, FL 33825
Also Attempted At: 205 S. Camphor Loop, Avon Park, FL 33825
Current Residence Unknown
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JULIA W. BAUSERMAN, DECEASED.
Current Residence Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT NINETEEN (19), OF VALENCIA ACRES SUBDIVISION UNIT 11, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 74, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED AND SITUATED THERETO, UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49TH STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33309 on or before December 10, 2010 a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in THE NEWS SUN and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 255 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, (863) 534-4686, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Court this 2nd day of November, 2010.
ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Toni Kopp
As Deputy Clerk
November 10, 17, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-426
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DEDO A. SAXONY
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DEDO A. SAXONY, deceased, whose date of death was December 6, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. 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 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 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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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 November 3, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider
13 N. Oak Avenue
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider
Florida Bar Number: 175661
13 N. Oak Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-1111
Fax: (863)465-8100
E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com
November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-430
IN RE: ESTATE OF
EVELYN ANITA HILL
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EVELYN ANITA HILL, deceased, whose date of death was July 3, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands Court, 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 served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OF MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is November 3, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ heodore E. Hill
2833 King Dr.
Sebring, FL 33872
Attorneys for Personal Representative:
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, P.A.
551 SOUTH COMMERCE AVE.
SEBRING, FL. 33870
(863) 385-0112
/s/ JANE M. HANCOCK
JANE M. HANCOCK, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NUMBER 341002
November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-442
IN RE: ESTATE OF
EARL LEROY MILLER,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EARL LEROY MILLER, deceased, whose date of death was July 1, 2010, and whose social security number is 305-26-2872, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. 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 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 November 3, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Phillip William Miller
3802 Ponce De Leon Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33872
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-427
IN RE: ESTATE OF
GORDON E. SPADE
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GORDON E. SPADE, deceased, whose date of death was September 14, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representatives 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 November 3, 2010.
Personal Representatives:
/s/ Nick Swanson
1508 Lake Clay Drive
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
/s/ Jan Swanson
1508 Lake Clay Drive
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Pamela T. Karlson
Florida Bar Number: 0017957
301 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-5033
Fax: (863)465-6022
E-Mail: info @KarlsonLaw. com
November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-444
IN RE: ESTATE OF
HELEN MAY MILLER,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of HELEN MAY MILLER, deceased, whose date of death was August 15, 2010, and whose social security number is 032-16-8310, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. 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 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 November 10, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Geraldine C. Collier
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider
Florida Bar Number: 175661
13 N. Oak Avenue
Lake Placid, FL 33852
Telephone: (863)465-1111
Fax: (863)465-8100
E-Mail: marider@mariderlaw.com
November 10, 17, 2010

The date of first publication of this Notice is November 3, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Kay Love
214 West 8th Street
Irving, TX 75060
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, FL 33870
Telephone: (863)385-5156
November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-445
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOY M. POLLARD,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Joy M. Pollard, deceased, whose date of death was April 26, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. 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 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 November 10, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Jamie E. Graham
202 N. Rowland Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ W. Roy Wilkes
Attorney for Jamie E. Graham
Florida Bar Number: 0608475
Elder & Disability Law Firm, P.A.
202 Dal Hall Boulevard
Lake Placid, Florida 33852
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November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. PC 10-448
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROSA M. CALVETTO
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ROSA M. CALVETTO, deceased, whose date of death was September 29, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. 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 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 November 10, 2010.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Geraldine C. Collier
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Michael A. Rider
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 09001872GCS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS
INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2007-A, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2007-A,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
RICHARD PEIRCE, ET AL.,
DEFENDANT(S).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 3, 2010, in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Highlands, Florida, on November 30, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at Basement of courthouse in Jury Assembly Room - 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 for the following described property:
THE WESTERLY 200 FEET OF LOT 15, BLOCK E, LAKE JACKSON BOULEVARD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY PART AND IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIHGLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; LESS AND EXCEPT THE WESTERLY 15 FEET THEREOF, AND LESS AND EXCEPT SAID PORTION BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 15, BLOCK E LAKE JACKSON BOULEVARD SUBDIVISION, THENCE RUN NORTH 87'56'33 EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 15 FOR A DISTANCE OF 80 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 64'22'57 WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.40 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 2'03'27 EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88'56 WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 15; THENCE RUN SOUTH 2'03'27 EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 19.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.
DATED: November 4, 2010.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
Prepared by:
Gladstone Law Group, P.A.
1499 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Suite 300
Boca Raton, FL 33486
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November 10, 17, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 09-652GCS
WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
VICTOR J. GRAY, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Publish in News Sun)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an order of Final Judgment entered in Case No. 09-652GCS of the Circuit court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florid, wherein WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, and VICTOR GRAY, JEANNINE GRAY, and UNKNOWN TENANT #1, Defendants, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 430 S. Commerce Ave., Highlands County Courthouse, Sebring, FL at the hour of 11:00 A.M. on the 30th of November, 2010, the following property:
LOT 27, IN BLOCK 34, OF SEBRING HILLS SOUTH UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGE 7, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
DATED this 2nd day of November, 2010.
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
November 10, 17, 2010

1050 Legals

Pursuant to Section 121.055 Florida Statutes, the Office of the Tax Collector of Highlands County Florida intends to designate one non – elective full time Operations Manager for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class effective December 1, 2010.

November 10, 17, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 282008CA001021XXXXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-BC5,
Plaintiff,
vs
RICHARD A. THOMPSON, et al.,
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated October 22, 2008 and an Order Resetting Sale dated October 25, 2010, and entered in Case No. 282008CA001021XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2006-BC5 is Plaintiff and RICHARD A. THOMPSON; ANGELA THOMPSON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MILLENNIUM BANK, NA MIN NO. 1001300-0000017860-9; WACHOVIA DEALER SERVICES, INC. F/K/A WFC FINANCIAL, INC. UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, at Highlands County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of November, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 1 AND 20, BLOCK 251, SEBRING HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SUNSET AVENUE AND TA-SES-CHEE DRIVE AS SHOWN ON AFORESAID PLAT, RUN THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TA-SES-CHEE DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 83.00 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY A DISTANCE OF 147.93 FEET, RUN THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY A DISTANCE OF 140.70 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SUNSET AVENUE; RUN THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 159.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND THE EASTERLY HALF OF VACATED SUNSET AVENUE LYING ADJACENT TO SAID PORTION OF LOTS 1 AND 20, BLOCK 251 PER O.R. BOOK 872, PAGE 755, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needlng special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on October 26, 2010.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
As Deputy Clerk
November 10, 17, 2010

1055 Highlands County Legals

HIGHLANDS COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICES

The following legal notices are from the Highlands
County Board of County Commissioners and are being published in the font, size, and leading as per their specifications.

TAX DEED SALE: 11/17/2010
CERT. NO.: 2007/900
10000385TDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PPTS 1 LLC, HOLDER OF TAX CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2007/900 ISSUED 5/31/2008, HAS FILED SAME IN MY OFFICE AND HAS MADE AN APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TO BE ISSUED THEREON, SAID CERTIFICATE EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS, STATE OF FLORIDA,
TO WIT:
A223328-15000000030
LOTS 3,4,5 AND 6, MCGIBONEY'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN THE PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 75 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
THE ASSESSMENT OF SAID PROPERTY UNDER SAID CERTIFICATE ISSUED WASIN THE NAME(S) OF MICHAEL MARSHALL
UNLESS THE SAID CERTIFICATE SHALL BE REDEEMED ACCORDING TO LAW, THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 590 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870 IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S BOARDROOM, ON 11/17/2010 AT THE LEGAL HOUR OF SALE, 10:00 A.M.
DATED THIS 10/25/10.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
CLERK OF COURTS
BY: /S/ D. CARPENTER
DEPUTY CLERK
November 3, 10, 2010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-775-GCS

HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JESUS ESPINOZA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THEREIN NAMED DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OF ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1, TENANT #2, TENANT #3, AND TENANT #4, THE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARTIES IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALEPURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Foreclosure Against Defendant, JESUS ESPINOZA, dated the 4th day of October, 2010, in Case No. 10-775-GCS, of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, in which HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK is the Plaintiff and JESUS ESPIONZA, is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, at 11:00 A.M.. on the 29th day ofNovember, 2010, the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure Against Defendant, JESUS ESPINOZA, and described as follows:Lot 7, in Block 17, of SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES ACRES, SECTION 34, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 24, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.
TOGETHER with a 1992 EAGLE TRACE Mobile Home, ID#GAFLN54B71868ET, Title #63207334.Real Property Address: 110 Martin Street, Lake Placid, FL 33852
Real Property tax identification number is: C-22-37-30-600-0170-0070.
DATED on October 5, 2010ROBERT W. GERMAINEAs Clerk of Said CourtBy /s/ Annette E. DaffAs Deputy ClerkNovember 10, 17, 2010

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AVON PARK Multi Family Sale 805 E Walnut St., Sat. Nov. 13th, 8am-1pm, dishwasher, TV, toddler bed-toys-clothing, tools, household items, adult clothing. Too much to list.

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7320 Garage & Yard Sales

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SEBRING - LARGE GARAGE SALE 4700 US27 S, Raintree Plaza, Thur & Fri Nov. 11-12 8am-2pm

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SEBRING 2905 Paradise Path - Francis II mhp, Sat. Nov. 13th , 8am-4pm. Organ, clothing, Lots Of Miscellaneous.

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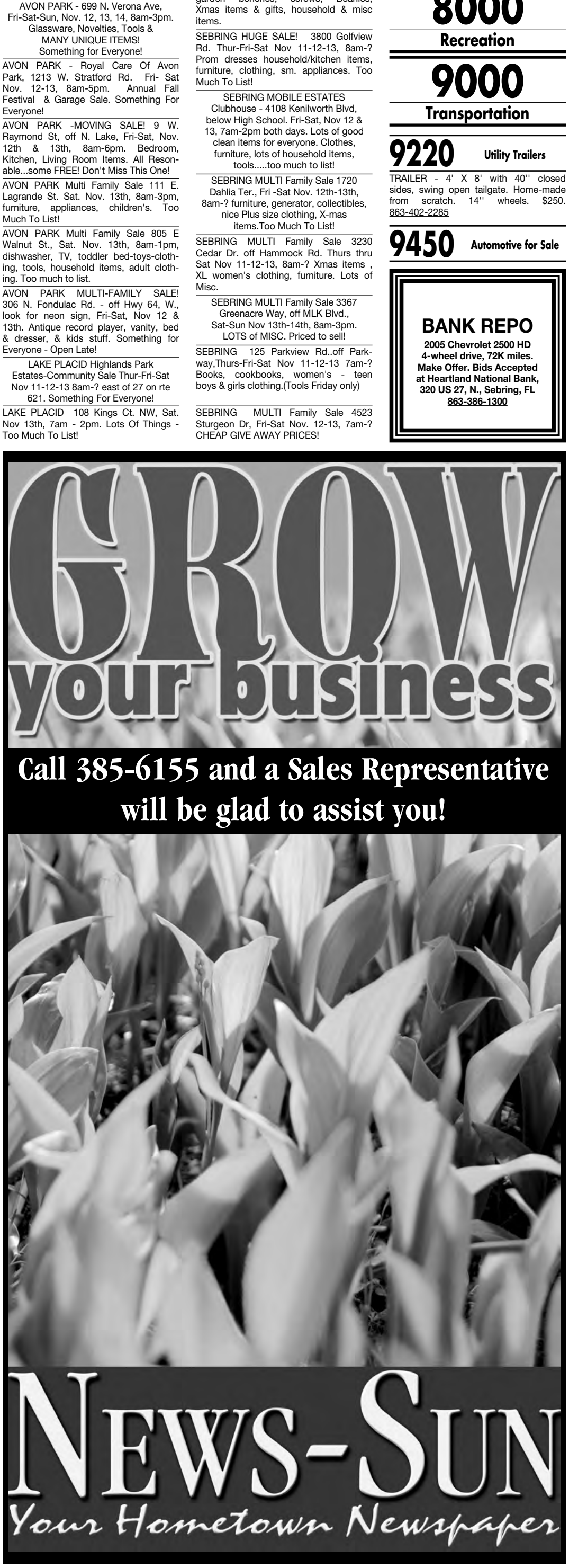

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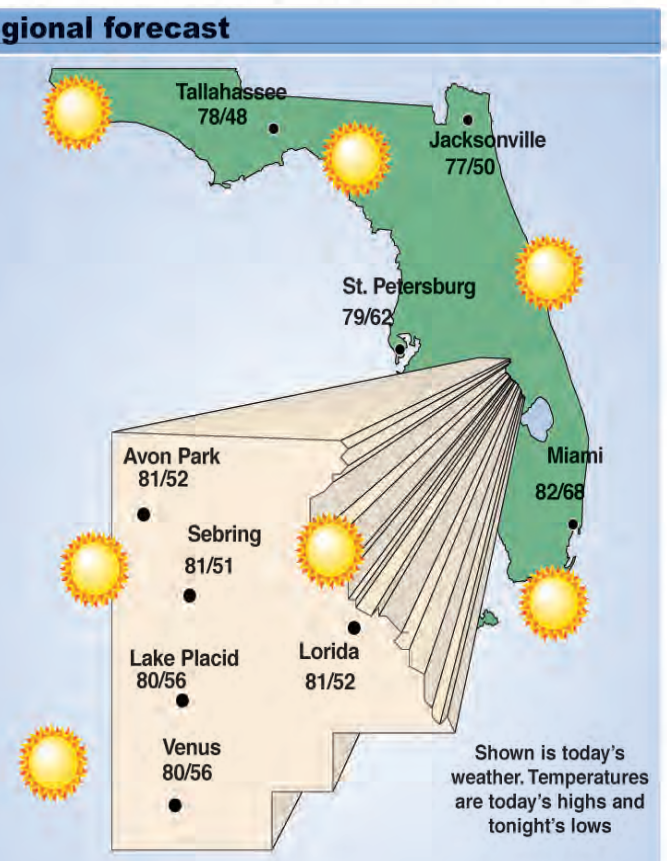
Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Beautiful with plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny and pleasant	Nice with a full day of sunshine	Mostly sunny
High 81/Low 51	High 81/Low 59	High 82/Low 57	High 80/Low 55	High 79/Low 57
Winds: NE at 4-8 mph.	Winds: ENE at 7-14 mph.	Winds: NE at 8-16 mph.	Winds: NNE at 7-14 mph.	Winds: ENE at 6-12 mph.

Regional forecast



Regional summary: Beautiful today with plenty of sunshine. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Friday: partly sunny and pleasant. Saturday: nice with a full day of sunshine. Sunday: mostly sunny.

Heat index

For 3 p.m. today
Relative humidity 30%
Expected air temperature ..... 79°
Makes it feel like ..... 77°

Weather History

By Nov. 10, 1992, 202.74 inches of precipitation was recorded in Yakutat, Alaska. This is their greatest yearly total ever recorded.

Farm report

Beautiful today with plenty of sunshine. Winds northeast 4-8 mph. Expect a full day of sunshine with average relative humidity 50% and good drying conditions. Clear tonight.

Water restrictions

If your address (house number) ends in...
- ...0 or 1, water only on Monday
- ...2 or 3, water only on Tuesday
- ...4 or 5, water only on Wednesday
- ...6 or 7, water only on Thursday
- ...8 or 9*, water only on Friday

* and locations without a discernible address

AccuWeather UV Index™

For today

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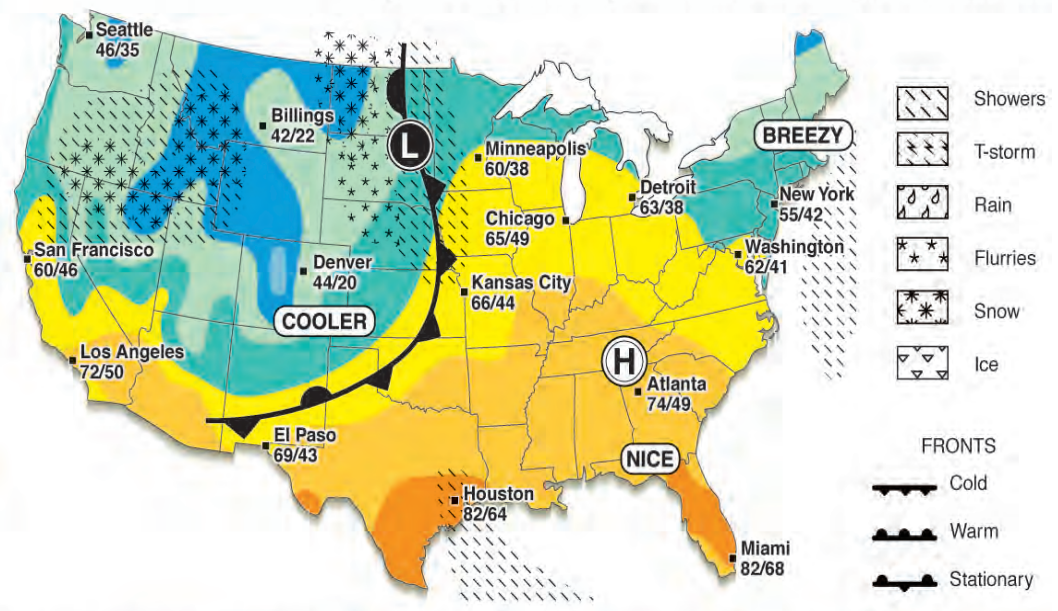
1	4	6	4	1

The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.
0-2, Low; 3-5, Moderate; 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+ Extreme

National Forecast for November 10

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high and low temperatures are given for selected cities.



-10s	-0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110s

National summary: Dry weather will return to New England today as a storm system departs. With high pressure taking control, a pleasant day of sunshine will unfold along the Eastern Seaboard. Warm air will remain in place over the Southeast and Ohio Valley, where afternoon highs will reach as much as 10 to 15 degrees above normal. A storm system on the northern Plains will bring showers to much of Minnesota and Iowa, while a bit of snow falls over the Dakotas along the back side of the storm.

Sun and moon

Today	Sunrise	6:41 a.m.
	Sunset	5:39 p.m.
	Moonrise	10:53 a.m.
	Moonset	9:47 p.m.
Thursday	Sunrise	6:41 a.m.
	Sunset	5:38 p.m.
	Moonrise	11:36 a.m.
	Moonset	10:43 p.m.

Moon phases

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 13	Nov 21	Nov 28	Dec 5

Almanac

Temperature
(Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid)

High Friday	67
Low Friday	43
High Saturday	64
Low Saturday	45
High Sunday	72
Low Sunday	50
High Monday	74
Low Monday	38

Barometer

Saturday	30.23
Sunday	30.15
Monday	30.07

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00"
Sunday	0.00"
Monday	0.00"
Month to date	2.30"
Year to date	54.79"

Tides
(Readings at St. Petersburg)

High	2:44 a.m.
Low	11:11 a.m.
High	none
Low	none

(Readings at Palm Beach)

High	11:27 a.m.
Low	4:49 a.m.
High	11:37 p.m.
Low	5:22 p.m.

Lake Levels

Lake Jackson	78.36'
Lake Okeechobee	13.19'
Normal	14.51'

Florida cities

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W	Friday Hi	Lo	W
Daytona Beach	79	58	s	79	61	s	76	58	pc
Ft. Laud. Bch	81	69	s	81	71	pc	82	69	pc
Fort Myers	80	59	s	83	62	s	81	61	pc
Gainesville	80	51	s	78	48	s	74	49	s
Homestead AFB	79	64	s	81	67	pc	80	65	pc
Jacksonville	77	50	s	75	50	s	71	47	s
Key West	79	71	s	80	70	s	80	72	pc
Miami	82	68	s	81	69	pc	81	68	pc
Orlando	80	57	s	80	58	s	78	57	pc
Pensacola	78	54	s	76	54	s	73	51	s
Sarasota	79	59	s	81	60	s	83	59	pc
Tallahassee	78	48	s	78	46	s	73	43	s
Tampa	80	61	s	82	64	s	82	61	pc
W. Palm Bch	81	67	s	80	69	pc	81	65	pc

U.S. cities

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	W	Friday Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	54	31	pc	49	27	pc	49	25	s
Atlanta	74	49	s	72	45	s	67	42	s
Baltimore	62	41	s	61	34	s	62	38	s
Birmingham	76	47	s	74	45	s	69	43	s
Boston	52	37	pc	50	40	s	57	44	s
Charlotte	70	41	s	65	38	s	65	35	s
Cheyenne	40	19	pc	31	16	sn	41	24	s
Chicago	65	49	s	65	45	pc	65	45	r
Cleveland	60	41	s	61	41	s	61	46	s
Columbus	66	42	s	67	46	s	67	45	s
Dallas	76	63	s	77	62	pc	67	44	t
Denver	44	20	pc	30	17	sn	42	22	s
Detroit	63	38	s	62	44	s	62	43	pc
Harrisburg	58	33	s	58	30	s	61	33	s
Honolulu	84	72	s	85	71	s	84	71	s
Houston	82	64	pc	80	66	pc	80	62	t
Indianapolis	68	44	s	71	48	s	67	47	s
Jacksonville	77	50	s	75	50	s	71	47	s
Kansas City	66	44	pc	68	46	r	52	34	r
Lexington	71	42	s	72	44	s	70	46	s
Little Rock	76	52	s	76	50	pc	74	50	pc
Los Angeles	72	50	s	76	52	s	80	50	s
Louisville	72	45	s	75	47	s	72	48	s
Memphis	74	52	s	77	51	s	74	52	pc
Miami	82	68	s	81	69	pc	81	68	pc
Minneapolis	60	38	pc	53	36	pc	44	29	c
Nashville	74	42	s	75	46	s	70	44	s
New Orleans	79	57	s	79	58	s	78	60	pc
New York City	55	42	s	53	40	s	56	42	s
Norfolk	60	46	s	58	45	s	60	45	s
Oklahoma City	70	51	s	70	47	t	52	34	t
Philadelphia	59	41	s	56	39	s	59	43	s
Phoenix	71	48	pc	71	46	s	71	48	s
Pittsburgh	60	38	s	65	40	s	66	41	s
Portland	48	29	pc	46	30	s	53	33	s
Raleigh	66	42	s	66	38	s	65	39	s
Rochester	50	32	s	61	35	s	59	38	s
St. Louis	72	55	s	73	52	pc	68	44	c
San Francisco	60	46	pc	62	46	s	64	47	pc
Seattle	46	35	pc	48	41	c	51	42	c
Tampa	80	61	s	82	64	s	82	61	pc
Washington, DC	62	41	s	58	39	s	57	42	s

World cities

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	City	Today Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	88	72	s	London	46	41	pc
Berlin	47	41	pc	Montreal	44	37	s
Calgary	36	16	s	Nice	59	51	r
Dublin	46	39	pc	Ottawa	44	35	s
Edmonton	37	13	s	Quebec	43	36	s
Freeport	81	61	s	Rio de Janeiro	71	65	t
Geneva	44	36	r	Sydney	81	66	sh
Hong Kong	72	71	pc	Toronto	50	39	s
Jerusalem	78	61	s	Vancouver	48	36	pc
Kiev	57	45	s	Winnipeg	50	39	r

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

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NASCAR This Week
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Lady Dragons blank Hardee

By DAN HOEHNE
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LAKE PLACID – Though he knows it is early and there is a lot of work to be done, Lake Placid girls soccer coach John Merlot couldn't be too displeased with his squads 6-0 win over Hardee Monday night.

"It's still a little sloppy at times, but we just got the volleyball girls back and they've had just one practice with the team," he said. "So with that in mind, it wasn't too bad."

Lake Placid 6
Hardee 0

The sloppiness maybe had to do with the lack much practice as a full team, and it showed itself in the fact that the Lady Dragons needed 32 shots on goal for their six scores.

"We must have had double that last week," Merlot said of the eked out win over district rival Tenoroc in last Tuesday's season opener. "But I'd rather be having a lot of shots on goal than not enough."

The first-half scoring was done by Brittany Collison, recovered from her back problems late in the volleyball season, and Lindsey Bennett for a 2-0 lead at the half.

Collison added to it quickly in the second half, knocking in a corner-kick carom in the opening minutes.

Another Bennett got into the scoring action as Stephanie lofted one into the upper left corner of the net from close range at the 31:28 mark for a 4-0 lead.

Held pretty much on the defensive side of the field for most of the night, the Lady Wildcats did start to push it more, going on the attack and garnering a few shots on goal.

But the few shots that were taken were easily handled by goalkeeper Sarah Thompson.

"Hardee's been a good rival in the past but have gone through some tough times the last couple years," Merlot said. "They've got a new coach now and you can see they're working a new system in, so they'll be back I'm sure."

For now, however, it was all Lake Placid as Taylor Test swept around the right side and rocketed a score in from

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Brittany Collison sends this pass in toward the goal, but also scored twice on her own in Lake Placid's 6-0 win over Hardee Monday night.

Blue Streaks hold off Blue Devils

By KATE ROWLAND
Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – The Blue Streaks boys soccer squad set the tone for an easy victory over Winter Haven with a breakaway a little over a minute into Monday's season opener at Firemen's Field.

The early shot just missed the goal, but Sebring built a comfortable 4-0 lead in the first half and coasted to a 4-3 win.

"We got outplayed a bit in the second half but I think that was because I started switching some of our other players in and getting them a little bit of play time," said first-year coach Keith Bowyer. "They didn't have the same rhythm going. But for the most part I felt like we kept them shut down pretty well."

Junior Marcelo Gori's shot deflected off a player in front of the goal for a 1-0 lead six minutes into the game.

Blue Streak senior Ernst Toussaint picked up an assist on Elisha Klatt's 25-foot goal that hooked past the keeper for the 2-0 lead at the 14-minute mark.

Toussaint was knocked on his back against the sideline by an aggressive Winter Haven defender, but the left midfielder managed to keep the ball in bounds and center a pass for Klatt's goal.

Gori scored his second goal at the 25-minute mark on an assist from Donavon White for the 3-0 Blue Streak lead.

"Donavon gave a great ball and I read it perfectly and just went after it," Gori said. "Luckily I got a foot on it and their goalkeeper thought I was going low and he slid, and it just bounced over him."

Three minutes later, a Winter Haven foul led to a free kick for Sebring, and senior midfielder Cody Watson buried the ball in the net to build a 4-0 lead.

Gori just missed a hat trick to end the half.

"I'm not the biggest guy on the team but I do what I can," Gori said. "Soccer is my first love. I have dedication to the game. My love for the game makes me never want to give up.

"There are a lot of football fans here, but we're gradually getting more fans. Soccer is the most popular sport in the world and people are beginning to find out why."

Several Blue Streaks, including White, David Scheck, Josh Bowyer and Gori, recently finished up districts for cross country.

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Photo courtesy of JIM TAYLOR

Elisha Klatt maintains control of the ball despite this Winter Haven defenders all-out effort in Sebring's 4-3 win over the Blue Devils Monday night.

WEDNESDAY WARM-UP

A midweek report on high school football

WEEK 10 STATE POLLS

Class 6A

1. Miami Central (7)	8-1	115	1
2. Dr. Phillips (5)	9-0	112	2
3. Chris Columbus Cath	9-0	97	3
4. Winter Park	9-0	80	4
5. Apopka	8-1	73	5
6. Miami Northwestern	7-2	61	6
7. South Dade	8-1	41	7
8. Olympia	7-2	38	8
9. Miami Southridge	8-1	25	10
10. East Ridge	7-2	9	9

Others receiving votes: DeLand 4, Sanford Seminole 3, Miramar 1, Braddock 1.

Class 5A

1. Manatee (8)	9-0	116	1
2. St. Thomas Aquinas (4)	9-0	112	2
3. Lakeland	9-0	95	3
4. St. Petersburg	9-0	76	4
5. Countryside	10-0	71	5
6. Fleming Island	10-0	60	6
7. Plant	7-2	41	7
8. First Coast	10-0	40	8
9. Blanche Ely	8-1	25	9
10. Venice	7-3	7	

Others receiving votes: Brandon 6, Bayside 5, Boyd Anderson 2, Dillard 2, Fletcher 1, South Broward 1.

Class 4A

1. Armwood (10)	9-0	118	1
2. Dwyer (2)	8-1	110	2
3. Charlotte	9-0	93	3
4. Palm Bay	9-0	84	4
5. Fort Pierce Central	8-0	67	5
6. Pine Forest	8-2	60	6
7. Niceville	7-2	41	7
8. Gainesville	8-2	32	9
9. Cape Coral	8-1	28	10
10. Lake Gibson	7-2	14	

Others receiving votes: Navarre 7, Ed White 2, Edgewater 1, Kathleen 1, Okeechobee 1, Wakulla 1.

Class 3A

1. Jefferson (8)	9-0	116	1
2. Pensacola (4)	9-0	112	2
3. St. Augustine	9-0	96	3
4. Miami Washington	8-1	74	4
5. Fort Pierce Westwood	8-0	59	5
6. Naples	9-0	57	6
7. South Fort Myers	9-0	36	9
T8. Winter Haven	8-1	34	7
T8. Belen Jesuit Prep	8-1	34	8
10. Lake Wales	8-1	11	10

Others receiving votes: Southeast 8, Clay 7, North Marion 6, Miami Norland 5, Pasco 2, Miami Jackson 2, Hallandale 1.

Class 2A

1. Cocoa (11)	10-0	119	1
2. Madison County (1)	10-0	109	2
3. Jesuit	9-0	96	3
4. Glades Central	8-1	77	5
5. Jones	9-1	30	4

Others receiving votes: Bishop Moore 25, Robinson 18, Raines 6.

Class 2B

1. Bolles School (11)	9-0	119	1
2. Ocala Trinity Cath. (1)	10-0	106	2
3. Pensacola Catholic	9-0	87	3
4. Fort Lauderdale Univ	9-0	64	4
5. Monsignor Pace	8-0	57	5

Others receiving votes: Taylor County 27, Lake Highland 7, Florida 7, Island Coast 6.

Class 1A

1. Fort Meade (9)	9-0	114	1
2. Trinity Christian-Jax (1)	7-2	107	2
3. Melbrne Cent Cath (1)	8-0	92	3
4. Berkeley Prep	7-2	49	4
5. Dade Christian	10-0	38	

Others receiving votes: King's Academy 36, Delray American Heritage (1) 17, Providence 8, Blountstown 7, Orlando The First Academy 6, Liberty County 6.

Class 1B

1. Warner Christian (10)	10-0	118	1
T2. Victory Christian	9-0	101	2
T2. Jupiter Christian (2)	7-1	101	3
4. Evangelical Christian	9-1	56	5
5. Jefferson County	7-2	50	4

Others receiving votes: Lafayette 27, Glades Day 14, Admiral Farragut 13.

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT
(through Week 10)

DISTRICT 9-3A

	Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Winter Haven	6-0	8-1	334	59
Lake Wales	6-1	8-1	369	74
Sebring	4-2	7-2	276	136
Auburndale	3-3	3-8	186	443
Tenoroc	2-4	3-7	161	288
Celebration	1-5	4-6	165	319
Lake Nona	0-6	0-10	123	385

Last Week's Scores
Winter Haven 42, Lake Nona 0
Lake Wales 48, Auburndale 7
Sebring 34, Tenoroc 14
Celebration 42, Lakeland Christ. 12

This Week's Games
Winter Haven vs. Lake Gibson, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Wales vs. Bartow, 7:30 p.m.
Sebring at Avon Park, 7 p.m.
Tenoroc at Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Nona at East River, 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 5-2B

	Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Lake Highland	4-0	9-1	269	148
Tampa Cath.	3-1	5-4	210	167
Avon Park	2-2	3-6	73	153
Card. Mooney	1-3	3-6	176	293
Mulberry	0-4	0-10	100	301

Last Week's Scores
Tampa Cath. 27, Avon Park 7
Card. Mooney 27, Mulberry 20

This Week's Games
Avon Park vs. Sebring, 7 p.m.
Lake Highland at Bishop Moore, 7 p.m.
Tampa Cath. vs. Jesuit, 7 p.m.
Card. Mooney vs. St. Steph., 7 p.m.
Mulberry at Ridge, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 6-2B

	Dist.	Overall	PF	PA
Island Coast	5-0	9-1	406	40
Dunbar	4-1	4-5-1	159	185
Clewiston	3-2	3-6	215	260
Lake Placid	2-4	3-7	177	299
LaBelle	1-4	1-8	138	305
Gateway Char.	0-5	0-10	47	481

Last Week's Scores
Lake Placid 60, Gateway 0
Island Coast 48, LaBelle 10
Dunbar 15, Clewiston 14

This Week's Games
Dunbar at East Lee County, 7 p.m.
Clewiston vs. Okeechobee, 7 p.m.
Lake Placid at Lemon Bay, 7:30 p.m.
LaBelle at Riverdale, 7:30 p.m.
Gateway vs. Evang. Christ., 7 p.m.

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Highlands sends trio to State

By DAN HOEHNE
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"These swimmers have found the dedication and desire to work towards extraordinary standards, set high goals and have learned to push their limits and extend their own known possibilities," Lake Placid head coach Tom Creel said. "And for that I am extraordinarily proud of each of them for their achievements."

He was, of course, speaking of his Green Dragon swimmers after their Region 2-1A meet Saturday, though he may well have been any coach or parent of all Highlands County swimmers – whether Dragons, Blue Streaks or Red Devils – as each of the three high schools gave it their all and had much to be proud of at their respective meets.

But the whittling down from districts to regionals cut even deeper from regionals to state as of the slew of Highlands hopefuls that had advanced less than a handful will be making the trip to State.

Sebring's Brian Miller is the only swimmer to have qualified for Friday's Class 2A State Meet at the Central Florida YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando.

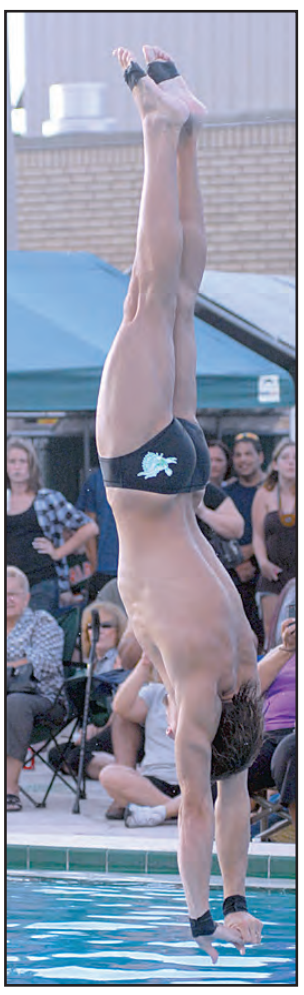
Miller placed fourth in the finals of the Boys 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1:05.08 to stamp his ticket, while teammate Fred Cooper made the figurative and literal leap in the 1-meter dive event, totaling 323.35 points.

Lake Placid's Edwin Velazquez, similarly, dove his way to Thursday's Class 1A State Meet, racking up a 368.35 point total to earn his trip to Orlando.

And though the overall advancements weren't plentiful, there were a number of close calls with many swimmers making it from preliminaries to the finals, only to have their times miss after cross-regional comparisons to make up the state field.

Lake Placid's Shannon Cummings and Dylan Weber-Callahan each made it to the finals of the 50 Free, and Cummings again got out of preliminaries and into the championship round of the 100 Free.

Weber-Callahan, along with Kevin Smit, Pike Cloninger and Tayler Allcorn even came in third place of the 200 Free Relay event which looked to put them in good stead, but their 1:34.53 time just didn't hold up.



News-Sun file photo by DAN HOEHNE

Edwin Velazquez will be on of a trio of Highlands County athletes heading to the Swimming and Diving State Finals as he qualified from the Region 2-1A meet Saturday.

Smit, Allcorn, Weber Callahan and Cody Lambert also reached the finals in the 400 Free Relay.

And Creel was happy to see the boys acheive and surpass their goal of at least holding onto the eighth-place finish the team acheived last year, as they moved up to sixth among the 28 team field.

Similarly, the Blue Streaks saw their boys team finish 10th in their 29-team field and also saw some close calls.

Miller, Josh Heflin, James Crow and Brian Ortiz reached the finals of the Boys 200 Medley Relay with Heflin also barely missing reaching the finals of the 50 Free.

Lady Streak diver McKenzie Hargaden also put in a strong effort, upping her district score to 330.25, but came up a few points short of making the trip to Orlando.

Charles Guerndt, Kiri Crommett and the rest of Avon Park's 'Wet' Devils also put forth some strong efforts that in the end, came up just a bit short.

The Scoreboard

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	6	2	0	.750	182	130
New England	6	2	0	.750	219	188
Miami	4	4	0	.500	143	175
Buffalo	0	8	0	.000	150	233

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	3	0	.625	224	150
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	217	168
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	165	226
Houston	4	4	0	.500	193	226

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	175	139
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	174	123
Cleveland	3	5	0	.375	152	156
Cincinnati	2	6	0	.250	167	190

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	183	145
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	235	188
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	239	197
Denver	2	6	0	.250	154	223

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	216	160
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	198	181
Washington	4	4	0	.500	155	170
Dallas	1	7	0	.125	161	232

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	6	2	0	.750	196	154
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	201	151
Tampa Bay	5	3	0	.625	157	190
Carolina	1	7	0	.125	88	184

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	221	143
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	148	133
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	156	168
Detroit	2	6	0	.250	203	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	4	4	0	.500	140	141
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	130	181
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	157	225
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	137	178

Sunday's Games

Chicago 22, Buffalo 19
N.Y. Jets 23, Detroit 20, OT
Baltimore 26, Miami 10
San Diego 29, Houston 23
Atlanta 27, Tampa Bay 21
New Orleans 34, Carolina 3
Cleveland 34, New England 14
Minnesota 27, Arizona 24, OT
N.Y. Giants 41, Seattle 7
Oakland 23, Kansas City 20, OT
Philadelphia 26, Indianapolis 24
Green Bay 45, Dallas 7
Open: Denver, Washington, St. Louis, Jacksonville, San Francisco, Tennessee

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh 27, Cincinnati 21

Thursday's Game

Baltimore at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 14

Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Houston at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Oakland, San Diego, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday, Nov. 15

Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	6	2	.750	—
New York	3	3	.500	2½
New Jersey	2	4	.333	3½
Philadelphia	2	5	.286	4
Toronto	1	6	.143	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	5	1	.833	—
Atlanta	6	2	.750	—
Miami	5	2	.714	½
Washington	1	4	.200	3½
Charlotte	1	6	.143	4½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	3	3	.500	—
Cleveland	3	3	.500	—
Indiana	2	3	.400	½
Detroit	2	5	.286	1½
Milwaukee	2	5	.286	1½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	6	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	5	1	.833	1
Dallas	4	2	.667	2
Memphis	4	4	.500	3
Houston	1	5	.167	5

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	5	3	.625	—
Denver	4	3	.571	½
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1
Utah	3	3	.500	1
Minnesota	1	6	.143	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	7	0	1.000	—
Golden State	5	2	.714	2
Sacramento	3	3	.500	3½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	4
L.A. Clippers	1	6	.143	6

Monday's Games

San Antonio 95, Charlotte 91
Orlando 93, Atlanta 89
Golden State 109, Toronto 102
Chicago 94, Denver 92
Memphis 109, Phoenix 99
Dallas 89, Boston 87

Tuesday's Games

Denver at Indiana, late
Cleveland at New Jersey, late
Utah at Miami, late
New York at Milwaukee, late
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, late
Detroit at Portland, late
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, late

Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Live Sports On TV

College Football

Wednesday

8 p.m. Miami of Ohio at Bowling Green ESPN2

Thursday

7:30 p.m. Pittsburgh at Connecticut ESPN2

Golf

Thursday

9:30 a.m. EuroPGA – Barclays Singapore Open . . . GOLF
1 p.m. PGA – Miracle Network Classic . . . . . GOLF
4 p.m. LPGA – Lorena Ochoa Invitational . . . . . GOLF

NBA

Wednesday

7 p.m. Utah at Orlando . . . . . SUN/ESPN
9:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at San Antonio . . . . . ESPN

Thursday

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

NHL

Thursday

7 p.m. Tampa Bay at Washington . . . . . SUN

Premier League Soccer

Wednesday

2:55 p.m. Manchester City vs. Manchester United. ESPN2

Times, games, channels all subject to change

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	9	4	2	20	45	34
N.Y. Rangers	7	6	1	15	38	38
Pittsburgh	7	7	1	15	43	39
N.Y. Islanders	4	8	2	10	35	50
New Jersey	4	10	1	9	25	48

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	8	5	1	17	34	33
Boston	7	3	1	15	33	20
Ottawa	7	6	1	15	36	40
Toronto	5	5	3	13	31	34
Buffalo	4	9	2	10	37	48

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	10	4	0	20	47	34
Tampa Bay	7	4	2	16	39	39
Atlanta	6	5	3	15	44	51
Carolina	7	7	0	14	41	44
Florida	5	7	0	10	36	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	9	1	2	20	32	18
Detroit	9	3	1	19	42	34
Chicago	8	8	1	17	50	51
Columbus	8	5	0	16	32	32
Nashville	5	5	3	13	31	38

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	8	3	2	18	40	32
Minnesota	7	4	2	16	32	30
Colorado	7	5	1	15	45	42
Calgary	6	7	0	12	35	38
Edmonton	4	6	2	10	34	41

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	10	3	0	20	39	26
Dallas	8	5	0	16	43	37
Anaheim	7	7	1	15	40	50
San Jose	6	5	1	13	34	30
Phoenix	4	5	5	13	35	45

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

Monday's Games

Detroit 3, Phoenix 2, OT

Tuesday's Games

Edmonton at Carolina, late
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, late
Vancouver at Montreal, late
Atlanta at Ottawa, late
Toronto at Tampa Bay, late
Calgary at Colorado, late
Anaheim at San Jose, late

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MLS Playoffs

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

San Jose 1, New York 1
San Jose advanced on aggregate 3-2
New York 1, San Jose 0
San Jose 3, New York 1

Colorado 1, Columbus 1
Colorado advanced penalty kicks 5-4
Colorado 1, Columbus 0
Columbus 2, Colorado 1

Eastern Conference Championship
Saturday, Nov. 13
San Jose at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Semifinals

FC Dallas 2, Real Salt Lake 0
FC Dallas advanced on aggregate 3-2
FC Dallas 2, Real Salt Lake 1
FC Dallas 1, Real Salt Lake 1

Los Angeles 2, Seattle 0
Los Angeles advanced on aggregate 3-1
Los Angeles 1, Seattle 0
Los Angeles 2, Seattle 1

Western Conference Championship
Sunday, Nov. 14
FC Dallas at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB–Announced Tohoku Rakuten (Japan Pacific League) has accepted Oakland's bid for the negotiating rights to RHP Hisashi Iwakuma.

American League

DETROIT TIGERS–Agreed to terms with SS Jhonny Peralta on a two-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS–Named Don Wakamatsu bench coach, Dwayne Murphy hitting coach, Torey Lovullo first-base coach and Pat Hentgen bullpen coach.

National League

NEW YORK METS–Named Paul DePodesta vice president, player development and amateur scouting.
PITSBURGH PIRATES–Agreed to terms with LHP Justin Thomas on a minor league contract.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS–Acquired INF Brian Kolb from Evansville (Frontier) to complete an earlier trade.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL–Fined Green Bay S Nick Collins $50,000 for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Dallas WR Roy Williams in Sunday's game.
CINCINNATI BENGALS–Signed DT Clinton McDonald from the practice squad.
Waived CB Rico Murray.
DALLAS COWBOYS–Fired coach Wade Phillips.
Promoted offensive coordinator Jason Garrett to head coach.
GREEN BAY PACKERS–Released CB Al Harris.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS–Signed LB Derrick Johnson to a five-year contract extension.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS–Placed S Chris Horton on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS–Assigned F Jeremy Morin to Rockford (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS–Waived F Dustin Boyd.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS–Placed LW Zach Parise on injured reserve.
Activated D Matt Corrente from injured reserve. Recalled RW Mattias Tedenby from Albany (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS–Assigned F Evgeny Grachev to Hartford (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS–Reassigned F Zack Smith to Binghamton (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS–Agreed to terms with F Claude Giroux on a multi-year contract extension.
Fired Adirondack (AHL) coach Greg Gilbert. Named assistant general manager John Paddock interim coach.
ST. LOUIS BLUES–Assigned F Nick Drazenovic to Peoria (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING–Named Martha Fuller chief financial officer.

American Hockey League

CHICAGO WOLVES–Reassigned D Dave Phillips to Toledo (ECHL).

Central Hockey League

LAREDO BUCKS–Traded F Matt Robinson to Wichita for future considerations.
Signed F Darryl Smith.
RIO GRANDE VALLEY KILLER BEES–Placed F Greg Holt on waivers.
Signed F Ryan McLeod and F Anton Kharin.
TULSA OILERS–Placed F Jason Weeks on waivers.

SOCCER

Major Indoor Soccer League

BALTIMORE BLAST–Signed D Pat Morris and G Nick Hovaker.
Acquired F Worteh Sampson from Missouri for future considerations.

COLLEGE

DELAWARE–Announced the retirement of field hockey coach Carol Miller.
ILLINOIS STATE–Announced sophomore G Candace Sykes has been granted an SLR waiver by the NCAA and will be able to compete for the women's basketball team at the start of the 2010-11 season.
IOWA STATE–Announced the NCAA has denied its waiver for men's basketball F Royce White to play this year.
MANHATTAN–Named Victoria Latino women's lacrosse coach.
TEXAS–Announced basketball G Shawn Williams has quit the team.

Local Schedule

Avon Park

THURSDAY: Girls Basketball hosts Preseason Tip-Off, vs. Frostproof, 7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Frostproof, 6 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Frostproof, 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Football vs. Sebring, 7 p.m.; Wrestling at Pre-Season Classic, Sebring, 5:30 p.m.

Lake Placid

THURSDAY: Girls Basketball vs. Walker Memorial, at Avon Park, 6 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs. Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Mulberry, 6/7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY: Football at Lemon Bay, 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY, Nov. 15: Girls Basketball vs. Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.

Sebring

THURSDAY: Girls Basketball hosts Tip-Off Tourney, vs. Bartow, 7:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer at Clewiston, 6/7:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Osceola, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY: Football at Avon Park, 7 p.m.; Wrestling hosts Pre-Season Classic, vs. Avon Park, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Soccer at Poinciana, 6:30 p.m.

Sports Snapshots

LP Youth Baseball/Softball

LAKE PLACID – The monthly meeting of the Lake Placid Youth Baseball and Softball Board will be Thursday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake June ballfields, upstairs Meeting Room.

Any interested parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

For more information please contact Laurie Weber at 243-1087 or *laweber@htn.net.*

Panther Baseball Showcase

AVON PARK – The South Florida Community College baseball program will be hosting a High School Baseball Showcase Camp Saturday, Nov. 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the first 30 players registered.

At $60 per person, the camp is open to 2011-2013 high school graduates with roster spots and scholarships available for the '11 year.

SFCC Head Coach Rick Hitt will serve as showcase director, assisted by assistant coach Andy Polk.

The camp will provide the opportunity for players to showcase their ability levels during a morning workout followed by a showcase game in the afternoon and a question and answer session with players and families following the game.

Players are to bring their own individual baseball attire to Panther Field at the SFCC campus in Avon Park.

To register, go to *www.southflorida.edu* and select "athletics" then "baseball."

Click on "camps," then print out Admissions Application and Emergency Treatment forms.

Mail the forms as indicated on the application form or register by phone at one of the Panther Baseball lines at extension 7036 – Avon Park/Sebring: 453-6661; Lake Placid: 465-5300; Arcadia: 494-7500; Wauchula: 773-2252.

Both days of the camp begin with an 8:30 a.m. registration before the showcase activities get underway at 9 a.m.

Hansen Center Golf Tourney

SEBRING – Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) invites golfers to the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament benefitting the Hansen Center in Highlands County on Saturday Nov. 13 at Sun 'N Lakes Golf and Country Club.

The event will kick-off with registration at 7:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Lunch, along with an awards ceremony and prize drawings, will conclude the event at 1 p.m.

All proceeds from the tournament will go directly to support this vital program for teen girls in Highlands County.

For more information on sponsorships, volunteering or participating, contact Summer Rose Tucker at *summer@fastlanepromotions.biz* or 414-4452.

Please visit us at *www.chsfl.org* or *www.facebook.com/CHSgulfcoast*.

Boys & Girls Club Golf

AVON PARK – The Boys & Girls Club of Highlands County will be hosting its' First Annual Golf Classic on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Pinecrest Golf Club.

Registration, coffee and homemade breads will be served at 7:30 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

The four-player scramble will be flighted by handicap.

Entry fee is $220 per team or $55 per person with the option of $300 for both team and Hole Sponsorship.

Hole Sponsorships are available for $100.

Entry fee includes breakfast, goodie bag, prizes, lunch and awards.

Deadline for entry is Thursday, Nov. 18.

All proceeds go to benefit the Boyss & Girls Club of Highlands County.

A $2,000 Hole in One prize is sponsored by the Cohan Radio Group.

For more information contact Don Lamb at 399-0506.

Registration forms are also available at *www.highlandsbgc.com* and at Pinecrest Golf Club, 453-7555.

UPWARD Basketball 'n Cheer

SEBRING – UPWARD Basketball and Cheer registration is now open at the First Baptist Church of Sebring for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten – 8th grade with a cost is $65 per child.

Multiple child discounts and payment plans are available.

Forms are available at the FBC Sebring office located at 200 E. Center St., Sebring. Phone: 385-5154.

Registrants must attend one evaluation night (between 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.) on Nov. 8 or 15 at the FBC Recreation Outreach Center.

Practices begin the week of January 3, 2011 and the season ends March 21, 2011.

Doc Decker Memorial

SEBRING – The Third Annual Doc Decker Memorial Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, Nov. 13 at SpringLake Golf Course with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

The four-person scramble features lots of great prizes with proceeds going to benefit Children's Home Society, DuVall Home, Good Shepherd Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, Mission Haven, Potters Girls Home and Sebring Women's Safe House.

For more information, call Larry Hennen at 655-1214 or the Pro Shop at 655-0101.

Bass Tournament

SEBRING – The first annual Friends of Istokpoga Lake Association Bass Tournament will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13.

The entry fee for the one day event is $75.00 for Friends of Istokpoga (FOI) members and $125.00 for non-members.

Collected entry fees will be returned as prizes less administrative costs.

Registration forms are available at Outback USA and Trails End Fishing Resort or at most marinas and bait shops on Lake Istokpoga.

Sign up will also be offered the morning of the event with cash only.

Entry forms are also available on the FOI website.

The launch line will be located at Istokpoga Park on U.S. 98 at first light.

Weigh in will be at 3:00 p.m. at Trails End Fishing Resort.

For more information, visit the website at *www.Istokpoga.com.*

Turkey Trot 5K

SEBRING – The 18th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk are set for Thanksgiving morning at 8 a.m. at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Last year's holiday classic race drew a field of 548 finishers making it the largest race in the county.

Entry fee is $15 for a cotton Tee-shirt or $20 for a dri-fit tee through November 15.

After the early registration cutoff date, the fee is $20 with no guarantee of a shirt, so runners/walkers should pre-register.

Checks made payable to Friends of Highlands Hammock and the signed form is available from *cbrojek@comcast.net* or *jilw@embarqmail.com*, mailed to Jill Willingham, 4017 Westminster Road, Sebring, Florida 33875.

Those with questions may call 863-471-1160.

Awards will be given in 15 five-year age divisions from 14-and-under through 80+.

"We expect another large field and encourage early entry to help us with race preparation," said Willingham.

Come join the fun and burn off a few calories prior to the annual holiday feast.

Adult Flag Football

SEBRING – The Highlands County YMCA is currently taking sign-ups for Adult Flag Football for ages 16 and up.

Cost is $35 for members and $45 for non-members and registrations will continue up to Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Any questions, call 382-9622.

Florida's Meyer denies leaking Newton records

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida coach Urban Meyer says he didn't leak any information about Auburn quarterback Cam Newton's academic record in Gainesville.

Meyer adds that no one on his staff would have leaked confidential academic information, calling it a "ridiculous claim and simply not true."

Foxsports.com reported Monday that Newton had faced possible expulsion from Florida for academic cheating before transferring to Blinn Junior College in Texas.

The report also says Newton was caught cheating three times and was to appear for a hearing in front of Florida's Student Committee during the spring semester of 2009.

MCT Photo

Auburn QB Cam Newton has been getting a lot of attention recently – and not just for his play on the field.

Auburn AD: Academic allegations 'unfortunate, sad'

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn athletic director Jay Jacobs says the allegations against Tigers quarterback Cam Newton are "unfortunate and sad" and reiterated that Newton is eligible both academically and athletically.

Jacobs said Monday the "rumors" seem designed toward "tearing down the reputation" of Newton, who Jacobs says has done "everything we've asked him to do."

Jacobs says discussing the academic records of a student violates federal privacy law and declined to disclose Newton's academic history.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

ON THE TUBE

All times Eastern

Sprint Cup
Kobalt Tools 500, 3 p.m., Sunday — ESPN

Nationwide Series
WYPALL 200 powered by Kimberly-Clark Professional, 4 p.m., Saturday — ESPN 2

Truck Series
Lucas Oil 150, 7:30 p.m., Friday — SPEED

BURNING ISSUES

Biffle

▶ Almost forgotten in the aftermath of an eventful Sprint Cup race in Texas was the fact that Greg Biffle led 224 of the 334 laps. Transmission problems plagued Biffle in the final laps, and he settled for a fifth-place finish.

▶ Replacing his own pit crew late in the race with teammate Jeff Gordon's squad begs the question of how it will affect the morale of Jimmie Johnson's team. Johnson's finishes have declined in each of the past seven races, though every one has been in the top 10.

▶ A silly, two-lap penalty for making a well-known gesture of derision at a NASCAR official put to rest all talk of "the new Kyle Busch."

▶ A fight between Jeff Gordon and Jeff Burton? Go on. What's next? Steve Carell and Jim Carrey in a Texas cage match? It seems unlikely that Gordon and Burton will require best two out of three falls, but it seemed unlikely that they would ever exchange blows at all.

▶ Lest Denny Hamlin feel overly secure, let the record note that Johnson won the fall 2009 race at Phoenix and finished third there earlier this year.

▶ Even measured by the sport's routine standards of exaggeration, the attendance estimate of the AAA Texas 500 was outlandish. The race reports listed the crowd as 156,000. The estimate here was 91,000.

▶ Four of the top six Texas finishers started 19th or worse. The winner, Hamlin, started 30th.

▶ Johnson's past seven finishes, in order: 1, 2, 3, 3, 5, 7, 9. Hamlin's past seven: 9, 12, 8, 4, 1, 9, 1.

▶ Two drivers have won twice in the Chase. Hamlin leads it. Clint Bowyer is 10th.

▶ Since winning at Charlotte, Jamie McMurray has finished 11th, 36th and 16th.

2010 STANDINGS

Sprint Cup		Pts.
1.	Denny Hamlin	6,325
2.	Jimmie Johnson	- 33
3.	Kevin Harvick	- 59
4.	Carl Edwards	- 317
5.	Matt Kenseth	- 325
6.	Jeff Gordon	- 331
7.	Kyle Busch	- 339
8.	Tony Stewart	- 363
9.	Greg Biffle	- 372
10.	Clint Bowyer	- 397
11.	Kurt Busch	- 435
12.	Jeff Burton	- 473

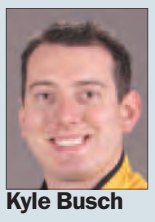
Nationwide Series		
1.	Brad Keselowski	5,314
2.	Carl Edwards	- 465
3.	Kyle Busch	- 695
4.	Justin Allgaier	- 912
5.	Paul Menard	- 1,109
6.	Kevin Harvick	- 1,270
7.	Trevor Bayne	- 1,549
8.	Jason Leffler	- 1,571
9.	Joey Logano	- 1,597
10.	Steve Wallace	- 1,626

Camping World Truck Series		
1.	Todd Bodine	3,645
2.	Aric Almirola	- 230
3.	Johnny Sauter	- 304
4.	Matt Crafton	- 408
5.	Austin Dillon	- 492
6.	Timothy Peters	- 538
7.	Ron Hornaday Jr.	- 586
8.	Mike Skinner	- 681
9.	David Starr	- 747
10.	Jason White	- 832

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT

Kenseth

▶ **Who's hot:** After a six-week absence, Denny Hamlin is the points leader again, with only two races remaining. ... Second place in Texas may have marked the high point of Matt Kenseth's year.


Kyle Busch

▶ **Who's not:** Jeff Gordon, wrecked out of the AAA Texas 500, fell a whopping 331 points off Hamlin's pace. ... Kyle Busch self-destructed, thanks to a penalty for making an obscene gesture at a NASCAR official.

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WHAT'S UP NEXT

SPRINT CUP
Race: Kobalt Tools 500
Where: Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1.0 mi.), 312 laps/miles.
When: Sunday, Nov. 14.
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Ryan Newman, Dodge, 135.854 mph, Nov. 5, 2004.
Race record: Tony Stewart, Pontiac, 118.132 mph, Nov. 7, 1999.
Last week: Denny Hamlin took tenuous control of the Chase by winning at Texas Motor Speedway. Hamlin, in a Toyota, left with a lead of 33 points over Jimmie Johnson and 59 over Kevin Harvick. Only two races remain, at Phoenix International Raceway and Homestead-Miami Speedway.

NATIONWIDE
Race: WYPALL 200 powered by Kimberly-Clark Professional
Where: Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1.0 mi.), 200 laps/miles.
When: Saturday, Nov. 13.
Last year's winner: Carl Edwards, Ford.
Qualifying record: Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 133.968 mph, Nov. 14, 2009.
Race record: Jeff Burton, Ford, 115.145 mph, Nov. 4, 2000.
Last week: Ford driver Carl Edwards won at Texas, putting an end to Kyle Busch's streak of five straight series victories at the 1.5-mile track. It wasn't enough, however, to prevent Dodge's Brad Keselowski from wrapping up the championship, a first in a major NASCAR series for owner Roger Penske.

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK
Race: Lucas Oil 150
Where: Phoenix International Raceway, Avondale, Ariz. (1.0 mi.), 150 laps/miles.
When: Friday, Nov. 12.
Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick, Chevy.
Qualifying record: Johnny Benson, Toyota, 132.660 mph, Nov. 10, 2006.
Race record: Kevin Harvick, Chevy, 108.014 mph, Nov. 8, 2002.
Last week: Kyle Busch drove a Toyota to his seventh victory, in 14 tries this season, holding off Johnny Sauter over the final 20 laps at Texas Motor Speedway. Sauter, in a Chevy, held on to second, followed by another Chevy driver, Matt Crafton. Fourth-place finisher Todd Bodine boosted his points lead to 230 over Aric Almirola.

PHOENIX DATA
FOX SPORTS — April 10 — Nov. 14 — ESPN

Distance:.....1.0 mile oval
Length of frontstretch:.....1,179 ft.
Length of backstretch:.....1,551 ft.
Miles/Laps:.... 312 mi. = 312 laps

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

DENNY HAMLIN — SPRINT CUP SERIES — No. 11 FEDEX TOYOTA

John Clark/ NASCAR This Week

With Denny Hamlin's eighth Cup victory of the season, the Virginia native is now the points leader with two races left in the Chase for the championship. Four-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson now trails the new leader by 33 points.

Advantage Goes To Hamlin!

Gibbs driver in prime position with two races left

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

FORT WORTH, Texas —The Chase for the championship has a new leader and an old winner.

Denny Hamlin's AAA Texas 500 victory was his eighth, two more than his closest pursuer, Jimmie Johnson, who ranks second in both points and wins. After Johnson held the edge for six weeks, Hamlin regained the top seed entering the season's final two races. He leads Johnson by 33 points and Kevin Harvick by 59.

"It took a lot of hard work to get this spot, for sure," said Hamlin, 29. "We didn't qualify well (30th). … We kept working on the car and getting it better and better. We got it right where I wanted it there in the second-to-last run when we got to second place and overtook Harvick.

"All I can say is, just as soon as the shade went down (shadows descended over Texas Motor Speedway), or the sun went down, our car really seemed to take off, and it took a lot of hard work to put it together."

Hamlin's resurgence — he has won two of the past three races — produced signs of strain in his closest pursuer. Johnson's crew chief, Chad Knaus, took an unusual tack by replacing Johnson's pit crew with that of Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon late in the race. Gordon had been eliminated in a crash.

Mike Ford, Hamlin's crew chief, took great pleasure at unexpected developments in the rival camp. The two teams pitted next to each other, and Ford's crew outperformed Knaus' for most of the race.

"It made them panic and push to the point where they made changes," said Ford. "I think it (pit choice) worked very well for us. It kind of put us back a little bit early, but late in the day it didn't affect us at all."

Another ingredient in Hamlin's victory was the decline of Greg Biffle, who led 224 laps before being hampered by transmission trouble near the end. Biffle's Ford managed to finish fifth, anyway.

What's next? Only two races remain.

"I'm not going to play it conservative," said Hamlin. "We need to take this lead and stretch it out."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Burton

VERSUS

Gordon

JEFF BURTON VS. JEFF GORDON

Astonishingly, two of the sport's upstanding citizens had a brief fight — they had to be separated by track personnel — after crashing at Texas. "Jeff Burton is a great race-car driver and then afterwards, I was just so mad I was just trying to think of how I could show him my displeasure," said Gordon. Burton took the blame for the accident and said he couldn't blame Gordon for being angry. "It was like once we got together, I couldn't get off him. I didn't mean to hit him."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Both drivers cooled down later, but it's difficult to accept Burton's claim that he didn't run into Gordon's car on purpose."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Love for Jimmie, NASCAR and times of recession

Dear NASCAR This Week,
I liked your answer to Kathy Rhudy concerning Jimmie Johnson. I say if a person has talent they deserve the rewards. Jimmie Johnson is a good driver. I say Hoo-rah for him. Some people don't like Kyle Busch, but I say he is a good driver. Give him his dues.

Norma Lee
Shoals, Ind.

Thanks for writing, Norma.

Dear NASCAR This Week,
Just a quick comment. NASCAR is concerned about the declining attendance, and declining sales. Could the possibility of a recession have anything to do with the problem?

Some people complain that No. 48 (Jimmie) Johnson always wins. Well, that's fine with me, as he and his pit crew run a clean program. I'm against the cheaters: Busches, Edwards, etc.

Some get caught and get a small slap on the wrist. Others get a huge penalty, ex. Bowyer.

When Busch flipped Keselowski and bragged about doing it, NASCAR did nothing. Busch should have been penalized points, probation for the rest of the year, or even suspended for a race or two. …

Seems as though NASCAR wants the cheaters to win, and the clean programs to lose. …

John J. Johnson Jr.
Liberty Center, Ohio

First of all, hardly anyone has discussed the decline without citing the recession. There are other factors, as well. Also, in most people's minds, declaring who is "clean" and who is a "cheater" is quite a bit more complicated. For instance, many of Johnson's detractors cite past penalties doled out against his team and crew chief Chad Knaus. For those who like Johnson, that doesn't seem to count. For those who don't, it's all that seems to matter.

FAN TIPS

Catch Monte live at Phoenix

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton is performing music on the morning of the Kobalt Tools 500 at Phoenix International Raceway. Dutton, whose hobby is writing and performing songs, will perform from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. in what the track bills as "the PIR Roll-Bar." The event is at a fan/hospitality area outside the mile track in Avondale, Ariz.

Jeff Gordon compares his winning streak to Johnson's

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

FORT WORTH, Texas — Nowadays it's easy to forget that Jeff Gordon was to the 1990s what Jimmie Johnson is to the past decade.

Gordon never won four straight championships, but he won three out of four and narrowly lost (to Terry Labonte) in 1996.

As usual, Gordon handled the comparison with tact and humility.

"I think that, and I tell Jimmie (Johnson) this all the time, this, in a way, kind of happened to me, and what he's going through is far more impressive than anything I ever did. But, 10 years from now, or even 20 years from now, you'll look back on this time and go, 'wow.' You will just look at how impressive it is and how impactful it's been to the sport and how chances of it ever happening again are near-impossible.

"I think it will be respected more and appreciated more, and probably, looked at in a positive way."

NUTS AND BOLTS

It weighs heavily — Carl Edwards won more races (nine) than any other driver in 2008 … and hasn't won since.

After winning four races in his first full season (2005), Edwards also failed to win a race in 2006.

"That's when I learned that expectations don't mean anything," he said. "That's when I learned that, when you have low points in performance, the key is doing the best you can."

Yeah, right — Believe it or not, someone asked Edwards if he was interested in running for political office.

"No way," he said. "I've spent enough time in Washington to know that job is way too scary for me. There is no way I could do that.

"What little I know about politics is that it seems like it would be the toughest job there is, and I don't want anything to do with that. I did run for class president one time. I did all right in elementary school and not so well in high school. I couldn't do that, no way."

Last word — Asked if he would admit to having "enough friends" to win the championship, Kevin Harvick said: "I don't think you need too many friends now. Talladega is over."

It has feelings, too — After his Texas qualifying run, Kurt Busch said of his Dodge, "I was just real loose coming to the green for my lap, and the car went through too big of a mood swing."

At least there's something — Elliott Sadler has won poles in each of NASCAR's three major touring series — Sprint Cup, Nationwide and Camping World Truck — this year.

Tundra domination — Toyota clinched its fifth consecutive manufacturer title in the Camping World Truck Series with Kyle Busch's victory at Texas on Friday night. Toyota drivers have combined to win 14 races, seven of them by Busch.

Bill Jarrett Ford 5K Run/Walk

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Doug Morton, of Sebring, raced to his second victory in two days posting a winning time of 16:26 at the Bill Jarrett Ford 5K Run/Walk at Florida Hospital on Sunday morning.

Krista Fredrickson, Sebring High School cross-country coach, won the female title with her 22:20 performance. Both runners won $300 Polar heart monitors for their efforts.

Female Age Groups (Top Three)

10 & Under: Adriann 35:45, Pranav Ananthan 39:11, Julia Cook 50:45

11-14: Maci Harris 30:19, Sara Luepschen 36:22, Meghan Griffin 36:57.

15-18: Caitlyn Moulds 26:36, Ann Garcia 26:42.

19-24: Tasha Bomar 36:45, Michelle Brown 36:46, Alana Gordon 38:00.

25-29: Tiffany Cadzew 23:39, Melissa Smith 29:21, Andreina Pirce-Cardavell 29:59.

30-34: Fatima LaGrow 25:07; Crystal Cavellier 26:59, Maria Alvarez29:57.

35-39: Hedidt Alvarez 23:32, Jen Burnside 25:41, Maria Sanchez 29:05.

40-44: Olga Luepschen 22:30, Kathie Maloyod 24:09, Evelyn Perez 25:05.

45-49: Linda Ricker25:34, Becky McIntyre 30:14, Tina Grimes 30:23.

50-54: Jan Shoop 31:41, Valeri Bush 31:45, Marcia Percy 32:42.

55-59: Laura Griffin 22:26, Crystal Vanderpool 30:44, Elena Febre 32:03.

60-64: Mary Rucker 36:07, Mary Carol Plott 39:07, Jean Lund 39:16.

65-69: Nel Walriven 38:53, Becky Farrens 52:22, Donna Snyder 52:35.

70-74: Audrey Smith 44:16, Ampy Vicente 47:02, Peggy Smith 57:50.

75-79: Carrie Bird 48:17.

Male Age Groups (Top Three)

10 & Under: Kartik Ananthan 54:16.

11-14: James III 35:50, Alex Bilbrey 37:33, Jacob Bateman 37:37.

15-18: Christian Miller 22:13, Jacob Cook 23:42, Ephraim Paustian 39:41.

19-24: Matthew Schult 18:09, Tyler Redick 22:59, Benjamin Stupka 24:22.

25-29: Tim Topa 16:54, Ryan Eldredge 20:23, Tim Williams 23:38.

30-34: Jayson Bass 18:36, Adam Smehyl 19:57, Kenny Koehler 22:10.

35-39: Svnil Kumar 21:55, Ed Burnside 22:19, Isaac Palmer 23:29:

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55-59: Chuck Best 21:08, Thomas Lucas 21:40, Wesley Mercer 23:54.

60-64: Terry Engle 21:23, Charles McLochlin 23:42, Carlos Gonzalez 31:21.

65-69: Charles Leighton 34:49.

70-74: Harold Smith28:30.

75-79: Pascual Vicente 57:54.

80+: Hubert Reeder 40:16, Joe Bird 45:13, W.H. Harward, Jr. 54:55.

Total of 249 finishers.
Race Director Cherie Starr
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Central Florida Striders Running Club

Mason G Smoak 2nd Annual 5K run and Family Fun Day

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID – The chilly, Saturday, Nov. 6 morning didn't stop 168 runners from coming out and participating in the 2nd Annual Mason G Smoak 5K run.

The first place finisher and overall male winner was Doug Morton, finishing in 17:02.

The overall female winner was Sarah Brooker, finishing in 22:39.

There were two male master division winners, Mike Martino in 20:24 and Darryl Wirick enjoyed his first male master win with a time of 19:59.

The female master winner was Jane Greene in 24:30. Runner Ben King who came in first place in the male 30-34 age group and came in second place overall, finished with an impressive time of 18:59.

The special athlete of the day was Miss Hannah Wheeler (13) who completed the 3.17 miles skipping and dancing most of the way.

Thanks to all who came out and supported this beautiful day as well as to Mr. Don Elwell as emcee and Mr. Chet Brojek for providing the timed results.

Age group results

Male

Age 10 & under: Leland Wheeler 32:14, Philip Sapp 35:43, Kyle Edmondson 38:07, Layton Harrison 39:55, Wes Clark 45:40, Josh McNally 45:51

Age 11-14: Gunner Smoak 29:09, Hilton Teal 29:30, Tanner Oxer 30:07, Matt Thompson 30:22, Hayden Neilander 30:49, Jean-Pierre Santos 31:22, Garret Main 33:50, Seth Plank 33:57, Clayton Main 35:56, Reno Reynolds 37:03, CJ Wilson 45:53

Age 15-19: John Komasa 20:32, Robert Komasa 21:15, Nevada Weaver 22:28, Daniel Brinke 24:19, Fabian Mungoia 26:38, Efrain Herrera 29:36, John Bennett 30:01, David Wheeler 30:53, Robert Greene 31:19, Chris Wrenn 33:06, Tyler Durrance 34:05

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25-29: Zackary Rice 34:28

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Age 35-39: Wade Ulrey 26:47, Jimmy Lipscomb 36:49

Ages 40-44: Darryl Wirick 19:59, Shane Pruett 25:56, Jeff Carlson 25:52, Kip Bartlett 26:08, Mike Ritacco 32:09, Jesse Taylor 33:28, Danny Raulerson 38:14, Steve Shattler 39:27, Richard Bozeman 43:02

Ages 45-49: Jerry Whidden 21:00, Walter Kohl 27:56, Phillip Statler 29:36, Claude Burnett 30:05, Jeff Grooms 47:48, Charlie Wilson 48:14

Ages 50-54: David Plank 30:29, Ray Cameron 30:48, Randy Gilde 35:19

Ages 55-59: Russell Andrews 25:07, Harold Hayes 34:35

Ages 60-69: Patrick Essex 27:27, Cliff Ables 36:21, Tom Waldon 38:08, Charles Reynolds 38:51

Ages 70-79: Daniel Arebambeau 47:48

Ages 80 & up: Joe Bird 45:52

FEMALE

Ages 10 & under: Gracie Smoak 40:19, Lexi Maulden 42:50, AnnaGrace Wheeler 42:58, Robin Shattler 45:48

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Ages 30-34: Kim Price 25:00, Gretchen Pruett 29:55, Nicole Radonski 30:25, Stacy Smehyl 30:34, Yentza Browning 33:35, Tracee Smoak 33:45, Becky Raulerson 34:31, Sarah Cameron 51:05

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Ages 45-49: Teresa Grooms 30:30, Renee Kohl 33:18, AnnaMarie Grimes 35:03, Solesnir Pinillos 39:43

Ages 50-54: Mariann Gilde 27:10, Leesa Skipper 30:28, Crystal Drake 33:25, Lydia Pell 35:01, Theresa McDonald 40:17, Jan Price 46:25, Debra Cunningham 53:50

Ages 55-59: Lynn Waldon 38:08, Geraldine Wilson 40:39, Cheryl Mysliwy 45:59

Ages 60-64: Mary Rucker 37:17

Ages 65-60: Arlene Batten 46:06, Karen Whittington 49:18, Barbara Kondor 55:52

Ages 70 & up: Carrie Bird 47:55, Joyce Doty 55:47.

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Sebring opens with a win

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White has one last game coming up Friday as the kicker for the varsity football team.

Last year's head coach Tim Boulay was called to serve his military duty overseas and five-year junior varsity coach Keith Bowyer stepped up to skipper the varsity squad this year.

Both teams practice together and learn the same system, so the coaching change went relatively smoothly.

"I've worked with these kids for a long time and watched them all develop," Bowyer said. "We're working on getting more creative with the ball and getting more flexible with our system to get more chances. I was pretty much happy with everything they were doing."

The loss of 12 seniors from last year's team has created a few rhythm problems, Gori said, but the kinks are getting worked out.

Winter Haven took advantage of the Blue Streak learning curve when Bowyer made some substitutions to give his first-line players a rest, and Blue Devil senior forward Abraham Maldonado was able to bury three straight goals off a corner kick and two penalty kicks in the final 22 minutes of the game for a natural hat trick.

Watson had a near-miss for Sebring with three minutes left in the game and the Winter Haven goalkeeper had to make a good stop on a hard shot from Klatt, but the clock ran down before Sebring could pad the final, 4-3 score.

District 10-5A Sebring (1-0-0) will next visit Clewiston on Thursday.

"Our district is tough, but I think we have a great chance," Gori said. "Our starting 11 is strong and we're trying to get the kids on the bench to learn the system better.

"Communication is a very big part of this game. You have to learn to know where everyone is and that will take some time."

Klatt agreed that the district Sebring plays in is tough, but he also believes one of the Blue Streak's strengths is that the team doesn't give up.

"We play in a tough district but we're balanced," he said. "We've got good players all over the field. I'm really impressed with our starting defense. Our weaknesses, we just have to correct a couple of tiny mistakes, and as we play, those will clear up.

"I was impressed with the guys who came back from cross country, not having been able to touch the ball for a while. I'm really excited about the year. If we get the little things cleared up, I think we'll be a really good team."

Courtesy photo by JIM TAYLOR

Blue Streak senior Cody Watson, flicks a header in a pass on Monday. Watson scored a goal for the Blue Streaks in the 4-3 victory over Winter Haven.

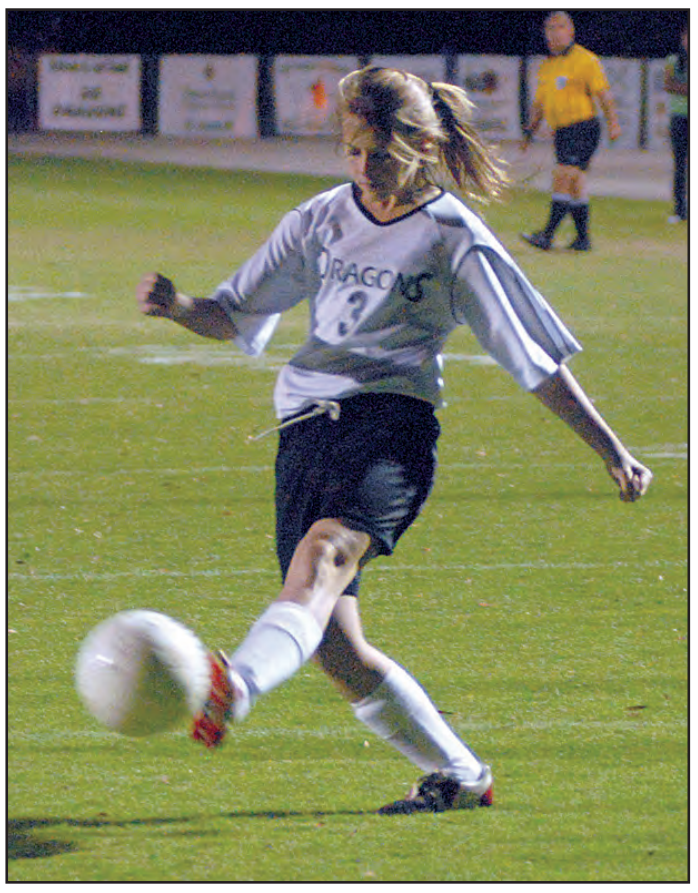
Dragons go 2-0

Continued from 1B

20 yards out at the 10:29 mark and Hannah Waller got into the goal box, made a deft cross over to get clear of the defender before slipping her shot past the keeper to finish the scoring with 5:23 left to play.

"We're young but we are very fast all around," Merlot said. "We need to replace the 32 goals scored by Yudi (Terrones) last year and we're going to do it by committee. Some girls, at times, will have to be a little selfish and take an open shot rather than making an extra pass, but that will help with our ball handling."

The girls were back in district play Tuesday, hosting Avon Park before heading to Mulberry in another district contest Thursday.



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Stephanie Bennett boots one toward the goal Monday night. Both Stephanie and Lindsey Bennett accounted for goals in Lake Placid's win over Hardee.

Shannon a semifinalist for Paterno coaching award

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — Miami coach Randy Shannon is one of 15 semifinalists for the inaugural Joseph V. Paterno Award for Coach of the Year.

The Paterno award takes into account a team's success on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

Paterno, the all-time major college football wins leader, is not eligible for the award.

Other semifinalists include Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer, Wisconsin's Bret Bielema, Air Force's Troy Calhoun, Iowa's Kirk Ferentz, Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald, Stanford's Jim Harbaugh, Navy's Ken Niumatalolo, North Carolina State's Tom O'Brien, TCU's Gary Patterson, Boise State's Chris Peterson, Missouri's Gary Pinkel, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, Ohio State's Jim Tressel and Utah's Kyle Whittingham.

The award will be presented Dec. 18.

Johnson swaps pit crew

Associated Press

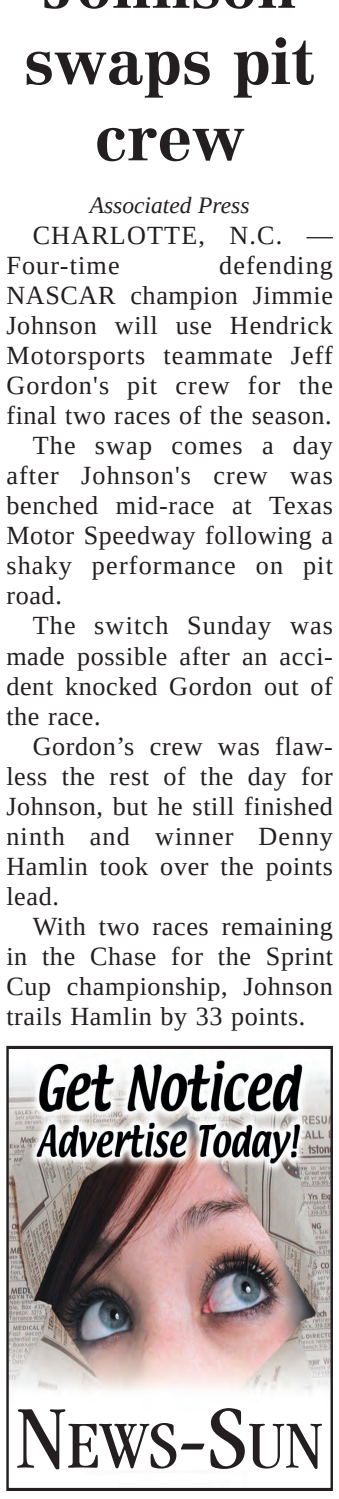
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Four-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson will use Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon's pit crew for the final two races of the season.

The swap comes a day after Johnson's crew was benched mid-race at Texas Motor Speedway following a shaky performance on pit road.

The switch Sunday was made possible after an accident knocked Gordon out of the race.

Gordon's crew was flawless the rest of the day for Johnson, but he still finished ninth and winner Denny Hamlin took over the points lead.

With two races remaining in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, Johnson trails Hamlin by 33 points.



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Community Calendar

The Community Calendar provides a brief listing of local clubs and organizations who meet on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of the group to update the *News-Sun* on any changes in this listing by calling 385-6155, ext. 516; send any changes by e-mail to *editor@newssun.com;* or mail them to *News-Sun* Community Calendar, 2227 U.S. 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

TODAY

■ **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families. New Life Group** meets Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. at Grace Bible Church, 4453 Thunderbird Road, Sebring. For details, call 446-0461. For details on the organization, go to *www.adultchildren.org*.

■ **American Legion Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Burgers served from 5-7 p.m.Live music is from 5-8 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Hot dogs served. Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Call 471-1448.

■ **AmVets Ladies Auxiliary Post 21** meets at 11 a.m. the second Wednesday at Blue Crab Restaurant, Sebring. All members welcome.

■ **Avon Park Noon Rotary Club** meets noon, Rotary Club Building, on corner of Verona Avenue and Pine Street, Avon Park.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **The Bridgettes** meet at 12:15 p.m. at Sebring Recreation Center to play bridge. For details, call Sandra Yates at 655-5815.

■ **Christian Fellowship Group** meets 7 p.m. For details, call 381-9005 or 381-9007.

■ **Country Swingers** has dances at the Sebring Recreation Club, 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring. Membership is required. Beginners dancing from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Advanced dancing is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. New dances taught every other week. Call 655-2398.

■ **Fraternal Order of Eagles 4240 Aerie** meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details call 655-4007.

■ **Heartland Herpetological Society** meets 7 p.m., second Wednesday, Room 315, Cracker Trail Elementary School, Sebring. Call 385-6826 or 465-2228 for details.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** is offering pony rides every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., weather permitting. $5 donation per child. Call 452-0006 for more information. All proceeds raised support our free equine assisted riding program for adults and children with special needs, which resumes in September.

■ **Highlands County Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at the Lakeside house, 1513 S. Highlands Ave., Avon Park. For details, call the 24-hour hotline 1-800-850-7347 or (941) 616-0460.

■ **Highlands County Traffic Safety Committee** meets 10 a.m., conference room 3, Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, Sebring, second Wednesday.

■ **Highlands Senior Center** is open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their new clubhouse, 3400 Sebring Parkway (the old Lions Club). Two live bands to dance to and great lunches. All area seniors are invited to join the festivities. Call 386-0752.

■ **Highlands Shrine Club,** 2606 State Road 17 South, Avon Park (between Avon Park and Sebring) meets from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and socializing for members and any interested person. For details, call 382-2208.

■ **Kiwanis Club of Sebring** meets every Wednesday at noon at Homer's Restaurant. Call Grace Plants 273-1421 for more information.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** is open to members and their guests. Shuffleboard is at 1:30 p.m. Mah-Jong from 1-5 p.m. Lounge opens at 12:30 p.m. Steak night on the second Wednesday of each month. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Garden Club** meets at 12:30 p.m. every second Wednesday (from September through May) for socialization and at 1 p.m. for dessert and beverage, followed by a meeting and gardening program at the Lake Placid Woman's Club, 10 N. Main Ave. For details, call 465-6106.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** plays cards at night. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Lake Placid Women of the Moose** meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday at the lodge for a chapter night and enrollment.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Dinner served every Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Never Alone Candlelight** meets at 7 p.m. at 133 N. Butler Ave. in Avon Park, near the First Congregational Church. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **Over The Hill Gang** meets 10:15 a.m., Jim's Pistolarrow Range for target shooting. For details, call 655-4505.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 1-3 p.m. second Wednesday at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Rotary Club of Lake Placid (Morning Rotary)** meets at 6:44 a.m. at The Heron's Garden, 501 U.S. 27 North, Lake Placid, just north of the Tower. Visiting Rotarians always welcome. Coffee only is $2; full breakfast is $7. Call 465-4834.

■ **Sebring Eagles Club 4240** Aerie members meet at 7 p.m. second Wednesday at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details, call 655-4007.

■ **Sebring Elks Lodge 1529** hosts Wacky Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. serving a varied menu of food for $5 and special drink prices. Lounge open from 3-10 p.m. Open to Elk members and guests. Music provided from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Smoke-free environment. For details, call 471-3557.

■ **Sebring Jaycees** meets 7:30 p.m., Jaycees Clubhouse, State Road 17, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Kiwanis** meets noon, Homer's Smorgasbord, Sebring.

■ **Sebring Library** has story-time at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 except during holidays.

■ **Sebring Moose Lodge 2259** serves hamburgers, fries and fish sandwiches from 5-7 p.m. at 11675 U.S. 98, Sebring. Beef franks and Italian sausages served from 1 p.m. to closing. There will be music from 4:30-7:30 p.m. For details, call 655-3920.

■ **Sebring Recreation Club** has ice cream shuffleboard at 1:15 p.m. at 333 Pomegranate Ave., Sebring. Call 385-2966.

■ **Suicide and Sudden Death Grief Support group** meets every Wednesday, 6 p.m., at Unity Life Enrichment Center, 10417 Orange Blossom Blvd, Sebring. Facilitated by licensed therapist. Call 381-4410.

■ **Take Off Pounds Sensibly FL 487** meets at 9 a.m. at Whispering Pines Baptist Church, 303 White Pine Drive, Sebring. For details, call 382-7716 or 314-9485.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3800** plays poker at 2 p.m. at the post, 1224 County Road 621 East, Lake Placid. For more details, call 699-5444.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4300** plays euchre at 6:30 p.m. at the post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Service officer at post 12-3 p.m. For details, call 385-8902.

■ **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9853 Men's Auxiliary** membership meeting is at 7 p.m. second Wednesday at the post, 75 N. Olivia Drive, Avon Park.

■ **Young Artists String Orchestra** (YASO) rehearses each Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at Lake Placid Church of the Nazarene (512 W. Interlake). We are looking for violin, viola, cello, and string bass players to be a part of this orchestra. For information, call Diane Osborne, conductor, at 659-4541 or (503) 709-1440.

THURSDAY

■ **Alzheimer's Association Support Group** meets from 1-2 p.m. and from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sebring Christian Church on Hammock Road. For details, call Lisa Rodriguez at 385-3444.

■ **American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid** has lounge hours 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Card games played at 1 p.m. Pool tournament is 7 p.m. For details, call 465-7940.

■ **American Legion Post 74** open noon to 8 p.m. Customer Appreciation Day. Free food. Happy hour all day. Call 471-1448.

■ **Avon Park Founders Garden Club** meets the second Thursday of the month from September through May. Meetings are held at members' homes. Phone 452-1927 for more information.

■ **Avon Park Moose Lodge 2494** plays euchre at 7 p.m. at the lodge on Walnut Street.

■ **Bravehearts**, an Ala-Non support group, meets from 1-2 p.m. at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. For details, call 655-3274.

■ **Bridge Club of Sebring** (American Contract Bridge Club) plays novice duplicate games at 12:30 p.m. at 347 Fernleaf Ave., Sebring, November through May. For details, call 385-8118.

■ **Central Avon Park Jaycees** meets 7:30 p.m., Recreation Center, North Verona Avenue, Avon Park.

■ **Disabled American Veterans Ridge Chapter 49** meets 7 p.m., American Legion Building, 528 N. Pine St., Sebring, second Thursday.

■ **Fletcher Music Club** meets every Thursday and Tuesday at Fletcher Music Center in Lakeshore Mall, Sebring. For more details, call 385-3288.

■ **Fraternal Order of Eagles 4240 Aerie Auxiliary** meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday at the club, 12921 U.S. 98, Sebring. For details call 655-4007.

■ **Harmony Hoedowners Square Dance Club** offers beginning dance lessons for new and returning dancers from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, and classes for last year's dancers from 2-4 p.m. at Reflections On Silver Lake in Avon Park. For more information, call Sam Dunn at 382-6792 or e-mail him at *samdunn@samdunn.net*.

Heartland African Violet Society meets at 2:30 p.m. every second Thursday at Marina Cove at Highlands Ridge South off Powerline Road in the multipurpose room of Founder's Hall. Visitors are welcome. Call Shirley at 385-5765 for details.

■ **Heartland Amputee Group** meets at noon every second Thursday (October through April) at Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization, 112 Medical Center Ave., Sebring, for a brown-bag lunch. Beverages provided. It is open to all levels of amputees, both recent and experienced, their family members and friends. For details, call 385-1196 or e-mail to *ha/loinc@embarqmail.com*.

■ **Heartland Horses & Handicapped Inc.** provides free assisted riding sessions for adults and children with special needs from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 118 W. College Drive, Avon Park. For details or to volunteer, call Mary McClelland, coordinator, 452-0006.

■ **Highlands County Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on Lakeview Drive in Sebring. For details, call the 24-hour hotline 1-800-850-7347 or (941) 616-0460.

■ **Highlands Federated Republican Women** meet second Thursday at Inn on the Lakes, Golfview Drive, Sebring. Social hour and Dutch treat dinner is at 5 p.m. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. All Republicans are invited. For further information, call 453-6783.

■ **Highlands Lake Volunteer Fire and Rescue** meets 7 p.m., at fire department, 2840 Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, second and fourth Thursday.

■ **Highlands County Corvette Club** meets 7:30 p.m. on second Thursday, Sebring Elks Lodge, corner of Kenilworth Boulevard and Lakeview Drive. For more details, call 471-9829.

■ **Highlands Little Theatre Youth Showstoppers** meet at 6 p.m. every second Thursday of the month. Learn what to do back stage as well as on stage. All youth between 6 and 18 are invited to attend. Call 385-2175.

■ **Hope Hospice** grief support group meets at 2 p.m. every Thursday at Reflections on Silver Lake community/activities hall in Avon Park; and at 6 p.m. every Thursday at Woody's RV Resort clubhouse/activities hall in Sebring. Call 370-0312.

■ **Lake Placid Chapter 260 Order of The Eastern Star** meets at 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday at the Masonic Lodge on Main Street in Lake Placid. No meetings from July through September. For details, call 465-4345.

■ **Lake Placid China Painters Club** meets 10 a.m. on second Thursday at 10 North Main Ave., Lake Placid from September through May. For more details, call 465-2256.

■ **Lake Placid Elks Lodge 2661** has lounge hours beginning at 1 p.m. Card games and bingo are at 6 p.m. with burgers, sandwiches and desserts served. The lodge is open to members and their guests. For details, call 465-2661.

■ **Lake Placid Moose** serves burgers, jumbo hot dogs and fries at 6 p.m. Music provided from 5:30-9 p.m. Darts at 7:30 p.m. Open to members and qualified guests only.

■ **Lake Placid Noon Rotary Club** meets at noon at Peppercorn's, 525 W. Interlake Blvd. For more information, including how to order lunch in advance, call Forrest Steele at 465-0113.

■ **Lake Placid Woodcarvers** meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cultural Center, 127 Dal Hall Blvd. For information call Dan Daszek at 465-7730.

■ **Lorida Teens (TLT)**, a newly formed part of the Greater Lorida Community Club, meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays to play softball, volleyball and a variety of other sports. Teens are encouraged to come to the community center.

■ **Loyal Order of Moose**, Highlands County Lodge No. 2494, 1318 W Bell St., Avon Park. Tacos and wings served every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Cards at 6:30 p.m. Lodge phone number 452-0579.

■ **Marine Corps League Cracker Trail Detachment 1004**, meets 7 p.m., second Thursday, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 2011 SE Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For details, call John Kelley at 386-0524.

■ **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** meets from 9-11 a.m. second and fourth Thursday from May-September at Grace Bible Church, 4541 Thunderbird Road (second church on left). For details, call Heidi Katsanis at 441-3879. Web site is at www.mops.org.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous Take It Easy Group** meets at 8 p.m. at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. For information call Heartland area helpline (863) 683-0630. More information on other meetings and events at www.naflheartland.org.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 4-5 p.m. every Thursday at Ridge Area Arc Cafeteria, 120 W. College Drive. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidge Intergroup.com. For details, call 414-3172. Visit www.oa.org for more information on OA.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Wauchula Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 205 S. 11th Ave., Wauchula. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Visit www.FloridaRidge Intergroup.com. For details, call (863) 773-5714.

■ **Peace of Highlands County** meets at 2 p.m. second Thursday at Sebring Church of the Brethren, 700 S. Pine St., Sebring. A non-profit, interdenominational organization that sponsors programs promoting peace. For details, call Paul K. Ferrell at 214-5522.

■ **Pine Ridge Promenaders** will be dancing from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Sunshine RV Park recreation hall located 1,000 yards east of U.S. 27 on State Road 70. For more details, call Dan or Nell Sherman at 465-2481 or 243-9676.

■ **Placid Lakes Bridge Club** meets 6-9 p.m. at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. For details, call 465-4888.

■ **Ridge Area Writers** meet at 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday in the conference room at the Sebring Public Library. All writers are welcome. Call 465-5254.

■ **Sebring Breakfast Lions Club** meets 7 a.m. at Dot's Restaurant in Sebring Square.

■ **Sebring Country Estates Civic Association** hosts Ladies Cards at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday. Business meeting every second Thursday at 7 p.m. Carry-in dinner every fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Membership is $10 per person. Located at 3240 Grand Prix Drive. For all residents of Sebring Country Estates and Grand Prix Heights subdivision. Public rentals available for special events. Call 385-9109.

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Town and Country MHP

By Janet Day

SEBRING — Our second homeowner's association general meeting was held Nov. 1. There was very good representation with 58 members. President Toby Chapel presided and introduced three new families to Town and Country: Cathy and Rod Blaise, Mary Ann and Peter Snay; Marvin and Joanne Crow. Also present were Judy Rogers, her son and daughter-in-law, Vern and Cynthia, who have come to assist with Judy's care. It was Judy's desire to return to the home she and Dennis shared in this park for a number of years. We enjoy seeing her cruising the park in her mobile scooter. She obviously is happy being home and we are joyful for her.

Many residents recently returned for the winter and we welcome everyone. A special welcome is extended to Adi and Ellie Schweitzer who reside in the former Mienstra home. We trust you will enjoy Town and Country as Peter and Fran did.

We also appreciate the return of event chairperson Wendy Johnson. Wendy has a full calendar planned to include Monday evening cards (pocket canasta) or will accommodate other choices. Monday morning social hour will continue at 9 a.m. Tuesday evening is game night – dominos or again will expand to other choices. Bring your special group. Tuesday also features the popular hot dog/hamburger luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday evening is open but normally will share a potluck monthly. Women's luncheon out is the third Wednesday. Several women enjoyed the Golden Corral in October. November will highlight the Red Lobster. Ann Purday is contact person.

Traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be Thursday, Nov. 25; social hour at 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 5 p.m. Thank you to our park owner for supplying the meat. Everyone bring a dish for the buffet table; this is truly a fantastic feast. Normal Thursdays feature bingo at 7 p.m. with Chuck Edwards calling the numbers. First breakfast will honor our veterans on Nov. 11 from 8-9:30 a.m. Water aerobics will continue at 1 p.m. for the winter season on Tuesday/Thursday. Shuffleboard will resume probably on Tuesday/Friday at a time to be announced. Mark Sims will plan arrangements for the Men's Breakfast Out. Watch the outside bulletin board for updates on all events.

A Nominating Committee was selected to prepare a ballot of new officers to be presented at the December meeting. Openings are for president, secretary and first trustee, all two-year terms. Thank you to Ray Young, Cindy DeVietro and Margie Mace for serving on this important committee. Park residents be receptive to this committee and be willing to accept a position on your HOA board.

Ruth Lee shared information of her recent meeting with Nell Hayes of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office concerning a Neighborhood Watch Program for our park. It will be especially beneficial to us and the sheriff's department at this time as Leisure Acres and Francis I, our neighboring parks, are both enrolled in this program. Sufficient interest was expressed by those present to warrant a meeting with Nell. Ruth will pursue this.

Bill Wyse announced the FMO meeting on Nov. 4 at Silver Oaks MHP. Bill Williams, director of Section 5, Districts 1 and 6, was speaker. Bill encouraged everyone to support the FMO (Federation of Manufactured Home Owners of Florida Inc.) organization. To newcomers, the purpose of FMO is to protect mobile homeowner rights and the staff assists us in many ways to include lobbyist, Nancy Black Stewart. She actively watches for rule changes in Tallahassee and challenges many which could adversely affect us as mobile home owners. To learn more information, concerning the organization, pull up their Web site: www.fmo.org. Presently are seeking a replacement for Rich Ingler as local chapter president. I'm told Rich has purchased a conventional home and is not eligible to represent mobile homeowners. Thank you to Rich Ingler for his dedicated service in representing this area's mobile home owners so diligently.

Belated condolence goes out to Larry Grabert on the death of his mother over the summer. Likewise to Dawn and Cliff Kalybaba; Dawn lost her father also over the summer. Our best wishes are extended to Jim Burns recovering from a hospital stay; also to Becky Sims recovering from shoulder surgery; Loyd Hedges recovering well from out-patient surgery; and to Jack Wilson, also recovering from out-patient surgery.

Some of us had the pleasure of attending the recent U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus concert at the SFCC Theatre for Performing Arts on Saturday evening. A fantastic evening with very talented musicians. The newly renovated auditorium is very impressive. If you have not heard this group, be sure to watch for their announcement another year. The SFCC Performing Arts offers an outstanding schedule of events for the upcoming season. Check it out.

Heartland Idol will be wrapping up the season very soon. Am sure the Circle park will be sparkling with Christmas sounds and lights soon after so take a stroll downtown and enjoy the holiday season. Commencing Nov. 3, Highlands Little Theater will present "Oklahoma." Check the theater or local paper for times/dates. Sebring is blessed with many talented people and activities so enjoy the winter season.

You will soon be seeing Clothing Donation Drop Boxes in many businesses throughout the area. These will benefit the local Highlands County American Red Cross so please consider utilizing these self-contained attractive and secure boxes to dispose of your good serviceable clothing. For further information, you may contact the local Red Cross office at 386-4440.

November birthdays include: Peggy George, Allan Grossman, Janet Johns, Opal Cummins, Jan Shirra, Betty Geiter, Barbara Sims, Carol Shipley, Bill Aeschliman and Joann Crow. Congratulations and a happy day from all of us. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Count your many blessings!

Tropical Harbor

By Barbara Kelleher

LAKE PLACID — Oct. 28 we had our carry-in dinner which was put on by Marilyn Cromer and her committee. Instead of the usual 35-40 residents we have during the summer, this evening we had 76 residents attend. We are always glad to have our residents from the north return and be part of our community. Welcome back everyone.

Nov. 1 we had our coed coffee social. Our coffee makers were Ed and Marilyn Cromer, our emcee was Peggy Sue Teague who told the cutest story about a child's point of view of his grandparents' life of retirement.

George Susco, park manager, welcomed everyone back. He told the residents that the trees are going to be trimmed during the month of November. He also mentioned that he has attached information in the newsletter regarding Turf Grass Management. He attended a class put on by the Department of Agriculture and the University of Florida, which was very informative.

Peggy Sue noticed several people who had returned and asked them to stand and tell us your name. We welcomed Doris True, Eunice Brown, Marge Kirk, Shirley Long, Mary Mulholland, Mike and Marcia Collier, Julie and Fred Foland. She then asked if we had any new residents. We had Ken and Rosie Wilson along with their son, Rod Wild, who are moving to the park from Ohio.

Bonnie Allen told everyone that Nancy Goudreau will not be returning this fall due to her foot surgery and illness in the family. Nella TenBroeke will be returning a little later this year due to rehab following her surgery. Pat Wahl had ankle surgery. Don Walls had heart surgery. We are all saddened by the loss of two residents who have been outstanding workers and supporters of all we do in the park and both were long-time residents. A prayer was given by Jim Witten in memory of Alice Jacobson and Don Guiney. Bonnie Allen told everyone she had sign-up sheets for all to sign.

Ann Rismiller told the group that they will not have a play but they will have a Christmas chorus. They will begin practicing on Thursdays at 3:15 in the afternoons. Nov. 6 was the Pancake Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. For the residents going on the cruise, the workers will be at the clubhouse early in case you want to have

See FRIENDS page 10B

Crossword Solution

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Friends & Neighbors

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breakfast before getting on the bus. Don't worry about dishes or cups, we will have them available for you. Burt Pritchett announced joining the dart team, which is held every Tuesday beginning at 1 p.m. Cost is 50 cents per week. Anyone interested in bowling, come to the bowling alley in Lake Placid on Monday at 1 p.m. or contact Phyllis Gingrich. Mary Sue Willeke announced that Ladies Day Out will be Tuesday, Nov. 16 at the Bella Vista Restaurant. The cost will be $7.95 plus tip and drink. Bonnie Allen told the group that swimming exercise for men and women will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting at 10 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. Grace Becker will be teaching in-door exercises every Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Salad Bar Luncheon was Tuesday. The Military Soup and Sandwich will be Sunday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. The cost is $5. The menu will be a pulled chicken sandwich, a bean soup or chicken noodle soup.

Marilyn Cromer told about the Thanksgiving dinner which will be Thursday, Nov. 25. We will be serving turkey or ham plus all the traditional side dishes and desserts. The cost will be $5 but will include returning that evening for a turkey or ham sandwich. Dinner will be at 1 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

Laura Baillie to lead us in song for residents celebrating their birthday. We all sang to Brenda Oterwell and Elizabeth Hogan. Next we sang Happy Anniversary to Jim and Betty Hogan. Peggy Sue thanked Laura for accompanying us.

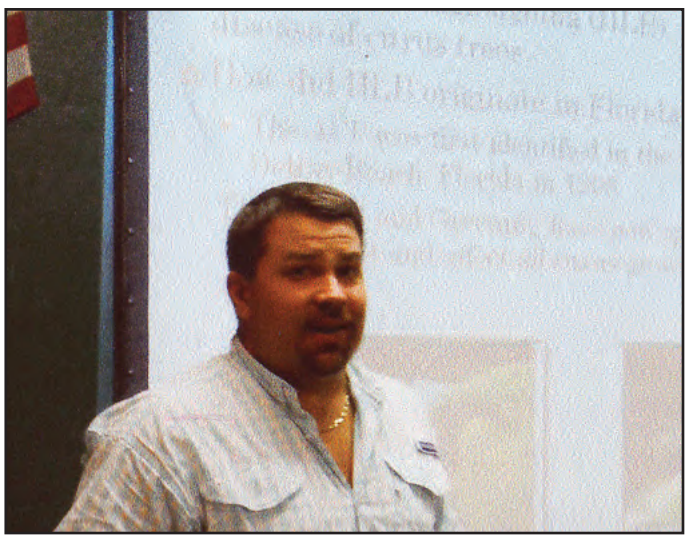
The Homeowners meeting was well attended. We served ice cream or coffee to more than 50 residents. We had over 97 attend the meeting. We discussed purchasing a defibrillator. Sylvia and John Fitch did a wonderful job checking this out with EMTs and other medical companies. This item was voted on and approved and is now being ordered. Our president, Wendy Hagg, told the residents that two positions are up for election. He asked John Reese if he would serve to head up the nominating committee. John accepted this responsibility. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Ladies Coffee was held Nov. 2. We had 20 ladies present. All the women were very saddened by the death of Alice Jacobson. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. She never complained about her own illness. We also learned that Don Guiney passed away Oct. 28. Marilyn asked that we keep their families in our prayers. Paula Bannister discussed forming a book reader's club. Marilyn Cromer told the ladies about the Thanksgiving dinner that will be served at 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

Fred and Sherry White became grandparents Oct. 25. Their granddaughter's name is Camila Andrea Mogle. She weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21 inches in length. Her proud parents, Andy and Paula Mogle, live in south Florida. Her big brother Christopher and sister Katie are both happy to have their new baby sister.

Resident Lu Witt was presented the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year Award at their annual awards banquet. She has been with the chamber for five years.

Clubs & Neighbors



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Jason Johnson, with the Florida Department of Agriculture, spoke to the Rotary Club of Highlands County about commercially produced citrus nursery stock within the state of Florida.

Johnson shares information about citrus with Rotary

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — The Rotary Club of Highlands County learned about the citrus industry here from a recent speaker, Jason Johnson. He is an environmental supervisor and is responsible for planning, assigning, supervising and directing the activities of six environmental specialists. He talked about what is done to protect all commercially produced citrus nursery stock within the state of Florida through certification and regulation. These nurseries are inspected every 30 days. All the greenhouses must be insect-proof.

The Rotary Club of Highlands County Pastor meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at Beef O'Bradys in Sebring. For more information about Rotary, or to attend a meeting, call Joyce Gordon at 446-2099.

Courtesy photos

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 initiated two new members on Oct. 21. They are Karen Hetu and Patrick Buschmann.

Elks snapshots

Sebring Elks 1529 proudly announce Kim Harring as Elk of the Month for November.

Lake Placid Elks Lodge Elk of the Month for October is Carolyn Pappalardo. She co-hosted the strawberry booth, works special events, Friday night dinners and Sunday breakfasts.

The Lady Elk of the Month for October at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge was Pat Maynard. She volunteers for the First Friday Fish Fry and set up the e-mail account for the Lady Elks.

Sebring Lodge 1529 thanks Jerry Hibbs for all his hard work by honoring him as Elk of the Month for October.

Lake Placid Elks Lady Elk of the Month is Carol Spear. Carol volunteers as cashier Friday Night Fish Fry. Carol has also helps with Bingo Snack Bar on the fourth Thursday of the month.

The Ladies of the Elks welcomes Judith Zerfoss. Zerfoss has been an Elk member with the Lake Placid Lodge and recently joined the Ladies of the Elks.

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Clubs & Organizations

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Members of the American Legion Post 69 had fun dressing in Pippi Longstocking wigs for their Octoberfest celebration.

American Legion starts activities

Special to the News-Sun

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 of Avon Park has started all its activities.

Members started off with Octoberfest with a great meal and a sell out. The music was good and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Then the group had a bus trip to Madeira Beach and visited the VFW, which had breakfast waiting when they arrived. Everyone did a little shopping at the shops and then off they went to visit the American Legion.

Members all had a great time with music out on the deck by the water. The weather was beautiful and snacks were served by the Legion. Many watched as some danced to the music.

With a return trip to the local Legion, members were served dinner.

Rotarian tells tale of club founder

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING – Members and guests of the Rotary Club of Highlands County enjoyed hearing Rotarian Terrill Morris, district membership chairman, talk about the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, 1868-1947.

Morris began by describing what Chicago was like back in 1905 when Paul Harris began meeting with other young businessmen in a fellowship that would become Rotary. There were very few opportunities for communicating with others.

Harris and three friends began by inviting one man from each of many different occupations, without restrictions for politics or religion, to provide mutual cooperation and informal friendship. The new club became known as Rotary since the meetings were rotated among the members' offices.

Courtesy photo

Rotarian Terrill Morris speaks to the Rotary Club of Highlands County.

Today, more than 1.2 million Rotarians are members of over 33,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. One of the objects of Rotary is: "the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

The Rotary Club of Highlands County Pastor meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at Beef O'Bradys in Sebring. For more information about Rotary, or to attend a meeting, call Joyce Gordon at 446-2099.

From Scariest to Funniest

Courtesy photo

Sebring Elks 1529 had a costume contest during the weekly Friday night dance on Oct. 29. The winners were (from left) Lois Lewis, Sexiest; Frances Harring, Most original; Stormy Thompson, Scariest; and Phil Chamberlain, Funniest.

Snapshots

Sebring Optimist Club

SEBRING — Two significant events occurred in the last three weeks. The first was special because three boys: Jr. and Jiraldo Bautista and Rueben Coronado took off in a balloon and in a twin engine airplane on the same day. The Young Eagles had suspended flights for children in Highlands County at Avon Park airport two years ago.

They have just resumed the program at Sebring airport. They hope to provide flights several times a year for kids who have never flown in a plane. More than 40 kids took off by noon. The Boys & Girls Club Balloon Festival was also successful; 32 kids flew in the balloons and 30-40 participated in the tether flights.

The second significant event was the approval by the Highlands County board of the new Faux Paw (Internet safety) Program. This is another unit in the school board's arsenal of educational programs to safeguard our students in the use of new electronic tools on the Internet, such as Ipad, Facebook, My Space, et al. "Faux Paw" is a cartoon aimed at elementary students and their parents as to the proper use of these tools and what to be alert for. The Internet is a wonderful educational tool, but it can also be a dangerous one. Currently, victims do not know they are until someone tells them what they saw on Facebook or My Space; or they make themselves victims by their own actions.

Optimist International developed this program in conjunction with other efforts to protect our students from harm. Those interested may contact Gabriel Read at 453-2859.

TOPS Club 487, Sebring

SEBRING — The Nov. 3 meeting of TOPS 487, Sebring had 11 TOPS and seven KOPS giving the pledges. A big welcome back to Ruth Scharf, Charlotte Hardy, KOPS Shirley Hickling and Judy Agler.

Best Loser was Norma Holden with a two-pound loss and last week's Best Loser, Pat Carfield, lost this week and received the $1 coupon. The chapter had a net loss for October of 20.25 pounds and Division 4 winner, Carolyn Patterson with a five-pound loss.

Members reaching their pledge goals were: Carolyn Patterson, Leslie Maschue, Ginna Meissner and KOPS June Filippini and Lillian Orton. Filippini received the $4 for being in leeway under goal for eight straight weeks.

Yes-Yeses are portion control, water, exercise, write it down, count calories, fiber, fruit and vegetables.

The 25-cent contest had 10 winners at 35 cents each and Charlotte Hardy won $1.60 in the 10-cent contest.

The new Mystery Gift is with Birdie Peck with three weeks to go and Norma Holden found another wrapper on the Attendance Box.

Eight members attended the Saturday meeting with Cindy DeWeese on "Stress."

This week's program given by Judy Phillips from "For Women First" magazine in "Super-Carbs Speed Metabolism" for weight loss.

Call 382-7716 or 471-2193 for information.

Courtesy photo

Grace Plants (from left), Rhonda Beckman and Christy Page attended the Kiwanis Division 15 Council meeting last month in Bartow.

Local Kiwanians attend Division meeting

Special to the News-Sun

SEBRING — Rhonda Beckman, Christy Page and Grace Plants attended the Kiwanis Division 15 Council Meeting hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Bartow on Oct. 29.

Rhonda Beckman, president of the Kiwanis Club of Sebring, reported that the Sebring club has five new members in October, re-charted the Sebring High School Key Club, continues support of the Avon Park High School Key Club, Aktion Club and is working on charters for clubs in the elementary school level. The club also works with Horses and Handicapped Program, is planning a clay shoot on Saturday, Dec. 4 and now has a Facebook page with a Web site to follow.

District chairs Charles and Emilia Gugliuzza gave a powerful presentation on the new World Wide Service Project ELIMINATE. Maternal and neonatal tetanus kills almost 100,000 newborn children and mothers every year but is highly preventable with three doses of a 60-cent vaccine. By focusing on maternal and neonatal tetanus, Kiwanis and UNICEF are targeting the poorest, most underserved women and children on earth, and paving the way for other interventions that will boost health and survival. The ELIMINATE campaign is a proven success with disease eliminated in 18 countries. Forty countries remain a risk. In order to eliminate the disease by 2015, Kiwanis has committed to closing the funding gap by raising $110 million.

Kiwanis is an esteemed global service organization. There are countless deserving causes and issues that its membership could have selected to focus their attention and resources on. Many of these causes and issues could brought about significant visibility and immediate relevance in the communities where Kiwanians live and work. Instead, Kiwanis chose to focus where the need is greatest, on the populations least served, far away from television cameras and recognition. Kiwanis chose to tackle the hardest leg of a difficult journey, at a time when maternal neonatal tetanus is on the brink of elimination, but sorely needing a champion to complete the work.

The Kiwanis motto is "Serving the Children of the World." Kiwanis International includes 8,400 clubs with more than 270,000 members in 96 nations. Last year, Kiwanis clubs donated more than $100 million and almost six million volunteer hours for community service projects.

The Kiwanis Club of Sebring meets at noon every Wednesday at Homer's Restaurant. For information, call 446-1579 or 273-1421.

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CELEBRATIONS

Doritza Monzon and Daniel Lobozzo

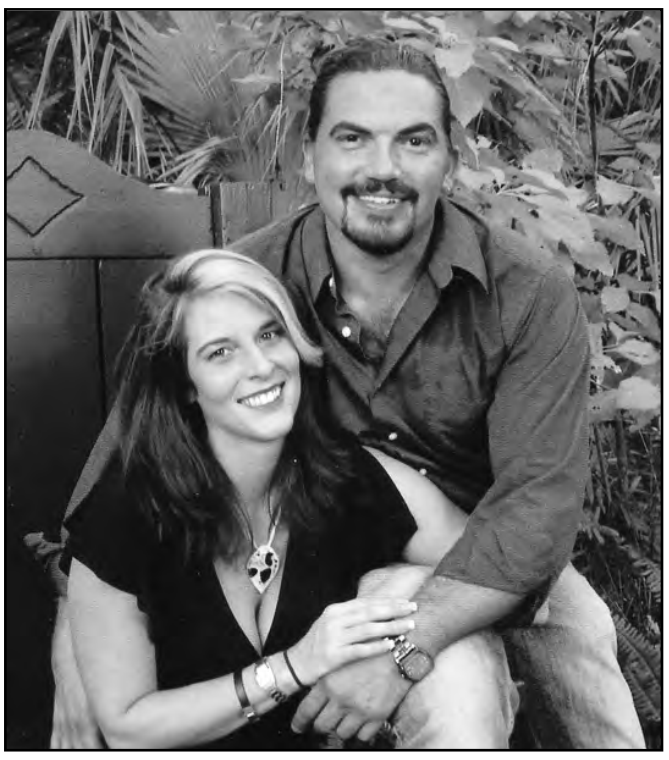
Monzon-Lobozzo

Engagement

Doritza Monzon of Sebring is engaged to marry Daniel L. Lobozzo, also of Sebring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ismael and Margarita Monzon of Avon Park. The groom-elect is the son of James and Alana Lobozzo of Sebring.

The couple plans to marry in 2011.



Terra Scheffler and Gerald Ramos

Scheffler-Ramos

Engagement

Terra Scheffler and Gerald Ramos are engaged to be married.

The bride-elect is a resident of Sebring. She is the daughter of Joyce Santos of Sebring and Terry Scheffler of Mancelona, Mich. She graduated from South Florida in 1992

The groom-elect is a resident of Sebring. He is the son of Serafin and Dora Ramos of Sebring. He graduated from South Florida 1991.

Gerald and Terra were high school sweethearts. His sister was Terra's best friend and even though they had parted, Terra continued to ask about him. They reunited years later and are now joining their families.

A wedding bash will be held at Martha's house (Gerald's sister) before the wedding, which will be Saturday, Nov. 13.

Clinton Cool

Erica and Clinton Cool of Sebring announce the birth of a son, Clinton Reilly, at 3:44 a.m. on Oct. 29, 2010 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Clinton weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Patrick Reilly and Christy Burrows of Sebring.

Paternal grandparents are Geisler and Carl Cool.

Elisa Hernandez

Anita Johnson and Elias Hernandez of Zolfo Springs announce the birth of a daughter, Elisa Mariana, at 11:35 p.m. on Oct. 22, 2010 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Elisa weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandmother is Catherin Johnson of Avon Park.

Paternal grandparents are Maria Eustolia and J. Jesus Hernandez of San Luis de lapaz, Mexico.

Isabel Rodriguez

Heidi and Rodney Rodriguez Jr. of Sebring announce the birth of a daughter, Isabel Grace, at 12:42 p.m. on Nov. 1, 2010 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring.

Isabel weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Walter and Cheryl DeLong.

Paternal grandparents are Rodney Rodriguez and Julie Rodriguez.

Kayleigh Stevens

Brittney Hurst and John Stevens of Wauchula announce the birth of a daughter, Kayleigh Jade, at 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 24, 2010 at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, Sebring.

Kayleigh weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are John and Fida Hurst of Lakeland.

Paternal grandparents are Edward and Susan Stevens of Wauchula.

Scoreboard

Hatten

Air Force Airman Kemosi D. Hatten graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Monica Marc of Avon Park.

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Army Pvt. Brandon Drawdy has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Heather Craig of Lorida, and grandson of Ron Elliott of Okeechobee.

Drawdy is a 2010 graduate of Lake Placid High School.

Thorpe

Thorpe

Air Force Airman Kenneth J. Thorpe graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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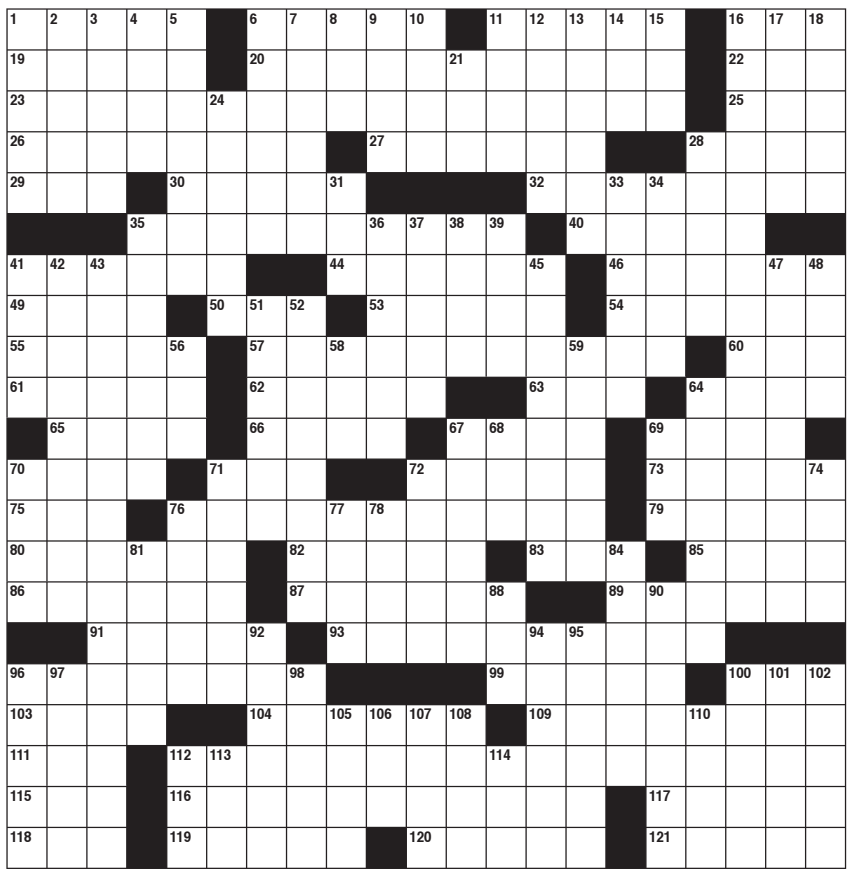

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Boyfriend's cell phone fantasy could become legal nightmare

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: My boyfriend is pressuring me to take his camera cell phone with me into the girls' locker room and take pictures of the other girls with little or nothing on. He says it has always been a "fantasy" of his, and that if I really love him I'll help him fulfill his fantasy.

He promises to keep the pictures secret and says that what the other girls don't know won't hurt them. He offered to do the same for me and take pictures in the boys' locker room, but I'm not interested. I know it would be wrong to do it, and I wouldn't want someone secretly taking pictures of me.

He hinted that if I refuse he will look for another girl who will. I'm scared of losing him because I'm not much to look at, and he's the only boy who has ever shown any interest in me. I know you're not going to tell me to go ahead and do this, so I'm not sure why I'm writing, but I would appreciate any advice you can give me. – **Don't Want to Lose Him in the U.S.A.**

Dear Don't Want to Lose Him: I'm glad you wrote. If you do what this boy is pushing you to do, you could be thrown out of school. He will not be able to resist the urge to show the pictures to his friends – and possibly put them on the Internet. It would be a huge invasion of privacy and a breach of trust, and regardless of what he says, it will not bring you closer together.

If he truly cared about you, he would never ask you to do something that could get you into serious trouble. You could be accused of creating and distributing pornographic material, and there could be legal liability. The penalty you would pay isn't worth the "interest" he's showing in you. Run!

Dear Abby: Two friends and I recently went on a trip together. While on the trip, one of them told me she knows how old I am because she looked it up online. My reply was that a friend would ask me for that kind of information, and if I didn't want to reveal my age she would respect my wishes.

Abby, I wonder about her reason for letting me know she was looking up information about me on the Internet. Am I wrong to be upset over it? Her response was that "everyone" does it, and because I was offended she will no longer speak to me. Did I overreact? – **Ageless Texan**

Dear Ageless Texan: (Or should I say "formerly" ageless?) If the subject of your age came up during the trip and you expressed reluctance to reveal yours, then what the woman did was one-up you. That she would then imply that you were "wrong" to feel invaded and to no longer speak to you is her attempt to blame you for your very normal reaction.

That said, along with the "blessing" of the Internet has come the sobering reality that there are enormous amounts of information about all of us on it (some true, some not), and that anyone who is curious or nosy can mine it to his or her heart's content – which is what happened to you. And no, you did not overreact.

Dear Abby: My wife and I have had a long-standing disagreement. Her family leaves the price tags on all gifts. This has caused our children to expect that I spend the same amount on them for Christmas and birthdays. I feel they have become materialistic and have lost the meaning behind the gifts. My family never left the price tags on, and I feel that doing so is tacky. What's your opinion? – **$$$ in Hammond, Ill.**

Dear $$$: I agree with you. Leaving the price tag on a gift is tacky.

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You don't have to be perfect

FLY Lady
Leanne Ely

From the day we were born we have had perfectionism shoved down our throats. You know those words as well as I do, "If you can't do it right then don't do it at all!" We were also forced to redo things when we didn't do them to suit the person giving the orders.

None of us like to be dictated to. What we were taught by these words and actions is that it didn't matter how well we did something because it was never going to live up to the expectations of that person we were trying to please. Do you want to know what happened then? We gave up. We didn't even try anymore because we knew it would not be good enough.

This pattern of being put down was all you heard. That is why we feel the need to beat ourselves up when we don't do something right. This negative attitude was drilled into our heads. We were brainwashed with this perfectionism. Now in our parents' defense; they had the same thing done to them. It is all they knew. We can put a stop to this vicious cycle of perfectionism through the generations.

We are our own person and we have made a choice to change. We are not being dictated to by our parents any longer. You may have just gotten fed up with living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome) or you may have heard about this FlyLady person who can help you get your house clean. Whatever the reason; you are ready to try something new. This time the choice is yours.

When we get to make the decision it is much easier for us to do. The only problem is that we still have those negative voices echoing in our heads. This is why we beat ourselves up. It is those voices from the past that make FLYing difficult. They tell us the same old message we have heard from day one. You have to do it perfectly or don't do it. So when you are not FLYing the way you think you are supposed to then you quit trying. This is also why we get overwhelmed.

In the perfectionism we had forced on us; we look at the whole picture instead of just doing something. We don't think that 15 minutes can make a difference in a messy house. This goes back to getting it done right. We expect ourselves to magically do it all in one day. We are not Supermen or Superwomen. So with this negativity ping ponging in our heads, we tell ourselves, we don't have time.

The real thing we are saying is not that we don't have time, but that we don't have time to do it right. This is when we begin to do what has always been done to us. We beat ourselves up or we punish ourselves. Because of this perfectionism we don't feel worthy.

We don't feel worthy to have nice things. We don't feel worthy to live in peace. We don't feel worthy to enjoy ourselves and worst of all we don't feel worthy to be loved. I want to help you eliminate those unsaid thoughts from your mind. I want to replace them with loving thoughts and rewards for taking babysteps.

Your home did not get messy in a day and it is not going to get clean overnight. We are not our mothers and fathers. I don't expect you to be perfect. So quit expecting perfection from your precious little inner child. When you start feeling defeated, overwhelmed and beaten down; I want you to recognize the voices you are hearing in your head. Then say delete delete delete.

You are worthy of being loved. I will start this ball rolling by saying there is no wrong way or right way to FLY; there is only your way. It all starts by going to shine your sink and Finally Loving Yourself by not beating yourself up when you are not perfect.

Are You Ready to FLY.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her Web site and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, 'Sink Reflections' published by Random House and her New York Times Best Selling book, 'Body Clutter' published by Simon and Schuster. Copyright 2010 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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Fudgy Fig No-Bake Brownie Bites

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Fig Lollipops

Chili-Spiced Cereal & Fig Snack Mix

Fudgy Fig No-Bake Brownie Bites

Makes 24 brownies

- **1 package (9 ounces) Famous Chocolate Wafers**
- **1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon® Orchard Choice® or Sun-Maid® Dried California Figs**
- **1/2 cup chopped, toasted pecans or walnuts**
- **3 tablespoons confectioners' (powdered) sugar**
- **1/8 teaspoon salt**
- **1/2 cup half and half**
- **1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet or bittersweet chocolate morsels**
- **1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract**

Topping:

- **1/2 cup chopped figs or toasted nuts**

Line 24 mini muffin pan cups with decorative paper or foil liners (or line an 8-inch square baking pan with foil or plastic wrap, extending up sides); set aside.

Whirl wafers in food processor (or place in sealable plastic bag and crush with rolling pin) to make fine crumbs. Place in large bowl.

Stir in figs, nuts, confectioners' sugar and salt. Pour half and half into microwave-safe bowl and heat on 100% power in microwave oven for 30 seconds or until boiling. (Or bring half and half to a boil in small saucepan over medium-high heat.)

Add chocolate morsels and set aside for 1 minute to soften. Stir until chocolate melts. Stir in vanilla. Pour over fig mixture and stir until blended. While warm, spoon brownie mixture into lined muffin cups or baking pan and press with back of oiled spoon to an even layer. Sprinkle with topping.

Chill 2 hours or until set. If using a square pan, cut into 24 brownies. Store in the refrigerator.

Storing and Using Figs

- Use a sharp knife or a pair of kitchen scissors to cut up figs. Run the knife under hot water when it gets sticky.
- Store figs in refrigerator after opening for up to six months.
- Mission and Calimyrna figs can be used interchangeably in most recipes.
- Figs are the perfect complement to all types of cheeses.
- Chop figs and add to cereals and side dishes for a hint of sweetness.

Fig Lollipops

Makes 12

- **12 large Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Dried California Figs**
- **3/4 cup (about 4 ounces) semisweet chocolate, milk chocolate or white morsels**
- **12 4-inch bamboo skewers**
- **2 oranges or grapefruits**
- **Sea salt, kosher salt, finely chopped toasted nuts and/or colored sugar sprinkles**

With scissors or sharp knife, cut off fig stems and discard. Flatten each fig with palm of hand. Place one fig on each skewer to look like a lollipop.

Place oranges in small bowls to hold lollipops while chocolate cools. Microwave morsels in microwave-safe bowl on MEDIUM (50%) power for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, until melted and smooth.

Dip skewered figs, partially or completely, into melted chocolate. Sprinkle each with a pinch of salt, finely chopped nuts or sugar sprinkles, as desired. Poke skewers in oranges. Chill until set.

Fig and Bacon Cheddar Bites

Makes 20 appetizers

- **1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese**
- **2 ounces (1/4 cup) cream cheese, softened**
- **1/2 cup stemmed and chopped (1/4-inch) Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Dried California Figs**
- **1/3 cup thinly sliced green onions**
- **2 tablespoons dry sherry**
- **2/3 cup cooked, chopped bacon**
- **20 thin slices (cut diagonally) baguette**

In small bowl, stir together cheddar and cream cheeses. Stir in figs, green onions and sherry. Can be prepared a day ahead and stored in a covered container in the refrigerator.

To serve, preheat oven to 375°F. Place baguette slices on large baking sheet. Place in oven for 4 to 5 minutes or until lightly toasted. Spread fig mixture on baguette slices. Top with bacon. Return to oven for 4 to 5 minutes or until cheese melts.

Chili-Spiced Cereal & Fig Snack Mix

Makes about 7 cups

- **1 1/2 cups stemmed, chopped (1/2 inch) Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Dried California Figs**
- **3 cups crisp cereal squares (mix equal amounts of rice, wheat and corn varieties)**
- **1 cup small square cheese-flavored crackers**
- **1 cup bite-size pretzels**
- **1 cup Spanish red-skinned peanuts or other roasted nuts**

Seasoning:

- **3 tablespoons vegetable oil**
- **2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce**
- **1 teaspoon chili powder**
- **1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt**
- **1/2 teaspoon ground cumin**
- **1/4 teaspoon garlic or onion salt**
- **1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)**

Preheat oven to 250°F.

Place figs in small bowl. In separate small bowl, stir together oil and remaining seasoning ingredients. Drizzle 2 teaspoons seasoning mixture over figs and toss to blend; set aside.

In large bowl, combine cereal, crackers, pretzels and nuts. Drizzle with remaining seasoning mixture. Toss to blend.

Spread on large baking sheet. Place in oven and roast for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes and adding figs during last 10 minutes. Spread mixture on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.