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Cox running for re-election



Wally Cox

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SEBRING — In a press release Tuesday, School Superintendent Wally Cox announced he is seeking a fourth term of office.
“Our school system continues to lose revenue. We have lost approximately 16.3 million dollars since 2007-08 due to circumstances beyond our control,” Cox wrote.

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“With my previous experience as the district’s finance director, my goal has been to protect direct services to our students and to save as many jobs as possible. I believe it would be difficult

for a new superintendent to make the necessary budget cuts in order to balance our budget over the next four years.
“When I was elected in 2000, one of my goals was that every school in Highlands County would achieve an A or B grade. In 2000, we had only three schools — three out of five, or 20 per-
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Billy the kid is on the loose

Hunt continues for wayward goat

By **ED BALDRIDGE**
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SEBRING — If you see Billy, do not be afraid. He’s just a goat.

Highlands County Animal Control has been tracking him since Wednesday, when calls began coming in from Golf Hammock about a goat on the golf course, according to Office Manager Pat Pablo.
“We have received four or five calls about him. People are not sure what to do when he appears in their yard, but we will keep chasing him as long as we get calls,” she said.

Billy sightings have ranged from the northeast side of Highlands Hammock State Park near Golf Hammock, south of State Road 66 on Payne Road, the latest call coming from a Highlands County deputy on Thursday morning, but he seems to evade capture by going places where Animal Control has no access.
“He is sure getting around. He keeps eluding us; we lost him in the woods around the park,” Pablo said between laughs.

“He was last seen in a locked area owned by the DOT near Payne Road,” Pablo said.
“The Hammock park

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LP at 85



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Life long Lake Placid resident/ Depot Museum co-director Jerry Pendarvis talks about the vast amount of historical artifacts that are on display at the Depot Museum in Lake Placid.

Celebrate Lake Placid’s 85th birthday at the Depot Museum

By **CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY**
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LAKE PLACID — Sebring isn’t the only Highlands County community celebrating a birthday this year. Lake Placid turns 85.

The Historical Society’s Depot Museum will be open Saturday and Sunday with special displays to commemorate the birth of the town.

Like Sebring, Lake Placid was the vision of a single individual.

Melvil Dewey — who invented the Dewey Decimal System used to organize libraries — arrived in 1927 at the age of 76. He planned to build a south-

ern health and recreation resort similar to his club in Lake Placid, N.Y.

When he arrived, the area around what was called Lake Stearns was already lightly settled, but unorganized. He bought 3,000 acres and began to build hotels and a golf course. Then he lobbied to have the name of the lake changed to Lake Placid.

Unfortunately, his timing couldn’t have been worse. The economy collapsed in 1929 and his dream of a great resort collapsed with it.

The town, however, survived,
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Westminster up next for teen

By **SAMANTHA GHOLAR**
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SEBRING — You first met Jayda Knight-Austin and her 130-pound bullmastiff Hoss back in early December when the 14-year-old was gearing up for a national championship dog show in Orlando.

Continuing to impress judges with win after win, it’s only logical that Austin would be one of the few lucky dog handlers to be invited to the biggest dog show in the country — the New York Westminster Kennel Club Show.

In just less than a week, Austin, her parents and Hoss will load up their

vehicle and hit the road for the 20-hour drive to New York where Austin will participate in her first Westminster Show.

“She’s got the countdown going,” said Jayda’s proud mother Jackie Knight-Austin.

Austin has been going non-stop since her Orlando show just before Christmas.

“We just got back from South Carolina last weekend. She did very well up there. She’s been doing a lot,” Austin said.

Practicing is definitely a good thing when it comes to this particular show.

The Westminster Kennel Club Show

is a internationally televised event that draws millions of viewers and thousands of attendees.

The annual show is in it’s 136th year and will be broadcast live from Madison Square Garden Feb. 13-14.

Austin will face 109 other junior handlers, 11 of which are from Florida, however she will also be showing two dogs.

“She will be showing also a German pinscher for a lady who is part of our dog club here in Sebring,” said Austin. “She (the pinscher’s owner) has seen Jayda show many times before and

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Romney carries county, state

By **ED BALDRIDGE**
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SEBRING — When the initial tally was finished, 39 percent of the registered Republicans made their mark in Highlands County Tuesday.

Mitt Romney received 4,542 votes (43.29 percent) out of the 10,494 tallied by Supervisor of Elections Joe Campbell.

Newt Gingrich followed Romney with 3,788 votes, or 36.1 percent.

Rick Santorum captured 1,567 votes, or 14.94 percent and Ron Paul got 515, which was 4.91 percent of the vote.

“The turnout was about what we expected,” said Campbell around 9 p.m. on Tuesday night.

Overall, the collection of the votes on Tuesday went smoothly, with just one district having modem problems.

“District 18 had to call in via the phone. They are so far away, it would have taken them forever to get here, so we had them call in their votes. Their modem did not work right for some reason,” Campbell said.

District 18 polls are located at the Brighton Baptist Church at 24050 State Road 70.

Around the South Central Region, Gingrich took DeSoto, Glades, Hardee and Okeechobee counties, according to the Associated Press.

Romney was able to capture Polk County, and most of the metro areas, only edging out Gingrich by 1,373 votes in Duval County.

Statewide, 775,023 Floridians voted for Romney, giving him the 50 state delegates with a 46.42 percent of the vote. Gingrich finished second in Florida with 31.93 percent of the 1,669,629 statewide voters. His tally was 533,097 votes. Santorum received 222,790 votes, 13.34 percent, and Ron Paul got 117,100 votes, 7.01 percent, statewide.

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'Just follow me'

Soldiers from the Army's 4th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment had spent several hours securing a perilous southern Afghanistan village on Apr. 10, 2011, when Sgt. Jamie Jarboe relayed an order to leave. The day's mission was accomplished, and it was time to head back to base.

"Just follow me," Sgt. Jarboe said.

The soldier recounted what happened next.

"I turned to my right, and before I put my foot on the ground, I hit the ground like a sack of potatoes," Jarboe told the Unknown Soldiers.

"The scariest part was when I realized what happened."

An enemy sniper had shot Jamie just as he was leading the Pale Riders, as his unit is known, out of the area.

"The blood was soaking my clothes, and at this point I was like, 'Holy crap, I'm really hurt,'" the 27-year-old warrior said. "I remember looking at my hand, and it wouldn't even move, and that's when I started freaking out."

As he lay in the blood-soaked mud of Afghanistan, unable to take cover as a firefight erupted all around him, Jarboe thought of the woman he had just married on Valentine's Day and the two children at home who needed him. "If I'm going to succumb to these wounds," Jamie thought, "then it'll be on my own terms."

"I'm not dying out here," the Frankfort, Ind., soldier resolved. "I'm going to die someplace like America."

After passing out, Jarboe later woke up at the first of many hospitals he would visit in the United States.

"I made it," he thought. "I'm here."

Despite his iron will, it is often difficult for Jarboe to speak, and it's even harder for him to come to grips with



Army Sgt. Jamie Jarboe, 27, was on his third deployment when he was shot by an enemy sniper in Afghanistan. The wounded warrior is paralyzed from the chest down.

Courtesy photo

the fact that he's paralyzed from the chest down. But whenever he needed to pause for a quick breather during our phone conversation, Melissa Jarboe, 32, spoke up to convey unconditional, unwavering support for her husband.

"I have an acceptance of a path that we're all chosen for," Melissa said. "We talked about it before he left."

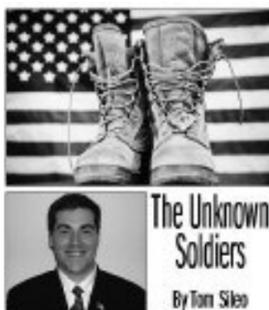
Melissa demonstrates her faith even during the toughest moments, such as the time when one of her daughters asked who shot Jamie.

"I said, 'I don't know, but I want you to pray for him, even if he's the enemy,'" she recalled.

While God is a source of comfort, nothing could have prepared Melissa for seeing her husband in the hospital.

"The first time I got to see Jamie, I literally went into shock," she said. "He was trying to scream, but being hooked up to so many machines, he couldn't talk."

Having already deployed to Iraq, Jamie knew the risks of war. What frustrated him about Afghanistan, however,



was rarely being able to see the enemy.

"You're always getting shot at from really close range," he said. "But because of the buildings, trees and farmland, it's hard to tell where it's coming from."

As Jamie lay in a Colorado hospital bed awaiting a transfer back to Maryland, where he would have surgery the next day at Johns Hopkins University, the wounded soldier and his wife repeatedly cited the courage of the children as a constant source of renewable strength.

"Both girls forfeited their Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas and spent (the holidays) in the hospital with us," Melissa said. "Never once have they complained."

Jamie and Melissa never thought their first year of marriage would take place mostly inside hospital rooms. But ever since Sgt. Jarboe bravely told his fellow soldiers to "just follow me," support has poured into their lives via thousands of cards, emails and Facebook messages.

"It's all been very surprising to me," the grateful wounded warrior said in a soft, quiet voice.

Jamie and Melissa both asked several questions about what was going on in my life, as hearing about the day-to-day experiences of others helps them feel connected to the outside world. Someday soon, they hope their lives will regain some sense of normalcy.

"My goal is to be done with the hospitals," Jamie said. "I want to do what a father does and be what a husband's supposed to be."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Parkinson's Support Group hosts renowned Miami neurologist

SEBRING — The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group invites everyone to attend a free luncheon lecture by renowned Neurologist Dr. Bruno Gallo from the University of Miami.

An invited guest of Sebring, neurologist Dr. Bridgial Ramkisson, Dr. Gallo works closely with the National Parkinson Foundation and specializes in deep brain stimulation and post-operative programming to benefit patients suffering from Parkinson disease, essential tremors and dystonia. He is currently the Director of Intra-Operative Monitoring for Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Assistant Professor of Neurology with University of Miami and recipient of the Peritz Scheinberg Clinical Neurology Award.

The lunch will begin at 12 p.m. and the lecture at 1 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 13, at Sebring's First Baptist Church fellowship hall, at the corner of Lemon and Pine Streets. Reservations are required for lunch by Monday. Call 453-6589.

The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group normally meets the second Monday monthly, from September through May at this location. They urge all Parkinson's patients, families, friends and care team members to attend their meetings and learn more about the disease.

Parkinson's Disease, known as PD, is a progressive brain disorder. PD occurs when certain nerve cells (neurons) in a part of the brain die or become impaired and leads to a loss of dopamine-providing nerve cells. The signs and symptoms of PD are: Tremors, slowness of movement, rigidity and difficulty with balance. Other signs include: Small cramped handwriting, stiff facial expressions, shuffling walk, muffled speech and depression. PD is not contagious and is not hereditary, but occurs more

in some families. To learn more, visit www.Parkinson.org.

Grace Harmony singing Under The Oaks Sunday

SEBRING — Under The Oaks Opry will be held Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at 3414 Beck Ave., just off Powerline Road. There will be gospel music with special guests Grace Harmony. This is a family venue. No alcohol allowed.

A Valentine's and anniversary party will be held Feb. 12. For more information call 862-253-0771.

Historical Society celebrates town's 85th birthday

LAKE PLACID — Help celebrate Lake Placid's 85th birthday by stepping back in time to Melvil Dewey's 1927 era. See artifacts and photographs that link the present to this world famous figure. Also special collection of early 1900's Valentines.

Kids of all ages will have fun and can tour the caboose.

Visit the Depot Museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at 12 Park St.

Buttonwood Bay offers square dancing

SEBRING — There will be a square dance at Buttonwood Bay at 7:30 p.m. today. The caller will be Nelson Wakeman. Square Dance attire is optional.

For information call Roger McElfresh at 655-4243.

Golden Era Big Band to perform at Dance Club

SEBRING — The Highlands Social Dance Club hosts social dancing from 7-9:30 p.m. today at the Senior Center on Sebring Parkway. Have some fun and dance the night away to the music of

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Rules don't leave enough time for grant

By CHRISTOPHER TUFFLEY

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SEBRING — In a telephone interview, county engineer Ramon Gavarette explained why he recommended the county commission reject of the federal grant to synchronize lights on U.S. 27.

"Every penny of federal dollars has strings attached," he said. "We are given only a year to complete the project, but six to nine months of that time is taken up with paper work."

Gavarette added that the grant does not provide the money up front, but reimburses the county afterwards.

"I'm not going to spend Highlands County tax payer money if we can't get it back," he said.

Gavarette had hoped, once it became clear to him the deadlines could not be met, to reassign the grant to Phase III of the Parkway, but this was rejected by the federal granting agencies.

He added that Republican Congressman John Mica, the current chairman of the transportation committee, is introducing legislation to streamline the process of awarding and executing federal grants.

"I'm crossing my fingers," Gavarette said.

Country Fair Arts & Crafts to be displayed at LP Elementary

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — Local artists and crafters will display their outstanding handiwork at Lake Placid Elementary School as an important part of the Country Fair. Entries in Amateur and Professional Adult and Student Divisions are judged tonight and all will be on display at the school — Students in the Media Center, Adults in the cafeteria plus poetry in the copy room to the left (north) of the entrance to the cafeteria.

Winners of Best in Class and Best of Show will be presented cash awards at the DeVane Park Gazebo at 3 p.m. Saturday for Adult winners and 2 p.m. Sunday for Students and People's Choice Awards.

The Dr. William Shuck Craftsman Award in Woodworking, a wooden plaque, is presented at 3 p.m. Saturday to the best overall

entry in Woodworking in memory of Dr. Shuck by Hoz Compton. Additional Memorial Awards are given in memory of Mary Lou Krog in China Painting, Edna Kubic in Foods, Thelma Chase in Crafts, Harry McConnell in Woodcarving and Eileen Kruger in Poetry.

Competition is keen and the work is beautiful, so don't miss these wonderful exhibits.

Vans are available for transportation from Town Hall at DeVane Park to the exhibits at the school and to the high school parking lot.

Former prize winners of the Lake Placid Arts and Crafts Country Fair will be on hand this weekend as well, to provide demonstrations of their various craft and art techniques.

The demonstrations will take place in the outside corridor leading to the Lake Placid Elementary School

cafeteria, weather permitting, both Saturday and Sunday.



Lottery Center



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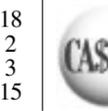
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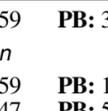
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Note: Cash 3 and Play 4 drawings are twice per day; (d) is the daytime drawing, (n) is the nighttime drawing. PB: Power Ball

Lake Ave. sidewalk work to begin in about a month

News-Sun staff

AVON PARK — City manager Julian Deleon said this week that reconstruction of damaged sidewalks along South Lake Avenue will probably begin in about 30 days. The project affects the avenue between Walnut and Bell streets.

The city is out sourcing the electrical work needed for the street lights that will be

installed at the same time. Bidding for the work is one reason for the month long lead-in time.

The project should take 60 days to complete, as the existing sidewalk has to be removed before the new one can be installed. In addition to new lighting, road side parking for handicapped drivers will be added.

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APHS gets glamorous for Prom Fashion Show

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AVON PARK — Students strutted down the runway and showed off fashionable tuxedos and dresses at the Avon Park High School annual prom fashion show.

More than 20 students were cheered on and photographed by their peers in gorgeous gowns and stylish tuxedos Thursday morning in the school's auditorium.

Amy Lauver is one of the few who helped organize the ninth annual affair. She and fellow classmate Shanteria Johnson greeted guests as they walked into the show.

"The stores donated the clothes to us for the fashion show to give us an idea of what they have there. Our prom is March 31 this year," Lauver said.

Gayla Barrett and Leonardo Hudson served as the event's emcees and entertained the audience with descriptive narration.

The female models donned clothing



News-Sun photo by SAMANTHA GHOLAR
Brad Torres escorts Kishyra Felix down the runway at the APHS Auditorium Thursday morning during the 9th annual Prom Fashion Show.

from Robyn Lynee Boutique, which features nearly a dozen dress and gown designers.

Male models were sporting tuxedos from Maxcy's Menswear with featured designers Calvin Kline, Jean Yves and Ralph Lauren.

"We have the store sponsor the show and we hope that students will go there for their prom clothes," Lauver said.

Door prizes were donated to the students by several local businesses including: a manicure/pedicure gift certificate from Top Nails, Outback gift cards, Starbucks gift cards, Ridge Florist

Boutonniere and corsage gift certificate, culinary classes, spirit beads from FCCLA, MasterCuts gift basket, and Belk gift basket.

The show's models were Norma Badillo, Celeste Breylinger, Michelle Cruz, Kishyra Felix, Brittany Gates, Deundra Gordon, Ashley Harris, M'Lynn McKibben, Kimberly Pagan, Ebony Rodriguez, Keijahandra Singh, Diana Tello, Shantonia Williams, Jamie Wires, Thierry Alcindor, Benjamin Auyang, Dawson Calero, Joshua Wayne Cobb, Cash Jackson, Kyle Jahna, Trey Marley, Akin Thomas, and Brad Torres.

Lake Placid celebrating 85th birthday

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becoming a vacation and retirement center.

Dewey died of a cerebral hemorrhage the day after Christmas in 1931, a disappointed man. His funeral was held at the First Presbyterian Church in town and his ashes returned to New York.

To honor him, the Depot Museum at 12 Park Street has a new display featuring artifacts from the time Dewey was in Florida. Kay Tarr, director of the museum, hopes people stop by and try to guess what some of the artifacts are or how they were used. There are photographs of historic buildings. A DVD is available featuring Dewey in his own words. The museum's caboose will be open and children welcome to explore it.

Individuals like Jerry Pendarvis will be on hand to answer questions and reminisce.

Pendarvis was the town's police chief from 1988 to 2000. He grew up in Lake Placid, left to join the Air Force, and returned years later.

He remembers when the town only had two paved streets, Main Avenue and Interlake Boulevard. There were no traffic lights and only a couple of caution blinkers.

"The town was so small everyone knew everyone else," he said.

He remembers Cecil High, who served on the town



News-Sun photo by KATARA SIMMONS
Depot Museum co-director Jerry Pendarvis, from left, and Depot Museum president Dick Gerken ready displays about Melvil Dewey on Thursday for the upcoming 85th birthday celebration of the town of Lake Placid.

council and owned Cecil's Sundries, one of the few early stores.

"Cecil was a wonderful friend to the town and us kids," Pendarvis said. "We'd hang out in his store. He's the one who told me to go into the service."

The public school, now used by South Florida Community College, contained all grades — kindergarten through high school.

U.S. 27 wasn't built until the 1940s, Pendarvis said. State Road 8, which went through town, was the main road north.

"The (railroad) depot was

a working depot," he remembered. "I worked there a couple of summers, loading boxcars. I remember steam trains, but diesel engines were phased in during the '50s.

"The biggest way the town has changed," he added, "is communication. There were very few telephones. It was mostly word of mouth, letters and telegrams."

Saturday and Sunday, this history will be available to everyone, as well as a display of Valentine cards from the early 1900s.

The museum will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

"There is no admittance fee," Tarr said, "but we exist on donations and they are very welcome."

Knight-Austin hoping for TV time at Westminster

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decided to let her. With her showing two dogs she has a good chance to get on TV."

Both Hoss and the German pinscher Austin will also show are members of the working breed category, giving her double the chances of being named Best in Show.

The Junior Showmanship preliminaries will take place under two judges. Each judge selects four junior handlers to advance to the finals.

A total of eight finalists meet in the ring for the Best Junior title on Tuesday evening, according to the WKC website.

Since the Junior Show was added to the WKC Show in 1934, there have only been three winners from the state of Florida (1977, 1996, 2002), all of

which were male handlers. Austin is hoping to change that statistic very soon.

"We are excited. We all are. Hoss is very excited too. If he sees us packing bags he gets extremely excited and will squeal very loud and sit at the door. She (Jayda) never puts him in his crate at home but she has to when we get ready to leave for a trip. He really enjoys it," Austin said with a laugh.

"We've just had so much support from everyone, especially people in the community," Austin said.

The Junior Showmanship preliminaries will take place Feb. 13 with the finals to follow at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14. The Sporting, Working, Terrier, and Best In Show competition will be televised Feb. 14 on USA Network from 8-11 p.m.

Goat eluding capture around Sebring

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ranger said he came from around the road leading through the park to Hardee County. But no one has called in that he is missing," Pablo said.

"He's not dangerous," Pablo added. "He's quite friendly and doesn't seem afraid of people."

Billy is described as approximately 3-foot, 6 inches in height, dark brown or black in color, has large curly horns, a goatee and is male.

"I saw him in my yard, and at first I didn't know

what he was. I have never seen a goat before," a caller to the News-Sun said on Thursday.

Billy has even made it to Facebook.

"Today we had a strange visitor in the park. He was a goat with big curving horns. Don't know where he came from, and he was last seen near Golf Hammock," wrote Mike Sawyer, a park ranger, on his social media wall.

Despite rumors to the contrary, Billy is not part of a pack of wild Florida mountain goats.

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Cox to seek another term

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cent — in the district that received an A or B. At the end of the 2010-11 school year, all but two schools — 14 out of 16 or 88 percent — have received an A or B grade. It is my desire to continue to strive to meet this goal over the next four years."

Cox wrote he felt honored and privileged to work with the district's teachers, support employees, administrators and school board, and thanked the citizens of Highlands County for their support over the years.

Two other individuals have already announced their intention to run for school superintendent.

William "Pep" Hutchinson III, is an activist who has volunteered at schools, attended educational courses, and visited Tallahassee to talk to

state legislators.

Roberta Peck, a retired school teacher with 33 years of classroom experience is also running for the office.

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Not a good idea

From the very beginning the News-Sun has had reservations about Phase III of the Parkway, which will go north from the right angle turn on Phase I to the intersection of College and Memorial drives in Avon Park.

We believe spending \$6.5 million for a 4.1-mile section of road in these times of financial uncertainty is unwise — particularly because we think there is little benefit in the extension.

Phase III would roughly parallel both U. S. 27 and Memorial Drive to the east, then bend west to intersect with Memorial at South Florida Community College. It is difficult to understand the gain in another north/south roadway that doesn't reach Avon Park proper at one end, and terminates in the middle of Phase I — a limited access roadway designed to skirt Sebring along its eastern boundaries — at the other.

In other words, the extension will only be really useful to SFCC students and staff who live in east Sebring. For

everyone else, it essentially goes from nowhere to nowhere.

In terms of paying for the road, it is true \$3 million is coming from the Florida Department of Transportation, but \$3.5 million will come from the local option gas tax. We feel those funds could be used for more urgent transportation needs.

Besides the usefulness and funding issues, however, are serious questions of safety.

Phase III will be a two-lane road. That means drivers caught behind slower traffic — on what is called a parkway — may take passing risks that endanger everyone.

More troubling still, the current plan calls for College Drive to become a main east/west corridor to U. S. 27 from the parkway.

This is not a good fit.



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College Drive is relatively narrow. It twists and turns its way through the SFCC campus, where the majority of college parking lot entrances and exits open directly into it.

We are very concerned traffic along College Drive would not only increase, but speed up as well. A college campus and main artery don't mix.

On the other hand, we can't support the option proposed by the college — a complicated Y shaped intersection redirecting traffic north up Memorial Drive, instead of west into the

school.

For one thing, it means Memorial Drive would deliver heavier traffic onto Avon Park neighborhood streets.

For another, more land would have to be purchased and new engineering studies done. Estimates are a safer solution might cost as much as an additional \$500,000, and certainly no less than \$380,000. To add those costs to an already multiple million dollar project is reckless.

In fact, it seems to us irrational to spend any money at all on Phase III, and we recommend canceling the project.

GOP faces the odds

The GOP nominating contest moves next to Nevada, where there's a betting line on every fight. Here's a look at the odds for Romney vs. Gingrich.



Candid Thoughts
Peter Funt

In the category of Falsely Characterizing Obama, Romney uses "European Socialist," which is powerful and connects well with xenophobic voters.

Gingrich relies on "Saul Alinsky Radical." Alinsky, the Chicago populist who died in 1972, was best known for fighting on behalf of the poor and middle class — so drumming away at this obscure reference isn't helping Gingrich. Edge: Romney.

In the What's My Fake Line? category, most registered Republicans are counting on the fact that anything beats "community organizer." So, Gingrich calls himself an "historian," while Romney professes to be a "businessman." Neither candidate cares for "politician," although that's what they've each been for most of their adult lives. Edge: Romney.

In the all-important Wives category, Gingrich's total of three is hard to top. Romney has only been married once, although his great grandfather did flee to Mexico with at least five wives to escape U.S. monogamy laws. Edge: Gingrich.

When it comes to Exaggerated Job Creation Claims, Gingrich boasts that he helped create an astounding 27 million jobs during the Reagan and Clinton administrations. The math and politics are fuzzy, but who wouldn't vote for 27 million new jobs? Romney can only claim 120,000 jobs — most coming at places like Staples and Sports Authority long after his tenure. Unfortunately for Gingrich, GOP voters believe that government can't create jobs, thus negating his 27 million. Edge: Romney.

Gingrich easily wins the Who I Want You to Think of When You Think of Me competition. Gingrich deftly cites Ronald Reagan in his answers to all questions. Romney, on the other hand, doesn't seem to relate to anyone in his past — although he does, oddly, have a large photo of his father, George, on

his campaign bus. He also used to mention his Irish Setter Seamus, until word got out that he once strapped Seamus to the roof of the family car for a 12-hour drive to Canada. Edge: Gingrich.

Fawning Over Hispanics is an important category in Florida, and Gingrich hired former advisors to Sen. Marco Rubio along with several other local Hispanic leaders. But Romney trumped that by having his son Craig narrate campaign ads in Spanish. Edge: Romney.

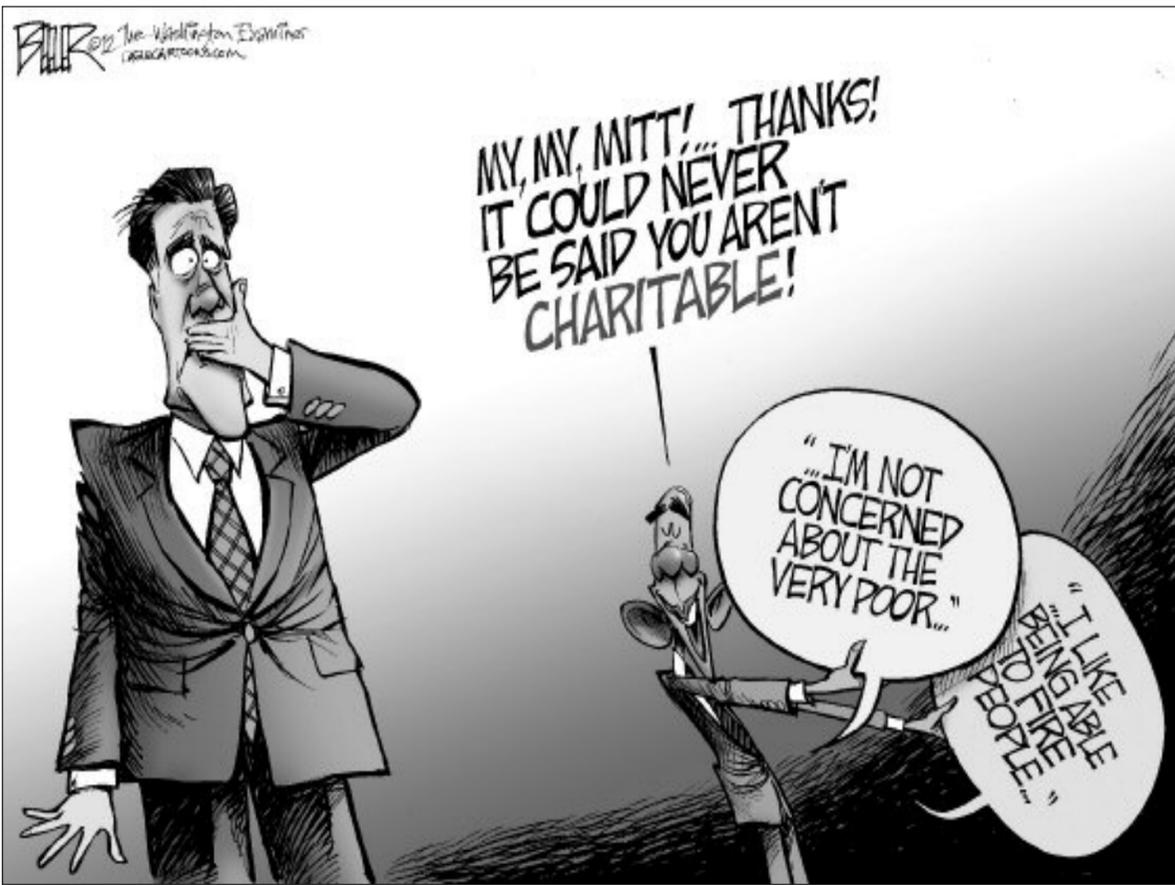
There's keen competition in the category of Personal Attacks, even though both men claim they'd rather not stoop to such things. Romney calls Gingrich a "failed leader"; Gingrich says Romney is "timid" and "confused"; Romney labels Gingrich "highly erratic"; Gingrich says Romney is full of "pious baloney." Edge: even.

In the Wackiest Idea category, Gingrich appeared to have it wrapped up when he declared that students should be hired as school janitors. Then, in a stunning move, Romney bested him by announcing that he favors "self deportation" of illegal immigrants. Edge: Romney.

In the Whose Tax Returns are More Damning category, Gingrich has a lot of splainin' to do about the \$1.6 million he was paid by Freddie Mac to teach history. But Romney's return not only revealed bank accounts in Switzerland, Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, it put the lie to a fundamental GOP claim. If low tax rates for the wealthy — Romney paid about 15 percent% — are supposed to spur job creation, then how many jobs did Romney create with over \$40 million that he earned the last two years? None. Edge: Romney.

It's a tight one. The best Romney and Gingrich backers can hope for is that it never comes down to the category all pageant hopefuls dread most: Congeniality.

Peter Funt is a writer and speaker and can be reached at www.CandidCamera.com/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun staff.



TODAY'S LETTERS

Church is not a good neighbor

Editor:

We wonder why people don't go to church? Well, maybe this is why.

The church pastor keeps blocking my exit at my backyard gate, where I just use it to remove things I need to, or for easier access where my friends can come help me, as I am a 50-year-old homeowner of 13-plus years here in Sebring.

The church before this one black-topped the parking lot and before that church, I remember when the church lot was a dirt lot and when I bought my home all the houses on my street had alley access to our back gates.

My neighbors are astounded. When the church first got here, they made me my own (private parking) exit and entrance.

In the last year they put a big barbecue barrel stoker right on my property line by my fence. I wrote a letter asking the pastor to move the grill, where someone could easily stand on it and access my backyard, as I have been broken into many times.

He claims I wrote nasty letters. The letters I wrote (which were two), I put on his church door, in an envelope - only spoke truth. What kind of man of

God blocks a 50-year-old woman's back exit, on purpose, and puts a barbecue grill against my fence, but never has used it?

They have made my back fence look terrible with piled up trash, wood and anything they felt.

He said to me as he stood up on his barbecue grill, he won't move it and he will fence in the church and my back exit.

My neighbors are in disbelief of the way I have been treated.

I pray and know God will take care of it.

It takes \$300 to get an "access of easement" as the police told me when I called them to sign a complaint. I was here 10 years before them and it's not fair, if you ask me. A "man of God?" What happened to "love thy neighbor."

I had to ask him last to move the basketball nets (huge) that he had up against my fence.

Wendy Boggs
Sebring

Proposals prove they are out of touch

Editor:

I'm glad the GOP is putting their candidates and ideas on display for Florida voters so that my neighbors and

friends can see how out of touch with the middle class's reality the Republicans' proposals are. We need to make sure they take their ideas with them when they leave Florida because they're not what we need.

The Republican candidates would erase decades of progress — from abandoning struggling homeowners, taking away a woman's right to choose with no exceptions, and breaking up families with their out of touch plans for immigration reform.

What I've seen so far has convinced me beyond a doubt that they're simply wrong for Florida. They're just so out of touch.

I know one thing: Progress isn't going back to when my friends could be denied health insurance for a pre-existing condition. And it isn't bringing back the policies that drove our economy to the brink of another Great Depression and allowed Wall Street to write their own rules.

But for 2012 I'm sticking by President Obama. He's standing up for the middle class and keeping his word on everything from health care reform to making college more affordable. He's the right pick for Florida.

Valari Fauntleroy
Lake Placid



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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the Golden Era Big Band. All club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Snack bar opens at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

For more information, call 385-6671.

Green Camp residents gather today

SEBRING — Green Camp, Ohio residents in Florida, friends and neighbors will meet at Homer's at 11 a.m. today.

Graduates, friends, neighbors and relatives are invited to attend this annual event. For further information, call 465-0161 or beckshel@embarqmail.com.

Commodities to be distributed today

SEBRING — Commodities Distribution for February will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. today at The Salvation Army, 3135 Kenilworth Blvd.

If you already have your 2012 Commodities Card, pick up your commodities in the drop-off lane. If not, you must come inside and register for the new 2012 year. You will then receive your new card and commodities.

Call 385-7548 with questions.

Strides for Seniors is Saturday

SEBRING — Strides for Seniors, a one-mile run/walk or 5K run/walk, will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday. Proceeds of this event benefit NUHOPE Elder Care Services for supporting the elderly of Highlands and Hardee counties

There is a \$20 entry fee;

\$10 for kids age 12 and under.

Contact NUHOPE Elder Care Services at 382-2134 for further information.

Hoosier Days is Saturday

SEBRING — Hoosier Days in Sebring will be Saturday at Homer's Smorgasbord (corner of U.S. 27, across from Walmart). Sign-in at 11 a.m. and eat at noon.

Woman's Club accepts flea market donations

SEBRING — The GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring, 4260 Lakeview Drive, is accepting donations from 9-11 a.m. today and Saturday. Contributions will be accepted from 9-11 a.m. each Friday and Saturday in February.

The flea market will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3. Call 382-0706 for additional details.

Willow Gate plans community garage sale

SEBRING — The Willow Gate community is having its annual garage sale from

8 a.m. to noon Saturday. No early sales.

Coffee and cookies will be sold at the clubhouse. Willow Gate is at the end of Thunderbird Road, off U.S. 27. Parking is limited.

Ballroom Dancers host dance Saturday

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will host a dance Saturday at the fellowship hall of Eastside Christian Church. Music will be provided by Allen at his keyboard, one of the favorites in the area. Hours are 6:30-9 p.m. and sandwiches will be available at 6 p.m. Soda and water will be available throughout the evening.

The fellowship hall is two miles east on County Road 621 off U.S. 27.

PASR Citrus Chapter meets Wednesday

SEBRING — The Citrus Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Inn on the Lakes.

All former Pennsylvania school staff members and their guests are invited to attend the meeting.

For information or reservations, call 314-0219 no later than today.



Newt Gingrich addresses supporters in Orlando after his loss Tuesday to Mitt Romney (below) in the Republican primary.

Analysis: Gingrich needs win before Super Tuesday

By DAVID ESPO
AP Special Correspondent

Newt Gingrich leads the competition for comebacks with two in the race for the Republican presidential nomination. He'll need one more, and soon, if he's going to make good on his vow to remain a credible contender until the party convention next summer.

With a lopsided loss to Mitt Romney in the Florida primary on Tuesday night, the former House speaker is looking at a potentially bleak and even winless February as the prelude to Super Tuesday on March 6.

He confronts a significant disadvantage in campaign funding and the appearance of a gender gap in the polls in Florida, where he trailed the winner by nearly 20 points among women. Romney has grown more polished and confident in debates, while Gingrich faces a struggle to regain the discipline that helped carry him to an upset victory in the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21.

The former House speaker acknowledged little or none of this in a speech to a smallish crowd in Orlando following his drubbing.

"I think Florida did something very important, coming on top of South Carolina. It is now clear that this will be a two-person race between the conservative leader, Newt Gingrich, and the Massachusetts moderate," he said.

Actually, Florida Republicans gave Romney about 46 percent of the vote. It was the largest percentage captured by any contender so far in the four states that have voted in the GOP race. Ominously for Gingrich, it was also close to a majority, a threshold that would debunk his oft-repeated observation that the former Massachusetts governor loses more votes than he wins.

Despite the obstacles, Gingrich has shown ample evidence of the political skill that once made him speaker of the House, an achievement no one in his party had managed for 40 years.

Twice, his campaign has appeared to run aground: last summer, and again in the two weeks before the Iowa caucuses.

The first time, he lost the



services of virtually all of his senior staff in a mass resignation.

For them, the last straw was when Gingrich and his wife, Callista, embarked on a vacation cruise to the Greek Isles at a time the campaign was desperately short of money.

With characteristic bravado, he announced he had decided not to run a consultant-centric campaign.

"I am very different than normal politicians, and normal consultants found that very hard to deal with," said the man who made sure he had a phalanx of them when he was speaker, protecting the GOP majority in the House.

Tom Perdue, a Republican strategist from Gingrich's old home state of Georgia, had a different view.

"It's not uncommon for a candidate to become delusional and that's what I think you are seeing here."

Or not. Gingrich fashioned his first comeback over months as others rose in the polls to challenge Romney, then fell back. He shone in debates, occasionally stepping in like something of a GOP father figure, scolding his squabbling rivals and reminding them that the objective was to defeat Barack Obama.

By late December, he had reemerged as the biggest threat to Romney in the Iowa caucuses.

Then the attack ads began, financed by Restore Our Future, an outside organization set up to aid the former Massachusetts governor.

Lacking the funds to respond on his own — the reason his campaign nearly collapsed in the first place — and without an outside group to aid him, Gingrich announced he would run a "relentlessly positive" campaign.

It was an impossible pledge from a man whose political style has been defined by combativeness in

a career that spans three decades.

And within days, he proved it.

"I don't object to being outspent. I object to lies. I object to negative smear campaigns," he told reporters.

Relentless, yes. But positive?

To the dismay of aides, he took the bait, and lashed out at Romney rather focusing on Obama.

"I think these guys hire consultants who get drunk, sit around and write stupid ads," he said at one point of his rivals, speaking less-than-presidentially.

Death notice

Henry B. Compton Jr., 72, of Sebring died Jan. 31, 2012.

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Shoop crowned Miss 12 Hours of Sebring

By BARRY FOSTER
Special to the News-Sun



Courtesy photo
Sebring's Hannah Shoop has been named 2012 Miss 12 Hours of Sebring.

SEBRING – Since she was a little girl, Hannah Shoop has been going to the 12 Hours of Sebring grand prix of endurance. For years she had watched the selection process of the annual race queen as other young ladies were awarded the crown and scepter, wishing that one day they could be hers.

That day has come, and not only has she been selected as Miss 12 Hours, but Shoop will reign over the year that marks the 60th anniversary of America's premier endurance sports car race.

The 21-year-old Florida State University senior has faced her disappointments over the years. She was 15 years old when the track moved the minimum age from 18 up to 21 years of age.

"I thought 'man, I'm never going to get it'," she said.

However, dreams do come true as Shoop will reign over the Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida.

"I think that it is such an honor and I really have looked up to all the girls that have been selected before," she said.

In all fairness, Shoop hasn't been sitting around waiting for the day of the crown. In addition to her studies in Special Science Education at Florida State University, Shoop also is a coach for basketball and softball for Trinity Catholic School in Tallahassee.

During her high school career at Sebring, Shoop played a number of different sports and said the transition to race queen has been ... interesting.

"Instead of seeing myself in a basketball uniform or volleyball uniform, it's now going to be a sash and crown," she said with a laugh.

Although she has been attending the 12 Hours since before she can remember, Shoop has never met anybody famous. That may change this year as Hollywood star Patrick Dempsey plans to field an LMP2 at the once-around-the-clock classic.

Shoop does have a team of choice – Audi. "I just love the Audi cars and the team," she said. "They're my favorite."

Audi will debut its R-18 at the Mobil 1 12 Hours this year.

Shoop's parents, John and Jan Shoop, are

both well known in the Sebring community and are delighted at their daughter's success in achieving this long-sought goal.

"We are so proud of Hannah," said mom Jan Shoop. "This will be an exciting time for her."

It has already started to get more exciting, as the first fan has set up in the rodeo area in front of the raceway headquarters. Gates officially open for the fans on March 14, with the green flag set to drop on the 60th anniversary race on St. Patrick's Day morning.



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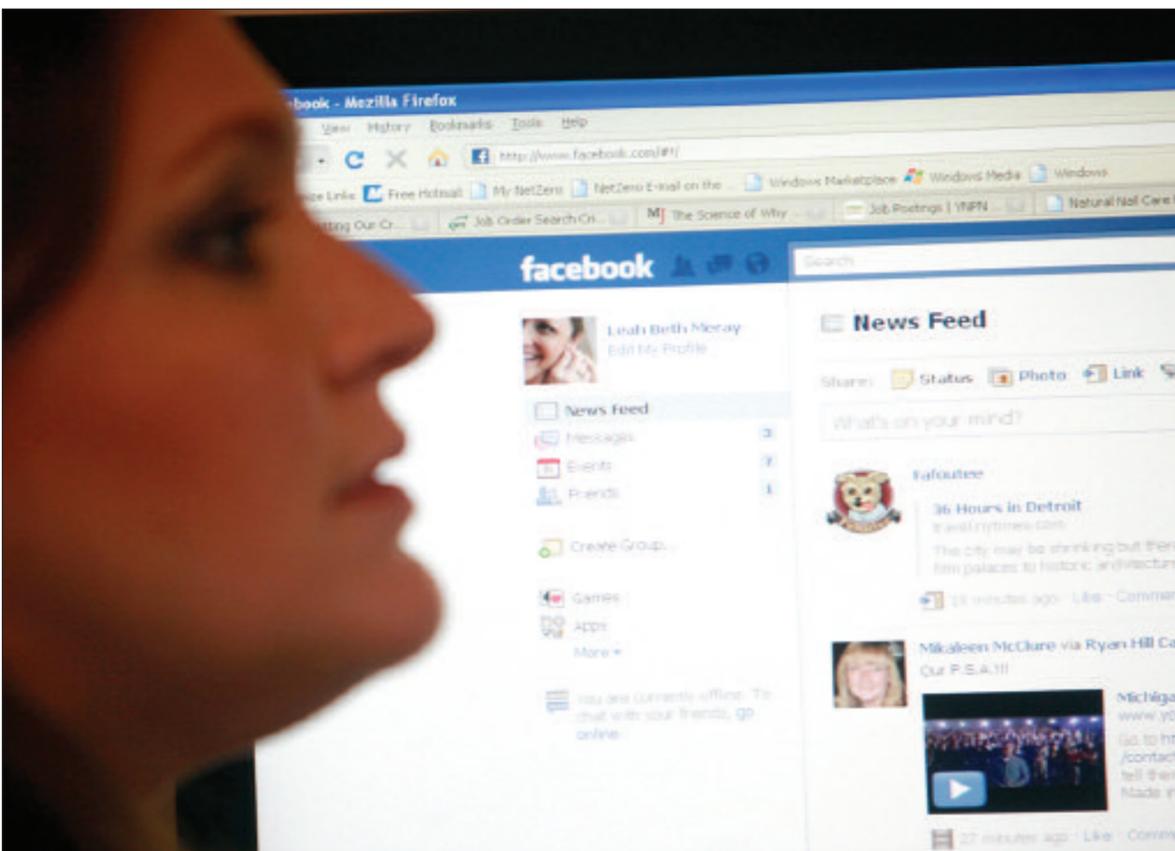
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Documents filed for Facebook's IPO reveal that it closed 2010 with 845 million users.

Facebook surrenders its privacy in IPO documents

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook is baring its business soul.

The unveiling came late Wednesday when the company that depends on people to share their lives online filed its plans to raise \$5 billion in an initial public offering of stock. It's a revelatory moment that prospective investors, curious competitors and nosy reporters have been waiting for two years. During that time, Facebook established itself as a communications hub and emerged as a threat to the Internet's most powerful company, Google Inc.

As with almost anything crafted by a bunch of lawyers and bankers, the 197-page prospectus that Facebook filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is filled with boilerplate legalese and mind-numbing numbers.

But there were some juicy details in there, too.

Above all, the documents confirmed what everyone had been hearing: Facebook is very profitable and getting stronger. The company Mark Zuckerberg started with some friends in 2004 has seen its annual revenue soar from \$777 million in 2009 to \$3.7 billion last year. Facebook's earnings have grown at a similar rate too, ballooning from \$122 million in 2009 to \$668 million last year.

Facebook ended 2011 with \$3.9 billion in cash. That's a relatively small amount compared to the nearly \$45 billion that Google has in the bank.

Facebook's prosperity has been fueled by a steady expansion of its audience, making its website a more attractive marketing vehicle for ads, which account for most of the company's revenue. Facebook ended last

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year with 845 million users, up 39 percent from 608 million at the end of 2010. Those users share their interests and preferences prodigiously. Facebook recorded a daily average of 2.7 billion "likes" and comments during the final three months of last year.

Facebook has become so addictive that more than half its audience — 483 million users — log in every day.

Facebook's revenue total disappointed some people who pored through the documents. One reason: The company generates about \$4.39 in revenue per user. "That is a surprisingly low number," said University of Notre Dame finance professor Tim Loughran, who studies IPOs. Google's annual revenue of nearly \$38 billion works out to more than \$30 per user of its services.

"Facebook needs to find more ways to get revenue from their users," Loughran said.

Facebook listed its most promising expansion opportunities as Brazil, Germany, India, Japan, Russia and South Korea. The company, based in Menlo Park, Calif., eventually hopes to make its service available in China if it can navigate rules requiring online content to be censored if the Chinese government considers it to be objectionable or obscene.

The IPO filing gives some clue when Facebook is likely to surpass 1 billion users. If it can add users at roughly the same pace as last year, Facebook should surpass the 1 billion mark this summer.

As it is, Facebook already

generates 44 percent of its revenue outside the U.S. The company is also developing other sources of revenue beyond online advertising faster than Google. Advertising accounted for 85 percent of Facebook's revenue last year. It made up 96 percent of Google's. Facebook's other revenue sources include the 30 percent cut of sales it takes from game makers and other external applications companies that sell things on its website.

The big question is whether Facebook's numbers are impressive enough to fetch the lofty IPO price. It's still too early in the process for Facebook to reveal how much it intends to ask for its shares, but Wednesday's filing provides some clues. Facebook valued its Class B common stock at \$29.73 at the end of December, down slightly from appraisals of \$30.07 in June and September. If this unfolds like most hot IPOs, Facebook will probably try to sell its shares at a premium. That could mean an IPO price in the \$35 to \$40 range. Investor demand, though, ultimately will dictate the pricing.

Facebook still hasn't listed how many outstanding shares it has, but the documents make it possible to make a rough estimate of the company's market value at the end of last year. Financial notes in the filing show Facebook calculated it had about 2.9 billion fully diluted shares at

the end of December. That works out to a market value of about \$86 billion, based on Facebook's \$29.73-per-share self-appraisal.

At that price, the nearly 534 million shares that the 27-year-old Zuckerberg owns are worth about \$16 billion. The filing indicates Zuckerberg will sell an unspecified number of shares in the IPO to cover a tax bill for exercising a stock option to buy 120 million shares. Zuckerberg has been collecting a \$500,000 salary but that will fall to one dollar next year at his own request, according to the filing.

Other big winners in the IPO include: Facebook co-founder and old Zuckerberg friend, Dustin Moskovitz, who owns nearly 134 million shares; venture capital firm Accel Partners, which owns 201 million shares; Russian investor DST Global Ltd., which owns 131 million shares; and former PayPal CEO Peter Thiel, who owns nearly 45 million shares.

Hundreds of other Facebook employees could become millionaires because they receive stock as part of their compensation. Facebook has about 3,200 employees now, nearly 2,000 more than it did two years ago.

Facebook also shared some of its biggest worries in the filing. Among other things, it cited Google's ability to use its dominance in Internet search to promote its Google Plus social network. Facebook also frets the possibility that regulators in Europe and the U.S. may impose tougher privacy rules that would make it more difficult for the company to stockpile information about its users.

NYPD document: Collect intel at Shi'a mosques

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A secret police document shows that the New York Police Department recommended increasing surveillance of thousands of Muslims and their mosques based solely on their religion.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of a May 2006 NYPD intelligence report on Iran.

It says police should expand clandestine operations at Shiite mosques.

It then lists mosques around the Northeast.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg has said the

NYPD never considers religion in its policing policies.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has said police only go where investigative leads take them.

But the document lists no leads justifying spying at Shiite mosques.

The document will likely renew debate over how the NYPD views Muslims in America.

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Accused cattle rustlers caught on tape

AUBURNDALE (AP) — Authorities went high tech to catch some central Florida cattle rustlers.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd says red-light cameras helped detectives track down two men accused of stealing more than a dozen cows from an Auburndale pasture. The cows were taken from Ed Davis' farm in December.

The Ledger reports 37-year-old Andres Trujillo and

29-year-old Yoinel DeVera-Guiterrez were arrested this week. They face charges of grand theft of livestock and dealing in stolen property.

Red-light camera footage shows a truck registered to Trujillo running a light the day of the thefts. It matched the description of a vehicle used in other cattle thefts. Detectives found footage of the pair selling cattle in an auction that day.



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House moves ahead with \$69.2 billion state budget

By GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A divided Florida House panel on Wednesday moved ahead with a bare-bones budget for the coming year that raises the cost of college in the state, eliminates thousands of state jobs and cuts health care programs.

The \$69.2 billion budget also provides more money for the state's public schools and sets aside money to pay for a sprinkling of tax cuts, including a small cut in the corporate income tax sought by Gov. Rick Scott. The House is also proposing a three-day back to school sales tax holiday in August.

"We have a balanced budget that funds the state priorities without raising taxes or fees," said Rep. Denise Grimsley, R-Sebring and House budget chairman.

The human cost of the proposal, however, was on view when a group of Jefferson County residents pleaded with lawmakers to spare a state prison in the rural Panhandle county that has been targeted for closing by the Scott administration. The House budget relies on savings associated with the closings of several prisons, although the House is not backing a move to close a women's prison in Hillsborough County recommended by the governor.

"I beg you, I implore you to help us," said Kirk Reams, Jefferson County clerk of the court.

Democrats tried to change the budget to save the prison but their effort was defeated when nearly all Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee voted against the proposal. Rep. Rich Glorioso, R-Plant City and chairman of the House budget committee that oversees prisons, said the Democratic plan would throw his budget out of balance.

Lawmakers entered the session with a more than \$1 billion budget shortfall and a desire to avoid tax hikes in order to fill the gap. The House budget relies on cuts across the budget to achieve that goal, including slashing money to higher education, closing prisons and cutting payments to hospitals and nursing homes.

The budget also puts additional limits on Medicaid including putting a cap on the number of emergency room visits that adults can make in one year.

While the budget does calls for layoffs and prison closings, it keeps intact a perk for thousands of state employees who pay very little for health insurance. House members agreed to keep state employee health insurance premiums at their current levels even though the cost for state is expected to go up by nearly \$50 million.

Most rank-and-file state workers pay \$50 a month for individual coverage and \$180 a month for family coverage. About 32,000



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DENISE GRIMSLEY
State representative

employees and state officials — including the governor and many legislators — pay \$8.34 a month for individual coverage or \$30 a month for family coverage. Many of these employees are among the highest paid in state government.

Grimsley defended the decision to keep premiums unchanged, noting that state workers have not gotten a pay raise in several years and last year they were asked to start paying part of their pension costs.

"We have done a lot to state employees the last few years," Grimsley said.

Scott and his wife are enrolled in the state health insurance program and pay only \$30 a month for coverage.

The governor in his budget proposal recommended making all state workers pay the same amount for health insurance.

He said Wednesday that he still planned to ask legislators to make the change even though it would raise premiums for some workers.

"The right thing is that we all should pay the same premium," Scott said. "That's what I believe should happen and I'll be looking into it. No one likes anything to go up. I just want to be fair to everybody."

Another place where the House and Scott do not agree is on college tuition. The House budget calls for an eight percent tuition hike for both colleges and state universities, although state universities have the power to raise tuition up to 15 percent without legislative approval.

Scott said this week that the state should keep tuition rates flat this year.

"We have to do what the private sector has done and what every family has done, tighten our belts," he said. "Look at how we can save money. How do we reduce costs rather than raise tuition?"

"You don't think that way in business, you know, 'gosh, it costs them more to do things so let me raise my prices.'"

Grimsley, however, contended that Scott lacks the power to block the tuition hike if it remains in the budget. She defended the hike, saying that college remains affordable in Florida and that the state's tuition rates for in-state residents remain among the lowest in the country.

The budget does include more than \$1 billion more for public schools that Scott was seeking. But the boost will only increase per-student funding by 2.27 percent.

That's because a big chunk of the extra money will help cover the cost of increased enrollment and cover the loss of local property taxes due to dropping property values.

Senate considers taxing Internet sales

Some Florida lawmakers want to force online retailers to collect the state's sales taxes.

A Senate committee on Thursday agreed to move a bill (SB 7206) that would require online retailers such as Amazon.com to collect the state's 6 percent sales tax if the retailer has a warehouse or provides commissions to Florida residents who direct customers to the website.

Floridians are supposed to pay taxes for online purchases but there's no way to enforce the law. Other states have tried to go after online

retailers but many of those laws are being challenged in court.

The Senate bill — which could have an uphill battle in the House — would require the state to hold sales tax holidays to return to taxpayers an amount equal to what's collected online.

House begins floor debate on redistricting

Redistricting is headed for final action in the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature.

But critics say the maps violate two new state constitutional amendments.

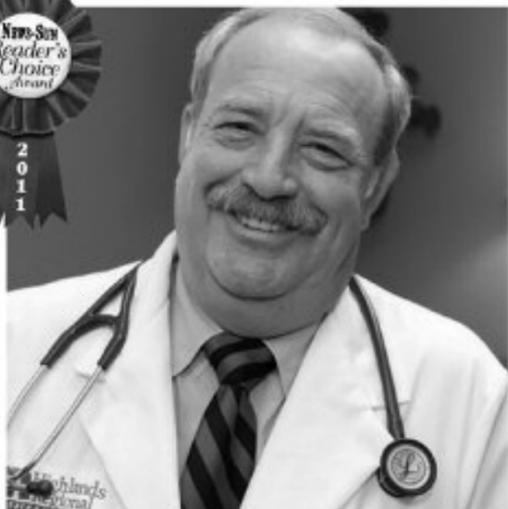
The House began floor debate on Thursday with a final vote expected today. The plans then return to the Senate, which already has passed its own set of congressional and legislative maps.

Three groups in the Fair Districts coalition, which sponsored the anti-gerrymandering amendments, contend the maps drafted by both chambers are defective.

The maps' Republican sponsors deny those allegations, so the issue is likely to be decided in court.

A final vote in the Senate could come quickly. The House plans include a proposed compromise congressional map. House and Senate leaders also have agreed to accept the map the other chamber has drawn for itself.

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NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that Sebring Mini Storage, Too and Sebring Mini Warehouse intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (section 83.80-83.809). The owner will sell at public auction on or after February 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at 1500 Lakeview Drive, 1251 Hawthorne, 542 Lemon, and 531 O-mul-la-oee.

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Units are said to contain household goods. The sale may be cancelled in the event of settlement. Should it be impossible to dispose of the goods on the day, the sale will be continued on such succeeding sale days thereafter as may be necessary to be completed.

February 3, 10, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CASE #: 2011-CA-000626
 DIVISION #:
 Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff,
 -vs.-
 Peggy Ann Baisden a/k/a Peggy Ann Yarbrough a/k/a Peggy A. Yarbrough a/k/a Peggy Yarbrough, Surviving Spouse of Alfred G. Yarbrough, Deceased; Bank of America, National Association; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, if living, 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; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, if living, 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

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY
 TO: Peggy Ann Baisden a/k/a Peggy Ann Yarbrough a/k/a Peggy A. Yarbrough a/k/a Peggy Yarbrough, Surviving Spouse of Alfred G. Yarbrough, Deceased; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 2433 north Primrose Road, Avon Park, FL 33825
 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be in infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui jurs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Highlands County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
 more commonly known as 2433 North Primrose Road, Avon Park, FL 33825.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice 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.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 20th day of January, 2012.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Circuit and County Courts
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, telephone (863)534-4690, within two (2) working days of receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

January 27; February 3, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
 CASE NO: 11-545 GCS
 KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION Plaintiff,
 vs.
 DANIEL DOANE A/K/A DANIEL A. DOANE; TAMMY DOANE; DANIEL DOANE A/K/A DANIEL A. DOANE; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, ET AL Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
 TO: TAMMY DOANE; DANIEL DOANE A/K/A DANIEL A. DOANE
 whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: LOT 10, BLOCK 38, SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES, SECTION TWO, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 3010 North Military Trail, Suite 300, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 on or before February 28, 2012 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) 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 or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 19th day of January, 2012.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 BY: /s/ Toni Kopp
 DEPUTY CLERK
 January 27; February 3, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO. PC 11-537

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET R. TAYLOR, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of MARGARET R. TAYLOR, deceased, whose date of death was September 1, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870-3867. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 3, 2012.

Co-Personal Representatives:
 /s/ Margaret Anna Beach-McLaughlin
 229 Dickinson Road
 Webster, New York 14580
 /s/ Paul A. Taylor
 450 Hollybrook Road
 Rochester, New York 14623

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives:
 /s/ Natalie R. Wilson
 WILSON LAW, P.L.
 NATALIE R. WILSON
 Florida Bar No. 0027231
 Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
 1125 Bartow Road, Suite 300
 Lakeland, Florida 33801
 Telephone: (863)682-6828
 Fax: (863) 680-2000

February 3, 10, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 Case No.: 10-CA-1182GCS
 HIGHLANDS INDEPENDENT BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JUDITH M. ABBATE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the "Final Judgment on Verified Complaint" (the "Final Judgment"), entered in the above-styled action on January 4, 2012, the Clerk of Highlands County will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, as described below at a Public Sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, on February 15, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT "A"

BEGIN at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 16, Township 35 South, Range 29 East; thence Westerly following the South Boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16, a distance of 264.75 feet to its intersection with the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 25, said said described point being marked with a 4 inch diameter concrete monument; thence Northwesterly following the Westerly right of way Line of said State Road No. 25, a distance of 550 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing on a Northwesterly direction following the Westerly right of way line of said State Road No. 25 a distance of 200 feet; thence Westerly and parallel to the South Boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16 a distance of 300 feet; thence Southeastery and parallel to said State Road No. 25, a distance of 200 feet; thence Easterly and parallel to the South Boundary of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 16 a distance of 300 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Address: 7423 U.S. Highway 27 South, Sebring, Florida 33870
 Tax ID Number: C-16-35-29-A00-0090-0000

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

BOB GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Highlands County, Florida
 /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 January 27; February 3, 2012

1050 Legals

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIRCUIT CIVIL CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000670
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 v.
 SIMON LORENZO BROWN, JR., et al., Defendants.

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000670 of the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, in, at 11:00 a.m. and on the 15th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment:

Lot 16, GRAN-LORE RANCHETTES, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 13, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

Together with that certain 1993 Fleetwood Mobile Home Identification #FLFLP70A21273SK and FLFLP70B21273SK.

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter attached to the property.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 18, 2012.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding. If hearing impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771, or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, visa Florida Relay Service.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit and County Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 January 27; February 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO: GC-11-000854
 TAYLOR BEAN AND WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CLARA LUCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARA LUCK; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; PLACID LAKES AVIATION ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FKA PLACID LAKES AVIATION ASSOCIATION, INC., AN INVOLUNTARILY DISSOLVED CORPORATION, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: CLARA LUCK A/K/A CLARA D. LUCK
 421 ARCHER ROAD
 LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
 OR
 1856 MAINE DR
 ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007
 OR
 951 W BELDEN AVE., APT. 3R
 CHICAGO, IL 60614

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLARA LUCK
 421 ARCHER ROAD
 LAKE PLACID, FL 33852
 OR
 1856 MAINE DR
 ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007
 OR
 951 W BELDEN AVE., APT. 3R
 CHICAGO, IL 60614

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:
 LOT 13, BLOCK 21, OF PLACID LAKES, SECTION 19, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Mark A. Buckles, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 19th day of January, 2012.

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, (941)534-4690, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (941)534-7777, or Florida Relay Service 800-955-8770.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 January 27; February 3, 2012

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 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on January 18, 2012.

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ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of the Circuit and County Court
 By: /s/ Toni Kopp
 Deputy Clerk
 January 27; February 5, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
 IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
 CIRCUIT CIVIL CASE NO. 28-2010-CA-000670
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
 v.
 SIMON LORENZO BROWN, JR., et al., Defendants.

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 29, entered in Case No. 28-2010-CA-000670 of the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS COUNTY, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, in, at 11:00 a.m. and on the 15th day of February, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment:

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January 3, 2012

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-7256CS

ALBERT SHACKLETON, Individually and JUNO VILLAGE REALTY INC., a Florida corporation, Plaintiffs, v. LEONA P. BALDWIN, Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment dated February 8, 2011, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 129 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on February 16, 2012, the following described property:

Lot 6 TOGETHER with One Half or 25 feet of Lot 7 abutting Lot 6, LESS a 10 foot strip for alleyway at the rear of the property, in Block 187, of WOODLAWN TERRACE, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 96 of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

DATED this 25th day of January, 2012.
 ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 Clerk of Court
 By: /s/ Priscilla Michalak
 Deputy Clerk
 January 27, February 3, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A VARIANCE REQUEST
 HEARING NO. 1209

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the HIGHLANDS COUNTY Board of Adjustment on the 14th day of February, 2012, beginning at 3:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the County Commissioners' Board Room, Highlands County Government Center Building, 600 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida, to consider a variance to allow for a front yard setback of 10.5 feet instead of the required 25 feet to place an attached carport, within the area described as follows: approximately 1/6 acre located south of Sebring and northwest of Lake Placid on Woodside Drive, between Venetian Parkway and Oak Grove Street; the address being 176 Woodside Drive, Lake Placid, Florida; and legally described as follows: Lot 48, Block 1, Venetian Village Revised, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 12, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

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

ANY PERSON WHO MIGHT WISH TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT IN PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Mrs. Melissa Bruns, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice) or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: br@hcbcc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

ONE OR MORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
 Jim Brooks, Chairman

January 29, February 3, 2012

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Five-Day forecast for Highlands County

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Breezy with clouds and sun	Partly sunny with a stray shower	Times of sun and clouds	Variable clouds, a shower possible	Mostly cloudy with showers possible
80° / 63°	81° / 62°	81° / 62°	80° / 61°	78° / 58°
Winds: E at 10-20 mph	Winds: E at 8-16 mph	Winds: ESE at 7-14 mph	Winds: E at 7-14 mph	Winds: ENE at 8-16 mph



Almanac

Temperature
Readings at Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid

High Sunday	77°
Low Sunday	54°
High Monday	79°
Low Monday	50°
High Tuesday	80°
Low Tuesday	48°
High Wednesday	81°
Low Wednesday	50°

Heat Index
For 3 p.m. today

Relative humidity	54%
Expected air temperature	79°
Makes it feel like	80°

Barometer

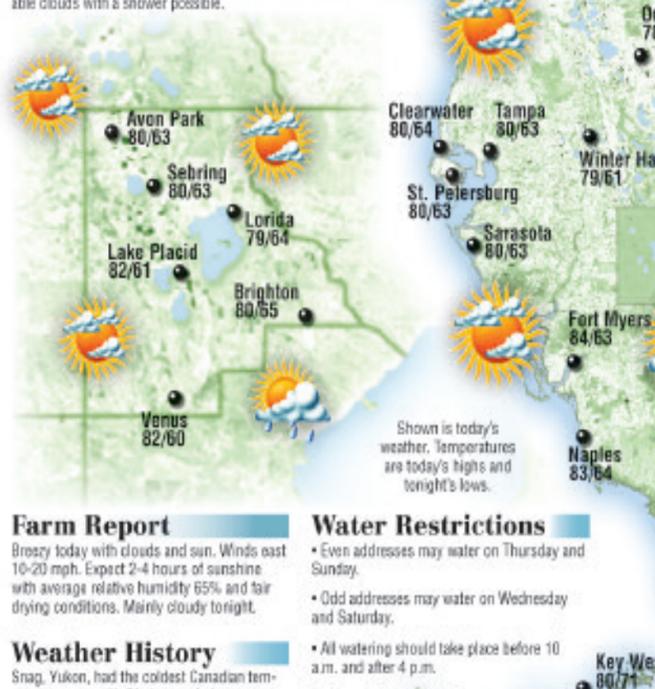
Monday	30.31
Tuesday	30.24
Wednesday	30.15

Precipitation

Monday	0.00"
Tuesday	0.00"
Wednesday	0.00"
Month to date	0.29"
Year to date	0.29"

Regional Summary

Breezy today with clouds and sun. Mainly cloudy, breezy and mild tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow with a shower in the area. Sunday: times of sun and clouds. Monday: variable clouds with a shower possible.



Farm Report

Breezy today with clouds and sun. Winds east 10-20 mph. Expect 2-4 hours of sunshine with average relative humidity 65% and fair drying conditions. Mainly cloudy tonight.

Water Restrictions

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

Weather History

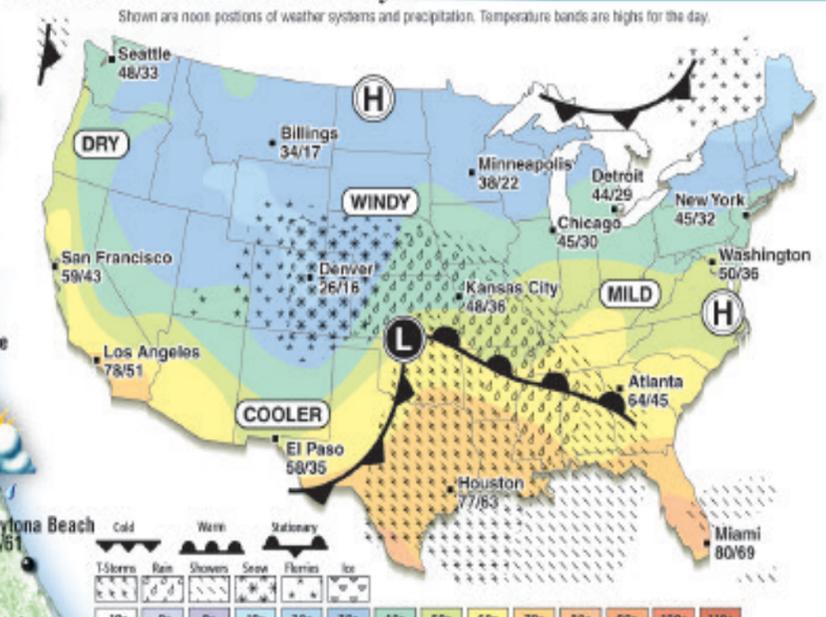
Snag, Yukon, had the coldest Canadian temperature ever, with 81 degrees below zero on Feb. 3, 1947. That same day, temperatures in Alaska dropped as low as 75 degrees below.

Sun and Moon

	Today	Saturday
Sunrise	7:10 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
Sunset	6:10 p.m.	6:11 p.m.
Moonrise	2:23 p.m.	3:18 p.m.
Moonset	3:32 a.m.	4:23 a.m.



National Forecast for February 3



National Summary

Abundant sunshine will be in place over the Northeast today, while a major storm develops over the nation's midsection. A blizzard will ramp up from eastern Colorado to central Nebraska, with heavy snow and strong gusty winds. Meanwhile, rain and strong thunderstorms will break out over the southern Plains. Some storms will produce damaging winds, large hail and torrential downpours. In the Southeast, a warm front pushing northward into the Tennessee Valley will produce some showers while temperatures remain mild.

U.S. Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Albuquerque	47/25/pc	47/25/s	49/23/pc
Atlanta	64/45/pc	59/51/r	69/48/c
Baltimore	50/32/s	47/25/c	48/22/r
Birmingham	67/52/c	65/51/r	68/48/c
Boston	35/26/s	35/26/s	40/28/pc
Charlotte	61/33/pc	56/42/r	66/44/sh
Cheyyenne	28/15/sa	29/15/pc	39/23/s
Chicago	45/30/pc	40/29/c	40/32/c
Cleveland	44/30/pc	39/31/c	39/27/c
Columbus	52/34/pc	48/30/c	49/29/c
Dallas	74/48/r	66/40/s	57/25/c
Denver	26/16/sa	31/12/c	39/18/s
Detroit	44/29/pc	43/39/pc	40/27/c
Harlemburg	46/31/s	46/29/pc	49/26/c
Honolulu	80/84/s	79/84/s	77/88/s
Houston	77/63/r	71/48/r	57/49/r
Indianapolis	54/37/pc	50/35/r	49/31/c
Jackson, MS	70/60/r	73/53/r	68/46/c
Kansas City	48/36/r	45/28/r	43/24/pc
Lexington	60/41/pc	54/43/r	55/36/c
Little Rock	64/53/r	70/42/c	59/38/c
Los Angeles	78/51/s	79/51/pc	77/53/pc
Louisville	60/43/pc	55/46/r	57/37/c
Memphis	63/56/r	71/48/r	59/42/c
Minneapolis	48/29/pc	41/30/pc	39/25/c
Mississippi	38/22/c	34/22/pc	33/24/c
Nashville	65/45/pc	55/31/r	61/41/c
New Orleans	75/62/r	76/61/r	71/53/r
New York City	45/32/s	42/30/pc	44/33/pc
Norfolk	47/34/s	52/42/pc	55/37/r
Oklahoma City	68/42/r	54/31/pc	49/29/pc
Philadelphia	48/33/s	48/32/pc	48/33/c
Phoenix	66/46/s	68/45/r	71/50/s
Pittsburgh	47/27/pc	43/28/c	42/22/c
Portland, ME	36/17/s	33/16/r	36/16/pc
Portland, OR	48/31/pc	49/33/pc	49/32/pc
Raleigh	60/36/pc	58/47/c	57/40/r
Rochester	35/26/pc	37/27/pc	35/24/pc
St. Louis	56/43/r	55/40/r	50/33/c
San Francisco	59/43/s	69/44/pc	62/45/pc
Seattle	48/33/pc	47/34/pc	47/35/pc
West, DC	50/36/s	51/39/c	54/32/r

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
Acapulco	90/72/s	88/70/s	89/73/s
Athens	56/49/r	60/51/s	60/46/s
Bahia	64/55/s	67/57/s	70/58/s
Berlin	17/5/c	18/7/s	19/8/c
Bermuda	67/58/s	64/58/pc	64/58/pc
Calgary	48/18/s	43/32/s	46/15/s
Dublin	41/37/pc	45/35/r	46/31/pc
Edmonton	40/17/s	31/17/s	36/3/s
Fredericton	76/67/pc	76/64/pc	77/67/pc
Geneva	24/4/s	20/4/s	24/10/s
Havana	83/66/c	83/66/s	85/69/r
Hong Kong	63/59/c	68/64/c	72/68/sh
Jerusalem	56/44/pc	58/43/s	63/48/s
Johannesburg	79/58/r	79/58/sh	75/61/r
Kiev	7/5/pc	19/18/sa	22/19/c
London	34/27/pc	38/34/pc	43/32/pc
Montreal	25/7/pc	21/12/pc	27/19/pc
Moscow	1/-7/pc	1/-2/c	10/7/sa
Nice	36/3/s	48/31/pc	49/31/pc
Ottawa	30/10/pc	25/14/pc	34/15/pc
Quebec	19/1/pc	19/5/r	23/14/pc
Rio de Janeiro	81/72/s	80/73/s	81/74/s
Saoal	27/19/pc	32/18/pc	35/25/pc
Singapore	86/75/s	86/75/sh	86/75/s
Sydney	75/64/r	80/65/pc	84/65/s
Toronto	36/17/pc	31/21/pc	36/24/pc
Vancouver	47/39/pc	47/41/pc	49/35/pc
Vienna	18/10/pc	19/12/sh	21/14/sa
Warsaw	8/-5/s	8/-1/c	10/5/sa
Winnipeg	31/19/s	23/19/s	36/10/s

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6oz Top Sirloin.....	\$10
8oz Cow Patty Chopped Steak.....	\$9
8oz Marinated Chicken Breas.....	\$8
Swai Fish (Fried or Grilled).....	\$9
Shrimp (Fried or Grilled).....	\$10

Pasta

Pasta Dishes include a small Garden or Caesar salad. No substitutes. Half order of Northern or Southern Pasta.

Garden Fresh.....	\$8
Chicken.....	\$9
Shrimp.....	\$10

LUNCH MENU

Something To Poke At!

Jalapeno Poppers.....	5
Fried Mushrooms.....	5
Zucchini Fries.....	5
Loaded Potato Wedges.....	5
Fried Pickles.....	6

Salads

Garden Salad.....	5
Caesar Salad.....	5
Add Tunda or Chicken Salad.....	4
Add Grilled Chicken Breast.....	4

Wings

Chicken Wings (Breaded or Naked).....	8
Additional Dressing or Celery.....	50¢

Sandwiches

Hamburger.....	7
Philly Beef Sandwich.....	8
Philly Chicken Sandwich.....	8
Chicken Sandwich.....	7
Fish Sandwich.....	7
BBQ Pork Sandwich.....	7
Tuna or Chicken Salad Wrap.....	8
Italian Sausage.....	7

Extras

Sweet Potato Fries.....	4
French Fries.....	4
Freshly Fried Potato Chips.....	4

LUNCH SERVED DAILY!

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District title clash on tap

Lady Dragons roll to title game

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – It was a sea of green in the city of red Tuesday night as the Lake Placid faithful took their seats in hopes of seeing their Lady Dragons take the next step in this turnaround season.

The Ladies from the Lake did just that, running past DeSoto, 62-37, to advance to the District 10-4A

Tournament title game Friday night.

And while the Dragons had handled the Lady Bulldogs

twice during the regular season, they weren't quite run-aways, with December's 60-44 win being trimmed to 55-43 in January.

"We knew we'd have to try and slow down number 5 (Tishonna Riley) and number 15 (Ladeja Dennis)," Lake Placid head coach Jackie Coyne said.

And while they didn't

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News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Alex Coyne went for a team-high 20 points Tuesday night in Lake Placid's district tournament win over DeSoto.

Lady Devils lock up title game slot

By DAN HOEHNE

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AVON PARK – Having just watched county rival Lake Placid secure its' spot in the District 10-4A tournament title game, the Lady Red Devils of Avon Park could well have been caught looking past their own opponent Tuesday night.

But that wasn't at all the case in the 56-22 semifinal win over Frostproof, with a stifling, turnover creating defense that set the tone early and paved the way to the easy win.

Johntavia Perry totaled 18 points to lead the Devils, with Brekayla English adding 11 as Avon Park's entire roster got some court time throughout the contest.

The win sets up the season rubber match against the Lady Dragons for the ultimate prize.

Two prizes, in fact, as a win would secure not only the district championship, but also a home game to start the state playoffs.

The Lady Devils came back late to take a 52-50 win at home against Lake Placid, before being shell-shocked in a 54-30 loss at the Dragons lair in January.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Brekayla English follows through on a free throw in Tuesday's rout of Frostproof.

"I know they are over that (loss)," head coach Paulette Daley said. "With every loss you have to learn from it. You have to prepare and learn from the mistakes you made."

And to help ensure that mindset takes hold, Daley plans for her girls to put in the work.

"We are going to get in the

gym, get the girls ready and work on some things," she said. "I know Lake Placid is going to come in ready and I know we are going to be ready. It is going to be interesting."

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. tonight in the Avon Park High School gym, which promises to be rocking with a blend of red and green.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE

Morgan Huhn made this diving catch in the Lady Panthers opener Tuesday, but South Florida dropped both ends of the doubleheader against Central Florida.

Lady Panthers drop twinbill

By LAUREN WELBORN

News-Sun correspondent

AVON PARK – The South Florida Community College softball team took on visiting College of Central Florida Tuesday to kick off the regular season but fell just short in the opener of the twin bill with a final score of 3-1.

"It's a start," said head coach Carlos Falla. "We made two mistakes that would've kept the game closer."

"We had six freshmen starting and nerves came into play. CCF just came back from a four-win tournament and we were just a little fresh."

Led by starting pitcher Julia Deyoe, the Panthers held down any offensive threats until the top of the third when a well-placed double to deep left field put CCF up 1-0.

The Lady Panthers were quick to respond with a

run of their own to settle the score as Breanna Shearin ripped one up the middle to bring Lexi Belardi safely across the plate.

However, CCF took advantage of their last at-bat in the seventh, blasting a home run that would peak their two-run lead.

As the team raked the field and prepared for the second game, Falla said, "Everyone is going to play this game so we can see different combinations and setups and see what works for us."

Not much did in the nightcap, as Central Florida rolled to an 8-0 win, giving the Lady Panthers more work to put in.

South Florida was on the road Thursday at Lake Sumter and return home for a Saturday matinee against Palm Beach State at 1 p.m.

Morris is South Carolina bound

By DAN HOEHNE

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SEBRING – As fax machines burned hot all around the country, Highlands County joined in National Signing Day with offensive lineman Patric Morris signing a scholarship to attend Division I - AA Charleston Southern University in Charleston, SC.

"It's exciting and nerve-wracking all at the same time," Morris said.

After visiting the campus last June, Morris knew the Buccaneers were a good fit, although he will be making a switch in position.

"They want me to try playing center, which I've never played before," he said. "I will be doing a lot of snapping to get ready."

But for the three year varsity starter, hard work is not going to get in his way.

"Even as a junior, he was our best lineman," head coach LaVaar Scott said. "He had some injury problems, but he worked hard to get back and then he was right back at it, pancaking people."

"It feels real good to have a player going to a Division I school," Scott continued. "And he's a smart kid. Making the switch to center, making the calls at the line, he'll be able to pick it up and do well."



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
Flanked by parents Mark and Maria, along with, assistant coach Jim Howard, head coach LaVaar Scott and athletic director Chris Cook, Sebring's Patric Morris joined in the national signing day festivities by making his commitment to Charleston Southern University on Wednesday.

Morris will major in Business and will have the chance to block for a familiar face, as Avon Park's Teddy Allen was the team's leading rusher last season.

"I'm a bit reluctant," Morris said, alluding to the nerves of making the break from home and family. "But I know I have to do it at some point, take that next step."



Courtesy photo
Lisette Marasigan goes up for two of her 11 points in the Lady Eagles 60-12 district semifinal win on Tuesday.

One step closer to perfection

Special to the News-Sun

LAKE WALES – Undefeated through a remarkable regular season, the Lady Eagles of Walker Memorial are looking to make it a clean sweep through the District 7-2A tournament at the Vanguard School in Lake Wales.

The Eagles cruised through the season, averaging nearly 53 points per game and giving up an average of just 24 per contest.

Another lopsided victory was seen Tuesday with a 60-12 win over Oasis Christian

School of Winter Haven.

Walker jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back, with a tough defense creating turnovers and turning them into fast-break opportunities.

The Lady Eagles lead 21-2 after one, 35-6 at the half and pitched a third-quarter shutout, going 13-0 for a 48-6 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

Lisette Marasigan lead 10 points in the scoring column with 11 points, with Kristelle Lagabon adding 10 and Rachel Reid eight.

Reid also added 15 rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots to her crowded stat sheet.

More gaudy stats were seen as Toni Garcia had 10 rebounds, Lagabon had 10 steals and six assists and Breanna Washington pulled down nine rebounds.

Now 18-0, Walker Memorial looks to claim the district tournament championship Saturday night against All Saints Academy of Winter Haven – a team they topped by 11 and 10 points during the regular season.

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at Vanguard.

Walker
60
Oasis
12

THE SCOREBOARD



LIVE
SPORTS
ON TV

National Football League

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 7
Houston 31, Cincinnati 10
New Orleans 45, Detroit 28
Sunday, Jan. 8
New York Giants 24, Atlanta 2
Denver 29, Pittsburgh 23, OT

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 14
San Francisco 36, New Orleans 32
New England 45, Denver 10
Sunday, Jan. 15
Baltimore 20, Houston 13
N.Y. Giants 37, Green Bay 20

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 22
New England 23, Baltimore 20
N.Y. Giants 20, San Francisco 17, OT

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Honolulu
AFC 59, NFC 41

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Indianapolis
New England vs. N.Y. Giants, 6:20 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	16	6	.727	—
Boston	11	10	.524	4½
New York	8	13	.381	7½
New Jersey	8	15	.348	8½
Toronto	7	16	.304	9½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	16	6	.727	—
Miami	16	6	.727	—
Orlando	13	9	.591	3
Washington	4	18	.182	12
Charlotte	3	20	.130	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	18	6	.750	—
Indiana	15	6	.714	1½
Milwaukee	10	11	.476	6½
Cleveland	8	12	.400	8
Detroit	4	20	.167	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	14	9	.609	—
San Antonio	14	9	.609	—
Houston	12	10	.545	1½
Memphis	11	10	.524	2
New Orleans	4	18	.182	9½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	17	4	.810	—
Denver	14	7	.667	3
Utah	12	8	.600	4½
Portland	13	9	.591	4½
Minnesota	10	12	.455	7½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	13	6	.684	—
L.A. Lakers	13	9	.591	1½
Phoenix	8	13	.381	6
Golden State	7	12	.368	6
Sacramento	6	15	.286	8

Tuesday's Games

Boston 93, Cleveland 90
Indiana 106, New Jersey 99
Atlanta 100, Toronto 77
New York 113, Detroit 86
Memphis 100, Denver 97, OT
Golden State 93, Sacramento 90
L.A. Lakers 106, Charlotte 73

Wednesday's Games

Orlando 109, Washington 103
Philadelphia 98, Chicago 82
Boston 100, Toronto 64
New Jersey 99, Detroit 96
Oklahoma City 95, Dallas 86
Phoenix 120, New Orleans 103
Indiana 109, Minnesota 99
Milwaukee 105, Miami 97
San Antonio 99, Houston 91
Portland 112, Charlotte 68
L.A. Clippers 107, Utah 105

Thursday's Games

Memphis at Atlanta, late
Chicago at New York, late
New Orleans at San Antonio, late
Portland at Sacramento, late
Utah at Golden State, late
Denver at L.A. Clippers, late

Friday's Games

Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New York at Boston, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

Player	Team	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant	LAL	243	143	659	30.0
James	MIA	225	156	623	29.7
Durant	OKC	198	129	558	26.6
Love	MIN	178	159	556	25.3
Anthony	NYK	143	115	426	23.7
Rose	CHI	154	104	438	23.1
Aldridge	POR	201	94	497	22.6
Westbrook	OKC	175	96	459	21.9
Griffin	LAC	169	71	410	21.6

Player	Team	Reb	AST	AVG	
Howard	ORL	82	257	339	15.4
Love	MIN	91	209	300	13.6
Bynum	LAL	57	161	218	12.1
Varejao	CLE	93	136	229	11.5
Griffin	LAC	63	150	213	11.2
Cousins	SAC	87	134	221	11.1
Gasol	MEM	46	177	223	10.6
Humphries	NJN	82	138	220	10.5

Player	Team	Stl	BLK	AVG
Nash	PHX	19	189	9.9
Rondo	BOS	13	122	9.4
Paul	LAC	14	127	9.1
Rubio	MIN	22	192	8.7
D. Williams	NJN	22	186	8.5
Calderon	TOR	23	193	8.4
Lowry	HOU	20	159	8.0
Rose	CHI	19	147	7.7
Parker	SAN	23	176	7.7

Player	Team	Games	STL	AVG
Paul	LAC	14	35	2.50
Conley	MEM	19	47	2.47
Shumpert	NYK	17	37	2.18
Westbrook	OKC	21	45	2.14
Rubio	MIN	22	47	2.14
Teague	ATL	22	45	2.05
Lowry	HOU	20	40	2.00

Player	Team	Games	BLK	AVG
McGee	WAS	22	66	3.00
Jordan	LAC	19	55	2.89
Ibaka	OKC	21	58	2.76

National Hockey League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	32	12	5	69	136	100
Philadelphia	29	14	6	64	163	144
Pittsburgh	29	18	4	62	157	132
New Jersey	27	19	3	57	133	139
N.Y. Islanders	20	22	7	47	120	145

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	32	14	2	66	175	105
Ottawa	27	20	6	60	160	164
Toronto	26	19	6	58	156	152
Buffalo	21	24	6	48	122	151
Montreal	19	22	9	47	131	137

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	23	15	11	57	126	138
Washington	26	20	4	56	141	145
Winnipeg	23	22	6	52	126	144
Tampa Bay	22	23	4	48	140	168
Carolina	18	25	9	45	132	164

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	34	16	1	69	163	118
Nashville	31	16	4	66	145	131
St. Louis	29	13	7	65	124	102
Chicago	29	15	7	65	164	147
Columbus	13	32	6	32	117	172

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	31	15	4	66	161	124
Minnesota	24	19	7	55	119	131
Colorado	26	24	2	54	133	147
Calgary	23	22	6	52	121	140
Edmonton	19	26	5	43	125	144

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	28	14	6	62	137	110
Los Angeles	25	16	10	60	114	113
Dallas	26	21	2	54	132	138
Phoenix	22	21	8	52	131	138
Anaheim	19	24	7	45	130	151

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

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO
Winnipeg 2, Philadelphia 1, SO
Pittsburgh 5, Toronto 4, SO
Boston 4, Ottawa 3
N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 2
Buffalo 3, Montreal 1
Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3, OT
Nashville 5, Minnesota 4
Detroit 3, Calgary 1
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 1

Edmonton 3, Colorado 2
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2, OT
San Jose 6, Columbus 0

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 1, Buffalo 0, SO
Toronto 1, Pittsburgh 0
Florida 4, Washington 2
Dallas 6, Anaheim 2
Los Angeles 3, Columbus 2

Thursday's Games

Carolina at Boston, late
Montreal at New Jersey, late
Nashville at Philadelphia, late
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, late
Minnesota at Colorado, late
Chicago at Edmonton, late
Detroit at Vancouver, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Friday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Columbus at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
Malkin	PIT	27	32	59
Giroux	PHI	18	37	55
Stamkos	TB	33	21	54
Tavares	NYI	22	31	53
Hossa	CHI	20	33	53
Datsyuk	DET	14	39	53
H. Sedin	VAN	11	42	53
D. Sedin	VAN	22	30	52
Lupul	TOR	20	32	52
Toews	CHI	27	24	51
Kessel	TOR	26	25	51
Spezza	OTT	20	30	50
Neal	PIT	27	21	48
Karlsson	OTT	8	40	48

3 tied with 47 pts.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Sent RHP Kevin Whelan outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with INF Carlos Guillen on a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Cordero on a one-year contract.
Designated OF Darin Mastroianni for assignment.

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Juan Cruz on a minor league contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Durbin on a minor-league contract.

LOCAL SCHEDULE



TODAY: Boys Basketball at Windermere Prep, 5:30/7 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Basketball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD



TODAY: Boys Basketball at Fort Meade, 6/7:30 p.m.; Softball at Pre-Season Classic, Clewiston, 5:30 p.m.
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at District Tournament, Mulberry, TBD.
TUESDAY: Boys Tennis vs. Hardee, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Hardee, 4:30 p.m.



TODAY: Wrestling at District Tournament, TBD
MONDAY: Boys Basketball at District Tournament, Kathleen, 7 p.m.; Girls Tennis at Lake Gibson, 4 p.m.
TUESDAY: Boys Tennis at All Saints Academy, 4 p.m.



TODAY: Baseball vs. Broward College, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY: Baseball vs. Sante Fe College, Doubleheader, Noon; Softball vs. Palm Beach State College, 1 p.m.
MONDAY: Baseball at Indian River State College, 2:30 p.m.

SPORTS SNAPSHOTS

AP softball registration

AVON PARK — Avon Park Girls Softball will be holding registration for girls, ages 4-15, on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the girls' field on Anoka Street.
Need to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.
Any questions, please call Kim Bennett at 443-1043.

Scholarship Golf

SEBRING — The Second Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, March 31, at the Country Club of Sebring.

The four-man scramble with handicap flights has a \$65 entry fee per person.
Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m.
Entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart and lunch.

Contests: Great prizes for Hole-in-One, Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.
Make checks payable to Wings of Faith CWC Scholarship Fund.
For questions contact Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or Jerome Matthews at 273-2533.
Submit entries by Monday, March 26.
All proceeds benefit college-bound senior graduates, Class of 2012.

GOLS Indoor Soccer League

AVON PARK — Registration for GOLS Indoor Soccer League is Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to Noon at First Baptist Church of Avon Park.
Sign-ups will take place in the Family Life Center (old Avon Park Recreation Center across from the tennis courts downtown Avon Park).

The GOLS Indoor Soccer League is a co-ed league for 13- to 18-year olds.
Registration is \$12 and is limited to the first 40 players to sign up.
For insurance purposes, please bring identification with proof of age.

Each team plays one game a week at 6:30 p.m. (Tuesday or Thursday) from Feb. 14-Apr. 19, ending with a tournament.
GOLS (Goals Of Life and Soccer) is in its ninth year as a ministry of First Baptist Church of Avon Park.
Participants learn soccer and team skills from certified coaches.
For more information, contact Coach Severn at 452-1250 or Coach Virkler at 385-3235.

Rotary Day at the Ball Park

AVON PARK — A Barbeque benefiting the South Florida State College baseball and softball programs will be held Saturday, Feb. 4.
Tickets are \$8, which gets you pulled pork, cole slaw, baked beans, bun and ice tea from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Action on the field gets underway with a baseball doubleheader beginning at Noon and a softball doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

Women's Club Tourney

SEBRING — The Sebring Women's Club will be hosting its' second annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 18, on the Turtle Run Course at Sun 'N Lake.
Check-in is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.
The tournament is a 4-person scramble format, open to both men and women.
Cost is \$55 per player, or \$220 per

team, and includes 18 holes of golf, cart fee, lunch and prizes.

A putting contest is available, as well as a \$2,000 Hole-In-One prize being sponsored by The Cohan Radio Group.

Entry forms are available at local pro shops and are to be sent to The Woman's Club of Sebring, P.O.Box 8174, Sebring, FL 33872. Registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 13.

To obtain an entry form or more information contact Johnell West at 382-0824.

The proceeds are to benefit the Women's Club of Sebring Scholarship Fund and numerous community service projects.

Florida Trail Association

The Florida Trail Association - Heartland Chapter has plenty of outings schedule for the month of February.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4-5
Activity: Trail Maintenance — come for the day or overnight

Location: Green Swamp, Lakeland, FL Meet at Rock Ridge Rd. gate.

Directions: From US-98 in north Lakeland turn east on Rock Ridge Rd., at fork bear left and continue 4.2 miles to gate on your left. From SR-33 in Polk City travel north, turn left (west) on Dean Still Rd., turn left on Rock Ridge Rd., after 2 or 3 miles gate will be on your right.

Bring water, snacks, lunch, sun and insect protection, and camping gear if camping.

Contact: Bob Yost at 644-5448 or bobalinks3@yahoo.com for meet up time and other information.

Saturday, Feb. 11
Activity: Trail Maintenance

Location: Willingham Trail — Avon Park Bombing Range. Meet at Log Cabin Building No. 600.

Contact: Bob Hummel at 471-1814.
Also RSVP to the chapter online Meet-up page at www.meetup.com/Heartland-FTA/calendar.

Saturday, Feb.18
Activity: Day Hike — approx. 5 miles



Senior Tip MASTER STROKES

Freezing Is A Top-10 'Death Move'

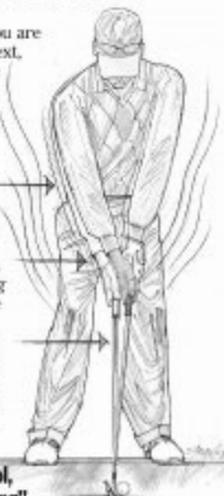
The cure (for amateurs and seniors):

From behind the ball, first decide what shot you are going to hit, along with one key swing thought. Next, make a slow, smooth and rhythmic walk to the side of the ball. Hold the club in just your right-hand fingers, feeling the weight of the clubhead. As you step into the shot and place the clubhead behind the ball, stay relaxed and calm, and aim the leading edge of the club at your target. Now kick into your routine, meaning do the same thing every time. Waggle your clubhead while initiating your "micro move" to start your swing, and just GO!

Micro move: 1) A forward press with the hands. 2) A slight kick of the right knee prior to starting the club away. 3) A mini bump forward with the hips toward the target.

Bottom line: You must rhythmically prepare your body to swing the club while not allowing tension to creep in by freezing over the golf ball. Having some type of micro move to start off your swing with rhythm and momentum is key to becoming a top ball striker.

By Jim McLean, owner, Jim McLean Golf School, author of the best-selling books "The Slot Swing" and "The 8-Step Swing," illustrated by Phil Franke



Golf Hammock

The Ladies Golf Association played a Low Gross/Low Net event Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Taking the Low Gross in the First Flight was Laura Kebberly with an 83, while Marian Passafume was second at 90.

Low Net for the flight went to Carol Troup and her 63, with Lorraine Friend and Betty Clarke tying for second with 65s.

In the Second Flight, Joyce Stanley won Low Gross with a 93 and Wanda Hastie was second with a 97.

Low Net for the flight saw Joan Armbruster come in with a 65 for first and Eleanor Short take second with a 67.

Last Monday, Jan. 30, the Mezza Group played Individual Pro-Am golf at Golf Hammock Country Club.

Frank Borgia made plus 4 in A group for first place and Mike Lajiness in second place at minus 1.

In B group first place was Mike Winchester at plus 6 and a tie between Harvey Kecskes and Stan Griffis was at plus 3 for second place.

C group saw a tie for first place between Pat Dell and Bobby Culberson at plus 5.

Doug Haire took first place in D group with plus 2 and Dick Botelho in second place at minus 1.

Tony Frances played well with a plus 8 to take first place in E group and Gerry Geouque at even.

In F group Bill Alesi was in first place with plus 2 and Ned Bauer in second place at even.

Wayne Meyer scored plus 4 that was good for first place in G group and Bob Hughes at plus 3 for second place.

In H group Don Meitz was in first place with plus 5 and Larry Hedley in second place with plus 2.

Harold Traxler made plus 6 that was good for first place in I group and Jim Freese in second place with plus 1.

Bill Katcher scored plus 2 in J group for first place and Jean Terrell in second place with plus 1.

Ron Geouque made plus 5 in K group and Janet Howland was even for second place.

Next Monday the Mezza Group will have a modified shotgun start beginning at 8 a.m. at Golf Hammock CC.

Please arrive early to register. For more info information, call Pete Mezza at 414-1210.

Harder Hall

The Ladies League played an event this past Monday, Jan. 30.

The winners were: First place, Mary Ryan with plus-4. Tying for second/third places were Joyce Himler and Carol Grimm with plus-2 each.

Chip-in: No. 6, Mary Ryan; and No. 18, Helen Sayre.

The Ladies League played a Low Putts event last Thursday, Jan. 26.

The winners were: First place, Billie Aydelotte with 28. Tying for second/third/fourth/fifth/sixth places

were Joyce Flemming, Marilyn Armstrong, Helen Sayre, Donna Maki and Diane Darroch with 33 each.

Chip-ins: No. 1, Lorraine Forcier; No. 3, Helen Sayre; No. 5, Liz Reinhardt; and No. 10 and 11, Donna Maki.

Lake June West

A Scramble was played on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Tying for first/second/third/fourth places were the teams of Ron Hesson, Charlotte Mathew, Bob and Verna Knishka, Bill Hintz and Don Boulton;

Joe and Joyce Swartz, Wayne Eades, Walt Nagle, Jean Westerfield and Cal Billingsley;

Doyan Eades, Larry Heath, John and Gloria Huggett Mario Cappelletti and Jane Roush;

John and Kim Givens, Kim Fiers, Betty Brevard, Ken Rowen and George Cloud with 49 each.

Closest to the pin: (Ladies), No. 2, Jane Roush, 1-foot-8-inches; and No. 8, Joyce Swartz, 7-feet-9-inches. (Men), No. 4, John Simmons, 4-feet-6-inches.

The Men's Association played a Men's League event on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Tying for first/second/third places were the teams of Claude Cash, Cal Billingsley, Rod Martin, Pat Houlihan and Walt Nagel;

Dick Denhart, Art Schmeltz, Ott Wegner, Bill Brouhle and Joe Swartz;

Doyan Eades, Mario Cappelletti, Howard Langston, Bob Knishka and Angelo Iorlano with 38 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Jim Lynch, 5-feet-4.75-inches; No. 4, John Simmons, 6-feet-4-inches; and No. 8, Ron Vanmeter, 13-feet-8-inches.

The Ladies Association played a Ladies League event on Monday, Jan. 23.

Winning first place was the team of Mary McNamee, Elaine Orr, Doris Weeks and Laurie Lorig with 35. Tying for second/third places were the teams of Helene Mellon, Margaret Schultz, Carol Colbert and Marie Ailor;

Jane Roush, Kim Givens, Donna Palmatier and Barbara Cash with 38 each.

Closest to the pin: No. 2, Virginia Simmons, 3-feet-4-inches; No. 4, Betty Billau, 3-feet-5-inches; and No. 8, Doris Weeks, 10-feet-8-inches.

Placid Lakes

The Men's Association played a Two-Man, Best Balls Scramble event last Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Winning first place were Ken

Burnette and Larry Kress with 64.2; second place, Frank Fisher and Jim Hays with 64.4; and third place, Darrell Gardner and David Moiles with 66.2.

The Men's Association played a One Best Ball Front, Two Best Balls Back event last Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Tying for first/second places were the teams of Von Lacy, Linda Archambault and Janice Geiger; Bobbie Miller, Pat Haas and Dee Dee Harstine with minus-13 each.

Third place, Sue Mackey, Andrea Burdick, Barb Moriarity and Helen Hunter with minus-9.

Closest to the pin: No. 13, Karen Wallin, 15-feet-2-inches.

River Greens

The Golfettes played a Flighted Tournament on Tuesday, Jan. 31, and saw Anne Kelly win the first flight Low Gross, while Dianne Stoddart had Low Net for the flight.

The Second Flight Low Gross went to Peggy Wehunt with Pat Kincer taking Low Net.

Jeannine Persails had Low Gross for the Third Flight, with Babe McDonald and Donna Johnson tying for Low Net.

Fourth Flight Low Gross honors went to Kay Conkle and Sally Sworak had Low Net.

The Morrison Group played a 4, 3, 2 Repeat event on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The team of Gil Heier, Bill Mountford, Harold Plagens and Clark Austin came out on top with a -40, while Don McDonald, Bob Stevens, Dick Garceau and Leo Persails were second at -38.

Keith Kincer, Fred Evans, Butch Smith and Ken Brunswick were third at -34.

The Morrison Group hit the course Monday, Jan. 30, for a Pro-Am Points

event.

Frank Conroy, Fred Evans, Al Farrell and Gil Heier came in with +19, to edge out the +18 brought in by Clark Austin, Bob Streeter, Tim Thomas and Gordon Clauws.

The Limited Group played Team and Individual Pro-Am Points on Monday, Jan. 30.

Denny Yockey, John Hierhaltzer, Berk Hyde and Carolyn Hyde totaled +12 for the team win, with Ed and Judy Ward, Dennis and Sherry Delisle taking second with +9.

Individually, Dennis Delisle had a +6 1/2 for first, Yockey had +6 for second and Carolyn Hyde and F. Charlier tied for third with +4 apiece.

A Men's Day event was played on Saturday, Jan. 28, and saw Bill Mountford, Russ Rudd, Butch Smith and Leo Persails take first with -43.

Bill Roberts, Len Westdale, Tom Morway and Tim Thomas were second at -35, with Ken Koon, Joe Craig, Bob Wolf and Don McDonald third at -34.

Lefty St. Pierre, Fred Evans, Bob Stevens and Frank Conroy were fourth at -31.

Getting closest to the pin were T. Smutnick getting to 12-feet, 4-inches from No. 3, Leo Persails getting to 9-feet, 2-inches from No. 5, Russ Rudd hitting to within 4-feet, 10-inches from No. 12 and Harold Plagens to 5-feet, 2-inches from No. 17.

A Ladies Pro-Am was played on Thursday, Jan. 26, with Dianne Stoddart, Peggy Wehunt, Kay Conkle and Gerrie Leslie totaling +8 1/2 for the win.

Betty Leblanc, Anne Purcell, Janet Regan and Babe McDonald were second at +6 while Carol Roy, Jeannine Persails, Anne Kelly and Linda Therrien were third at +4 1/2.

Leslie won, individually, with +7, Therrien was next at +6 1/2, Wehunt third at +4 1/2 and Betty Wallace was fourth at +4.

The Morrison Group teed it up on Thursday, Jan. 26, and had Kenny Brunswick, Tim Thomas, Joe Graf and Leo Persails take first with -40.

Len Westdale, Jim Cercy, Don McDonald and Wayne Carlin were second at -35, with Ray Delsasso, Frank Conroy, Ken Koon and Lefty St. Pierre third at -30.

Romy Febre, Keith Kincer, Paul Johnson and Fred Evans were fourth at -29.

A Men's Pro-Am was played on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Leo Persails, Gordon Clauws, Al Farrell and Lefty St. Pierre won with a

+7 and Clark Austin, Larry Roy, Keith Kincer and Gil Heier were second at +6.

Frank Conroy, Bob Wolf, Fred Evans and Terry Lewis tied for third at +2 with John Yoder, Tim Thomas, Johnny Wehunt and Dave Stoddart.

Individually, J.R. Messier won A flight with +8 1/2, with Romy Febre second at +3 1/2.

B Flight went to Frank Conroy's +3, with Vince Boever second at +1 1/2.

C Flight was won by Gil Heier's +6 1/2, with Leo Persails second at +4 and Lefty St. Pierre won D Flight with +4, over John Yoder's +3 1/2 for second.

The Golfettes took to the course on Tuesday, Jan. 24, with Peggy Wehunt, Pat Kincer, Betty Wallace and Peggy Nicholson taking first with a -25.

Linda Therrien, Fran Neil, Pat Gower and Lucy Roberts were second at -19, with Laura Smutnick, Jeannine Persails and Patti Wedge third at -17.

The Morrison Group played a round on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Bob Stevens, Gordon Clauws, Cliff Steele and Frank Conroy took first with -28, three ahead of the -25 brought in by Jim Cercy, Kenny Brunswick, Bob Wolf and Len Westdale.

SpringLake

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, the SpringLake Men's Golf Association conducted a Four Man Team (ABCD players) in which the Best 2 Balls (net of handicap) on the Front Nine and the Best 3 Balls on the Back Nine made up the score.

This was played on the Panther Creek course, which has three new or reconfigured holes.

The winning team was made up of Gerry Esty, Dale Stevens, John Schroeder and a Blind.

They got first place with a score of 160 strokes.

Taking second place with 161 net strokes was Bill Lawens, Kirby Gann, Will David and a Blind.

Third place, at 163 strokes, went to the team of Charlie Scoven, John Delaney, Leon Van and Bob Berg.

Coming in fourth place was Jan Hard, Wayne Nelson, Larry Meisner and Vern Hoffman with 165 strokes.

With the course in great shape and the beautiful weather, the golfing was really fun.

Florida signs 23 players to letters of intent

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE —

Florida coach Will Muschamp said all last season that for the Gators to challenge for the Southeastern Conference title they needed to upgrade both lines of scrimmage.

He moved closer to getting it done Wednesday.

Muschamp's second recruiting class included eight defensive linemen and the top-rated offensive tack-

le in the country.

The Gators, however, finished with just eight offensive players.

The 23-player class, ranked fourth by ESPN, could improve if receiver Stefon Diggs ends up in Gainesville.

The 6-foot-1 wideout from Olney, Md., will announce his decision Feb. 10.

Muschamp wanted to sign more, but he lost out on four players on national signing



day.

Receiver Nelson Agholor picked Florida State, cornerback Tracy Howard selected Miami, defensive end Leonard Williams chose Southern Cal and offensive lineman Avery Young preferred Auburn.

Howard picks Miami, giving 'Canes class a boost

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIRAMAR —

Tracy Howard says he expects the NCAA to impose sanctions against Miami. He wants to play for the Hurricanes anyway.

The defensive back rated as the nation's best by some recruiting services has chosen the Hurricanes, giving Miami's rebuilding efforts a huge boost.

Howard played his high school ball for state power

Miramar High and turned down Florida and Florida State, among others.

Howard signed his letter Wednesday.

He largely ignored Miami during his recruiting saga, and until the last few days was considered likely to sign with Florida.

Miami is the subject of an NCAA investigation because of claims made by a former booster, who said he supplied athletes and recruits with extra benefits from 2002

through 2010.

It's unknown when the NCAA inquiry will end.

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LP to face AP in district showdown

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exactly stop Riley, who scored a game-high 25, the Dragon defense held the rest of the team to just 12.

It was a defense that created turnovers throughout the evening, leading to easy, breakout scores.

Often times with point guard Alex Coyne poking at a dribble from behind then releasing for a lofted pass and fast break.

Six Coyne points, in fact, helped carry Lake Placid during an early dry patch, which saw DeSoto hanging in there down just 12-9 late in the first.

But K'unshé Wilson worked inside for two, Jamacia Gayle took a no-look pass from Coyne for a score in the paint and Coyne finished the run with a drive for a more comfortable 18-9 lead after one.

The lead was made even more comfortable with 10 straight Dragon points to start the second, starting with one of those Coyne poke-and-release fast breaks, followed by another that led to a Wilson score.

Wilson got a more traditional assist from Coyne on her next score before Bria Wilson hit a jumper in the lane and Gayle took a Coyne feed and popped it in from 10-feet.

The Bulldogs would halt the run with a Riley bucket and free throw, though Raveen Gobourne answered with a score inside.

Another Riley free throw was answered with a K'unshé Wilson score and after Dennis drove to two, Gayle put back an offensive rebound to make it a 34-15 game at the half.

"It was a little sloppy early on and I think a little bit of nerves were a factor," coach Coyne said. "But the girls responded."

They certainly did, though DeSoto made things a bit interesting in the opening minutes of the third.



News-Sun photo by DAN HOEHNE
K'unshé Wilson leans in to hit this jumper for two of her 14 points Tuesday night.

Dennis hit a long two and Riley scored to answer scores from Gayle and Coyne.

Bianca Robinson then hit a three-pointer, but Gayle and Wilson each scored before Riley got inside for two.

But then Coyne took over for a personal six-point run.

She followed a baseline floater with consecutive steals and lay-ins, then Gayle followed suit with her own steal and drive.

By the time Riley scored again, on a put-back, the quarter was coming to an end and the lead stood at 50-26.

Arnetia Gobourne and Shatavia Clarke sandwiched a Coyne free throw with baskets to start the fourth and soon it was time to empty the benches for the final minutes of the win.

The Dragons were lead by Coyne's 20 points, with K'unshé Wilson adding 14 and Gayle 12.

"We've been balanced like that all season, with no one person having to shoulder the scoring load," coach Coyne said. "We just go to where the

mismatches are, we find the open girl. The point guards job is to be the floor general and Alex did a good job of that tonight."

And so Friday night's championship game will be an all-county affair, with a much anticipated rematch with Avon Park.

The Lady Devils made a valiant comeback to take the first meeting by a 52-50 score before the Dragons won the second contest going away, 54-30.

"I knew early in the season that they had it in them. It was just a matter of them buying in," coach Coyne said. "They bought in and here we are. It will be a good game Friday and we feel good. We see we're a second-half team and even if we're down at half, it's almost like we've got them where we want them."

By reaching the title game, both teams are qualified for the state playoffs, with the winner getting a first-round home game while the losing team has to hit the road.

Central Security makes it four in a row

Special to the News-Sun
LAKE PLACID – In Lake Placid senior softball, Central Security, after losing three of their first four games by one run, has won four in a row to tie Yates Insurance for the league lead.

On Monday, Jan. 30, Security bested Lockhart Service Center 21-10.

Glenn Minich and Duke Hensley (home run) each had four hits, with winning pitcher Victor Rodriguez, Bill Destefano, Fred Moore, Dana Hurlbut (triple) and Drew Whittaker getting three hits each.

For Lockhart, the Three Hit Club included Paul Stephenson (double) and Tom Ashley.

Seminole Tire rallied for four runs in the last inning to topple Yates Insurance 24-23 in a see-saw game that saw five lead changes.

Dick Cook paced the 'Noles with five hits, while

Manager Jim Guild (double) and Rick Marshall (two doubles) had four hits each.

Guild, just back from hip replacement surgery, had the walk-off game winning hit.

Manager Doran Quigg led Yates with four hits.

Jeff Stanley smashed a long triple off the fence and five other Yates players had three hits each.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, Central Security (5-3) squared off against Yates Insurance (5-3) and tied them for the league lead with a 23-17 win.

The balanced Central attack had nine players with three hits each.

Duke Hensley again homered, and Dana Hurlbut made a basket catch on the last play to seal the win.

For Yates, Joe Hedges had four hits (two triples) and Jeff Stanley smashed a bases-loaded triple.

Stanley missed a grand slam homer by a half-step

on a good relay to the plate by the Central defense.

Cliff Bluml, Ed Engler (double), Ray Hensley and Gary Pixley had three hits each.

Lockhart Service (3-5) staged a furious six-run rally in the last inning to upend Seminole Tire (3-5) 23-22.

Bill Gallagher led Lockhart with five hits (three doubles, home run).

Joe Alvino had four hits (three doubles, triple) including the game-winning, walk-off hit.

Paul Brand (three doubles) had four hits as did Howard Carney, who scored the winning run.

Ian McCuaig added a round-tripper.

For Seminole Tire (3-5), Hugh Grimaldi led the way with four hits.

The Three Hit Club included Chet Johnson, Larry Oser, Jim Guild and Chuck O'Hara.

48 Hours at SIR

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING – More than 400 cars are expected in this weekend for the 2012 edition of the 48-Hours at Sebring.

Many of the competitors rolled into town Wednesday at the Sebring International Raceway for the largest single gathering of Porsche cars in North America.

Drivers from all over the United States and some from overseas come to Sebring with Porsches ranging from Porsche Cup cars

to simple street models looking to run to the front of the pack.

Race teams generally are part of the action, with such well-known names as Kelly-Moss, The Racers Group and Orbit dotting the paddock with their operations.

In fact, in 2008, there were over 100 factory-prepared racers at Sebring.

It was the single largest collection of Porsche Cup cars in the world at the time.

Competitors come in all skill levels, some running

against each other, while some battle the clock in "autocross" affairs.

It's a natural for Porsche to come to Sebring.

The marque holds more single records at Sebring than any other manufacturer – including the longest overall winning streak.

The event will be open for \$10 per day with tickets available at the gate.

There will be no overnight camping and no paddock access for spectators.

Bucks beat Heat again

By CHRIS JENKINS

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Brandon Jennings scored 31 points, including three 3-pointers in a critical stretch of the fourth quarter, and Milwaukee beat Miami 105-97 on Wednesday night for the Bucks' second win over the Heat this season.

Jennings also had eight assists while Drew Gooden added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Bucks, who have won three straight.

LeBron James scored a season-high 40 points, including a highlight-reel windmill dunk at the end of his huge first quarter.

James had 24 points in the first quarter, the most points any player has scored in a quarter this season, according to STATS LLC.

Dwyane Wade added 23 points for the Heat, but it wasn't enough to beat a Bucks team that also recently knocked off the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bucks fans chanted "over-rated" in the final minutes of the game.

Milwaukee trailed 60-47 at the half but closed the gap in the third quarter.

Jennings' 3-pointer cut Miami's lead to 62-60 with 8:25 left in the third, and the Heat went into the fourth with a 79-76 lead.

Ersan Ilyasova converted a three-point play to tie the score at the start of the fourth, and Jennings hit a running layup to give the Bucks an 81-79 lead with 11:06 left.

Milwaukee's fourth-quarter run continued, and the

Bucks led 87-82 when Luc Richard Mbah a Moute scored inside.

The Heat then drew a shot-clock violation with the ball in James' hands, and Jennings hit a 3-pointer on the other end to give Milwaukee a 90-82 lead with 6:40 to go.

After a pair of free throws by Gooden, Wade missed a contested layup, and Jennings hit another 3-pointer.

James missed a long jumper — and Jennings drilled yet another 3, giving the Bucks a 98-82 lead.

With Milwaukee later leading 101-92, James was called for traveling in transition with just over two minutes left.

The Bucks beat the Heat 91-82 in Miami on Jan. 22, Miami's lowest scoring output of the season.

But the Heat didn't have Dwyane Wade for that game because of a sprained right ankle, and the Bucks did have Andrew Bogut.

Now Wade is back, and Bogut will be out until at least late March with a left ankle fracture.

Milwaukee has played well without Bogut, the No. 1 pick in the 2005 draft.

Coming into Wednesday's game, Milwaukee had won three of its last four — including a home win over the Lakers last Saturday.

Wednesday's game had all the makings of a Heat blowout early on, thanks to James.

Already off to a sizzling start, James finished the first quarter in memorable fashion.

With under a minute left in the quarter, he took the ball away from Milwaukee's Beno Udrih, took a couple of steps and finished with a powerful windmill dunk with 32.9 seconds left.

As if that wasn't enough, James then hit a 3 with 2.2 seconds left in the quarter.

James' huge dunk drew a gasp, then a roar from the crowd.

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State literally went heavy on defense in another highly ranked recruiting class pulled in by coach Jimbo Fisher and his staff.

The Seminoles landed two of the nation's top-ranked defensive linemen Wednesday in 290-pound defensive end Mario Edwards, Jr., and 310-pound defensive tackle Eddie Goldman.

"The hard thing to find is big, athletic people," Fisher said. "The bigger and the more athletic they are the better off you are as a football team."

Edwards, who played for Ryan High School in Denton, Texas, hopes to wear the uniform no. 15 worn at Florida State in the 1990's by his father.

The 6-4 Edwards was named national defensive player of the year by USA Today.

The recruits are being counted on to strengthen a

Seminole defense that was among the nation's best in 2011.

They also picked up the country's fastest prep player in receiver Marvin Bracy, who recorded the fastest 55 meters time in the world last month when he was clocked at 6.08 seconds.

The Orlando two-sport star would miss the beginning of Florida State's fall practice if he qualifies for the U.S. Olympic team this summer.

They signed 10 more Wednesday in a group that also includes linebackers Markuss Eligwe and Reggie Northrup and defensive backs Colin Blake, Ronald Darby and P.J. Williams.

Other Seminole signees include quarterback Sean McGuire from Seton Hall Prep in West Orange, NJ and tight end Christo Kourtzidis from Lutheran High School in Orange, Calif.

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Stroke and osteoporosis screenings coming to Sebring

SEBRING — Residents living in and around the Sebring, Florida community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. Emmanuel United Church of Christ will host Life Line Screening on Feb. 29 at 3115 Hope Street in Sebring.

Four key points every person needs to know:

- Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of permanent disability
- 80 percent of stroke victims had no apparent warning signs prior to their stroke
- Preventive ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke
- Screenings are fast, noninvasive, painless, affordable and convenient

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

Packages start at \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifeline-screening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Special meeting for Low Vision Information Group

SEBRING — A special meeting has been arranged for the Low Vision Information Group to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at noon at St. John United Methodist Church on Grand Prix Drive in Sebring in their Education Building.

Featured speaker is Dr. Sonya Braudway, a low vision specialist from the Center for Retina and Macular Diseases. Dr. Braudway's topic will be "What's in your pocket? Portable Low Vision Aides for the Visually Impaired." Assistive devices come in many forms. Some are more appropriate for use at home, and some are useful for visual tasks away from home. From reading labels and price tags in the store, to seeing flight departure gates at the airport, there are many visual challenges outside the home environment that can be addressed with specific low vision aides. This presentation will review traditional approaches and new low vision equipment for people on the go. There will be time for questions and answers after the lecture.

This information group is hosted by Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization. If you would like to be on our post-card list for announcements, or for any other information, please call H.A.L.L.O. at 385-1196, email: hal-loinc@embarqmail.com or write: H.A.L.L.O., P.O. Box 7082, Sebring, FL 33872. Also join them on Facebook at Handicapped Americans Love of Life Organization.

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Metro Services

Contact sports like football can put feet at risk, but there are ways to be safe.

Contact sports and your feet

For many sports enthusiasts, making contact is what real competition is all about. Youth football is an integral part of American culture and the Super Bowl is the most watched annual event on television. Soccer, which fills huge stadiums the world over, is among the most popular youth sports in the United States. Other contact sports like lacrosse, from Native American tradition and British Rugby have become popular as well.

All these sports require miles of running — with quick stops and starts — per game. Competition is usually on grass fields, which "give" so players may change direction quickly. It also provides a soft landing surface on which to crash.

Injuries are inevitable in contact sports. The lower extremities — an athlete's steering, accelerator and braking systems — are particularly susceptible. But with proper conditioning, equipment and technique, competitors in contact sports have successful, healthy playing sessions.

Podiatric physicians, specialists in care of the lower extremity, not only treat athletes injuries and get them back into competition as soon and as safely possible, but also helps athletes get into a condition that minimizes their risk of injury to the foot and ankle.

Preventing 'overuse' injuries

The time a football, soccer or lacrosse player spends in an actual game represents only a tiny fraction of time spent in practice, conditioning for competition. Practice involves hours of running, repetitive drills and scrimmages every day.

While conditioning exercises in practice will strengthen and improve flexibility in the lower extremity, the repeated stress of practice may bring on chronic or "overuse" injuries. These injuries can nag at a player and hamper, if not end, a session of competition.

Overuse injuries also come from faulty biomechanics of the feet — how the lower extremity physically adjusts to the ground. If an athlete has "flat" feet, which tend to pronate (out-toe), or excessively high arches, which often supinate (in-toe), extensive running and cutting can produce chronically-strained ankles.

Before taking the practice field, it's wise to be examined by a podiatric physician specializing in sports medicine, who will identify any

biomechanical abnormalities that increase the chance of injury. The podiatrist may recommend specific exercises to strengthen and improve flexibility of the foot and ankle, or recommend taping or padding of the foot or ankle before practice and competition. A podiatrist may also prescribe orthoses, customized shoe inserts that correct biomechanical problems by re-distributing the body's weight.

Podiatric physicians say proper stretching and warm-up before and after home workouts, practice and before games go far to prevent overuse injuries to the supporting structures of the lower extremity. Warm-up and cool-down exercises should take five to 10 minutes and should be conducted

in a stretch/hold/relax pattern, without any bouncing or pulling. When muscles are properly warmed up, the strain on muscles, tendons and joints is reduced.

Crashes, bumps and bruises

Football players, who today more than ever combine size with speed, experience high-impact collision on virtually every play. Lacrosse players "check" much like hockey players, but wear thin pads on the arms and shoulders. Rugby players wear no padding at all. Though technically soccer is not a contact sport, players of any age will tell you that high-speed collisions, kicks in the shin and body contact happens all the time.

The foot and ankle bear the brunt of the crashes, bumps and bruises of contact sports. Feet get stepped on, kicked, jammed, twisted and cut. Quick changes in direction and hard tackling can lead to sprains and fractures of the ankle.

Impact or trauma injuries are more serious than overuse injuries and require recovery



Foot Care

Dr. Joni Jones

time away from the practice and game field. Immediate treatment should include the "RICE" formula: Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. Trauma injuries should always be treated by a medical professional, such as a podiatrist and be fully healed before returning to the field. Players who lie about how an injury feels, or take pain killers to play through a trauma injury, are not helping their team by doing so, but rather putting themselves in danger of aggravated or permanent injury.

Footwear

Cleats are the footwear of choice for all contact sports down to the youth leagues. Cleats are generally safe for young ankles, say podiatrists. Cleats should be light, flexible and always fit properly. Uppers should be supple (no hand-me-downs please) and there should be at least a finger's width separating the tip of the big toe and the end of the shoe. Laces should be tight.

When shopping for cleats, wear the same style of socks you intend to wear in competition. Shop in the afternoon, when the feet are naturally slightly swollen. Investing in proper footwear for a young athlete is much less expensive than medical treatment later.

Injuries and treatments

Keeping the lower extremity healthy is so important to an athlete that most all professional football and soccer teams have a team podiatrist and treats minor problems like corns, calluses and blisters and major things like fractures and dislocations. The following are the most common injuries suffered in contact sports:

Ankle sprains — Making contact on a firmly planted

ankle can forcibly invert the joint and damage ligaments, resulting in a sprain. Immediate treatment, using the RICE formula to reduce swelling is important to quick healing. Any sprain that doesn't show improvement in three days should be checked by a podiatric or family physician.

Fractures — Fractures are more serious injuries that require immediate medical attention. Casting and sometimes surgery is required to immobilize fractures and set breaks. Requiring 10-12 weeks for rehabilitation, a fracture or a break essentially ends a season of competition in any contact sport.

Stress fractures — There are two distinct kinds of fractures that require vastly different treatments. Stress fractures are incomplete cracks in bone caused by overuse. Stress fractures heal with compete rest. Extra padding in shoes helps prevent them.

Turf toes — Turf toe is a painful jam or hyperextension of the big toe. The condition is more common on artificial turf, but can happen on grass as well.

Immediate treatment includes the RICE regimen and wearing a stiffer shoe prevents aggravation of the injury. Splinting the toe or special orthoses can also help.

Contact Sports Tips: 1. Pay attention to injury. Don't play hurt. 2. Don't let children use running shoes for contact sports. Wear sport-specific shoes. 3. Warm up properly. Condition yourself safely in the off season.

Dr. Joni Jones is a podiatrist in Sebring who can be reached at 382-3228, stop by her office at 206 West Center Avenue, Sebring or mail to P.O. Box 1719, Sebring, FL 33871-1719. This information is not intended to diagnose, treat or cure your condition.

DEA: sharp drop in oxycodone purchases

MIAMI (AP) — A combination of tough new laws and a high-profile crack-down is chipping away at Florida's dubious distinction as the nation's leading illicit source of powerful prescription painkillers for drug addicts and dealers, federal and state officials said Wednesday.

New U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration figures show that the number of oxycodone pills purchased by Florida doctors dropped 97 percent from 2010 to 2011, mainly due to a state law that took effect July 1 banning clinics and doctors from dispensing them.

Yet the DEA numbers also show a 14 percent drop in Florida pharmacy purchases of oxycodone over the same time period, even counting a small increase in the first three months of 2011. The decline at pharmacies coincided with the take-down in February of a network of Broward County-based "pill mills" that used some 1,600 Internet sites to attract thousands of addicts and drug dealers.

About 85 people, including at least 13 doctors, have been arrested in South Florida over the past year on pill mill-related charges, according to federal prosecutors. U.S. Attorney Wifredo Ferrer said Wednesday at a prescription pill abuse summit in Lexington, Ky., that fewer people are coming from out of state to Florida to buy painkillers.

"I'm hoping to dry up this pipeline that we have between South Florida and Kentucky and Tennessee and Ohio," Ferrer said. "We're not going to let up."

Florida's efforts were further bolstered when the state last year finally launched a prescription drug monitoring program aimed at curbing doctor-shopping and tracking physicians who prescribe unusually large amounts of oxycodone and other painkillers. The program had to overcome opposition from Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who questioned it as an intrusion into privacy and possibly ineffective.

Taken together, the actions "sent a clear message to others that the diversion of (legal) pharmaceutical painkillers would not be tolerated," said Mark R. Trouville, chief of the Miami DEA office. "These statistics indicate that the message has been delivered."



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HEALTHY LIVING

Parkinson's Group hosts renowned neurologist

Special to the News-Sun
SEBRING — The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group invites everyone to attend a free luncheon lecture by renowned Neurologist Dr. Bruno Gallo from the University of Miami.

An invited guest of Sebring neurologist Dr. Bridgial Ramkisson, Dr.

Gallo works closely with the National Parkinson Foundation and specializes in deep brain stimulation and post-operative programming to benefit patients suffering from Parkinson disease, essential tremors and dystonia. He is currently the Director of Intra-Operative Monitoring for Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami,

Assistant Professor of Neurology with University of Miami and recipient of the Peritz Scheinberg Clinical Neurology Award.

The lunch will begin at 12 p.m. and the lecture at 1 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 13, at Sebring's First Baptist Church fellowship hall, at the corner of Lemon and Pine Streets. Reservations are

required for lunch by Monday. Call 453-6589.

The Highlands County Parkinson's Support Group normally meets the second Monday monthly, from September through May at this location. They urge all Parkinson's patients, families, friends and care team members to attend their meetings and learn more

about the disease.

Parkinson's Disease, known as PD, is a progressive brain disorder. PD occurs when certain nerve cells (neurons) in a part of the brain die or become impaired and leads to a loss of dopamine-providing nerve cells. The signs and symptoms of PD are: Tremors, slowness of movement, rigid-

ity and difficulty with balance.

Other signs include: Small cramped handwriting, stiff facial expressions, shuffling walk, muffled speech and depression.

PD is not contagious and is not hereditary, but occurs more in some families. To learn more, visit www.Parkinson.org.



Metro Services

Stress can up cortisol levels, which can lead to a wider waistline.

Fight belly fat with adaptogens

Dear Pharmacist: You've said that stress causes higher levels of the hormone cortisol and that causes weight gain and disease. I have lost my home and dealing with the emotional fall out and the anguish of scaling down and moving. How can I control cortisol as I deal with this grief? My good health is all I have left.

— M.L., Palm Beach

Answer: Sorry about your loss. Cortisol is produced by your adrenal glands and helps regulate the speed at which you turn food into fuel, and hence your blood sugar levels; it supports immune function and bone health. It's not a bad guy unless it gets too high, or flat-lines after prolonged periods of stress.

Stress is by far the number one reason that cortisol levels become elevated. Excessive amounts cause you to hold weight in your mid-section (think belly fat). High cortisol means more infections and higher incidence of hypertension, osteoporosis (brittle bones), reflux, diabetes, cancer, heart disease and stroke. Stress can make you terribly sick by upping your cortisol hormone. Conventional medicine's answer is usually a benzodiazepine-type of tranquilizer such as Xanax, Valium or Ativan which provides a quick fix.

Supplements help you with the stress response better because they don't cause addiction, and they can lower cortisol, unlike drugs. Reducing cortisol is good for your waist line. Even if you can't eliminate stress, and have to go through it, you can still improve your body's response to the stress. This is important. Make the word "adaptogen" your best

friend because adaptogenic herbs are your best solution to stress. Four of my favorite are ashwagandha, ginseng, rhodiola and gotu kola.

Well-designed scientific studies have revealed undeniable stress-relieving qualities. You should not need all four, just pick one to try based on it's other properties and potential side effects. Ask your doctor if it's right for you before buying them at the health food store. Google these herbs to learn about them. It's okay to switch them out every few months. Adaptogens often take a few weeks to begin working.

Ashwagandha improves endurance, provides instant calm, fights fatigue, reduces inflammation and enhances sex drive. Panax ginseng also enhances sex drive, while improving energy lev-

els, mental focus and well-being. Rhodiola, which thrives in freezing cold Siberia, improves stamina, cognitive function, melancholy and ability to cope. Gotu kola herb offers a mild, relaxing sense of virtual euphoria. Take Gotu kola when you need it to kick back and relax, the way you might enjoy a glass of wine. Speaking of alcohol, this may be an effective stress-reducer but it's going to make a mess of your cortisol over time. I'd prefer you drink green tea, in most people that provides instant calm.

Treat yourself to massage. In 2005 University of Miami researchers reviewed some scientific studies and found that a single massage can reduce cortisol levels by an amazing 31 percent! Yoga is another way to find peace and calm. More meditation means less medication.

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

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Elder Affairs SHINE Program seeks volunteers

TAMPA — The Florida Department of Elder Affairs, along with the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, invites you to join the award-winning SHINE team of volunteers. This program helps elders make informed decisions about Medicare, health insurance and prescription drug plans.

SHINE volunteers provide individual counseling and assistance to elders and their caregivers about Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare plan choices, long-term care planning and prescription discount drug programs.

Volunteers may also make educational presentations to community groups and participate in local health fairs, senior fairs and other outreach and educational events.

If you would like additional information about this exciting opportunity and would like to become a SHINE volunteer in Hillsborough, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee and Polk Counties, please call the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging at 813-740-3888, ext. 5593.

Elder Helpline available

The West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging's Elder Helpline offers support for the growing numbers of caregivers and their aging parents.

The Elder Helpline provides information for older adults and their caregivers by helping callers make informed decisions about available assistance.

It is the starting point in getting connected with programs or services that can meet the needs of the older adult or caregiver.

For more information, please contact (800) 96Elder or (800) 963-5337 or www.AgingFlorida.com/.

Snapshots

Get help with your Medicare costs

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) volunteer counselors from the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging are available to help Medicare beneficiaries learn if they qualify for additional benefits. If they are eligible, SHINE volunteers can provide application assistance. If you or someone you know needs help with your Medicare costs, you can call 1-800-96-ELDER or 1-800-963-5337 and speak with a SHINE counselor.

More than 86,500 Medicare beneficiaries in Florida are likely eligible for, but are not enrolled in a program called Extra Help. This program offers qualified beneficiaries assistance with their Part D (prescription drug plan) costs. In addition, many individuals may qualify for assistance paying their Part B premiums. Many of those who need help the most don't know about these valuable benefits and how SHINE can help.

SHINE provides educational materials and free unbiased insurance counseling to Florida elders, caregivers and family members. Our goal is to help elders understand and receive the health insurance coverage they need through Medicare, Medicaid, Prescription Assistance, Long-Term Care Planning and Insurance and other health care issues. The program is operated by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the state's 11 Area Agencies on Aging. Locally, its operated by the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging. If you'd like more information and assistance, call the toll-free Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337.

SNAP help available

Attention citizens who are 60 years of age or older:

— Are you having

trouble making ends meet?

— Could you use a little help with your grocery bill?

— Do you live in Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk, Highlands or Hardee County?

If so, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamps) may be able to help you pay for some of your groceries. The West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging's Aging Resource Center has a team of specialists who can help you complete your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance application over the phone.

If you would like assistance in applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, call 800-96ELDER or 800-963-5337.

Outreach schedule

Ace Homecare will host the following community outreach events

Feb. 3: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Sebring Village, Schumacher Road, Sebring; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Highlands Village, Villa Road, Sebring

Feb. 6: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Brookside Bluffs, S.R. 17, Zolfo Springs; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Chatham Pointe, Stenstom Road, Wauchula; 1 p.m., Caregivers Support Group, Crown Pointe assisted living community, Sun 'n Lake Boulevard, Sebring.

Feb. 7: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Sebring Bluffs, U.S. 27, Sebring; 10 a.m., Health Fair, Fair Havens, Apartments, Spinks Road, Sebring; 1 p.m., Health Fair, Groves, behind Sebring Diner, U.S. 27 Sebring.

Feb. 8: 8 a.m., Health Fair, Neibert's, U.S. 98, Lake Placid; 9 a.m., Health Fair, Palm Estates, U.S. 98, Lorida

Feb. 9: 8 a.m., Doctor's Panel, Tanglewood, U.S. 27, Sebring; 10 a.m., Coping with Transitions, Maranatha Village, Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring.

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RELIGION

Giving credit where it's due

I am rather old-fashioned in some areas of my life, which I do not intend to upgrade to current standards. I do not believe in changing something unless it really needs to be changed. A crazy phobia is going around these days suggesting that if something is old, it must not be any good and if it is new, it must be good.

I think old Solomon was right when he said, "there is no new thing under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 1:9 KJV).

So, I am never intimidated by some new gizmo or gadget that comes down the line. One of the things I have no intention of upgrading is in the area of giving credit. I believe in giving credit where credit is due. After all, I need all the credit I can get these days.

If somebody does something that blesses me, I am beholden to give them their due credit. I am under the opinion that if I give enough people enough credit that one day I just may be able to cash in.

This all came to me this past week when I had my visit to the dentist. I make it a rule that once a decade to visit my dentist whether I need to or not. The thing that spurred my visit to the dentist this time was one of my fillings had fallen out.

Actually, I am assuming it fell out because where it used to be was a hole in my tooth. Upon pondering the situation to its logical conclusion, I must have eaten my filling.

This dental hygienic situation brought me to my latest visit with my dental hygienist. While I was there, I thought I would save time, if not money, and have my teeth cleaned. Every decade I like to have my teeth cleaned. According to my dentist's records, the last time I had my teeth cleaned was 13 years ago. So, it is time.

Because it was so long since my last visit with the dentist, he insisted on taking pictures of all my teeth. I

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Rev. James L. Snyder

hope to get copies so I can post it on my Facebook. After all, what would my Facebook be without pictures of teeth?

I had forgotten the whole procedure of dental photography. It took an entire hour to photograph all my teeth one at a time. During the sixty minutes of my photography shoot, I had to keep my mouth open. I have never had my mouth open for so long in all my life.

After this, I have a new appreciation for women. How they keep their mouth open for so long is one of those mysteries husbands will never be able to unravel.

The upshot of my visit with the dentist was I had a clean bill of health regarding my teeth and gums. I must have been doing something right to have such healthy teeth and gums for a person my age.

When the dentist said "a person my age," I was not sure if he was insulting me or congratulating me for good health. Being the gentleman that I am, I took the latter.

"I don't know what you're doing," the dentist said cheerfully as I left his office, "just keep it up." With that, I left the dentist office.

I thought a lot about what he said and I have come to a major conclusion. I like giving credit where credit is due, so I had to think long and hard about whom to credit for my good dental health.

Certainly, I could congratulate the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage on her superb dietary work in the kitchen. Without doubt, it pays to eat the right food if you are going to have good health. But I think it goes much further than this.

What am I doing to credit such a good dental health report?

Then it came to me.

Have you ever given serious thought about something for so long, you seem to be getting nowhere, and then all of a sudden, it hits you?

I know what I can credit my excellent dental health. Apple Fritters. That is right. The reason I have good teeth and good gums is because of a consistent diet of Apple Fritters. After all, everybody knows the main ingredient of an Apple Fritter is an Apple. There is nothing better for a person than an Apple.

Where the Fritter comes in is very simple. The Fritter part of an Apple Fritter is the means by which my body can assimilate the nutritional aspects of the Apple. The Fritter facilitates the good parts of the Apple to every part of my body.

Therefore, with a deep sense of humility and gratefulness, I credit my dental health to the regular consumption of Apple Fritters. A friend of mine recently suggested that I might be addicted to Apple Fritters, but I kindly remonstrated him by explaining I am addicted to good dental health.

My spiritual health is a different matter.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. Amen" (Jude 1:24-25 KJV).

God gets all the credit in my life for my spiritual health now and forever.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, PO Box 831313, Ocala, FL 34483. He lives with his wife, Martha, in Silver Springs Shores. Call him at 352-687-4240 or e-mail jameesnnyder2@att.net. The church web site is whatafellowship.com/. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun.

Tommy Brandt sings at Leisure Lakes

LAKE PLACID – Highlands County's own Nashville recording star Tommy Brandt will be in concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at Leisure Lake Baptist Church. Brandt has delighted groups across America with his country gospel music.

Called by many "the heart and voice" of today's Christian Country Music, Brandt has been awarded the 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010 Male Vocalist of the Year in "Inspirational Country Music." He has had 11 Number 1 songs on the music charts and has performed on some of the largest stages and churches around the country.

The church is at the western end of Lake June. From U.S. 27 take Lake June Road to Miller, turning north on Wildflower. For further information contact the church office at 699-0671.

Hymn fest tells story of Prayer Garden

LAKE PLACID – A delightful selection of arrangements from the First Presbyterian Church music department will be presented in a hymn fest, "In the Garden." The hymn fest will tell the story of how the church's prayer garden came to be.

The hymn fest will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 with sweets served in the garden at 3:30 p.m.

Snapshots

Featured artists will include The Worship Singers, First Kids, GospelHeirs, Praise Team leaders Tim and Barbara Sewell, organists Mary Karlson, Joshua Klatt and Joy Toll Chandler, as well as the First Presbyterian Church Orchestra and congregational singing.

The church is at 117 N. Oak Ave. Call 465-2742 for more details.

Mark will speak at Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — Eastside Christian Church will host Timothy Mark at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. As a singer, songwriter, author, and conference speaker, Mark has ministered across the United States since 1988. He has been involved in ministry on five continents and enjoys an outstanding reputation for ministry.

The live event will feature a number of new songs from his new CD, "What I Believe." There will be something for everyone. Plan now to attend this special event.

Paul Todd in concert Feb. 10

SEBRING — Paul Todd Concert will be at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) Friday, Feb. 10 at Faith Lutheran Church. Todd is most famous for his unique

concerts. The experience of a Paul Todd concert is totally different from anything anyone has ever seen before.

Although Todd is first and foremost a Christian artist, his concerts also include original, classical, popular and Broadway selections. Todd accompanies himself by playing six keyboards simultaneously. His fingers and feet move at lightning-fast speed, which the audience can see on a large mirror set up behind the keyboards. Known also for his smooth and powerful vocals, he combines talent with a sparkling wit to help make his concerts an unforgettable family night out.

Tickets available for only \$10 per person; children 12 and under are free. Purchase your tickets in the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Faith's Closet Tuesday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday; or on the day of the concert at the church.

United hosts English Tea on Feb. 11

SEBRING — Unity Life Enrichment Centre is hosting the third annual Heartland Traditional English Tea at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

All women and young ladies are invited to experience this wonderful tradition while helping raise much needed funds for local use and Women for Women

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RELIGION

Atonement Lutheran Church, ELCA

SEBRING — This is the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. The Sunday worship service with Communion will be led by the Rev. Jefferson Cox. Worship assistant will be Ron Fitzpatrick, eucharist assistant is Ed Graff and lector is Sue Cushman.

Today is also "Souper Bowl Sunday." Pancake breakfast follows morning worship. The men's group is hosting this event. Breakfast consists of all the pancakes you can eat, sausage patties, fruit cup and fresh squeezed orange juice and coffee. Please bring a can of soup to be donated to the New Testament Mission. Everyone is welcome. The birthday celebration has been postponed until Feb. 19 because of "Souper Bowl Sunday." Council meeting is Tuesday in the choir/council meeting room.

Avon Park Church of Christ

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Church of Christ will be celebrating its 99th anniversary this Sunday. The message will be delivered by Frank Parker. The Lord's Supper is served every Sunday.

Following the morning worship, dinner will be served in the multipurpose room to all members and their guests.

A short devotional service will follow the dinner. There will be no evening service.

Avon Park Church of Christ is at 200 S. Forest. Ave. Call 453-4692

Christ Lutheran Church - LCMS

AVON PARK — This Sunday morning, Pastor Scott McLean will preach a sermon titled "Out of Desolate Places Comes Our Eternal Destiny."

The church is at 1320 County Road 64, east the Avon Park High School. For more information, call 471-2663 or search the Internet for christlutheranavonpark.org.

Christian Training Church

SEBRING — Rev. Linda M. Downing will bring the message titled "Two Witnesses" at the Sunday morning service. The Wednesday night Bible study is studying the Gospel of John.

Eastside Christian Church

LAKE PLACID — The church will host Timothy Mark at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. As a singer, songwriter, author and conference speaker, Mark has ministered across the United States since

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1988. There will be something for everyone. Plan now to attend this special event.

Eastside Christian Church is at 101 Peace Ave., two miles east of U.S. 27 on County Road 621. The phone number is 465-7065.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

SEBRING — Guest speaker Jean Blough will deliver the Sunday morning sermon, "A Place to Belong," with Scripture from I Timothy 2:8-15.

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

Faith Lutheran Church

SEBRING — This Sunday morning the church celebrates the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Pastor Gary Kindle's sermon will be titled "Who's In Charge" from Psalm 147:1-11.

Tuesday is Open Prayer Time and a Bible study with the pastor (in book of John).

Tai Chi is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays in the fellowship hall (no charge).

AARP is doing tax preparation (no charge) at Faith Mondays and

Wednesdays, for walk-ins only. For any questions, come and do not call the church directly.

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) will have its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the fellowship hall at the church.

The Paul Todd Concert will be at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) Friday, Feb. 10. Cost is \$10 per person; children 12 and under are free. Purchase tickets at the church office from 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.; in Faith's Closet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon Saturday; or on the day of concert at the church.

First Baptist Church Avon Park

AVON PARK — Rev. Jon Beck is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Avon Park. First Sunday Fellowship Chili Dinner/Supper Bowl/Pounding for the Parishes' starts at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Nursery is available for the morning service.

The church is located at 100 N. Lake Ave. Call 453-6681 or e-mail info@fbcap.net.

First Christian Church - Avon Park

AVON PARK — Saturday at 10:30 a.m. will be the "first ever"

Teen-M.O.P.S. meeting. What is that? This is a program for mothers by mothers — especially for teen moms. There is no cost for this program and childcare will be provided. If you are a teen mom, or know of one, come see what M.O.P.S. (mothers of pre-schoolers) is all about. If you (or they) can't make this meeting, then plan for the March 3 meeting.

"Keep on Keeping On" is the sermon that the pastor will bring this week. He will remind attendees that "without Jesus as the center of our focus, we remain lost." Philippians 3:1-14 will be the Scripture that he will use to secure this thought.

First Christian Church of Avon Park is at 1016 W. Camphor St. (behind the Wachovia Bank). Call 453-5334 or e-mail firstchristianap@embarqmail.com with any questions or to request information. The church website is www.firstchristianap.com.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

SEBRING — At the Lord's Table this Sunday morning will be Bob and Betty Harcourt. Communion will be served by Carol Chandler, Teresa Williams, Peggy Cousin and Elissa Crothers. Greeting the congregation are

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

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

APOSTOLIC

■ **Greater Faith Apostolic Church**, 24 Rainer Drive, Lake Placid, FL 33852. invites you to come worship with us in spirit and truth at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. For information contact (239) 671-0390. Pastor Travis Vanderford.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

BAPTIST

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

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

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

■ **Fellowship Baptist Church**, 1000 Maxwell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45

a.m.; Wednesday: Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Children/Youth, 7 p.m. Telephone: 453-4256. Fax: 453-6986. E-mail: office@apfellowship.org; Web site, www.apfellowship.org.

■ **First Baptist Church of Avon Park**, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park. Rev. Jon Beck, pastor; Charlie Parish, associate pastor/youth and families; Joy Loomis, music director; Rev. Johnattan Soltero, Hispanic pastor. Regular Sunday schedule: 8:30 a.m. orchestra rehearsal; 9 a.m. Library open; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship; 11 a.m. Children's Church; 6 p.m. evening worship. Wednesday schedule: 5:15 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer; 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice; 6 p.m. children's choir rehearsals; 7 p.m. mission programs. Hispanic Services: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m. and evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. Call 453-6681 for details.

■ **First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine**, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring (just off U.S. 27 midway between Sebring and Lake Placid). Your place for family, friends and faith. Sunday morning worship service is 11 a.m. Nursery is provided for both services with Children's Church at 11 a.m. Life changing Bible Study for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Associate Pastor Allen Altwater leads the youth in their quest to become more like Christ. Sunday night worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer meeting at 7 p.m. along with youth worship in the youth facility, and missions training for all children. Call the church at 655-1524.

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

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

■ **First Baptist Church, Sebring**, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. Telephone: 385-5154. Dr. David E. Richardson, senior pastor; Rev. Joe Delph, associate pastor, minister of youth and activities; and Rev. Nuno Norberto, associate pastor, minister of music and senior adults. Group Bible Studies, 9:15

a.m.; Blended Service, 10:30 a.m.; Mision Bautista Hispana, 2 p.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs at the ROC begin 5:30 p.m., at church begin 6:30 p.m. Preschool and Mother's Day Out for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Becky Gotsch, director. Call 385-4704.

■ **Florida Avenue Baptist Church**, 401 S. Florida Ave., Avon Park. Mailing address is 710 W. Bell St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Telephone, 453-5339. Rev. John D. Girdley, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. Children's Church; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday night programs for children, youth and adults at 7 p.m.

■ **Independent Baptist Church**, 5704 County Road 17 South, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m. Fundamental, soul-winning, mission-minded, King James Bible Church. Larry Ruse, pastor. Phone 655-1899. Bus transportation.

■ **Leisure Lakes Baptist Church**, 808 Gardenia St., Lake Placid (just off of Miller at the west end of Lake June) "Where the old fashion gospel is preached." Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Call the church at 699-0671 for more information.

■ **Maranatha Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870 (A half mile east of Highlands Avenue on Arbutle Creek Road.) Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:15 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 6 p.m. Daily Prayer and Bible Study, 8 a.m., Hamman Hall. Pastor Gerald Webber and Associate Pastors Don Messenger and Ted Ertle. Phone 382-4301.

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■ **Sparta Road Baptist Church, (SBC)** 4400 Sparta Road. Rev. Ken Geren, interim pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer/Bible Study, 6 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-0869.

■ **Southside Baptist Church (GARBC)**, 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. David C. Altman, Pastor. Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Student ministry, 6:30 p.m.; Awana kindergarten through fifth grade, 6:30 p.m.; Adult Midweek Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m. A nursery for under age 3 is available at all services. Provisions for handicapped and

hard-of-hearing. Office phone, 385-0752.

■ **Spring Lake Baptist Church**, "Where the Bible is Always Open." Pastor Richard Schermerhorn, 7408 Valencia Road; 655-2610. Assistant Pastor Ronald Smith, 386-1610. On U.S. 98 at the Spring Lake Village II entrance. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study and Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m. Nursery available for all services.

■ **Sunridge Baptist Church, (SBC)** 3704 Valerie Blvd. (U.S. 27 and Valerie, across from Florida Hospital), Sebring. Tim Finch, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; and Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer, Bible Study, and Youth, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided. For information, call 382-3695.

CATHOLIC

■ **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church**, 595 East Main St., Avon Park, 453-4757. Father Nicholas McLoughlin, pastor. Saturday Vigil Mass is 4 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish; Sunday mass 8 and 10:30 a.m. in English.

Weekday mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Religious Education Classes are 9-10:20 a.m. Sunday for grades K through 8th. Confirmation class is from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday. Youth Nights grades 6th and up, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday.

■ **St. Catherine Catholic Church**, 820 Hickory St., Sebring. Mailing address: 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870, 385-0049; fax, 385-5169; email, office@stcath.com; website, www.stcath.com. Very Rev. José González, V.F., frjose@stcath.com; Parochial Vicar, Rev. Victor Cavedes, 385-3993; Assisting Priest (retired), Rev. J. Peter Sheehan; Deacons, Rev. Mr. James R. McGarry and Rev. Mr. Max M. Severo. Parish office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Masses — Daily Masses 8 a.m. and noon Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. Saturday. Weekend Masses 4 and 5 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass (Holy Family Youth Center), 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, noon Sunday Sunday Mass; 5 p.m. Sunday English Family Mass (Holy Family Youth Center). Confession: every Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. or first Friday of the month 7:15-7:45 a.m., or by appointment with any priest.

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

CHRISTIAN

■ **Eastside Christian Church**, 101 Peace Ave., Lake Placid, FL

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

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

■ **First Christian Church**, 1016 W. Camphor St., Avon Park, FL 33825; (863) 453-5334; on the Web at www.firstchristianap.com. Our motto is "Jesus is First at First Christian Church." Greg Ratliff, Senior Minister; Bible School 9 a.m.; Worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday studies for all ages, 6 p.m. Nursery provided for all events.

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

■ **Christian Science Church**, 146 N. Franklin St. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. morning worship and Sunday school. Testimonial meetings at 4 p.m. each second and fourth Wednesday. A free public reading room/bookstore, located in the church, is open before and after church services. The Bible and the Christian Science textbook, 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy are our only preachers. All are welcome to come and partake of the comfort, guidance, support and healing found in the lesson-sermons.

CHURCH OF BRETHREN

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

■ **Sebring Parkway Church of Christ**, 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870; 385-7443. We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to visit with us here at Sebring Parkway. Our hours of service are: Sunday Bible Class, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE

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

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION

■ **Community Bible Church - Churches of Christ in Christian Union**, (Orange Blossom Conference Center) 1400 C-17A North (truck route), Avon Park. Presenting Jesus Christ as the answer for time and eternity. Sunday morning worship service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Junior Church activities at same time for K-6 grade. Sunday School Bible hour (all ages), 9:30 a.m. (Transportation available.) Sunday evening praise and worship service, 6 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m. Children and youth activities at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Everyone is welcome, please come worship with us. Don Seymour, Senior Pastor. Phone 452-0088.

RELIGION

Let the Prince of Peace guide you through your troubles

It is hard to believe that we have just finished the Christmas season and entered into another new year. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year. During the midst of all the fun and festivities, I do hope that Christ still remained the center of your lives and that He will continue to be on the forefront of your lives even more throughout 2012. This will be my personal goal as well.

Let's reminisce for a moment over what took place during the Christmas Season and the beginning of 2012. Think of what sticks out in your mind the most. For some, the food was delicious; especially, the chocolate cookies, pies, and candies. The bargains in the stores were fantastic. The Christmas lights were so beautiful. Let's not forget about those old classic Christmas movies. It is fun singing Christmas carols too and reading about the birth of Christ.

While reflecting over all these special times that happen more

through the Christmas season, my heart goes out to those who were less fortunate this year and going through very hard times and possibly still going through difficult times. When I think of what I've been through in the past and what some of you may be going through now, the song that comes to my mind is "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" by Felix Mendelssohn and the passage of scripture in Luke 2:1-21 because of the word "peace" mentioned.

The words of the first verse to the song are as follows: "Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled! Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.' Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new born King!'" (Felix Mendelssohn). The words "Peace on earth" parallels to the words in Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the



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wondering so what does this have to do with me, especially considering the suffering that I'm going through? God's word gives many examples of people suffering and going through difficult times, especially in the Old Testament. One example given is in Isaiah 9; a true story is told of suffering in Galilee. Verse 1 and 2 speaks of the oppression and of those who walked in darkness, including the Gentiles. However, God acted on behalf of His people by delivering them and giving them great light by way of the Messiah (verse 2). Verse 3-5

highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Keep in mind that all of Luke 2:1-21 pertains to the announcement of the birth of Christ.

At this point, you might be

shows how God blessed the nation and gave them great joy.

The oppression of the people in Isaiah 9 was only one example. People still suffer today, and God is the same as He was back then. Isaiah 9:6, 7 tells about the birth of Christ and prophesies His purpose and position of not only for the lives of those in Galilee, but also for us today. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is Given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Luke 2:1-21 is fulfilled prophecy of Isaiah 9:6, 7. Of course, it is still being fulfilled today. My

prayer for you is that God would grant you His unending peace. If you know Jesus as your savior, than you have the Holy Spirit, and through His power you may have peace. God's word speaks of this gift in John 14:25-27 when Jesus Christ was with His original disciples of earth. He was assuring them that He would still be with us after His resurrection. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you in all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

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PLACES TO WORSHIP

EPISCOPAL

■ **The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.** Service time is 9:30 with Holy Communion. Coffee hour following services. Newcomers welcome. Call 453-5664 or e-mail redemer1895@aol.com Web site: redeemeravon.com. The church is at 839 Howe's Way, Avon Park (two miles north of Sun 'N Lake Boulevard, across from Wells Dodge.)

■ **St. Agnes Episcopal Church,** 3840 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist Rite I - 7:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10 a.m. Midweek service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m. The nursery is open 8:45 a.m. until 15 minutes after the 10 a.m. service ends. Wednesday: Adult Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome. The Rev. Jim Kurtz, rector. Church office 385-7649, for more information.

■ **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church,** 43 Lake June Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852. Phone: 465-0051. Rev. Elizabeth L. Nelson, Rector. Sunday Worship, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening: Holy Communion with Healing Service, 6 p.m. Child care available at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Come see what makes us different.

GRACE BRETHREN

■ **Grace Brethren Church,** 3626 Thunderbird Road, (863) 835-0869. Dr. Randall Smith, senior pastor. Sunday services at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday services at 7 p.m. We offer "Kid City" Children's Ministry throughout all services, and there are various other classes for teens, married couples, "prime-timers," and Bible studies in Spanish. "Kid City" Day Care, Preschool and After-School Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. (For registration call: 385-3111). Check us out on the Web at www.sebring-grace.org.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL

■ **World Harvest and Restoration Ministries,** (non-denominational) 2200 N. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 452-9777 or 453-3771. Sunday service: Sunday School, 10 a.m. and worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday services: 7 p.m. prayer meeting/Bible study. Pastor: W.H. Rogers.

LUTHERAN

■ **Atonement Lutheran Church (ELCA),** 1178 S.E. Lakeview Drive., Sebring. David Thoresen, Deacon, Spiritual Leader, on first, third and fifth Sunday each month, and Rev. Jefferson Cox on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Jim Helwig, organist/choir director. Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist is every Sunday. Coffee hour on the first and third Sunday of each month. Council meeting on the first Monday of month; Ladies Group WELCA meets at noon second Monday of month with lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Church Vegetable Garden Club meets as needed. Labyrinth Prayer Garden open seven days a week to congregation and community. Like to sing? Come join the choir. Visitors always welcome. Come grow with us.

Phone 385-0797.

■ **Christ Lutheran Church Avon Park - LCMS,** 1320 County Road 64, 1/2 mile east of Avon Park High School. Sunday Divine Worship is at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated every week with traditional Lutheran Liturgy, hymns and songs of praise. Fellowship time with coffee and refreshments follows worship. Come worship and fellowship with us. For information call Pastor Scott McLean at 471-2663 or see christlutheranavonpark.org.

■ **Faith Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Church phone: 385-7848, Faith Child Development Center, 385-3232. Rev. Gary Kindel, pastor. Traditional Worship service, 8 a.m. Sunday; Sunday Praise Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Communion is served the first, third and fifth Sunday of the month. Sunday school and Bible classes: 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Worship service is broadcast at 8 a.m. on WITS 1340 AM each Sunday. Educational opportunities include weekly adult Bible studies. Faith's Closet Thrift Store (385-2782) is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All are warmly welcome in the Family of Faith.

■ **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (AALC) American Association of Lutheran Churches,** 3240 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. James Weed, pastor. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Nursery provided. Social activities: Choir, Missions, Evangelism. Phone 385-2346.

■ **New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 3725 Hammock Road, a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Sunday Worship at 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 9 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Brian Klebig at 385-2293 or visit the Web site at www.newlife-sebring.com.

■ **Resurrection Lutheran Church - ELCA,** 324 E. Main St., Avon Park. Pastor: Rev. John C. Grodzinski. Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school will resume in the fall. Coffee and fellowship hour follow the service. Midweek Fragrance Free Wednesday worship, (year round) 7 p.m. Office phone number is 453-6858.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church - LCMS,** 25 Lakeview St., Lake Placid, FL 33852; 465-5253. The Rev. Richard A. Norris, pastor; Susan C. Norris, Trinity Tots Pre-School director; and Noel Johnson, minister of youth and family life. Worship schedule after Easter through December: Worship service 9 a.m., and Education Hour, 8:45 a.m. Worship schedule for January through Easter: Worship service, 8:30 and 11 a.m., Education Hour 9:45 a.m. Traditional Service with Holy Communion each first and third Sunday. Non-Traditional Service each second, fourth and fifth Sunday. Seasonal mid-week services Wednesday evenings during Lent and Advent. Call church office for additional Worship times and special holiday services. Other activities and groups include: Choirs; Ladies Guild and LWML; Men's Fellowship Group, Small Group Bible Studies as scheduled; Trinity Tots Pre-school, Youth Group activities (call for meeting times and dates). Visit us online at www.Trinitylutheranlp.com.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

■ **Bible Fellowship Church,** 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Sunday: American Sign Language: First Worship sermon, songs signed first and second Worship services. First Worship service, 9 a.m.; Second Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Nursery (up to 2 years old) and Sunday school classes both hours. BFC Youth, 6 p.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Children ages 4 years through fifth grade, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6-7:30 p.m.; Prayer time, 6:15 p.m. Todd Patterson, pastor; Andy McQuaid, associate pastor. Web site www.bfcsebring.com. Church office 385-1024.

■ **Calvary Church,** 1825 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872; 386-4900. An independent community church. Sunday morning worship, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Bible study, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Lester Osbeck. A small friendly church waiting for your visit.

■ **Christian Training Ministries Inc.,** on Sebring Parkway. Enter off County Road 17 on Simpson Avenue. Sunday service is at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m. A nursery and children's church are provided. The church is part of Christian International Ministries Network, a full gospel, non-denominational ministry. Linda M. Downing, minister, lindadowning@live.com. Casey L. Downing, associate minister, caseydowning@hotmail.com. Church phone: 314-0482. Web site: www.ctm-forme.com

■ **Grace Bible Church,** 4541 Thunderbird Road, (second church on left) Sebring, FL 33872. Phone, 382-1085. Andrew Katsanis, senior pastor. Saturday Worship, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Tuesday 6 p.m. Grace Bible Academy Adult Investigating Truth; first and third Tuesday, Prayer Gathering, 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Children's & Youth Programs, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., College Ministry. www.GBCconnected.org

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

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

■ **Union Congregational Church,** 106 N. Butler Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825. Sunday worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Millennium Church. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m. We also offer a Saturday service at 6 p.m. with Pastor Tiger Gullett in the Millennium Church. Nursery/child care is available for all services. Senior Pastor is Bill Breyling. Office: 453-3345. Web page at www.weareunion.org. All teachings are taken from the Manufacturer's Handbook - The Holy Bible. Come join us.

■ **Unity Life Enrichment Centre,** new location, 10417 Orange

Blossom Blvd. S., Sebring, FL 33875; 471-1122; e-mail unity@vistanet.net. Web site, www.unityofsebring.org. 10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service, Nursery and Children's Church. Weekly Classes, Christian Bookstore and Cafe, Prayer Ministry, Life Enrichment Groups. Rev. Andrew C. Conyer, senior minister transforming lives from ordinary to extraordinary.

■ **The Way Church,** 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive, Sebring. Sunday school and worship service at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Youth activities, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The Way is a church family who gathers for contemporary worship, teaching of God's Word, prayer and fellowship. Come early and stay after for fellowship time. Child care and children's church are provided. Reinhold Buxbaum is pastor. The Way - A place for you. Office Phone:471-6140, Church Cell Phone:381-6190. Email: thewaychurch@hotmail.com. Web site: www.TheWayChurch.org

PRESBYTERIAN

■ **Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA),** 4500 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, 33872-2113. A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. Sunday morning worship: Informal service, 8 a.m.; traditional service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.; Children's/Youth Group, 5:30-7 p.m.; choir practice, 7:15 p.m. Phone: 385-3234; Fax: 385-2759; e-mail: covpres@strato.net; Web site: www.cpcsebring.org. Rev. W. Darrell Arnold, pastor. Office hours: 8:30-12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

■ **First Presbyterian Church ARP,** 215 E. Circle St., (two entrances on LaGrande), Avon Park, FL 33825. Phone: 453-3242. The Rev. Robert Johnson is the pastor. Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. third Wednesday; choir practice, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday; Mary Circle business meeting, 1 p.m. second Wednesday; Sarah Circle business meeting, 4 p.m. second Thursday; Women's Ministries Combined Bible study, 4 p.m. third Thursday. Be a part of a warm, caring church family with traditional services, following biblical truth.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. 385-0107. Sunday School, all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Tuesday: Grief Support Group, 1 p.m.; Youth Group (middle and high school), 3:30-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. Nursery available during worship. Call the church office for more information and other classes. Rev. Darrell A. Peer, pastor.

■ **First Presbyterian Church, ARP,** www.fpcplp.com, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid, 465-2742. The Rev. Ray Cameron, senior pastor; the Rev. Drew Severance, associate pastor. Sunday morning traditional worship is at 8 and 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday school classes for adults is at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. and for all ages, adults and children, at 9:45 a.m. in the educational building. Wednesday: 6:45 p.m., youth group (middle and high school),

and nursery and children's ministry; 7 p.m., adult small group Bible studies. Children/youth music ministry (Thursday): grades 3-5 chimes, 2:30 p.m.; grades 3-5 choir, 3:15 p.m.; grades 6-12 handbells, 3:15 p.m. Bible Counseling available by appointment, 699-0132. Call the church office for more information about the classes offered. Nursery is provided for babies and toddlers; while young children up to second grade have a special Children's Church offered during the worship service to help them grow in their spiritual knowledge.

■ **Spring Lake Presbyterian Church (USA),** 5887 U.S. 98, Sebring, FL 33876. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Session meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month, September through June. Board of Deacon's meet at 5:30 p.m. first Monday of the month. Choir rehearses at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, September through April. Presbyterian Women meet at 10 a.m. the third Thursday of the month. Organist: Richard Wedig. Choir Director: Suzan Wedig. Church phone, 655-0713; e-mail, springlakepc@embarqmail.com, Web site, <http://slpc.embarqspace.com>.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

■ **Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church,** 1410 West Avon Blvd., Avon Park. Phone: 453-6641 or e-mail: avonparksda@embarqmail.com, Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Church Service 10:45 a.m. Saturday. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m. Community Service hours on Tuesday and Thursday is from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m. A sale takes place the first Sunday of each month. Senior Pastor Paul Boling. Walker Memorial Academy Christian School offering education for kindergarten through 12th grades. ALL ARE WELCOME. Website is www.discoverjesus.org

■ **Sebring Seventh-Day Adventist Church,** 2106 N. State Road 17, Sebring; 385-2438. Worship Services: 9:15 a.m. Worship hour, 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m. Community service: every Monday 9-11 a.m. Health Seminar with Dr. Seralde, every Friday, 10:00 a.m. Pastor Amado Luzbet.

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

■ **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,** 3235 Grand Prix Dr., Sebring, FL 33872; (863) 382-9092 Steve Austin, Bishop; Mark Swift, 1st Counselor; Del Murphy, 2nd Counselor. Family History Center (863) 382-1822. Sunday Services: Sacrament Meeting, 10-11:10 a.m.; Gospel Doctrine, 11:20 a.m. to noon; Priesthood/Relief Society, 12:10-1p.m.; Primary for children, 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Youth Activities: Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m. Scouts: first and third Wednesday, 7-8:20 p.m. Activity Days: 8-11 yr old Boys and Girls, second and fourth Wednesdays, 7-8:20 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

■ **The Salvation Army - Center**

for Worship. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Holiness meeting, 11 a.m.; and Praise meeting and lunch, noon. Tuesday: Bible study, 6:30 p.m.; and Women's Ministries, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Youth Ministries, 4 p.m. All meetings are at 120 N. Ridgewood Ave., Sebring. For more information, visit the Web site www.salvationarmy-sebring.com or call Major Bruce Stefanik at 385-7548, ext. 110.

UNITED METHODIST

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 105 S. Pine St., Sebring, FL 33870. The Rev. A.C. Bryant, pastor. Traditional Worship Service at 8:10 and 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary, Contemporary Worship in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship at 5:30 p.m. Sundays with Rick Heilig, youth director. The 10:55 a.m. Sunday worship service is broadcast over WITS 1340 on AM dial. There is a nursery available at all services.

■ **First United Methodist Church,** 200 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, FL 33825. (863) 453-3759, R. James Weiss, Pastor, Sunday School - 9 a.m.; Worship - 10:30 a.m. Bible study third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 2 p.m. for women who love God and crocheting. Visit us at our church Web site: www.fumcap.org.

■ **Memorial United Methodist Church,** 500 Kent Ave., (overlooking Lake Clay) Lake Placid, FL, 33852. The Rev. Fred Ball, pastor. Claude H.L. Burnett, pastoral assistant. Sunday schedule: Heritage Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Celebration Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.; New Song worship service at 10:45 a.m. Loving nursery care provided every Sunday morning. Middle School Youth, 4 p.m.; High School Youth, 5:30 p.m. We offer Christ-centered Sunday school classes, youth programs, Bible studies, book studies and Christian fellowship. Church office, 465-2422 or www.memorialumc.com. Lakeview Christian School, VPK to grade 5; 465-0313.

■ **St. John United Methodist Church,** 3214 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, FL 33872. The Rev. Ronald De Genaro Jr., Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 8 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery provided for all services. Phone 382-1736. www.stjohnsebring.org

■ **Spring Lake United Methodist Church,** 8170 Cozumel Lane, (Hwy 98) Sebring. The Rev. Clyde Weaver Jr., Pastor. Worship service starts at 9:55 a.m. Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Choir Practice at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Church office phone: 655-0040.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

■ **Emmanuel United Church of Christ,** Jesus didn't reject people, neither do we. Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and you'll be embraced by a compassionate congregation that is all-inclusive. We're at the corner of Hammock and Hope. Wednesday and Bell Choir practice on Wednesday; Bible studies throughout the week. 471-1999; sebringemmanuelucc.com.

RELIGION

There is a new Haman

There is a new Haman? Who is Haman? He is the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite. So what has that to do with biblical prophecy?

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

Haman was the adviser to king Xerxes who ruled over the entire Persian world kingdom. Haman was obsessed with a hatred for the Jews and planned to wipe them off the face of the earth. But God had other plans and so a Jewish girl named Esther became queen and single-handedly saved the entire Jewish population of that time. It was 479 BC.

Well, there is a modern day Haman. His name is Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran. In 1935 Persia changed its name to Iran.

In 633-651 AD Muslims conquered Persia and since then there is a growing anti-Jewish sentiment. Today, Ahmadinejad has the same feelings towards the Jews then Haman did: "Let's wipe the Jews off the face of the earth." Ahmadinejad believes



Guest Column

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that all Jews will be killed when the 12th Imam comes.

Within the Shiite, (which is predominate in Iran), it is prophesied that there is a coming 12th Imam who is the great spiritual savior. This Imam is named Abu al-Qasim Muhammad or also called Muhammad al Mahdi. He is said to have been born the son of the 11th Imam, Hasan Al-Askari and his wife, the granddaughter of an Emperor.

Most accounts of the story say that al Mahdi went into hiding as a child around the age of 5 in about the 13th century. It said he has been 'in hiding' in a well and will soon emerge from it.

Ahmadinejad also believes that he speed up the coming of this Moslem Messiah if

there is war and unrest. That is why he would welcome war with the "little Satan" Israel and the "big Satan" America.

Recently, Iran's supreme religious leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has held several meetings with his economic and military advisers and told them to prepare for war.

It includes the execution of those Iranians who oppose the regime.

Oh, and by the way, Russia announced recently that an attack on Iran is an attack on Russia. Interesting. Ezekiel 38 tells us that in the end times Rosh, the country to the far north together with Persia (Iran) will attack Israel. Just a coincidence? You decide.

Yes, the stage is set for the second coming of Jesus!

Reinhold Buxbaum is Pastor of The Way Church, he teaches "An Evening in Prophecy at Homer's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on February 6. No purchase is necessary. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the News-Sun

Church News

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Walter and Anna Coley.

The pastor's sermon is titled "The Parable of the Rich Fool" from Luke 12:13-21.

February is designated as Stewardship Month and the whole program is designated to stewardship - giving from our hearts.

For more information, call 385-0352. The church is at 510 Poinsettia Ave.

First Presbyterian Church of Avon Park

AVON PARK — On Sunday morning, Pastor Bob Johnson's sermon is titled "Shout to God," based on Psalm 47.

The choir's introit will be "Joyful Thanks" and the two anthems will be "Lead On, O King Eternal" and "Be Thou My Vision." Guest speaker will be Rev. John Rogers.

The adult Sunday school class is continuing their study of David in II Samuel Chapter 23 in which the Bible tells of David's mighty men.

Following worship service, the congregation will be celebrating the church's 50th anniversary with a catered meal, a DVD of the church's history, letters of congratulation and a special presentation.

There will be no youth group.

Johnson will lead the mid-week Bible study on "The Basics of the Faith."

The church is at 215 E. Circle St. (with two entrances on Lagrange Street). For questions, call 453-3242.

First Presbyterian Church of Sebring

SEBRING — "Human Nature" is the title of Sunday morning's sermon taken from the Scripture Matthew 5:1-4.

Saturday, Feb. 11 is Dinner and Movie Night at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A meal will be provided. Bring a side dish and snack to share. The featured movie is "Oklahoma."

First United Methodist Church of Sebring

SEBRING — Rev. A.C. Bryant will bring the message "Peter Defends God's Grace" with Scripture taken

from Acts 11:1-18. Holy Communion will be served.

Call the church office for information at 385-5184. The church is downtown at 126 S. Pine St. Visit the website at www.sebringfirstumc.com.

Grace Pointe Church

SEBRING — Grace Pointe Church is at 200 Lark Ave., Sebring Hills clubhouse.

Tuesday the home Bible study of Unveiling New Testament Mysteries series continues. Call 658-2534 for directions.

Sunday morning worship service the "Making the Wilderness A Pasture" river renewal series continue.

The Men's Fellowship chili challenge cook-off was a great success with five entries. The ladies supplied dessert.

If you would like to participate in a Friday night Bible study with Go-To-Meeting, call 658-2534.

Ustream available (live 24/7) of all services in Sebring. Log on to ustream.tv and then enter gracepointetv in the search box. Visit www.gracepointeministries.net.

Heartland Christian Church

SEBRING — Pastor Ted Moore's sermon this Sunday morning will be "Who Is Worthy To Open The Book" with Scripture from: Revelation 5:1-14. Communion is offered during the service weekly.

The service will also include Wally Woodworth singing "The King," Heartland Singers singing "Bring Back," Darlene Gardner and Marlene Groeneveld singing "He's Ever Interceding" and Walter Malinowski singing "I Came Here To Stay."

Tuesday's adult Bible study is Evolution - Creation - "The Big Bang Theory" taught by Pastor Ted Moore. Come early for snacks.

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

Memorial United Methodist Church

LAKE PLACID — Pastor Fred Ball will preach at the Heritage Worship Service and the Celebration Worship Service.

Pastor Claude Burnett will preach at the New Song Contemporary Worship Service in Rob Reynolds Hall.

The youth will have a Super Bowl party at the Lighthouse at 5 p.m.

Bible fellowship will meet in the chapel at 6 p.m.

The church is at 500 Kent Ave. For information, call 465-2422.

Parkway Free Will Baptist Church

SEBRING — The Sunday morning Bible lesson, "Justified by Faith in Christ," is taken from Galatians 2 (King James Version). Pastor Jim Scaggs will bring the Sunday morning and evening messages. The Wednesday evening service will be praise, prayer and Bible study.

St. John United Methodist Church

SEBRING — The sermon topic for all three services Sunday will be "Searching for Jesus!" with biblical reference from Mark 1:29-39. Holy Communion will be served. Small Steps 4 Health meets Monday at 10 a.m. Lunch Bunch meets Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Calligraphy class meets Thursday at 2 p.m. Nursery is provided at all services.

The Way Church

SEBRING — Pastor Reinhold Buxbaum's message will be "The Finances of a Christian."

Monday, Reinhold will speak at "Night of Prophecy" at Homer's restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

The Difference Makers Youth meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

The Way Church is at 1005 N. Ridgewood Drive. Call the church phone at 471-6140; pastor's cell is 273-3674. For church information and the pastor's messages, go to www.thewaychurch.org.

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International. This organization helps provide the necessary tools to women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts, so they can move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency.

For reservations and for personal and corporate sponsorships, call Unity at 471-1122 or e-mail Unity@vistanet.net.

Second Blessings sale is Saturday

AVON PARK — First United Methodist Church of Avon Park's Second Blessings garage sale is from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at 200 S. Lake Ave.

Memorial United Methodist celebrates 90th anniversary

LAKE PLACID — Lake Placid's Memorial United Methodist Church will observe the 90th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration Feb. 11 and 12.

A dinner and a program with Rev. Bill Oakley speaking will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 in Rob Reynolds Hall, Cost: \$5 donation.

Rev. Dave Woerner will deliver the message Sunday in a combined service with Rev. Ernie Dorrell singing and reading Scripture. A covered dish dinner will follow the worship service at noon with singing lead by Charles Reynolds and activities for children.

Bill Lewis, popular gospel singer and minister well known for his talent and spirit-filled concerts, will be in the Sanctuary for

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a concert at 6 p.m. A love offering will be taken.

Memorial United Methodist is at 500 Kent Ave., behind the tower.

Call 465-2422 for additional information.

'Old-time Southern Gospel' returns to

SEBRING — The Soft Gospel Sounds of Carol and George Kline will be in concert once again at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at St. John United Methodist Church, 3214 Grand Prix Drive (behind Walmart), just off U.S. 27. After adding concerts in both Texas and Tennessee to their busy schedule this year, the Klins are back to their home church.

Call the church office at 382-1736.

Spaghetti dinner at St. John's

SEBRING — St. John United Methodist Church's spaghetti dinner will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14 with serving times of 4, 5 and 6 p.m. Walk-ins are limited.

Call the church office at 382-1736 for reservations. Cost is \$7. St. John United Methodist Church is at 3214 Grand Prix Drive (just behind Walmart).

St. Agnes plans lasagna dinner

SEBRING — A Lasagna Dinner will be served from 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at St. Agnes Episcopal Church, 3840 Lakeview Drive. Dinner includes lasagna, salad, Italian bread, ice cream, ice tea and coffee.

Tickets are \$8 for adults

and \$5 for kids 12 years and under.

Tickets are available from parishioners or at the door. For more information, call 385-7649.

Soup Supper planned for Feb. 21

AVON PARK — Church of the Redeemer in Avon Park is holding the annual Soup Supper beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.

There will be many different soups made in the kitchens of the ladies of the church. This year there will also be homemade breads to go with the soup, and dessert and coffee are included.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by calling 314-0984. Bring friends and enjoy the food and the fellowship. The church is just off U.S. 27 and south of the RaceTrak station.

Hubbard to speak at Maranatha

SEBRING — Dr. Donald R. Hubbard will be the guest speaker for the February Bible Conference at Maranatha Baptist Church, Feb. 5-8. Meetings will be at 6 p.m. each evening and on Sunday morning at 9 and 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Hubbard is a gifted communicator and is heard daily over the BBN network. He is the former Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City and of Bibletown Community Church in Boca Raton. The church is located in Maranatha Village off Arbuckle Creek Road, 2 miles east of SR-17N in Sebring. Call 382-4301 or 471-1414.



Matthew, Hope and Darren Wacaster

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The Wacaster Family, an award-winning Nashville recording artist, is dedicated to bringing the gospel to the world thru their Christian country and southern gospel music. Darren, cousin to the legendary Bill Anderson, is a vocalist, songwriter and musician while his wife Hope plays piano and sings. She started singing on stage with her family at age 5. Their 19-year-old son Matthew started singing at age 3. He was the 2009 Young Artist of the Year for Christian Country, Nashville's ICM Awards Winner in 2007 and Agape Festival Awards Winner in 2007 and Young Artist in 2008.

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Animal-loving volunteer Rachel Kramer (Drew Barrymore) offers comfort to one of the trapped whales in the rescue adventure 'Big Miracle', inspired by the incredible true story that touched the world.

'Big Miracle' unwieldy, but has suspense

By **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP Movie Critic

If a movie is cheesy and knows it's cheesy — if it embraces the soft, gooey texture and pungent aroma of its own fromage — does that make it any more palatable as a meal?

That is the question to ponder while watching "Big Miracle," a rousing, feel-good, family-friendly animal adventure which has the added benefit of being based on a true story. It's a weird hodgepodge, mixing the large cast and the melodrama of a 1970s disaster movie with the small-town quirkiness of "Northern Exposure," with just a touch of the big-haired ambition of "Broadcast News."

At its center are three gray whales — a mother, father and baby who found themselves trapped within the quickly forming Arctic ice near Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost point in the United States, in 1988. The effort to free them in the open water brought together a disparate alliance of environmental activists, oil executives, journalists, native peo-

ple and even the Soviets toward the end of the Cold War, and it fascinated viewers worldwide. Director Ken Kwapis ("He's Just Not That Into You," "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants") includes archival footage of the "Big Three" anchors in their heyday — Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings — reporting the story from the climate-controlled comfort of their New York studios.

Meanwhile, John Krasinski plays Adam, the boyishly enthusiastic local TV reporter who breaks the story. He's been toiling away at the top of the world but would love to get down to "the lower 48," and hopes this is his ticket out of town. He gets some help from an adorable little native boy (Ahmaogak Sweeney) who looks up to him as a big brother as well as from his idealistic ex-girlfriend, Greenpeace leader Rachel (Drew Barrymore).

But soon everyone's invading this small, remote town for a piece of the action, which sets up all the fish-out-of-water scenarios you'd expect. The visitors are ill-equipped for the extreme

weather, including Kristen Bell as a self-serious Los Angeles TV reporter who's hoping these trapped whales will carry her to a network. Then there's Ted Danson as an oil executive who wants to drill in the region but directs his considerable financial resources toward the effort in hopes of looking more Earth-friendly. And then there are Rob Riggle and James LeGros as a couple of bumbling buddies from Minneapolis who arrive with their homemade ice-melting contraption; LeGros in particular is doing his best William H. Macy from " Fargo."

Every five minutes some other star shows up in a supporting role. Here's John Michael Higgins as a pompous news anchor; there's Dermot Mulroney as a non-nonsense National Guard colonel. And look: It's Stephen Root playing the governor of Alaska. What makes these two-dimensional types tolerable is that the actors recognize that they're playing two-dimensional types, and they have a little fun with that — not to the point of all-out parody, but enough to let us



Movie Review 'Big Miracle'

Rating: PG (language)
Running time: 107 minutes
Review: ★★☆☆ (of 4)

know that they're in on the joke.

Meanwhile, the locals are consistently bemused by the cluelessness of their visitors. They also gouge the hell out of them for hotel rooms and lunches at the lone restaurant.

Joking aside, though, Kwapis creates genuine suspense as the scores of volunteers struggle against time and the elements to free these creatures. Some moments feel hokey and wedged in, like the images of families around the world gathered in front of their televisions, watching with worry. A couple of blossoming romances feel like afterthoughts (although one of them really happened).

Like a whale itself, "Big Miracle" is large and unwieldy — but it also has its moments of splendor.

Don Cornelius took 'Soul Train' on pioneering trip

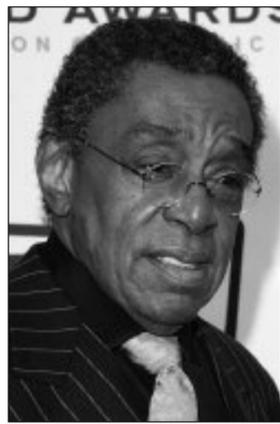
By **FRAZIER MOORE**
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — In an era when Beyonce and Jay-Z are music royalty, when Barack Obama is the nation's chief executive, and when black stars in the cast of a TV show are commonplace, it may be hard to grasp the magnitude of what Don Cornelius created once he got his "Soul Train" rolling.

Yes, the syndicated series delivered the music of Earth Wind & Fire, the Jacksons, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder into America's households, infusing them with soul in weekly doses. Yes, it gave viewers groovy dances and Afro-envy, helping get them hip to a funky world that many had never experienced, or maybe even suspected.

But it was more than that. Before BET would give African-Americans their own channel, and before black music and faces found their way to MTV videos as well as network dramas and comedies, "Soul Train" became a pioneering outlet for a culture whose access to television was strictly limited.

"Most of what we get credit for is people saying, 'I learned how to dance from watching "Soul Train" back in the day,'" Cornelius told Vibe magazine in 2006. "But what I take credit for is that there were no black televi-



Don Cornelius committed suicide on Wednesday.

sion commercials to speak of before 'Soul Train.' There were few black faces in those ads before 'Soul Train.'

"And what I am most proud of," he added, "is that we made television history."

"Soul Train" (which went on for 35 seasons) didn't make history just by influencing the music charts. It served as a pop-culture preview and barometer of fashion, hairstyles and urban patois.

By some measure, "Soul Train" was the equivalent of Dick Clark's "American Bandstand," although belatedly. Arriving on the wave of the Civil Rights Era, it premiered 13 years after "Bandstand" went national, then took a while longer to attract local stations to air it

and advertisers to support it.

From there, it became a Saturday afternoon ritual as soul and rap artists (and white artists, too, including Elton John and David Bowie) showed off their latest releases while kids responded on the dance floor.

"When you come up with a good idea, you don't have to do a whole lot," Cornelius told The New York Times in 1996 in describing his show's formula. "The idea does it for you."

On "Soul Train" ("the hippest trip in America," the announcer proclaimed, "across the tracks of your mind") the host, of course, was Cornelius, but to describe him as the black Dick Clark is somewhat misleading. (A bit like calling Pat Boone the white Little Richard, as David Bianculli noted in his "Dictionary of Teleliteracy.")

For Cornelius, the difference was all in the execution, as he told The Associated Press in 1995.

"If I saw 'American Bandstand' and I saw dancing and I knew black kids can dance better; and I saw white artists and I knew black artists make better music; and if I saw a white host and I knew a black host could project a hipper line of speech — and I DID know all these things," then it was reasonable to try, he said.

On his show, Cornelius was the epitome of cool, with a baritone rumble that recalled seductive soul maestro Barry White, and an unflappable manner.

He laced his show with pro-social messages directed at his black audience.

Bride wants to keep friends' lecherous husband off guest list

Dear Abby: Over the years I've stayed in touch with my childhood best friend, "Claire." We talk a few times a year and I attended her wedding 10 years ago.

In the intervening years, her husband, "Kirk," has cheated on her multiple times and was once arrested by an undercover cop when he tried to meet a 14-year-old for a sexual liaison. Despite it all, Claire has chosen to stay with him. I have made peace with the fact that it is her decision and, because she lives in another state, it hasn't affected my life in any practical way — until now.

I am being married next year, and Claire has expressed excitement at attending my wedding. I'd like to invite her, but not Kirk. I think he would be too much of a distraction for me. There will be enough people keeping an eye on the kids, but I know if I see him talking to my niece or nephew, it will make me extremely uncomfortable. God forbid, if he did something inappropriate, it would end my friendship with Claire.

Am I worrying too much? I don't want to hurt my friend, but I also don't want to put any child in harm's way or have my memory of the day marred with scanning the crowd to make sure Kirk isn't doing anything suspect. Your opinion would be helpful.

— *Apprehensive Bride-to-Be*

Dear Apprehensive: You need to be up front and sort this out with Claire before issuing an invitation. It is possible that her husband is legally enjoined from having contact with minors and could not attend your wedding even if invited. If you prefer that he not attend, you need to have the courage to say so. It probably won't be the first time she has heard it. But safety of the young people, not to mention your peace of mind, must come first.

Dear Abby: A few months ago I joined a small church. It had a sign-up sheet for people to bring food to an event. The information requested included my name and email address. The person



Dear Abby

in charge of the church email added me to the announcements list, and sent every email as a cc instead of a blind copy. Now people I never gave my email address to (and would not have given it to) are replying "all," sending messages to everyone and emailing me directly. It bothers me that they do this. I'm not sure how to approach them about this problem. I guess the rest don't have issues with it, but I do.

— *E-Peeved in Oklahoma*

Dear E-Peeved: You have two choices: Go through the hassle of changing your email address and notifying your friends and family, or simply hit "delete" when one of those emails pops up. I vote for the latter. As you stated, it's a small church.

Dear Abby: I have been in a relationship with "Danny" for two years. He's smart, charming and funny. However, after we argue I'm always the one to start talking to try to come to a solution or a compromise. Danny never takes the initiative. I think he has a problem communicating with me about his feelings. What should I do?

— *Talker in Portland, Maine*

Dear Talker: If after two years your boyfriend is unwilling or unable to resolve disagreements in an adult fashion, you should suggest couples counseling. It could avert serious problems in the future if you decide to invest more time in this relationship.

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The Super Bowl is a make-or-break night for advertisers

BY DAVID THOMAS/McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The teams on the field aren't the only ones with Super Bowl game plans. The companies that will push their products and services from the stage of the world's largest single-day sporting event have been planning since the final seconds of last year's game.

Companies have thrived and nose-dived based on Super Bowl viewers' opinions of their brand — all based on television commercials.

With the countdown clock ticking for advertisers, here are some things to know about Super Bowl commercials:

■ One-minute commercials during Super Bowl I cost \$75,000 on NBC and \$85,000 on CBS. (Both networks broadcast the game.) One 30-second commercial during the last Super Bowl cost around \$3 million (that's \$100,000 a second).

■ The average 30-second commercial price reached \$1 million for the first time in 1995. The \$2 million mark was first topped in 2000, and commercial costs reached \$3 million for the first time in 2009.

■ Commercial slots during the first quarter typically are the most expensive, with slots in the fourth quarter the least expensive.

■ Fifty-one percent of people surveyed by The Nielsen Company in January 2010 said they watch the Super Bowl for the commercials. Also, commercials viewed during the first quarter tended to be the most remembered and the most liked.

■ The second-half kickoff of Super Bowl I had to be replayed because NBC was airing a Winston cigarettes commercial when the kickoff took place.

■ Researchers at the University of Buffalo tracked 529 Super Bowl commercials from 1989-2005 and found that companies with the 10 most-liked ads each year saw their stock prices increase a quarter of a percent on the Monday after the Super Bowl. With companies that advertise during the Super Bowl having an average market value of about \$30 billion, that quarter-percent gain represented about an \$80 million increase in one day.

■ Farrah Fawcett and Joe Namath promoted Noxzema in the first high-profile Super Bowl ad, aired in 1973 during Super Bowl VII. The commercial featured Fawcett playfully spreading Noxzema shaving cream across Namath's face.

■ Budweiser's Clydesdales first appeared during Super Bowl XX in 1986 and have been in more than a dozen Super Bowl ads.



1973: Farrah Fawcett and Joe Namath promoting Noxzema.

■ Seventeen "dot-com" companies advertised during Super Bowl XXXIV in 2000, making up almost half of the advertisers. But that number dropped to three the following year because of the dot-com bust. One of the three survivors was E*Trade, which featured a monkey riding a horse past failed dot-com companies.

■ AOL was the sponsor of the infamous "wardrobe malfunction" halftime show with Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake (Super Bowl XXXVIII, 2004).

■ In the year after Go Daddy advertised in Super Bowl XXXIX (2005) for the first time, the domain name registrar saw its active sites increase by 136 percent. That boosted Go Daddy to become the world's largest Web hosting firm.

■ One of the worst-received Super Bowl commercials was Just for Feet's "Kenya Mission" spot during Super Bowl XXXIII (1999). In the commercial, four white mercenaries in a Humvee chased a

Kenyan runner, gave him a drug-laced drink that knocked him unconscious, then put running shoes on him under the motto of "To serve and protect feet." Just for Feet sued its advertising agency — the suit later was dropped — and filed for bankruptcy later that year.

■ Apple's groundbreaking, George Orwell-inspired "1984" commercial during Super Bowl XVIII (1984)



1984: Apple's George Orwell-inspired commercial.

introduced consumers to the Macintosh personal computer. It also ushered in a new era of Super Bowl commercials and is widely considered the most impacting Super Bowl ad ever.

■ The original plan called for the Apple commercial to run Jan. 1 during college bowl games, but the commercial was pushed back to the Super Bowl because Macintosh's launch date was scheduled for late January.

■ Apple bought 90 seconds of commercial time for Super Bowl XVIII. But when Apple's board of directors strongly disliked the "1984" commercial, Apple sold 30 seconds of its slot and, eventually, decided to run the commercial anyway. The commercial cost almost \$1 million to produce and ran only one other time on television — early morning on a small Idaho television station so that the commercial would be eligible for advertising awards.

■ Apple sold 72,000 Macintosh computers during the first 100 days the product was available after Super Bowl XVIII — 44 percent above projections.

■ The following year, during Super Bowl XIX, Apple followed up its super "1984" effort with one of the worst ads in Super Bowl history. Sales dropped after the "Lemmings" commercial. Apple suffered through financial difficulties, and the company didn't advertise in another Super Bowl for more than a decade.

■ New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms (Super Bowl XXI, 1987) was the first player to be filmed on the field after a Super Bowl for an "I'm going to Disney World" commercial.

■ The "Where's the beef?" line from the Wendy's commercial during Super Bowl XVIII in 1984 worked its way into the world of politics later that year. Walter Mondale helped gain the Democratic nomination for president by asking, "Where's the beef?" when criticizing Gary Hart's campaign platform.

■ Burger King's Herb the Nerd campaign during Super Bowl XX in 1986 is considered one of the biggest flops in Super Bowl advertising history. Consumers showed little interest in following the campaign's theme of finding Herb, who had never eaten at Burger King, and the multimillion dollar campaign is still remembered for the wrong reasons.

■ Master Lock is considered one of Super Bowl advertising's greatest success stories. The small company paid \$107,000 for a 30-second spot during Super Bowl VIII in 1974, and the gamble paid off big-time. In that commercial, a sharpshooter shot a bullet from a high-powered rifle into a Master Lock padlock, but the padlock remained locked. Public trust in its products enabled the small company to become the world's largest manufacturer of padlocks. Although Super Bowl commercials used up most of Master Lock's annual advertising budget, the company aired commercials in 21 Super Bowls before announcing in 1997 it no longer would advertise during the game.

■ Spuds MacKenzie, Bud Light's official party dog, made his Super Bowl debut in 1987 during Super Bowl XXI. Although a male in commercials, Spuds

actually was a female bull terrier named Honey Tree Evil Eye.

■ The Coca-Cola commercial featuring "Mean Joe" Greene sharing a Coke and a smile with a kid consistently rates as one of the favorite Super Bowl commercials. However, the commercial did not debut during a Super Bowl. The ad first aired during the 1979 regular season, then aired in the following Super Bowl (XIV).

■ The Mean Joe Coke commercial led to a 1981 made-for-TV movie titled "The Steeler and the Pittsburgh Kid," in which Greene played himself.

■ The first Bud Bowl was held in 1989, during Super Bowl XXIII. Using stop-action to play out the game, producers needed about 10

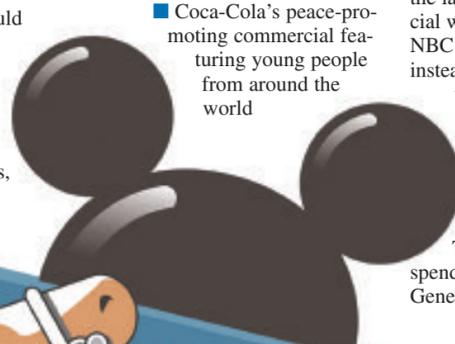


Budweiser verses Bud Light in the battle of the Bud Bowl.

hours to shoot two seconds of commercial action.

■ "Wassup" became a part of the American vocabulary because of an Anheuser-Busch commercial that first aired on Monday Night Football, but hit it big during Super Bowl XXXIV (2000).

■ Coca-Cola's peace-promoting commercial featuring young people from around the world



singing "I'd like to teach the world to sing" made its Super Bowl debut in 1972 in Super Bowl VI. The commercial, titled "Hilltop," aired for six years. The commercial was recreated for Super Bowl XXIV in 1990 and included some of the original commercial's actors and their children.

■ Louie, one of Budweiser's lizards that first appeared at Super Bowl XXXII in 1998, made it onto the paint scheme of the car driven by NASCAR's Ricky Craven.

■ For Super Bowl XXVI, broadcast on CBS in 1992, Frito-Lay sponsored Fox's "In Living Color Super Halftime Party" that tempted viewers to switch over to the rival network during halftime of the game. The next year, Frito-Lay became the first national sponsor of the Super Bowl's halftime show, which featured Michael Jackson.

■ MillerCoors aired a one-second commercial for its Miller High Life brand during Super Bowl XLIII in 2009. The ad did not run in all parts of the country. MillerCoors had to purchase the spot through local NBC outlets because Anheuser-Busch held exclusive national alcohol advertising rights for the Super Bowl.

■ McDonald's reported a sales increase of 22 percent after advertising in Super Bowl III.

■ The Journal of Advertising Research reported in 2004 that movies promoted during a Super Bowl earned twice as much at the box office during their debut week than movies not promoted during a Super Bowl.

■ Publisher's Clearing House began announcing its winner on live television during Super Bowl broadcasts in 1995, for Super Bowl XXIX. Nervous that the winner would not be home, a member of the PCH prize patrol posed as a Super Bowl commercial surveyor and called the winner the weekend of the big game to learn whether the winner would be watching at home.

■ At Super Bowl XXVIII (1994), Reebok aired a commercial near the end of the game that was filmed and edited during the game. To promote its InstaPump shoes, Reebok purchased the last spot of the game. The commercial was supposed to be delivered to NBC with five minutes to spare, but instead was turned in a little less than three minutes before air time.

■ TNS Media Intelligence research discovered that from 1990-2009, Anheuser-Busch spent \$311.8 million on Super Bowl advertisements. The rest of the top five biggest spenders: PepsiCo (\$254.2 million), General Motors (\$80.5 million), Walt Disney (\$71.6) and Time Warner (\$64.8).

■ During that 20-year period, according to TNS, the Super Bowl generated \$2.17 billion of network sales, with 210 advertisers and more than 1,400 commercials.